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Weather

Today's precipitation will bring in cooler weather for the weekend with temperatures only reaching into the 50s and nighttime temperatures dipping into the 30s.

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Community News

AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary 550 sponsors Christmas Tree of Giving for local schools and distributed the gifts to students.

Woodland Elementary School's Honor Society of Zephyrhills, Chapter of the National Elementary Honor Society presented Healing Hearts Cafe and Thomas Promise a check from funds collected at dances.

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Local volunteers lay wreaths at Oakside Cemetery during the Wreaths Across America campaign.

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Pasco County Tax Collector's offices will be collecting donations in January for The Runaways Animal Rescue.

Some of the Pasco County Board of Commissioners offices will be closed on Dec. 29 and Jan. 1, 2024 for the New Year's holiday.

Southwest Florida Water Management District has declared water restrictions for residents with a one day watering schedule.

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Families enjoy Gingerbread World during Church Street Christmas



Families gather to admire two prize winning gingerbread houses while drinking their hot chocolate during the Gingerbread World display at First United Methodist Church in Dade City.

SUSAN SLATER

Stollers along Church Street were treated to the gingerbread houses built by locals and free hot chocolate by the youth group

By SUSAN SLATER
News Reporter

The Gingerbread World 2023 event started seven years ago with a small idea for a local real estate firm to engage in the community. Shane and Kim Barker, founders of the Gingerbread World event wanted to participate in something fun that carried the theme of a family real estate business.

"The first contest was held in our office on our conference table," said Shane Barker. "After outgrowing our office, we moved it to the Dade City Cultural Museum. There was no real pull of the people there."

"We dreamed of being part of the Dade City Church Street Christmas and was able to host it at the First Baptist Church our first year," added Shane Barker. "We have been doing it on Church Street now for three years. This is an exhibit for the community to enjoy."

This year the Dade City Center for the Arts hosted the event to keep this amazing tradition going. It was held in the First United Methodist Church for the first time, a much larger venue and certainly a success to hold the number of people that came to see the gingerbread houses.

As you entered the building, you were greeted by two very welcoming members of the youth community of the church, Quinn Cosentino, and Miles Caster. Cosentino was very articulating in announcing the family games, Christmas movies and free hot chocolate. Donations at the hot chocolate table were going towards the youth group's trip to Universal Studios.

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Ongoing projects benefit the city

Hercules Park finally moves forward with sidewalk improvements, wastewater and airport expansion in the works

By STEVE LEE
News Reporter

City officials are quite busy these days, what with numerous ongoing projects with some coming to fruition soon while others are just getting under way.

As the year wound down, city manager Billy Poe mentioned a few of those specific plans and designs. So did Shane LeBlanc, the city's public works director, who is monitoring two ongoing efforts in Hercules Park and a sidewalk project.

Hercules is a major endeavor that has been years in the making with the property going from the city to the Pasco School District and back to being owned by the city once more. A groundbreaking took place in early December.

"It's been a long time coming and it's going to be a jewel in our park system," LeBlanc said.

Poe shared that sentiment, saying, "I think it's been a long time coming. There have been a lot of possibilities for (the property). I'm lucky to be in this seat when the project is pushed forward."

Poe and his family grew up in Zephyrhills and recalls spending some time there.

"I remember the park being there," adding he did not swim at that pool, which served the public as well as provided a home base for the Zephyrhills High boys and girls swimming teams. "I was a little bit older then."

The park, which encompasses nearly 13 acres and once had a city pool that has since been demolished and filled over, is a \$7.4 million project. A groundbreaking took place and the perimeter has been marked for construction to begin with plans to open in January of 2025.

Upon completion the park will entail a state of the art splash pad, shelters, rest rooms, a fitness trail, parking and other park amenities.

As for the \$1.9 million sidewalk project, improvements and additions are being made

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Park News

Residents at Baker Acres gather for an ugly sweater contest after a golf cart parade around the park.

Glen Haven residents celebrate Christmas with a golf cart and bike parade around the park.

Residents get together in the clubhouse for a Christmas party with dinner and games at Hillside Mobile Home Park.

Hot chocolate was served to residents after a Christmas golf cart parade at Zack's Oakside Mobile Home Park.

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JROTC Robotics team competes in two state qualifiers

Zephyrhills team went to nationals in Dallas last year and are trying for another trip to Texas

By STEVE LEE
News Reporter

The Zephyrhills JROTC has won numerous awards in Raiders, drill and rifle shooting in recent years. That unit has become quite adept at robotics of late, just another area to add to its success against competition from other schools throughout the state and beyond.

"I tell you, these guys are getting good at that robot stuff," said Sgt. Michael Smith, who along with Sgt. Jimmy McAuley oversees the school's JROTC program.

Six cadets went to Dallas for the JROTC National Robotics Championships last spring. With a roster of 20 cadets, not all of whom would go to Texas for this year's event, Zephyrhills is gearing up for another trip to Texas.

"We're trying to get back to nationals," Smith said. Zephyrhills had two robots entered in the Pasco-Hernando State College Robotics competition, placing 12th and 13th among more than 50 robots from county schools.

"In a thrilling display of talent, the robotics team from Zephyrhills showcased their exceptional skills in technology and engineering, leaving spectators in awe," Smith said.

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The Zephyrhills High JROTC team took two robots to the Pasco-Hernando State College competition.

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AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary 550 sponsors Christmas Tree of Giving for local students



The AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary 550 sponsored a Christmas Tree Of Giving for some local children in the elementary schools of Woodland, West Zephyrhills, Chester Taylor and CES.

The AMVETS, Sons of AMVETS, Ladies Auxiliary and AMVETS Riders Chapter joined together by raising money through raffles, post functions, donations for gifts and generous members providing gifts. The gifts have been distributed to the various Zephyrhills schools.

Woodland students donate to two local charities



Woodland Elementary School's Honor Society of Zephyrhills, Chapter of the National Elementary Honor Society held a check presentation for the Healing Hearts Cafe and Thomas Promise. The honor society teaches the children leadership and service.

Proceeds from a dance with over 400 in attendance raised money that went to two local charities. The children had to research the charities. Then the president and VP, Augie LaPointe and Austin Huang of the honor society picked the two charities who got the most votes.

The two charities chosen were Thomas Promise and Healing Hearts Cafe. Each charity was honored with \$1000, the most the children have ever raised.

Present from Healing Hearts Cafe was Donna Nelson, director. The mission of the Healing Hearts Cafe, who feed the homeless locally, is to lead people into a relationship with Jesus Christ through a relaxed, loving, and non-judgmental environment by feeding the spirit and the body.

Each week the Thomas Promise Foundation's Backpacks For Hunger program loads hundreds of bags with kid-friendly and nutritious food to take home after school on Friday. For many, the backpack is their major source of nutrition for the weekend.

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SUNSET: 5:41pm MOONSET: 8:52am



FRIDAY

58|46
Partly Cloudy
SUNRISE: 7:19am MOONRISE: 8:13pm
SUNSET: 5:41pm MOONSET: 9:34am



SATURDAY

59|43
Partly Cloudy
SUNRISE: 7:19am MOONRISE: 9:09pm
SUNSET: 5:42pm MOONSET: 10:10am



SUNDAY

65|38
Sunny
SUNRISE: 7:20am MOONRISE: 10:03pm
SUNSET: 5:43pm MOONSET: 10:41am



MONDAY

66|42
Partly Cloudy
SUNRISE: 7:20am MOONRISE: 10:56pm
SUNSET: 5:43pm MOONSET: 11:10am



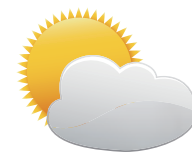
TUESDAY

61|42
Partly Cloudy
SUNRISE: 7:20am MOONRISE: 11:48pm
SUNSET: 5:44pm MOONSET: 11:37am



WEDNESDAY

61|36
Partly Cloudy
SUNRISE: 7:21am MOONRISE: ----
SUNSET: 5:45pm MOONSET: 12:03am



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NOW \$56,834

2016 THOR MOTOR COACH HURRICANE CLASS A 35C

Stk. 0PR0551A, Sleeps 7, 2 Slides, 1.5 Baths, Residential Refrigerator, Pull-out Pantry, Queen Bed. WAS \$69,995

NOW \$58,474

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Stk. 4SR310A, Sleeps 6, 2 Slides, Bunk Over Cab, Rear Queen Bed, Exterior Storage. WAS \$69,995

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Stk. 6CH140A, Sleeps 7, 3-Slides, Overhead Drop Down Bunk, King Bed, Outdoor Entertainment. WAS \$89,995

NOW \$79,885



Left: Kim and Shane Barker, co-founding creators of Gingerbread World, fulfill their dreams of being part of Dade City Church Street event with a very successfully crowded venue.



Right: Miles Caster and Quinn Cosentino keep the strollers informed of the events happening in the hall and at the church.



Left: Gabriel and Lydia Machado admire the first place winner. "We love the gingerbread houses. Our whole family drove here from Wesley Chapel to be here."



Left: Thomas Hernandez, 9, with Lennox Rivera, 8, admire the gingerbread houses.



Below: Corin Hall stands by her third place gingerbread house and ribbon. Her piece was inspired by the movie "Up."

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► **GINGERBREAD WORLD:** *From Page 1*

"We have games and free hot chocolate for the families to come in and rest and play," said Heather Rowson Cooner. "We also have Christmas movies on the PlayStation in the media room."

The other half of the room was very crowded with people coming in from Church Street to see the gingerbread houses. The community was able to see first, second and third place winning gingerbread houses in both youth and adult categories that were judged earlier in the day. Cash Prizes were awarded to the winners by the sponsors of the event, Vitis Realty.

"One of the judges was from the Food Network," said Kim Barker. "Her name was Pat Ashley from Gingerbread Arts, her own company, teaching people the art of making gingerbread houses." Ashley is a two-time champion for making gingerbread houses on a national level."

"Ashley donated a prize for the People's Choice winner," said Kim Barker. "She offered a year's subscription to classes."

The winners in the youth category were: first place, Lauren and Samantha Cook, for the church they made so cleverly out of coconut, peppermints and candy canes. Second place went to Masie Erven and third place to Violet Dorough.

In the adult category, first place went to

Bard Fuller. The gingerbread house had a roof made of snowcap candy, a windmill with lasagna pasta for the blades with detailed decorative icing and candies. Second place went to Nancy Clemmens and third place to Corin Hall, Elite Brokers.

"I love all the decorated gingerbread houses," said Hall. "I love designing stuff and I get the whole family involved."

The gingerbread houses were judged for their originality and creativity, technical difficulties, overall workmanship, homemade elements, and use of colors. On the DACC's website were tips and tricks with videos, recipes, pictures, and templates for all levels from beginners to pros.

The community got to vote on the People's Choice Award with tokens. The tokens were \$1 per token, to be placed in the jar next to the eligible participants. The winner of the youth category was Bryce Bokar and adult went to Tanner Politi.

"All funds raised at this event, go to DCCA and its mission to lift artists while educating and other projects throughout the year," said Magda Mackenzie, board member of DCCA, who works with the school districts in collaboration with the DCCA celebrating the local community building art.

"DCCA is a vehicle to show artists' work out there," said Mackenzie. Mission accomplished with this successful event.

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Above: Lauren and Samantha Cook won first place for their peppermint and coconut gingerbread church.



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

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

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

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

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

available.

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

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

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

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

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

For more information, call (813) 782-2000.

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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St. Elizabeth Episcopal Church located at 5855 16th St. has a Saturday service at 4 p.m. and Sunday services at 8 and 10 a.m.

OBITUARIES



Gloria Jean Roma

ROMA, Gloria Jean, 89, passed away Dec. 15, 2023, in Wesley Chapel. She was born June 21, 1934, in Harlowton MT., to Beatrice H. (Beats) and Melvin (Doc) Bartz. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lewie E. Roma; her parents; and her brothers, Sidney Bartz, Burton Bartz and Curtis Bartz. Gloria grew up on her family's ranch near Barber, MT. She graduated from Montana State University with her Nursing Degree in 1954 and retired as a Nurse Practitioner in 1994. She moved to Wesley Chapel in 1994 to enjoy life with her husband, sons, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In December of 1953 she married Lewie E. Roma of Shawmut, MT. They were married for 62 years and followed Lewie's Air Force career to Moses Lake, WA., West Palm Beach, Midwest City, OK and Altus, OK. Together they raised two children. She was a wonderful wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend. She loved dancing, travel and being with her family. She is survived by son, Roy of Wesley Chapel; son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Julie of Dade

City; grandchildren, Shannon Roma of Wesley Chapel, Kristi Roma Wilson and husband, Tim Wilson of Moore, OK., Anthony and Jennifer Roma of Dade City and Alexandra Roma of Dade City; great-grandchildren, Gerett Roma, Gage and Abigail Wilson, Isabella and Layla Roma; and sisters, Ardis Hanson of Billings, MT. and Eileen Wolff of St. Regis, MT. Gloria will be cremated with memorial services to be held in Montana at a future date.

Donald James Smith Jr.

SMITH JR., Donald James, of Zephyrhills, went to be with the Lord, on Dec. 18, 2023. Donald was a devoted husband, Father, and proud Veteran, who passed away at the age of 90. Don was born and raised in upstate New York, specifically in Vestal, N.Y. Born on April 7, 1933, it was there that he began his remarkable journey through life. A graduate of Vestal High School in 1951. Serving his country in the Army, he exemplified dedication and bravery to his country. Serving as the chaplains assistant. Donald cherished family above all else and was blessed with three children, Delesa Joy Rockwell (Sam Rockwell) of Apollo Beach, Donald Jeffrey Smith (Beth Smith) of Endicott, N.Y. and Becky Lou Masset (Mike Masset) of Colorado Springs, CO., and a step-son, Grady Sapp (Laurel Sapp) of Caldwell, Idaho. His commitment to their well-being was unwavering, leaving a legacy of love and guidance. He is also survived by his brother, Howard J. Smith of Delhi, N.Y. Donald was pre-deceased by his beloved wife, Barbara Webb Smith, in 1990. He has

three granddaughters, Alexis Rockwell of Apollo Beach, Ashley Smith of Endicott, N.Y. and Samantha Rockwell (Dan Fraser) of Tampa. Donald was blessed with companionship and love, and is also survived by his loving wife of over 24 years, Ida Sapp-Smith, of Zephyrhills. Together they shared the joys and challenges of life, creating cherished memories that will forever be held dear by those who knew and loved him. Donald was retired from IBM after 30 years of service. He stayed very active his whole life, tuning pianos, repairing and fixing up pianos, and all throughout his retirement years. Donald embraced his passion for music. He delighted others by playing the organ and piano, bringing melodies to life with his skilled fingers. His musical talents were a source of inspiration for those fortunate enough to hear him play. A devout Christian, Don's faith was the cornerstone of his life. His spiritual journey enriched the lives of those around him, and his unwavering belief in God provided comfort and strength throughout the years. Playing the piano and organ at numerous churches and weddings, and playing just hours before he went to be with the lord. His love for music and the lord truly showed in every aspect of his life. Donald touched the lives of many and he will be greatly missed by family and friends. Donald will be remembered for the profound impact he had on our lives. May his soul find eternal peace, and may the memories of his love and laughter continue to resonate in our hearts. We will say our final goodbyes at a Celebration of Life Service to be determined at a later date.

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SALOME’S STARS ★

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The new year brings challenges that can change many things in your life. You need to be prepared not only to confront them, but also to deal with what happens afterward.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You have what it takes to set your goals quite a bit higher this year. Learn what you need to know and put what you learn into your efforts. Meanwhile, a partner offers loving support.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) In true Gemini Twin fashion, you’re conflicted about a decision that you know you’ll have to make in the new year. Best advice: Get the facts before you make any commitments.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A friend offers you an exciting opportunity for this new year. Although your positive aspects are strong in most respects, caution is still advised. Investigate before you invest.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You can make this new year a roaring success by readjusting your goals to reflect the changes in the economy. In addition, your den-mate offers both wise and loving support.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The New Year brings new opportunities for change, but you need to be ready to move on from the comfortable status quo toward the challenging unknown. It’s all up to you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your most important New Year’s resolution should be to work out problems with a family member in order to avoid continuing misunderstandings. Do it soon for both of your sakes.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The new year has much to offer the intensely determined Scorpion, who isn’t afraid to take on challenges and stay with them until they surrender their rewards.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You’ll have many fine opportunities in the new year. But be warned: Reject offers of “help.” You work best when you’re free to be your own creative self.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The new year offers changes that you might feel you’re not quite ready for. Best advice: Deal with them one step at a time until you’ve built up your self-confidence.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Travel is a dominant aspect of the new year. This could mean relocating to another city (or even another country) in connection with your education or your career.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) This New Year brings news about a change you’ve been

anticipating. You might have a problem persuading a loved one about your new plans, but they will soon go along with them.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for making people feel safe and protected. You would make an excellent youth counselor.

KING CROSSWORD - DEC. 28

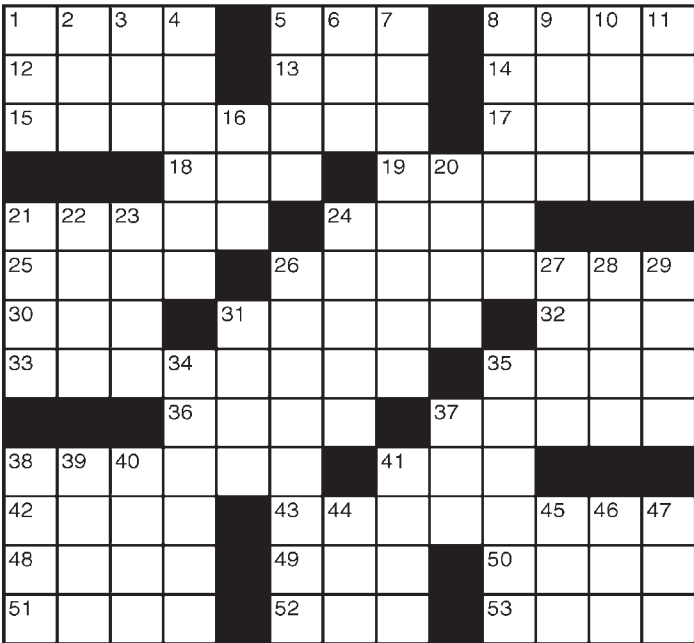
King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Jog
- 5 Cry
- 8 Goblet feature
- 12 Stead
- 13 Spanish aunt
- 14 Tortoise’s opponent
- 15 Ride-sharing arrangements
- 17 Work units
- 18 Sixth sense
- 19 Forbidden acts
- 21 Stylish wrap
- 24 Flintstones’ pet
- 25 Comic strip possum
- 26 “Yellow” band
- 30 Where Lux. is
- 31 Primitive
- 32 Brit. record label
- 33 Slapstick missile
- 35 Perched on
- 36 Evergreens
- 37 Icky
- 38 Where Gauguin painted
- 41 Pen name
- 42 Out of the storm
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- 48 Furnace fuel
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- 50 Jazzy Fitzgerald
- 51 Maintained
- 52 Lay down the lawn
- 53 Deli loaves

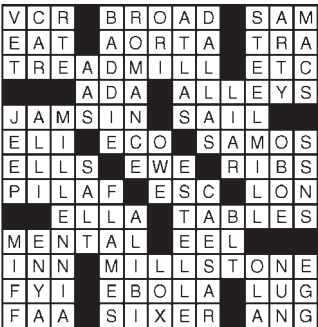
DOWN

- 1 Pampering, for short
- 2 Estuary
- 3 Not ‘neath
- 4 Elvis’ birthplace
- 5 Halt
- 6 Texas tea
- 7 Historic French prison
- 8 Cyndi Lauper hit
- 9 Poi base
- 10 Thus
- 11 Disarray
- 16 Sugary suffix



- 20 Tennis champ Murray
- 21 Detail, briefly
- 22 Go sightseeing
- 23 Shrek, for one
- 24 Writer Lessing
- 26 Whims
- 27 Jared of “Panic Room”
- 28 Book after Joel
- 29 Shrill barks
- 31 Send forth
- 34 Off course
- 35 Sagittarius
- 37 USO audience
- 38 Dash gauge
- 39 Skin soother
- 40 Make well
- 41 Hardly hirsute
- 44 Old Olds

- 45 Layer
- 46 Pub order
- 47 “~ Kapital”



ANSWERS TO KING
CROSSWORDS
DEC. 21

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Picture is missing. 2. Toothbrush is missing. 3. Body is shinier. 4. Hat is smaller. 5. Cabbage is missing. 6. Suncase is missing.

MAGIC MAZE ● ENDING IN “AGE”

QNKHEBYWETROLJG
EBYWURPGGENKIGD
BZEB(BREAKAGE)XEVE
SQBGOMMKDAGIGGE
GEECAAYVALAWAUG
SQVDPBNOLFRTRJ A
HFEECABYYUTXRVR
USRQPEGACoinAGE
NMAKJHFGCMBEBCV
BZGSTAGEGAREPMA
YXEGABBIRCAVUTR

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: A Liquid Suitable for Drinking

Adage	Barrage	Camouflage	Damage
Amperage	Breakage	Coinage	Stage
Arbitrage	Cabbage	Cottage	Voyage
Average	Cage	Cribbage	

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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FEAR KNOT By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

EHX
CEETIX
♥ATHEC
♥SCPU
♥RATNES
TCU
♥IREH
♥PETUS
♥PTA
♥RENPI S
ITPER
♥UTAN

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

Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

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

1. AM/FM device	— — D — —	Relative amount	— — T — —
2. Ocean voyage	C — — — — —	Black-and-blue mark	B — — — — —
3. British tea cake	— — O — —	Play division	— — E — —
4. Country	— A — — —	Perception	— O — — —
5. Home sweet home	— — — R — —	Physical well-being	— — — L — —
6. Fossil resin	A — — — —	Cinder	E — — — —
7. Dense	— — — C —	Ponder	— — — N —
8. Turn upside down	— — V — — —	Implant	— — — S — —
9. Like Billy the Kid	— — — — W	Expend	— — — — — Y
10. Peppermint	— A — — —	Caulking material	— U — — —

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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!

Walk
RATED [] [] [] [] [] []

Path
OUTER [] [] [] [] [] []

Brand
BELLA [] [] [] [] [] []

Figure
PHASE [] [] [] [] [] []

TODAY’S WORD [] [] [] [] [] []

"I'd hate to see the _____."

MOMENTS IN TIME: The History Channel

* On Jan. 8, 1310, near the beginning of the Little Ice Age, when average temperatures around the world dropped by as much as 3.6 F (particularly in Europe and North America), the Thames River in London froze so thickly that bonfires were lit on it.

* On Jan. 9, 1768, British former cavalry Sergeant Major Philip Astley staged the first modern circus after discovering that if he galloped in a tight circle, centrifugal force would allow him to perform seemingly impossible acts on horseback. He drew up a ring and invited the public to watch him wave his sword in the air while riding with one foot on his saddle and one on his horse’s head.

* On Jan. 10, 1845, poets Elizabeth Barrett and Robert Browning began the correspondence that would eventually lead to their secret courtship and marriage, which Elizabeth’s father disapproved of so strongly that he disowned her. The couple then fled England for Italy, where they would live for 15 years until Barrett’s death.

* On Jan. 11, 1915, Jacob Ruppert and Colonel Tillinghast Huston purchased the New York Yankees for \$450,000. Ruppert put up his share of the sale in cash, and within a decade had built Yankee Stadium, acquired baseball legend Babe Ruth, and won the first of the franchise’s World Series titles.

* On Jan. 12, 1948, pacifist and spiritual leader Mahatma Gandhi began his final fast. Eighteen days later, he was assassinated by Hindu nationalist Nathuram Godse while on his way to address a prayer meeting.

* On Jan. 13, 1976, American inventor Ray Kurzweil and the National Federation of the Blind debuted the Kurzweil Reading Machine, the first omnifont optical character recognition system, which converts print to speech.

* On Jan. 14, 2004, the national flag of Georgia, also known as “the five-cross flag,” was returned to official use for the first time in five centuries. Originally a banner of the medieval Kingdom of Georgia, it became popular again in the late 20th and early 21st centuries during the country’s national revival

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: **X** equals **T**

VLXXLSI ILZX XP NMSR QULVVLSI
MAPBX WPSILI XWMX IXPJ MZQ
SLNBIL XP FLLJ UMFVHZT:
AMVF RMHV.

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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.

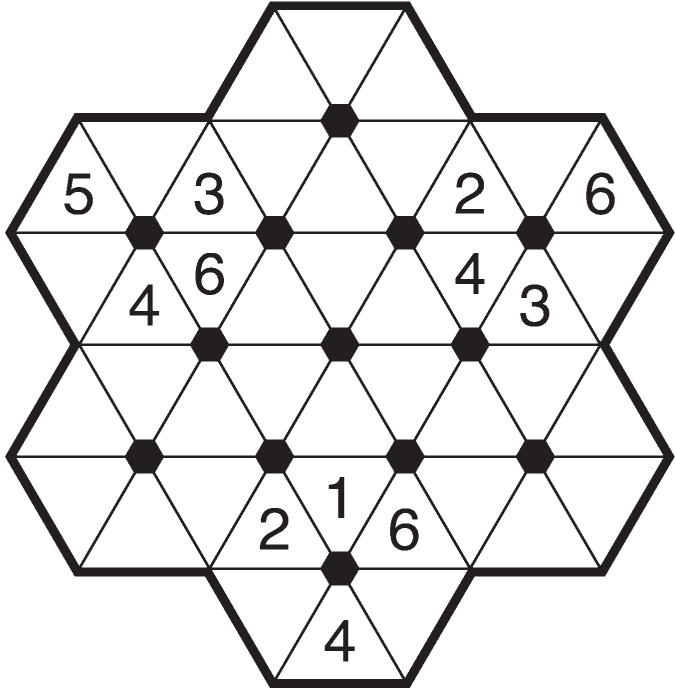
ORD'S MZXD SNG VRPIO ZDO
IRWG CRTP WRTI; VXWORB XW
UGSSGP SNZD WXIQQP RP MRIO.
— URU BZPIGC

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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

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



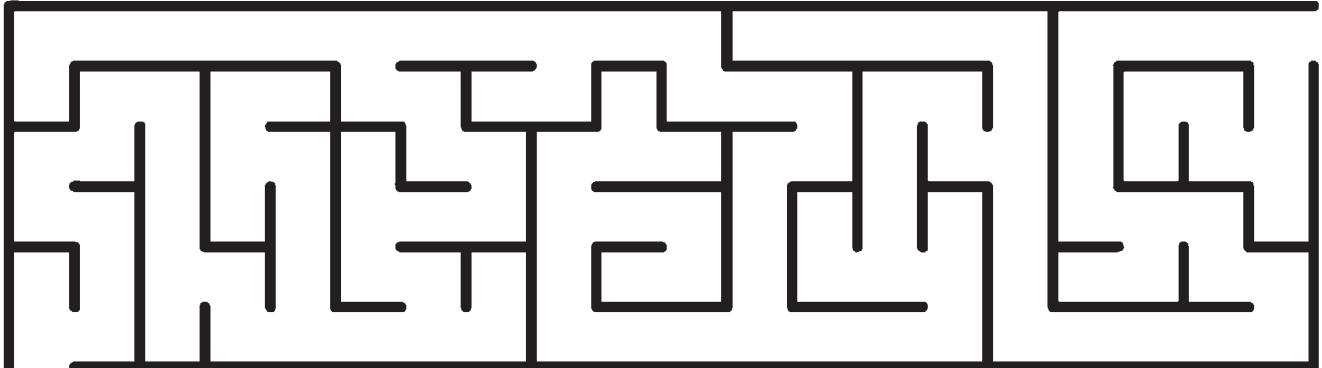
STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

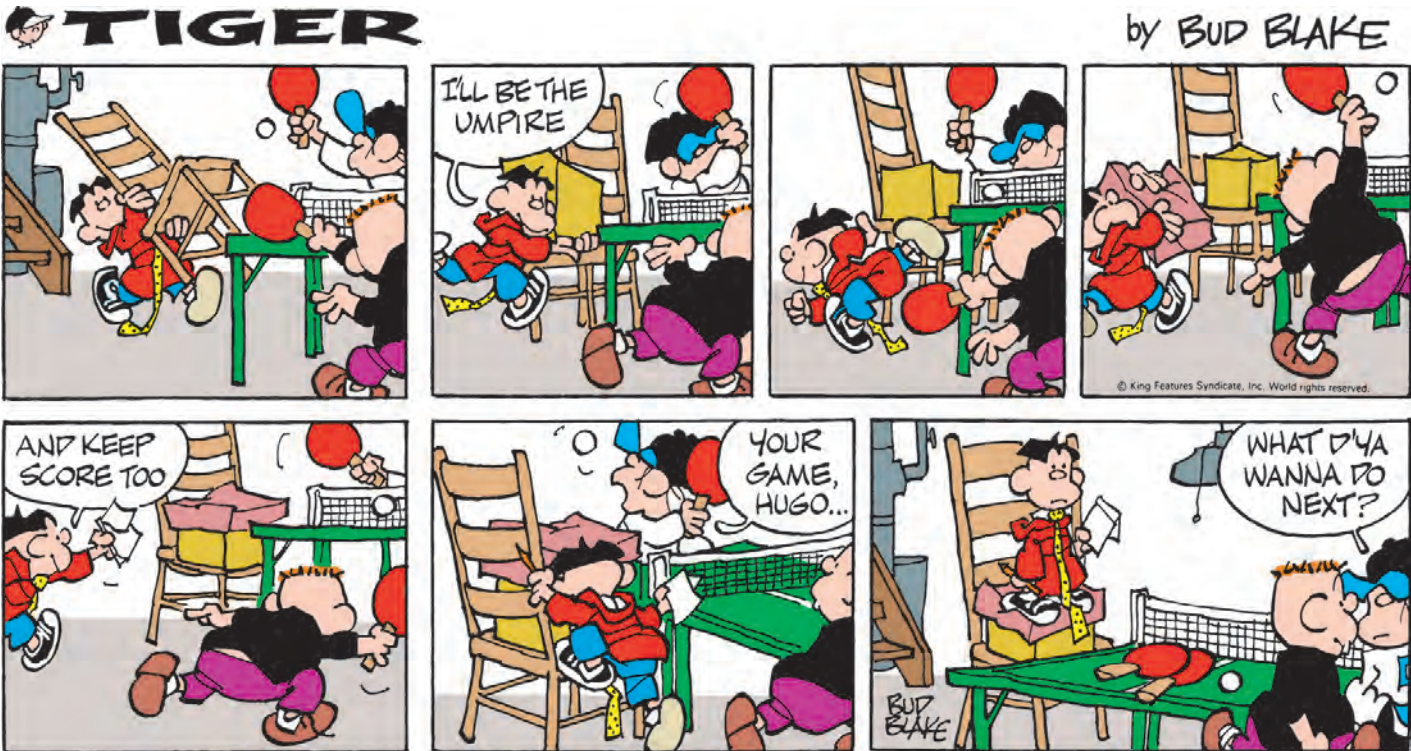
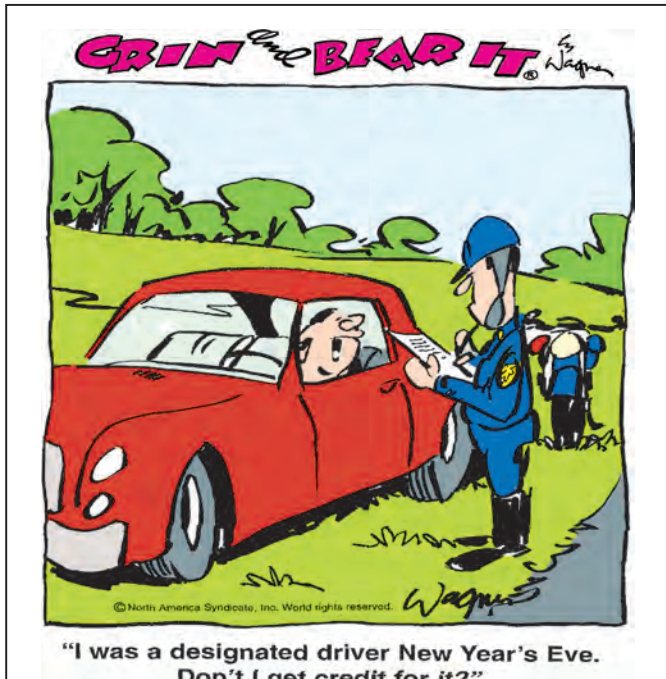
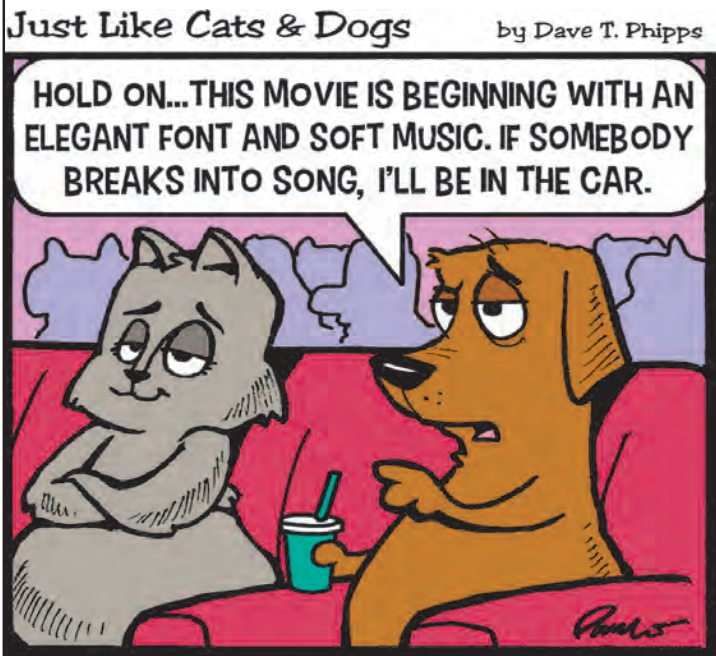
- * In 1837, Thomas Saverland took Caroline Newton to court for biting off part of his nose after he forcibly kissed her at a party.
- * The original Xbox had sound snippets of real space missions.
- * Korean college students once launched a protest against the amount of air in potato chip bags by building a raft out of them and sailing it across a river.
- * When Michael Orchard broke into his neighbor's burning home to rescue their dog, his heart was in the right place but his timing wasn't: The house fire was merely his LSD-induced hallucination.
- * Frozen cow manure was the first-ever puck used in a hockey game.
- * The word "thug" comes from 1350s India and the Hindi word "thag," which means "deceiver" or "thief" or "swindler."
- * Ten thousand light years away from Earth, a huge cloud 1,000 times larger than our solar system's diameter contains enough alcohol to fill 400 trillion pints. To drink it all, everyone on Earth would have to drink 300,000 pints each day for 1 billion years.
- * A violin known as "the Blackbird," carved entirely from stone, produces sound comparable to traditional wooden violins.
- * Research has shown that people born in September, October and November are more likely to live 100 years or longer.
- * French performer Michel Lotito, aka "Monsieur Manget-out," or "Mr. Eat All," could hardly be accused of being a picky eater, having earned a Guinness World Record for strangest diet. His gastronomic feats included downing bicycles, razor blades and even an entire airplane.
- * Much like humans, chimpanzees use strategic high ground for reconnaissance on rival groups during "chimp warfare."

Thought for the Day: "Every day the clock resets. Your wins don't matter. Your failures don't matter. Don't stress on what was, fight for what could be." -- Sean Higgins

Kids' Maze



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PARK NEWS

Baker Acres residents gather for a parade and ugly sweater contest



Left: The decorated golf carts line up for the Christmas parade at Baker Acres.

SUSAN SLATER



Right: Linda Campau is dressed in her ugly sweater ready for the contest.



Above: Dale and Maggie Christensen decorated their cart along with their dog, Ricky, for the parade.

Below: Linda and Wayne Campau along with their dog, Ringo are ready for the golf cart parade.



Left: Nancy Robbins entered the ugly sweater contest with this grandiose Santa head.



Golf carts and bikes get together for a Christmas parade at Glen Haven



Left: Winners of the golf cart parade at Glen Haven RV Community were Sam and Gail Barnes.

Below: Susan Stolzenberg decked out her three wheeler in a beach theme and won third.



Above: This golf cart by Sheila Wallace with a wrapped up present decor won second place.

Right: The decorated bikers gather to find their place in line for the Christmas parade.



PARK NEWS

Hillside residents celebrate Christmas with a party and games



Left: Residents at Hillside Mobile Home Park gather in the clubhouse for a Christmas party filled with food and games.

Below: Anne Marie and Joyce volunteer to serve the residents.



Left: The table was full of prizes for the musical snowball game.



Right: Ceil Muldoon was caught with the snowball when the music stopped. She punched a red solo cup on the board to see what prize she won.



Above: Residents were treated to a spread of cheese, crackers, fruits and vegetables before the main course.

Zack’s Oakside residents ride around the park in their decorated golf carts



Left: Residents at Zack’s Oakside Mobile Home Park drive around the park with their decorated golf carts and bikes for a Christmas parade.

Below: After the parade, residents are treated to a cup of hot chocolate in the clubhouse.



Above: Rita and Ron Moldovan dress up in their Grinch pajamas for the Christmas golf cart parade at Zack’s Oakside.

SUSAN SLATER



Above: Degan Bowers, 4, wants to lead the parade with his grandfather’s golf cart.

Left: The Barse Family dress up in costume as an elf, Frosty the Snowman, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and the Grinch for the golf cart parade.



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Left: Orlenys Calderon gives two thumbs up as fellow cadet Devon Wharton works on a robot.

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Right: Zephyrhills JROTC cadets Collin Odell, Kendry Abreu and Zionel Caceras work on one of the robots at a table.

Left: Cadets Orlenys Calderon and Jake Lisenbee prepare to enter their robots in the competition.

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Two of those cadets taking part in that event — Zionel Caceras and Jake Linsenbee — went to Dallas last year.

"It helps tremendously because they know what to expect," said Smith, noting that Caceras and Lisenbee encourage and help the others.

In another qualifying meet, Zephyrhills entered three robots at Apopka. Smith said the team could have four robots in the next competition, Jan. 13 at defending national champion Steinbrenner.

While Smith oversees the program from the high school's perspective, civilian Brad Odell does most of the coaching and working with the cadets.

Odell, a former automotive teacher at Wesley Chapel, has a son and daughter — freshman Collin and Cara, a junior — in the JROTC program. Having suffered back injuries from an automobile accident he began stopping buy to help, bringing tools like a grinder jigsaw and sander to make the robotics projects easier.

"They were having trouble modifying the robots and they didn't have the right tools," Odell said. "I want to help these guys as much as possible. It excites me to go back into the classroom and teach again."

The team was broken down into three areas — driver, mechanic and navigator. Noting that all robots break down at various levels of

the competition, Smith lauded cadets from his unit for getting the robots up and running again in a short time.

"It really requires high thinking and critical thinking," he said. "In the six matches (per division) when the robot broke down the cadets had to fix it. Most of them were pretty calm because they built the robot so if it broke down they knew how to get it up and running again."

Among the highlights for the local team was making it to the semifinals as they faced many adversities and fought to overcome them. Cadet Sgt. Aubrey Stuart listed building a lock on the robot and coding it on time for the end game as the biggest struggle overall.

"My team was very dedicated to solving any obstacles that we faced," she said. "My team works hard, I work hard; we're all in this together."

Smith noted that the robotics team's triumphs at the two recent competitions serve as an inspiration to students, educators and the community at-large.

"Their achievements highlight the importance of STEM education and the potential of robotics in solving real-world challenges," he said. "The team's success not only showcases their talent but also solidifies the school's reputation as a hub for innovation and excellence."

Added Odell, "We've been getting better and better. My goal is to challenge the students to build a bigger and better robot."

Left: Cadets Devon Wharton and Zionel Caceras hold the Zephyrhills JROTC's two robots alongside Jake Lisenbee. Caceras and Lisenbee went to nationals in Dallas last spring, so they provided some valuable experience to the team.



Volunteers lay wreaths on veterans' graves at Oakside Cemetery



Above: Some of the volunteers who laid wreaths at veterans' graves during the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Oakside Cemetery.



Right: Meagan Sammons, Heath Sammons, Manny Funes, Karen Gaskin, Amanda Harrison, Lisa Summer and Marie Wynderlich laid wreaths at Oakside Cemetery.



Right: These wreaths were laid at veterans' graves at Oakside Cemetery.

On Dec. 18 there were 25 volunteers led by Meagan Sammons and a prayer by USAF veteran Manny Funes, for the second annual Wreaths Across America at Oakside Cemetery in Zephyrhills.

Sammons and her volunteers raised enough money from donations from the community along with the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Commandough's Pizza and Youth Troop 117 who hosted this year's ceremony. The donations helped to purchase 349 wreaths that were laid by the volunteers on veterans' graves at Oakside Cemetery.

The meaning of the laying of wreaths on the graves is to honor and remember the veterans that served our country. Funes said, that a touching moment for us as veterans was when

we laid the wreaths at the base of the grave, then stepped back, said the veteran's name and saluted.

Wreaths Across America started in 1992 in Harrington, Maine, but today it's located in Columbus Falls, Maine, where each year it provides wreaths to more than 4,100 cemeteries across America.

There are 1,200 veterans' graves in Oakside Cemetery and Sammons would like to place a wreath on each one of them next year. But it takes donations and volunteers.

If anyone is interested in supporting the veterans and participating in this special ceremony next year, contact Sammons at (813) 838-3822.

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Tax collector offices will feature The Runaways Animal Rescue as the Charity-of-the Month

The Runaways Animal Rescue is a non-profit organization whose motto is “Big or small we save them all.” The purpose of the program is to rescue lost and runaway animals, address their medical needs, including spay and neuter procedures if required. Once they are healthy and prepared for adoption, this no-kill shelter will keep animals for as long as needed. Over 3,000 animals have been rescued by The Runaways Animal Rescue since its founding in 2020.

“We cannot thank the Pasco County Tax Collector enough for allowing us to be the charity of the month for January,” said Danielle Giroux, president and founder of The Runaways Animal Rescue. “This fundraising opportunity came at a time when our shelter and the animals in it needed it the most. Your support for our mission to save the most vulnerable animals within our community means so much to not only us, but to the almost 300 animals currently in our care. Because of your generosity we can continue to change the lives of animals in Pasco County for many years to come. You make this lifesaving work that we do possible.”

“The welfare of stray animals has always been a big priority of our office,” said Pasco County Tax Collector Mike Fasano. “It is wonderful when newer organizations such as The Runaways Animal Rescue jump in to help serve a part of our community that at times is overwhelmed. I applaud Danielle Giroux and her volunteers for the dedication they have shown to the rescues under their care. Meeting their medical needs, keeping them well fed and cared for is the priority, all with the goal of adopting them out to good, caring families. Please consider donating during the month of January to help this fine organization succeed in

its mission.”

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

For more details regarding this promotion or services provided by the Pasco County Tax Collector’s Office contact Greg Giordano, assistant tax collector at (727) 847-8179 or visit www.pascotaxes.com. For more information about The Runaways Animal Rescue visit <https://www.runawaysanimalrescue.org/> or contact Danielle Giroux, president and founder at (727) 753-8244.



Pasco County offices to close for New Year’s

Some Pasco County Board of Commissioners (BCC) offices will be closed Dec. 29 and Jan. 1, 2024, in observance of New Year’s.

Pasco County Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources’ offices, recreation complexes and community centers will be closed; however, parks and beaches will remain open to the public from dawn to dusk.

Pasco County Public Transportation (GoPasco) will provide regular transportation services (fixed-route and paratransit) Dec. 29; however, GoPasco administrative offices will be closed. GoPasco transportation services and offices will be closed Jan. 1, 2024.

All Pasco County libraries will be closed Dec. 29 through Jan. 1, 2024.

Pasco County Animal Services Administration Office, Adoption Center, Intake/Reclaim Shelter and Field Services will be closed. An animal control officer will be available for emergencies only. The Adoption Center will be open briefly Dec. 30, from 12-6:30 p.m.

The Pasco County Resource Recovery Facility, West Pasco Class III and the East Pasco Transfer Station will be closed to the public and Pasco County licensed haulers.

BCC government offices will reopen January 2, 2024.

SWFWMD declares water shortage order

Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) has declared a Phase I Water Shortage Order because of prolonged drought conditions. The order includes water use restrictions that started Dec. 1, 2023, and residents can now water their lawns a maximum of one day a week. The water use restrictions are for all water users in Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas counties.

This order takes the place of Homeowners Association (HOA) enforcement activities through the end of February to reduce unnecessary exterior water usage as stated in SWFWMD’s order, 40D-21.631(7)(g), which includes requiring replacement of plant material to meet aesthetic standards. There are no exemptions from this order for the use of alternative irrigation water sources, including for those with Alternative Irrigation Water Source Registration.

The new watering restrictions do not apply to residents who have reclaimed water. Residents can water their lawns either before 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m. on their allowable day:

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Above: Local dignitaries, along with city and county officials, dig in with shovels to turn over the first scoops of dirt for the long-awaited Hercules Park project.



Right: Plans for the park are mapped out with the project already under way. The park is adjacent to Zephyrhills High and Woodland Elementary.

Left: People flocked to the Sarah Vande Berg Tennis Center for its third-year anniversary this fall.



Above: A map details plans for the new building and extension at the Zephyrhills Municipal Airport.

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primarily around four local schools — Zephyrhills High and Stewart Middle, along with Woodland Elementary and West Zephyrhills Elementary.

“It’s for safer routes to schools for the kids,” said LeBlanc, noting that the project has been ongoing since the summer of 2023 and is about a year out from completion.

Aside from the Hercules and sidewalk plans other projects are in the works in the fast-growing city and surrounding areas of east Pasco County.

Expansion of a section of the Zephyrhills Municipal Airport, upgrades on the city’s wastewater system and a redesign of the city’s yard for public works utilities out by the airport are also under way.

“When pilots land they’ll have a new building to go to,” Poe said, adding that pavement will be added to the area for small planes.

As for the wastewater plans, which amount to nearly \$6 million, Poe described it as “the non-sexy project. No one sees it but it needs (upgrades and improvements).”

Down the line will be a redesign of Zephyr Park with that project beginning sometime in late 2024 or early 2025, Poe said.

One project that recently celebrated its third anniversary is the Sarah Vande Berg Tennis Center. In November, that facility hosted the pickleball portion of the Florida Senior Games for the second straight year. Tourneys and clinics for other sports like tennis and padel also take place at the center, named after the late Zephyrhills High standout tennis player.

“They’re doing what they said it was designed to do,” Poe said of founders and workers at the tennis center off Simons Road, adjacent to the Silverado Golf and Country Club. “They’re bringing people in and that’s bringing additional dollars into the community.”

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TELEVISION:
Which 1990s TV show catapulted actor George Clooney to fame?

LITERATURE:
In "The Night Before Christmas" poem, how many reindeer does Santa Claus have?

MOVIES:
Which department store is featured in the 1947 holiday film, "Miracle on 34th Street"?

LAST WEEKS ANSWERS:

TELEVISION:
"I.J. Hooker"

LITERATURE:
Charles Dickens

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Barry Keoghan, left, and Archie Madekwe star in "Saltburn."

"Barbie" (PG-13) -- The highest-grossing film of 2023, clocking in at \$1.4 billion, is finally out on streaming! Margot Robbie stars as the titular character in director Greta Gerwig's fourth feature film, opposite a very sassy Ryan Gosling as none other than Ken. The film follows Barbie in Barbieland as she experiences an existential crisis after waking up one day and no longer being "stereotypically perfect." With the help of Ken, Barbie travels to the real world in an attempt to find the child who's playing with her -- her "owner," if you will -- so that she can return to her perfectly pink life. So far, its director, lead actress and supporting actor are all nominated for Golden Globes, and the film itself is nominated in the Best Motion Picture and Cinematic and Box Office Achievement categories. With the cultural movement that "Barbie" became this summer, the last nomination should be theirs for the taking! (Max)

"Saltburn" (R) -- "The Banshees of Inisherin" star Barry Keoghan jumps into the role of Oliver Quick, a misunderstood, straight-edge student at Oxford University who struggles to fit in with his classmates. After a coincidental meeting with a popular student named Felix (Jacob Elordi), Oliver becomes fast friends with Felix and eventually gets invited to spend the summer at Felix's family estate, called Saltburn. The estate is buzzing with bizarre characters who filter in and out of the lav-

ish property, including fellow Oxford student Farleigh (Archie Madekwe) and family friend Pamela (Carey Mulligan). As the summer comes to an end, Oliver realizes that the life he enjoyed at Saltburn is the only life he wants to live. Out now, this psychological thriller is director Emerald Fennell's sophomore film, her debut being "Promising Young Woman," which also features Mulligan. (Prime Video)

"Beau Is Afraid" (R) -- Directed by Ari Aster ("Midsommar"), this film features Oscar winner Joaquin Phoenix -- and got Phoenix his seventh Golden Globe nomination. He plays Beau, the son of a wealthy businesswoman named Mona, who grew up to become a very anxious, accident-prone adult. Beau receives news that his mother died in an accident as he was on his way to visit her, and as if his astronomically bad luck couldn't possibly get worse, he gets into an accident himself after hearing the news. While the date of his mother's funeral looms closer, all of his plans to get there goes awry, and Beau surrenders to a series of trippy experiences that push him to let out the grief and guilt surrounding him. With an ensemble cast of Patti LuPone, Nathan Lane, Michael Gandolfini and more, this surrealist horror film is out now, after a disappointing box-office release. (Paramount+)

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4	PM :30	NOVA FL ROADTRIP		SUPERCROSS	M BASKETBALL	HOME RESCUE WEATHER
5	PM :30	NATURE FL WEEK		CHASING GOLD	C FOOTBALL	IN DEPTH SPORTS STARS
6	PM :30	NEWS GOOD ROAD	LAWRENCE WELK	FRIENDS FRIENDS	NEWS NEWS	PAID PROG NEWS
7	PM :30	LAWRENCE WELK	AMERICA CROSSROADS	TWO MEN ET	W FORTUNE JEOPARDY	NEWS BIG BANG
8	PM :30	APPEARANCES TIME GOES BY	ICONIC AMERICA	MAJOR CRIME PASSWORD	CSI	B REYNOLDS NFL FOOTBALL
9	PM :30	MIDSOMER MURDERS	RISE OF RAYS	SEAL TEAM	DATELINE	48 HOURS
10	PM :30	HOPE STREET	ICONIC AMERICA	EQUALIZER	SNL	48 HOURS
11	PM :30	MR. BEAN	ICONIC AMERICA	WOMAN OF WRESTLING	NEWS SNL	NEWS RAW TRAVEL COUNTRY FIX

SUNDAY						
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	3PBS	605PBS	44CW	8NBC	10CBS	
12	PM :30	M HOOPER FL WEEK	MAKE IT ARTSY FEAST	PAID PROG PAID PROG	NFL TODAY	W BASKETBALL
1	PM :30	ARTS PLUS SUNCOAST	C COOKS PATI'S TABLE	HEARTLAND INVESTIGATE TV	GAME TIME UNGUARDED	PAID PROG PAID PROG
2	PM :30	AMAZING HOTELS	LONDON 2024 TEST KITCHEN	PAWN STARS PAWN STARS	S.W.A.T. NEW YEAR	GOOD DOCTOR AKC DOG CHAMPIONSHIP
3	PM :30	AMAZING HOTELS	C COUNTRY YANKEE	PAWN STARS PAWN STARS	TRADITIONS B PEOPLE	PAID PROG D IMPLANTS
4	PM :30	AMAZING HOTELS	DOOKY CHASE MOTORWEEK	PAWN STARS PAWN STARS	EXTRA	NFL FOOTBALL
5	PM :30	DESIGN MIND LONDON 2024	WEALTH TRACK NEWS WEEK	PAWN STARS PAWN STARS	BEST OF 2023	S.W.A.T.
6	PM :30	NEWS ARTS PLUS	NATURE HOUSEWIFE	NEWS HOUSEWIFE		F FEUD F FEUD
7	PM :30	MASTERPIECE MASTERPIECE	NATURE KING QUEENS	FOOTBALL IN AMERICA KING QUEENS	NASHVILLE BIG BASH	SCOOBY-DOO COUNTDOWN
8	PM :30	MASTERPIECE MASTERPIECE	NOVA MAJOR CRIME	NFL FOOTBALL		TO 2024 THE ROOKIE
9	PM :30	MASTERPIECE MASTERPIECE	YELLOWSTONE THAW	SEAL TEAM		9-1-1 BOB BURGERS
10	PM :30	KENNEDY CENTER	WILD SCANDINAVIA	EQUALIZER	B PEOPLE NASHVILLE	NEWS SEINFELD
11	PM :30	ASTRID ASTRID	WILD SCANDINAVIA	COMEDY TV	BIG BASH SEINFELD	NEWS 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	SUNCOAST ARTS PLUS	TWO MEN TWO MEN	W FORTUNE ET	FAMILY FEUD FAMILY FEUD
8	PM :30	GREAT PERFORMANCE	AMAZING HOTELS	SIMPSON'S SIMPSON'S	AMERICA'S GOT TALENT	NCIS M OF ILLUSION
9	PM :30	ANTIQUE ROADSHOW	AMAZING HOTELS	48 HOURS	NCIS	M OF ILLUSION ANIMALS
10	PM :30	TOWN CALLED VICTORIA	AMAZING HOTELS	HOT BENCH HOT BENCH	IRRATIONAL NCIS	NEWS TAMPA HOY
11	PM :30	TOWN CALLED VICTORIA	AMANPOUR & COMPANY	LAW & ORDER	NEWS J FALLON	TODD TAMPA NEWS SEINFELD

TUESDAY						
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	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	FATHER BROWN	TWO MEN TWO MEN	W FORTUNE ET	FAMILY FEUD FAMILY FEUD
8	PM :30	FINDING ROOT	MIDSOMER MURDERS	SIMPSON'S SIMPSON'S	NIGHT COURT FAMILY	INSIDE EDITION JEOPARDY
9	PM :30	AMERICAN MASTERS	FL ROADTRIP	48 HOURS WEAKEST LINK	NCIS	WHOSE LINE MURDERS IN BUILDING
10	PM :30	PPRESERVING DEMOCRACY	SEASIDE HOTEL	HOT BENCH HOT BENCH	FOUND NCIS	NEWS MURDERS IN BUILDING
11	PM :30	TBA	AMANPOUR & COMPANY	LAW & ORDER J FALLON	NEWS S COLBERT	TODD TAMPA NEWS SEINFELD

WEDNESDAY						
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	3PBS	605PBS	44CW	8NBC	10CBS	
6	PM :30	BBC NEWS BBC NEWS	DOC MARTIN HOUSEWIFE	NEWS HOUSEWIFE	NEWS NEWS	EXTRA NEWS
7	PM :30	NEWS HOUR	DOC MARTIN	TWO MEN TWO MEN	W FORTUNE JEOPARDY	FAMILY FEUD FAMILY FEUD
8	PM :30	NATURE	WHEN SOMEONE DIES	SIMPSON'S SIMPSON'S	THE PRICE IS RIGHT	WHOSE LINE COUNTDOWN
9	PM :30	NOVA	WHEN SOMEONE DIES	48 HOURS	MAGNUM P.I.	RAID THE CAGE
10	PM :30	SECRETS OF THE DEAD	WHEN SOMEONE DIES	HOT BENCH HOT BENCH	CHICAGO FIRE	FBI
11	PM :30	NATURE MINISERIES	AMANPOUR & COMPANY	LAW & ORDER J FALLON	NEWS S COLBERT	TODD TAMPA NEWS SEINFELD

HOLLYWOOD



Nicolas Cage (Upcoming in "Long Legs")

HOLLYWOOD -- Sir Michael Caine, who has now officially retired at 90 (his last film being "The Great Escaper" with the late Glenda Jackson), confirmed to the BBC: "I keep saying I'm going to retire. Well, I am now. I figured I've had a picture where I've played the lead and got incredible reviews."

He continued, "The only parts I'm liable to get now are 90-year-old men. Or maybe 85. I thought, well, I might as well leave with all this. What have I got to do to beat this?" After over 160 films, he deserves to enjoy the fruits of his labor!

Bryan Cranston has also announced that he will be taking a hiatus from acting in 2026, stating: "It's not going to be like, 'Oh, I'll read and see what I'm going to do.' No, it's a pause. It's a stop. I won't be thinking about [work]. I'm not going to be taking phone calls." He plans to live in France with his wife in a small village and pursue gardening.

Cranston, who at 67 has been in 67 films and 96 TV episodes, will be seen in the Apple TV+ three-film franchise "Argylle," with Henry Cavill, Bryce Dallas Howard, Catherine O'Hara, Ariana DeBose, John Cena and Samuel L. Jackson, due Feb. 2, 2024. In addition, Cranston is currently completing "Everything's Going to Be Great," with Allison Janney, Simon Rex and Chris Cooper.

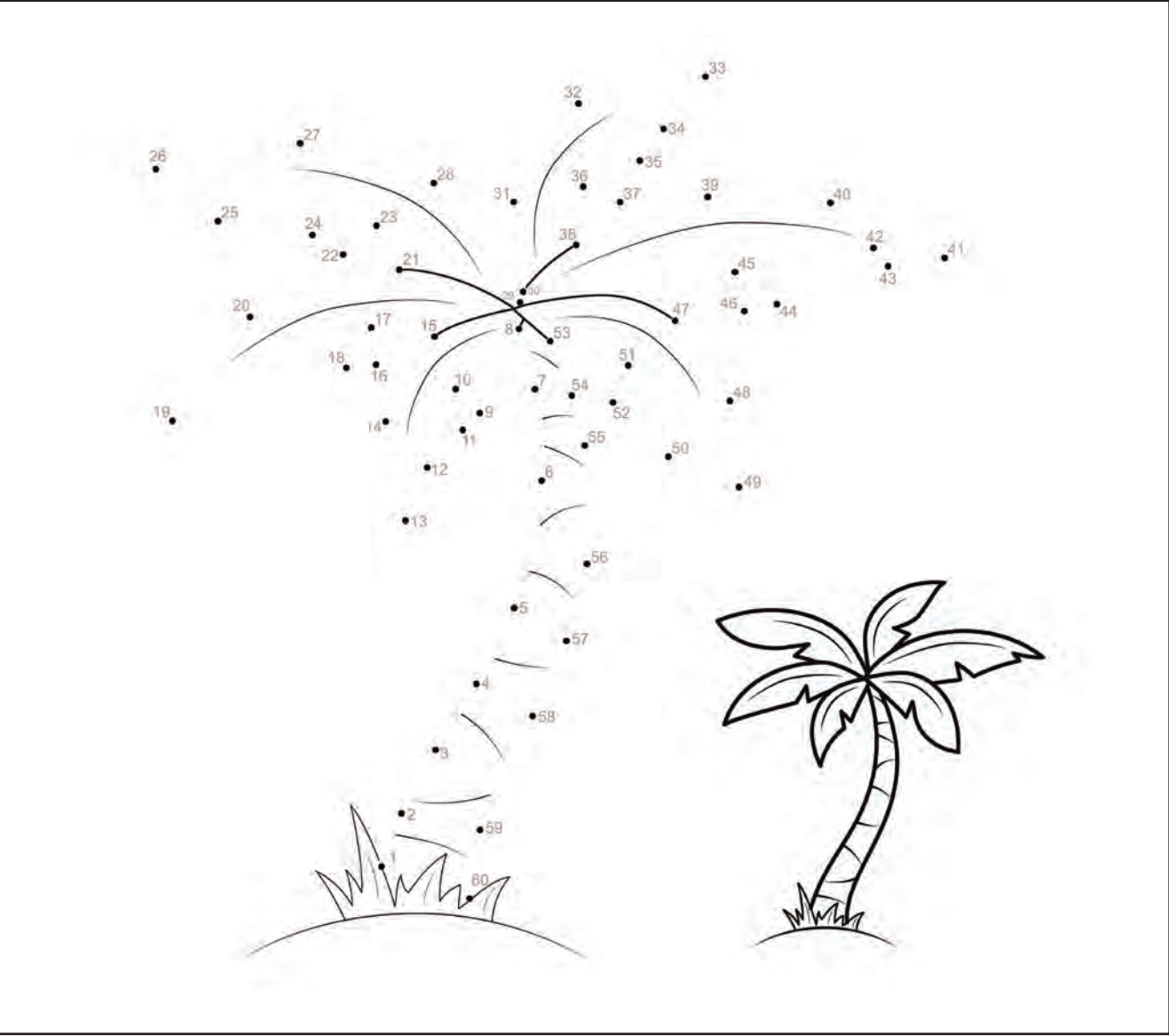
But the real shocker is that Nicolas Cage is the actor who truly plans to call it quits! He revealed, "I may have three or four more movies left in me. I thought, 'Okay, my dad died at 75. I'm going to be turning 60. If I'm lucky, I have maybe a good 15 years and hopefully more.' ... It occurred very clearly to me that I want to spend time with my family."

Cage has two sons -- Weston (32) and Kal-El (18, named after Superman). With wife Riko Shibata, he also has a daughter, August Francesca, born last year. Among his five wives were Patricia Arquette and Lisa Marie Presley. He's also the nephew of Francis Ford Coppola.

Cage's most memorable films were "The Rock" (1996); "Con Air" (1997); "Face/Off" (1997); "City of Angels" (1998); the "National Treasure" franchise (2004-07); the "Ghost Rider" films (2007-11) and over 100 more films. Cage was nominated twice for an Oscar, winning Best Actor for "Leaving Las Vegas" (1995) and nabbing a nomination for "Adaptation" (2002), opposite Meryl Streep and Chris Cooper (who won for Best Supporting Actor).

Cage's upcoming film releases are: the horror thriller "Long Legs," with Alicia Witt and Blair Underwood; the action-horror film "Arcadian," opposite 20-year-old Jaeden Martell and 18-year-old Maxwell Jenkins; and the Australian-Irish psychological thriller "The Surfer." When your next three upcoming films are described as "action, horror and thriller," maybe it's time to break out of the "Cage" and do a rom-com or musical! Merry Christmas, everyone!



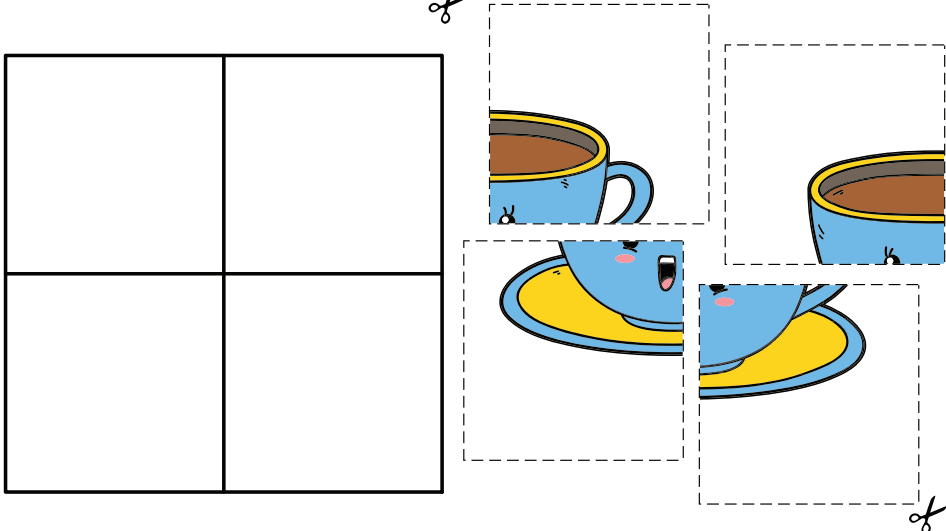


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