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The farm festival is coming to the Pioneer Florida Museum in Dade City on Saturday with plenty of vendors, live music and horse pulls beginning at 12 p.m.

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Weather

Partly cloudy skies are keeping the temperatures in the high 60s to low 70s throughout the weekend into next week. Nighttime temperatures will dip into the 40s.

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Pasco County Tax Collector's office will be collecting donations for Special Olympics this month.

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Park News

New residents are welcomed into the Betmar community with a Mexican fiesta.

Couples at Glen Haven celebrate their 50th or 60th anniversaries and are treated to a special dinner in the clubhouse.

American Condominium residents learn about new medical technology at coffee hour.

Rockin Ron sings for residents at Florida Estates while they dance the night away.

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Sports News

Zephyrhills girls weightlifting team wins a Class 2A, District 10 title in the traditional division and shares another championship with River Ridge in the Olympic category. Those feats came after the Bulldogs won in both categories at the Sunshine Athletic Conference meet.

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Kumquat Festival draws thousands to Dade City



People stood in line all day for kumquats during the festival in downtown Dade City.

STEVE LEE

The 27th annual downtown event, highlighted by the tasty fruit, featured various vendors last Saturday

BY STEVE LEE
 News Reporter

Some people preferred their kumquats in a pie while others liked it in ice cream, smoothies or cookies. Then there were plenty of folks who simply chose to enjoy the sweet-tart tasting fruit all by itself.

Regardless, the 2024 Kumquat Festival drew a Saturday crowd of thousands to downtown Dade City for what has become a longstanding tradition. The festival included arts and crafts, jewelry, apparel and vendors of various sorts — not to mention an abundance of food choices.

In all, there were nearly 300 vendors that lined the downtown streets for the 27th annual event.

The day-long festival is an annual fundraiser for the Dade City Chamber of Commerce, ranking second only to the Pasco County Fair at the fairgrounds near Pasco High School and the Dade City Motocross Raceway off State Road 52.

Last summer, the chambers in Dade City and Zephyrhills decided to merge with Vicki Wiggins, president of the Zephyrhills chamber, now taking on that role in Dade City as well. She spoke of the chambers uniting as well as on impact the festival has on the city and outlying areas of east Pasco.

"We wanted to better utilize our resources," Wiggins said of the merger. "East Pasco is growing and we want to have a bigger footprint and a bigger voice in the east Pasco community."

Jo Uber and Melody Floyd, administrative assistants for the chamber, along with Wiggins, were among several chamber staff and volunteers manning an information booth at the intersection of 7th Street and Meridian Avenue throughout the day.

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ZPD swear-in, Zephyr park top topics at city council

Last Monday's city council meeting added one more deputy to the Zephyrhills Police Department among other business

BY ANDY WARRENER
 News Reporter

The meeting began with a ceremony that marked a now fully-staffed Zephyrhills Police Department. Officer Javen Fitzpatrick took his oath on Monday as friends and family came out to show their support. Not all family members were present and so this piece of business was pushed deeper into the meeting. Later in the meeting, family members arrived and the swearing-in commenced. Fitzpatrick grew up in Clearwater and graduated from Dunedin High School. He obtained his law enforcement degree from Pasco Hernando State College and worked for two years as a traffic deputy with the Pasco Sheriff's Office.

There were just two items in the Consent Agenda. Item 2.1 asked for council's approval to accept a \$75,000 grant from the state to develop a City Mobility Plan. The Zephyrhills Planning Department applied for and won the grant with the notion that the "plan shall identify multimodal projects and associated long-range estimated costs to effectively move people throughout the city," according to the meeting's agenda packet.

Further details of the plan include giving consideration to integrating land uses, innovative parking strategies and basically attempt to implement projects and policy that will identify and accommodate travel demands going into the future. The partnership for the effort will include the Pasco County MPO, the Federal Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC). City staff will work with Tammy Vrana and Robert Cursey on the project. The action was to accept the grant from the state.

Item 2.2 was another grant agreement, this one to accept a State Appropriation of \$600,000 to be used for the construction projects at Zephyr Park.

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Settler's Rest/Sweetwater kept its unbeaten streak intact

The defending champion of the Zephyrhills Winter Horseshoe League improved to 4-0 with a 26-6 home win over American Condo

BY STEVE LEE
 Sports Reporter

Settler's Rest/Sweetwater, a combined team in the Zephyrhills Winter Horseshoe League, put its season-opening unbeaten streak on the line last Wednesday morning by hosting American Condo.

The league's defending champion, a strong contender in recent seasons, improved to 4-0 with a 26-6 victory after taking a commanding 12-4 lead at the half.

The match, which was played at Settler's Rest, gave the home team a strong start in a quest for a second straight championship and third in four years. Two seasons ago they shared the title with Morningside, the league's lone team from Dade City.

"The bottom line is we have very good pitchers," said team captain David Howes, who is from Maine and noted that some of the team's snowbirds play year-round. "Another thing that makes a big difference is we practice a lot."

As in six days a week of practice for some of the team's

➤ **HORSESHOES:** See Page 10



Players from American Condo and Settler's Rest/Sweetwater got together for a group photo following a recent match.

STEVE LEE



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Pasco Tax Collector's Office will spotlight Special Olympics of Pasco in February



Special Olympics of Pasco will be the featured charitable giving organization at the Pasco County Tax Collector's office in February. Special Olympics of Pasco is a sports and training program for people with intellectual disabilities. In Pasco, 1500 students participate in Special Olympics. Training in almost two dozen different sports is provided free of charge to participants.

Funds raised in a prior year helped the Pasco team attend the 2022 National Special Olympics USA Games in Orlando. The Pasco County flag football team, the Dolphins, won gold. All funds raised during this charitable giving effort will support the improvement of athletic programs for participants, including updating uniforms, and will help offset costs of trips to Special Olympics games.

"We're incredibly grateful to Pasco County Tax Collector Mike Fasano and everyone in his office," said Special Olympics Florida Regional Director Jessica Ott. "The tax collector fundraiser helps provide uniforms, equipment, and training for our amazing athletes. It also helps provide training for our volunteer coaches who make our work possible. The support for our athletes is truly inspiring, and we're honored that tax collector Mike Fasano and his office has embraced our mission."

"Special Olympics of Pasco has long held a special place in my heart," said Fasano. "I'm proud that our staff and our community support this organization that helps bring purpose to so many lives. The athletes and the volunteers who work with them are some of the kindest, most positive people I have ever met. So many of the athletes have intellectual challenges that

make life difficult. To see the joy on the face of an athlete as they cross the finish line is indescribable. Special Olympics of Pasco provides a respite from the difficulties many face daily. It also provides a place to be with others who also aspire to do their very best."

Donations can be made at any of the five tax collector locations in Pasco County. For those who would like to give online, the tax collector's office's charitable giving arm Pasco TC Gives has a webpage through which donations for the Special Olympics of Pasco (Charity of the Month) can be made: <https://www.govhub.com/fl-pasco/tc-gives/donate>.

For more details regarding the charitable giving program, or services provided by the Pasco County Tax Collector's Office, contact Greg Giordano, assistant tax collector at (727) 847-8179 or visit www.pascotaxes.com. For more information about Special Olympics of Pasco, contact Amy Selvey, Pasco Special Olympics Director at (727) 492-8413 or visit www.specialolympicsflorida.org/westcoast.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Farm Festival and Quilt Show, Feb. 3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Pioneer Florida Museum, 15602 Pioneer Museum Rd. in Dade City. Horse pulls begin at 12 p.m. Quilt show will be all day. Live entertainment and plenty of vendors along with blacksmith demonstrations, model trains and all the museum buildings will be open. Admission is \$10 for adults, students \$5 children under 5 are free. For more information, visit pioneerfloridamuseum.org.



Dade City Cruise In, Feb. 3, 12-4 p.m. in downtown Dade City along Pasco Avenue. The show will take place on the east and south sides of the Historic Dade City Courthouse. Registration fee is required to qualify for a trophy. For more information, visit dadedcitychamber.org.



Florida State Fair, Feb. 8-19 at 4800 U.S. Hwy. 301 North in Tampa. There will be live entertainment, thrilling shows, a midway and plenty of vendors.

Don't forget to visit Cracker Country a 19th century Florida living history museum. Unlimited ride bands available. Admission is Friday-Sunday \$16 and Monday-Thursday \$12 for adults and Friday-Sunday \$11 and Monday-Thursday \$6 for children 5-12. For more information or to buy advance sale tickets, visit floridastatefairgrounds.com.

Pigz in Z'Hills BBQ & Blues Festival, Feb. 10, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in downtown Zephyrhills. Plenty to do for the whole family including: blues concert, BBQ vendors, kidz zone, cornhole tournament and plenty of vendors. For more information, visit zephyrhillschamber.org.



Pasco County Fair, Feb. 19-25 at the Pasco County Fairgrounds, 36722 S.R. 52 in Dade City. There will be free daily shows including Mad Chad Chainssaw Juggler, Jay Mattioli Electrifying Magic & Illusions, Crazy Boy Coy, Dog Magic Balls and so much more. The parade will kick off the fair on Feb. 19 at 11:30 a.m. with the theme of Buckets of Fun for Everyone. For ticket information and show times, visit pasco-countyfair.com.

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SUNSET: 6:09pm MOONSET: 11:29am



SATURDAY

71|42
Sunny
SUNRISE: 7:15am MOONRISE: 1:17am
SUNSET: 6:09pm MOONSET: 12:04pm



SUNDAY

72|49
Showers
SUNRISE: 7:14am MOONRISE: 2:17am
SUNSET: 6:10pm MOONSET: 12:46pm



MONDAY

63|48
Partly Cloudy
SUNRISE: 7:14am MOONRISE: 3:21am
SUNSET: 6:11pm MOONSET: 1:35pm



TUESDAY

57|40
Sunny
SUNRISE: 7:13am MOONRISE: 4:25am
SUNSET: 6:12pm MOONSET: 2:34pm



WEDNESDAY

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Left: On a warm Saturday afternoon, there were plenty of people in line for kumquat ice cream.

Below: Members of the newly combined Dade City and Zephyrhills chambers of commerce provided plenty of information and extolled the virtues of downtown Dade City to passersby.



Above: The Historic Dade City Courthouse, at the corner of 7th Street and Meridian Avenue, provided an ideal backdrop during the annual Kumquat Festival.



Above: Hundreds of people walked up and down the city streets checking out various vendor booths and enjoying kumquats during Saturday's festival.



Left: AdventHealth always has been a strong supporter of the annual festival.



Above: Among several forms to enjoy the unique fruit was kumquat marmalade.

Right: The Talbert family, with some members from Valrico and others from Bradenton, have come to the festival for two straight years.



► **KUMQUAT FESTIVAL:** *From Page 1*

"This is giving visitors an opportunity to see all the things Dade City has to offer," Uber said.

Among the many visitors — locals as well as those from the outlying areas and beyond — were the Talberts. Some family members are from Valrico while others came from the Ellenton area of Bradenton. They saw posts on social media last year and came as a combined family, only to return again this year.

"We loved it so much we had to come back," said Kristina Talbert, who along with several family members ate their kumquat pies while strolling along to check out the vendors on 7th Street.

The Marshes also have traveled across Pasco County from New Port Richey in each of the past couple of years for the popular festival. Eric likes the kumquat ice cream while Alyson prefers checking out the variety of vendor booths. This year she picked out a nice necklace for her granddaughter, 11-year-old Elisa Vance.

"She'll love this," she said, displaying her purchase. "This is a nice little downtown and it's a nice sunny day. "We have some fun events in New Port Richey but this is always nice to come to."

Judy Pennett and her husband Albert, snowbirds from Ontario who spend their winters in Zephyrhills, like going to all the festivals and parades in the neighboring cities. This year they caught Christmas parades in Zephyrhills and Dade City and they came to Dade City for the Martin Luther King Jr. Parade as well.

"Both towns have their own charm," Judy said.

Added Albert, "There's always something going on around here."

As for the kumquats, Greg Gude, the general manager of the Kumquat Growers, said local growers welcome the annual festival. In all, Gude noted that 73 bushels (weighing 45 pounds apiece) were brought by local farmers to the festival.

Gude said the festival "brings people into town and introduces them to kumquats. There are getting to be more and more vendors here."

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First students of the new year honored by East Pasco Chamber Foundation



The East Pasco Chamber Foundation in partnership with the Greater Zephyrhills Chamber of Commerce recognized 10 students from local Zephyrhills schools. The students were honored as the Greater Zephyrhills Student Citizen of the Month for January. The ceremony took place at Chick-fil-A in Zephyrhills on Jan. 17. This month's spotlight sponsor was San Antonio Citizens Federal Credit Union, and the special guest of the month was Peggy Panak, director of the Zephyrhills Public Library.

Students are chosen by the teachers and administration of their individual schools for exemplary effort, achievement and contribution

to their school, family, and community. The students receiving honors were: Michael Barnes, Academy of Spectrum Diversity; Chase Sheffler, Children's Educational Services Elementary Campus; Kayleigh Skinner, Children's Educational Services Secondary Campus; Rosalinda Sosa, Chester W. Taylor Elementary School; London du Mont, Heritage Academy; Cheyan-na Warren, Raymond B. Stewart Middle School; Gabriel Rivera, West Zephyrhills Elementary School; Ava Robinson, Woodland Elementary; Michael Smith, Zephyrhills Christian Academy; and Joseph Stosh, Zephyrhills High School.

Sample ballots are available for the 2024 Presidential Preference Primary Election

Brian E. Corley, Supervisor of Elections, Pasco County, announces that sample ballots for the upcoming March 19, 2024, Presidential Preference Primary Election are now available online at PascoVotes.gov, and will be mailed to Pasco County voters on Feb. 23.

Pursuant to Section 101.021, Florida Statutes, Florida is a closed primary state, which means the candidate choices on your ballot will be candidates of the same party affiliation. The 2024 Presidential Preference Primary has no Democratic, Minor Party, or Nonpartisan candidates. Only registered Republican voters will receive a ballot.

To view sample ballots on-line, voters will need to know their precinct. Voters are encouraged to look over their sample ballot and familiarize themselves with the candidates before

going to the polls. To expedite the voting process, voters should take their completed sample ballots with them when early voting or on Election Day.

Accessible sample ballots will be available beginning Feb. 2. The direct link to sample ballots is: <https://www.pascovotes.gov/Elections/Sample-Ballots>. The Precinct Finder option is available to voters who are unsure of their precinct number <https://www.pascovotes.gov/Precincts/Precinct-Finder>. If your voter registration is not up to date with a current address you will not receive your sample ballot in the mail.

Sample ballots are mailed to the address of record on file. To update your address call (800) 851-8754 or go online www.PascoVotes.gov/OVR.

CHURCH NEWS

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 or visit www.stelizabeths.episcopalswfl.org.

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 Common Bond Quartet will be in concert on Jan. 28 at 10:45 a.m.

The teen ministries, Teen First Baptist Ministires, 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.

For more information, call (813) 782-2000 or visit www.eastpascoadventist.com.

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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February 6, 2024 marks the 70th wedding anniversary of John J. and Constance A. (Lincoln) Delaney who are the proud parents of ten children.

Originally from the Greenfield, MA area and after years of visiting Florida as snowbirds, they permanently relocated to Zephyrhills where they were the very first occupants to settle in at Grand Horizons Park. As John and Connie continue to enjoy life, they watch with joy the lives of their 10 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren and reflect back from this platinum perch of the family tree they planted...

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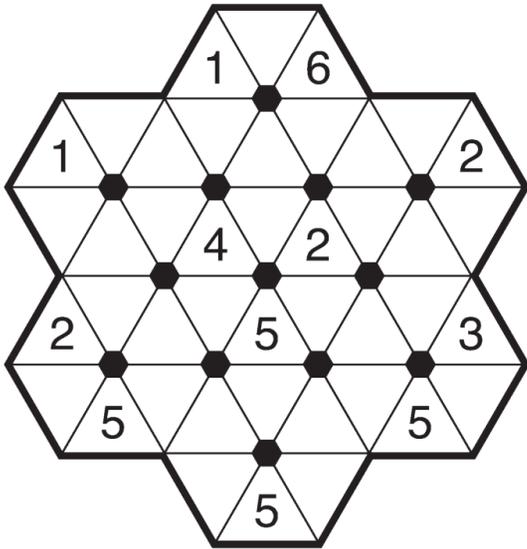
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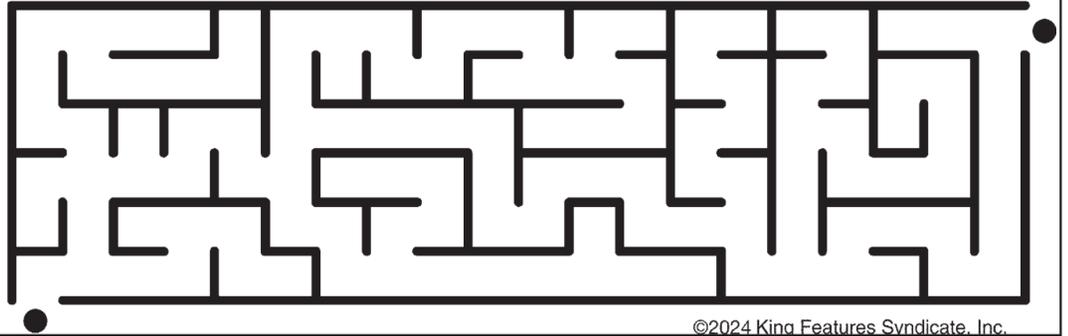
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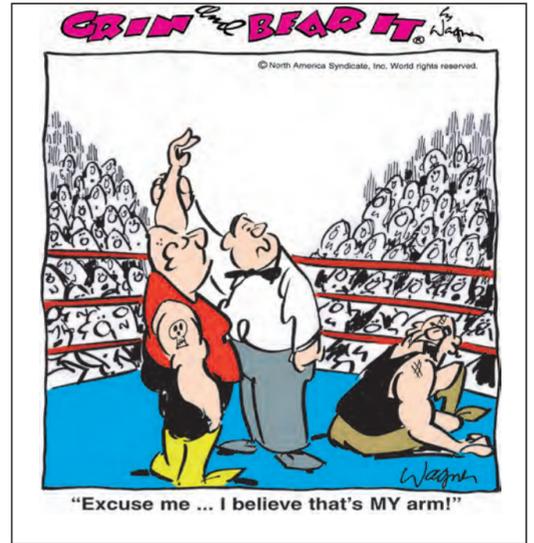
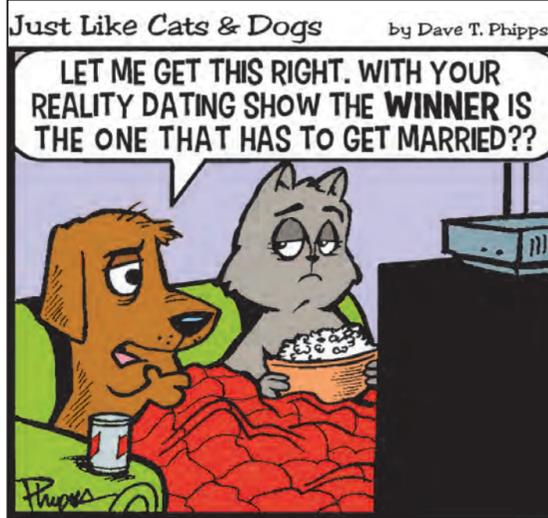
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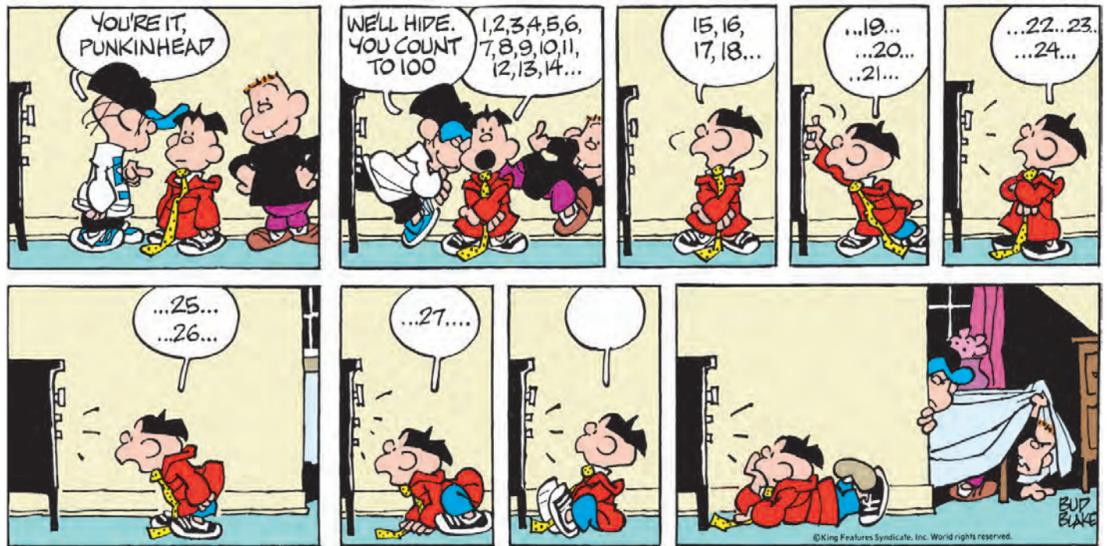
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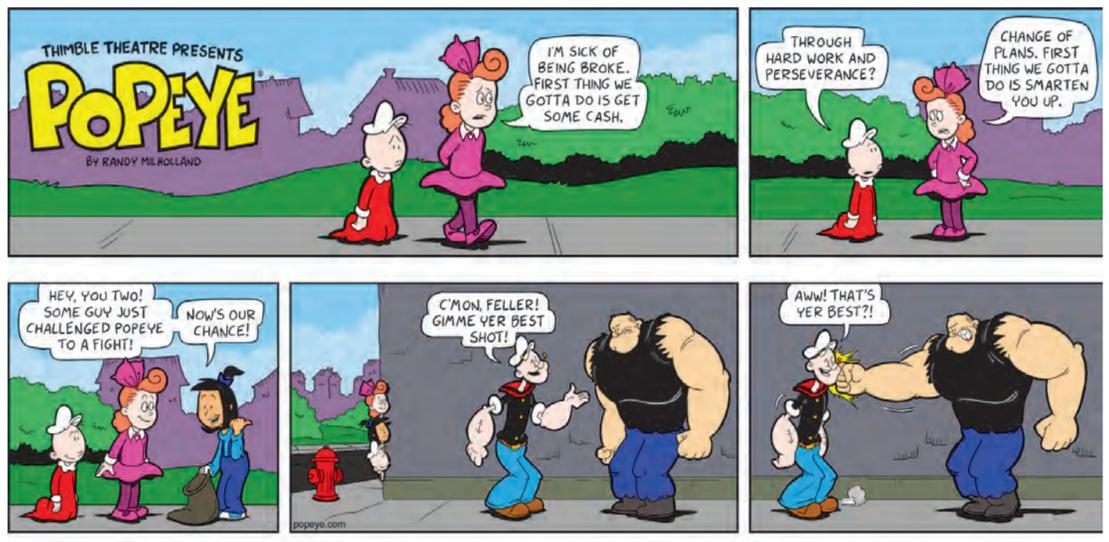


STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

What is the plural form of each of the words below?

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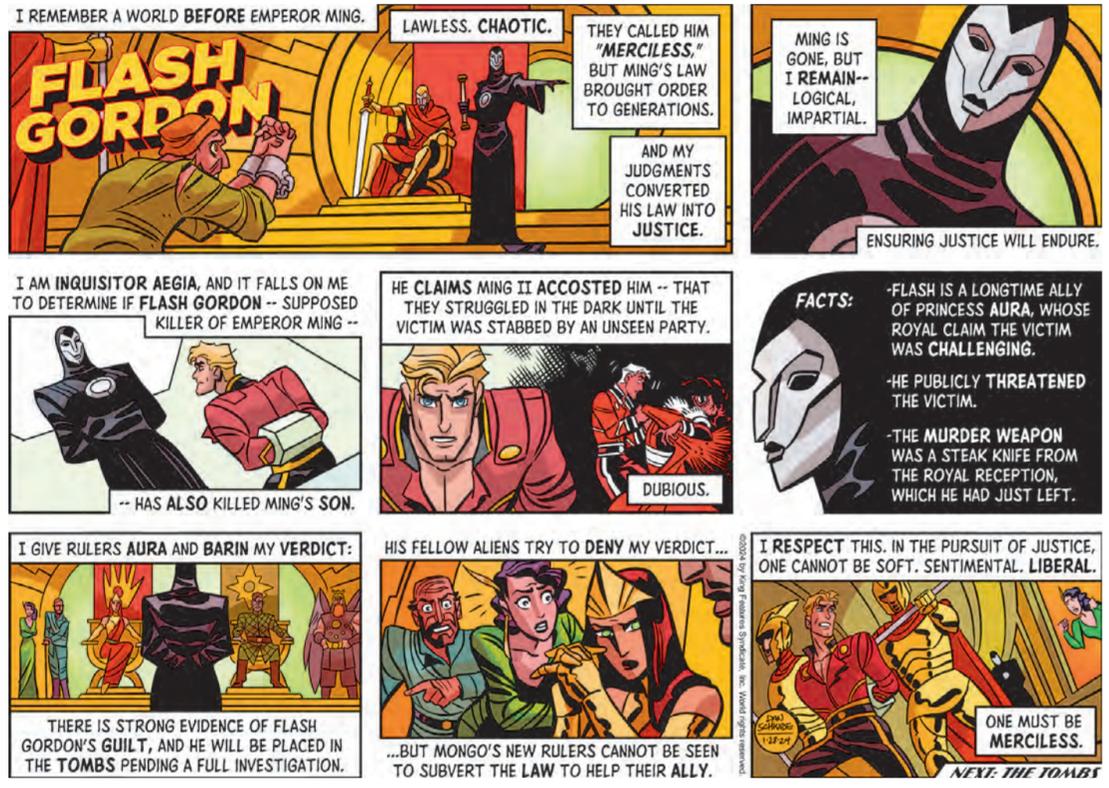


STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- * In 2012, a 90-year-old Baltimore woman named Venus Green locked a police officer in her basement when he tried searching her home without a warrant. Afterward, she brought a civil rights lawsuit and won a \$95,000 settlement.
- * "Jeopardy!" contestants stand on adjustable platforms so that they all appear to be the same height on camera.
- * Chess is a required school subject in Armenia.
- * Before the modern glass versions we use today became commonplace, mirrors were made from bronze and were prized possessions of rich households in Egypt, Greece, Rome, China and Japan.
- * The Statue of Liberty's full name is Liberty Enlightening the World.
- * A study conducted at the University of Montreal showed that young people who played the 1996 game Super Mario 64 for only two months increased their spatial and episodic memory, which improves brain capacity and helps to ward off dementia.
- * More than 20% of all the world's freshwater is in the Great Lakes.
- * While humans and giraffes obviously have vastly different neck lengths, they still have the exact same number (seven) of neck vertebrae.
- * Ever wonder why some cocktails are shaken while others are stirred? Chalk it up to the level of dilution and texture required: The longer the shake or stir, the more diluted and cold the beverage gets. Hence cocktails made with spirits, tonics and bitters should be stirred, while those featuring fruit juices, egg whites, cream or cream-based liqueurs should be shaken.
- * Folks used to say "prunes" rather than "cheese" when having their pictures taken.

Thought for the Day: "It is not by muscle, speed or physical dexterity that great things are achieved, but by reflection, force of character and judgment, and in these qualities old age is usually not only not poorer, but is even richer." -- Cicero





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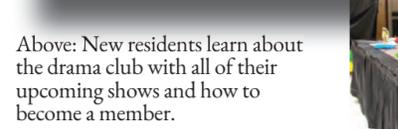
Betmar Acres welcomes new residents with a Mexican fiesta



Left: Melinda Graves addresses the new residents informing them of what to expect during the Mexican Fiesta in the Betmar clubhouse.



Below: Dulce Ilsa provided Mexican food for the fiesta themed event.



Above: New residents learn about the drama club with all of their upcoming shows and how to become a member.



Above: Volunteers for Betmar who help make things happen in their community.

Left: The clubhouse is packed with tables consisting of the activities in the Betmar Acres community.

SUSAN SLATER

Six couples at Glen Haven RV Community celebrate their anniversaries



Left: Six couples celebrated their 50th or 60th anniversaries in the Glen Haven Clubhouse.



Above: Wine Sommelier, Gilles Polin, pours wine for the couples' toast.

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Below: Mick and Jacque Zawilinski lead the food line for the couples, who got to fill their plates before the guests.



Above: The couples tell their stories about what made their marriages work.



Left: Residents raise their glasses to toast the anniversary couples.



PARK NEWS

New technology discussed at American Condominium Park



Left: Residents listen intently to Armin Loges, PT, while he explains a new apple medical technology at American Condominium coffee hour.

Below: Sandra LaBonte reads off community announcements and activities for the park.

Below: David Vasbinder scans a QR code to try the new technology.

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Above: Tim and Jeanne Stein serve donuts and coffee to residents during coffee hour.

Left: Residents enjoy a laugh together while testing the Finch medical technology.



Rockin Ron entertains residents and their guests at Florida Estates



Left: Florida Estate residents pack the clubhouse for a night of entertainment with Rockin Ron.

Below: Residents dance the night away.

Below: Kathy and Larry Hoagland set the dance floor on fire with sparks.



Below: Residents groove to the music during a night filled with live music.



Left: Hoss Holcomb raises his hand to cheer on his 81st birthday.

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Above: Fred Hunt pitches for American Condo while teammates watch him in a match at Settler's Rest.



Right: Newcomer Jeff Gilchrist, who recently moved to Settler's Rest from Alabama, shows plenty of promise.



Above: David Howes, captain for the combined team of Settler's Rest/Sweetwater, lets a horseshoe fly during a match against American Condo.



Right: Opposing players check out the distance from a horseshoe to the pole before picking up their horseshoes.

► **HORSESHOES:** *From Page 1*

members, he added.

Howes and Ron Knowles, both from Maine with the former first playing horseshoes at the age of 13 and the latter starting at 9, have pitched together as teammates in Zephyrhills as well as up north. That includes city championships, state titles and top finishes beyond those levels.

"I've been to the worlds and pitched in the New England's," said Knowles, jokingly adding that at the age of 88 "I'm getting too old."

While Howes and Knowles often are partners, the latter sat out for the second half against American Condo to allow newcomer Jeff Gilchrist to team up with Howes. Gilchrist and his wife recently came down from Alabama to spend the winter months in Zephyrhills.

"I saw these guys playing so I said, that looks like fun," Gilchrist said upon checking out a recent horseshoe game at Settler's Rest.

While he may be somewhat lacking in experience, Gilchrist showed enough skill for the game that he drew plenty of encouragement from the more seasoned veterans on the team.

"He's a natural," said Howes, who has worked with his share of newcomers over the years. "He's just starting and he's catching on really fast."

Also sitting out for Settler's Rest/Sweetwater last week was Chris Sullins, who recently had a medical procedure for cataracts.

"I'll be ready for the next games," he said.

American Condo, which dropped to 2-2 with its loss in the fourth match of the season, finished fourth last year. So far the losses have been to Settler's Rest/Sweetwater and Morning-side, which shared the league crown two years ago and is a solid contender this year.

"We hope to do that good and better this year," said Ray Paul, American Condo's captain. "I would say we have a better team than last year."

Paul noted that most of the team's snowbirds are down in Zephyrhills now and said the roster numbers about a dozen players. Paul expressed a familiar sentiment when asked what keeps he and his teammates playing horseshoes in the winter league.

"Just the fellowship," he said. "That's what it's all about."

Knowles concurred, saying, "I love the game. I love the competition and I meet so many great people. It's a lot of fun."

Case Glasberger, who at 78 has been pitching horseshoes since he was 73, enjoys playing at Settler's Rest, even more so than some of the other parks in the eight-team league.

"A lot of other parks have horseshoes, but we like this park," he said.

Aside from the Wednesday sessions, there is a Tuesday morning division as well with champions crowned at the end of the season for both of the league's divisions.



Left: Settler's Rest/Sweetwater teammates -- David Howes, Cliff Sullins, Jeff Gilchrist and Ron Knowles (seated) -- take a break during the match.

Below: Fred Hunt throws a horseshoe toward a target.

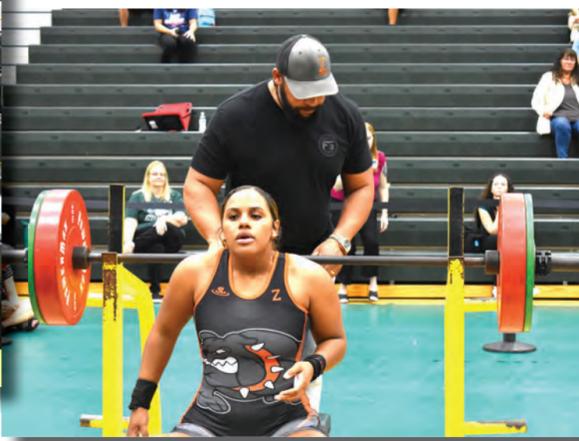


Zephyrhills wins top awards in girls weightlifting



Above: The Zephyrhills girls weightlifting team sat together after claiming two trophies in the Class 2A, District 10 tournament hosted by Cypress Creek.

Below: With boys coach James Aguilera spotting, Zephyrhills' Rhianna Giles gets ready for her bench press.

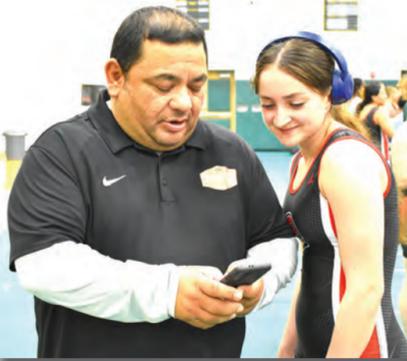


Above: James Aguilera, Zephyrhills' boys coach, lends a hand to the girls team coached by his daughter Madison, who set four school records and graduated in 2021.

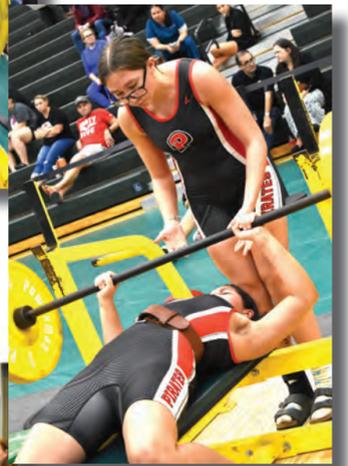


Above: Holding trophies for Zephyrhills are and Grace Gonzalez-Liz.

Right: Pasco coach Ramiro Tejada goes over scores with lifter Madalynn Brownfield.



Above: Cypress Creek's Madison Buboltz is spotted on the bench by teammate Addison Haintz.



Above: Pasco's Nariah Jones gets a helping hand from teammate Lola Perez on the bench press.

After taking Sunshine Athletic Conference titles in two categories the Bulldogs win one championship and share another with River Ridge in the Class 2A, District 10 tournament

By STEVE LEE
Sports Reporter

The Zephyrhills girls weightlifting team keeps on winning of late. Next up for the Bulldogs are regional and state competitions.

"It's paying attention to details," said first-year coach Madison Aguilera, a 2021 Zephyrhills graduate and former multi-champion under former coach Joe Rinaldo. "You have to be perfect to get to states."

The Bulldogs won Sunshine Athletic Conference championships in the traditional and Olympic divisions before winning the traditional title and sharing the Olympic one with River Ridge in the Class 2A, District 10 meet hosted by Cypress Creek.

River Ridge and Sunlake had dominated in the conference and district tourneys for many years. That was before Zephyrhills became a perennial contender in recent seasons.

The conference title marked the first for Zephyrhills in 19 years with Aguilera saying, "We finally beat (Sunlake and River Ridge) this year. It was a big hump we finally got over."

Last year was the first in which the postseason tourneys were divided into Olympic and traditional divisions. Zephyrhills finished as the A-3 regional runner-up in the Olympic category. Previously, the Bulldogs won back-to-back region titles in 2019 and 2020.

The Bulldogs' recent postseason success made Aguilera proud, especially since she was part of it. Having set four school records, Aguilera lifted on teams that won three straight district titles to go along with back-to-back regional championships.

Winning districts last week in traditional was plenty rewarding, but the coach was not

overly thrilled with winding up in a tie with River Ridge in the Olympic category.

"It's frustrating because there's points out there that we could've gotten," Aguilera said.

In 2022, nine Zephyrhills girls qualified for the state meet. Still on the roster from that group are Tori Goodman, Lariah Graham, Sharibel Vazquez and Kennedy Arnot.

Of those key returners, Graham, who competes in the 183-pound division, is this year's lone district champion. Also winning district titles for Zephyrhills were: Makayla Compton, 101; Emma Contreras, 119; Grace Gonzalez-Liz, 139; Adrianna Wilner, 183; and Anais Martinez, unlimited.

Additional lifters earning regional berths were teammates: Alayla Rose, Laney Kirk, Jenalee Gonzalez, Juliette Fernandez, Goodman, Rhianna Giles, Lexi Navarro, Jessa Crandell, Arnot and Coryn Graham.

Other local lifters to win district titles were: Cypress Creek's Janelly Reyes, who at 129 won both traditional and Olympic divisions; Cypress Creek's Sarah MacMullan, a winner at 169 in the Olympic category; and Pasco's Madalynn Brownfield, who at 119 won in Olympic.

MacMullan, a freshman who also plays volleyball, said she came out for weightlifting to meet athletes in a different sport.

"Getting to know new people, that's my favorite part," she said.

As for Zephyrhills' conference champions, they were: Vazquez, Goodman, Lariah Graham, Martinez, Wilner and Arnot.

In the conference meet's Olympic division, Zephyrhills totaled 74 points, just three more than Sunlake. The traditional tally was similar with the Bulldogs tallying 76 points to 70 for the Seahawks. Cypress Creek was third in both categories.

"We're happy," Coyotes coach Tico Hernandez said. "If we finish behind (Zephyrhills and River Ridge in districts) we're in really good shape."

On another note, Goodman and Coryn Graham split this season as dual-sport athletes. Aside from being on the weightlifting team they were among six seniors playing for the school's soccer team.

Helping out his daughter was boys coach James Aguilera, who late last season took over after Rinaldo's departure right before the postseason matches began.



Left: Cypress Creek coach Tico Hernandez congratulates district champion Sarah MacMullan.



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CRIME REPORTS

Retail theft

A 43-year-old Zephyrhills woman was arrested Jan. 11 at Walmart, 7631 Gall Blvd., after she allegedly failed to scan some items valued at \$90.87.

Arrested was Melissa Sue Irby of 6433 Midland St. Irby was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department and given a notice to appear.

Possession of methamphetamine

A 45-year-old Zephyrhills man was arrested Jan. 13 at Sunrise Eatery, 5883 Gall Blvd., after a traffic stop, for a stop sign violation, allegedly revealed 0.6 grams of methamphetamine and two glass pipes, which tested positive for methamphetamine.

Arrested was Daniel Lee Stute of 4109 Autumn Palm Dr. Stute was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department and transported to the Pasco County Jail.

Possession of methamphetamine

A 40-year-old Lutz woman was arrested Jan. 14 at 39132 C.R. 54, after a traffic stop for a paced speed violation, allegedly revealed a baggie, which tested positive for methamphetamine.

Arrested was Jennifer Hope Massey of 18118 U.S. Hwy 41/35A. Massey was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department and transported to the Pasco County Jail.

Possession of methamphetamine

A 39-year-old Zephyrhills man was arrested Jan. 14 at 39132 C.R. 54, after a traffic stop, for a paced speed violation, allegedly revealed 0.9 grams of methamphetamine. A check allegedly revealed he is on felony probation until March 21, 2026 for petit theft charges.

Arrested was Adam David Greenleaf of Zephyr Inn Motel, 5615 Gall Blvd. Greenleaf was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department and transported to the Pasco County Jail.

Retail theft

A 22-year-old Zephyrhills woman was arrested Jan. 15 at Walmart, 7631 Gall Blvd., after she allegedly failed to scan 52 items valued at \$348.34.

Arrested was Tariah Nicole Rouse of 36363 Garden Wall Way. Rouse was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department and given a notice to appear.

Active warrant

A 27-year-old Zephyrhills woman was arrested Jan. 16 at her home after a check allegedly revealed a warrant for a neglect of a child without bodily harm charge.

Arrested was Emily Lorin Gentry of 39530 9th Ave. Gentry was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department and transported to the Pasco County Jail.

Driving under the influence

A 38-year-old Wesley Chapel man was arrested Jan. 17 at State Road 54 and Coral Street

after a traffic stop, for failing to stop at a red light, he refused field sobriety evaluation at the scene.

Arrested was Paul Francis Barrow of 9702 Ibis Grove Blvd. Barrow was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department.

Retail theft

A 47-year-old Plant City woman was arrested Jan. 17 at Walmart, 7631 Gall Blvd., after she allegedly failed to scan 36 items valued at \$124.51.

Arrested was Maria Victoria Guadalu Perez Pineda of 4916 Booth Rd. Pineda was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department.

Retail theft

A 44-year-old Zephyrhills woman was arrested Jan. 17 at Walmart, 7631 Gall Blvd., after she allegedly took two items valued at \$12.44.

Arrested was Amy Lynne Hoffman of 36546 Judee Dr. Hoffman was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department and given a notice to appear.

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LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2023DR5306ES
DIVISION: K
Ashley Gunter, Petitioner, and Justin Byrd, Respondent, NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)

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NOTICE OF ACTION (formal notice by publication)
TO: Chester Warren 6628 Statice Lane, New Port Richey, FL 34652
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 FEBRUARY 20, 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 January 10, 2024, Nikki Alvarez-Sowles Pasco County Clerk & Comptroller

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of GORDON LEON HAMMOND, deceased, whose date of death was August 28, 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 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.
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ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this notice is February 1, 2024. Attorney for Personal Representative: R. SETH MANN, ESQUIRE R. SETH MANN, P.A. E-mail Address: seth@sethmannlaw.com Florida Bar Number: 0990434
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The administration of the estate of JOHN HELEMS, JR., a/k/a LEONARD J. HELEMS, JR. a/k/a LEONARD HELEMS, deceased, whose date of death was NOVEMBER 10, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Pasco County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 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.
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PASCO SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWSLETTER

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day highlights the importance of making the internet a creative, educational and most of all, safe space for everyone. This annual initiative is an opportunity to recognize potential dangers and simple ways to protect yourself while using the internet. Pasco Sheriff's Office offers ways to stay safe when browsing the web this Safer Internet Day.

From social media and virtual reality, there are many exciting opportunities to connect online; however, there are also potential challenges. Not everything you see is what it appears to be online, including people you meet. Set social media accounts to private and disable location sharing and geolocation settings to protect your location. When speaking with someone new online, never leave the original social platform where the conversation initiated. Don't meet up with strangers you talk to online, unless you're able to verify their identity and can do so in a public place. Report things people say online if they make you uncomfortable.

It's important to be mindful when sharing or downloading content through the internet, as everything you do online leaves a digital footprint. Think twice before posting online and don't publish anything online that you wouldn't say in real life. Content online can be screen shot and manipulated. The best way to ensure private information is kept safe is to not share it. Once something is posted online, it's there forever, and can fall into the hands of someone who may use your own information against you.

Scammers use fear and technology to try

to con their victims. Never provide your personal information to someone you don't know or to an unsolicited request. Don't read an email, click a link or open any attachments from someone you don't know or aren't expecting. Scammers pressure victims to act immediately, without time to process. By resisting pressure to act quickly, you can avoid a scam. Take the time to verify the accuracy of suspicious requests to discredit potentially false claims. If you recognize suspicious behavior online that may be a scam, report it to law enforcement. Rapid reporting can help stop crime and protect others from becoming a victim.

Not all apps are safe. You can avoid bad apps by checking them before installing. Check app developers' names and the version history in the App Store or Google Play Store. Some apps may contain inappropriate content and might not be suitable for all ages. Reject geolocation setting requests to protect your location when using apps. Parents and guardians should download the same apps as their children and become familiar with it to help ensure their child's safety.

Everyone can do their part to promote positive and responsible internet use. Having open conversations is the best place to start; maintaining open dialogue will encourage comfortable conversation to prevent and respond to online incidents. There are ways to understand, recognize, prevent and responsibly respond to inappropriate online behavior. Share these tips with friends and family to help spread awareness for Safer Internet Day!

Motorcycle Poker Run set to fundraise for Gulfside Hospice

Kickstands up for a cause. The 12th annual Hittin' the Road for Hospice, a motorcycle poker run, is set for Feb. 10 to raise money for Gulfside Hospice patients and families.

The annual fundraiser is set to take bikers on a scenic cruise through Pasco and Hernando Counties. The event will begin at 9 a.m. Harley-Davidson of New Port Richey on State Road 54, and end at the Moose Lodge in Zephyrhills. Participants will stop at designated spots along the way to collect cards for their poker hands. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three poker hand winners. Additionally, the Wings and Wheels Award will be appointed to the top fundraising team at the event.

Pre-registration is open now for groups and single riders. Day-of registrations will also be

accepted. Event details and registration can be found at www.HittinTheRoadForHospice.org.

All event proceeds will benefit Gulfside Hospice and provide hospice care and resources for patients and families in Pasco County, regardless of their ability to pay. For more information, contact Carla Armstrong, director of philanthropy, at (727) 845-5707 or carla.armstrong@gulfside.org.

Current event sponsors include Chrome Sponsors: The Fran Haasch Law Group, Michels & Lundquist Funeral Home, and the Zephyrhills Moose Lodge; Classic Sponsors: Golden Eagles Motorcycle Club and American Legion Riders Chapter 79; Chopper Sponsors: Christian Brothers Automotive Land O' Lakes and RITE Technology.

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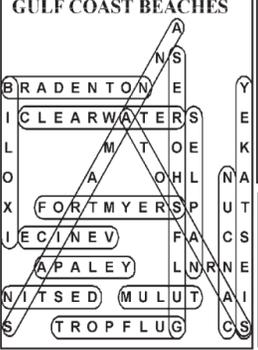
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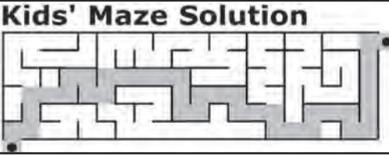
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Kids' Maze Solution



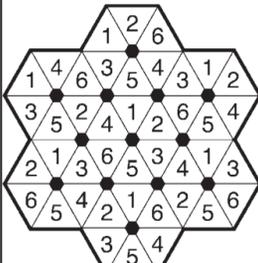
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Left: An Artist's rendering of the exterior of a proposed reception building in the purview of the project.

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Above: Newly sworn in ZPD officer Javen Fitzpatrick (left) stands outside council chambers alongside police chief Derek Brewer (right).

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CITY COUNCIL: *From Page 1*

Slated projects include: completing and submitting an arborist report, remove and / or prune trees in accordance with that report, install the playground, construct the pavilion renovate the parking lot and renovate/replace the restroom. Both items were state-funded grants with no fiscal impact to the city and both passed 5-0.

In Business Items, Item 3.1 was the first reading of an item that emerged at the last meeting regarding turn lane standards. The city sought to adopt a set of standards that would dictate the need for adding both left and right turn lanes. The seven standards were: If more than 20 left-turning vehicles per hour on a two-lane arterial or collector roadway, then left-turn lanes are warranted, on multi-lane roadways, left-turn lanes shall be constructed when there are more than 20 left-turning vehicles, if more than 50 right-turning vehicles per hour on a two-lane arterial or collector roadway, then right-turn lanes are warranted, if more than 40 right-turning vehicles per hour on a four-lane rural roadway, then a right-turn lane is warranted, if more than 80 right-turning vehicles per hour on a four-lane urban roadway, then a right-turn lane is warranted, if more than 60 right-turning vehicles per hour on a six-lane rural roadway, then a right-turn lane is warranted, if more than 100 right-turning vehicles per hour on a six-lane urban roadway, then a right-turn lane is warranted.

There were also traffic flow standards put in place that would trigger a Traffic Impact Statement (TIS) and a Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA), those being more or less than 100 gross PM (post meridian) or afternoon peak (rush) hour trips. Zephyrhills City Attorney Matthew Maggard actually asked to postpone the first reading of this item to the Feb. 12 meeting. That notion was put into an action item that passed 5-0. Senior Planner Todd Vande Berg continued with a presentation and discussion on the item.

Item 3.2 was a step toward reducing population density. The items asked for council's approval to amend the R4 zoning density from 20 units per acre to 14 units per acre. With increased demands on municipal water and growing traffic congestion, this item was designed to curb some of these issues. This emerged from a public workshop and the item passed 5-0.

Item 4.1 in the Airport Manager's Report was a presentation on the terminal design concepts being implemented at the Zephyrhills Municipal Airport. The city received state funding to construct hangars, runways and other support buildings at the airport. Monday's non-action item looked at concept designs for the project. They attempted to match some of the architecture and design of other municipal buildings and of course the new logo is going to be present.

In the City Manager's Report, Item 5.1 asked for council to approve a special event permit allowing alcohol sales at the March 30 Latin Festival at the Z Event Center at the airport. The item was approved 5-0 contingent upon the event hiring the appropriate number of ZPD deputies.

Item 5.2 was a discussion on city parks and some of the proposed updates.

Item 5.3 opened a discussion on the use of audio visual equipment. Contractor APG made some proposals for improvements to microphones and recording issues that have occurred in recent meetings.

"It's been an ongoing issue," council president Lance Smith said.

Items 5.2 and 5.3 were non-action items.

Item 6.1 in the City Attorney's Report was another follow up from the last meeting, a first reading of a resolution to allow participation in a Municipal Association of Pasco (MAP) meeting scheduled for Feb. 1 in order to discuss matters of mutual interest. The item was approved 5-0.

Item 7.1 was an update from the utilities department. With Zephyrhills Utilities Director John Bostic out sick, this part of the meeting was postponed to the Feb. 5 meeting.

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DAYTIME TV schedule for Thursday, February 1, 2024. Shows include 3PBS, 605PBS, 44CW, 8NBC, 10CBS, 38MNT, 28ABC, 32IND, 13FOX.

DAYTIME TV schedule for Friday, February 2, 2024. Shows include 38MNT, 28ABC, 32IND, 13FOX.

TRIVIA By Fifi Rodriguez. TELEVISION: Which animated cartoon character says, "What's up, Doc?" LITERATURE: Who is the author of "The Exorcist"? MOVIES: In which film does Doris Day sing "Que Sera, Sera"?

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2024. TV schedule for the evening. Shows include BBC NEWS, TRAVELSCOPE, HOUSEWIFE, NEWS, EXTRA, NEWS, Y SHELDON, NEWS.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2024. TV schedule for the evening. Shows include BBC NEWS, TRAVELSCOPE, HOUSEWIFE, NEWS, EXTRA, NEWS, Y SHELDON, NEWS.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2024. TV schedule for the evening. Shows include DOOKY CHASE, MASTERPIECE, POPSTAR, U.S. SUMMER, PAID PROG, RAW TRAVEL, PAID PROG, DATELINE, C BASKETBALL.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2024. TV schedule for the evening. Shows include JIM HOOVER, MAKE IT ARTSY, PAID PROG, TBA, BULL RIDING, WOMEN'S C BASKETBALL, HEART HEROS, DATELINE, PAID PROG.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2024. TV schedule for the evening. Shows include BBC NEWS, TRAVELSCOPE, HOUSEWIFE, NEWS, NEWS, EXTRA, NEWS, Y SHELDON, NEWS.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2024. TV schedule for the evening. Shows include BBC NEWS, TRAVELSCOPE, HOUSEWIFE, NEWS, NEWS, EXTRA, NEWS, Y SHELDON, NEWS.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2024. TV schedule for the evening. Shows include BBC NEWS, DOC MARTIN, HOUSEWIFE, NEWS, NEWS, EXTRA, NEWS, Y SHELDON, NEWS.

HOLLYWOOD



Audra McDonald ("The Gilded Age")

HOLLYWOOD -- Paramount Pictures has lost its biggest star now that Tom Cruise is moving his production company to Warner Bros. after 30 years. Cruise has been making pictures with Paramount since 1992, and his last release will be the upcoming eighth film in the "Mission Impossible" franchise.

"Wonka," starring Timothée Chalamet, is impressive in an "Oliver Twist" kind of way. He sings, dances and acts great, but while it had some magic, it didn't have the appeal of the first two films with Gene Wilder and Johnny Depp.

"Killers of the Flower Moon" was a disappointment at the box office -- and at the Golden Globes when Robert De Niro, Leonardo DiCaprio and Martin Scorsese didn't score any wins. But Lily Gladstone won for Best Actress in a Motion Picture.

Six-time Tony winner, two-time Grammy winner, and Emmy winner Audra McDonald, recently seen in season two of Max's "The Gilded Age" (which was renewed for season three), will take on Mama Rose in a revival of "Gypsy" on Broadway.

Oscar-winning director Guillermo Del Toro has picked his next project. He's developing a new Frankenstein film starring "Priscilla's" Elvis Presley, Jacob Elordi. Oscar Isaac will play Dr. Frankenstein, and two-time Oscar winner Christoph Waltz will be backing them up.

What we need even less than another Frankenstein film is another "King Kong" film (or another edition of "Mean Girls"). Still, "Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire" opens on March 29.

Linda Ronstadt, who was misdiagnosed with Parkinson's disease, has been re-diagnosed with progressive supranuclear palsy, leaving her unable to sing anymore. A biopic will be made about Ronstadt's life, starring "Only Murders in the Building's" Selena Gomez.

Josh Hutcherson (of "The Hunger Games" franchise) scored big with "Five Nights at Freddy's," which cost \$20 million and grossed \$294.6 million. A sequel is in the works. Meanwhile, he currently has "The Beekeeper" out in theaters.

Paramount's revving up their "Star Trek" franchise, but probably won't have Chris Pine playing Capt. James T. Kirk. Pine played Kirk in 2009, 2013 and 2016; however, this one's a prequel, so Pine is probably too old to take us into the final frontier!

CELEBRITY EXTRA



Jeff Goldblum (Upcoming in "Wicked")

Q: What is Jeff Goldblum up to these days? I only see him on commercials for apartments, but not in any movies lately. -- P.T.

A: Despite having what is surely a lucrative gig as the spokesman for Apartments.com, Jeff Goldblum is still very much a beloved and sought-after actor in Hollywood. Originally from Pittsburgh, Goldblum started out as most actors do when they move to California -- landing guest-starring roles on hit primetime shows.

In 1986, he starred in the sci-fi/horror film "The Fly," but it would be the "Jurassic Park" movies that would bring him his greatest box-office success. He's caught the eye of other big-name directors, including Taika Waititi for "Thor: Ragnarok" and Wes Anderson for "Asteroid City."

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A: The two singers aren't related; however, both did appear on the same PBS show "Finding Your Roots." In Ciara's case, she learned that one of her distant cousins is former New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter.

Natasha Rothwell, who played spa manager Belinda in season one, will be returning to the series. Joining her is an impressive cast that includes

Carrie Coon ("The Gilded Age"), Parker Posey ("Best in Show"), Jason Isaacs ("Archie"), Walton Goggins ("Justified"), Michelle Monaghan ("True Detective") and Leslie Bibb ("Popular").

"White Lotus" creator Mike White and his cast have been a strong presence at the Emmy and Golden Globe Awards for the past two years. The series has also relaunched Jennifer Coolidge's career since she starred in Christopher Guest's satirical film "Best in Show," then later in "Legally Blonde," opposite Reese Witherspoon. Coolidge has won two Critics' Choice Awards, one Golden Globe and two Primetime Emmys for playing ditzzy Tanya, so it's no wonder that stars are lining up to work for White.

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Alanis Morissette was informed on "Finding Your Roots" that she also has a famous relative. In fact, her distant cousin is someone she already considered a friend -- actress Claire Danes ("Homeland").

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.



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