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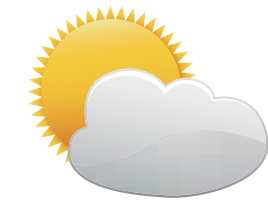
Groundbreaking for new San Antonio Citizens Federal Credit Union

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Stewart Middle School honors its Top Dogs

Stewart Middle School's Top Dogs for the first quarter were recently honored as part of a program started by the Pilot Club of Zephyrhills.

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Weather

Mostly sunny days, with just a few clouds, are in store for the area over the next seven days. Temperatures continue to drop, as is expected for this time of year. Daytime highs will be primarily in the 60s and drop into the 40s on some nights.

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Sports

Long playoff run and recordbreaking season is over for the Bulldogs

Zephyrhills, which advanced to the third round of the football playoffs for the first time in school history, had its recordbreaking postseason run end with a Class 5A region semifinal loss to Orlando Jones.

Zephyrhills splits preseason games on its home court

The Zephyrhills boys basketball team hosted a preseason classic for a fifth straight year. Last week, the host Bulldogs split a pair of games on Alan Reed Court against two tough opponents from Polk County.

Bulldogs lose close one to Sunlake in girls basketball

The Zephyrhills girls basketball team came up just short in a valiant comeback bid against Sunshine Athletic Conference rival Sunlake. The Bulldogs nearly overcame a 10-point deficit with a late run before eventually losing to the Seahawks by four points.

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Saint Leo University begins Christmas Season with blessing of Nativity, tree



Saint Leo University celebrated its annual Christmas tree lighting a little early this year on Nov. 18.

PHOTOS BY SAM GONZALEZ, SAINT LEO UNIVERSITY

Saint Leo University kicked off the Christmas season Nov. 18, a little early this year in order for students, faculty, and staff to celebrate together before Thanksgiving break. The last two weeks of the Fall 2020 Semester will be completed online (Nov. 30-Dec. 11) so many students will not be on campus.

The Saint Leo community was joined by members of the Pasco County community for the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony at University Campus, 33701

S.R. 52 in St. Leo.

Father Randall Meissen, university chaplain, blessed the university's Christmas tree and Nativity as the university prepares for Advent. Saint Leo Student Government Union president Ashley Butler read the Christmas story from the Gospel of Luke 2: 1-14. Students, faculty, and staff provided Christmas music for everyone's enjoyment.

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Pasco County School officials amend ban on spectators

Two fans per player now allowed at school events, a reversal of no spectators allowed a week earlier

By STEVE LEE
News Reporter

A week after banning spectators at extra-curricular events, Pasco County School officials reversed that decision and two fans per player is now allowed. The ruling came down on Nov. 30.

Among those not overly thrilled with the timing is Zephyrhills football coach Nick Carroll, whose team had a home playoff game last Friday until the ruling came and the Bulldogs opted to travel to Orlando Jones for a Class 5A region semifinal that they ultimately lost.

"Obviously, we would've loved not to have traveled to Orlando," Carroll said. "It's unfortunate that after one week it was changed."

With a distinct possibility of cancelling all extracurricular activities altogether due to a November spike in coronavirus cases, last week Pasco School Superintendent Kurt Browning announced that spectators would not be allowed at events. Mask wearing and social distancing guidelines already were in place.

"Starting on Nov. 23, planned extracurricular activities will be allowed to continue, but without spectators," said Browning, who contracted the virus this past summer. "Whether it is a sporting event, musical program or theatrical performance, we will not have an audience or spectators. Arrangements can certainly be made for a live, virtual audience, or performances or athletic events can be recorded."

That ban has since been amended. For now, each county player on a varsity, junior varsity and middle school team is allotted two spectators — parents, grandparents, siblings, other relatives and friends — per game. Mask wearing and social distancing still will be reinforced.

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East Pasco Republicans earn bids in house and senate

Wilton Simpson is Senate President, House Representative Randy Maggard retains seat and Danny Burgess is elected to State Senate

By STEVE LEE
News Reporter

A trio of East Pasco legislators are among the winners of recent elections in the state. Wilton Simpson is now the Senate President, House Representative Randy Maggard retained his seat and Danny Burgess has been elected to the State Senate. All are Republicans and longtime friends.

"I'm pretty sure that combo has never happened," said Maggard, who defeated Democrat Brian Staver in District 38 and has held that seat since a special election in 2019. "It's exciting. The relationship that the three of us have is very close. I think that between the three of us Pasco's future is very bright."

"Serving with others who I consider my family is the blessing of a lifetime," said Burgess, who serves District 20. "I've known representative Maggard and president Simpson long before I started running for office. Their commitment to not only East Pasco but to

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State Senate President Wilton Simpson is sworn in. The Trilby native has been a state legislator since 2012.

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Left: Wilton Simpson, a Republican from Trilby, was elected to the State Senate in 2012. Now he is the Senate President with a two-year term in that role.

Right: Randy Maggard, vice president of Sonny's Discount Appliance in Dade City, is shown with family members during the race for House Representative in District 38.

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the state of Florida is unwavering. I'm excited to serve alongside them and to continue the fight in Tallahassee."

Simpson included two more republicans representing Pasco County in the group. Ardian Zika, a House Representative in the 37th District, and Amber Mariano, a State Representative in District 36. Zika is an immigrant from Kosovo who Simpson said is living "the American dream," while Mariano is the daughter of Pasco County Commissioner Jack Mariano.

"I'm very proud of what I would call the Pasco County delegation," Simpson said. "It's an incredible honor to serve with such distinctive people."

Maggard, 57, ran as a fiscal conservative in a district that covers eastern Pasco County and has a two-year term. He is the vice president of Sonny's Discount Appliance and vows to improve water quality and access to health-care. Maggard has served on the Southwest Water Management Governing Board and was the chairman of the Republican Party of Pasco from 2006 to 2012.

"At the end of the day we can plan for everything ... but if we don't have water to drink all of it's for naught," Maggard said. "Water, it just defines our state. Making sure we don't lose sight of that resource is a big thing."

Burgess, 34, is a U.S. Army veteran and University of South Florida graduate who most recently served as the executive director of the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs. Before that he won three terms as a House of Representative. Additionally, he was the youngest mayor of Zephyrhills.

"First and foremost I want to continue the work I've done at the Department of Veterans' Affairs and continue to address the issue of veterans suicide," Burgess said. "Other things I want to focus on include our recovery from COVID-19."

Along those lines Burgess also spoke of supporting "our health care heroes" and families affected by the coronavirus.

"Finally," Burgess continued, "I want to be a leader who will help restore some faith in our politics."

Simpson, 54, has served in the legislature for eight years with two years remaining, was initially elected to the state senate in 2012. Top bills he has worked on have focused on education and natural gas.

"I knew there was a Senate President, but it wasn't something on my radar," he said.

Among some immediate challenges the legislators must address are the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, recession issues and budget shortfalls.

Simpson described his new role as "humbling" and said his job is "to make sure that the integrity of the Florida Senate is maintained and to make sure we are conducting the will of our senate."



Above: Danny Burgess was elected to a State Senate seat and serves District 20.

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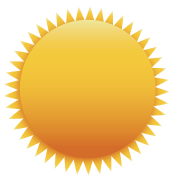


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SUNSET: 5:32pm MOONSET: 9:55am



FRIDAY

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Cloudy

SUNRISE: 7:05am MOONRISE: 9:24pm
SUNSET: 5:32pm MOONSET: 10:44am



SATURDAY

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Cloudy

SUNRISE: 7:06am MOONRISE: 10:25pm
SUNSET: 5:32pm MOONSET: 11:30am



SUNDAY

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Partly Cloudy

SUNRISE: 7:07am MOONRISE: 11:26pm
SUNSET: 5:32pm MOONSET: 12:11pm



MONDAY

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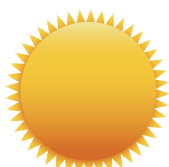


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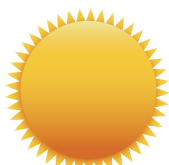


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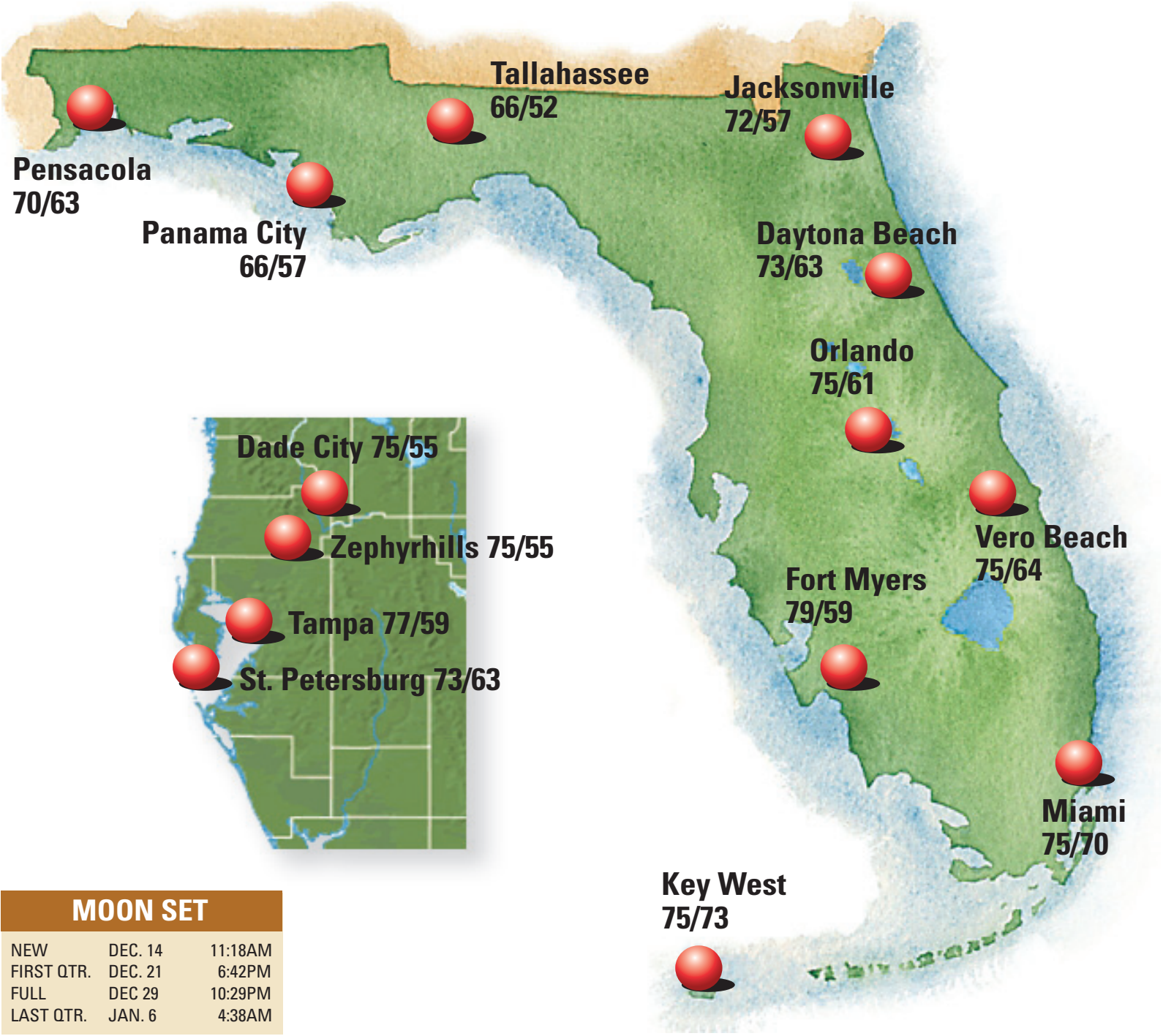
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Tax collector Mike Fasano announces holiday season giving opportunities

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Salvation Army’s Red Kettle Drive – The Gulf Harbors and Wesley Chapel offices will be Red Kettle donation sites on Dec. 12 and 19. Please stop by between 8:30 a.m. and noon either day to make a contribution to the important programs the Salvation Army provides throughout the year. Volunteers from the Salvation Army will be at each location collecting

donations during the week of Dec. 14-18 as well.

Farm Share Holiday Food Giveaway – collection jars will be on display in December in each of the five tax collector offices in the county. Donations made will help purchase fresh food for families in need this holiday season and into 2021. The Farm Share Holiday Food Giveaway will be Dec. 18, 9-11 a.m. at Faith Baptist Church, 9230 Ridge Rd., Port Richey.

“Please join the staff of the Pasco County Tax Collector’s Office as we celebrate the holidays by reaching out to those most in need,” said Fasano. “Your support of these wonderful local programs will help countless people enjoy the holidays this year. Your gift of any amount will go a long way towards helping our community have a joyous holiday season.”

For details about each program, information regarding hours and locations, or general questions about the services provided by the Pasco County Tax Collector’s Office, contact Greg Giordano, assistant tax collector/communications and special projects at (727) 847-8179.

SACFCU holds groundbreaking



To help with SACFCU groundbreaking are: Jay Vogel, supervisory committee chair; Billy Cowan, Consultants & Builders, Inc; Jack Vogel, board chair; Tim Baldwin, director; Bob Hatfield, Gus Bilirakis office; and Patty Sarne, president and CEO.



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Stewart Top Dogs honored



The Top Dog winners from Stewart Middle School were honored for the first quarter. This program was started over 30 years ago by the Pilot Club of Zephyrhills to honor students not just for academics but for their leadership roles in the school. One student is selected by the teachers from each team of 125 students each quarter. Top Dogs received a certificate, a special gold tag, gift bag and gift card. Honored were Stewart Middle First Quarter Top Dogs: Kylie Meszaros, Henry Hart, Mia Caprigliona, Natalie Fasig, Nathaniel Webb and Kammie McHenry.

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Above: Students practice social distancing at Saint Leo University's Christmas tree lighting ceremony.

Below: Saint Leo University's Nativity was blessed by Father Randall Meissen, university chaplain. The manger awaits the Christ child.

PHOTOS BY SAM GONZALEZ, SAINT LEO UNIVERSITY





OBITUARIES

Joshua Matthew Miller
MILLER, Joshua Matthew, 29, of Wesley Chapel passed away Nov. 13, 2020. He is survived by his parents, Bruce and Kathy Miller.



Kenneth (Ken) C. Bean
BEAN, Kenneth C., 73, passed away Nov. 22, 2020 peacefully at home with his loved ones by his bedside. He was born on July 1, 1947. Ken was a 24-year Veteran of the U.S. Navy. He is preceded in rest by his father and mother, Howard and Sylvia Bean; his brother, Richard, and his former wife, Shirley (Gregory) Bean. Ken is survived by his wife, of 24 years, Donna (Kirrane) Bean; father of Deena Powers and husband, Andrew, Tracy Campbell and her husband, Matthew; stepson, Brian Marcum and his wife, Mary Jo; brothers, Frederick, David and Robert; sisters, Shelia, Sharon and Bonnie; five grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Services will be Dec. 5, 11 a.m. at the First Congregational Church, 7900 Fort King Rd., Zephyrhills with Pastor

Joseph Kler officiating. Family and friends are invited. Interment will be in the spring (TBA) at Gerald B.H. Soloman National Cemetery in Saratoga County, N.Y.



Denise Podosowski
PODOSOWSKI, Denise, 55, of Wesley Chapel passed away Nov. 24, 2020. She is survived by her companion, Sergio; father, Marty (Patricia); and children, Dustin and Austin.



Robert Blanchard, Sr.
BLANCHARD, SR., Robert, 63, of Wesley Chapel passed away Nov. 17, 2020. He is survived by a son, Robert, Jr. (Malena); four sisters; and four grandchildren.



Craig Paul Cant
CANT, Craig Paul, 49, of San Antonio passed away Nov. 14, 2020. Craig is survived by his wife, Sabrina; and daughters, Lillie and Darla.



Paul A. Dixon, Jr.
DIXON, JR., Paul A., 29, of Zephyrhills passed away Nov. 20, 2020. He was born in Zephyrhills on Aug. 5, 1991. He was an air conditioning technician and of the Baptist faith. Paul enjoyed hunting and fishing, but mostly spending time with his son. He is survived by his father, Paul A. Dixon, Sr. of Zephyrhills; mother, Donna Dixon of Zephyrhills; son, Milo Dixon of Zephyrhills; sister, Heather Dixon of Zephyrhills; nephew, Braylen Dixon of Zephyrhills; uncles, Steve Dixon, Joel Dixon and David Hamm; and aunts, Myra Dixon, Diane (Donny) Dobbs, Gail McKinney and Kerry (Jay) Holt. Graveside services were Nov. 25 at Oakside Cemetery.



Gail Marie Smith Geiger
GEIGER, Gail Marie Smith, 81, went home to be with the Lord, Nov. 28, 2020 after complications from a short illness. Gail was born in Zephyrhills, to Eileen Reichart Smith and Austin C. Smith on May 28, 1939. Gail was a longtime resident to Zephyrhills area, known most for her sweet smile and loving kindness to everyone she met. She and her husband of 59 years, Nathan, owned and operated Geiger's Feed Store for 40 years.

Together they help support many FFA students treating each and every one as family. The store was a center point in town for people to stop by and talk. After the store closed, she enjoyed being a merchandiser for Hallmark for 15 years, where she continued to visit the folks she knew and loved as she did at the Feed Store on a daily basis. Gail gave of her talent playing the piano for 70 years in local churches. She was a devoted Wife, Mother and Nana. She is survived by her husband, Nathan Geiger; daughter, Sharon Geiger of Zephyrhills; grandsons, Matthew Akins (Amanda) and Brent Akins; great-grandchildren, Sydney, Grayson and Easton of Webster; sisters, Peggy Davis (Earl) of North Carolina and Mildred Carter (Bill) of Tampa; sister-in-law, Phyllis Geiger Debien of Dunedin;

son, Alan Geiger and family of Virginia; and many nieces and nephews. Service are Dec. 5, 1 p.m. at Family of God Baptist Church, 10331 Old Lakeland Highway, Dade City, with social distancing and masks required.



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Even while suffering in anguish, upon that cruel cross,
The soldiers laughed and jeered him,
For his robe they cast their lots.*

*As believers we think of our blessed Saviour,
Upon that cruel cross,
To those who chose not to believe,
One can only imagine how great will be their loss.*

*From the manger to the cross,
To that tomb so bleak and so cold,
He has risen and lives for us,
THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD. AMEN!*

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Adult Bible Study.....6 p.m.
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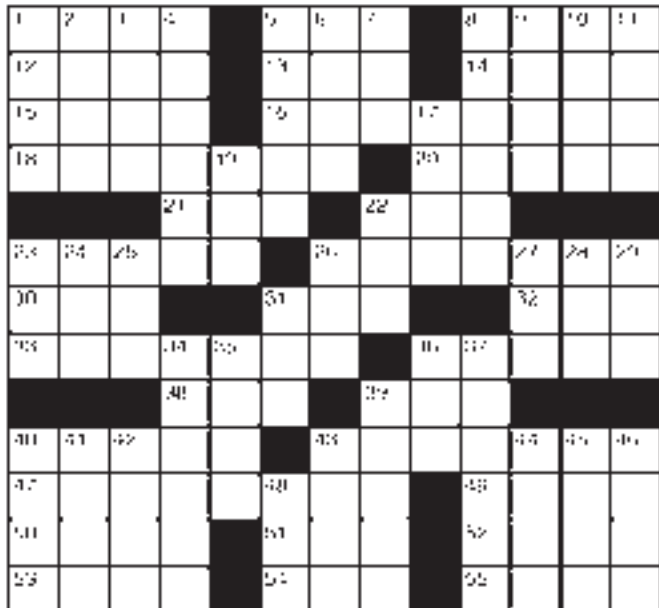
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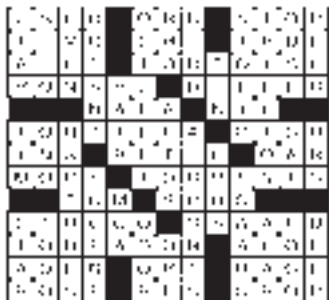
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8 Out of control
12 Suspend
13 Weeding tool
14 Wise one
15 Killer whale
16 Lineage
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21 Comic DeLuise
22 Satchel
23 "Forget it!"
26 Nation
30 Lawyers' org.
31 Sly one
32 Nay opponent
33 Racism, e.g.
35 Allen's land
38 Bill and --
39 Adams or Ameche
40 Clean software
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47 Immoderate devotion
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51 Trouble
52 Ring up
53 Lecherous look
54 Possess
55 Duel tool

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- 5 Amulet
- 6 Skeletal
- 7 Moment
- 8 Delegate



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| 10 | Shrek, for one | 37 | Intertwine |
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| 17 | Jacob's brother | 40 | Soap brand |
| 19 | Plaything | 41 | Advantage |
| 22 | Carton | 42 | Drill |
| 23 | Apprehend | 43 | Front of a ship |
| 24 | Japanese sash | 44 | Snare |
| 25 | Witty one | 45 | Irritate |
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2. Drew on Resign	C	McPhee or Peopins	N
3. Concord	E	Georgina Ford	H
4. Accurate knowledge	L	Longton	Y
5. More secure	I	Old MacDonald etc.	A
6. Drawn from the top	A	Wander aimlessly	I
7. Card game for four	H	Walshburn incense	R
8. Inglenook	H	Hale	Y
9. Watch garment	S	Tungsten skin	N
10. Sulf	P	Bugonne high-headed	W

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Above: Zephyrhills defensive linemen get off the ball in a regular-season game against district rival River Ridge. Off in the distance is a view of the visitor's stands at Bulldog Stadium.

Right: Attendance also has been sparse at Alan Reed Court. Few fans were on hand for a Zephyrhills girls basketball game against River Ridge.



Above: Attendance at Bulldog Stadium has been limited to 50 percent capacity during the football season.



Left: Stewart and John Long girls basketball players squared off in a recent game at Stewart.

► **SPECTATORS:** *From Page 1A*

Compromise is the operative word here with several coaches and athletic directors offering a variety of responses to the recent news. "The fact that we're going to two is a positive step," said Peter Livingston, who coaches the Wesley Chapel girls basketball team. "I think it's a good compromise. I don't envy the people who made that call. It was a tough decision.

"It will be nice to have a couple of people in the stands," he continued. "It's more about the parents getting to watch their kids play. It'll be more exciting for the parents of seniors."

Having people in the stands usually is not much of a concern for boys and girls basketball, which at the high school and middle school levels, are the top draws. High school wrestling, high school and middle school soccer for boys and girls, along with weightlifting, are usually not well-attended.

Nonetheless, that does not mean coaches and athletes in sports that draw fewer fans are not appreciative of those who chose to come out and support their respective teams. Mike Martinez, a former Zephyrhills wrestling assistant who now is the head coach at that school, is

clearly disappointed with any kind of ban, limited or otherwise.

"I need the spectators in the stands because it helps me recruit kids to come out," he said. "At least parents can come out and see their kids."

The back-to-back changes in direction, however, can result into a controversy on its own.

"It puts everything up in the air, especially when teams travel to different counties," Martinez said. "Are you going to have fans (at an out-of-county school)?"

Wiregrass Ranch athletic director Dave Wilson, who also coaches boys soccer and boys tennis, is glad that some fans can come to games.

"I think it's more reasonable than no fans," he said, adding that allowing 25 percent of attendance rather than two people per student-athlete "would have been easier to work with and more manageable. It's just a lot more work than it sounds."

For his part, Martinez is wary that the recent measures, which could lead to a shutdown of prep sports in the county.

"I think this is probably just a precursor that we tried," he said.

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