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Season Greetings

May holiday cheer last throughout the year. Inside this week's edition, local businesses extend Merry Christmas wishes with a heartfelt thank you for community support.

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Weather

Cooler temperatures will continue with a chance of showers on Christmas and temperatures only reaching into the 60s. Nighttime temperatures will dip into the 40s.

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Park News

Residents at Betmar Acres invite people into their homes to show off their Christmas decorations during the Show of Homes.

Residents at Colony Hills Community donate their extra wares and homemade bake goods for the annual bazaar and craft show.

West Zephyrhills Elementary School first graders sing Christmas songs for residents at Sundance and are treated to stockings from Santa.

The woman's club from Zach's Oak Side Mobile Home Park serve players a homemade lunch during the six-park shuffleboard tournament.

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Sports News

The Zephyrhills football team highlighted the All-Sunshine Athletic Conference awards. Additionally, Zephyrhills' William Poe is the SAC Boys Cross Country Runner of the Year. Wesley Chapel, Cypress Creek and Wiregrass Ranch also had several top award winners.

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Lions club hosts Toys for Tots



The Zephyrhills Lions Club hall was full of toys for the families who signed up for the Toys for Tots program.

SUSAN SLATER

Local families will have a brighter Christmas due to the donations from the community and volunteers

BY SUSAN SLATER
News Reporter

There is no better way to bring a community together than to help children have a wonderful Christmas. In 1947 Diane Hendricks, wife of Marine Corps Reserve Major Bill Hendricks wanted to donate a few handcrafted dolls to an agency that supported children in need. When Major Hendricks was unable to locate such a place, Diane Hendricks then instructed Major Hendricks to "start one!"

The Marines in his reserve unit collected and distributed 5,000 toys for families in need. With the sheer

success of this event, the commandant directed all Marine sites to implement a Toys for Tots campaign which became a national community action program in 1948.

"I have been doing this for 18 years. It is very rewarding," said Dee Cerruto, Lions club member. It is for the children."

Families check in with the volunteers. Maryann Grant, from Pittsburgh, has been taking her vacations for several years during this time to volunteer in the distribution of toys with her sister, Michelle Pulis, president of the Lions club.

Volunteers came from SADD, Wesley Chapel; ladies from Glen Haven Mobile Home Park; the JROTC, Civil Air Cadets, Moose members, Lions club members and bingo players of the Lions club. "They all came out to help set up and distribute toys for the families," said Pulis.

"We have limited this to Zephyrhills residents or stranded families. Maybe a child who just entered a

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Woman's Club of Zephyrhills hosts Christmas storytelling

"Every Christmas Story Ever Told" was performed by members of the Wesley Chapel Performing Arts Center

BY STEVE LEE
News Reporter

Members of the Wesley Chapel Theater Group, formed in 2021, got into the festive spirit for this this time of year during three days of funny storytelling.

The Woman's Club of Zephyrhills hosted the performances entitled, "Every Christmas Story Ever Told." Three shows, on Friday and Saturday evenings as well as a Sunday matinee, took place at the club on 5th Avenue.

The shows were directed by Mark Burdette and written by Michael Carleton, Jim Fitzgerald and John K. Alvarez with music by Will Knapp. Portraying numerous characters in a series of condensed skits were three actors — James Hernandez, Arturo Delacruz and Jonathan Hogsett.

Diana Dechichio, the theater group's president, and her husband, treasurer Dan Dechichio, promised that everyone in attendance would get a few laughs from the unique presentation.

"They covered literally all the famous Christmas stories," she said. "It's a comedy. These (actors) are hysterical."

"I think people were very pleased. I personally thought it was fabulous and I've been watching the growing pains for weeks."

Added Burdette, "It's a sense of the Christmas spirit ... and a lot of laughs. I've had the pleasure of directing these three men, who are hysterical."

The show was among several ideas submitted by artistic director Rachael Gandy-Naylor. There were several performances of holiday classics with funny twists and off-beat humor.

Additionally, in between skits the actors informed the audiences of Christmas traditions from around the world, seasonal icons from ancient times to topical pop-culture, along with brief interludes of Christmas carols.

In the first skit, Hernandez kept interrupting

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Bulldogs drop close game to rival Mitchell

Resurgent Zephyrhills started 5-1 before two unlikely losses against teams they could have defeated

BY STEVE LEE
Sports Reporter

Coming off a lackluster season in which it missed the playoffs following a three-year run in the postseason, what might have been another rebuilding year quickly shaped up into one that just might make the Zephyrhills girls basketball game a contender once again.

The resurgent Bulldogs got off to a strong start by winning five of their first six games. Following a season-opening loss to Class 5A, District 6 rival Wesley Chapel, Zephyrhills reeled off successive victories against Lakeland, Pasco (a 52-4 win over the longtime rival Pirates being the most lopsided win so far this season), Sunlake, Cypress Creek and Berkeley Prep.

Surely with a rematch against the Coyotes, with Zephyrhills having won the first meeting by a convincing 46-29 margin, and a game against Mitchell, another team that is expected to be better than last year, and a 7-1 record through eight games would not be out of the question.

In the unpredictable world of sports, however, the Bulldogs lost those two games. A 41-36 loss to Cypress Creek in

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Zephyrhills point guard Allison McCullough dribbles the ball past a Mitchell defender.

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Above: Dan Dechichio, treasurer of the Wesley Chapel Theater Group, and his wife Diana, the group's president, greeted people at the entrance.

Below: The three actors took on several scenes from Christmas performances, including this Scrooge segment.



Above: At the conclusion of last Saturday night's performance at the Zephyrhills Women's Club, James Hernandez, Arturo Delacruz and Jonathan Hogsett closed out the show with a medley of Christmas carols.



Above: In an audience participation segment of the show, Kyle Fisher joined the actors on stage for a segment in which he played Cindy Lou Who from "The Grinch."

Left: Director Mark Burdette goes over designs on the laptop of technician/stage manager Drew Hackworth.

STEVE LEE

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Delacruz's interpretation of Ebenezer Scrooge's opening monologue by protesting. "I just can't do it again," he whined. "The first time I was Tiny Tim. Now, I'm the old dead guy."

Later in the show, Hernandez became Gustov the Green-nosed Rain-goat, a comedic spin on "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer."

Billed as an audience participation show, two men sitting in chairs watching the performance were brought on stage Saturday night to play key roles in skits. Kyle Fisher adorned a makeshift wig to portray Cindy Lou Who in a Grinch skit while Rich Colon got up on stage to take part in a Christmas dating game themed segment.

Unbeknownst to Fisher, an actor with the New Tampa Players, his girlfriend Hannah Beaty raised her hand and pointed to him when the actors sought out a member from the audience to join them on stage.

As for Colon, the Wesley Chapel resident

said, "I was nervous. The last thing I wanted to do was to get pulled up on stage, but it was fun."

People in the audience were not the only ones who had a good time. The three actors enjoyed themselves as well.

Hernandez said he enjoyed the game show part in which he gets to joke around unscripted with a member of the audience.

In one segment, the actors intertwined 'A Christmas Carol' with 'A Wonderful Life.'

"To me, that was the hardest part, being able to go from one to the other," said Delacruz, who at the age of 48 said he had not acted since he was 18 in New York.

Hogsett also relished being on stage.

"Something's been missing in my life for a really long time," he said. "The stage was it."

The next presentation for the Wesley Chapel Theater Group is scheduled on Jan. 20 at the Lions Club of Zephyrhills. Broadway Through The Decades: Golden Era is a dinner show. Dinner is at 5:30 and the show starts at 7 p.m. General admission is \$50. Check out www.wesleychapeltheatergroup.org.

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Partly Cloudy
SUNRISE: 7:16am MOONRISE: 2:15pm
SUNSET: 5:37pm MOONSET: 2:56am



SATURDAY

71|51
Partly Cloudy
SUNRISE: 7:17am MOONRISE: 2:53pm
SUNSET: 5:38pm MOONSET: 3:59am



SUNDAY

72|54
Partly Cloudy
SUNRISE: 7:17am MOONRISE: 3:36pm
SUNSET: 5:38pm MOONSET: 5:03am



MONDAY

69|60
Showers
SUNRISE: 7:18am MOONRISE: 4:25pm
SUNSET: 5:39pm MOONSET: 6:07am



TUESDAY

76|62
Partly Cloudy
SUNRISE: 7:18am MOONRISE: 5:18pm
SUNSET: 5:39pm MOONSET: 7:08am



WEDNESDAY

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Showers
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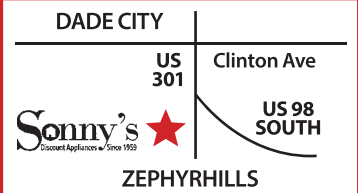
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Above: Toys are lined up in on tables throughout the hall at the Lions club for the families to chose from.

Right: Andrea Smith is with her volunteer elf, Mariska Burnside, who assists her with the toy search for her children.

Below: Annabell Dailey and Matthew Wright volunteer to distribute the bicycles and scooters.



Right: Dee Cerruto and Michelle Pulis, president of the Lions club, help check in the families as well as answer phones, questions and spread cheer to all.



Left: Maryann Grants from Pittsburgh and Debbie Phelps help to check in the families so that they are able to pick out toys for their children.

SUSAN SLATER

► TOYS FOR TOTS: From Page 1

foster home or just became a part of an organization and missed the sign up are eligible can be added," added Pulis.

The process for a family to receive toys from the Toys for Tots program begins with filling out an application starting in October. Approved applicants receive notice of specific locations for distribution and dates.

Local community businesses, fraternal organizations and mobile home parks set up boxes for the donations of new toys. Some host events to fundraise or collect toys. Hillside MHP's management provided a pork chop dinner and asked the residents to bring a brand-new toy to donate. The Moose lodge had a Car and Truck Show Toy Drive and Petsmart had one as well.

"Some kids are going to have a good Christmas. That is all that matters," said Debbie Phelps. As you walk into the Lions club hall you can feel the festive energy of the many elves assisting families while picking out toys for the children.

Nathaniel Pena, Airman First Class of the Civil Air Patrol, was helping parents to choose the right gift by asking what they were looking for. "We are a completely volunteer service," said Pena. "It feels great to help, to make a difference and crack jokes with people."

The many tables have toys set up by ages and sizes. A parent, grandparent or guardian must give proof for their child to receive toys. The many elves took them around to the appropriate tables with a list which marked a trail for them to follow to get the appropriate toys.

"I like giving back. I have done this for three to four years," said Cricket Nuttle, a volunteer from Glen Haven. "I worked on Saturday to set up the toys. It feels good that I was fortunate enough to afford toys for my kids, some families can't."

Alyssa Carlton, president of the Zephyrhills Antlers program, Mikayla Stevenson and Summer Bartlett volunteered as elves. "It makes me have joy in my heart because it helps people," said Stevenson. "It is a blessing in disguise and good thing to help people that are not able to afford presents for their kids for Christmas."

As the day goes on the tables go from toys piled high to being wiped out. "I am grateful to be here. I am glad Toys for Tots blesses us," said Andrea Smith, who was with her elf, Mariska Burnside from the Civil Air Patrol. "They give my kids a good Christmas. God is so good."

Annabell Dailey Wesley Chapel with the Lions club member and her boyfriend Matthew Wright. "I like being here. It feels good to help people. Helping to distribute the bicycles."

"We do more than volunteer. We educate on dating violence, do community outreach, attend local fairs to spread the word, use social media to reach out to the public," said Laura Hanley, president of SADD.

"We have a meeting every month and each month we focus on an area to work with. This month we are focusing on Mental Health. In October it was drug addiction during Red Ribbon month," said Hanley. "It's not just about volunteering. This is the best event because we are involved in change and get to meet the people we are helping face to face."

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Above: Some of the many volunteers that helped with the Toys for Tots program at the Zephyrhills Lions Club.

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

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

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

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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.

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

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OBITUARIES



Isabelle Ann Collins

COLLINS, Isabelle Ann, known to her loved ones as Izzie, passed away Dec. 3, 2023, at the age of 78 in Myrtle Beach, S.C. She was born on April 22, 1945, in Wauseon, Ohio, to the late Forrest family. She graduated from Delta High School as a part of the class of 1963 and Adrian College class of 1967, and got her Masters degree from Sienna Heights University. Izzie was

a sweet, funny, kind, and organized individual who brought joy to those around her. Izzie's career was dedicated to education. She spent 18 years as a beloved third-grade teacher at Ridgeway Elementary School before transitioning to work as a bank teller in Dade City for a few years. In her personal life, Izzie was a devoted mother to her daughter, Tammy (Norbert) and a loving grandmother to Drue. She also shared a strong bond with her sister, Carolyn. Izzie was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Tom, whom she cherished deeply. Izzie's faith was an integral part of her life, and she worshipped at the First Presbyterian Church in Zephyrhills. She found solace and support within her religious community. Outside of her professional and personal life, Izzie had a passion for various hobbies. She was an active member of The Ladies Oriental Shrine in Zephyrhills, where she dedicated her time

to planning activities and fundraising for the Shriner's Hospitals. She served as a Lady Shriner for 35 years, and was the very first Lady Shriner to be High Priestess twice. Izzie was an ardent sports fan, with a special love for tennis and other sports. Additionally, she adored her tuxedo cat, Jenna. A memorial service will be Feb. 19, 10:30 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge in Zephyrhills, 5950 12th St., to honor and celebrate Izzie's life. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Cairo Court #97 Shriners Hospital, PO Box 465, Zephyrhills, FL 33539 as a way to support the cause that Izzie held dear to her heart. Izzie's memory will forever remain in the hearts of her daughter, granddaughter, sister, friends, and all those who were fortunate enough to know her. She will be deeply missed and remembered for her kindness, dedication, and love for her family and community.



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LEO (July 23 to August 22) This is a good time to fill the family den with the love and warmth that you lucky Leos and Leonas exude. Invite friends to share in your happy celebrations.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
A family member pays you a surprise visit to help you celebrate the holidays. Meanwhile, that workplace problem is closer

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your holiday plans are working out as you had hoped they would. Congratulations! Also, expect news about a long-needed change in the workplace.

BORN THIS WEEK: You aim high, and you aim true. You are a good friend whose loyalty can be relied upon.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 TiVo precursor
4 Wide
9 America's uncle
12 Consume
13 Heart line
14 La-la lead-in
15 Gym machine
17 And so on (Abbr.)
18 Nabokov novel
19 Bowling lanes
21 Packs tightly
24 Go yachting
25 Yale grad
26 Author Umberto
28 Aegean island
31 Building wings
33 Farm female
35 Steakhouse order
36 Rice recipe
38 PC key
40 Chaney of horror
films
41 First lady of scat
43 Bistro furniture
45 Telepathic
47 Sushi choice
48 Hostel
49 Heavy burden
54 Memo letters
55 Deadly virus
56 Schlep
57 Air safety org.
58 Philly hooperster
59 Director Lee

DOWN

- 1 Animal doc
- 2 Train unit
- 3 Hwy.
- 4 Villain
- 5 Woo
- 6 "... -- quit!"
- 7 World record?
- 8 Texas city
- 9 Sheet metal producer
- 10 Bohemian

- 11 Apple computers
16 Small batteries
20 Tale teller
21 Army transport
22 “That’s -- need to know”
23 1,000-year spans
27 Have debts
29 Bassoon’s kin
30 Taxpayer IDs
32 Pretzel topper
34 Getty of “The Golden Girls”
37 Fireplace flickerers
39 Salad type
42 Suspect’s excuse
44 Crunchy sandwich
45 Peeve
46 “May It Be” singer

**ANSWERS TO KING
CROSSWORDS
DEC. 14**

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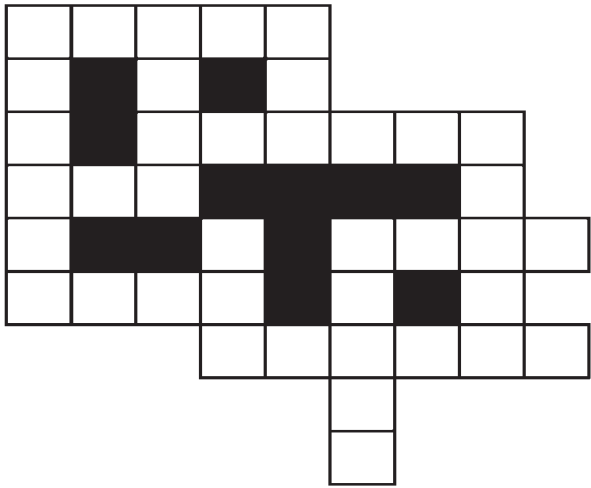
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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FEAR KNOT
By: rj johnson
DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

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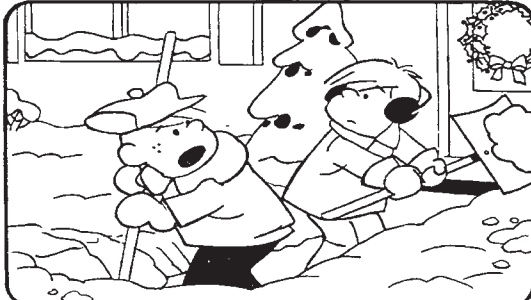
Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. **HAGNEC** becomes **CHANGE**). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥ **RATHE** becomes **HATER** or **EARTH** or **HEART**). Fit each string's word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

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

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|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 1. Canoe oar | — A — — — — | Small pool of water | — U — — — — |
| 2. Runner's pathway | — — — — K | Vanish without a | — — — — E |
| 3. Judge's workplace | — — — — R — | Dracula's title | — — — — N — |
| 4. L.A. ballplayer | D — — — — — | Hotel guest | L — — — — — |
| 5. Make amends | — T — — — — | By oneself | — L — — — — |
| 6. On the ——— hand | — — — — H — — | Playful mammal | — — — — T — — |
| 7. Fast trot | — — — — — P | 4 quarts | — — — — — N |
| 8. Burst of light | — — — — — H | Small canteen | — — — — — K |
| 9. Fry lightly | — — — — — T — | Gravy | — — — — — C — |
| 10. Reykjavik's country | — C — — — — — | Land of shamrocks | — R — — — — — |

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels



MAGIC MAZE ● — POWER

SKHGSEBYVNSPMJH
EBYVNUTQUOLIGDB
YWTFRIPCTPMNKIF
HYDROELECTRICDB
YWULSEKLRQOEMKC
IEFDACCBUEZLXID
WUSROCSNQPPMOL
NLJRGNIYATSOLAR
HFDCOAYGWLTELVO
TSQPNHLKAAAPIFW
IHFE CBZYWMRBWVU


























Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: YOUR TRUSTY STEED

Atomic	Magical	Rocket	Super
Balance of	Nuclear	Solar	Will
Flower	People in	Star	World
Hydroelectric	Pulling	Staying	

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SCRAMBLERS

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

Clutch						
SCALP						
Loose						
LACKS						
Burden						
INSTAR						
Urge						
CLOMPE						

TODAY'S WORD

MOMENTS IN TIME: The History Channel

* On Jan. 1, 2011, the Oprah Winfrey Network (OWN) debuted on television. The “Queen of All Media” had previously described her vision for the network as one that “inspires our viewers and makes them want to be who they are on their best day.”

On Jan. 2, 1919, locksmith and far-right politician Anton Drexler founded the German Workers' Party, the forerunner of the Nazi Party, in Munich, Germany, from a group that met regularly to discuss political matters. Among other things, the party advocated for nationalism and extreme antisemitism.

On Jan. 3, 1521, Martin Luther was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church by Pope Leo X after he failed to recant 41 parts of his Ninety-Five Theses, which started the Protestant Reformation. The pope had called the offending statements heretical, scandalous and offensive to pious ears, though he did not specify exactly which ones fell under that category.

On Jan. 4, 1957, the Hamilton Electric 500 watch made its public debut. It was the first timepiece to never need winding (though it did need frequent battery replacement) and came in “modern” asymmetrical designs to reflect its revolutionary technology. Production ended 12 years later with the advanced technology of quartz movements that rendered the “watch of the future” obsolete. On Jan. 5, 1992, a landslide that occurred near San Francisco killed 33 people and caused the Golden Gate Bridge to close. Heavy rain in the amount of nearly half of the city’s average annual precipitation had previously fallen for a straight 36 hours

On Jan. 6, 2000, a severe flu outbreak in the United Kingdom caused National Health Service hospitals to be stretched to their limits, leaving many forced to cancel all non-emergency surgeries and facing intensive care bed shortages. The outbreak was blamed on a low rate of flu vaccinations.

On Jan. 7, 1927, the first transatlantic telephone service was established. A three-minute call between New York and London cost about \$45, which would translate to roughly \$550 today.



CryptoQuip

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

Clue: I equals **S**

VLJ DYM WNIG UNOTI VLN

DPPNGDGM ANNTI HPIHFPHUHSDPG?

AMSDBIM GLMHY VNYT HI BIBDOOJ

WDYFHPDO.

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is **LONGFELLOW**

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

SL QPBSIX SJ PIA KPQMD PF

PKK, SF'J P KPQMD ML KMUV.

P KMUV FNPX XVFJ YPJJVX LDMC

XVIVDPFSMI FM XVIVDPFSMI.

— DVXSIP QDVFF

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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.

2 1 6 1

5 3 4 3

2 5 1

6

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* We should all be so lucky as to have vision like that of the mantis shrimp: Not only do its eyes possess four times as many color receptors as a human's, it can see UV, visible and polarized light as well.

* The rise in global temperatures has led to flowers emitting less scent.

* Lightning hasn't brought down an airplane since 1963, thanks to engineering that allows a bolt's electric charge to run through and out of the aircraft.

* Spinraza, a drug prescribed for spinal muscular dystrophy, has a list price of \$750,000.

* By 2018, more than 100 people living in the U.S. owed at least \$1 million in federal student loans.

* A one-euro breakfast featured at an IKEA store in the Netherlands proved so popular that it had to be canceled after it attracted too many customers and even led to highway traffic jams.

* Kellogg's All-Bran cereal is actually 87% bran.

* Heading for the gym in the new year? Be sure to take some hand sanitizer! A report found that a typical gym's free weights boast 362 times as much bacteria as a toilet seat.

* During the Cold War, President Ronald Reagan and Soviet Premier Mikhail Gorbachev agreed to put aside their political differences if Earth was ever invaded by aliens from outer space.

* Nicaraguan Catholics who abstain from meat during Lent include iguanas and armadillos in their diet.

* In 1978, Equatorial Guinea's President Francisco Macias Nguema, widely considered one of history's most brutal, possibly even insane dictators, tempted fate by changing his country's national motto to "There is no other God than Macias Nguema."

* More than four tons of old American paper money is mulched into compost every day.

Thought for the Day: "Your life is your story. Write well. Edit often." --Lisa Nichols

Kids' Maze

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

GRIN and BEAR IT

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"I'll introduce you after the bowl games."

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

PULL ME AROUND THE BLOCK, SUZY?

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS POPEYE

BY RANDY MIKHOLLAND

I GOTSK T'GIT THERE 'FORE -

OUTTA ME WAY BLUTO! I'M IN A HURRY AN' YA LOOKS RIDIK'US!

YA DON'T LIKE THE POWER SUIT O.G. MADE ME?

I DIDNT MAKE IT FOR YOU! I MADE IT FOR THE MOST NOBLE OF SCIENTIFIC REASONS!

YOU MADE IT TO IMPRESS WOMEN.

PLAGUES HAVE BEEN CURED FOR LESS.

I'D LOVE T'FLATTEN YA, BUT I GOTSK T'GIT SWEET PEAS CHRISTMAS GIFT 'FORE THEY SELLS OUTTA VIDYA GAMES!

THE NEW 'KRAZY KAT' GAME?

THAT'S THE ONE!

CAN YOU GRAB A COPY FOR HARDTACK, TOO?

NOT IF I GOTSTA WASTE TIME WIT YER BROTHER!

THE STORE AINTSK GOT MANY COPIES.

SPLASH!

BZZZZZZ!

THANKS, BRUTUS! I'LL MAKE SURE YER NEPHEW GITS HIS GAME!

YA BETRAYED ME SO YOU CAN GET HARDTACK A GAME?!

SOME OF US TAKE OUR "NUMBER ONE" MUG SERIOUSLY.

FLASH GORDON

Patrol notes: 3/4 light: we spot two strangers in the jungle.

A woman in an Arborian survival suit with a man in a Sky City garment.

Allegiances unclear.

We maintain observation distance.

Half past 3/4 light: The strangers run into trouble.

The Lythebeast.

Man draws blade but has little luck.

We engage.

Lythebeast retreats, alive.

The man - "Flash Gordon" - is wary of our imperial uniforms - but relaxes once we explain ourselves.

We are deserters.

Living free of Ming for years in a colony made from our old gunship.

We escort them to camp to be vetted by brother leader -

-Airman SOJAS.

DAN SCHRADE 12-17-23

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PARK NEWS

Residents participate in the Show of Homes for Christmas at Betmar Acres



Left: Residents gather in the carport of the home of Diane Buynink eagerly awaiting to view the Christmas decorations in her home.



Above: Darlene Roberge greets the viewers in her beautifully decorated livingroom sitting by a virtual fire.



Below: Viewers gather around the table at the home of Allison and Jay Jackson to view the door prize they could win.



Above: Cathy Ertel excitedly thanks the viewers for coming to her home.



Left: Jim and Sandy Shaw, along with their daughter, have a festive atmosphere with lots of Christmas cheer.

Colony Hills residents donate their extra items for a bazaar and craft show

Right: Colony Hills clubhouse was full of donated items along with crafters and a bake sale.



Below: Haley, 12, created slime for residents to buy for their grandchildren.



Below: Residents donated furniture to sell for the community bazaar.



SUSAN SLATER



Above: Volunteers sell homemade bake goods donated by the residents at Colony Hills.

Right: Residents donate their extra wares for the Colony Hills Annual Bazaar and Craft Show.



PARK NEWS

WZES first graders sing Christmas songs for residents at Sundance



Left: Students from West Zephyrhills Elementary School entertain residents at Sundance Mobile Home Park.

Below: Children await a turn to receive their stocking.



Above: Roman George receives a stocking from Santa, Mrs. Claus and an elf.

SUSAN SLATER



Above: Students exit the bus on their way to sing for residents.



Left: Children hold signs during one of the Christmas songs they sang for residents.

The women's club of Zach's Oak Side serve lunch to shufflers

Right: Members of the woman's club at Zach's Oak Side Mobile Home Park gather for a photo.

Below: Richard Johnson volunteers with Gloria Johnson and Judy Lovell to help serve players at the shuffleboard tournament.



SUSAN SLATER



Right: Shufflers enjoy a homemade lunch consisting of chili made by the women's club.



Above: Lance Deavers, president and Sharon Simmons, tournament director keep track of the players scores.

Right: Mark Killam, from Baker Acres, shoots while Doug Megill, from Sleepy Hollow, waits for his turn.



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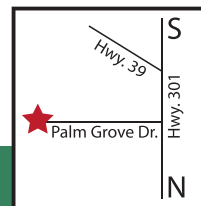
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Zephyrhills football team and coach claim top All-SAC awards



Above: Zephyrhills two-way lineman Logan Lagrone, shown with his family on Senior Night, made the All-SAC team.



Left: Wiregrass Ranch quarterback Luke Knight, who set single-season county records for passing yards and touchdowns, is the SAC Offensive Player of the Year.

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Right: Zephyrhills coach Nick Carroll, shown in a postgame conversation with Cypress Creek coach Mike Johnson, is the SAC Coach of the Year.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE WESLEY CHAPEL GOLF TEAM



Left: The Bulldogs were named as the top football team in the conference.

Record-setting Wiregrass Ranch quarterback, Zephyrhills cross country runner and Wesley Chapel's boys golf team also are honored

BY STEVE LEE
Sports Reporter

This year's All-Sunshine Athletic Conference awards were highlighted by the Zephyrhills football team as the best in that sport, Wiregrass Ranch record-setting quarterback Luke Knight and the Wesley Chapel boys golf team that competed in the state tournament.

Zephyrhills, which has seven playoff appearances in the past eight seasons, is the conference's football team of the year and Nick Carroll, who has led those squads, is coach of the year.

The Bulldogs won their sixth district title under the current regime and advanced to the region semifinals. Carroll credited his assistant coaches and talented players.

"It's a team honor and none of that would ever be possible without the coaches who were with me. Those guys make it all come together," said Carroll, a 1998 Zephyrhills graduate who later played college football in North Dakota. "To be that successful for so many years and what we've done; basically, we've run two classes in there."

Carroll also spoke about the impact that Stewart Middle's football program, which has won 13 of the past 14 conference titles, and the Zephyrhills Athletic League that owns numerous district and state championships in recent years, have had on the high school's long running record of success.

"A great thing that's important to our league in the ZAL," he said. "That sets the bar and the tone when (players are) young. Then those kids win at Stewart and it transfers to our program. Those guys start the tree and we continue to grow it."

As for the players, Knight earned the top honor on offense while Cypress Creek's Milton

Gracia was the best defensive player.

Knight, who started out at John Long Middle and later played at Tampa Jesuit and Merritt Island, led Wiregrass Ranch to a region semifinal in his one season there. An Army commit, he set single-season Pasco County records of 3,872 passing yards and 43 touchdowns.

"He was just a fantastic leader," said Wiregrass Ranch coach Mark Kantor, who has guided his team to seven playoff berths in the past eight seasons. "He blended well with our guys and he led by example. That's what the great leaders do. They get everybody motivated."

The Bulls' top receiver, Isaiah Riggins also set county single-season records with 93 receptions for 1,586 yards.

The All-SAC list included: Zephyrhills' D.J. Pickett, Logan Lagrone, Tristan Lennon and Lukas Colella; Cypress Creek's Malachi Askin, Austin Slusher, Cameron Canard, David Kirk, Coy Martin and Roman Sercu; Wiregrass Ranch's Jaeden Ortiz, Christian Starkey, Khalial Buckenroth and Ola Omoloye; and Juan Torres, D.J. Pope and Leroy Vickers of Pasco.

Wesley Chapel's boys golf team was led by coach of the year Josh Raskopf and included players Tien Do and Carter Boynton. Cypress Creek's Connor Newbold was golfer of the year with Wiregrass Ranch's Colin Mead also making the list.

In volleyball, the top player was Wesley Chapel's Brooke Ashkenase. Teammates Annabella Grace Korta and Emily Teets also made all-conference.

Making the list in girls golf were Cypress Creek's Skylar Lee, Pasco's Darien Jeffrey and Wiregrass Ranch's Brooklyn Beckstead.

Zephyrhills' Will Poe was the boys cross country runner of the year. Undefeated for most of the season the senior is a two-time state qualifier with two conference championships.

Poe was joined on that list by Cypress Creek's Skylar Manatt, Dylan Powell and Aaron Barnes.

The girls cross country runner of the year was Wiregrass Ranch's Ava Schmitt. Teammate Natalia Gaona-Zelaya and Zephyrhills' Lydia Vincent also made it.

The all-conference swimmers included: Girls — Wesley Chapel's Jordyn Rolle and Sadie Minich; and Cypress Creek's Kylie Naramore; Boys — Wiregrass Ranch's Jackson Porter.

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Below: The starting lineup for the Bulldogs featured Najlah Gildon, Tim'mia Clemons, Jade King, Allison McCullough and Ryleigh Hoover.



Above: Zephyrhills' Jade King takes the opening tipoff against Mitchell's Priya Jacob in a Sunshine Athletic Conference matchup.



Right: Tim'mia Clemons waits for the referee to give her the ball before she makes an inbound pass to teammate Allison McCullough.



Right: Elle Jindra gets set to take a free throw.

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the rematch preceded a 51-45 loss to Mitchell. That left Zephyrhills with an overall 5-3 record, much better already than last year's win total of just two.

"We have the capability of doing it," Zephyrhills coach Chris Smith said of the team's chances of returning to the play-offs. "It's just a matter of (the players) realizing they can do it. We can't take a night off."

The team is better, in Smith's view, because "We've got a little more talent and a couple of players have matured."

There also is the factor of consistency in the coaching ranks. Smith is in his sixth season, having followed four coaches who had brief stints. Not since longtime coach Jerry Stacy's retirement in 2016 has the program had any consistency at the helm.

In the most recent loss, Zephyrhills had good and bad moments against Mitchell. Trail-

ing by just two points at half-time and behind 40-33 through three quarters, the Bulldogs mounted a late rally and actually took a lead in the waning minutes.

Kylie Walton made a layup on a pass from Allison McCullough before Elle Jindra stole the ball from a Mitchell player and passed to Jade King for an easy layup. Zephyrhills missed a few shots and made two untimely turnovers down the stretch that led to a disheartening defeat.

"You're going to lose games, but when everything falls apart it really hurts," Smith said.

Part of the reason for the recent struggles can be attributed to a couple of key players out of the lineup in recent games. Walton, a senior power forward, returned for the Mitchell game and senior Tim'neta Clemons, a versatile player who can line up at forward or guard, could be back soon.

"We're struggling and playing a lot of underclassmen and the pressure's kind of getting to them," the coach said, noting that another player expected to contribute, senior Isabella Erazo, decided to sit out while awaiting the start of the softball season.

That showed in the game against Cypress Creek, which had just one win before the rematch against Zephyrhills.

"Unfortunately, we tend to come out and play to the level of our competition and that bites you a little bit," Smith said. "The other team wants it a little more."

Against Mitchell, Ryleigh Hoover, a junior who often is the first player off the bench, led the Bulldogs with 12 points. Jindra and King each added eight.

"She's a real consistent player for us, most of the time," Smith said of Hoover, adding that Jindra "has been scoring and getting some steals and some big baskets."

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7	AM :30	MOLLY ALMA'S WAY	YOGA STRETCH	LIQUIDATOR STORAGE WARS	TODAY	CBS MORNING
8	AM :30	WILD KRATTS CUR GEORGE	SEWING PAID PROG			
9	AM :30	ROSIE'S RULES SIT AND BE FITSY	MAKE IT ARTSY ICRIME	TODAY 3RD HOUR	GREAT DAY LIVE	
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1	PM :30	ELEMENTARY NUTCRACKER	AMANPOUR & COMPANY	JUDGE ROSS JUDGE ROSS	NEWS	NFL FOOTBALL
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7	AM :30	NEWS	PARADISE INSURANCE	JUDGE LAUREN JUDGE LAUREN	GOOD DAY GOOD DAY	
8	AM :30		GOOD MORNING	JUDGE MATHIS JUDGE MATHIS	GOOD DAY	LITERATURE: Who wrote the classic holiday novella "The Cricket on the Hearth"?
9	AM :30	THE 700 CLUB	AMERICA NEWS	JENNIFER HUDSON	FOX SPECIAL FOX SPECIAL	
10	AM :30	PUZZLER PUZZLER	DISNEY PARADE	KELLY CLARKSON	KELLY AND MARK	MOVIES: What is the name of the police chief in the movie "Jaws"?
11	AM :30	PICTIONARY PICTIONARY		TAMRON HALL	SHERRI	
12	PM :30	F FEUD F FEUD	PARADISE REAL LIFE	KARAMO GMA3	NEWS FOX SPECIAL	LAST WEEKS ANSWERS TELEVISION: A magic hat
1	PM :30	BARRYMORE BARRYMORE		CHEATERS CHEATERS	DINNER DEAS 25 WORDS	
2	PM :30	JUDGE MATHIS	COUNTDOWN NBA	J SPRINGER	TMZ	LITERATURE: "Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator"
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DAYS OF OUR LIVES
Chad and Stephanie officially called it quits. Paulina hid her increasingly growing fatigue from Chanel. Harris announced that they had a lead on the kidnapper, just as Sloan was about to confess. EJ wanted to take the baby back after finding out that Sloan was careless. Stephanie told Harris that she didn't remember anything about the previous night other than waking up in his bed. Brady almost caught Theresa talking with Konstantin. Stefan told Ava that Clyde had Gabi physically hurt at the prison. Chad had an altercation with Stefan. Paulina continued to keep her health problems a secret. Maggie had trouble coping with the loss of Victor during the holiday season. Andrew accused Theresa of being Victoria's kidnapper. Chanel urged Paulina to go to the hospital. Wait to see: Doug and Julie reminisce about past Christmases. Tate erupts over Brady and Theresa's bickering. Maggie shocks everyone by bringing Konstantin to the party.

GENERAL HOSPITAL
Kristina's feelings for Blaze continued to grow. Molly and TJ received bad news. Trina stood up to Esme. Dante and Anna made a discovery. Brook Lynn and Chase got into the holiday spirit. Anna and Dante found themselves in a dangerous situation. Sonny shut down Cyrus. Carly was in deep trouble. Nina asked Michael for help. Lucy shared her frustrations with Kevin. Stella and Marshall grew

closer. Aiden and Elizabeth had a heart-to-heart. Dex grew concerned about Adam's behavior. Anna and Valentin came to a realization. Laura and Kevin fretted about Charlotte. Lois and Tracy went head-to-head. Michael attempted to placate Ned. Anna turned to Kevin for help. Spinelli put Cody on notice. Dante updated Sonny on the shooter. Friends and family gathered at the hospital for the reading of "A Visit From St. Nicholas." Wait to see: Kristina makes a case to Molly and TJ. Jordan puts Cyrus on notice. Esme extends a holiday gesture to Spencer.

"The Young and the Restless" was not available at press time.

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3	PM :30	FL ROADTRIP NOVA	MURDERS	GOAL ZONE FOOTBALL IN AMERICA	ROGUE INVITATIONAL	PAID PROG C BASKETBALL
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5	PM :30	NATURE	FL WEEK NEWS			SERVICE AWARDS
6	PM :30	NEWS	LAWRENCE FRIENDS		NEWS NEWS	EXTRA
7	PM :30	WILD RIVERS	WELK FRIENDS		W FORTUNE JEOPARDY	FAMILY FEUD FAMILY FEUD
8	PM :30	LAWRENCE WELK	M BERRY'S CHRISTMAS	TWO MEN MAJOR CRIME	POSTGAME FAMILY	CHRISTMAS HOLY NIGHT
9	PM :30	APPEARANCES TIME GOES BY	CRANE CANDLELIGHT	NIGHT COURT NIGHT COURT	WAS YOUNG	
10	PM :30	MIDSOMER MURDERS	CHRISTMAS WESTMINSTER	SEAL TEAM SNL		48 HOURS NEWS
11	PM :30	HOPE STREET	CHOIR		GOOD DOCTOR	NEWS FAMILY GUY
						NEWS INSIDE EDITION

SUNDAY						
	3	3.4	4	8	9	
	3PBS	605PBS	44CW	8NBC	10CBS	
12	PM :30	M HOOVER FL WEEK	MAKE IT ARTSY ESSENTIAL	PAID PROG PAID PROG	NFL TODAY	HEARTLAND HEART HEROES
1	PM :30	ARTS PLUS RESPONDERS	ESSENTIAL ESSENTIAL	BAYSIDE GATLINBURG	SALUTE TO HEROES	GOOD DOCTOR PAID PROG
2	PM :30	JEWISH CHRISTMAS	TEST KITCHEN HOLIDAYS	PAWN STARS PAWN STARS	PAID PROG PAID PROG	SERVICE AWARDS
3	PM :30	UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA	C COUNTRY UNIVERSITY	PAWN STARS PAWN STARS	MUSICAL AWARDS	PAID PROG D IMPLANTS
4	PM :30	CHRISTMAS SYMPHONY	OF TAMPA MOTORWEEK	PAWN STARS PAWN STARS	NFL FOOTBALL AWARDS	CHICAGO P.D. PAID PROG
5	PM :30	SAVOY CHRISTMAS	WEALTH TRACK NEWS WEEK	PAWN STARS PAWN STARS	S.W.A.T. PAID PROG	PAID PROG PAID PROG
6	PM :30	NEWS ARTS PLUS	OPERATION MANEATER	HOUSEWIFE HOUSEWIFE	NEWS NEWS	F FEUD F FEUD
7	PM :30	MASTERPIECE	NATURE KING QUEENS	CHRISTMAS NIGHT COURT	60 MINUTES	PENN & TELLER FUNNIEST
8	PM :30	MASTERPIECE	NOVA ROCK THE HOLIDAYS	WONDERFUL LIFE	LINGO	THE CHOSEN HOME ALONE
9	PM :30	MASTERPIECE	YELLOWSTONE THAW	SEAL TEAM	LOTERIA LOCA	
10	PM :30	MASTERPIECE	NUTCRACKER	EQUALIZER	CSI	NEWS SEINFELD
11	PM :30	ASTRID		COMEDY TV	NEWS EVE MASS	IN TOUCH COUNTRY FIX

MONDAY						
	3	3.4	4	8	9	
	3PBS	605PBS	44CW	8NBC	10CBS	
6	PM :30	BBC NEWS BBC NEWS	TRAVELSCOPE R STEVES'	HOUSEWIFE HOUSEWIFE	NEWS NEWS	EXTRA NEWS
7	PM :30	NEWS HOUR	RESPONDERS ARTS PLUS	TWO MEN TWO MEN	W FORTUNE ET	FAMILY FEUD FAMILY FEUD
8	PM :30	CALL THE MIDWIFE	UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA	SIMPSONS SIMPSONS	HOW GRINCH STOLE	WALTON'S HOMECOMING
9	PM :30	CALL THE MIDWIFE	ST. THOMAS CHISTMAS	48 HOURS CHRISTMAS	M CAREY CHRISTMAS	
10	PM :30		CONCORDIA CHRISTMAS	HOT BENCH HOT BENCH	NEWS TAMPA HOY	NEWS NEIGHBORHOOD
11	PM :30	HOLIDAY HARBELLS	AMANPOUR & COMPANY	LAW & ORDER J FALLON	NEWS S COLBERT	TODD TAMPA SEINFELD

TUESDAY						
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6	PM :30	BBC NEWS BBC NEWS	TRAVELSCOPE R STEVES'	HOUSEWIFE HOUSEWIFE	NEWS NEWS	EXTRA NEWS
7	PM :30	NEWS	FATHER BROWN	TWO MEN TWO MEN	W FORTUNE ET	FAMILY FEUD FAMILY FEUD
8	PM :30	FINDING ROOT	MIDSOMER MURDERS	SIMPSONS SIMPSONS	NIGHT COURT FAMILY	NCIS INSIDE NFL
9	PM :30	FINDING ROOT		48 HOURS	WEAKEST LINK	NCIS WHOSE LINE
10	PM :30	FINDING ROOT	SEASIDE HOTEL	HOT BENCH HOT BENCH	FOUND	NCIS TAMPA HOY
11	PM :30	KWANZAA	AMANPOUR & COMPANY	LAW & ORDER J FALLON	NEWS S COLBERT	TODD TAMPA SEINFELD

WEDNESDAY						
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	3PBS	605PBS	44CW	8NBC	10CBS	
6	PM :30	BBC NEWS BBC NEWS	DOC MARTIN	HOUSEWIFE HOUSEWIFE	NEWS NEWS	EXTRA NEWS
7	PM :30	NEWS HOUR	DOC MARTIN	TWO MEN TWO MEN	W FORTUNE ET	FAMILY FEUD FAMILY FEUD
8	PM :30	NATURE	MASTERPIECE	SIMPSONS SIMPSONS	CHICAGO MED	KENNEDY HONORS
9	PM :30	NOVA	MASTERPIECE	48 HOURS	MAGNUM P.I.	
10	PM :30	YELLOWSTONE THAW	MASTERPIECE	HOT BENCH HOT BENCH	CHICAGO MED	NEIGHBORHOOD
11	PM :30	NATURE	AMANPOUR & COMPANY	LAW & ORDER J FALLON	NEWS S COLBERT	TODD TAMPA SEINFELD

HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo



Dan Levy ("Good Grief" and "Schitt's Creek")

HOLLYWOOD -- Legendary actor and director Clint Eastwood (93 years young) is directing his 41st film, "Juror No. 2," which is about a murder trial juror realizing that he's at fault for the victim's death. It stars Nicholas Hoult, Toni Collette, Kiefer Sutherland, Leslie Bibb and Chris Messina.

I first met Clint at a CBS press reveal for his show "Rawhide" in 1959. In 1964, I ran into him at his New York hotel, and he was worried that a Western he'd just made in Italy would flop here because he didn't utter one word of dialogue. I assured him that with his good looks, he didn't need dialogue, and "A Fistful of Dollars" was a smash hit.

In 1968, when Carol Channing won a Golden Globe, she entered the press room saying, "This is my first award for my very first film!" "But Miss Channing," I said, "your first film was 'The First Traveling Saleslady' with Ginger Rogers!" At first, she asked, "Where is his badge? Does he belong here?" Then she continued, "Well, RKO went out of business and couldn't release it!" "But I saw it on TV last week," I assured her.

"Is he still here? Where is his badge?" She proclaimed. "Well, actually, my leading man in that is the No. 1 box-office star today ... Clint Eastwood!"

Rob Reiner is reviving his 1984 classic "This Is Spinal Tap," with Christopher Guest, Michael McKean, Harry Shearer and Reiner himself returning. In 2016, Shearer sued StudioCanal and Vivendi for \$125 million due to a breach of contract, asserting that he and other co-stars only received \$179 for the sales of merchandise and music over three decades.

In 2018, Guest, McKean and Reiner joined the lawsuit, increasing it to \$400 million in damages. The two studios tried to get the case dismissed, but a judge ruled that they could pursue the fraud claim against Vivendi. In 2019, the music rights were returned to Shearer, Guest and McKean, and in 2020, a settlement was reached for an undisclosed amount. With that settled, no wonder it took until this year to get the ball rolling on the sequel.

Four-time Emmy-winning actor/producer/writer/director Dan Levy ("Schitt's Creek") co-starred in Disney's "Haunted Mansion" and is now producing/directing/writing/starring in Netflix's "Good Grief," with Ruth Negga, Himesh Patel and Luke Evans. It shoots in London and follows a man struggling with the deaths of his husband and mother. He travels to Paris with his two best friends for a weekend getaway.

Levy, at 40, just received the second-highest honor in Canada by being named a Member of the Order of Canada. From motel grief in "Schitt's Creek" to "Good Grief" ... oh my lord!





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