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### Community Calendar

**Fall Brewfest for Hospice**  
An outdoor beer festival to benefit Gulfside Hospice is slated for Oct. 5, 6-9 p.m. at Land O' Lakes Heritage Park.

**Zephyrhills Seafood Festival**  
Zephyr Park will be the site for the Zephyrhills Seafood Festival scheduled for Oct. 12, from 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

**Scarecrow Festival**  
Pioneer Florida Museum in Dade City hosts a Scarecrow Festival on Oct. 12, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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### Weather

Daytime temperatures will be in the low-90s to mid-80s. It is beginning to get nicer in the evenings with the forecast calling for the high-60s to low-70s at night. There also will be plenty of thunderstorms.

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### Sports

#### Bulldogs rout Tarpon Springs 62-0 for second straight district win

The Zephyrhills football team, which lost its first three games, dominated Tarpon Springs for its second straight district win.

#### Stewart defeats Cypress Creek 14-6 in middle school football

Stewart improved its record to 3-1 with a 14-6 win over rival Cypress Creek in last week's middle school football clash.

#### Zephyrhills tops Wiregrass Ranch in boys golf

The Bulldogs, coming off back-to-back Sunshine Athletic Conference championships, improved to 11-1 with a win over Wiregrass Ranch in boys golf.

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## Zephyrhills fire rescue and police host community event



K-9 officer Lorenzo Limoges and Bolt met with families on Tuesday night at Zephyr Commons.

STEVE LEE

*National Night Out gets visitors up close and personal with Zephyrhills' good guys and gals*

BY STEVE LEE  
News Reporter

Over the years, National Night Out has taken place on downtown streets, at the Zephyrhills Police Department and, in the most recent locale, Zephyr Commons. Regardless of the location or date, it always is a good opportunity to meet and greet local police and fire rescue personnel.

"It's nice and relaxed," said Sal Perrone, a grandfather who came to Tuesday night's event from Wesley Chapel with his family.

Perrone's grandsons Aiden, 7, and 4-year-old Carter competed in a plunger race in the parking lot.

"I did the plunger race and I won," Aiden said.

Aiden's 9-month-old sister, Shaylynn and his parents, Lou and Corrine Caravana, were also on hand to join in activities such as stepping on squares to win a cake when the police siren went off and witness a Zephyrhills Police Department's K-9 display.

Officer Lorenzo Limoges brought 4-year-old German Shepherd Bolt and was joined by Morgan Upchurch and his partner Oscar, a 3-year-old Golden Labrador. At one point, much to the thrill of a gathering along a field between the parking lot and U.S. 301, Limoges let Bolt go to attack Upchurch, who wore a large protective arm wrap.

"They're big. They look fluffy," said 9-year-old Kasey Decker, who was there with her 5-year-old sister Karissa and parents, Time and Chasity of Zephyrhills.

Limoges explained that Bolt "has found a lot of drugs. I've been dragged through bushes and briars. You kind of get used to it."

The K-9 officers also were quick to point out that the dogs live with their families. In essence, they are

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## Local author Andra Douglas inspires with new novel

*Douglas, who now lives in New York City, grew up playing football on side streets and back yards in Zephyrhills*

BY ANDY WARRENER  
News Reporter

Like many kids growing up in Zephyrhills, Douglas grew up tossing the pigskin around with friends on weekends and after school. Like many kids, Douglas harbored ambitions to play organized tackle football in high school, college and beyond. The only problem? Douglas was a girl.

"I played a lot of sports growing up in Zephyrhills but I fell in love with football," Douglas said. "I was also really good at it and it's easier to love something you're really good at. I was quick, I could catch. I loved how you'd re-group after each play, try to out-wit your opponent - it's like a live chess game."

Her interest in the sport grew as her father Henry would take her to games.

"My dad and I were inseparable for years," Douglas said. "We'd got turkey hunting, go to football games, we'd be gone from early morning until dark, we'd go everywhere together."

However, Douglas found her outlet limited to back yard or street football. There were no pee wee or pop Warner leagues that would let her play. While the barrier might have stopped her from playing in organized leagues, it could not stop her from playing in sand lots and practice fields. She began to develop a rapport with the male players she lined up against. By the time she got to the ninth grade and entered Zephyrhills High School, she was ready to try out for the Bulldog football team. She had plenty of support.

"A lot of the players that I'd played with as a kid were advocating for me to be given a chance to try out for the team," Douglas said. "I could out-run most of them and I think they truly wanted me to be on the team."

The door remained firmly closed. One of Douglas' friends Luan Gore even started a petition to allow her to try out but it failed to open the door. Douglas would have to redirect her athletic energy into golf, one of the only sports open to females in the late 1970s at the school. She was even Zephyrhills' ace golfer when she made the state tournament as a sophomore. By her junior year, volleyball and softball came available to play and Douglas played both until she graduated in 1977.

"I think it hurt my feelings more than anything

➤ **LOCAL AUTHOR:** See Page 4A

## Actress stirs emotions in musical theater

*Saint Leo hosts Tres Vidas in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month*

BY STEVE LEE  
News Reporter

Saint Leo University had a rather unique way of kicking off Hispanic Heritage Month. Students and faculty, as well as families and friends, were invited to a free performance at the Glen E. Greenfielder and Janet L. Denlinger Boardroom in the Student Community Center on campus.

Core Ensemble, which featured three musicians performing to actress Jenyvette Vega's portrayal of three noted Hispanic women, was brought to the university by the college of arts and sciences, division of student affairs, student government union and center for global engagement.

"We are so pleased to have the Core Ensemble perform at Saint Leo University for Hispanic Heritage Month," said Megan Orendorf Case, administrator of events and special programs in the college of arts and



➤ **ST. LEO:** See Page 8A Actress Jenyvette Vega portrayed three Hispanic woman during Monday's theatrical performance at Saint Leo.

STEVE LEE

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## Pasco Tax Collector staff raised over \$4,525 to support Historical Preservation in Pasco County



During the month of August the Pasco County Tax Collector's Office accepted donations from the public to support the two key historical societies and museums dedicated to preserving the history of Pasco County: the West Pasco Historical Society in New Port Richey and the Pioneer Florida Museum in Dade City. Tax Collector Mike Fasano's office was able to raise over \$4,525 to support this effort.

The funds were split evenly between the two organizations. Not only did the charitable giving campaign raise needed funds to help support and expand both museums, representatives from both groups stated that during the campaign there was a definite uptick in visitor attendance at each respective location.

"As we continue to shine a spotlight on the excellent charities that provide needed services in our county, we try to dedicate time each year to assist organizations that feature cultural, artistic or historical services as well," said Tax Collector Mike Fasano. "Groups such as the West Pasco Historical Society and the Pioneer Florida Museum keep the history of our community alive, especially for the younger generations who may only know about Pasco's past through history books or old photos they may find on the Internet. It is an honor for our staff to play a small part in making sure that the past is not forgotten. As Pasco grows and the identity of the smaller communities may blend in with new development, it is important that the contributions of Pasco's founders not be forgotten."

The Pasco County Tax Collector's Office supports local charitable organizations that assist residents of Pasco County throughout the entire year. For more information about the charitable giving programs and other services at the Pasco County Tax Collector's Office, visit [www.pascotaxes.com](http://www.pascotaxes.com) or call Greg Giordano, assistant tax collector for communications and special projects at (727) 847-8179.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Fall Brewfest for Hospice, Oct. 5, 6-9 p.m.** at Land O' Lakes Heritage Park, 5401 Land O' Lakes Blvd. The outdoor beer festival will feature craft beers, live music, vendors and food trucks. All event proceeds will benefit Gulfside Hospice, a local non-profit organization that serves Pasco County residents facing life-limiting illness. Tickets are \$25 per person or \$45 for two. For more information, visit [www.brewfestforhospice.org](http://www.brewfestforhospice.org).



**Gardening 365, Oct. 5, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.** at the San Antonio Park, 12200 Main St. Pasco County's largest plant festival. Plants from vendors and master gardener volunteers will be available for purchase, along with gardening seminars to help you keep your plants healthy and growing strong. Master gardener volunteers will be available to answer all of your plant questions. For more information, call (352) 518-0156.

**Dade City Cruise-In Car Show, Oct. 5, 12-5 p.m.** Come out and enjoy the antique cars, vendors and music. The car show is located in downtown Dade City around the historic courthouse. For more information, call (352) 437-3059.

**Friends of the Hugh Embry Library Book Bazaar, Oct. 11-12, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.** This book bazaar features a diverse selection of slightly used books, audio and videotapes, magazines and related materials. Hugh Embry Library is located at 14215 4th St., Dade City. For more information, call (352) 567-3576.



**Zephyrhills Seafood Festival, Oct. 12, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.** at Zephyr Park. This is a family event with arts and crafts and children activities. There will also be music and beer and wine available.

**Growing, Cooking & Preserving Herbs, Oct. 12, 10-11 a.m.** at the Zephyrhills Library, 5347 8th St. There will be a discussion about planting and harvesting herbs, as well as discussing the use of herbs in cooking and how to preserve them. Come to this free UF/IFAS Pasco Extension seminar. For more information, call (352) 518-0156.

**Scarecrow Festival, Oct. 12, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.** at the Pioneer Florida Museum, 15602 Pioneer Museum Rd., Dade City. A fun event for the whole family. Come make your own scarecrow, games, pumpkin patch, face painting, train ride and concession stand open. Mr. Tommy will bring his fun musical experience, which includes singing, dancing and learning about music. Admission is \$10 for adults, students, \$5 and children under 5 are free. For more information, call the Pioneer Florida Museum at (352) 567-0262 or visit [pioneerfloridamuseum.com](http://pioneerfloridamuseum.com).



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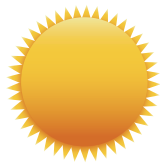
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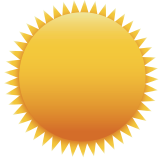
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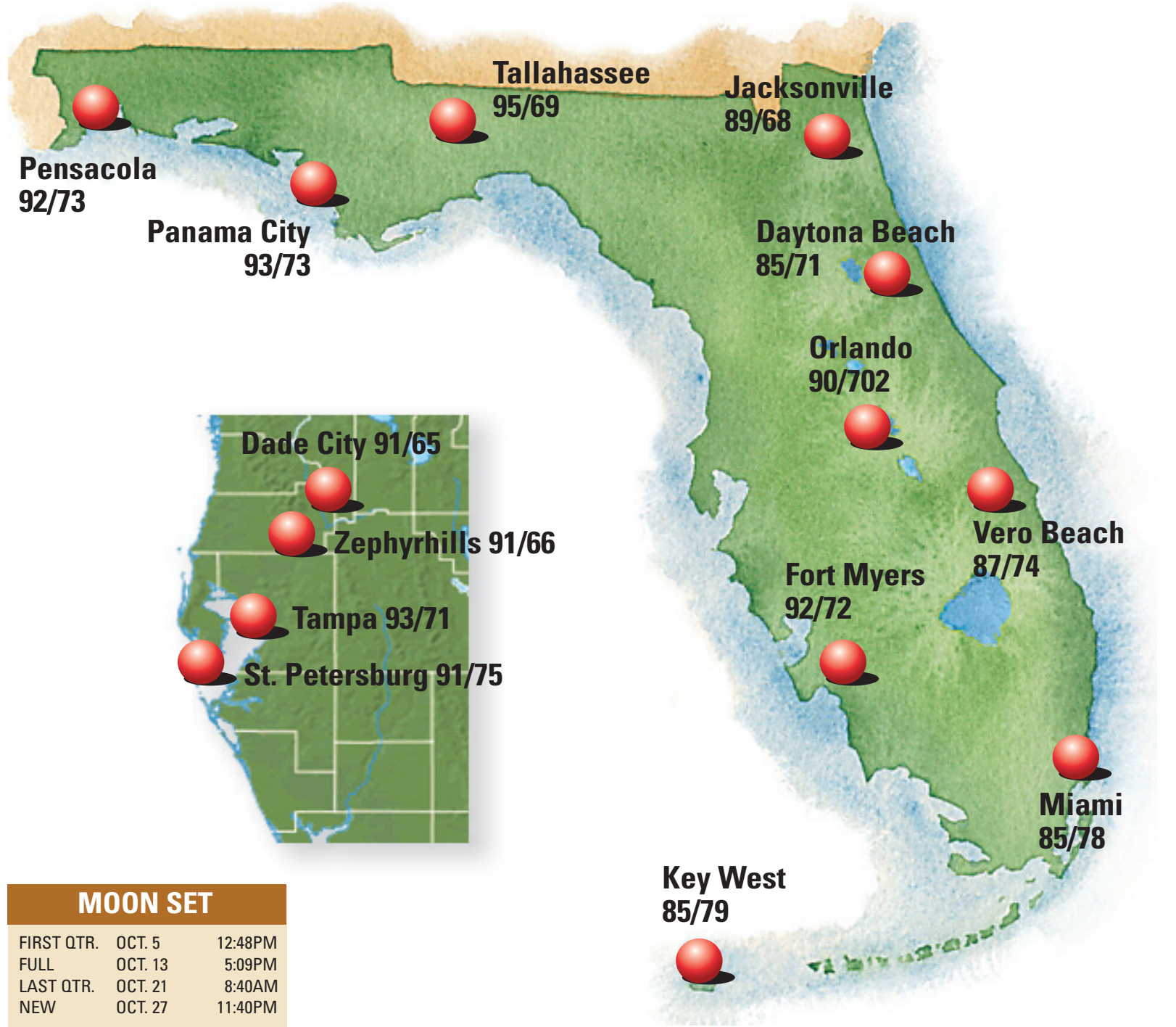
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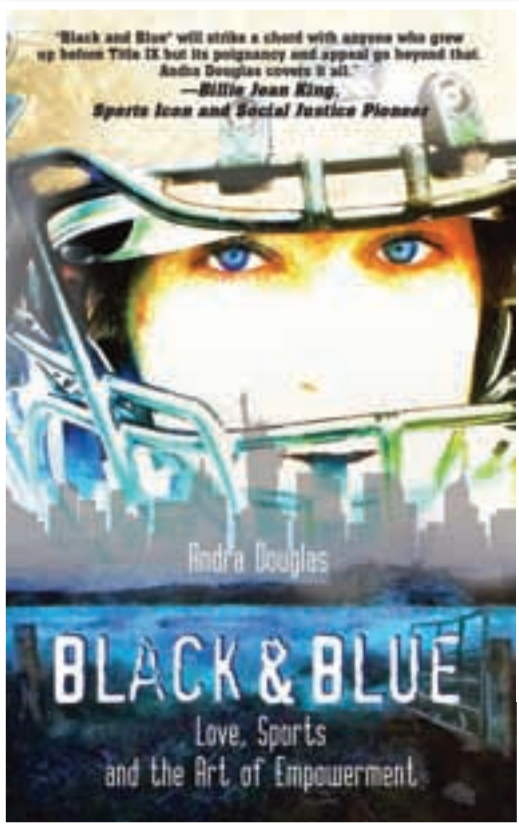
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Above: Andra Douglas, from Zephyrhills, played tackle football for the New York Sharks and later owned the team.

Left: The cover to Douglas' book *Black and Blue*.

▶ **LOCAL AUTHOR:** From Page 1A

else," Douglas said. "I didn't understand, I mean, so what if I was a girl. If I can beat this guy, what difference does it make?"

Douglas' mother, Christine Krusen Douglas is sister of Charles "Buck" Douglas, whom Krusen Field is named after. While Douglas kept with her mother's and father's tradition by attending Zephyrhills High, she made a break with their degrees from the University of Florida by attending Florida State University.

"It was a house divided," Douglas said. Douglas would get her first taste of organized football at FSU, albeit in flag football. She discovered an intramural team at the school and immediately signed up. The foundation blocks for a professional career were being set. The flag football team was amazingly successful with Douglas playing half back and a little bit of quarterback. They travelled to New Orleans in 1980 to compete in a national championship. They lost but it only stoked Douglas' competitive fire.

"I thought about that game, how we could go back next time and figure out tendencies," Douglas said. "It made me even more obsessed with the game."

By her sophomore year at FSU, Douglas discovered the school had club rugby. Difficult to see in the moment but the two sports, flag football and rugby were preparing her for what would follow. Nevertheless, she played on the rugby team at FSU for three years.

"It was fun, it was like the tackle football we played back home," Douglas said. "It helped with tackling even though rugby is a different type of game. It's so quick, it never ends and it really helps you think on your feet."

Those skills began to peak but when Douglas graduated with a degree in Communications Design and headed to New York City to pursue her masters degree. Unfortunately, there was no outlet to play. She lived four years in the city before she stumbled into a group that was playing flag football on Fire Island, a summer beach spot just off Long Island. They had an organized league with eight teams, all from the NYC area. The team names changed every year. One year they were the Untouchables, one year they were the Magic. One year they became the Sharks and that team name would carry into the next phase of Douglas' sports career. The Sharks won the 1991 International Womens Flag Football League (IWFFL) championship in Key West.

Eight years later, Douglas got word that a group of flag football players in Minnesota were starting up a tackle league. They already had two teams and wanted to setup an exhibition game against Douglas' New York Sharks.

"Of course we were going to take them up on it," Douglas said. "We had to combine eight teams from our league to get enough players for one tackle football team. It was interesting because we're taking players that have been at war for a decade and suddenly we're all on the same team."

The Sharks had from October of 1999 until December 11 of the same year to organize, equip and train a team for the exhibition. They tapped former New York Jets player Bobby Jackson to coach.

"It was pretty humorous, everyone argued about everything and there was a lot of trash

talking," Douglas said. "Eventually, Jackson slipped us into shape."

The Sharks won 12-6 in Douglas' debut in organized tackle football. From there, the exhibition grew into a league. 11 different franchises came up for sale, one was the New York Sharks.

"I thought that in a city of eight million people, someone had to buy this franchise," Douglas said.

No one did. As the sand in the hour glass slipped away, Douglas knew there was no alternative. She dug \$20,000 out of her savings and completed her transition from half back to quarterback to team owner.

"There were several moments when I thought, 'What have I done?'" Douglas said. "I had no idea how to run a sports team - no one did but I had good people around me and friends that helped, that stepped up."

Douglas noted the efforts from Crystal Turpin and Dana Sparling as being instrumental, especially in the early years of the franchise. This was August of 2000. By 2005, Douglas realized that her playing days were over and she made the transition to owner-only. Douglas sold the team in 2018 but stayed on to support them through that last year. It would be in 2018 that Douglas' Sharks won the first ever international tournament in Birmingham, England.

"When I told everyone I was selling the team in 2017, people started coming out of the woodwork wanting to play," Douglas said. "It was absolute magic."


The Sharks would win that international title against the very Minnesota team, the Vixens, that challenged them to the exhibition back in 1999. The Sharks won by the same margin as they did in that 1999 exhibition, six points. Starting out with the initial allotment of 11 teams, the league has blossomed to include over 100 teams across the country and is gaining popularity in Europe.

Now, Douglas lives in New York City and is a published author and professional artist. Her book *Black & Blue: Love, Sports and the Art of Empowerment* hit book shelves and online retail outlets on July 6 of this year. The book is very much anecdotal but takes some fictional liberties with the timeline and with some minor characters but Douglas says, "it's absolutely based off my experiences."

Douglas' book can be found on Amazon.com and she will even be in Saint Petersburg on Nov. 8 for a book signing.



Above: Andra Douglas, who hails from Zephyrhills, poses with her championship ring.



K.T. John, M.D., P.A.

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## CHURCH NEWS

**First United Methodist Church of Zephyrhills**, 38635 5th Ave., along with Pastor Jim Thomas invites the community to traditional Sunday worship services, 8 and 11 a.m.; contemporary service, 9:30 a.m.; coffee and fellowship, in Cooper Hall, 9-10:30 a.m.; adult Sunday school, 9:30 and 11 a.m.; children's church, 11 a.m.; and youth Bible study is 11 a.m.

Children and youth meet on Wednesdays, 6-7:30 p.m., with dinner served at 6 p.m. For adults, on Wednesday evenings, Bible study is at 5 and 7 p.m. in the chapel.

There will be a craft show Oct. 19, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in Cooper Hall. A bake sale, Chinese auction and luncheon will be available. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, call the church at (813) 782-5645 or visit, [www.fumczhills.org](http://www.fumczhills.org).

**Crystal Springs Worship Center**, 2155 Paul Buchman Hwy. is an Assembly of God Church. Adult Sunday school starts at 9:30 a.m. followed by the morning worship at 10:30 a.m. with children's church meeting at the same time. The middle and high school students meet with the Authentic Small Group after the praise and worship time.

The Ladies of Light Ministry Bible Study meets on Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. Wednesday night service starts at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call (813) 788-1612.

**Our Savior Lutheran Church**, 5626 20th St., invites you to Sunday school at 8:45 a.m. and worship service at 10 a.m. There is a Saturday service at 5:30 p.m.

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

**First Presbyterian Church of Zephyrhills**, 5510 19th St., invites everyone to attend Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. Communion is observed the first Sunday of the month. Sunday school for adults is at 8:30 a.m. Children and youth are dismissed to classes during the 10 a.m. worship service. A nursery is provided during the service. In the fellowship hall after worship will be time for conversation and a light snack.

REFRESH Wednesdays begins with a meal at 5:30 p.m. and then a break into separate classes

as follows, kindergarten-first grade; second-fifth grade; F.R.E.S.H. Youth Group; and adult Bible class at 6 p.m.

Choir practice is Wednesdays, 7 p.m. First Presbyterian Church of Zephyrhills is a Stephen Ministry Congregation. For more information, call (813) 782-7412 or visit [www.firstpcz.org](http://www.firstpcz.org).

**First Christian Church**, 6040 8th St., invites you to Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. Communion is available to everyone.

There is an active women's group. For more information, call (813) 782-1071 or visit [www.firstchristianzchills.org](http://www.firstchristianzchills.org).

**Dade City Grace Bible Church**, 15000 U.S. Hwy. 301, Dade City Business Center, Suite 403, meets Sundays, 9:30 a.m. for fellowship. The Song and Devotional Bible Thought for the Week begins at 10 a.m. along with Pastor Willard L. Sessoms preaching the morning Grace Bible Study message. Youth Bible study lesson, for ages 6-10 years old, is during the morning Message Hour.

The church provides a Tract and Literature Ministry at the Webster Flea Market on Mondays during the season.

For more information, visit [www.Bible-TruthForToday.com](http://www.Bible-TruthForToday.com) or call (352) 567-3955.

**First Baptist Church of Zephyrhills**, 38231 Fifth Ave., invites you to Sunday services with Pastor Rob McKinney.

The children ministry, TeamKid, is Wednesdays at 6 p.m. with director, Lorraine McKinney, and teachers, Carol Arnold and Sarah Lutz.

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

The Sunrise Prayer Warriors meet weekdays, 8-9 a.m. in the church conference room.

The Sunday services are: Sunday school for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; worship service, 10:45 a.m.; evening service, 6 p.m.; and Wednesday mid-week service, 6 p.m. Choir practice is at 6 p.m.

For more information, call the church at (813) 782-5574.

**Atonement Lutheran Church**, 29617 S.R. 54, Wesley Chapel invites the community to Godify Worship Service on Saturday at 5 p.m.; a Sunday Rise and Shine Service with communion, 8:30 a.m.; Sunday traditional worship service 10 a.m.; and Child of God Family Service, 11:30 a.m.

For more information, call (813) 973-2211.

**Bible Missionary Church**, 5521 23rd St., Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. followed by a Sunday worship service at 10:45 a.m. and an evening service, 6 p.m. There is a Wednesday evening service at 6 p.m.

For more information, call (813) 782-8772.

**Awake at Zephyrhills a Wesleyan Church**, 38924 C Ave., invites the community to a contemporary service on Saturday evenings, 7 p.m. and a traditional service Sunday morning, 10:45 a.m. Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. and Nursery and pre-k under 5 years old is offered at each service.

For more information, call (813) 782-7510 or visit [AwakeWesleyan.org](http://AwakeWesleyan.org).

**The Church at Chancey Road**, 34921 Chancey Rd., and Pastor Tim Mitchell would like to invite you to Sundays at 10:15 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. for worship, Bible study and communion. Nursery and kids programs are available at all services.

The Abundant Blessings Food Pantry is now open, Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. For those in attendance at either the Sunday 10:15 a.m. or Wednesday 6:45 p.m. services the Food Pantry will be open as well after each service.

For more information on the ministries of the church visit: [www.thechurchatanceyroad.com](http://www.thechurchatanceyroad.com)

road.com and you can also watch live on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/tim.mitchell](http://www.facebook.com/tim.mitchell) every Sunday and Wednesday.

**Zephyrhills Church of Christ**, 5444 4th St. welcomes you to visit with them for Sunday Bible study, 9:30 a.m. followed by Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. There is a mid-week Bible study on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

If you have any questions you can contact Preacher Kevin Heaton, at (205) 405-7700 or [heatonkevin@yahoo.com](mailto:heatonkevin@yahoo.com). You may also reach one of the members: Joe Bates (813) 846-9441 or Wayne Frye (352) 424-0144. Visit [zephyrhillschurch.com](http://zephyrhillschurch.com) or the blog page at [acordofblue.wordpress.com](http://acordofblue.wordpress.com).

**Victory Baptist Church**, 6950 Forbes Rd., invites you to join them for their services on Sunday at 10 a.m.; Sunday school, 11 a.m.; and worship service, 6 p.m. There is a mid-week service on Wednesday, 7 p.m. Nursery and children's programs are available.

For more information, visit [www.vbczchills.com](http://www.vbczchills.com) or call (813) 783-8300.

**East Pasco Seventh-day Adventist Church**, 7333 Dairy Rd., has a mission to reach others by living and sharing God's love. Bible study is Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. and a church service at 10:45 a.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous group meets Friday, 10 a.m. and Narcotics Anonymous meets Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call (813) 782-2000 or visit [eastpascoadventist.com](http://eastpascoadventist.com).

## OBITUARIES

### Peter Scott Tripet

TRIPET, Peter Scott, 60, of Zephyrhills passed away Sept. 26, 2019. Mr. Tripet is survived by his loving family.



*Obituaries are available in The Zephyrhills News. Information is due Monday before noon in order to appear in the same week's publication. For pricing call the office at (813) 782-1558.*

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Third Wednesday of the month  
Women's Group.....9:30 a.m.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**  
5510 19th St.  
(813) 782-7412  
Pastor Denise Lay  
Sunday  
Worship.....10 a.m.  
Sunday School  
(Nursery/Grades K-12).....10 a.m.  
Adult Study.....8:30 a.m.  
Coffee fellowship after worship  
Wednesday  
REFRESH supper.....5:30 p.m.  
REFRESH Youth Group.....6 p.m.  
Adult Bible Study.....6 p.m.  
Choir Practice.....7 p.m.  
Second Saturday King's Men  
(in fellowship hall).....9 a.m.  
[www.firstpcz.org](http://www.firstpcz.org)

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38710 5th Ave.  
(813) 782-2813  
Reverend Allan Tupa  
Sunday  
Mass.....7, 9, 11 a.m.  
Saturday  
Mass.....4 p.m.  
Weekday Masses  
M, T, Th, F.....8 a.m.  
Wednesday.....8 a.m. and 7 p.m.  
Saturday and Holidays.....8 a.m.  
The Sacrament of Reconciliation:  
Saturday Morning.....8:30 a.m.  
Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration:  
Thursday.....8:30-9:30 a.m.

**EAST PASCO SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**  
7333 Dairy Rd.  
(813) 782-2000  
Ray Pichette, Lead Pastor  
Ricardo Barriffe, Associate Pastor  
Saturday  
Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service.....10:45 a.m.  
Thursday  
ALNON.....7 p.m.  
Ladies Bible Study.....7 p.m.  
Friday  
Alcoholics Anonymous.....10 a.m.  
Overeaters Anonymous  
Monday, 5:30 p.m. and Friday  
11:30 a.m.  
Narcotics Anonymous  
Sunday, Wednesday and  
Thursday, 6:30 p.m.  
[www.eastpascoadventist.com](http://www.eastpascoadventist.com)

**VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
6950 Forbes Rd.  
(813) 783-8300  
Pastor David Toulson  
Sunday School.....10 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....11 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Bible Study/Prayer.....7 p.m.  
Kids Club.....7 p.m.

**THE CHURCH AT CHANCEY ROAD**  
34921 Chancey Rd.  
(813) 317-4975  
Pastor Tim Mitchell  
Sunday  
Worship.....10:15 a.m.  
Worship, Bible Study and Com-  
munion  
Monday  
Prayer and Bible Reading.....12 p.m.  
Overcomers Bible Study.....6 p.m.  
(12 step program)  
Tuesday  
Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Fellowship Dinner.....6 p.m.  
followed by Bible study for all ages  
at 6:45 p.m.  
Thursday  
Heart Dance Ladies Group.....10 a.m.  
Friday  
Prayer and Bible Study.....7:45 a.m.  
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**CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
5434 7th St.  
(813) 783-2727  
Pastor Stephen R. Lamb  
Sunday  
Adult Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Coffee and Donut Fellowship.....  
10:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....11 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Prayer and Praise Service...6 p.m.  
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Children's Church.....10:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Youth Church.....11 a.m.  
Tuesday  
Ladies Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.  
Wednesday  
Evening Service.....6:30 p.m.  
Kid's Church.....6:30 p.m.  
Youth Church.....7 p.m.

**AWAKE AT ZEPHYRHILLS A WESLEYAN CHURCH**  
38924 C Ave.  
(813) 782-7510  
Pastor Dennis Harmeson  
Saturday  
Contemporary Service.....7 p.m.  
Sunday  
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
Traditional Service.....10:45 a.m.  
Adult Bible Study.....4 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Kid Min (1st-5th grade).....6:30 p.m.  
Teens (6th-12th grade).....6:30 p.m.  
[www.AwakeWesleyan.org](http://www.AwakeWesleyan.org)

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ZEPHYRHILLS**  
38231 5th Ave.  
(813) 782-5574  
Pastor Robert McKinney  
Sunday  
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
Worship.....10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Service.....6 p.m.  
Choir Practice.....6 p.m.  
Children's Activities.....6 p.m.  
TRUTH teen ministries.....6:15 p.m.

**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
5626 20th St.  
813-782-1369  
Reverend Tod A. Shouse  
Saturday  
Worship.....5:30 p.m.  
Sunday  
Sunday school.....8:45 a.m.  
Worship service.....10 a.m.  
[oursaviorlutheranchurchzephyrhills.org](http://oursaviorlutheranchurchzephyrhills.org)

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11800 Windsorwood Blvd.  
(352) 518-0072  
Minister Keith Smith  
Associate Minister  
Kyle Morrissey  
Sundays  
Sunday School.....10:10 a.m.  
Worship.....9 and 11 a.m.  
Wednesdays  
Worship.....6:30 p.m.  
[www.dadecitycc.net](http://www.dadecitycc.net)

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5521 23rd St.  
(813) 782-8772  
Pastor Wayne Taylor  
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....10:45 a.m.  
Evening Service.....6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service.....6 p.m.

**DADE CITY GRACE BIBLE CHURCH**  
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Fellowship.....9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Service.....10 a.m.  
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**FIRST UNITED METHODIST**  
38635 5th Ave.  
(813) 782-5645  
Pastor Jim Thomas  
Sunday  
Traditional Worship...8 and 11 a.m.  
Contemporary Worship...9:30 a.m.  
Children's Church.....9:45 a.m.  
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# SALOME'S STARS ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) A changing situation calls for a change in plans. Although you might prefer the schedule you had already worked up, you could do better by agreeing to make the needed adjustments.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) That once seemingly rock-solid proposition you favored might be hiding some serious flaws. Take time to check it more carefully and question anything that seems out of kilter.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Finish up those lingering tasks so that you can then arrange to spend some time in quiet reflection. This will go a long way in restoring both your physical and spiritual energies.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) A family situation could heat up and boil over unless you deal with it as soon as possible. Try to persuade other family members to work with you to help cool things down.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Cheer up, Kitty Cat! That low feeling will begin to ebb by midweek, and you should be back in the social swirl in time for the weekend. A long-postponed deal could be starting up again.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Going too fast and too far on too little knowledge could be risky. Best to slow down and check for any gaps in your information. It's what you don't know that could hurt you.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Trying to make peace among quarreling family members, friends or colleagues

can be tough. Expect some resistance, maybe even some expressions of resentment. But stay with it.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Changing your mind doesn't have to be a problem once you realize that you might have good and sufficient cause to do so. Make your explanations clear and complete. Good luck.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) An unkept promise can be irksome and easily raise the Archer's ire. But instead of getting into a confrontation, take time to check why someone you relied on came up short.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) A new workplace distraction creates an unnecessary delay. The sooner you deal with it, the better for all concerned. A personal matter also should be attended to as soon as possible.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Once again, the Aquarian's gift for applying both practical and creative methods to resolve a situation makes all the difference. Personal relationships thrive during the weekend.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) A relationship appears to be losing its oncestrong appeal for reasons that might be different from what you think. An open and honest talk could lead to some surprising revelations.

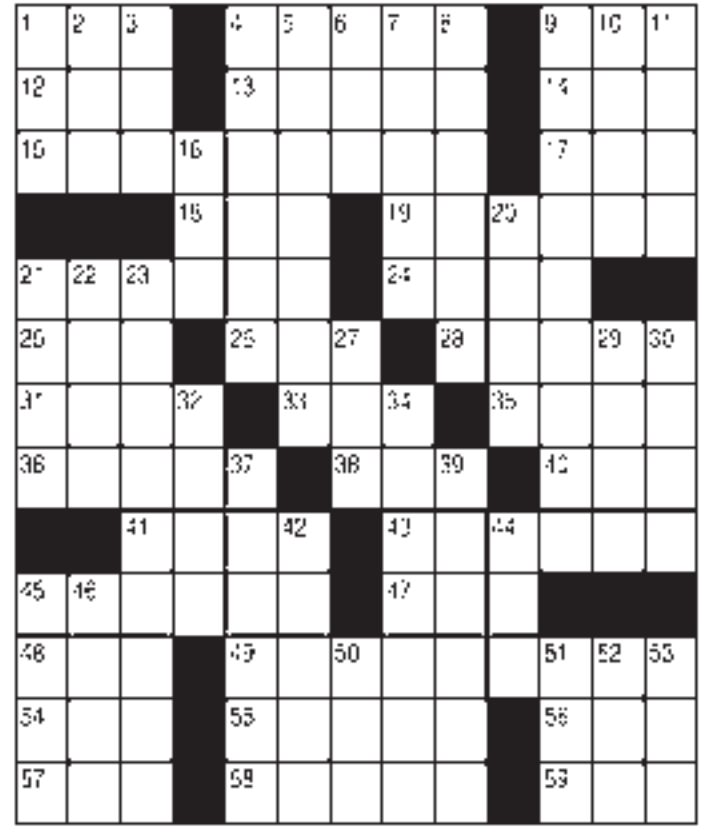
**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your life is bound by your belief that character counts more than anything else.

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## KING CROSSWORD - OCT. 3

**ACROSS**

- 1 Donkey
- 4 Portion of an act
- 9 Mischievous tyke
- 12 Hawaiian garland
- 13 Overuse the mirror
- 14 Ultra-modern prefix
- 15 Clarified
- 17 Auto fuel
- 18 Upper limb
- 19 Lack
- 21 Uses tweezers
- 24 Long story
- 25 A billion years
- 26 Male offspring
- 28 Jockey's handful
- 31 "No -- luck!"
- 33 Phone bk. data
- 35 Winter forecast
- 36 Different
- 38 Charlotte's creation
- 40 Greek H
- 41 War god
- 43 Muffle
- 45 Landi of 1930s movies
- 47 Plant bristle
- 48 Lair
- 49 Didn't vote, perhaps
- 54 Rd.
- 55 Shunned one
- 56 Wall climber
- 57 Central
- 58 Obliterate
- 59 Grant opponent



- 21 Mexican money
- 22 LummoX
- 23 "Django --" (film title)
- 27 Promptly
- 29 Brief letter
- 30 Pavlova portrayal
- 32 Towel embroidery word
- 34 Tranquillizes
- 37 Auction, so to speak
- 39 Caveat word
- 42 Cavalry sword
- 44 Blackbird
- 45 Cheese choice
- 46 Jeans-maker Strauss
- 50 Hot tub
- 51 Zero
- 52 First lady
- 53 Coloring agent

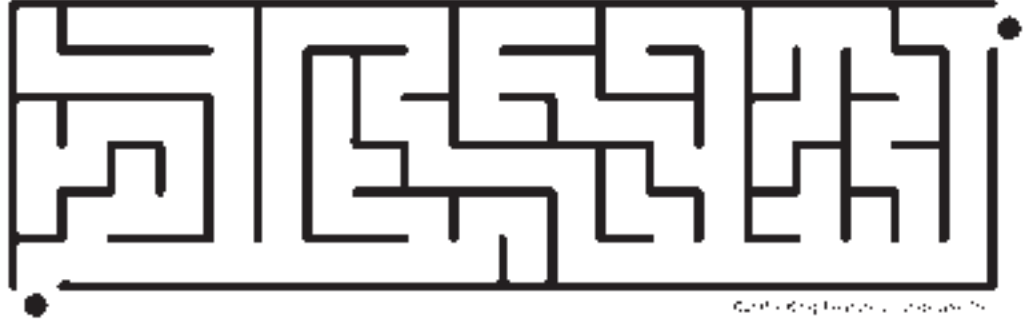
**DOWN**

- 1 Heady brew
- 2 Gender
- 3 Taste a drink
- 4 Activates
- 5 Shade of red
- 6 Still, in verse
- 7 Requirements
- 8 Ingratiate
- 9 Deep-seated
- 10 Vegan's no-no
- 11 Luxurious
- 16 Fond du --, Wis.
- 20 A long time

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## Puzzles4Kids by Helene Hovanec

### RIDDLE SEARCH - LET'S PLAY FOOTBALL

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BENCH	A	E	Y	A	L	P	E	R	S	T
DIVE	N	M	V	A	T	H	E	T	N	R
DRIVE	O	I	E	I	R	O	A	W	A	K
FIELD GOAL	R	T	K	V	R	D	O	S	P	C
FREE KICK	I	F	I	E	I	D	L	U	B	I
GOALPOST	D	L	H	U	H	D	N	I	E	K
GRIDIRON	J	A	M	C	B	T	O	W	N	E
HALF TIME	R	H	U	D	D	L	E	L	C	E
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YARD LINE										

Riddle answer:

## STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

Below is a 5 x 5 square with the letter Q missing. Find the letter that comes just above the letter that comes between the letter just to the left of the letter just below G, and the letter just to the left of the letter just above T.

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

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# STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was 19th-century American social reformer and statesman Frederick Douglass who made the following sage observation: "Those who profess to favor freedom and yet deprecate agitation, are men who want crops without plowing the ground."

• If you use Listerine to freshen your breath, you might be interested to know that its original formula is 26.9% alcohol by volume -- that comes out to 54-proof gargle.

• The blue whale is the largest animal known to have ever existed. The marine mammal is so large, in fact, that a grown man could swim through its largest blood vessels.

• Next time you're in Tinseltown, remember that it is unlawful to herd more than 3,000 sheep at a time down Hollywood Boulevard.

• In the naming of American states, there some that never quite made it. It's interesting to speculate about the possibilities, though. For instance, if you currently reside in the state of Kentucky or parts of Tennessee, but for the whimsy of fate, you could be a Transylvanian. Some people once wanted to take parts of Texas and Oklahoma to create the great state of Texlahoma (perhaps displaying a slight lack of imagination). When the Mormon church settled out west, Brigham Young petitioned to have the state of Deseret created, and the land he suggested make up the state included present-day Utah, almost all of Nevada and Arizona, a sizable chunk of California and bits of five other states. Long Island, in New York, even had designs on statehood at one time.

• You might be surprised to learn that in the 19th century, ice accounted for more shipping than any other commodity except cotton.

Thought for the Day: "The telling of jokes is an art of its own, and it always rises from some emotional threat. The best jokes are dangerous, and dangerous because they are in some way truthful." -- Kurt Vonnegut

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A: Apple, B: Banana, C: Cake, D: Donut, E: Egg, F: Fruit, G: Gum, H: Ham, I: Ice, J: Jelly, K: Ketchup, L: Lemon, M: Marshmallow, N: Nut, O: Orange, P: Pie, Q: Quiche, R: Raspberry, S: Strawberry, T: Tiramisu, U: Unicorn, V: Vanilla, W: Whipped Cream, X: Xmas, Y: Yogurt, Z: Zucchini  
 A: Apple, B: Banana, C: Cake, D: Donut, E: Egg, F: Fruit, G: Gum, H: Ham, I: Ice, J: Jelly, K: Ketchup, L: Lemon, M: Marshmallow, N: Nut, O: Orange, P: Pie, Q: Quiche, R: Raspberry, S: Strawberry, T: Tiramisu, U: Unicorn, V: Vanilla, W: Whipped Cream, X: Xmas, Y: Yogurt, Z: Zucchini

### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda This'0

7	1		5		2
	8	3			4
3	4	2	6	4	5
	9		3		1
6	1	9		8	
8		5	2		7

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sciences. "Many of our faculty have been teaching about the legendary women featured in this production — Frida Kahlo, Rufina Amaya, and Alfonsina Storni — and we love to have their stories brought to life on stage. It is always great

to engage students outside of the classroom."

The theatrical, musical production was a play in three acts and Vega, who also is a singer and dancer from San Juan, Puerto Rico, relished playing the roles of all three women.

"As Latino women we're all very different," she said of the trio of characters. "It's three

powerful women that went through a lot of things in their life and rocked it."

Kahlo, the first character introduced to the audience, is one of the most famous Latino American woman painters and one of the most significant Hispanic artists of her time (1907-1954).

She was married to Diego Rivera, another celebrated painter of his era and she spoke of their tempestuous and difficult relationship.

Kahlo, who contracted polio and survived a horrific train accident as a teenager, had numerous surgeries and wound up with a limp. Vega, whose character began to paint to deal with boredom, recounted Kahlo's trials and tribulations, as well as her passions in Spanish and English.

"I survived the accident, but everything caged," Vega described as Kahlo's character from Mexico City. "I was a caged dove ... When I paint I am in the world I want to be in."

Following the first intermission, Saint Leo freshman Leigh Schloop expressed her opinion on the opening performance: "I thought it was kind of cool. My friends are Spanish-speaking, so they were translating for me."

Act II stirred the most emotion from the audience, who at times gasped or sighed at the recollection of Rufina Amaya's life. Amaya escaped to the jungle during the 1981 massacre in El Salvador, which took place during that

country's civil war.

An elite unit in the Salvador Army massacred 700 men, women and children, all of whom were civilians. For years governments in El Salvador and the United States did not believe her story until a pair of investigative journalists and forensics teams proved it to be true.

"We never thought they would kill 700 people. The town looked like the dawn of the dead," Vega said as Amaya.


She then rendered an emotional remembrance of the horrific ordeal, detailing the rape and murder of hundreds of women and girls, including her own daughter. The story concluded with her harrowing escape from her village to the jungle.

Lastly, there was the story of Storni, Argentina's most famous female poet and feminist who lived in 1892-1938 before dying of cancer. Storni planned out her final days on earth as well as her last poem.

Afterward, students Luis Castro and Diery Melendez shared their opinions of the performance, which included Ju Young Lee on the cello, pianist Grace Han and Michael Parola on percussion.

"I just thought it would be interesting," Castro said.

Melendez especially liked the story of Storni: "She knew she was going to die and she planned everything."



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Left: Playing the role of Alfonsina Storni, Argentina's most famous female poet and a well-known feminist who died of cancer at a young age, actress Jenyvette Vega, from Puerto Rico, reads a poem.

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Below: The first character depicted by Vega in the musical theatrical production was Frida Kahlo, one of the most famous Latino American female painters.



Left: Ju Young Lee plays the cello during Tres Vidas, a musical theatrical production performed by Core Ensemble on Monday night at Saint Leo's Glen E. Greenfielder and Janet L. Denlinger Boardroom at the Student Community Center on campus. Aside from Vega and Lee, the ensemble included pianist Grace Han and Michael Parola on percussion.

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Griffin is the son of Deborah L. and Robert D. Griffin of Pine Bluff, N.C., brother of Benjamin L. Griffin of Dade City and Joshua E. Griffin of Minot Air Force Base, N.D. and husband of Molly M. Griffin of New Port Richey.

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## CLUB NEWS

### Woman's Club of Zephyrhills

The woman's club meeting is Oct. 4, 12 p.m. at 38545 5th Ave. Lunch will be served. The woman's club is a service club open to women aged 18 and older.

For more information, call Becky at (813) 310-9165.

### Nature Coast Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society

The plant society meeting is Oct. 8, 7 p.m. at the Land O' Lakes Heritage Park, 5401 Land O' Lakes Blvd.

The subject will be "The Importance of Native Plants," presented by Craig Huegel. Developed landscapes are intricately connected to the world around us, yet for too long we have not fully grasped their ecological importance or their role in preserving biodiversity. Aesthetics is an important consideration, but we need to rethink our concept of what that constitutes. Plants form the foundation of an ecological landscape and native plants fulfill that role in ways most non-natives can not.

Huegel, PhD, is a wildlife biologist with a special interest in plants and their role in creating ecological landscapes in developed areas. He helped found the Urban Wildlife Cooperative Extension Program at the University of Florida and served as the Environmental Lands Division Director for Pinellas County before working as an environmental consultant and educator.

Meetings of the chapter are free, and all interested parties are invited to attend, to bring questions about their yard, and participate in light refreshments and the native plant drawing.

A Native Plant Sale is Oct. 19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Land O' Lakes Heritage Park, 5401 Land O' Lakes Blvd. For more information, call (727) 207-1853 or visit <http://www.pasconativeplants.org>.

### East Pasco Networking Group

The networking group meeting is Oct. 8, 7:30 a.m. at IHOP, 13100 US 301 in Dade City.

The guest speaker will be Shane LeBlanc, public works director for the City of Zephyrhills and Thereasa LeBlanc, advertising manager with The Zephyrhills News.

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### Pasco County Genealogical Society

The genealogical society meeting is Oct. 12, from 10 a.m. Meetings are hosted in the Latter Day Saints Meeting Room at 9016 Fort King Rd. Guests are welcome if interested in genealogy.

James Fritz will discuss "Coins and Currencies used in America from Colonial Days to Present Day."

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Right: Zephyrhills Fire Rescue Cadet 650 chapter showed up for community support.

Below: Terry Rodenfels, a longtime volunteer for the Zephyrhills Police Department, hands out crime scene tape.

STEVE LEE



Above left: Two city fire trucks were among the major attractions during National Night Out, which took place on Tuesday at Zephyr Commons.

Above: Children, some accompanied by their parents, stopped on blocks to win prizes.

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partners and pets.

"Once I take that collar off I take him home with me and he's a normal dog," Limoges said. "I have nieces and nephews who come over and play with him."

While Limoges and Upchurch showed off their dogs, former K-9 officer Joe Rinaldo was on hand to assist. Rinaldo, who also coaches the girls weightlifting team at Zephyrhills High, had two dogs in 13 years as a K-9 officer, German Shepherds Gunner and Mako, both of whom have since passed away.

A popular table in the parking lot was in front of Terry Rodenfels, a volunteer for the local police for the past nine years, and Angela Adams, the department's records clerk. They helped kids get their fingerprints on yellow balloons and passed out crime scene tape that little boys and girls seemed to enjoy.

At one point Crystal Springs resident Mike Yater held his 2-year-old son Brent in his arms as he got finger-printed by Rodenfels and Adams.

Hovered near two city fire trucks were a dozen members of the Zephyrhills Fire Rescue Cadets 650. They represented a combination of middle and high school students from Zephyrhills, Wesley Chapel and Lakeland as well as a few recent graduates from those schools.

Many among that group said they plan to pursue careers in fire rescue, emergency medical technicians and nursing. They also relish the opportunity to display the trucks apparatus and equipment donned by firefighters, as well as a chance to recruit new members.

Makala Hall, the post's fire captain and 2019 Zephyrhills High graduate, said she simply likes "just being able to help the community" though educational opportunities like Tuesday night as well as taking part in the city's various parades.

Noralee Dries, a Wesley Chapel senior, said she became a cadet, in part, because her father Chris is a county volunteer firefighter.

Anthony Lopresti, a 2018 Zephyrhills graduate, remains a cadet while studying to be an EMT. At a young age he decided that "this is what I wanted to do."

Orin Vaughn, a Zephyrhills High junior, 2019 Zephyrhills graduate Kelsey Narhi offered similar thoughts with Narhi saying, "I fell in love with the program. It met my expectations."

The youngest in the group was O.J. Perez, a seventh-grader at Zephyrhills Christian Academy who said he always wanted to be a firefighter and when he was little got to get onto the trucks.

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