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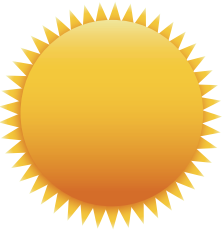
In this week's Wealth of Health column, eggs are the primary topic. That falls in line with the traditional Christian celebration of Easter. Aside from the colored eggs, chocolate eggs and various displays, discussion centers on the nutritional value of eggs.

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## Community News

The local Elks gain notoriety by lending helping hands to veterans. Several local Elks members are shown with some veterans who recently received donated furniture and other furnishings. Also, the Pasco Sheriff's introduce K9 Maddie.

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## Weather

Sunny weather is in store for the area over the next seven days with the exception of scattered showers on Saturday. Daytime highs are expected to be seasonably mild, but it gets chillier at night with temperatures dropping into the 40s.

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## Sports

### Stewart Middle claims dual boys basketball titles

For the first time in school history, Stewart Middle won boys basketball championships at the varsity and junior varsity levels in the same season.

### Bulldogs bitten by the Coyotes on the diamond

Zephyrhills and Cypress Creek entered their baseball game with matching 2-1 records, but the host Coyotes won handily.

### Coyotes rout Cyclones in middle school girls soccer

Cypress Creek closes out the girls soccer season with an 8-0 shutout of Centennial.

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# Governor pays surprise visit to Zephyrhills



Governor Ron DeSantis, flanked by State Senate President Wilton Simpson and Pasco Sheriff Chris Nocco, provided updates on vaccines during a speech Wednesday morning at the old Suntrust building on Gall Boulevard. **JAN LINVILLE**

## Ron DeSantis vows to expand vaccine dosages to more seniors and other groups in Florida

By STEVE LEE  
News Reporter

Governor Ron DeSantis paid a surprise unannounced visit to Zephyrhills on Wednesday morning to address the public on a greater vaccine rollout in keeping with his Seniors First agenda. It marked the first visit by a governor since Rick Scott came to Zephyrhills in 2012 to tout job growth in Pasco County.

Flanked by State Senate President Wilton Simpson (R-Trilby) and Pasco Sheriff Chris Nocco, the governor spoke at the old Suntrust Building on Gall Boulevard. He informed dozens of people gathered in the parking lot about expanding dosages for seniors as well as making vaccines available to certain groups, such as firefighters, first responders and school-related personnel.

Vaccine rollouts began in December and while there have been some reported problems with scheduling

shots online, DeSantis said that is changing nationally and statewide.

"It's easier to get online now," he said. "We've had millions of people who have already gotten the shot. We've done a majority of seniors in Florida."

City manager Billy Poe welcomed the governor and his message of keeping the economy going while making vaccines more readily available to the public.

"It's huge, the leadership and keeping people working and the infection rate low," Poe said.

City councilman Alan Knight, a staunch supporter of the governor, was among dozens of folks to stand in line to receive a vaccine from AdventHealth staff on Wednesday morning.

"This is the first (shot) and I'm looking forward to it," he said. "I've always respected Ron DeSantis. I think he's a people's governor. I think he's doing what's best for the people."

That would be getting more vaccines distributed with DeSantis saying, "Pasco and Polk are each getting 3,300 shots today for seniors. Bottom line is I think this is going to be our best week yet. We'll be back in this area soon, but we're going to make sure that everyone who

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# Mock battle of Fort Myers

## Civil War reenactment draws weekend crowds to Pioneer Florida Museum and Village

By STEVE LEE  
News Reporter

Billed as the Battle of Fort Myers, the Civil War reenactment drew crowds for two days to the Pioneer Florida Museum and Village. It marked the latest weekend event hosted by the popular historical landmark in Dade City, which has remained open for most of the coronavirus pandemic that has forced some other businesses to shutdown.

At least one participant was appreciative that the event took place.

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Troops representing the Union and Confederate armies parade together in front of a crowd after the reenacted battle. **STEVE LEE**

# On This Day in Florida History: The Battle of Natural Bridge

*This Friday and Saturday mark the 156th anniversary of the battles of Newport and Natural Bridge*

By ANDY WARRENER  
News Reporter

The State of Florida is often overlooked in American Civil War history. Florida had just become a state in 1845 and the US Army was still fighting the Seminole Indians as late as 1858. Wide swaths of the state lay largely unsettled and she had 1,400 miles of coastline to defend against incursion. While Florida managed to put a higher percentage of Confederate troops into the field than any other state, nearly 14,000 of a population of roughly 140,000, according to the 1860 Census, most of those troops marched off to battlefields in Virginia and Tennessee.

Yet, it would be events in western Mississippi that would point Union attention at Florida and her capital of Tallahassee. On July 4, 1863, the fortified City of Vicksburg fell to General Ulysses S. Grant after a nearly two-month siege. The fall of the city, brought the entire Mississippi River under Union control. Perhaps more significant for Florida, it severed a vital supply line from Texas, where Confederate armies received much of their salt and beef supply. The eyes of both Union and Confederate strategists turned to Florida. In an instant, Florida became the primary supplier of both aforementioned items for Confederate armies.

In February 1864, a Union push into the center of the state, aimed at cutting off this vital supply line, was stopped just outside a rail station at Olustee near Ocean Pond. It dismayed the strategic thought, that most regular Confederate units from Florida were deployed elsewhere. They were. What threw the theory for a loop was Confederate authorities in Charleston, S.C. sent several battle-hardened Georgia regiments, by rail, to aid Confederate General Joseph Finnegan in turning back Union General Truman Seymour at Olustee.

Fast forward to one year later and units such as the 2nd Florida Cavalry US and the 2nd US Colored Infantry are conducting raids along the Gulf Coast of Florida, again, aimed at disrupting that supply chain. They met with success. They struck Tampa, Cedar Key and

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Above: Reenactors portraying confederate soldiers prepare a cannon to fire on the enemy.

Right: Capt. Chuck Sheridan rode his horse out in a sign of truce.

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"Because of Covid, a lot of reenactments got cancelled and we heard about this from a friend," said Emily-Jane Curtis, who displayed various bonnets in a booth. "It's a beautiful area. There's that small-town charm that a lot of places have lost."

The living history event was highlighted by Civil War reenactments on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. People in period and dress uniforms played out the Battle of Fort Myers between the union and confederate armies. It was a step back in time to the 1860s.

"It's the history and trying to teach what actually happened, because school books aren't always 100 percent (accurate)," said Everett Jones, the event's organizer from Plant City.

Afterward, people who attend numerous events at the museum and village, along with newcomers taking in their initial event at the east Pasco location, spoke fondly of the reenacted skirmish as well as the site.

Steve Rinck, a reenactor known perhaps more for being a retired principal who served at a half-dozen Pasco County schools. He was there with his wife Nancy and 5-year-old grandson Maxon. They stopped by the blacksmith shop to watch Steve Melton forge metal into tools.

Newcomers Gene Greek and Arlene Caswell were enthralled by the mock battle as well as the encampment of the reenactors and other historical buildings at the site.

"It was really cool," said Greek, adding that

he was most impressed with "the amount of control (the soldiers in battle who were supposedly shot) had to lay out in the sun."

"It definitely makes you reflect," Caswell said. "To think about how times are so different now and how hard it was back then."

Caswell and a few other people mentioned the authenticity of the battle too.

"It was really loud," she said.

Added Harold Perkins, who along with his wife Valerie are from Bushnell, "The smoke from the rifles and cannons looked real. It was just like it should've been on the battlefield."

Chuck Sheridan, a reenactor for the confederate side who rode his horse out and carried a white flag in requesting that the union soldiers give back a cannon they took, appreciated just how authentic the battle turned out to be.

"Getting to crank her up and ride," Sheridan, of Sanford, said was the best part of fulfilling his role in the staged event.

Another part of the event was a traveling wall, which has toured throughout the state for more than 10 years and pays homage to the 4,265 names of confederates from Florida.

"People think it's awesome," said Cathy King, dressed in a long dress from that era. People don't realize that Florida had that big of a role, but it did."

Before the battle was staged, people walked around the grounds of the six-acre site, visiting buildings like the 1860s John Overstreet House, C.C. Smith General Store and Mabel Jordan Barn. People also were entertained by 7 lbs. of Bacon, a two-man band with guitar and mandolin players.



Above: Confederate soldiers line up to fire their rifles on the federalists.

Below: Cathy King, dressed in period clothing, travels throughout the state with the Florida Confederate Memorial Wall.

STEVE LEE



Next up at the village is the Jelly Bing Fling, which was cancelled last year due to the government shutdown that stemmed from the coronavirus pandemic. This year, it takes place on March 20.



Above: A unit of confederate soldiers march from their encampment to the battlefield.

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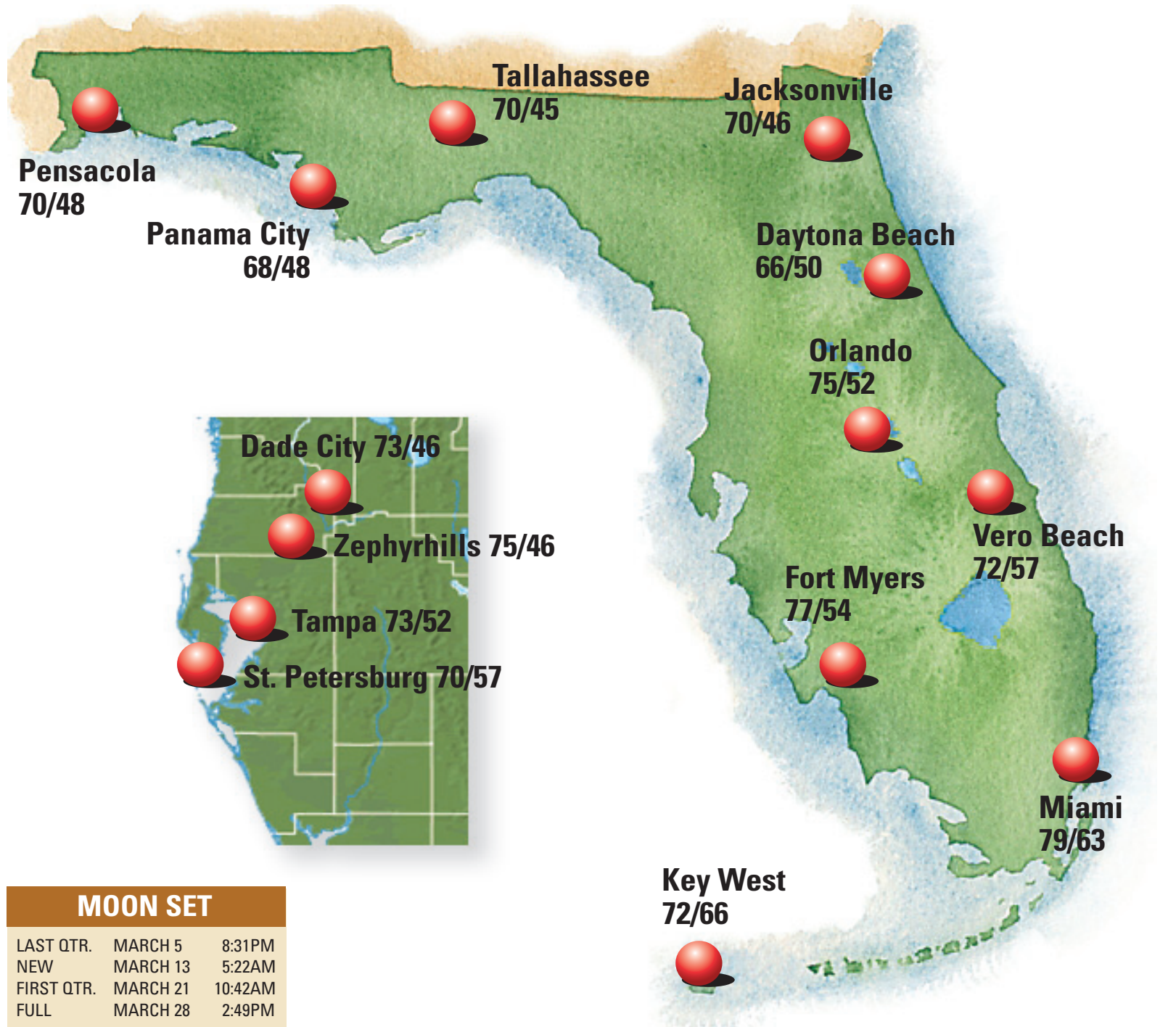
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Above: Among the crowd at the governor's speech were city councilwoman Jodi Wilkeson and police chief Derek Brewer.

Right: Pasco Sheriff Chris Nocco stepped up to the podium to speak.

JAN LINVILLE



Above: Councilman Ken Burgess spoke briefly with Governor Ron DeSantis before he was driven away.



Above: City manager Billy Poe and councilman Ken Burgess listen intently to the governor's message.

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soon, but we're going to make sure that everyone who wants a shot gets a shot."

Two Walgreens, one in Zephyrhills and the other in Hudson, are coming aboard as places to receive shots. Already, shots are available at various Publix, Winn Dixie, Walmart and CVS stores throughout the state.

In Pasco, DeSantis said the current rate of seniors being vaccinated is at 42 percent and he is confident that it will be increased to at least 50 percent in the near future. He expects nearby Pinellas to be at 50 percent this week, noting that some other counties in the state already are at that level.

In addition to seniors, DeSantis said the vaccines should be available to firefighters, first responders and school personnel by next week.

"The goal is to do everyone 50-and-up in the state soon," he said. "I think we can get through a lot of those people very quickly."

DeSantis expects 175,000 doses from Johnson & Johnson soon.

Simpson was equally optimistic, saying, "I believe we will have shots in every arm in March. We look forward to getting our numbers up in the next couple of weeks."

Nocco welcomed the visit from the governor and his message of more vaccines.

"Florida's leading the way in getting people inoculated," he said, adding that despite the tragic loss of lives that business people "are thankful that the pandemic didn't take away their businesses" and called that prospect "devastating."

**Pasco County Master Gardener Spring Plant Sale**

The University of Florida/IFAS Pasco Extension, Master Gardener Volunteers, 2021 Spring Plant Sale is March 19-20, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at One Stop Shop (Stallings Building), 15029 14th St. in Dade City.

Selection of plants include: Florida-Friendly plants, Florida native, butterfly & hummingbird attractors, and many more.

Tickets are required to attend this event and are available on Eventbrite. By purchasing tickets, you agree to wear a facial covering (that fully covers your nose and mouth) and practice social distancing during this event (required by University of Florida).

You must register for a time slot in advance to shop during this sale. Registration is available on Eventbrite and ticket cost varies upon time slot you choose. The ticket allows you access to the plant sale during your allotted one-hour time slot. The ticket purchase price becomes a donation to the Pasco County Master Gardener Volunteer Program.

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### Annual Driver's License Reinstatement Event returns March 3-6

Set for March 3-6, Operation Green Light 2021 is the Pasco County Clerk & Comptroller's annual event to help motorists idled by certain unpaid court fines and fees get back behind the wheel legally while saving big on collections, penalties, and interest.

"This is an important moment for drivers who have seen their licenses suspended over unpaid court obligations," says Clerk and Comptroller Nikki Alvarez-Sowles. "So much of our modern lives depends on having reliable transportation, and for most of us, that means being able to drive."

"During Operation Green Light, penalties, interest, and collections fees that have been piling up can, in many cases, be waived. For those who can't pay their obligations in total, we offer payment plans that allow driving privileges to be restored, too."

Deputy clerks will be available at both

courthouses – the Robert Sumner Judicial Center (Dade City) and the West Pasco Judicial Center (New Port Richey) – during business hours, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., March 3-5 for in-person assistance. March 6 is by phone or online only, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

All four days, sidelined motorists can skip the trip and get squared away by telephone: (352) 521-4542, Option 2; or (727) 847-8031, Option 2, between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. and March 6, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Any time leading up to and during the event, we're offering access to a special Operation Green Light web page: <https://www.pascoclerk.com/856/Operation-Green-Light>.

Those with licenses suspended over failure to pay child support, DUI, failure to complete a driver's course ordered by the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV), traffic-related felony, or deemed by FLHSMV as a habitual traffic offender may not be eligible to participate.

Drivers wanting to get a grasp on the financial obligations pending against their license may check their status here: <https://services.flhsmv.gov/DLCheck/>.

## OBITUARIES



### Paulette Taylor Lawson

LAWSON, Paulette Taylor, 69, of Zephyrhills, passed away on Feb. 22, 2021. She was born Jan. 27, 1952 in Fyffe, Ala. to Roy Taylor and Nola Palmer Goza. Mrs. Lawson was of the Baptist faith, a retired nurse, and a member of the Zephyrhills Moose Lodge. She also loved gardening and spending time with her grandchildren. Paulette is survived by her husband, Richard Lawson of Zephyrhills; two daughters, Sherry Charles of Tampa and Kimberly (Matthew) Smith of Zephyrhills; seven grandchildren, Christina, Tiffany, Richard, Savanna, Tawni, Dalton and Katlin; 12 great-grandchildren; four stepchildren, Michael (Monica) Lawson, Teresa (Bruce) Robbins, Shelly (Bob)

Schnitzler and David Lawson; two sisters, Betty Cooley and Linda (Gary) Smith; and a brother, Jerry (Theresa) Taylor. She was preceded in death by her son, James "Ricky" Charles; brother, Bobby Taylor; and sister, Cheryl Taylor.



### Betty E. Bryant

BRYANT, Betty E., 78, of Zephyrhills, passed away Feb. 26, 2021. She was born Nov. 7, 1942 in McKenzie, Ala. to Jerry and Claudia (Browder) Sanford. Mrs. Bryant is survived by her husband, Harold Bryant of Zephyrhills; a daughter, Lynn Reed of Zephyrhills; two grandchildren, Jason Reed of Zephyrhills and Eric Reed of Zephyrhills; and a great-granddaughter, Braylee Reed. The service will be held TODAY 11 a.m. Thursday, March 4 at Richland Baptist Church. The family will receive friends an hour prior. Interment is at Oaks Cemetery.



### Esther M. Scott

SCOTT, Esther M., 91, of Zephyrhills, passed away Feb. 23, 2021. She is survived by her son, John; brother, John; and sister, Janet.



### Richard Dennis Hall

HALL, Richard Dennis, 76, of Zephyrhills, passed away Feb. 23, 2021. Mr. Hall is survived by his wife, Lyn; and son, Tom.



### James B. Gay

GAY, James B., 73, of Thonotosassa, passed away Feb. 26, 2021. He is survived by his wife, Tecla Gay.



## CHURCH NEWS

**First Baptist Church of Zephyrhills**, 38231 5th Ave., invites you to Sunday services with Pastor Rob McKinney.

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

The children ministry, TeamKid, is 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 6 p.m. For more information, call the church at (813) 782-5574.

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

**Dade City Grace Bible Church**, 15000 U.S. Hwy. 301, Dade City Business Center, Suite 403, will meet 9:30 a.m. for fellowship. The Song and Devotional Bible Thought for the Week begins at 10 a.m. along with Pastor Willard L. Sessoms preaching the morning Grace Bible Study message. Youth Bible study lesson, for ages 6-10 years old, is during the morning Message Hour. For more information, visit [www.BibleTruthForToday.com](http://www.BibleTruthForToday.com) or call (352) 567-3955.

**The Church at Chancey Road**, 34921 Chancey Rd., and Pastor Tim Mitchell invite you to Sundays at 10:15 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. for worship, Bible study and communion. Nursery and kids programs are available at all services.

The Abundant Blessings Food Pantry is open, Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. For those in attendance at either the Sunday 10:15 a.m. or Wednesday 6:45 p.m. services the Food Pantry will be open after each service. For more information on the ministries of the church visit: [www.thechurchatanceyroad.com](http://www.thechurchatanceyroad.com).

**St. Josephs Catholic Church**, 38710 5th Ave. is having their Easter sale on March 20, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. outside the parish center, across 5th Avenue. There will be Easter baskets, wreaths, and much more. Proceeds benefit outreach programs such as the baby pantry and food bank. For more information, call (813) 782-2813.

**Crystal Springs Worship Center**, 2155 Paul Buchman Hwy. is an Assembly of God Church. Adult Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. followed by the morning worship at 10:30 a.m.

The Ladies of Light Ministry Bible Study meets on Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. Wednesday night service starts at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call (813) 788-1612.

**Our Savior Lutheran Church**, 5626 20th St., invites you to Saturday worship service at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday worship services at 9 a.m. at 11 a.m. Reservations are required. Maximum will be 90 for each service. Masks are required to enter the building and must be worn at all times, as well as social distancing. Hand sanitizer is located at the entry ways.

You can also watch live streamed on Sunday at 9 a.m. <https://www.facebook.com/OurSaviorLutheranChurchOfZephyrhillsFl>.

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(2 Timothy 1:7)

THE LOVE OF GOD.

Today we ask ourselves: How can we not be fearful and afraid in this world of virus diseases and vaccine questions abounding? And all this against the back-drop of crime and all sorts of evilness of man; And this along with another question: Who can we trust for right answers?

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In **Matthew 10: 28** we read: And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Also, in **Hebrews 9:27** we read: And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

**BUT GOD'S LOVE IS RICH TOWARD MAN. HIS LOVE FOR US FAR EXCEEDS ANYTHING THAT MAN CAN DO TO HARM US. HEREIN IS THE SUM OF GOD'S LOVE FOR US:**

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SO THAT THE SONS OF MEN—COULD BECOME THE SONS OF GOD.

- 1. The Son of God—the Lord Jesus Christ from heaven, lowered himself when he was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and then virgin born of woman to be man's redeemer.**
- 2. The Lord Jesus Christ humbled himself, became obedient unto the death of the cross, paid the penalty for man's sin, and was resurrected from the dead on the third day.**
- 3. NOW unto all and upon all who believe this gospel, God imputes or gives unto man his Son's righteousness, forgiveness of sins, eternal life in heaven, thus becoming joint heirs in Christ as sons of God.**

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For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord (Romans 6:23). But God commendeth (proved) his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8).

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- Email us at: [Dadecityfellowship@bibletruthfortoday.com](mailto:Dadecityfellowship@bibletruthfortoday.com)**
- KJV BIBLE – STUDY AND RIGHTLY DIVIDE ACCORDING TO 2 TIMOTHY 2:15**
- [www.BibleTruthForToday.com](http://www.BibleTruthForToday.com)**

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Morning Worship.....10:45 a.m.  
Evening Service.....6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service.....6 p.m.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**  
5510 19th St.  
(813) 782-7412  
Pastor Denise Lay

Sunday.....10 a.m.  
Sunday School (Nursery/Grades K-12).....10 a.m.  
Adult Study.....8:30 a.m.  
Coffee fellowship after worship Wednesday

REFRESH Supper.....5:30 p.m.  
REFRESH Youth Group.....6 p.m.  
Adult Bible Study.....6 p.m.  
Choir Practice.....7 p.m.  
Second Saturday King's Men (in fellowship hall).....9 a.m.  
[www.firstpcz.org](http://www.firstpcz.org)

**THE CHURCH AT CHANCEY ROAD**  
34921 Chancey Rd.  
(813) 317-4975  
Pastor Tim Mitchell

Sunday  
Worship.....10:15 a.m.  
Worship, Bible Study and Communion

Monday  
Prayer and Bible Reading.....12 p.m.  
Overcomers Bible Study.....6 p.m. (12 step program)

Tuesday  
Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

Wednesday  
Fellowship Dinner.....6 p.m.  
followed by Bible Study for all ages at 6:45 p.m.

Thursday  
Heart Dance Ladies Group.....10 a.m.

Friday  
Prayer and Bible Study.....7:45 a.m.  
[www.thechurchatanceyroad.com](http://www.thechurchatanceyroad.com)

**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
38710 5th Ave.  
(813) 782-2813  
Reverend Allan Tupa

Sunday  
Mass.....7, 9, 11 a.m.

Saturday  
Mass.....4 p.m.  
Weekday Masses

Monday.....8 a.m.  
Wednesday.....8 a.m.  
Friday.....8 a.m.

**NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
3514 Allen Rd.  
(813) 782-6592  
Senior Pastor Phillip Howe

Sunday  
Morning Worship.....8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School/Bible Study 9:45 a.m.  
Regular Worship.....11 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6 p.m.

Wednesday  
Prayer meeting and Bible Study.....7 p.m.  
Masks required

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Saturday  
Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service.....10:45 a.m.

Thursday  
ALNON.....7 p.m.  
Ladies Bible Study.....7 p.m.

Friday  
Alcoholics Anonymous.....10 a.m.  
Overeaters Anonymous Monday, 5:30 p.m. and Friday 11:30 a.m.  
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**CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
5434 7th St.  
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Sunday  
Adult Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Coffee and Donut Fellowship.....10:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....11 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6 p.m.

Wednesday  
Prayer and Praise Service...6 p.m.  
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Pastor Willard L. Sessoms

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**CRYSTAL SPRINGS WORSHIP CENTER**  
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Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.

Tuesday  
Ladies Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.  
Wednesday  
Evening Service.....6:30 p.m.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST**  
38635 5th Ave.  
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Contemporary.....9 a.m.  
Traditional.....11 a.m.  
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38231 5th Ave.  
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Sunday  
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
Worship.....10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Wednesday  
Service.....6 p.m.  
Choir Practice.....6 p.m.  
Children's Activities.....6 p.m.  
TRUTH teen ministries.....6:15 p.m.

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Worship.....10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Wednesday  
Bible Study.....7:30 p.m.  
[www.zephyrhillschurch.com](http://www.zephyrhillschurch.com)

**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
5626 20th St.  
813-782-1369  
Reverend Tod A. Shouse

Saturday  
Worship Service.....5:30 p.m.

Sunday  
Worship Services.....9 and 11 a.m.  
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# SALOME'S STARS ★

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You might feel more encouraged about changes in your personal and/or professional life. However, it might be best not to rush things but rather work with them as they evolve.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) The Bovine's business sense is especially keen this week. But remember that it's always best to investigate before investing. Make sure there are no hidden factors that can rise up later on.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Working on a family project could create tension between and among those concerned. Your good sense and your patience

can help reduce bad attitudes and raise positive feelings.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You should be seeing more progress in the development of your plans and more supporters joining in. News from the past could help change someone's long-held position.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) With personal aspects strong this week, Leos and Leonas might want to spend more time with family and others who are especially close to them. Also expect news of a possible career change.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Taking a strong stand can be helpful this week. But be careful you

don't cross the line into obstinacy. Best to take a position on facts as they are, not as you want them to be.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You have a strong sense of the needs of others. This week, turn some of that sensitivity into an honest self-appraisal, and let it find places where you can help yourself.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Creating an emotional comfort zone to handle a personal problem helps at first. But by midweek, you'll realize you need to deal with it directly or it could linger for too long.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Turning the page on a mistake to start fresh might not be the thing to do. Better to go over each step that led up to the decision you made and see which one misled you.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Goats enjoy a varied diet, but eating crow isn't on the menu -- at least not this week. An embarrassing situation might have gone wrong before you got into it. Check it out.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Your sense of honesty might impel you to speak up about a situation you disapprove of. That's fine. But do so without sounding accusatory. You might not know all the facts behind it.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Being asked to create a reassuring attitude in the middle of chaos isn't easy, but you can do it. Support for your efforts comes slowly, but it does come. Enjoy an arts-filled weekend.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your honesty about people and issues is expressed in a positive, not painful, way.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the City of Zephyrhills will hold a regular meeting of the **HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD** on **Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 6:00 PM** in both **Council Chambers of City Hall, 5335 8th Street** and via **GoToMeeting** to allow board members, City staff, and members of the public to attend remotely.

The details of the agenda are available online at <http://www.ci.zephyrhills.fl.us/AgendaCenter> and in the Planning Department located on the first floor of City Hall, 5335 8th Street, Zephyrhills. Agenda details may be inspected by the public from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM weekdays. All interested parties may appear at the meeting and may be heard with respect to the agenda items or may submit written comments to the Historic Preservation Board, 5335 8th Street, Zephyrhills, FL 33542.

**\*PLEASE NOTE:** This is a Public Meeting. Should any interested party seek to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. F.S. 286.0102. If you are a person with a disability which requires reasonable accommodation in order to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk at 813-780-0000 at least 48 hours prior to the public meeting. A.D.A and F.S. 286.26, 286.0105.

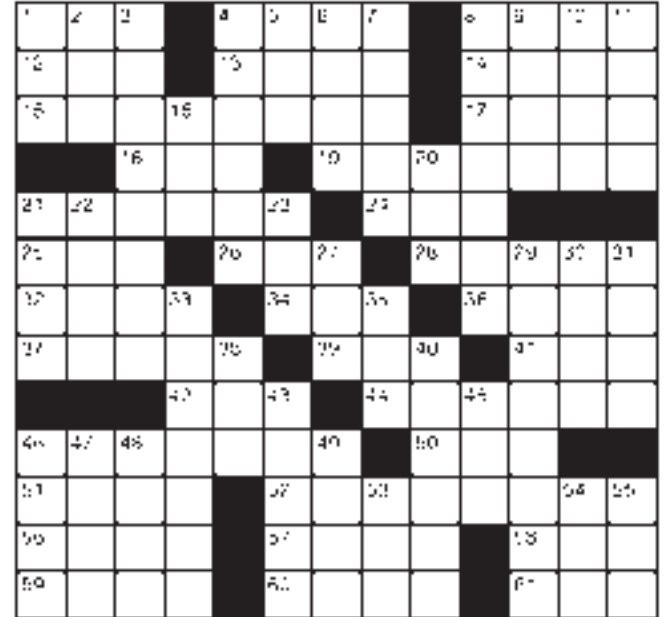
## KING CROSSWORD - MARCH 4

### ACROSS

- 1 Peruke
- 4 Touse
- 8 Labyrinth
- 12 Altar constellation
- 13 Isaac's eldest
- 14 Modern taxi alternative
- 15 World of organized crime
- 17 Dross
- 18 Earth (Pref.)
- 19 Poetic feet
- 21 Ohio city
- 24 Actress Long
- 25 Mentalist Geller
- 26 Candied veggie
- 28 Knight wear
- 32 Stagger
- 34 Gaiety
- 36 Flintstones' pet
- 37 Seoul setting
- 39 Fawn's mom
- 41 Dol. fractions
- 42 Bearded beast
- 44 Salsa scoopers
- 46 "La Mer" composer
- 50 4, on a phone
- 51 Pre-diploma hurdle
- 52 Ruffian
- 56 Church area
- 57 Rochester's love
- 58 Citrus drink
- 59 Privation
- 60 Source
- 61 At once

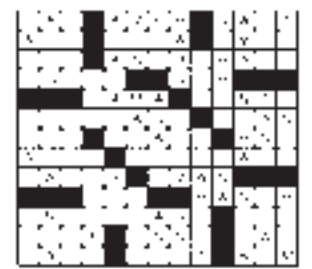
### DOWN

- 1 Witty one
- 2 A Gershwin brother
- 3 More like a string bean
- 4 Tune
- 5 "Born in the --"
- 6 Grit
- 7 Egypt's neighbor



- 8 Hot dog condiment
- 9 With skill
- 10 Gusto
- 11 Work units
- 16 "Gosh!"
- 20 "Homeland" org.
- 21 Ankara resident
- 22 Crunchy cookie
- 23 Klutz
- 27 Wet dirt
- 29 State made of two peninsulas
- 30 Aware of
- 31 Colonial seamstress
- 33 Lentils, for example
- 35 Dijon denial
- 38 Reply (Abbr.)

- 40 Aerie newborn
- 43 Leading man?
- 45 Greek X
- 46 Transaction
- 47 Big fair, for short
- 48 Striped fish
- 49 Vacillate
- 53 Spanish gold
- 54 Hubbub
- 55 Just out



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Find the best word in the maze. Circle all directions down or backward up, down and diagonally. List the words in the maze in the box below.

**WORDS**

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

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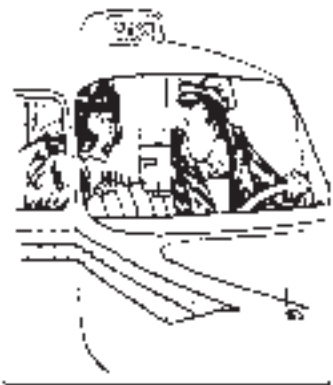
## Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

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

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|------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
| 1 Plato's city         | _____ S | Goddess of wisdom   | _____ A |
| 2 Sing like Bing       | _____ h | No-good thief       | _____ K |
| 3 Cerout               | _____ D | Cost                | _____ C |
| 4 Backbone             | _____ F | Gream               | _____ H |
| 5 Feature              | _____ L | Keep back           | _____ N |
| 6 Patron of flag maker | _____ S | Honey Fabale's wife | _____ I |
| 7 One of the           | _____ H | Woods' network      | _____ T |
| 8 'Tonight Show' host  | _____ F | Fourquarts          | _____ G |
| 9 Quick-witted         | _____ F | Law's man           | _____ K |
| 10 Customer            | _____ N | Squad               | _____ I |

## SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the seven anagrams to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the grid.



- Horrible \_\_\_\_\_
- TAPED \_\_\_\_\_
- Desk \_\_\_\_\_
- ARGON \_\_\_\_\_
- Cave \_\_\_\_\_
- ASTECK \_\_\_\_\_
- Rebound \_\_\_\_\_
- BUNCOE \_\_\_\_\_

"Quick, Hopkins Maternity Hospital, and don't worry... I'm a \_\_\_\_\_ there!"

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.

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DIFFICULTY: \*\*

- \* Moderate \*\* Difficult
- \*\*\* GO FIGURE!

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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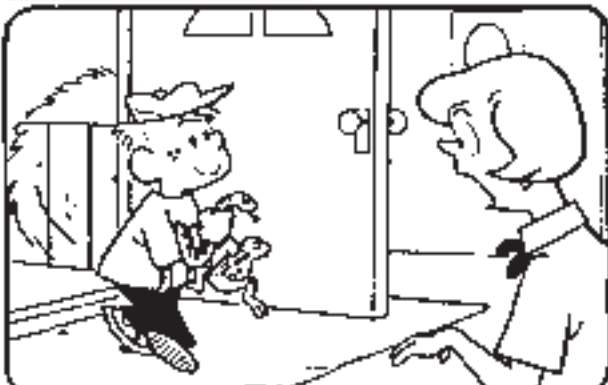
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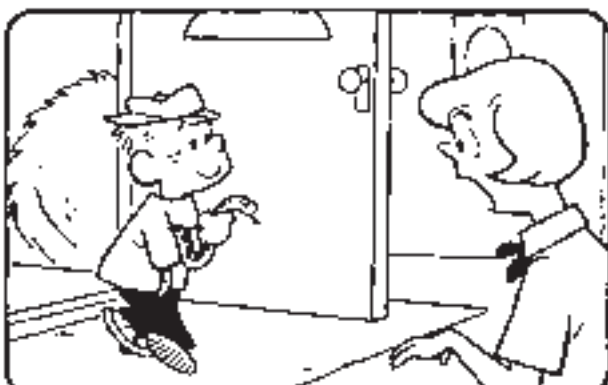
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Spoon on table 2. Ring on boy's finger 3. Juice on table 4. Hat on boy's head 5. Cup on table 6. Lamp on table 7. Chair on table



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The details of the agenda are available online at <http://www.ci.zephyrhills.fl.us/AgendaCenter> and in the Planning Department located on the first floor of City Hall, 5335 8th Street, Zephyrhills. Agenda details may be inspected by the public from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM weekdays. All interested parties may appear at the meeting and may be heard with respect to the agenda items or may submit written comments to the Historic Preservation Board, 5335 8th Street, Zephyrhills, FL 33542.

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Left: The battle flag of the 2nd US Colored Infantry that fought at Natural Bridge.



Above: Photo of the 99th United States Colored Infantry, that fought at Natural Bridge.  
Left: A photo by Andy Warrener from the 2018 Olustee Battle reenactment.



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even into the interior using an abandoned Seminole War-era fort at Fort Myers. Fort Myers became both a refugee camp for civilians as well as a base of operations for the Federals.

By February 1865, virtually all regular units from Florida had been sucked up into the Army of Northern Virginia, leaving precious few to defend their home state. One unit that stayed was the Cattle Guard Battalion or "Cow Cavalry." The Cow Cavalry's primary directive was to secure and drive herds of cattle northward to rail lines or supply stations in north Florida. The raids by Union troops had become so frequent by 1865 that the Cattle Guard Battalion had to do something.

On February 20, 1865, they mustered their scattered troops and attacked Fort Myers. It was a brief exchange, the Union soldiers were not inclined to leave the protection of the fort and the Cattle Guard Battalion were not inclined to storm the fort, potentially with heavy loss. The Confederates withdrew after just a few hours of trading artillery and musket fire, back to the Fort Meade area.

This was the cue Union strategists were waiting for. This was confirmation that most, if not all, regular Confederate units were absent from the state. The Union would finally spring their plan to cross the state capital of Tallahassee off the balance sheet. In March 1865, an expedition under Union General John Newton, landed near Saint Marks and began marching north, along the Saint Marks River. With Newton, were the units from the Fort Myers battle, the 2nd Florida Cavalry US and the 2nd US Colored Infantry. Some companies from the 99th US Colored Infantry were also a part of the thrust at the capital. To oppose them, Confederates had no regular units to field.

They cobbled together a group of "reserves," boys of 17 and men over 45, along with

local Home Guard units, similarly comprised of young boys and old men. Adding to the opposition force was a group of cadets from the Florida Military Institute, with General William Miller in overall command. On March 5, Union troops attacked at Newport, only to find the bridge across the Saint Marks River burned and Confederates entrenched on the opposite bank.

Newton left the 2nd Florida Cavalry US to keep up skirmishing, meanwhile he would advance with the balance of the forces north to a place where the river could be more easily crossed, a place called Natural Bridge. Miller's troops shadowed the movement and before the morning of March 6, nearly 1,000 Confederate soldiers opposed Newton's men. The Union troops attacked via skirmish order at daylight but were driven back. They re-formed and charged again but again were repulsed. By early afternoon, Newton sent his entire force forward en masse but again they were driven back, this time with heavy losses. Confederates attempted to seize the momentum swing and pushed a force forward in pursuit but they were repulsed with heavy loss.

All told, the Federal force at Natural Bridge suffered 148 casualties, while the hodgepodge Confederate force sustained 3 killed and 22 wounded. Newton and the Federals returned to their ships, felling timbers across the road to thwart pursuit. Natural Bridge would preserve the state capital from capitulation. Yet, in April, General Robert E. Lee would surrender to Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House in Virginia and General Joseph E. Johnston would surrender to William T. Sherman in Durham, N.C. that same month, effectively ending the American Civil War.

On May 10, a Union cavalry unit would finally accept the surrender of Tallahassee. The last organized Confederate troops in Florida would be paroled in Tampa in early June of 1865.

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