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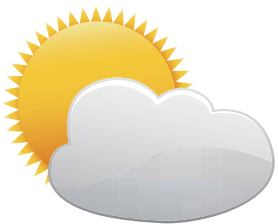
### 10th Annual Pigz in Z'hills BBQ & Blues Festival

The 10th Annual Pigz in Z'hills BBQ and Blues Festival is Jan. 17-18 at the Airport Event Center. There also will be live entertainment, a car show and kids zone.

### Suncoast Arts Fest, Jan. 18-19

The Shops at Wiregrass hosts the Suncoast Arts Fest this weekend. The 15th annual fine arts show features more than 125 artists and craftsmen and much more.

➤ 2A



## Weather

Following an unseasonably warm spell things cool off over the next seven days. Daytime temperatures will primarily be in the 60s-70s while evenings later in the week are expected to drop into the 40s.

➤ 3A

## Sports

### Resurgent Bulldogs fall to Wildcats in girls basketball

The resurgent Zephyrhills girls basketball team, which already has won more games than in any of the past 20 seasons, gets schooled by powerhouse Wesley Chapel.

### Tennis for everyone at the courts in Zephyr Park

Adults, snowbirds and year-round residents alike, have long made a habit of playing tennis on weekday mornings at the courts adjacent to the Alice Hall Community Center.

### Zephyrhills Shufflers dominate mixed doubles

The Zephyrhills Shuffleboard Club dominated in mixed doubles during a recent tournament at Oakside.

➤ 1B

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# How sweet and spicy it is at cane syrup festival



John Falls keeps cane syrup stirred in a boiling pot to demonstrate the process of making the sweet and spicy concoction.

STEVE LEE

## Pioneer Florida Museum hosts Raising Cane event with animals and chili cook-off among highlights

By STEVE LEE  
 News Reporter

Over the years Pioneer Florida Museum & Village has hosted numerous historical and traditional events harkening back to days gone by. One of the most popular annual happenings took place on the grounds in Dade City last Saturday with Raising Cane, A Sweet

and Spicy Event.

Indeed, it was quite sweet and spicy as volunteers stirred homemade cane syrup in an oversized cooking pot. Among those experienced cane syrup makers were Marcus Copeland and John Falls, who stirred the boiling liquid until it reached an ideal substance level.

Charlie Kirsey, who fueled the fire below with stacked firewood, explained that 80 gallons of juice must be extracted from sugar cane that it cut and then squeezed to come up with about eight gallons of syrup to be bottled.

The three men are always around to answer various questions from people who stop by to witness the old traditional process.

➤ RAISING CANE: See Page 9A

## City council recognizes Arbor Day, approves zoning changes

*A number of zoning requests by the planning department were approved during Monday's city council meeting*

By ANDY WARRENER  
 News Reporter

The meeting led off with Zephyrhills Mayor Gene Whitfield proclaiming Arbor Day. Whitfield presented a plaque to Zephyrhills Garden Club Vice President Beverly Jones and Secretary Phyllis Blanchard denoting Jan. 17 as Arbor Day. It began in 1872 when Sterling Morton proposed that the Nebraska Board of Agriculture set aside a special day for the planting of trees. Arbor Day is now a holiday observed around the world.

Consent agenda items 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5 were lumped together and approved unanimously. Item 2.1 simply approved regular meeting minutes from the Dec. 9 meeting. Item 2.2 approved an amendment to Sunburst Water System. Item 2.3 rescinded a water tank maintenance contract cancellation notice. Item 2.4 awarded a bid for Lake Necessity's ornamental fence. Item 2.5 approved adding additional staff to utility billing.

Item 2.6 which dealt with additional training in the IT Department was pulled for further discussion. In the discussion, IT Director Mike Panak gave a status update on the training his department is undergoing to take additional city services back in house after the issue with former billing vendor Fathom. Panak noted that while he and his department were encountering some issues, New Port Richey, who is also attempting the same bringing of services in-house, is further behind. The software system requires collaboration with the software designer and getting time with said designer is presenting challenges. Panak did say that the billing services should be ready by the end of March or beginning of April but that the department would need additional training from Tyler-EnerGov to continue moving forward.

Councilman Lance Smith called it, "a significant investment in progress" and "valuable training that was money well spent." Smith made the initial motion to approve and the item was passed unanimously.

In the Business Items section, three ordinances

➤ CITY COUNCIL: See Page 8A

# Model train day at Zephyrhills Depot Museum

*Open house welcomes the public and train enthusiasts to check out a model train layout*

By STEVE LEE  
 News Reporter

The Zephyrhills Depot Museum was the place to be for model train aficionados last Saturday morning. They came for train day, an open house session in the morning to highlight a large layout downstairs.

The event, much smaller than a model train show and swap meet that was a big hit for locals and out-of-town visitors as well last spring, will take place on the second Saturday of each month during the current winter season.

"We were here when they had the big one," said Grace Smith, who along with her husband Dale are winter residents of Zephyrhills who go back to Indiana in the off-season.

Added Dale, "We like the train station and taking pictures to take home to our son. He likes trains. That's what we bought him when he was little."

"I've been here several times and they had more last year," said Helen Rhine, a winter resident of Zephyrhills who is from Wisconsin. "It was real nice."

➤ TRAIN DEPOT: See Page 4A



Train enthusiasts visited the Zephyrhills Depot Museum on Saturday to check out a large train layout downstairs.

STEVE LEE

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**CINEMA 10 R**  
**LIKE A BOSS**  
Fri. - Sun. 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10  
Mon.-Thurs. 1:45, 4:45, 7:45

CLUB NEWS

**Zephyrhills Garden Gate Garden Club**

The garden club meeting is Jan. 16, 10 a.m. in the Magnuson Hotel, 5734 Gall Blvd. There will be a speaker and program about the raising and care of succulents and cacti. Arbor Day at Veteran's Park celebration will be Jan. 17, 2 p.m. Public is welcome to join in this special occasion.  
For information, call (813) 782-8004.

**Pasco County Historical Society**

The historical society meeting is Jan. 17, 6 p.m. at the Pioneer Florida Museum & Village, 15602 Pioneer Rd. in Dade City. The speaker will be Sister Roberta Bailey, O.S.B., prioress of the Benedictine Sisters of Florida at Saint Leo. Her program topic will be The History of the Benedictine Sisters of Florida. Guests are welcome. A carry-in dinner precedes the program, so bring a dish to share as well as cutlery for your personal use, plate and your beverage of choice.  
For more information, call Glen M. Thompson at (352) 567-7449.

**East Pasco Networking Group**

The networking group meeting is Jan. 28, 7:30 a.m. at IHOP, 13100 U.S. Hwy. 301 in Dade City. The guest speaker will be Bob Hatfield, from Congressman Gus Bilirakis' office. He will present: What was accomplished and what lies ahead in 2020. Networking is one of the best methods to make your business grow. For more information, call (813) 782-9491.

**Land O' Lakes Garden Club**

The garden club meeting is Feb. 4, 10:30 a.m. at the Land O' Lakes Heritage Park, 5401 Land O' Lakes Blvd. The presentation will be: The Race to Grow Vegetables. Come and see how to make a revved-up soil engine. See what to use for fertilizer fuel. Learn what seeds or plants to use to carry that engine to the finish and win healthy vegetables. The guest speaker will be Master Gardener Bob O'Brien. O'Brien spent a lifetime gardening for a living after getting a B.S. in Horticulture. After retiring to Florida, he became a UF Master Gardener and has been teaching children to grow vegetables at five school gardens for the past seven years.  
For more information, call Marie Woody at (813) 508-0975.

**Zephyr Sound**

Ladies do you like to harmonize? The Zephyr Sound, an informal ladies barbershop chorus, which entertains at various parks in the area might be the group for you.

Practices are Mondays 2-4 p.m. at the Zephyrhills Wesleyan Church, 38924 C Ave. Women of all ages who love to sing harmony are welcome. Leads and tenors are needed, but all voices are welcome. If you are interested in joining, call Peggy Shear at (813) 991-9326 or come to the next rehearsal.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**10th Annual Pigz in Z'Hills BBQ & Blues Festival, Jan. 17-18.** Hours are Friday, 6-9 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Come out and enjoy some barbecue, live entertainment, car show and kidz zone at the Airport Event Center. Free admission, parking is \$10. For more information, call (813) 782-1913.



**Suncoast Arts Fest, Jan. 18-19** at The Shops at Wiregrass, 28211 Paseo Dr. Celebrate a weekend of the arts as the Suncoast Arts Fest presents the 15th annual fine arts show. There are over 125 fine artists and craftsmen, live music, youth entertainment, kid's arts area and much more. The show is Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. and benefits Arts for Kids. For more information, visit www.suncoastartsfest.com.

**Florida RV SuperShow, through Jan. 19**, the largest RV show in the country. There are over 1550 RV's on display and over 450 booths. The show is located at the Florida State Fairgrounds, 4800 U.S. Hwy. 301. For more information about ticket and parking prices visit frvta.org.



**Kumquat Festival, Jan. 25, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.** This event, sponsored by the Dade City Chamber of Commerce, draws up to 40,000 people to the area every year. The Kumquat Festival boasts more than 400 booths lining Meridian Avenue between State Road 52 and U.S. Highway 301. Visitors sample all manner of kumquat cuisine from pies, smoothies, marmalade, cookies and ice cream to salsa. There is live music and arts and crafts. The Kumquat Festival has earned its reputation for great entertainment and fun. For more information, call the Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce at (352) 567-3769.

**Saturday in the Square Classic Car Cruise In, Jan. 25, 5 p.m.** on Fifth Avenue in Zephyrhills. There will be street rod and antique cars lined up along Fifth Avenue. Along with the cars will be food and beverage vendors and live entertainment. For more information, call (813) 780-1414.

**Farm Fest & Quilt Show, Feb. 1.** The quilt show is Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. with horse pull competition beginning at 12 p.m. There is live music with the Barking Dogs, arts and craft show and lunch available at the concession stand. Admission for adults is \$10, students \$6 and children under 5 are free. For more information, call the Pioneer Florida Museum at (352) 567-0262 or visit pioneerfloridamuseum.org.

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 SUNSET: 5:55pm MOONSET: 12:24pm

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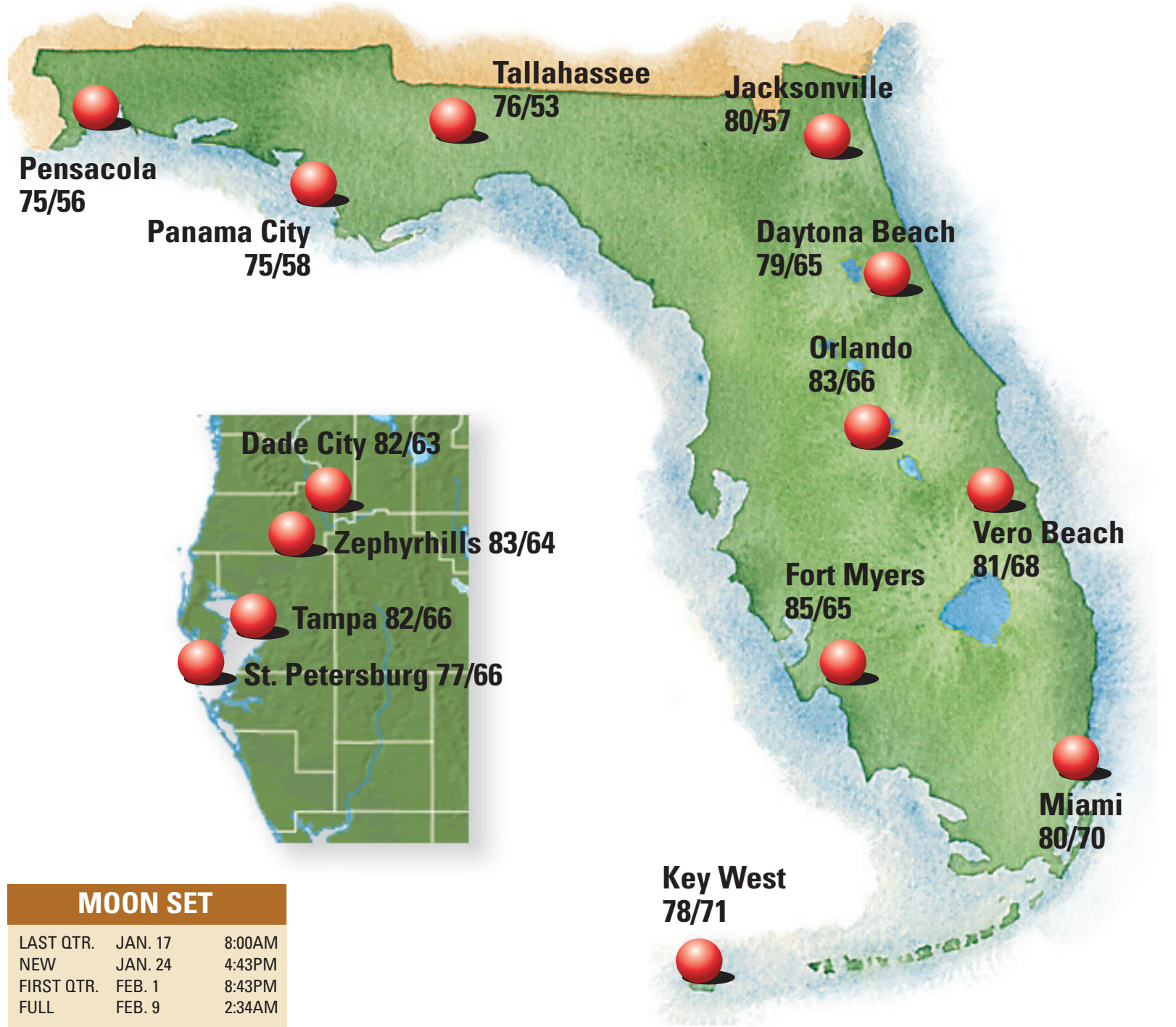
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Right: Trainmaster Ron Smith and Lee Reynolds, who keeps the tracks clean, work on getting a camera inside of a train. Afterward, images were projected on a large screen on the wall so people could get a unique view.



Below: Ginger Weiskpf-Lee and her granddaughter Kinsey Weiskpf viewed the layout.



Above: As the day progressed the Zephyrhills Depot Museum got filled with visitors arriving to check out the model train display.

STEVE LEE

► **TRAIN DEPOT:** From Page 1A

"It's very interesting," added Velma Hockenberry, who also is a snowbird from Wisconsin. "They had the different trains going through tunnels. The whole layout was very nice. The guys who do this really love it."

On Saturday, first-time visitors and long-time enthusiasts alike marveled at the layouts of several trains running on tracks through little scenic villages. Part of the layout incorporated facts of Zephyrhills, including a replica of the downtown area.

William Craven, a Zephyrhills snowbird from Albany, N.Y., helped put on the large show last year, which included several large displays as well as vendors for various trains and accessories. As a longtime member of the Zephyrhills Trainmen Association, he also is overseeing

the monthly displays this year.

"We started this about 20 years ago," Craven said. "We wanted to include something with Zephyrhills, so we tried to do the best that we could."

"I like the layout," Dale Smith said.

So too did Rebekah Koerbelin, who recently moved from Oregon to the neighborhood and walked over to check out the train display. She said her father Leigh, who used to have a train set and passed away, "would've loved this."

The depot museum is housed in a 2,700-square-foot building with two levels. Originally it was a 1927 Atlantic Coast Line Depot, which the city purchased from CSX Railroad in 1989 and relocated 200 feet to the west. The building was restored by the Historical Preservation Committee and Zephyrhills Historical Association in 1997.

Trainmaster Ron Smith and Lee Reynolds, who keeps the tracks clean, worked together on a train with a camera attached so visitors could look up to a monitor on a wall and watch where a train was headed along the track.

"We can show people what it looks like," said Smith, who later placed the train engine with a camera on various tracks.

For now, the train displays will take place on the second Saturdays of each month. Organizers are not sure if the larger and more organized shows will be back anytime soon.

"It's a lot of work," Smith said. "Instead of doing one big show we do it once a month so the general public can see it."

Reynolds noted that at last year's show there was a much larger layout upstairs on the porch, "but we cut it back now that it's down here."

Noting that a lot of retirees came out to check out the display, Zephyrhills' Bernie Tribull, builds train puzzles, said he hoped children and younger people would stop by to check it out.

"They need to get more children involved he said, adding, "At Christmas time they should have a train around their tree."



Above: William Craven points out a train to a visitor.

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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Use that Arian charm to help make a difficult workplace transition easier for everyone. News about a long-awaited decision can be confusing. Don't jump to conclusions.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Although you might well be tempted to be more extravagant than you should be at this time, I'm betting you'll let your sensible Bovine instinct guide you toward moderation.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) An opportunity for travel could come with some problems regarding travel companions and other matters. So be sure you read all the fine print before you start packing.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Make an effort to complete your usual workplace tasks before volunteering for extra duty. Scrambling to catch up later on could create some resentment among your colleagues.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) A financial matter could have you rethinking your current spending plans. You might want to recheck your budget to see where you can cut back on expenses until the situation improves.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) One way to make your case for that promotion you've been hoping for might be to put your planning skills to work in helping to shape up a project that got out of hand. Good luck.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Be careful about "experts" who have no solid business background. Instead, seek advice on enhancing your business prospects from bona fide sources with good success records.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Standing up to support a colleague's viewpoint -- even if it's unpopular -- can be difficult if you feel outnumbered. But you'll win plaudits for your honesty and courage.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) While progress continues on resolving that recurring problem, you might feel it's taking too long. But these things always need to develop at their own pace. Be patient.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Someone close to you might have a financial problem and seek your advice.

If you do decide to get involved, insist on seeing everything that might be relevant to this situation.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) A personal matter takes an interesting turn. The question is, do you want to follow the new path or take time out to reconsider the change? Think this through before deciding.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Moving into a new career is a big step. Check that offer carefully with someone who has been there, done that, and has the facts you'll need to help you make your decision.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your warmth and generosity both of spirit and substance endears you to everyone.

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### SCRAMBLERS

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

Crustacean: **WARP** \_\_\_\_\_

Water: **BELBOW** \_\_\_\_\_

Organic: **GRANEAR** \_\_\_\_\_

Ordinary: **CAPITYL** \_\_\_\_\_

**TODAY'S WORD** \_\_\_\_\_

### Kids' Maze

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## Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

### RIDDLE SEARCH - MANY WAYS TO EAT

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to the riddle: **How does a train eat?**

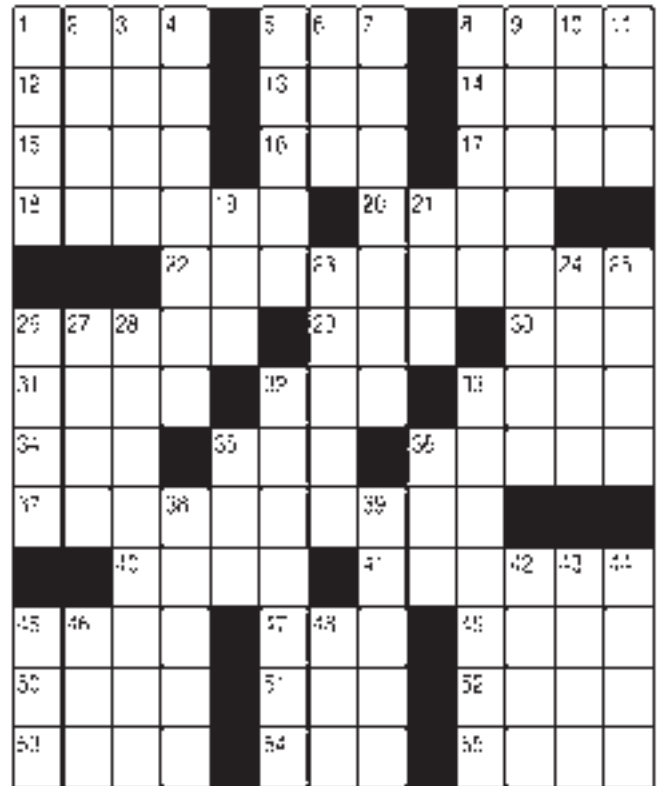
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H	A	V	E	A	S	N	A	C	K

Riddle answer: \_\_\_\_\_

## KING CROSSWORD - JAN. 16

### ACROSS

- 1 Cleans the floors
- 5 Pouch
- 8 One of the Three Bears
- 12 Admitting customers
- 13 Time of your life?
- 14 Change for a five
- 15 Draped dress
- 16 Sailor
- 17 Western state
- 18 Deceptive
- 20 Melody
- 22 Lengthwise, to 16-Across
- 26 In spades
- 29 Actress Farrow
- 30 Mai -- (cocktail)
- 31 Exceptional
- 32 Corral
- 33 Check
- 34 Film trickery, for short
- 35 One of the Brady Bunch
- 36 Cartoonist Trudeau
- 37 Everywhere
- 40 Surround
- 41 Attachments
- 45 Blunder
- 47 Rowing need
- 49 Help in crime
- 50 Padlock fastener
- 51 Oilfield structure
- 52 Fourth dimension
- 53 Vocal comeback
- 54 Hearty brew
- 55 Surmounting



- 2 Colorful fish
- 3 Graceful woman
- 4 Cold symptom
- 5 Attendant of Bacchus
- 6 -- Khan
- 7 Foolproof
- 8 100 pence
- 9 Enemy of an "army"?
- 10 Shade of green
- 11 Shade of blonde
- 19 Plaything
- 21 Actress Merkel
- 23 Make corrections
- 24 Equitable
- 25 Wee
- 26 St. Louis landmark
- 27 Creche trio
- 28 Annoyingly proper
- 32 Internet radio provider
- 33 Numbers to be crunched
- 35 Cookie container
- 36 Deity
- 38 Ballerina in "Fantasia"
- 39 Ginormous
- 42 Last write-up
- 43 "Finding --"
- 44 Flight component
- 45 That girl
- 46 Fond du --, Wis.
- 48 Have something

### DOWN

- 1 Rolling stone's lack

## ANSWERS TO KING CROSSWORDS JAN. 9



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### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

Place a number in the empty boxes so that every row, column, and 3x3 square contains all the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

### HOCUS-FOCUS

By HEINRY HOLTHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



# STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was Nigerian poet and novelist Ben Okri who made the following sage observation: "Beware of the stories you read or tell; subtly, at night, beneath the waters of consciousness, they are altering your world."
- Romans thought that roses could prevent drunkenness.
- The neon sign was invented in France in 1910, but the first one didn't come to the United States until 1923. That was the year a car dealership in Los Angeles put up two brightly lit "Packard" signs. The novelties literally stopped traffic in the streets.
- Those who study such things say that China gets more earthquakes than any other country.
- Medical specialists say that the true definition of an insomniac is someone who wants to go to sleep but can't. If you can't go to sleep but aren't really trying anyway, the term doesn't apply to you.
- Pure water doesn't conduct electricity; in fact, it's an insulator. It's the impurities in water that conduct electricity -- making it a bad idea to use a hair dryer in the shower. There are underground lakes so pure that you can safely change a light bulb in them.
- The old Pony Express has been romanticized in modern times, but it's rarely pointed out that it was a financial failure. The mail delivery service actually lost an average of \$13 for every item it carried.
- According to a number of psychological surveys and studies, men have more friends early in life, while women have more friends when they're older.
- All tortoises are turtles, but not all turtles are tortoises.

Thought for the Day: "When you're traveling, you are what you are right there and then. People don't have your past to hold against you. No yesterdays on the road." -- William Least Heat-Moon

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# STICKELERS

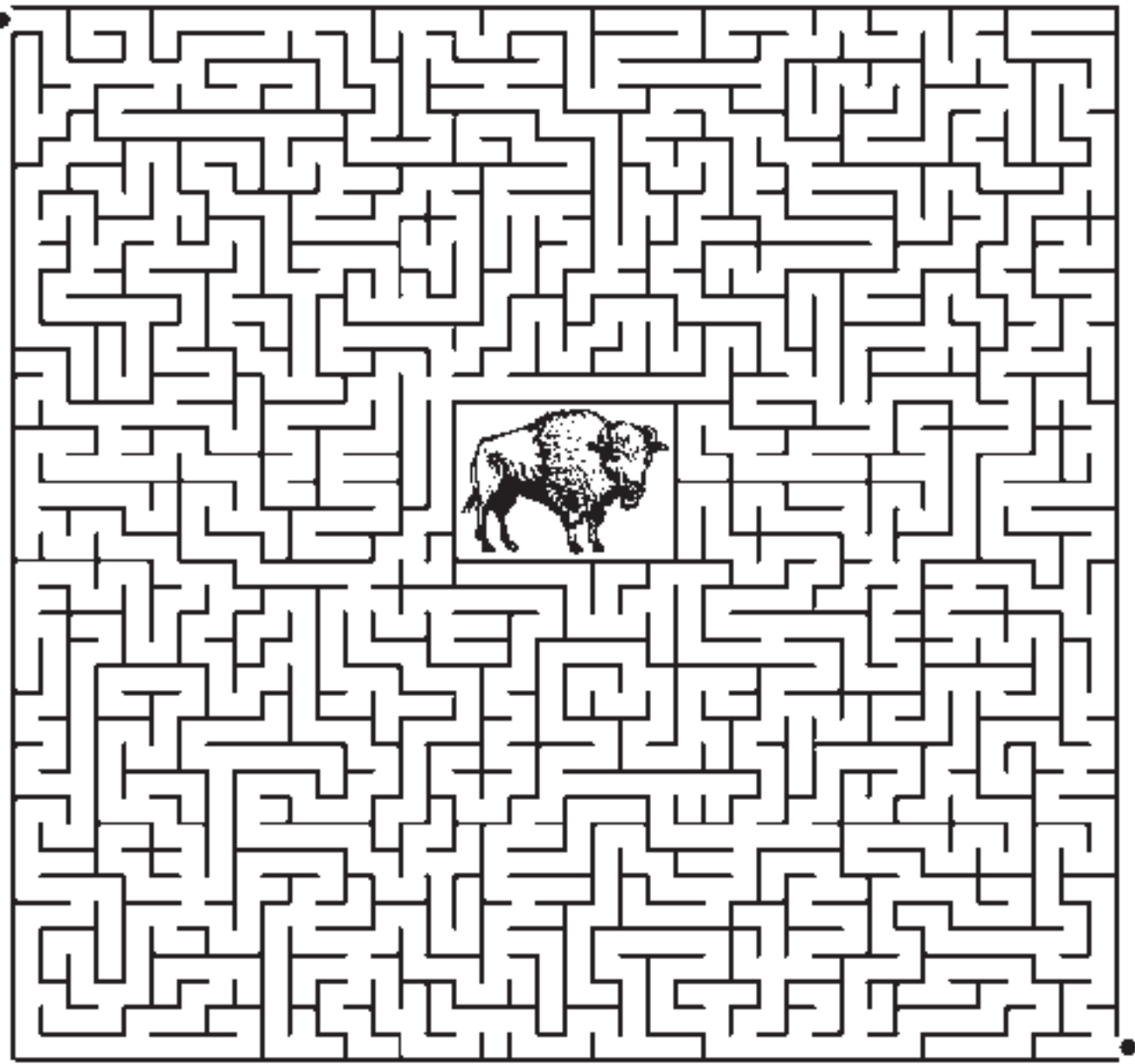
by Terry Stickels

How many anagrams can you find for each word?

- 1) auctioned
- 2) mastering
- 3) introduces
- 4) restrain
- 5) teardrop

## Mega Maze

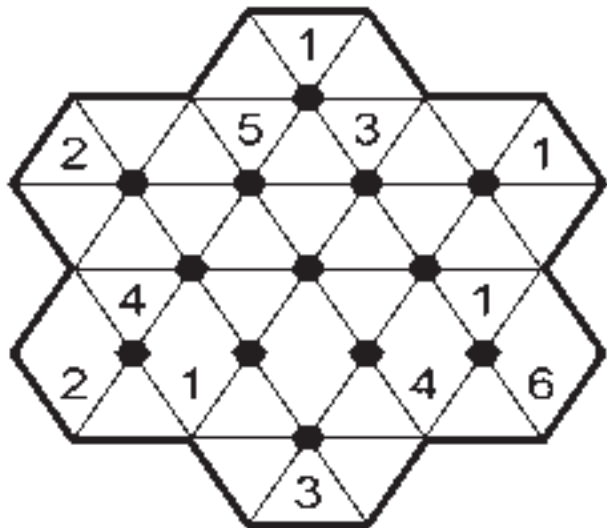
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## SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

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



**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆◆◆  
 ◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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## Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an L, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

- |                         |           |                        |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Of greater height    | ___ A ___ | Penn's magical partner | ___ E ___ |
| 2. "The ___ Year Itch"  | ___ ___ N | Separate               | ___ ___ R |
| 3. Tear-causing bulb    | O ___     | Workers' organization  | U ___     |
| 4. Indulge in self-pity | ___ ___ W | Clobber                | ___ ___ P |
| 5. Fully fledged        | ___ W     | Grumble                | ___ A     |
| 6. Bread leavening      | Y ___     | Celebration            | F ___     |
| 7. Gentleman farmer     | ___ ___ E | Wriggle and fidget     | ___ M     |
| 8. Hermit               | ___ N     | Also-ran               | ___ S     |
| 9. Originate            | ___ T ___ | Pleat                  | ___ S     |
| 10. Leo's deep roar     | ___ E ___ | Large sea wave         | ___ I ___ |

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions: forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- |           |          |           |                |
|-----------|----------|-----------|----------------|
| Anka      | Dylan    | McCartney | Sondheim       |
| Bertin    | Gershwin | Porter    | Stephen Foster |
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## Local student graduates from Flagler College

Seth Burden, of Dade City, graduated from Flagler College on Dec. 14, 2019 at its fall commencement exercises.

The ceremony, held in the Flagler College Gymnasium, awarded 135 degrees. The commencement speaker was 2008 alumnus Viv Helwig, founder and president of Vested Metals International, LLC, a specialty metals and steel distribution

company headquartered in St. Augustine.

Flagler College is a small private, independent college located in St. Augustine. The college offers 34 majors, 41 minors, and a master's degree in Education of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing. Flagler College has an enrollment of about 2,500 students, as well as an offsite campus in Tallahassee.



Above: Zephyrhills Mayor Gene Whitfield hands Zephyrhills Garden Club members Beverly Jones and Phyllis Blanchard an Arbor Day proclamation.



Left: Zephyrhills Planning Director Todd Vande Berg discusses a zoning change for a 172-plus acre property north of Eiland Boulevard.

ANDY WARRENER

### ► CITY COUNCIL: From Page 1A

were read by city attorney Matthew Maggard. First ordinances was a second reading of this ordinance received no public comment and heard little discussion from the dais. It dealt with annexation of territory on the north side of 37651 8th Avenue on the west side of town. The property in question is approximately 9.62 acres. It passed the council unanimously.

Item 3.2 had it's second reading as well. Ordinance 1398-20 dealt with a zoning change to the aforementioned property. There were three areas within the property that have proposed changes. The areas zoned RES-9 now revert to City RE (Residential Estate). The areas that were County R3 and C1 will change to City ER (Estate Residential). The ordinance passed unanimously with no public comment and little discussion from the dais.

Item 3.3 elicited some discussion as it dealt with a much larger, roughly 172-acre property. This item was in just its first reading.

The property in question is located north of Eiland Boulevard between Simons Road and Dean Dairy Road and the zoning change requested a move from RE (Residential Estate) to RS (Residential Suburban). This would increase the allotted house-per-acre mandate from 0 to 2.5 homes per acre to 2.5 homes to 7.5 homes per acre. This ordinance generated much discussion from council members. Transportation along Eliand Boulevard garnered much of the debate.

With the Sarah Vande Berg Tennis Center being built in the area, there was much concern over traffic issues, particularly with large events or once the property is developed. Several options were discussed, such as adding traffic signals or designated right turn lanes at the major intersections.

Council members generally agreed that how this property is handled and how the collaboration with Pasco County went, would set precedent for future development in the area.

"This piece of property is going to be under the microscope for future development," councilwoman Jodi Wilkeson said.

Councilman Smith noted how whatever the council decided on, it would be, "three years before any of it gets implemented." The ordinance passed unanimously on its first reading.

Next up, the council set the date for the upcoming Mayor's Caucus with regard to upcoming municipal elections in November. The date was set for Feb. 20, 6 p.m.

In the City Manager's Report, Zephyrhills City Manager William Poe Jr. asked the council to approve the expenditure of \$88,810. The amount is set to be moved from contingency dollars from the Simons Road project in order to contract Kimley-Horn to conduct a roadway analysis, drainage analysis, prepare concept plans, provide utility coordination, assist with appropriate permitting, prepare a construction cost estimate, prepare a preliminary engineering report present those findings to the council and assist in the submittal of State appropriation requests. The area in question spans from C Street to US Highway 301 along 7th Street. The city, among other things, would like to change some of the roads back to bi-directional roads. A roadway analysis that Kimley-Horn will provide will assist the city when they turn to the State for funding requests for the project. The DOT already has plans for updating US Highway 301.

In the Citizen Comments, Randy Stovall pumped up the upcoming Pigz in Zhills event this Saturday and praise the public works department for completing the Z Event Center just in time for the festival. Stovall mentioned some of the new events set for Friday, the 17th, such as a band competition.

Jay Martello of Hair Designs by Jay, again addressed the council with regard to vehicles speeding through the dirt road alley that connects South Avenue and A Avenue behind his business. He suggested a sign or police presence to prevent any incidents.

Praise for city staff went pretty well around the dais as council members welcomed the first meeting of 2020.



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Right: An old red tractor proved to be a popular stop for children and families who ventured over to the old barn where cane syrup was being made at the Pioneer Florida Museum and Village.



Right: Volunteers displayed an old knitting machine and worked on wool projects.



STEVE LEE

Below: Charlie Kirsey shows how cane is squeezed.



Right: Marcus Copleland displays how to stir the cane syrup in a boiling vat. He has been raising cane on his farm in Dade City for years.



Left: The C.C. Smith General Store, one of many old structures at the village, was a popular stop during Saturday's festival.

► **RAISING CANE:** From Page 1A

"They ask how many gallons the kettle holds, they want to know if it tastes like maple syrup. Not quite," said Dade City's Copeland, who at 78 years old has processed cane syrup for most of his life. "I love it. I've been doing this for as long as I can remember. I've got sugar cane growing in my yard."

In front of a historical wooden barn-like structure where the large pot sits was Jeanene Arrington-Fisher, who cooked corn cakes over a small fire pit so passers-by could smear cane syrup on for a sample tasting. She also made beans and peach cobbler.

"There's no better way to taste the syrup than on a corn cake," said Arrington-Fisher, who also is an outdoor adventure guide from Kathleen.

One couple displayed mixed reactions to the syrup.

"Um, I don't really care for it," Susannah Lowe, of Lakeland, said.

"Well, I think it's quite tasty. It's got a kick," added her husband Rodney.

Arrington-Fisher heard plenty of reactions, but said more people favored the syrup than not.

"I had one lady come back for thirds," she said, noting that the syrup is "100 percent pure."

Aside from cane syrup the annual event featured an International Chili Society-sanctioned chili cook-off, live entertainment at the covered bandstand and various vendors. Of course, there also were the historical houses, barns, train and old fire truck that served as other attractions.

Last year, a team of Zephyrhills city officials won a chili cook-off title. That was among three divisions up for grabs in the popular contest for the best homemade chili. This year there were five divisions.

This year's division winners were as follows: Andrew Perry, red; Bill Thomas, verde; Jonathan Everin, homestyle; Donald Perry, people's choice; and Ray Kunda, local people's choice. Others cracking the top five in various categories included: Bill Larder, Don Sprouse, Wes Carlson, Michael Powers, Larry Weitkol, John Blackwell, Lisa Demello, Brian Phillips and John Thomas.

Long before the results were announced, Burt Golub, a blacksmith at the village, knew who he was voting for as far as the best chili.

"I tried almost every one of them. I think I have one left," he said while finishing off a chili sample. "There is a good variety here."

Whether he is working at the events or simply enjoying them, Golub, who is from New Port Richey, said, "I like coming out here and working with the folks. The thing is that it's a community effort. I'm very impressed with that."

The next popular event at the historic location is the 30th Annual Farm Festival and Quilt Show on Feb. 1. A highlight of that annual event is the Southern Draft Horse Pulling Competition.



Left: Jeanene Arrington-Fisher made corn cakes for visitors.

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