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Community Calendar

- Dade City Cruise-In**
Downtown Dade City around the old historic courthouse will be the place to be on Saturday. The Dade City Cruise-In Car Show takes place from noon to 7 p.m.
- Wesley Chapel Boat Show**
The Shops at Wiregrass hosts the Wesley Chapel Boat Show, a two-day weekend event featuring watercraft and boats.
- Vegetable Gardening**
Beginning vegetable gardening is offered May 11 at the Zephyrhills Library.

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Weather

Sunny days will have to wait for another week since the next seven days are predicted to bring thunderstorms and partly cloudy weather. Daily temperatures will consistently be in the upper 80s and drop to the high 60s during the evenings.

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Sports

- Zephyrhills seniors celebrate diamond win**
The Zephyrhills High baseball team celebrated a 10-0 win over Hudson on Senior Night of the regular-season finale.
- Pasco tops Zephyrhills in district softball opener**
Pasco defeated arch-rival Zephyrhills 6-4 in the opening round of the Class 6A, District 7 softball tournament.
- Spring practice gets under way for Pasco football players**
With a new coach and aiming to revitalize a program that has struggled in recent years, the Pasco football team begins spring practices.

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Pasco Sheriffs team up with other agencies and non-profits to support Special Olympics



The Law Enforcement Torch Run made a stop at Pasco Elementary School on its way to downtown Dade City.

ANDY WARRENER

The annual Law Enforcement Torch Run relays through all 67 counties in Florida in support of the state games on May 17 in Orlando

BY ANDY WARRENER
News Reporter

Momentum for Special Olympics is at an all-time high after the Trump Administration first proposed cutting the \$17.6 million program out of the federal

\$60 billion budget for education. The blowback was swift and severe and the proposed cut was quickly abandoned. In its wake, a surge of activity and interest in Special Olympics has developed.

According to an April 1 article in Politico by Nicole Gaudiano, "Since March 26, the normal volume of social media posts referencing Special Olympics had tripled and the organization saw a 200 percent increase in visitors to its website, according to a spokesperson."

That momentum seems to have carried over into the local chapter, here in Pasco County. On Tuesday

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Turnaround students change course of their lives with action

Zephyrhills' Jack Seymour and Stewart Middle's David Jaramillo are now headed on the right path

BY STEVE LEE
News Reporter

The stories pretty much remain the same year after year with only the names and faces changing. Still, they are just as heartwarming and inspiring on their own merits, which is why the Pasco County School District hosts an annual banquet to honor turnaround students at the high school and middle school levels.

"I think it means the world to these kids," said Tina Hill, school psychologist at Zephyrhills High. "It boosts their confidence."

Ramon Suarez, the school district's supervisor for graduation enhancement programs, coordinated last week's function that took place at the Event Center in New Port Richey. Needless to say he seemed just as proud to organize it as much as students, teachers and families were to be there in celebration of the students' newfound successes in the classroom.

"It's about recognizing students who have improved so much," Suarez said. "They were behind, not failing, and they refocused; 'I need to graduate. I need to be promoted.'"

Among those countywide students who came to that realization in time for graduation and being promoted are Zephyrhills High senior Jack Seymour and David Jaramillo, an eighth-grader at Stewart Middle. Both said they had to change people they were hanging out with in order to focus on their academics.

"I just think of all the stuff I did and how I changed my life for the better," said Jaramillo, who had behavioral issues. "I woke up one day and saw myself down the wrong path with the wrong people and I wanted to change that."

"He's turned it around, with his behavior especially," noted Charla Vande Berg, an English teacher at Stewart Middle who nominated Jaramillo for the award. "It's not all As and Bs, but (his grades) are

➤ **SCHOOL AWARDS:** See Page 10A

Zephyrhills Garden Gate Club gives thanks to city employees

Picnic lunch has become an annual tradition in appreciation of city's efforts to beautify area landscape

BY STEVE LEE
News Reporter

There was no jumping for joy or effusive displays to celebrate the efforts of city employees last week at the Zephyrhills Depot Museum. There was, however, a genuine — if not tempered — expression of gratitude from a group that simply wanted to say thank you for all they do.

The Garden Gate Club carried on a longstanding annual tradition of serving a picnic lunch to city employees from the parks, streets and fleet departments in appreciation of their collective efforts to beautify area parks and landscapes.

"They keep our city beautiful," said longtime club member Victoria Kéffer, who like the others expressed her gratitude for the city's collective efforts.

Added member Patty Sturdevant, "We just are very happy that they take care of our streets; the flowers and shrubs and trees in our parks."

For many years it has been city employees who have planted trees on Arbor Day at Veteran's Memorial Park, located at 3rd Avenue and 20th Street.

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City employees and Garden Gate Club members sat down for a traditional picnic lunch last week at the Zephyrhills Depot Museum.

STEVE LEE

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CLUB NEWS

Pasco County Genealogical Society

The genealogical society meeting is May 11, 10 a.m. in the Latter Day Saints meeting room, 9016 Fort King Rd.

The program is an audience participation meeting discussing your summer game plan led by Ellen Reid and board members. Tips for hard to find ancestors and how to plan your research trips will be discussed. Bring your game plan.

Refreshments will be served. This will be the last meeting until the fall session begins in September. Let's get prepared for summer genealogy trips. For more information, call (813) 788-8894.

East Pasco Networking Group

The networking group meeting is May 14, 7 a.m. at IHOP, 13100 U.S. Hwy. 301 in Dade City. Networking is one of the best methods to make your business grow.

The keynote speaker will be Pastor David West. For more information, call (813) 782-9491.

Nature Coast Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society

The plant society meeting is May 14, 7 p.m. at The Land O' Lakes Community Center, 5401 Land O' Lakes Blvd.

The subject of the meeting is "Storm Readiness for Your Trees: Are You on TRAQ?" presented by Belinda Lambert. Lambert received her BSD in Forest Resources and Conservation from UF and her MS in Botany/Plant Ecology from USF. She has been a member of FNPS since 1993, an ISA Certified Arborist since 1998, and has held the Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ) since it first became available in 2013.

Meetings of the Chapter are free, and all interested parties are invited to attend, to bring questions about their yard, and participate in light refreshments and the native plant drawing. For more information, call Sandy at (727) 207-1853.

Pasco County Historical Society

The historical society meeting is May 17, 6 p.m. at the Pioneer Florida Museum & Village, 15602 Pioneer Rd., Dade City, in the Mabel Jordan Barn.

The guest speakers will be Eric Hannel and Karen Hannel. Their program topic is The Legacy of Chief Chipco: from Savage to Friend of the Whites.

Eric E. Hannel, Ph.D. is a Native American Law Scholar and presently Adjunct Faculty at Saint Leo University.

Karen Hannel, Ph.D. chairs the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies and Experiential Learning, College of Arts and Letters, Saint Leo University.

Guests are welcome. A carry-in dinner precedes the program, so bring a dish to share as well as cutlery for your personal use, plates, (disposable is fine) and your beverage of choice. For more information, call (352) 567-7449.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wesley Chapel Boat Show, May 3-4, at The Shops at Wiregrass. Shop a wide selection of personal watercraft and boats. Tickets are \$5 for adults and children 12 and under are free. For more information, visit wesleychapelboatshow.com.



Dade City Cruise-In Car Show, May 4, 12-7 p.m. Enjoy old cars lined up around the historic courthouse in downtown Dade City. Music by Starvin Darwin. For more information, call (352) 437-3059.

Wiregrass, May 4, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at The Shops at Wiregrass. Fresh local food, crafts and live music. Over 50 vendors located on Paseo Drive in Wesley Chapel. For more information, visit www.theshopsatwiregrass.com.

Butterflies and their Blooms, May 4, 9-10 a.m. at UF/IFAS Pasco Extension One Stop Shop, 15029 14th St. in Dade City. Learn the steps to create a successful butterfly garden that will attract butterflies, give them a reason to stay and create more of the "flowers that fly." For more information, call (352) 518-0156.

Friends of the Hugh Embry Library Book Bazaar, May 10-11, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The book bazaar features a diverse selection of slightly used books, audio and videotapes, magazines and related materials. Many are available for less than \$3. Hugh Embry Library is located at 14215 4th St., Dade City. For more information, call (352) 567-7449.

Beginning Vegetable Gardening, May 11, 10-11 a.m. at the Zephyrhills Library, 5347 8th St. Interested in starting a vegetable garden but have no idea where to begin? You will learn about how to choose a location for a garden, what makes good soil, when to plant different vegetables and how to control common vegetable garden pests. For more information, call (352) 518-0156.



Spring into Gardening Series, May 13, 2-3:30 p.m. at UF/IFAS Pasco Extension One Stop Shop, 15029 14th St. in Dade City. This free UF/IFAS Pasco County Extension is a teaching series, where you will learn about various vegetable garden and composting theme topics. Classes will take place the second Monday of each month, through May 2019. For more information, call (352) 518-0156. Registration is required at Eventbrite.

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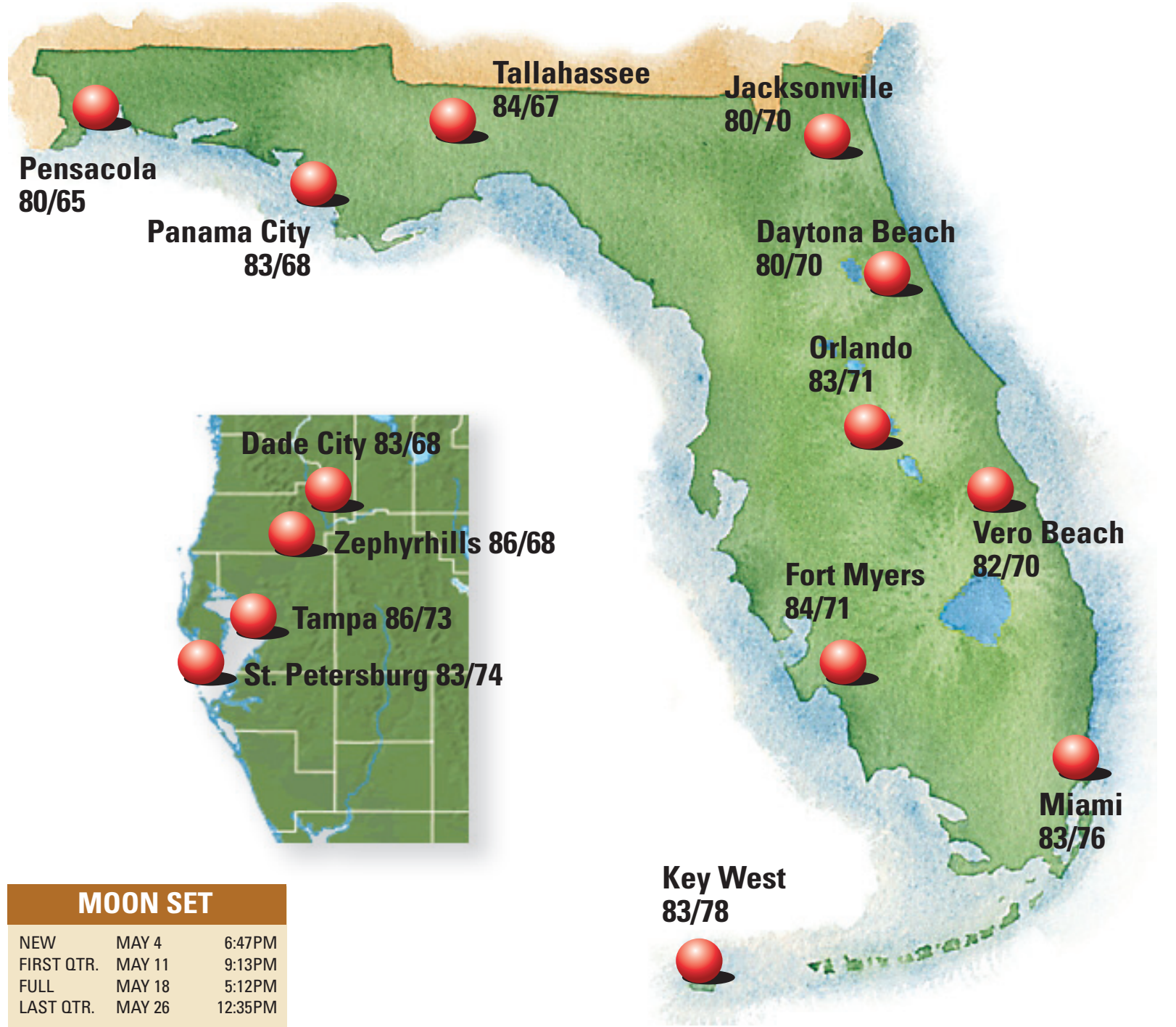
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Saint Leo University celebrates more than 1,250 graduates in commencement ceremonies



Above: Retired 6th Circuit Judge Lynn Tepper speaking at Saint Leo University's morning commencement ceremony.

Right: Pasco County Sheriff Chris Nocco delivers commencement address to Saint Leo University Class of 2019.

Below: Rose Rood carries the Arts and Sciences gonfalon.



Pasco County Sheriff Nocco and retired Judge Lynn Tepper awarded honorary degrees

The Saint Leo University community came together to celebrate the achievements of the Class of 2019 with two commencement ceremonies at the Florida State Fairgrounds in Tampa on Saturday. The university awarded more than 1,250 bachelor's, master's, doctoral, and associate degrees.

The graduates studied at the main campus north of Tampa in St. Leo; at its Florida education centers in Tampa, Lakeland, Ocala, Lake City, Madison, Tallahassee, Gainesville and Jacksonville; at MacDill Air Force Base (Tampa) and Naval Station Mayport (Jacksonville); and online throughout the world.

More than 675 degrees were awarded to university campus undergraduate students (bachelor's and associate degrees) and Tapia College of Business graduate-level students during the morning ceremony.

As students processed into the expo hall, they were organized into academic groupings: the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Education and Social Services, the Tapia College of Business, and the Center for Online Learning.

Each group was headed by a student carrying a large vertical banner designating the group. Zephyrhills resident Rose Rood, who graduated summa cum laude (a grade point average of 3.95 or higher), was selected to carry the banner for the College of Arts and Sciences during the morning ceremony. Rood is the daughter of Christina and Alan Rood and is a graduate of Zephyrhills High School. At Saint Leo, Rood earned a bachelor's degree in sociology with a minor in global studies; she plans to pursue graduate studies in the future.

Addressing the morning ceremony was former 6th Judicial Circuit Judge Lynn Tepper. As a circuit judge, Tepper served in all divisions of the court, but primarily handled all eastern Pasco County cases involving child abuse and neglect, domestic violence, and family and juvenile delinquency.

Tepper also was awarded the degree Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa. "Where might you be in 45 years?" Tepper asked the graduates. "What path will you take?"

Her advice to the Saint Leo graduates was to be kind and make others feel worthy, supported, and encouraged.

Outgoing Board of Trustees member Sheila M. McDevitt was presented the degree Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, by president Jeffrey D. Senese for her many years of service to Saint Leo.

At Saint Leo's afternoon commencement ceremony, nearly 600 degrees were awarded.

Participating were Saint Leo WorldWide online and education center students earning bachelor's and associate degrees, and graduate-level students from the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Education and Social Services. At this ceremony, there were 150 online graduates and nearly 200 education center students participating.

The guest speaker was Pasco County Sheriff Chris Nocco, who has served as sheriff since being appointed in 2011. He was elected to the position in 2013 and re-elected in 2017. Nocco was presented with the degree Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, by president Senese.

Nocco advised the graduates to approach their life paths with the same levels of awareness, care, and compassion that law enforcement officers advise motorists to use in planning road trips and in driving each day.

Have a plan, but accept detours as opportunities, he said. Choose passengers with care, lend a hand to those in distress, do not litter, and remember the road is never about just one driver. And do not let your mind and heart go to cruise control during your life, he cautioned. "Dream. Imagine. Create. Take in everything around you," he said. You will want to end the journey having become a better person than when you began," he added.

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TODAY'S WORD

"All I know about is there has to be some."

Kids' Maze

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

WHAT DO PANDAS GIVE THEIR MOMS ON MOTHER'S DAY?

BRACES	CARES	SPLASH	SLAPS
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SATIRE	TIRES	LAUGHS	HAULS
SPIDER	SPIED	PLEATS	PLATE

Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two faces and two letters. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the M from MASTRER for a J, you get MASTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Elephant's trunk	N	Sam's car pickup	G
2. Repair substitute	C	Tasty fruits	F
3. Do Dem's locate	D	Charles Chaplin's actor	A
4. Elevator chute	A	Switch gears	I
5. Chicken like milk	R	Scraggle	D
6. Horizontal	N	Writing style	S
7. Interspace	A	Unpleasantness	I
8. Create	V	Burton	T
9. Raga	R	Capital	L
10. Stronghold	R	Fancy cloth	I

SALOME'S STARS ★★★★★

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) This is a good week to look at healing bruised feelings and re-establishing weakened relationships. It's also a good week to start new projects and make new job-linked contacts.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Music and art dominate the week, giving the sensual Bovine a lot to appreciate. On the practical side, deal firmly, but fairly, with those who might try to undermine your work efforts.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Good feelings continue to flow from your recent efforts to reconnect with family and friends. But be ready to defuse a dispute before it can disrupt all that peace and harmony.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A practical view of a romanticized situation could help to clarify some of its more confusing aspects before you make a decision that could be tough to undo later on.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Pay more attention to what a recent spate of workplace criticism might say about your performance and not what you think it implies about you personally. Some flexibility might be called for.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) With new information, and new promises of support (not to mention growing self-confidence), this could be a good time to restart a project you couldn't quite handle before.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Before you decide to close down a problem-loaded project and make a fresh start with someone

else, try once more to reach a compromise with your balky partner. He or she might surprise you.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) While you continue earning points for your sharp negotiating skills, be alert for an attempt to undercut your efforts. You'll need to provide solid facts and figures to stay in the game.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A minor health problem might cause you to ease up on your usually busy schedule. But you'll soon be back in the saddle and ready to pick up the reins and charge ahead.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The adventurous Sea Goat might be eager to take on a new challenge. But before you do, you might want to take some time to check out previously overlooked factors.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A feeling of being overwhelmed by all that you have to do can be eased by setting priorities. Deal with the most urgent and time-sensitive situations first, and then work down the line.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Creating a calm, peaceful place for yourself in the middle of a roiling emotional whirlpool this week starts when you, and no one else, decide how to make decisions about your life.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your determination to stick with your principles wins the admiration of everyone who knows you.

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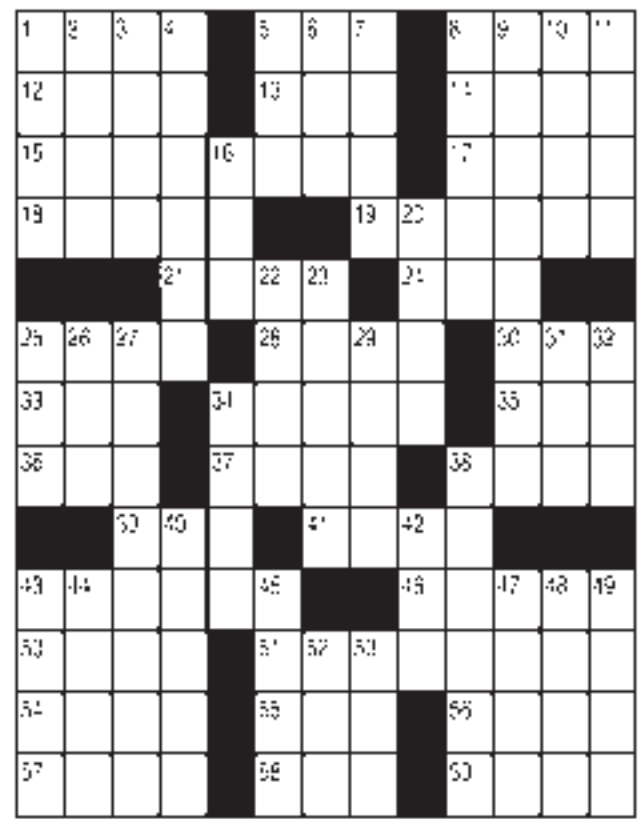
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ACROSS

- Gauche's weapon
- Big Apple abbr.
- Silenced "Hey!"
- "Once -- a Mattress"
- Debtor's letters
- Duel tool
- Delphinium
- Rotate
- Dismal
- Snow White's pals
- Put on the line
- Everything
- Pop flavor
- Frogs' hangout
- Make up your mind
- Kinsman, for short
- Drops from the payroll
- Letter after 31-Down
- Moment
- From the start
- Read cursorily
- Barbie's companion
- Teensy bit
- Go directly downhill
- Pacific porch
- Desirous look
- Rash
- Sandwich treat
- Sphere
- Reclined
- Marries
- Bill
- Pronto, in the ER

DOWN

- Socket insert
- October stone
- Traditional tales
- Turkey's capital
- Pinch
- Second person
- Cottage cheese label word
- Corolla component
- Morgan of "Super Size Me"



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| 11 Sawbucks | 42 Timeworn |
| 16 Half a Vail pair | 43 Decelerate |
| 20 Bankrolls | 44 Wrap in a waxy cloth |
| 22 Rotate | 45 Attempt |
| 23 "M*A*S*H" locale | 47 Tidy |
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| 26 Raw rock | 49 "-- It Romantic?" |
| 27 Big name in U.S. aircraft | 52 Historic period |
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦
 ♦♦♦ Moderate ♦♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO HOY!

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HEINRY BOELHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦



STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

•It was industrialist Andrew Carnegie, who was born into a poor Scottish family and emigrated to the United States as a teen, who made the following sage observation: "There is not such a cradle of democracy upon the earth as the Free Public Library, this republic of letters, where neither rank, office, nor wealth receives the slightest consideration."

•You might be surprised to learn that the United States Department of Commerce has designated approximately 30 houses across the country as authentic haunted houses.

•Despite the fact that 95 percent of the world uses the metric system of measurement, we in the United States still stubbornly cling to the archaic units of measurement derived from the old British Imperial system. This hodgepodge ranges from the mile (originally the distance a Roman soldier could march in 1,000 double steps) to the foot (originally the length of Emperor Charlemagne's foot, later "standardized" to the length of 35 barleycorns laid end to end) to a yard (the distance between King Henry I's nose to his extended fingertips) to an inch (the length from the tip to the first joint of a man's thumb).

•You probably didn't realize there's a word for it, but a pregnant goldfish is called a twit.

•A man named Robert Boyd entered a lingerie shop and attempted to hold up the store using a Japanese sword. A fan of video games, Boyd claimed in his defense that at the time of the holdup, he believed he was an elf.

•In Switzerland, it is considered to be bad luck to tell anyone your baby's name before it is born.

Thought for the Day: "A man may truly live in his dreams, his noblest dreams, but only, only if he is worthy of those dreams." -- Harlan Ellison

STICK-LEERS

by Terry Stickels

John monitors three different machines during his shift at work. Each has a different probability of breaking down during a shift.

Machine #1: 3/7
Machine #2: 1/13
Machine #3: 2/11

What is the probability that none of the machines will break down during a shift?

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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.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

Wishing Well

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R	M	I	V	-	A	E	Y	N	L	A	-	R
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Find a path from A to B that touches all the letters of the alphabet.

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UK: England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland

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AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another in this sample. A is used for the letter L, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters as opposed to the origin and formation of the words are a hint. Each week the code letters are different.

YBV ZB VBYY UKT VWB
RBQFBV VWXV WXR YBG ZB
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Above: The lead elements of the run arrive at Pasco Elementary to close up the formation.

Right: Special Olympians lead the charge out of the stadium with Pasco Sheriff Chris Nocco just behind them.



Above: Jazercise came out for the event and led a session on the courthouse steps.



Left: The procession spilled out of the gates and onto the roads for the 2019 Law Enforcement Torch Run.



ANDY WARRENER

Above: A Pasco Sheriff's Department humvee leads the procession into downtown Dade City.



Above: Law enforcement trainees from Pasco-Hernando State College were part of the 2019 run.

Right: Ordray Smith during the torch lighting ceremony at a 2017 event.

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"The county and city commissioners allowed us to be here, otherwise we wouldn't be able to have this space," Ziegler said. "We were able to bring it all together."

Sheriff Chris Nocco ran the race in the van-guard, just like he'd done for a decade.

"Every year you have different kids, sometimes you see the same ones after a few years and they remember you," Nocco said. "In a world where many people see the negatives in life, these athletes have such a positive outlook on life."

That notion was not lost on long-time Special Olympics coach Vicky King, who even attended the 2015 World Games in Los Angeles.

"This event is a big fundraiser for the sheriff's departments to support the state games at the ESPN Wide World of Sports in Orlando on May 17," King said. "The opening ceremony with the torch lighting is such a big event for everyone. I've been so many times but it never gets old."

The intrastate torch relay started at the end of March and marches through all 67 counties in Florida, recruiting over 5,000 officers that carry the torch on a 1500-mile relay culminating at the state games where officers from around the state join together to bring the Flame of Hope into the stadium.

► **TORCH RUN:** From Page 1A

morning roughly 400 participants lined up for a two-mile run/walk on the football field at Pasco High School to the courthouse in downtown Dade City.

"That's probably 100 more than we had last year," Pasco Sheriff's Department Corporal Jessica Ziegler said. "This is my fourth year doing it and it just gets bigger every year."

The course set out from the stadium and turned north on 17th Street. From there, it turned east on Florida Avenue, stopping at Pasco Elementary to close up ranks. They continued into downtown Dade City on Howard Avenue and came up 6th Street for the finish. The finish line was assembled using bucket trucks offered by Withlacoochee River Electric. The trucks strung a banner of checkered flags over the finish line, while employees waved hand-held checkered flags.

Awaiting the runners was a block of 6th Avenue packed full of food and festivities. Volunteer Adam Yzaguirre was busy cooking up hot dogs for the runners. The Pasco Sheriff's Citizen Service Unit was on hand giving out informational pamphlets and DNA Child Safety Kits. Jazercise conducted a session right on the courthouse steps.

It was a collaborative effort by the community. Pasco County Fire Rescue donated \$1,000 to the event. Dade City Police Department committed personnel to the event. The Pasco Sheriffs brought out their MRAP or Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle, their humvee, their medical humvee and their 5-ton all-purpose vehicle. Zephyrhills Correctional Institution pulled up the back of the procession with one of their transport vehicles.

Local non-profits such as, the Pasco County Housing Authority, the UF/IFAS Extension Office of Dade City, the Sunrise Domestic Shelter of Pasco County, and Premier Community HealthCare all contributed to the event. Of course Pasco County Schools, as well as the county and city governments made contributions as well.



Above: Athletes (from left to right) Andrew Aheara, Joseph Tramel, Rufus Smith and Ordray Smith along with Special Olympic coach Vicky King (center).

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Above: Public works department employees enjoy a fried chicken picnic lunch.
Left: Bobbie Swetland, chairwoman of the event, chats with longtime club president Victoria Keffer.



Above and right: The annual picnic, hosted by the Garden Gate Club, was held for city workers who have helped spruce up area landscapes and planted trees in the city park. Departments represented included parks, streets and fleet. According to public works director Shane Leblanc about 20 city employees were served a fried chicken lunch with all the fixings.

STEVE LEE



GARDEN CLUB LUNCH: From Page 1A

Various types of trees have planted in the names of former mayor Cliff McDuffie as well as current mayor Gene Whitfield, ex-city councilman Kent Compton, who now is a judge, and Danny Burgess, executive director of the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs. One year, the club even planted a tree for all U.S. military veterans.

"We do this every year for them, because they help us out," noted Emilie Mastin, the club's treasurer. "Every year for Arbor Day they plant the trees."

Before the traditional serving of fried chicken and all the fixings, Bobbie Swetland, chairwoman of the event, gave the blessing.

"When I joined the club four or five years ago and they told me about this I thought it was a wonderful gesture," she said.

Initially, members of the club offered city employees pizza or a picnic lunch. Keffer, who is in her eighth year as the club's president, recalled that choice offering.

"We said we wanted to prepare a pizza party or a picnic," she said. "The pizza party was voted out. They opted for the picnic."

No one was more thankful of the members' effort than Shane LeBlanc, a lifelong city resident and the public works director.

"We've had a long partnership with the Garden Gate Club," said LeBlanc, who has been in on many of those ceremonial tree planting. "They've always appreciated our work and effort. They've always done this for us in appreciation for what the public works team is doing for them."

In all, there were about 20 employees who enjoyed last week's picnic lunch put on by the garden club. Count Rob Funnell, a former city employee of the year, among those who enjoyed the occasion.

"I think it's great. They make some of the best chicken," said Funnell, the city's streets and stormwater superintendent. "I can't believe they do that for us. It's nice that somebody appreciates us, not saying that others don't. They go that extra mile for us and I think that's pretty special."



Above: City workers and Garden Gate Club members sat down together for a picnic lunch on the back porch of the Zephyrhills Depot Museum.

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Right: Jack Seymour, Zephyrhills High School's turnaround student, is shown with Darlene Lyman, the Save Our Students teacher. Seymour, a senior who has had problems with the law, improved his grades drastically and is on track to graduate.

STEVE LEE



Left: Charla Vande Berg, an English teacher at Stewart Middle School, holds up the award given to David Jaramillo, an eighth-grader who turned around his grades and now is proud to show his mom his report card.

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headed in that direction. He's going to make it. He's smart."

Jaramillo said he was proud to recently show his mother a report card filled with As, Bs and Cs. He yearns to graduate like his sister Hanna, a 2018 Zephyrhills High graduate, and perhaps next year as a freshman make the honor roll and land a part-time job.

"What's neat is when you see someone like David do it for himself," Vande Berg said. "That makes a teacher happy."

For Seymour, getting back on the right path meant putting a few arrests as a juvenile, behind him. A transfer from James Irvin Education Center in Dade City, Seymour knows firsthand the kind of trouble he has avoided because he has a twin brother serving jail time.

As a 16-year-old on probation two years ago, Seymour simply said enough was enough so he asked for help and got it at Zephyrhills High.

"Positive reinforcement is better than messing up all the time," said Seymour, who keeps up with his studies despite working two jobs. "I feel lucky coming to this school."

Getting selected for the turnaround award led Seymour to thank the many staff members at the high school who were available to help him. He included Tammy and Troy Hochstetler,

Michael Cole, Darlene Lyman and Judy Williams, adding that he felt "relieved" to receive the award.

Like Jaramillo and Seymour, Suarez considers the turnaround students "role models for other students. They're trying to help others they see doing the same things they did in the past. They realize that you have to ask for help."

Seymour got a chance to give back last week, saying, "I just gave a kid a tour of the school. He's on probation here. I let him know that I'm here. It's helping hands and open ears."

Another reason for setting an example, he added, is "I have a younger brother (13-year-old Ashton) and I want to be a good influence."

Local turnaround students for the 2018-19 academic year are as follows:

Fatima Morales, Centennial Middle; Stewart Garcia and Gabriella Rios, Cypress Creek Middle; Caleb Poston, John Long Middle; Stevie McKnight, James Irvin Education Center; Ezekiel Gross and Matthew Behrle, Pasco eSchool; C'andre Brown, Pasco Middle; Benancio Valdez, Pasco High; David Jaramillo, Stewart Middle; Javionah Davis, Weightman Middle; Sophie Keller, Wesley Chapel High; Jackson Francis, Wiregrass Ranch High; Jack Seymour, Zephyrhills High.

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