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# Two Rivers expected to be a major community



Two Rivers is expected to be a master-planned community along the State Road 56 extension, between U.S. 301 and Morris Bridge Road.

STEVE LEE

## CRA pursues options for Hercules Park with downtown plans for the historic Carriage House

By STEVE LEE  
News Reporter

County politicians and city officials are working with developers on a master-planned community. Two Rivers would change the landscape along the State Road 56 corridor between Morris Bridge Road and U.S. 301.

On more of a local front, the Community Redevelopment Authority is pursuing plans for Hercules Park while completing renovations to the Carriage House adjacent to the historic Jefferies House.

First and foremost is Two Rivers, which is now comprised primarily of woods and fields. County commissioners are considering the project, which requires a state review and some rezoning by the developer for any action to be taken.

The 3,405-acre community would feature three types of homes — 3,875 single-family, 1,400 multi-family and 1,125 age-restricted. There would be 1.3 million square feet for industrial space, 630,000 square feet for

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## Daylight Saving Time is here again

Time to spring forward in a longstanding tradition and set clocks one hour ahead by early Sunday morning

By STEVE LEE  
News Reporter

Not that it matters much to anyone anymore since we are long past the days of horses and buggies, but this weekend brings upon us a longstanding tradition that takes place twice per year. Daylight saving time is here.

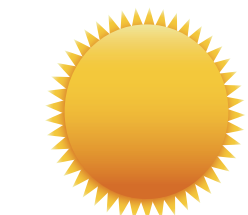
Early Sunday morning, or for some people preferably before going to bed on Saturday night, we all need to set our clocks and various other timing devices one hour ahead. The best way to remember is spring forward. For the other annual time change it is fall back, which naturally takes place in autumn.

The actual process of moving the hands on our watches and clocks has been taken out of our hands, so to speak. Most gadgets and various timing devices are programmed to automatically make that adjustment now-a-days. Some of those include cell phones, computers, laptops and some vehicles. On the other end of the spectrum, clocks on microwaves and stoves, in most cases, and watches must be reset.

At least one city employee, however, will have his staff manually changes some timing devices. Shane Leblanc, public works director for Zephyrhills oversees that process and does not envision the time change causing any problems.

"I don't think it really affects our department," he said, adding, "We do have a lot of

➤ **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME:** See Page 2A



## Weather

A warming trend lies ahead with mostly sunny days in the forecast. Daily temperatures will continue to rise and primarily be in the 80s. As for the evenings, things are predicted to get a bit cooler, mostly in the 50s and low 60s.

➤ 3A

## Sports

### Bulldogs compete in Cypress Creek Invitational

The Zephyrhills track and field team had an early-season tune-up against Wiregrass Ranch and host Cypress Creek.

### Zephyrhills comes up short against Wiregrass Ranch in softball rivalry

In an early-season softball game, Wiregrass Ranch cruises to an easy victory against host Zephyrhills.

### Coyotes top Bulldogs in SAC boys tennis matchup

Cypress Creek defeated host Zephyrhills 6-1 in a boys tennis matchup.

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# City reviews lift station takeover, advances projects

Monday's Zephyrhills City Council meeting advanced a number of construction projects

By ANDY WARRENER  
News Reporter

A crowded Consent Agenda slate with nine items towered over the proceedings Monday evening. It would not be long before the list was cut down to size. Councilman Lance Smith motioned to pull item 1.9 and the remaining eight items were bundled and passed all together 5-0.

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Wayne Butterfield (right) presented his case to council to take over his private lift station.

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# Pasco County schools announce graduation plans

Pasco County Schools announced a plan to hold in-person 2021 graduations in school stadiums with each graduate permitted to have four guests attend the ceremony. The plan became necessary when the district learned that the Yuengling Center at the University of South Florida will not be available for the graduation ceremonies in June.

The ceremonies will be similar to the in-person events held for Pasco graduates last year, with some significant differences. Last year, each graduate was limited to two guests (parents, family members, etc.) who were seated with the graduate on the field. Each cluster of three was socially

distanced from other graduates and their guests. This year, each graduate is permitted four guests – with two accompanying the graduate on the field and two seated in the bleachers.

“We know how important it is to the graduates to walk across the stage and receive their diploma in person. And we know how important it is to have family there to celebrate this once-in-a-lifetime experience,” said Kurt Browning, Pasco Superintendent of Schools. “This plan makes that possible while keeping everyone safe.”

## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME: From Page 1A

timers around the city where we have to go around and change. It’s kind of cumbersome, but while we’re adjusting it there might be batteries that need to be changed, so we do it at that time.”

Setting clocks forward by one hour in the spring allows for evenings with more daylight and mornings with less. Most areas of the United States and Canada are in observance of this practice that occurs twice a year. The exceptions include Arizona, Hawaii, along with overseas territories of American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

Leblanc, for one, would rather do without switching clocks in the spring and fall. Agreeing with that opinion is Melonie Monson, executive director for the Greater Zephyrhills Chamber of Commerce. Monson is from Zephyrhills, but also has resided out west in Utah. That state is in the mountain time zone, which is two hours behind eastern standard time.

“I just wish we could find one time and stick with it,” she said. “It’s a little bit strange. I’m not sure if it affects the businesses here.”

Daylight saving time has been practiced in most parts of North America since approval of the Uniform Time Act in 1966. Initially, daylight saving time began in the U.S. during World War I as a way to conserve energy, maximizing sunlight hours at night by taking an hour from the morning when most were still sleeping. That was in 1918 with various states adopting the practice over time.

In Florida, daylight saving time has been in place since 1970. While there has been some debate over the issue, Florida lawmakers discussed possible changes, but have not approved anything different.

While Benjamin Franklin, one of our nation’s founding fathers and our sixth President, proposed a form of daylight saving in 1784, it was not until World War I when Germany, most of Europe and the U.S. adopted the practice.

Day	Time	Location
Wednesday, May 26	6 p.m.	River Ridge High PAC
Thursday, May 27	6 p.m.	Idlewild Baptist Church
Tuesday, June 1	6 p.m.	WKTHS Gymnasium
Wednesday, June 2	9 a.m.	GHHS
Anclote High School	9 a.m.	AHS
Cypress Creek High School	7 p.m.	CCHS
Thursday, June 3	9 a.m.	RRHS
Zephyrhills High School	9 a.m.	ZHS
Winggrass Ranch High School	7 p.m.	WRHS
Friday, June 4	9 a.m.	HHS
Hudson High School	7 p.m.	LOLHS
Land O’Lakes High School	7 p.m.	WCHS
Pasco High School	7:30 p.m.	PHS
Saturday, June 5	9 a.m.	FHS
Fivay High School	9 a.m.	SLHS
Sunlake High School	7 p.m.	JWMHS

# Rotary Club donates to two local organizations

Right: Receiving a check from Theresa Sommers, Zephyrhills Daybreak Rotary Club’s president, is Terry Luna of the Pregnancy Care Center.



STEVE LEE



Left: Sommers also handed a check for donations from the Rotary to Larry Guilford, president of the Make a Difference Foundation. Luna and Guilford provided updates about their organizations to Rotary members at a recent meeting.

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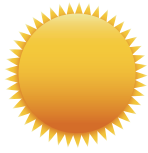
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FRIDAY

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Sunny  
SUNRISE: 6:42am MOONRISE: 6:33am  
SUNSET: 6:35pm MOONSET: 6:05pm

SATURDAY

84|55



Sunny  
SUNRISE: 6:41am MOONRISE: 7:05am  
SUNSET: 6:36pm MOONSET: 7:01pm

SUNDAY

88|57



Sunny  
SUNRISE: 7:40am MOONRISE: 8:36am  
SUNSET: 7:36pm MOONSET: 8:54pm

MONDAY

86|64



Partly Cloudy  
SUNRISE: 7:38am MOONRISE: 1:36am  
SUNSET: 7:37pm MOONSET: 9:47pm

TUESDAY

84|61



Cloudy  
SUNRISE: 7:37am MOONRISE: 9:35am  
SUNSET: 7:37pm MOONSET: 10:40pm

WEDNESDAY

84|63



Partly Cloudy  
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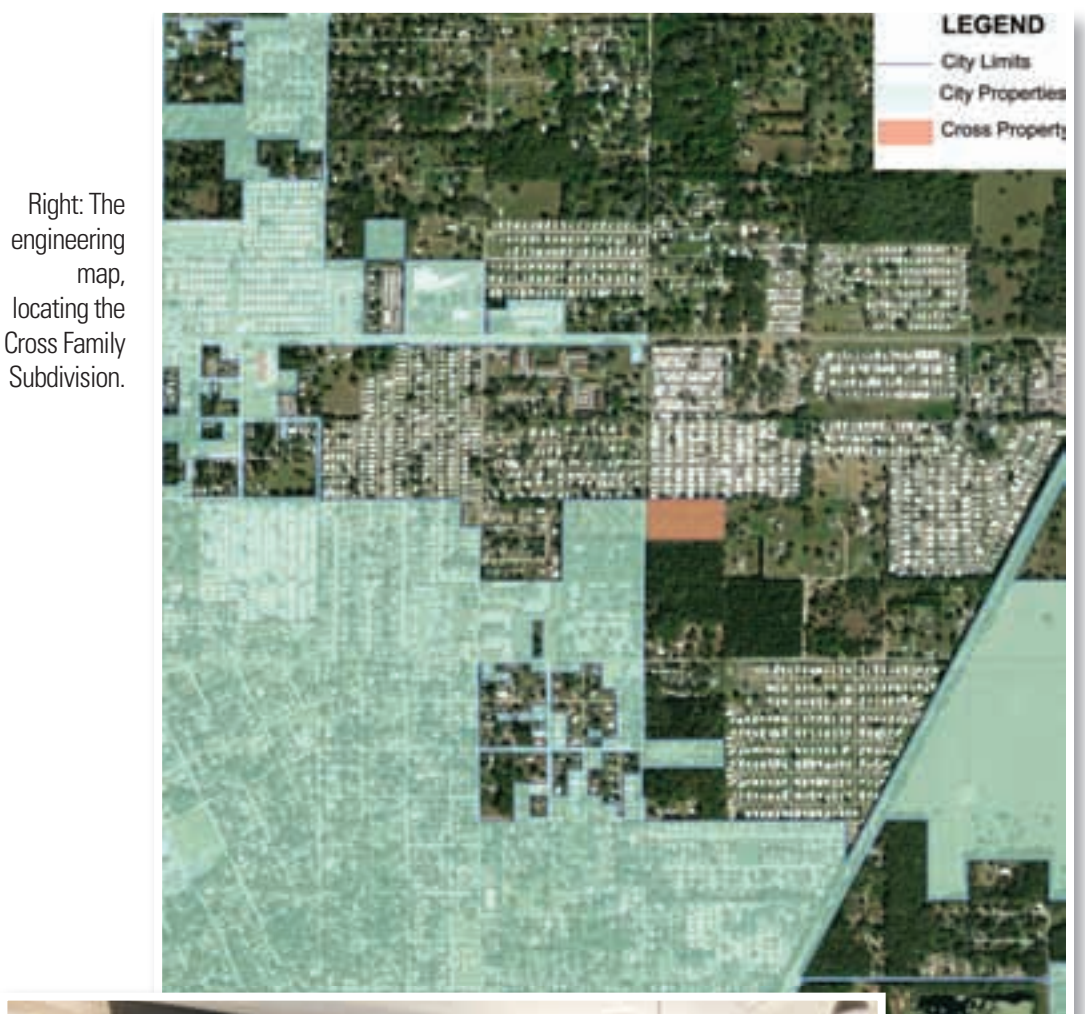
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Right: The engineering map, locating the Cross Family Subdivision.



Left: Historic Preservation Officer Audrey McGuire presents a final plat for the Cross Family Subdivision.

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**CITY COUNCIL:** From Page 1A

Those items included item 1.1 approving special meeting minutes from the Feb. 18 Mayor's Caucus. The result of which sat councilwoman Jodi Wilkeson in Seat 3 and current council president Charlie Proctor in Seat 5. Both advanced to their seats unopposed and had only to furnish 25 verified signatures.

Item 1.2 approved the minutes from the Dispatch Consolidation Workshop held just after the Feb. 18 Mayor's Caucus.

Item 1.3 approved the Feb. 22 regular meeting minutes.

Item 1.4 approved a mutual aid agreement between the city and the Pasco Sheriff's Office, extending the agreement through Oct 1, 2023.

Item 1.5 awarded the airport runway extension contract to C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. to the tune of \$5,471,542.24. The terms last for 210 days once the Notice to Proceed is issued.

Item 1.6 gave Zephyrhills City Manager William Poe Jr. authority to sign an agreement on behalf of city council to accept an additional \$40,000 of a FDOT grant pertaining to the runway or "Taxiway A" construction.

Item 1.7 was a change order request pertaining to Florida Design Contractors (FDC) for the Advanced Water Treatment (AWT) Wastewater Projects. The change order requested an additional \$107,222.87 to: remove an abandoned 4-inch force main, install a water meter, locate a Duke Energy high voltage cable, add an 8-inch valve, add a stone border around structures and repair or replace aging variable frequency drives.

Item 1.8 re-appointed Anjali Bedi to the Pasco County Library Advisory Board.

Item 1.9, was pulled for discussion. It was a piggyback agreement with the Tampa/Hillsborough Expressway Authority to contract with Infotect to provide general information technology support services for the city's IT Department. The item would establish Amendment 2 to the contract. That stipulates Infotect rates at between \$119 to \$152 an hour and automatically renew the contract on a month-to-month basis effective March 1, 2021. Staff approved the measure 5-0 but contingent on a letter from the Tampa/Hillsborough Expressway accepting the contract terms. At the time of the decision, the city manager had not received the letter.

Moving forward into the Business Items, just one item was presented to council by Audrey McGuire, the City's Historic Preservation Officer. The item asked council to approve a final plat for the Cross Family Subdivision, located on the east side of 23rd Street, between North Avenue and CR 54, consisting of just shy of five acres of land. The plat consists of four single-family lots.

Councilman Lance Smith made the initial motion and the item passed 5-0.

In the Citizen Comments Section, Wayne Butterfield of Dade City put a request before council to have the city take over a private lift station he built to provide sewer service for two tri-plexes he owns in Zephyrhills. The discussion that emerged occupied much of the time in council chambers on Monday. Council members expressed sympathy with Butterfield, particularly with the notion that a more simple and economical avenue to provide sewer service to his tenants existed but was not explored when the lift station was installed a year-and-a-half ago. Yet, at the same time, the city faced significant obstacles in taking over the lift station. It was first established that while the lift station was built adhering to the Florida Building Code, it would cost the city as much as \$175,000 to bring it up to city specifications.

"It would basically be rebuilding the well," Poe said.

Also at issue were the 22 other private lift stations in the city. Multiple council members, including Poe, pointed out that if they accepted Butterfield's request, that 22 more petitioners might be lining up to have their stations taken over by the city.

After a lengthy debate, there was not enough support at the dais to accept Butterfield's request.

Councilman Alan Knight filed a late motion but it was not seconded and the motion died on the floor, denying Butterfield's request.

In the announcements, Poe noted that the paving of turn lanes in the Pretty Pond/301 Project had commenced and that there would be a meeting on Wednesday to give updates on the project.

Councilman Smith mentioned in his announcements that the noted Item 4.4, at the end of the evening's agenda, that the needs assessment was long overdue. The needs assessment is to be conducted by Harvard Jolly Architecture and will provide a Space Needs Assessment and Master Plan for the City Maintenance Facility, located at 39421 South Ave. The price tag for the service is \$19,945.

Other noted items included extending the current state of emergency pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the acceptance of a Historic Preservation Grant in the amount of \$4,750 to install beveled wood lap siding and front porch rehabilitation at 5529 10th St.

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# SALOME'S STARS ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Consider moving beyond the usual methods to find a more creative means of handling a difficult on-the-job situation. Avoid confrontation and, instead, aim

for cooperation.  
**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Seasonal change creates a new look for the outdoors. It also inspires Tau-

reans to redo their own environments, and this is a good week to start redoing both your home and workplace. Enjoy.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A misunderstanding needs to be straightened out so the wrong impression isn't allowed to stand. If necessary, offer to support the use of a third party to act as an impartial arbitrator.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) A career change offering what you want in money and responsibilities could involve moving to a new location. Discuss this with family members before making a decision.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Feeling miffed over how you believe you were treated is understandable. But before you decide to "set things straight," make sure the whole thing wasn't just a misinterpretation of the facts.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Showing you care makes it easier to build trust and gain an advantage in handling a delicate situation. What you learn from this experience also will help you understand yourself better.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Planning for the future is fine, especially if you include the roles that family members may be asked to play. Don't be surprised if some hidden emotions are revealed

in the process.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Making choices highlights much of the week, and you have a head start here, thanks to your ability to grasp the facts of a situation and interpret them in a clear-cut manner.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Carrying a torch can be a two-way situation: It can either keep you tied to the past or help light your way to the future. The choice, as always, has to be yours.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Your watchwords this week are: "Focus." "Focus." "Focus." Don't let yourself be distracted from what you set out to do. There'll be time later to look over other possibilities.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) A workplace opportunity might require changes you're not keen on making. Discuss the pluses and minuses with someone familiar with the situation before you make a decision.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Love and romance are strong in your aspect this week. If you've already met the right person, expect your relationship to grow. And if you're still looking, odds are you'll soon be finding it.



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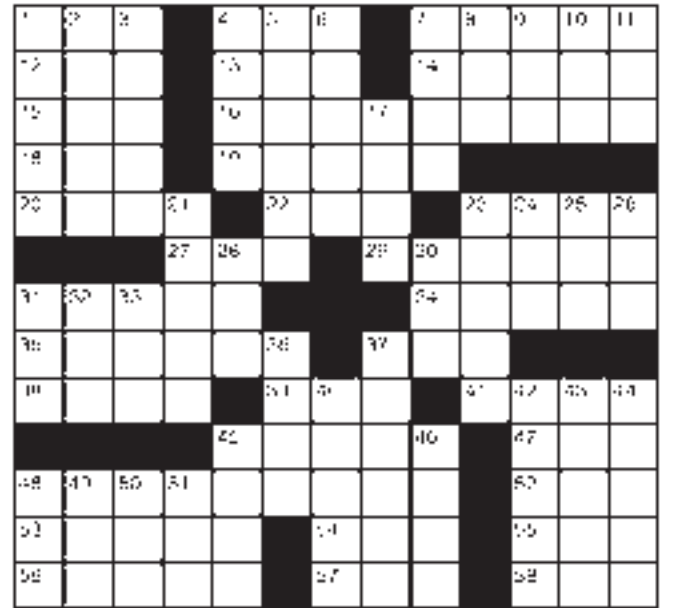


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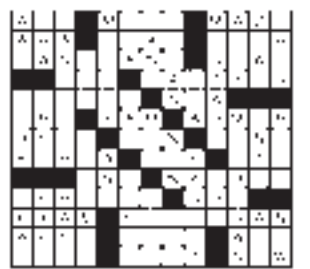
- ACROSS**
- 1 Nightwear, for short
  - 4 Rm. coolers
  - 7 Fable writer
  - 12 Decay
  - 13 Prefix with athlete
  - 14 Preamble
  - 15 Mode lead-in
  - 16 Soundly defeated
  - 18 Zilch
  - 19 Berth places
  - 20 Retain
  - 22 Away from NNW
  - 23 Roundish 'do
  - 27 Writer Harper
  - 29 Sitting room
  - 31 Prepared apples for baking
  - 34 Street punks
  - 35 Uproar
  - 37 Rotating part
  - 38 A Great Lake
  - 39 Actor Stephen
  - 41 Dumbstruck
  - 45 Striped equine
  - 47 Hockey's Bobby
  - 48 Performed to the end
  - 52 Gun-lobby org.
  - 53 Broadcaster
  - 54 Code-breaking gp.
  - 55 Small barrel
  - 56 Musical pace
  - 57 Thither
  - 58 Billboards



- DOWN**
- 1 Bit of mischief
  - 2 "Salt" star Angelina
  - 3 Tritite
  - 4 Perched on
  - 5 Vacation at sea
  - 6 Locations
  - 7 Has a bug
  - 8 Disney deer

- 9 Pigs' digs
- 10 Metal source
- 11 Group of whales
- 17 Get ready, briefly
- 21 West Point freshman
- 23 Bakery lure
- 24 "Alice" waitress
- 25 Scepter
- 26 Hosp. areas
- 28 College URL ender
- 30 "Eureka!"
- 31 "Evita" narrator
- 32 Owned by us
- 33 MLB stat
- 36 Raised
- 37 Tenor Enrico
- 40 Deep, lustrous black
- 42 Candymaker Willy
- 43 Goofed
- 44 Pulls
- 45 Goose egg
- 46 -- impasse
- 48 Bit of butter
- 49 Fib
- 50 Branch
- 51 "Uh-huh"

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Find the countries in the maze. List them all. Directions: from top-left to bottom-right, down and diagonally. One dash for one letter.

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Iran	Spain	South Africa	Switzerland
Germany	South Korea	Switzerland	Switzerland
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## Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

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

- |                      |   |                      |   |
|----------------------|---|----------------------|---|
| 1. Saturn or Jupiter | T | Leveling tools       | S |
| 2. Beer mug          | I | Shook Jack Howard    | R |
| 3. Closet accessory  | A | Crave food           | U |
| 4. Rendezvous        | Y | Have faith in        | U |
| 5. On the mend       | E | Soul-tasting         | I |
| 6. Subsequent        | L | Thirst quencher      | W |
| 7. Penny pincher     | S | Gold dagger          | N |
| 8. Cavalcade         | O | Put into words       | E |
| 9. Bestow knowledge  | A | Bring into a country | O |
| 10. Taunt            | N | Mock                 | A |

## SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters across and re-arrange to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the board letters to form the missing word, which will complete the grid.



- Under  
**PARTIE**
- Verb  
**WEVERS**
- Sugar  
**CORUSES**
- Chide  
**CLODS**

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TODAY'S WORD

## GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

	÷		+		8
-		×		+	
	÷		+		11
×		-		÷	
	-		×		10
6		11		7	

1 2 3 4 5 6 8 9 9

DIFFICULTY: ★

- ★ Moderate
- ★★ Difficult
- ★★★ GO FIGURE!

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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: ◆◆

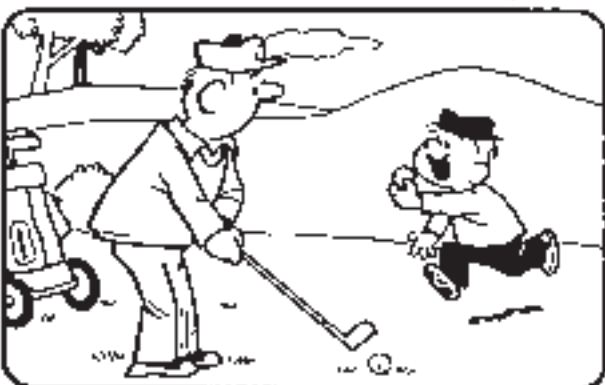
- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Boy is wearing 2. Red shirt is missing 3. Tree is missing 4. Ball shoes are different 5. Red shirt is missing 6. Tee is missing 7. Tee is missing 8. Tee is missing 9. Tee is missing

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**DEVELOPMENT:** From Page 1B

retail, schools for K-12 students and 246 acres for conservation areas.

"This is going to be a really nice, very well-done, master-planned community," said Pasco County Commissioner Mike Moore. "This is something that has really been on-line for a long, long time."

Todd Vande Berg, the city's planner, is hopeful that area roadways which would accommodate the ensuing traffic will be expanded.

"What stands out is the magnitude, the size of that project; just a lot of development," said Vande Berg, noting that the county's long-range transportation plan calls for four-laning the Eiland Boulevard bypass as well as additional turn lanes at the Morris Bridge intersection.

As for the CRA plans, director Gail Hamilton said city officials are weighing proposals

concerning Hercules Park, which once had the city's only large public pool and was home to the Zephyrhills High swim team and other aquatic programs.

"We're in the next level of details," she said, adding that the city's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board "likes the plans. They want to see a little more unique children's activities instead of the usual playground equipment."

Additionally, there have been discussions about adding a BMX bike trail.

"It would be a course for kids to ride there," Hamilton said. "If we do the bike trail we can keep those trees (the ones currently at the park) with a walking trail around it."

Kimley-Horn, a design and engineering firm that has worked on numerous city and county projects, continues to work on the park project, but there are no official estimates yet. Hamilton envisions the project being finalized some time later this year or early in 2022.

"The advisory board was very clear they want something spectacular and we don't have anything on the north end of town," Hamilton said.

In recent years, Culver's and Wawa have opened businesses on the west side of the park.

Vande Berg realizes the importance of having an attractive recreational area to that particular part of the city.

"Really, it's the center of Zephyrhills and it's in close proximity to the busiest intersection in Zephyrhills," he said,



Above: A vacant lot where the Hercules Aquatic Center used to be located could someday be transformed into a city park with a BMX track and walking trails for local residents.



Left: The renovated Carriage House, which could be utilized for commercial or residential use, is nearly ready to open.

STEVE LEE

alluding to the juncture of County Road 54 and U.S. 301.

As for the Carriage House, Hamilton noted that the renovations are basically done and there is work to finish on the parking lot. Space could be rented for residential and commercial use.

"It's kind of a unique partnership where the city donated funds to preserve the historic

structure and provide some new opportunities," Vande Berg said.

Taking into account the Two Rivers project and local plans by the CRA, perhaps Vande Berg summed it up best.

"Development is occurring around us at a very high rate and that's the reality of it," he said. "Some of that we can control."

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