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## **Community News**

Parental tips for youngsters returning to school

A Saint Leo University educator offers insightful tips for parents in order to prepare youngsters returning to school.

#### Friends of Hugh Embry Library Book Bazaar

The Friends of the Hugh Embry Library Book Bazaar is Aug. 9-10 at the Dade City facility. The monthly event features a diverse selection of books, audio and video tapes, and related materials.

#### Touch a Truck

Late in August, downtown Zephyrhills will be the site for Saturday in the Square with Touch a Truck.

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## Weather

Summer weather in the area remains much the same for the upcoming week. Daily forecasts call for scattered thunderstorms and rainy days. The usual pattern includes daytime temperatures in the high 80s and the evenings cooling to the low 70s.

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## Sports

Pasco Athletic League Jamboree kicks off season

The 2019 season has begun for the Pasco Athletic League. The youth football and cheerleading organization had its preseason jamboree last Saturday in Trinity.

#### Tampa Bay Bucs begin season of promise

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers, who have missed the National Football League playoffs for 11 consecutive seasons, are practicing for the upcoming season with hopes of finally playing meaningful games late in the year.

## **Speed Starz Track Club**

members excel in meets Members of the Speed Starz Track Club recently competed in a pair of national meets. Former Zephyrhills Christian Academy's Evan Miller medaled in two events.

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# Children put on a skit with puppets they hand-made



Holli Rubin shows children how to make their hand-made puppets dance as they sing along during a skit they learned.

STEVE LEE

Puppet-maker Holli Rubin engages boys and girls in latest installment of summer reading program

> By Steve Lee News Reporter

Singing and laughter, the joy of smiling faces on parents as well as children. It happens every time Holli Rubin teaches boys and girls how to make puppets that they in turn use for musical skits

"I hope you make many puppets in the future," she said, before getting loud cheers when she asked the children, "Did you have fun today?"

Happy Holli's Puppets, geared toward kindergarteners through fifth-graders, was last Wednesday's installment of the popular summer reading program. Most events have been held at council chambers in city hall next door to the Zephyrhills Public Library.

"In the summer, how wonderful is it to go to your community center, the library," said Rubin, who has brought her presentation to countless libraries throughout the Tampa Bay area.

Lori Brightwell, now in her second year as the city's librarian, initiated the summer reading program that has been quite a hit. Among the featured guests have been Professor Gazoontite and his zany science show, Matt Edmonds' Wonders of Nature presentation, as well as visits from the city's police and fire departments.

Brightwell noted that the puppet-making endeavor left a lasting impression on some children and their families.

"The kids came back to the library to show us their puppets last year," she said. "They love making the puppets and they love performing with the

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## **Growth just** keeps on coming to Zephyrhills

Next up are Checkers, Dollar General, a charter school and a dental care center

> By Steve Lee News Reporter

Zephyrhills has been on an expansion craze of late with retail and residential developments, along with major roadway extensions and widenings, completed or near completion within the past year

There is plenty more to come.

A local drive around the city and surrounding areas reveal several construction projects in the

At the intersection of Gall Boulevard and 9th Avenue a Checkers is going up, which would be a first for this town and the latest fast-food restaurant in town. It will be owned by Will Bingham, a lifelong Zephyrhills resident who runs a local real estate company.

"They broke ground about two weeks ago and it will go up pretty quickly," said Melonie Monson, executive director of the Greater Zephyrhills Chamber of Commerce. "That's kind of neat that a local guy will start a new venture like that.'

Bingham, who grew up in Zephyrhills is eager to start up a business in the city, especially in that

"We're excited about it," he said. "I couldn't think of a better place to start than Zephyrhills."

If all goes well, Bingham foresees opening another Checkers franchise down the road, most likely toward the Wesley Chapel area.

Up on the hill on the north side of the city at the site of a since-closed Suntrust Bank, a Dental Care Center of Pretty Pond is under construction. That

facility is targeting an Aug. 15 grand opening.

Another grand opening, for a Dollar General Control of the Con al Store at the corner of County Road 54 and 20th Street, has a tentative opening in August. That store, which will be the fifth Dollar General in Zephyrhills, has a tentative grand opening date of Aug. 12, according to a corporate spokesperson.

A bit outside of city limits there is a charter

school being built. Pinecrest Academy Wesley Chapel is going up next to Trinity Church of Wesley Chapel along State Road 54, not far west of the New River Branch Library.

The K-8 tuition-free charter school is slated

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# **Explore Your World - Rainbow Springs State Park**

The Zephyrhills News introduces readers to the host of natural springs in the region where you can beat the heat

> By Andy Warrener News Reporter

The story of Rainbow Springs State Park is one of tragedy and triumph. Rolling the clock all the way back to 1878, Hullam Jones began charging visitors to ride in his small glass bottom boat across Silver Springs in nearby Ocala. From there the tourism industry for Florida springs exploded. By the 1930s, what was previously known as Blue Springs became dubbed Rainbow Springs and instead of glass bottom boats, submarine boats were built, to allow visitors to sit below the water line and look out into the crystalline water. It was in the 1930s that private industry began to cultivate the natural asset that Rainbow Springs offered, building a lodge and gift shop on the

By the 1960s, places like Silver Springs and Weeki Wachee were becoming national tourist destinations. Then in 1967, Walter Beinke bought Rainbow Springs with an eye for turning it into a major tourist attraction. He added animal shows in 1968, an aviary, a

➤ RAINBOW SPRINGS: See Page 7A A view from one of the many coves of the Rainbow River

ANDY WARRENER

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## **Saint Leo University** ZEPHYRHILLS • educator offers tips for FAST AND FURIOUS Fri. & Sat. 1, 4, 7, 10 Sun.-Thurs. 1, 4, 7 **CINEMA 2 ONCE UPON A TIME** IN HOLLYWOOD

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time of the year—for parents. School begins in a few short weeks for most students. And some children may be experiencing the "summer slump."

To get ready for the new school year and prepare for academic success, Baye Ballew, instructor of education for Saint Leo University, offered some helpful tips for parents. Ballew oversees the education programs at Saint Leo's Lake City and Madison teaching locations in Florida. Prior to working at Saint Leo University, Ballew spent 10 years in the Columbia County School District. She was named Teacher of the Year in 2014-2015 for Melrose Park Elementary School.

#### What to do to prepare for school

• Reading during the summer helps students maintain forward progression in academics. Public libraries often have activities children can participate in during the summer.

• Start earlier bedtime about two to three weeks before school begins to start school year sleep schedules. This will help avoid arguments the week before school opens. Studies show poor sleep quality and low amounts of sleep affect student learning.

• Train students to use planners to build time management skills.

• Make use on free websites that offer tutoring and academic games such as Khan Academy, IXL.com, and PBS



Baye Ballew oversees the education programs at Saint Leo University's Lake City and Madison teaching locations in

• Create a place for students to leave planners or folders brought home from school. This way students have a specific place for parents to look for school news and information so both develop the habit of checking and returning info from a central location.

• Plan a specific place for students to complete homework and schedule a time to work. Allow the child to do as much as they can on their own, then seek help if needed.

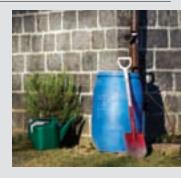
• For kindergarteners entering school, using molding clay helps build strength in hand muscles to help fine motor skills and handwriting. Molding clay is better than regular Play-Doh.

Saint Leo University offers bachelor's degrees in education at its main campus in St. Leo, north of Tampa, as well as at education centers in Florida and online. Earning this degree will qualify graduates for Florida teacher qualify certification.

The university's Lake City Education Center is at 149 S.E. College Place, Florida Gateway College Campus, Lake City and the Madison Education Center is at 126 S.W. Sumatra Ave., Suite A, Madison. For more information about the education programs, go to www.saintleo.edu.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Rain Barrel Workshop, **Aug. 3, 9-10 a.m.** at One Stop Shop, 15029 14th St. in Dade City. A rain barrel collects and stores water that runs off people's roofs preventing it from running across land, picking up pollutants and washing them into Pasco's creeks and streams. Rain barrels can help reduce water pollution. Come to this UF/ IFAS workshop and learn



how. Pre-registration and pre-payment is required. No refunds available. One rain barrel per family. A \$40 prepay per ticket is required and no money will be collected the day of the event. For more information, call (352) 518-0156.

Friends of the Hugh Embry Library Book Bazaar, Aug. 9-10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The dog days of summer are hot and sultry. Looking for a way to beat the heat? Check out the monthly book bazaar, which features a diverse selection of slightly used books, audio and video-tapes, magazines and related materials. Hugh Embry Library is located at 14215 4th St. in Dade City. For more information, call (352) 567-

**Succulents and More, Aug. 10, 10-11 a.m.** at the Zephyrhills Library, 5347 8th St. This is an introductory seminar that covers an array of succulents that can be grown inside or outside the home in our growing area. If you think succulents are just cacti, then you may be happy to learn that there are many varieties out there. Come to this free UF/ IFAS Pasco extension seminar. For more information, call (352) 518-0156.



Saturday in the Square with Touch a Truck, Aug. 31, 5-8 **p.m.** in downtown Zephyrhills. There will be several construction trucks along with police cars and fire trucks for children to view. Mr. Tommy will entertain the children with dancing and music. For more information, call (813) 780-1414.

Florida Gun Show, Aug. 24-25, at the Florida State Fairgrounds, 4800 U.S. Hwy. 301. Admission is \$11. Parking is \$8 for cars and \$14 for RV or buses. This buy, sell and trade show is presented Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, visit floridastatefair.com.

Florida's Largest Home Show, Aug. 30-Sept. 2, at the Florida State Fairgrounds, 4800 U.S. Hwy. 301. If you are remodeling, building or landscaping this is the show for you with over 900 exhibits. Admission is \$8 for adults, and seniors/military is \$7 and children under 12 are free. Parking is \$8 per car, \$14 for RV or bus. For more information, visit floridastatefair.com.



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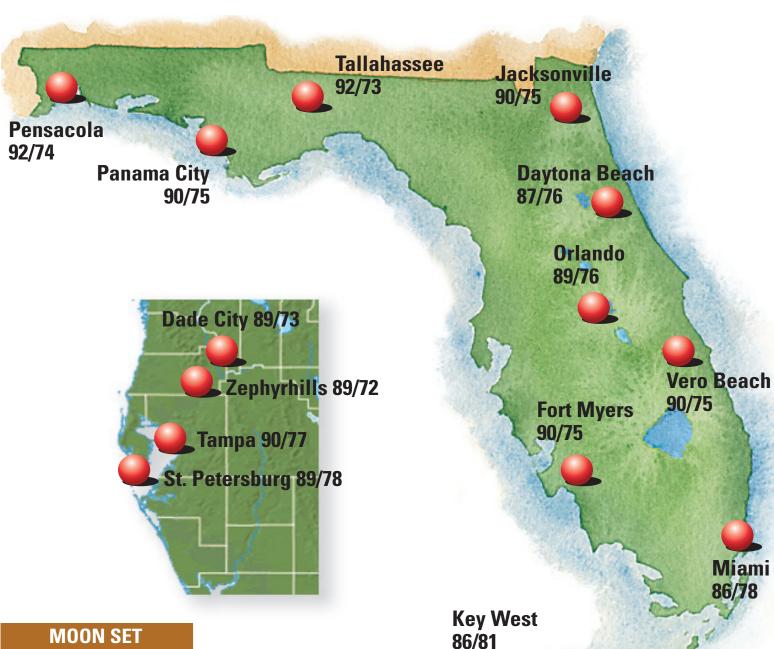
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STEVE LEE

Above: Boys and girls show off the handmade puppets they put together during last week's session in council chambers at city

Right: Norah Chandler, 4, holds up her puppet.

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puppets even more."

"The kids were the stars," Rubin said. "The best part about the library shows is that there's family there. They shared an experience putting the puppets together and the older kids did it by themselves. The parents were the children's cheerleaders."

Zephyrhills resident Adriana Crespo, who

has taken her children Carlos, Ana and Adrianna to several events during this summer's program, noted how much they enjoyed the most recent installment.

"They like the crafts," she said.

Crespo was far from the only parent pleased to watch her children enjoy the experience. Lorraine Morel was thrilled to see her son Eli, 10, and 5-year-old daughter Penelope have

a good time with the puppets they made.

"They have a great time," Morel said.

"They're having fun and being creative."

Dealing with young children and not wanting to drag out a long process of puppet-making, Rubin kept it simple. She instructed children, with help from parents and caregivers, to make puppets out of paper plates and hangers with crayons, scissors, glue and tape.

"Then, to make it extra fun we used feathers, sparkles and some cloth," Rubin explained, noting that the simple project "is giving the kids skills. Making puppets is not brain sur-

gery. They have fun."

Once their projects were finished the

voungsters learned a song before performing in a group with their hand-made pupWesley Chapel's Steve Chandler, who helped out, said his 4-year-old daughter Norah "loves it. She's a little slow to start, but once she

gets into it it's hard to get her to stop."
Rubin, a University of South Florida graduate, is the artistic director and master puppet builder at Bits 'N Pieces Puppet Theater in the eastern Hillsborough town of Dover. She and others in the company visit libraries, various groups and put on puppet shows all year long. They also do workshops, at the theater as well as on the road.

"We reach a lot of kids," Rubin said.





Above: Before performing a skit with music they learned from instructor Holli Rubin, boys and girls had to put together their own personal puppets.



## New technology at AdventHealth Zephyrhills offers patients quicker, more accurate diagnosis in breast health

AdventHealth Simpson Breast Center will host informational sessions and tours of the center for the community to see the new technology first-hand

AdventHealth Zephyrhills continues to invest in state-of-the-art technology to help deliver the best medical care possible to the community. AdventHealth Simpson Breast Center has announced it now offers Contrast Enhanced Spectral Mammography to help offer a quicker and more accurate diagnosis. This technology is the latest investment in breast care at AdventHealth Zephyrhills. The Simpson Breast Center also has the first Dueta remote in the Tampa Bay area, which allows patients to control the compression during the mammogram process, and 3D mammography, which detects the smallest area of ab-

AdventHealth Zephyrhills is inviting the community to tour the AdventHealth Simpson Breast Center and hear from Alexa Stinnette, the Simpson Breast Health Center manager on Aug. 13, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Stinnette will talk about how this leadingedge technology is changing the mammogram process to offer a better experience, and help de-

liver superior accuracy when diagnosing patients.
To participate in the event, please RSVP to (877) 534-3108 or go to the News/Events page at AdventHealthZephyrhills.org. The program will include a light lunch.



## **Help PCAS Clear the Shelters At National Pet Adoption Event**

Pasco County Animal Services waives fees for NBCUniversal's annual adoption event

Pasco County Animal Services (PCAS) is teaming up with NBCUniversal, Telemundo and hundreds of shelters across the country for the fifth annual, nationwide Clear the Shelters pet adoption drive Aug. 17. Pasco County Animal Services will offer waived adoption fees to help local families bring home a new pet. Since 2015, more than a quarter million pets have found homes through this campaign. When: Saturday, Aug. 17, from 12 to

Where: PCAS, 19640 Dogpatch Lane,

What's included: All adoptions include spay/neuter, microchip and vaccinations. The waived adoption fee applies to all dogs and cats with no exclusions. Adopters will be required to purchase county licensing for their new

Clear the Shelters is an initiative spearheaded by NBCUniversal-owned television stations, a division of NBCUniversal. Visit ClearTheShelters.com / DesocuparLosAlbergues.com for more information. Follow the effort on Twitter @ClearTheShelter and on social media using the hashtags #ClearTheShelters and #DesocuparLosAlbergues.

## **O**BITUARIES



## Theodore "Ted" Curtis Haugen

HAUGEN, Theodore Curtis, 86, of Zephyrhills, entered into eternal life at Gulfside Hospice on July 25, 2019. He was born Oct. 7, 1932 in Spring Valley, Wis. to the late Theodore N. and Violet (Fisher) Haugen. He was raised in Janesville, Wis. on his family's dairy farm till he graduated from high school in 1950. He entered the United States Air Force in October 1952 to 1956 after being honorably discharged he went on to pursue a career with the Federal Aviation Authority as an Air Traffic Control Specialist for 33 years. He was a member of the Scottish Rite of Free Masonry since 1977 and the Ararat Shriners. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Ann (Sweeney) Haugen; his sister, Judith and husband, Mel Mislivecek of Janesville, Wis.; two sons, Dennis Haugen and wife, Lisa of Kansas Čity, Mo. and Curtis Haugen of Kansas City, Mo.; a stepson, Leo McCarthy Jr. of Zephyrhills; six stepdaughters, Cindy Hathaway of Zephyrhills, Joann and her husband, Larry Hussey of Weeki Wacchi, Lisa McCarthy of Bradenton, Theresa Carey of Orange, Mass., Susan McCarthy of Athol, Mass. and Brenda Kulisanski of Artol, Mass.; and several grandchildren and reat-grandchiidren. He is pre deceased by a stepson, William McCarthy of Zephyrhills. Graveside Services are Aug. 9, 11 a.m. at Florida National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers,



memorial contributions may

be made to Gulfside Hospice in

#### Marian A. Abel

ABEL, Marian A., 94, of Zephyrhills, passed away July 14, 2019. Graveside service was July 19 at Oakside Cemetery.



## **Bruce K. Wright**

WRIGHT, Bruce K., 57, of Dade City, passed away July 7, 2019. Graveside service was July 15 at Dade City Cemetery.



## **Dennis Kruse Henry**

HENRY, Dennis Kruse, 80, of Dade City, passed away July 19, 2019. Mr. Henry is survived by his wife, Lois and other loving family members.



#### **Melvin Donald** "Don" Ricks

RICKS, Melvin Donald, 75, of Dover, passed away July 25, 2019. He was born Jan. 29, 1944 in Macon, Ga. to Jimmy and Buena (Criswell) Ricks. Mr. Ricks was a United States Army Veteran who served in Vietnam. He is survived by three daughters, Laura (Walter) Bartruff, Pattie Henderson and Michelle Ricks; seven grandsons, Walter Jr., Donald Adam and Eric Bartruff, Jacob Ricks, Evan Knight and Dylan Stanczykowski; two great-granddaughters; three brothers, William, Bennett and Timothy Ricks; and two sisters, Shirley Mills and Margaret Widener. Mr. Ricks was preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn. The family received friends on July 29 and the funeral service was July 30 at Whitfield Funeral Home.



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Mark Steven Steckler STECKLER, Mark Steven, 51, of Zephyrhills, passed away July 18, 2019. Mark is survived by his father, Michael Steckler and loving family.



## Marilyn L. Viens

VIENS, Marilyn L., 82, passed away peacefully on July 9, 2019 at her home in Zephyrhills after a lengthy illness. She is survived by her husband, of 41 years, Donald Viens; children, daughter, Sue (Richard) Ross, son, Chuck (Francine) Breeding, daughter, Amanda Benson and sons, Leighton and Adam Viens; brother, James Root; aunt, Mildred Daniels; 13 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; brother in-law, Wilfred Viens; and her Vermont family, Pauline (Ron) Perry, John Viens, Marie (Steve) Ryan, Jeanne Viens, Doris Bailey and Cecile (Craig) Stebbins; and many beloved nieces and nephews. She made many friends since the 4th grade. The family would like to thank HPH Hospice for the excellent care and compassion given to Marilyn during her final days. All are invited to the celebration of Life for Marilyn on Aug. 17, 3-6 p.m. at the Temple Terrace Masonic Lodge, 11807 N. 56th St., Temple Terrace. In lieu of flowers the family requests that do-nations be made in her name to HPH Hospice.



## **Andrew J. Parks**

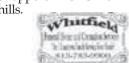
PARKS, Andrew J., 77, of Tampa, passed away July 19, 2019. Mr. Parks is survived by his wife, Betty and loving family.





#### **Denise Marie Dunning**

DUNNING, Denise Marie, 65, passed away peacefully a Gulfside Hospice on July 20, 2019. Denise retired from Dollar General, where she made friends with coworkers and customers. Denise always had a helping hand for anyone needing it, and also enjoyed sewing, crafts and bargain shopping. Preceded in death by Douglas Martin and infant children, Stephanie, Stephen and Justin Brown all of Princeton, Ky. Survived by her husband, David Dunning of Zephyrhills; daughter, Jessica (Guy) Friederichsen, grandson, Clayton Lei Vaughn and granddaughter, Jade Lynne Brown, all of Tampa; parents, Wayne and Catherine Doyle of Zephyrhills; siblings, Rita Rene (Paul) Wheeler of Linden, Mich., Judi Lynne (Mark) Kelly of Clarklake, Mich., Marci (Greg Carroll) Doyle of Tallahassee, Desiree, Candace and Eric Martin all of Princeton, Ky.; along with several nieces and nephews. No services are planned. Those wishing to remember Denise may contribute to Gulfside Hospice Thrift Shoppe or ASPCA of Zephyr-



#### **Bessie F. Caskey**

CASKEY, Bessie, F., 82, of Zephyrhills, passed away July 22, 2019. She was born Dec. 10, 1936 in Morehead, Ky. to Ranze and Laura (White) Butler. She managed Seminole Storage in Zephyrhills for over 30 years and was loved by many. She is survived by her daughters, Reba Williams (Steve) of Zephyrhills and Betty Slife (Bob) of North Carolina; five grandchildren, Chris Williams, Rachel Dixon, Amanda Caskey, Brandon Caskey and Callie Slife; three great-grandchildren, Bella Dixon, Savannah Williams and Bentley Caskey. She was preceded in death by husband, Richard Caskey; son, Robert Caskey; her parents; and nine siblings.



## Jack E. Bridge

BRIDGE, Jack E., 95, of Zephyrhills, passed away July 27, 2019. Ĥe was born Nov. 6, 1923 in Hillsdale County, Mich. to Elbert and Tena (Lewis) Bridge. Mr. Bridge was of the protestant faith. He was a veteran of the US Army serving in WW11 (36th Infantry Division) and was a Purple Heart recipient. He was a lifetime member of the DAV chapter 65, serving as commander for three years; a member of the Zephyrhills VFW Post 8154, the Am Vets and the American Legion. Mr. Bridge is survived by his wife, Georgia; daughter, Jackie (Glenn) Hendershot; son, Vincent (Bonita) Bridge; two stepchildren, Donald Biddinger (Jennifer) and Duane Biddinger (Mariann); several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by stepdaughter, Julie Backert. The family received friend before a funeral service July 31 at Whitfield Funeral home. Interment followed at Florida Na-



tional Cemetery.

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## **SALOME'S STARS**

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Dealing with a difficult person can be the kind of challenge you Aries Lambs love. Or it could be an energydraining exercise in futility. Be certain your goals are worth your efforts.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The Divine Bovine might be seeing red at having your crisisresolution efforts overlooked. But others know the truth, and they can be expected to step forward when the time comes.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You should be well on your way to finally making that important decision. Having the support of loved ones will help when crunch time comes. Keep a positive

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Feeling uneasy about a move might not mean you're having a case of Cancerian wavering. It could be your inner sense is warning you to reassess your situation before taking action.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your pride could get in the way of admitting you might have erred. Best to 'fess up now before a small mistake turns into a big misunderstanding. Make the weekend a special family time.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Trying to please someone with a less-than-glowing opinion of something you value could be a waste of time. If you like it, stay with it. The week's end brings an answer to an old mystery.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) There might be time to make a change. But be honest with yourself: Is it what you really want, or one you feel pressured into making? Your answer should determine your next move.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Change is dominant, but so is caution: Proceed carefully, checking each step along the way to avoid encountering any unwelcome surprises that might be lurking along your path.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** It could be a mistake to rely on someone to keep his or her promise without checking out previous performances. What you learn now could save you from a painful lesson later.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Taking a strong stand on an issue you feel is too important to ignore could inspire others to follow suit. The weekend is a good time to socialize with old friends and make new ones.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your sensitive nature gives you an insight into the problems of someone close to you. Your offer of support could be just what this person needs to start turning his or her life around.

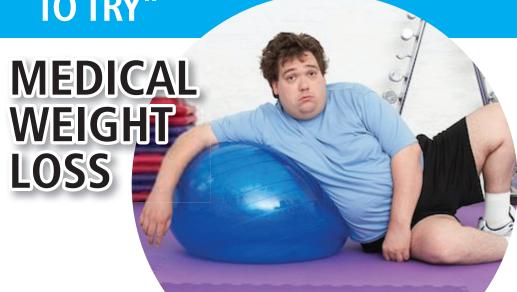
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Financial matters continue to need even more careful analysis than usual. Use caution with investment possibilities. A personal relationship might take an unexpected turn by the week's end.

BORN THIS WEEK: You appreciate the wonders of the world and enjoy sharing your delight with others.

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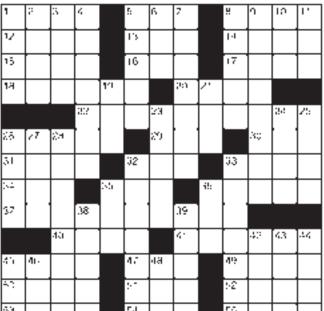
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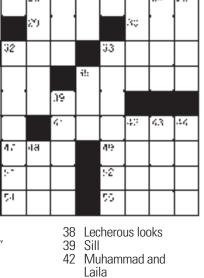


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paddlewheel riverboat, an air-conditioned submarine boat, a rodeo demonstration ring and an unusual leaf-shaped monorail that went right though the aviary.

Then came the interstate and Disney World. Once I-75 took out-of-state tourists right past Dunnellon on their way to the Mickey Mouse Mecca, the flow of tourists dwindled to a trickle. In 1970, Holiday Inn bought half of the property from Beinke. Then in 1972, Beinke sold the other half to a development group based out of Miami. The attraction would close less than a year

Development began to spring up around Rainbow Springs; subdivisions and a golf course threatened to make the springs a private commodity until in 1990, the State of Florida in partnership with Marion County, bought the property. With out-moded and out-dated facilities, the re-opening of the park was on hold. Until, in 1992 when The Friends of the Rainbow Springs organization stepped up and got the park open, at least on weekends. The park was officially incorporated in 1993. By 1995, Rainbow Springs State Park was open for daily operation under the state park system. The monorail is gone, the submarine is gone but the natural beauty of the springs endures.

The park is basically broken up into two areas, the day use area and the campground. The day use area is located right off of US 41 north of Dunnellon, just about 80 miles north of Zephyrhills. It costs just \$2 per person to enter the day-use area park. Once inside, visitors have few options. In 1889, rock phosphate was discovered near the springs. Dunnellon became a boom town as the mining operation grew in scope. Some of the pits are still within park boundaries and can be observed but the piles of discarded soil made for great elevation changes and a place to build waterfalls.

are still enjoyed by locals and tourists alike. A paved trail winds up and down the elevation changes and offers glimpses at the falls. Lookouts onto a cove and the Rainbow River have been added.

Meandering on down to the river is a roped-off swimming area where visitors can jump in and swim around in the crystal clear 72-degree water. There are not many better ways to beat the summer heat in Florida than to jump into the brisk spring, which hovers around the low-70s all year long. The visibility underwater is limited only by the viewer's eyesight and whether or not ney are wearing a mask or goggles.

The depth of the swimming area ranges from five to 18 feet and inflatables are not allowed. Unless you are a strong swimmer, it's advisable to bring a swim noodle or life jacket. Snorkelers can spot a number of species of fish and turtles as well as other aquatic wildlife. As one of Florida's largest springs, the series of small vents leading to the underground aquifer pump out more than 400 million gallons of water a day.

The day use area at the headsprings also offers a handsome gift shop and basic food services. The Guest Services counter allows for rentals of floating tubes as well as canoes and kay-aks. Four pavilions are available for rent at the day use area for

## Campground:

round is located at a separate facility, just a few miles from the headspring and day use area. Both upper and lower campgrounds offer water and electricity (20, 30 and 50 amp) and are equipped with sewer hook-ups. RV pull-though sites are available with a maximum RV length of 103 feet. ADA accessible restrooms are available near the campsites and are equipped with bath houses. Other amenities include a rec hall,

laundry facility, picnic areas and a playground.

Canoes and kayaks are available for rent at the campground office and there is a small swimming area that does not close. Campers also gain free access to the day use portion of the park. There is even an amphitheater available for camper use when not in use by park staff.

The park is just shy of 1,500 acres and offers some nice hiking trails where azaleas bloom in the spring and large oaks, some covered in epiphytes, give it a Jurassic feel. A guided bird walk is offered the second Saturday of every month except in the very peak of summer (June, July and August). Reservations for the campsites can be made up to 11 months in advance through Reserve America. Sites fill up fast, even in the summertime.

Tubing is another major attraction but you'll have to scoot just a little bit further down the road because it has its own entrance at SW 180th Avenue Road. Tube rentals are \$20 for a two-hour tube ride and are available seven days per week. The way it works is Guest Services, shuttles you upstream about two miles and drops you off in the Rainbow River where you'll float leisurely back to where your vehicle is parked. Remember, this activity can book out quickly. If planning on coming on a weekend or holiday, plan to come early or check with the park beforehand.

Rainbow Springs State Park remains one of Florida's most iconic natural destinations. Truly, there is no better way to beat the summer heat.

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Even with tourist traps like Disney and Universal, Rainbow Springs remains one of Florida's finest natural assets.



The view down river from the access point at the Rainbow Springs Campground.





Left: Work has already begun as bulldozers clear land for the new Sarah Vande Berg Tennis Center.

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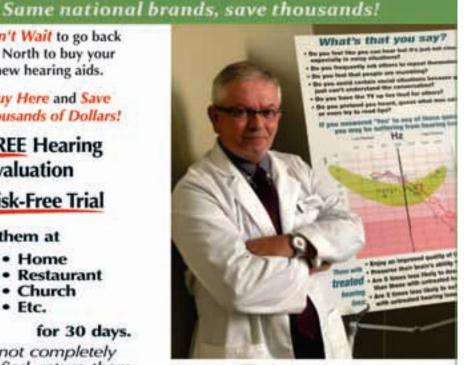
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to open sometime in 2020. After the initial year of K-6, the school would reportedly add seventh-graders and eight-graders in subsequent years after that. Pinecrest Academy was founded in 2000. R.D. Michaels of Winter Park is handling the construction project.

A trend of recent growth continues along Eiland Boulevard near the Silver Oaks community and Silverado Golf Course.

The Florida Medical Clinic recently opened up a new facility that provides more doctor's offices with hospital and exam rooms and last month there was a groundbreaking off Simons Road for the Sarah Vande Berg Tennis Center to honor the late Zephyrhills High tennis standout.

Along Simons Road, which runs into Eiland Boulevard, there also is land being cleared for a new development. The Oaks of Pasco will be a community of single homes with prices in the low

As for the recent roadway extensions and expansions, SR 56 linking Wesley Chapel and Zephyrhills on a four-lane stretch that parallels SR 54 opened in early July. That sixmile stretch extends from Meadow Pointe Boulevard to U.S. 301, just south of the Zephyrhills Correctional Institute. The Florida Department of Transportation project worth \$59.7 million began in 2017.

Continuing is the SR 54 expansion from two to four lanes with turn lanes being added at Eiland Road and Morris Bridge Road. That stretch also will help alleviate traffic along the Wesley Chapel-Zephyrhills corridor.



Above: Pinecrest Academy Wesley Chapel is being built along the State Road 54 corridor.



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