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City millage rate to stay the same

However, revenue will drop due to a decrease in real estate values

By BOB McCLURE

SEMINOLE – Taxpayers in Seminole will not see an increase in ad valorem taxes for fiscal year 2011 nor will they see a drop in services offered by the city.

Those were the points made by City Manager Frank Edmunds during a budget workshop July 20 that was attended by councilors Thomas Barnhorn, John Counts, Bob Matthews, Leslie Waters and Mayor Jimmy Johnson.

Edmunds explained that the proposed budget will maintain the current millage rate of 2.4793, which will produce a reduction in revenue for the upcoming year due to lower real estate values. The alternative was the rollback rate of 2.7794, which would have produced an additional $285,000 in revenue for the city, Edmunds said.

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A first public hearing on the proposed budget is planned Wednesday, Sept. 15 and a final public hearing on Tuesday, Sept. 28.

The new budget goes into effect Oct. 1.

Overall, the city's Community Development Department will absorb the largest decrease – a 19.1 percent cut from the current budget, or $155,065.

A big part of that will be a $32,396 cut in salaries, thanks to the downgrading of a senior planner position from full time to part time. Another $5,514 will be saved in insurance premiums and $12,300 in professional/engineering services, which will be handled on a contract basis and passed on to applicants.

The department with the largest dollar cut will be the fire department, which is faced with a 3 percent cutback, or $250,761. It will be most noticeable in fire administration, which is taking a 27.4 percent cut.

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A quick exit

Photos by BOB McCLURE

Seminole Little League's Major all-stars were eliminated from further play July 25 in the Section 7 Tournament at the Seminole Youth Athletic Association complex. Seminole dropped consecutive games to Tampa Bayshore and Palm Harbor before posting a 7-2 victory over Central Citrus. Bayshore won the tournament with a 6-5 win over Palm Harbor. Left, Seminole's Jesse Tona swings at a pitch July 24 against Palm Harbor. Above, Joe Favetta fires a pitch toward home plate. In addition to the majors, Seminole's Junior and Senior teams were also eliminated over the weekend.

Back-to-school tax holiday set to return

By SUZETTE PORTER

Back-to-school shopping might be a bit less expensive this year, thanks to the return of one of Florida's most popular tax holidays.

The Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday is Aug. 13-15. During the three-day period, shoppers won't be charged sales tax on school supplies, books, clothing and footwear priced under a certain dollar amount.

The first back-to-school sales tax holiday was in 1998, and it continued until the years 2008 and 2009 when the state Legislature said no to all sales tax holidays due to budget constraints.

In 2010, opinions changed and state lawmakers voted to reinstate the holiday for school supplies. Gov. Charlie Crist signed House Bill 483 into law on May 26.

"Our children deserve to have the resources and materials they need to be successful and competitive in the classroom," Crist said in a press release sent out the day he signed the 2010 holiday into law. "I am confident this tax break will help students, families and businesses as they prepare for a new school year. It is important that we continue to alleviate the tax burden on Floridians, as well as seek ways to improve the economic future of our state."

The tax holiday could save Florida

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A summer bash

Photo by BOB McCLURE

Ben Fudge of St. Pete Beach checks out some of the silent auction items July 24 during the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce Sizzlin' Summer Bash at the St. Pete Beach Recreation Center. The event, which featured plenty of good food and music, is one of the chamber's primary fundraisers each year.

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NOAA re-opens portion of offshore waters to fishermen

By SUZETTE PORTER

It was mostly good news from the Gulf of Mexico this weekend as Tropical Storm Bonnie fizzled and NOAA opened one-third of the closed fishing area.

In addition, BP's well has remained shut down since July 15. Thad Allen, national incident commander, made the decision to leave the well capped as vessels and equipment were moved away from the well site in advance of the weather.

Monitoring vessels did remain onsite and no problems were reported, Allen said July 25 in a press briefing.

Officials estimated that the weak tropical storm could delay work on BPs leaking well by seven to 10 days. Crews were at work late July 25 reassembling the drilling rigs.

Allen said the vessels involved in monitoring the well and those working on the relief wells were the first vessels back. The containment vessel Q4000 also was onsite and preparing to get back to work.

Current estimates say it will take about a week before crews can place the liner in the final piece of casing on the relief well. When the casing is finished, BP plans to do a static kill, shooting mud down through the top of the containment cap into the leaking well to try to kill it from the top.

The final step will be the bottom kill through the relief well, which could begin as early as mid-August.

While weather delayed work on the well, local fishermen got the go-ahead to return to waters offshore Pinellas that have been closed for several weeks.

NOAA re-opened 26,388 square miles of Gulf water to commercial and recreational fishing July 22. Much of the water is off the west coast of Florida.

Jane Lubchenco, undersecretary of commerce for oceans and atmosphere and NOAA administrator, said in a press conference Thursday afternoon that much of the area had been closed originally due to concern about sheen near the loop current.

"But the oil never materialized," she said.

Since mid-June, NOAA data have shown no oil in the area, and U.S. Coast Guard observers flying over the area in the last 30 days have not observed any oil. Trajectory models of the oil's movement show that the area is at low-risk.

In addition, fish caught in the area and tested by NOAA experts have shown no signs of contamination.

"I'd feel very confident eating any seafood from the area being opened today," Lubchenco said.

She said sampling would continue in the marketplace and dockside to ensure the public's safety.

Lubchenco said sensory testing allows experts to detect very minute parts per million. She said the tests were done looking for oil and dispersants. She said no fish tested had shown signs of contamination.

Lubchenco said NOAA and its university partners also were continuing to look for subsurface oil. Thus far, she said the only place where subsurface oil has been found in concentrations has been near the wellhead.

Lubchenco said she felt re-opening Gulf waters was the right thing to do for American consumers and local fishermen.

She said appropriate cautions had been taken and rigorous testing continues.

"We're able to test to very, very small amounts," she said. "Every sample is clean."

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County commissioners review 2011 CIP budget

By SUZETTE PORTER

CLEARWATER – Pinellas County commissioners began the task of putting their stamp on the fiscal year 2011 countywide budget during a July 20 work session.

The discussion began with a follow-up on the capital improvement program originally presented on June 10. As in prior years, the proposed CIP eliminates, defers and downsizes many planned projects.

One idea to help "provide necessary liquidity" in the capital projects fund is an inter-fund loan from the solid waste fund in fiscal years 2010 and 2011. Staff estimated that the capital projects fund needs an additional $15 million for fiscal year 2010 and $5 million in fiscal year 2011.

Benefits of an inter-fund loan versus conventional bonding include lower borrowing costs; interest accrues to a county entity; terms that are more flexible; and no reserve requirement.

"The solid waste fund will be made whole as the loan would be at prevailing market interest rates," the staff report said.

Road project deferred

Staff was asked to summarize the rationale for rescoping the Park Street/Starkey Road, Tyrone to Bryan Dairy project to include only the key intersection at Starkey and Bryan Dairy roads.

Pete Yauch, director of Public Works and Transportation, said because the project was estimated to cost in excess of $34 million, staff recommended deferring the project until funding becomes available.

The project encompasses the County Road One corridor from Tyrone Boulevard to East Bay Drive.

Plans had called for widening the road from four lanes to six lanes, based on traffic growth estimates made in the 1990s. The project also included bicycle lanes and intersection improvements.

Yauch said due to the budget shortfall, and new information showing that traffic volumes had not increased as much as anticipated, staff recommends deferring the project.

Staff also recommends that the road be resurfaced in scheduled segments during the years 2011 and 2012 to protect its structural integrity.

Yauch said notices would be sent to the cities, Seminole and Largo, among others.

Gulf Boulevard funding

Commissioners also discussed the plan to restore the allocation for Gulf Boulevard from the proposed $26 million to the original amount of $35 million.

Staff notes show that the proposed capital improvement program budgets $3.5 million for the project for fiscal years 2013-2016 with an increase to $7 million for fiscal years 2017-2019.

The county attorney's office is currently working on a draft interlocal agreement.

Seel said beach communities were meeting to discuss their priorities for the project. She asked how they could begin when the funding did not start until 2013.

County Administrator Bob LaSala said scheduling the funding to begin in 2013 should not impede the cities' ability to start projects. He said the interlocal agreement would give them the start-date they need to get bonding.

Potholes and resurfacing

One of the biggest complaints from the public in recent years has been about the increase in potholes.

Staff proposes solving the problem by increasing the budget for resurfacing from $3.5 million to $8.5 million in fiscal year 2011 and from $3.5 million to $5.255 million in fiscal year 2012.

2011 budget calls for EMS, fire millage increases

By SUZETTE PORTER

CLEARWATER – Pinellas County residents open your wallets.

The proposed fiscal year 2011 budget calls for a millage increase to pay for emergency medical services. Millage rates also are going up for some fire districts.

County Administrator Bob LaSala presented the proposed budget to the commissioners on July 13. Per the commissioner's policy, the overall countywide millage and millage for unincorporated residents remains unchanged.

The EMS fund is a special revenue fund established by referendum in 1980, according to information in LaSala's proposed budget. County commissioners can levy up to 1.5 mills annually on a countywide basis to pay for the operation of the emergency medical system.

The current EMS millage rate is 0.5832. The proposed rate for 2011 is 0.6860.

The EMS millage rate must go up to pay for increase to first responder contractual payments, LaSala writes in his report. Ambulance user fees also will increase to help cover costs. Plans call for the use of $5.5 million from EMS reserves to make up additional budget shortfall.

The county has been looking for ways to decrease costs associated with providing EMS services for the past two years. A consultant has been hired to study the situation, and a report is expected to be available sometime in 2011.

The county contracts with 18 first responder providers. These providers increased their requests for funding by 4.1 percent or $1.5 million. The increase in millage will provide an additional $1.4 million in revenue.

Pinellas County has 12 separate municipal services taxing units that provide fire protection services in unincorporated areas. These fire districts were created in 1973 via a Special Act of the state legislature.

The board of Pinellas County Commissioners has the authority to levy ad valorem taxes to fund fire protection within the districts. County staff negotiates with each municipality for the cost of fire service within each district.

To meet cost increases, the proposed 2011 includes millage hikes for six of the 12 fire districts. These districts are Clearwater, Gandy, Largo, Safety Harbor, High Point and Tierra Verde.

The increased millage would be charged to residents of unincorporated areas.

Four fire districts – Belleair Bluffs/Largo, Dunedin, Pinellas Park and Seminole have 10 percent in reserve funds and "are well positioned going into FY 2011 through FY 2020 without immediately having to increase millage rates for their districts," LaSala said.

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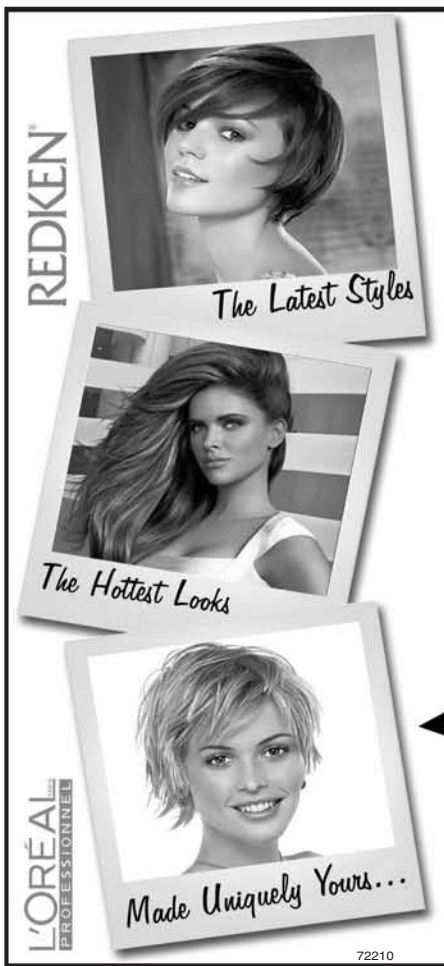

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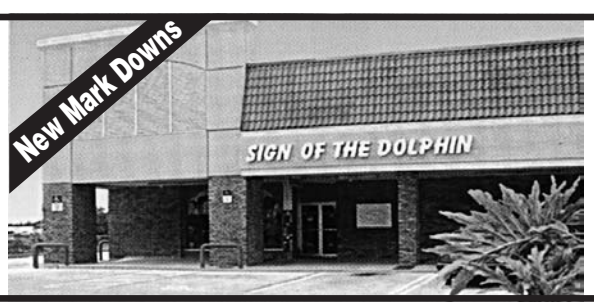

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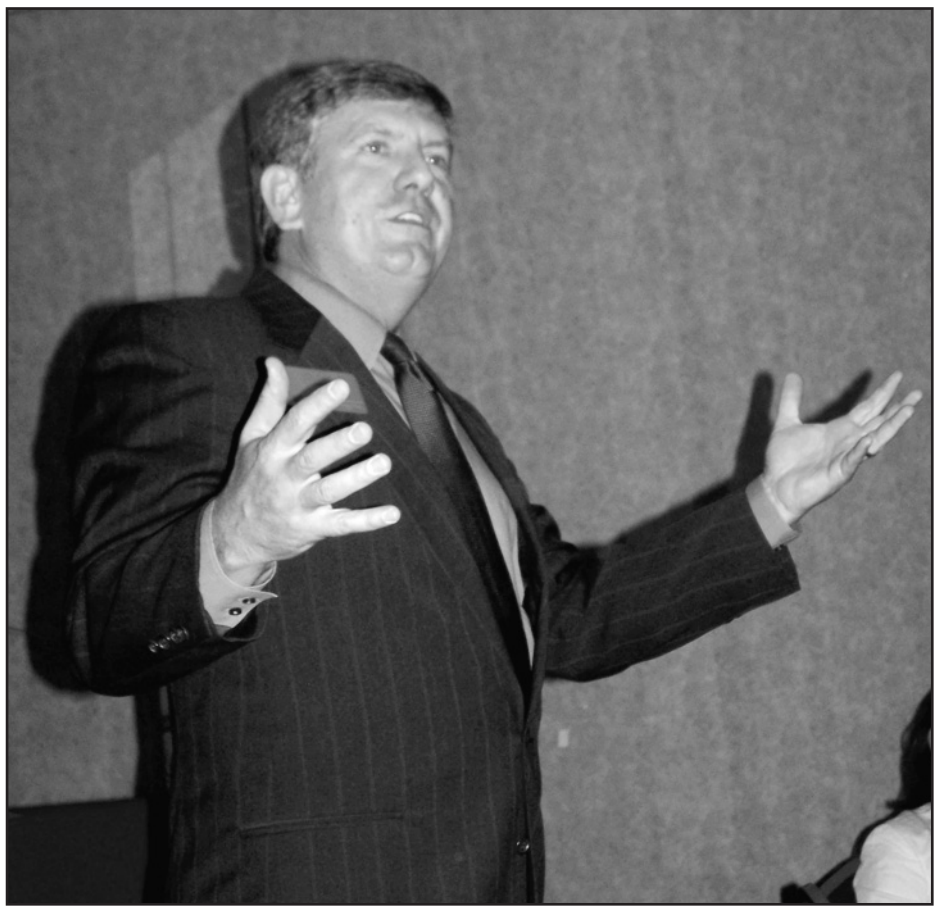

Photo by BOB McCLURE

Jeff Shimer, vice president of training for Dale Carnegie Tampa Bay, conducts an exercise in networking July 15 during the Seminole Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon at Banquet Masters.

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families an estimated $26 million.

Tax-exempt items

The state has a list of eligible items and published guidelines that retailers and shoppers must follow.

In general, books, clothing, footwear and certain accessories selling for $50 or less are eligible, as are certain school supplies selling for $10 or less.

The state defines books as "a set of printed sheets bound together and published in a volume." Newspapers, magazines, other periodicals and audio books are not books and will be taxable during the holiday.

Clothing is defined as any article of wearing apparel, including all footwear (except skis, swim fins, roller blades and skates) intended to be worn on or about the body. Clothing does not include watches, watchbands, jewelry, umbrellas, handkerchiefs or sporting equipment.

School supplies include pens, pencils, erasers, crayons, notebooks, notebook filler paper, legal pads, binders, lunch boxes, construction paper, markers, folders, poster board, composition books, poster paper, scissors, cellophane tape, glue, paste, rulers, computer disks, protractors, compasses and calculators.

The state also has a rule about where purchases can be made or, more importantly, where they can't be made.

For example, eligible items are not exempt from sales tax if purchased at a theme park or entertainment complex. So, a T-shirt with a cartoon character on the front purchased at Disney World would be taxable, although a similar T-shirt purchased at a department store would be exempt.

Eligible items also lose their tax-exempt status if purchased at a public lodging establishment, aka a hotel, motel, resort, beach cottage, or airport.

Tricks people play

The Florida Department of Revenue is on to tricks people try to make an item meet the rules.

For example, officials say you can't split up a pair of shoes priced at $80 to make each shoe sell for $40, and you can't split up a $100 suit into two pieces, jacket and pants for $50 each. You can't split up a set of books into separate volumes to lower the price of each book.

People also can't take apart sets to lower the price or remove an ineligible item.

The Department of Revenue uses the example of a set containing a wallet and key chain for $35. The rules say the set is not tax-exempt, even though the wallet would be if sold separately, because the key chain is taxable; therefore, the entire set is taxable. The same goes for a desk set that includes a stapler because the stapler is not on the list of tax-exempt items.

Buy one, get one coupons, manufacturer's coupons and rebates cannot be used to bring an item's price down to qualify for the exemption. However, store coupons or discounts that reduce the sales price of an item can be used.

A complete list of taxable and tax-exempt items and additional information is available at www.TBNweekly.com.

Second busiest shopping season of the year

The Florida Retail Federation played a big part in the sales tax holiday's return. Sally West, director of government affairs for FRF, attended the bill's signing ceremony and spoke on its benefits for Florida families and businesses.

"This tax break will enable Florida families to buy school supplies and clothing for the school year without the additional burden of state and local taxes," West said. "The tax holiday also will provide a much needed boost to Florida's economy."

According to the National Retail Federation, combined K-12 and college spending will reach $55.12 billion in 2010, "serving as the second biggest consumer-spending event for retailers behind the winter holidays."

The NRF's 2010 Consumer Intentions and Actions Back to School survey, conducted by BIGresearch, showed that the average American family plans to spend $605 on clothes, shoes, supplies and electronics, compared to $548 in 2009. Total spending on children in grades K-12 is expected to reach $21.35 million.

Spending for college-age students is expected to remain similar to last year, the NRF said, with the average family spending $616 on new apparel, furniture for dorms or apartments, school supplies and electronics.

Florida's sales tax holiday does not include electronics or furniture

According to the survey, people intend to buy more store brands and generic products this year, and more plan to do comparative shopping online. They also plan to shop in discount stores and department stores. Two other targeted destinations were clothing and office supply stores.

Online shopping also is expected to get an almost 8 percent boost from shoppers this year.

"Whether to save a few bucks and compare prices or simply because of the convenience, more people will shop online this year," the NRF said.

Almost half those surveyed by NRF said they planned to start shopping three weeks before the first day of school.

Pinellas County public schools open on Tuesday, Aug. 24.

Area dentists team up for free back-to-school exams

By BOB McCLURE

SEMINOLE – For the second consecutive year, Seminole dentist Dr. Sandra Lilo is spearheading an effort to provide children with free dental exams prior to the start of school.

The Smile For School program offers complimentary teeth cleaning, assessment and X-rays for children returning to school. Children up to age 18 are eligible with proof of registration at an area school.

Lilo will offer the service at her office, 8300 113th St., Friday, Aug. 6 by appointment. She will be joined by at least 17 other dentists and oral surgeons in Pinellas County, along with one dentist in California.

For a complete list of the participating dentists, go to www.smileforschool.com.

"We had 10 dentists participate last year and we have 17 so far this year, including two oral surgeons," Lilo said last week. "Last year we reported (to the Florida Dental Association and West Coast Dental Association) $15,000 worth of free care to 45 children in my office alone. The youngest we had was 3 and the oldest was 17 who had never been to a dentist."

Lilo said the oral surgeons will address older children with wisdom tooth screenings and X-rays worth about $450.

Dentists will perform dental exams and X-rays with a normal value of between $130 to $200, she said.

"There's no hardship stipulation," Lilo said. "All parents have to do is come in and fill out the paper work."

The thrust of the exams will be education in dental care and eating choices, Lilo said.

In addition to the Smile For School program, Lilo said the University of Florida dental school at the Seminole campus of St. Petersburg College is offering a similar program on Saturday, Aug. 7 and the a Pinellas County Health Department has a program for children that uses a sliding fee based on family income.

To schedule an appointment at Lilo's office, call 398-7473.

Madeira businesses protest recycling

By WAYNE AYERS

MADEIRA BEACH – A last minute protest by business owners, primarily hotel interests, has set back the city's "recycling for everyone" effort.

Recycling programs for single and multi-family residences have been up and running since April.

Final approval of an ordinance requiring commercial establishments to recycle specified waste materials was expected at the City Commission July 20 meeting.

However, a contingent of business owners brought their concerns to the commission, who then voted to table the issue for further study.

The residential program is voluntary, but homeowners are billed for the service whether they use it or not. Businesses are required to recycle under the program's rules, but may use the hauler of their choice.

Most speakers at the meeting agreed recycling is a good idea, but felt it should not be mandatory. They also objected to a requirement of at least two pickups a week.

"We have businesses in town who do not have the capability to sort trash," said Robin Grabowski, president of the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce. A recycling requirement would be a particular hardship on hotels, she said, who would either have to ask guests to sort their trash or train staff to do it. There is a big turnover in hospitality industry employees, she added.

What would happen to businesses that did not recycle, Grabowski asked. City attorney Michael Connolly said violators of the ordinance could be prosecuted through the city's special magistrate.

Hotel owner T.J. Gill said someone in his establishment would have to go through and separate the trash to comply with the recycling requirement.

"In this economic climate, it's draconian to force businesses to participate (in the program)," he said.

Joe Jorgensen of Travel Resort Services said guests would be told when they check in "Here are your three containers (for recycling)." Jorgensen said, "Would you want to be in a hotel and do that?" He urged that the program be made voluntary.

Patricia Hubbard of Hubbard Enterprises said space is scarce for her businesses at John's Pass. The recycling program would require a paper bin, glass bin, and a garbage bin, she said.

Mandatory recycling places a burden on hotel owners especially since they would have to add and train staff, said Lisa Hand of Barefoot Beach Hotel. She urged the commission to take a second look at the ordinance and get together with the businesses.

The opposition to the business recycling program came as a surprise, coming as it did on the ordinance's second and final reading.

"We've been talking about this all year," said city attorney Michael Connelly.

"I haven't heard any of this before," said Commissioner Carol Reynolds.

The commission voted 5-0 to table the ordinance for further study, and get input from businesses.

Commissioner Steve Kochick, however, warned the city will not abandon the recycling issue.

Electronic signs OK'd

An ordinance allowing electronic message boards and animated signs was narrowly approved. But the commission gave clear notice that new restrictions could be added that will make their widespread use unlikely.

The signs are currently banned in the city, with one exception.

Pinellas County mistakenly approved a permit earlier this year for an electronic sign at the Surf Style store in John's Pass Village.

The commission then decided at an April workshop to allow the signs with unlimited features. The devices can flash, scroll, text, show graphics and even brief videos.

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The EMS budget will increase 8.2 percent, or $153,367, due primarily to a 58 percent increase by Pinellas County in the relief staffing allowance to $392,198.

The EMS division will still be manned by the same number of employees and will have the same number of units as it currently does, Edmunds said.

The city will save a few dollars on law enforcement. Due to the elimination of a vacant community policing/traffic position, Edmunds and Director of Administration Harry Kyne were able to negotiate a lower price in 2011 with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office. The city is paying the sheriff's office $1.76 million under the current budget and will pay $1.71 million in the proposed budget.

Although the library will see a 2.3 percent decrease in funding next year, there will be no cut in services or personnel there. Due to a reduction in state and county funds to the Pinellas County Library cooperative, funds for new books, audiovisual materials and subscriptions to electronic data bases will be cut $35,000, or 44 percent. Other than that aspect, the library budget remains almost status quo.

The city's Recreation Division also will remain almost identical to the current budget with the exception of senior activities. Budgeting for senior trips and bus transportation is down 47 percent because of a lack of participation, Edmunds said.

A 25 percent increase in funding for electricity is planned for the recreation center due to inefficiencies with the current, temporary HVAC system. Edmunds said the estimated $228,000 cost for electricity should diminish noticeably once a new system is operational during Fiscal Year 2012.

The only change to the proposed budget came from Barnhorn who asked for an additional $1,000 per councilor for travel from the current $2,500. Barnhorn said such a move would allow the entire City Council to attend National League of Cities and Florida League of Cities conventions.

Barnhorn suggested allocating $6,000 from the $20,000 the city donates to the Seminole Chamber of Commerce each year.

The proposal failed to gain support and died.

Police beat

Outstanding warrant results in arrest

TREASURE ISLAND – A 37-year-old Sarasota man was arrested by police July 25 on an outstanding warrant in the 100 block of Gulf Boulevard.

Marcoust Dula was taken into custody on a Sarasota County warrant for contempt of court and was transported to the Pinellas County Jail. Bond was set at $250.

Police were called to the scene when residents complained of Dula asking motorists for rides. Dula and another man with him advised police they were waiting for the Beach Trolley.

A routine check of both men turned up the warrant on Dula.

Woman charged with stealing $176,000 from work

CLEARWATER – A Clearwater woman was arrested July 19 for allegedly stealing nearly $176,000 from her employer, according to a Pinellas County Sheriff's report.

Detectives from the economic crimes unit began investigating after William Golson, the owner of Golson Law Firm, discovered checks for $34,000 that the suspect had allegedly written to herself, the report said. During the investigation, detectives found that while the suspect was gainfully employed by the law firm as an office manager and bookkeeper with signing privileges on the corporate checking account, she used her position to write dozens of unauthorized checks to herself and to third party companies to whom she owed money, the report said.

The third parties were mostly for credit card companies, including Capital One, CitiCard, CitiFinancial Retail Services, Beneficial Finance, Bank of America, American Express, and Discover Card. She also allegedly used the stolen money to make payments to Nelnet, a student loan financing company. Detectives say that the debt on the credit cards included purchases at various stores, supermarkets, hair salons, restaurants, home improvement stores, car rentals, and hotel stays in Orlando, San Francisco, Disney, and Chicago, as well as other expenses while traveling.

The criminal activity occurred over at least six years, the report said. The suspect, Kerry Sue McCallister-Higgins, 34, was paid for her employment by a separate payroll company, indicating there would be no reason for any checks from the firm to be written out to her name, the report said. Of the nearly $176,000 stolen from her employer, about $46,000 were in checks written to herself, and about $130,000 were in checks written to the third party companies. The dollar amount of the loss to the law firm is expected to increase, the report said.

McCallister-Higgins was arrested around 8:45 p.m. on July 19 at her home. She was charged with grand theft and released from the Pinellas County Jail on a $50,000 bond.

Alabama police kill suspect, mother found dead in the Park

PINELLAS PARK – Police in Mobile, Ala., shot and killed a city man on July 26 who was wanted in connection with the death of his mother the day before.

The murder victim, Debbie Neace, 52, was discovered last Sunday morning by her long-time boyfriend.

Pinellas County sheriff's deputies said the victim suffered obvious trauma to her body.

Deputies said Neace's son, Corey Hicks, 24, escaped in the victim's 2006 silver 4-door Toyota Corolla. Deputies said he was tracked down to a Days Inn in Mobile after Pinellas County issued an arrest warrant for the grand theft of his mother's car.

Deputies said Hicks was shot and killed by the Mobile police SWAT team after he attacked them with an ax.

A Mobile police spokesman, Officer Christopher Levy, said Hicks came at SWAT members swinging an ax. He was shot and died at the scene.

Homeless man arrested for alleged purse snatching

PINELLAS PARK – A homeless man was arrested on July 20 after he allegedly snatched a woman's purse and escaped on foot.

Wallace R. Reynolds, 34, was charged with grand theft. He remains in the Pinellas County Jail in lieu of $5,000 bail.

Officer Daniel Butterworth said the victim, who was not identified, was at the Publix parking lot, 4701 Park Blvd., at about 3:05 p.m. when Reynolds allegedly snatched her purse from a shopping cart and ran away.

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Editorial
An opportune time

The Pinellas County Transportation Task Force, which was established more than a month ago, has much potential to bolster efforts to improve mobility in the county.

Members of the committee represent a cross-section of community, government and business leaders and have a lot of expertise that should help lay the groundwork for improvements to the transportation system, whether they be road, bus and/or commuter rail operations.

Appointing the committee has come at an opportune time because of the Tampa Bay Regional Transportation Authority, which is identifying project priorities for the seven-county area it serves.

The need to make major transportation improvements in the seven counties probably has more support than ever, and the Pinellas task force could play a major role in helping the authority carry out its plans.

The task force's guiding principles are broad and extend just beyond the need to address mobility; they also address economic development opportunities. The group plans to examine how to take advantage of integrating land use and transit to create more livable communities.

The task force is approaching its mission from a 25-year plan, recognizing that solutions will have to be reviewed. It also recognizes that new funding sources must be addressed as part of the solutions.

The federal government's allocation of $1 billion for high-speed rail between Orlando and Tampa is a major lift for efforts to move people between the areas.

However, if counties fail to take advantage of ways to integrate high-speed rail with their transit systems, high-speed rail will suffer from poor ridership. The bottom line is that though the costs are high to improve the transportation system, such as through commuter rail, the long-term benefits will be well worth the investment.

The task force, led by County Commission Chair Karen Seel, has its work cut out for it, particularly during a sluggish economy. Constituents may frown on the government creating new funding sources, such as an additional sales tax, to finance transportation improvements.

That's where public outreach comes in. The task force must continue to be united in its efforts to push for improved mobility.

For years studies, consultants, government officials and other experts have paid lip service to the need for an improved transit in the area.

Finally, area leaders are embracing the vision.

Readers' forum

Letters do not necessarily reflect the views of Tampa Bay Newspapers.

New Olympic event

Editor:

I have a great idea for an Olympic event. It's called red-light running. I am sure Pinellas County would win the gold. I see this every day. Honest citizens obeying the traffic laws only being hit by those who do not. The greatest cause in Pinellas County of accidents are failure to yield the right of way, aka red light running, running stop signs and right turn on red after stopping.

I have asked Pinellas County to install red light cameras at various locations to no avail. They are afraid of lawsuits connected with them. How about this idea. Putting signs that state red light runners are on camera and will be cited and put up fake cameras and make people think twice before running the lights.

Could this save lives?

Gerald Tinsley
Pinellas Park

Praise for city manager

Editor:

As a resident of Seminole since 2007, I would like to express my personal appreciation for the fine work accomplished by the City Manager, Frank Edmunds.

I was pleased to read that the majority of City Council members also recently gave Frank Edmunds praise for his accomplishments.

Being a private citizen, I have had concerns regarding the city's future sustainability plans. I have also been curious about Seminole's new Public Works/Emergency Operations Center.

On more than one occasion, Frank Edmunds has spent considerable time to answer my questions. I appreciate the extra effort of this city's manager.

Mary DeGeorge-Hampton
Seminole

Misleading comments

Editor:

In response to misleading media comments regarding my performance evaluation score of City Manager Frank Edmunds, I ask that you watch the video of the workshop to hear my actual comments. Sadly, the number score, devoid of explanation, led to slanted reporting. The video and related documentation can be viewed on www.patplant.blogspot.com. I now provide reasons in support of the numerical values I gave.

I prefaced my evaluation stating that as a resident and taxpayer myself, I live with the benefits of Edmunds' leadership. The following information will clarify reasoning for a seemingly low, certainly not a failing, score.

The evaluation contains 24 questions: a rating of 3 = Exceeds expectations; 2 = meets expectations; 1 = Almost always meets expectations; and 0 = No basis for rating, or, Does not meet expectations. A point value of 72 (3 x 24) means you exceed every expectation. A rating of 48 (2 x 24) means you meet expectations. A score of 24 (1 x 24) means you almost always meet expectations. My score both years was "almost always meets expectations".

Evaluation questions measure performance such as "control and management of emotions," and "capability for coping with stress." I scored Edmunds as "meeting expectations."

Our city has been paying for Edmunds' masters degree for several years. Last year, I asked what his degree would be in and when he expected to complete it. Edmunds has never answered my questions. I could not provide a high score for "professional development through continued education."

These three questions alone represent nine points.

New to office last year, I had not yet observed all dimensions of job performance and so marked "no basis for rating."

These questions registered as "0" points, and reduced the overall score.

Contrary to what news media reported, I did not fault Edmunds for high turnover of city clerks. I simply stated that a good employer should examine the reasons for employee turnover. As the video shows, I asked that we all do what we can to support new and existing employees.

I worked hard on these evaluations, and take my city council responsibilities seriously. Only an overall score was reported by media, and no information relevant to the written evaluation, or its additional comments section, were presented. News reporters should do their job by providing information which investigates and educates.

I regard probing questions as a basis for democracy and an opportunity to improve the city where I choose to live. If input is not considered, then evaluations are a mere formality, and a continuation of the status quo.

For a record of the actual proceedings you can make a public records request of our city clerk, or watch the videotaped meetings on our city website. I would be glad to speak to concerns, after people read my written evaluation and additional comments section. This will help proceed with facts, rather than hearsay.

Patricia Plantamura
Seminole city councilor

Economic extravagance?

Editor:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer input to the very important topic of spending restraint and fiscal accountability. At the July 13 Seminole City Council meeting, Councilor Matthews moved to have the city manager's contract extended for three more years. The council-manager plan of local government can provide policy interface with other local, regional, state and federal agencies in matters of mutual concern through the establishment of city policy as long as the funding is managed to meet the needs of the people.

Are we annexing private property, draining the trust fund and losing our tax base? What is the plan if the trust fund transfer account

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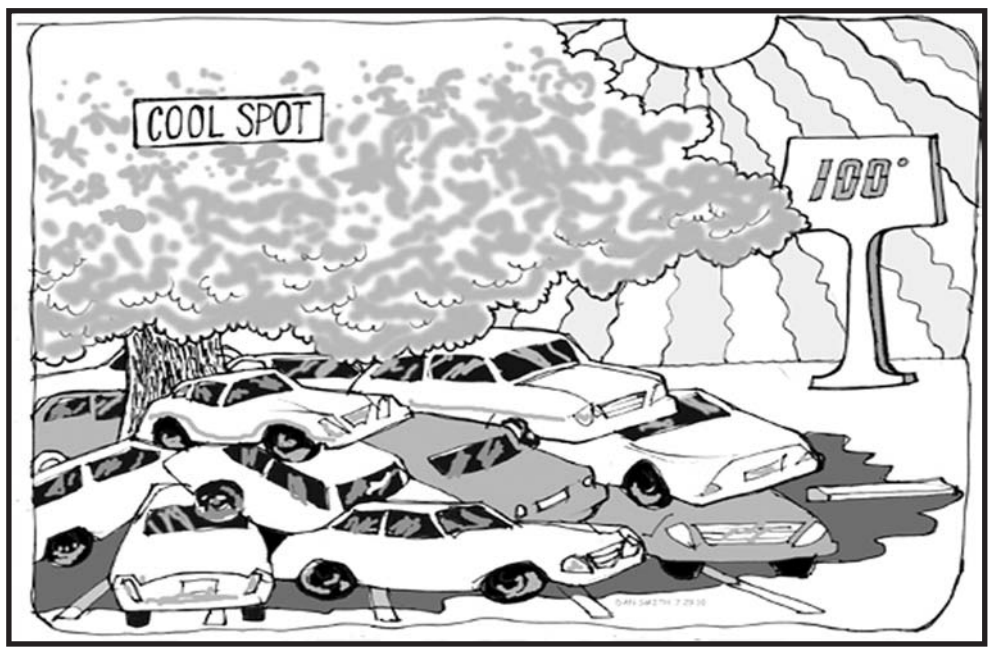

The kickoff cometh

Driver's Seat

Bob Driver

Here we are on the cusp of football season.

All through the nation people are doing their warm-ups. Younger men (and some women) will actually play. Older fans will hunker down to watch or read about football.

I'm good at hunkering. Each year at this time I resolve to follow football with intensity. I will learn all I can about the college and pro teams. I will learn the names of the coaches, quarterbacks and star players. I will study strategy and terminology.

But each year I end up a liar. I never follow through. I get diverted by a hundred other interests. I find myself rooting for two pro teams – the Buccaneers and the New England Patriots – but that's it. I couldn't care less about the other teams until the January playoffs arrive. As for the colleges, there are just too many to keep track of.

Even so I consider myself a football fan. For example, I keep waiting for the day when the first 400-pound player trots on the field. Maybe he already has, and I missed it. I know that 300-pound-plus players are becoming commonplace. I wonder what happens to those guys after their playing days are over. I suppose they go on living same as anyone else, except for larger wardrobes.

A neglected aspect of football is the cheerleaders. They are mostly young, vivacious women, much more attractive than the players. But when was the last time you saw a TV camera zero in on a cheerleading squad for more than 10 seconds at a time? Never, is when. There seems to be an unwritten rule that forbids more than brief glimpses of cheerleaders, even though the TV producers know that millions of viewers, mostly men, are aching to see the camera focus on pom-poms and other accoutrements of the cheerleading profession for, say, three whole minutes at a time.

Another ignored feature of college football are the fight songs. American colleges and universities have some splendid, inspiring fight songs. They make you want to get down on the field and throw body blocks at those opposing ruffians, those dastardly curs. I think every TV college football broadcast should be preceded by 15 minutes of fight songs, with the lyrics printed on the screen.

For example: "Fight on for USC, somebody bribed the referee!"

Or the Yale song: "Bulldog, bulldog, bow-wow-wow, Eli Yale!" One of the less stirring fight songs I learned while attending Syracuse University began this way: "The Saltine warrior is a mighty man and his weapon is a pigskin ball!" I wonder if that song is still in the Syracuse repertoire.

This year I hope to combine football with Tolstoy. For years I've griped about the TV commercials that flood each football game. Some of these sales pitches last four or five minutes at a time. I've finally gotten wise.

Beginning in September, when the first football games begin, I will be armed with two weapons: my TV remote (to silence the noisy lies that the commercials are filled with) and a copy of "War and Peace." I've always wanted to read that massive novel. I figure that by reading a page or two during each commercial break I will have completed the first half before Christmas.

One of the NFL's spotlight players this year will be Denver Broncos rookie quarterback Tim Tebow. He set all kinds of records during his four years at the University of Florida, and will be expected to shine as a pro player. However, some experts have warned Tebow's fans not to assume that he'll be spectacular from the starting gate. Pro football has a way of dimming the dazzle that many college standouts bring with them.

I'll be rooting for Tebow to succeed, but not because of his football prowess. I like the way he has conducted himself as a young man with strong religious beliefs. Cynics have questioned his sincerity and have waited for him to stub his toe, but thus far Tebow appears to be the real ticket. Pro sports, which is crawling with drunks, bums and braggarts, needs as many Tim Tebows as it can get.

I'll also be rooting for the Buccaneers. They deserve all the support they can get. One reason I sympathize with them is that ugly stadium they are forced to play in. It may be aesthetically pleasing from the inside, but each time I drive past it on Dale Mabry Highway it reminds me of something that a not-very-talented child with an erector set threw together in half an hour. While in the dark.

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Becoming my own superhero

The Inkwell
Alexandra Caldwell

I have a healthy dose of narcissism. It lights the fire that pushes me to continually strive to be a better person. To take the superhuman strengths I admire in my heroes and try to mold them into my own personality. After awhile, I believe and accept these traits as part of who I am. The trick is to fully live up to my new self-expectations when it is the most difficult to do so.

Some of the traits I have worked to take on as my own are true friendship, unselfishness and selflessness, lack of jealousy, forgiveness, and general strength of character. The stuff that superheroes are made of. I want to help people. That's right. I always had to play the "good guy" in childhood games. And my characters in my college fiction writing seminars were generally criticized as "too good." Too perfect. But hey, I guess that's who I want to and try to be.

All of those desired traits have been put to the test recently. Someone who had deeply hurt me – perhaps more than anyone else ever has – and someone I had deeply cared for has come back into my life. She had torn up my world and left without a proper good-bye. A Cat 5 hurricane who clobbered everything in her path and didn't seem to care about the destruction she left behind. It had taken some time to clean up the damage and finally move on from all that had happened.

And now she's back.

Despite it all, I can't help but still care for her and even offered to listen and give advice to her on what should be a sensitive topic for me. I asked her if we're friends again.

"If you don't mind," she replied. "I could use the practice."

I can do that. I'm good at being friends. I love being a friend. I really did feel sincere joy that she had quit running for once and decided to actually confront her situation with adult conversation. It thrilled me when she listened intently to my advice about how to talk with someone with respect and honesty, instead of trying to trap them – how to speak with concern, not anger.

It drives my husband crazy when he can't see my faults. He starts to see me as my flawed fiction characters – "too good." Unrealistic. And then he feels bad that he can't turn off those emotions in himself, too. But he's wrong. I do feel those things. I hate it, but I do. The melancholy, the jealousy, the "what ifs." They're all there.

At first I felt guilty because despite my best efforts, I would have twinges of those feelings I was trying to overcome. Hints of anger that she couldn't have chosen to better herself like this before and save me all that hurt. Jealousy that someone else has taken over my former role in her life and then guilt because I can't want that now, anyway. But maybe those aren't bad things. After all, I keep them to manageable levels. Even superheroes are just human when they take off the cape. Superman is Clark Kent. Batman is Bruce Wayne. Spiderman is Peter Parker. Batwoman is Kate Kane. They're not perfect, either.

Perhaps the hardest part isn't even being that good person who I want to be. No, it's making sure I don't go too far – remembering that part of my superhero strength has to be in holding myself back at a safe distance. Though she actually is beginning to consider changing the underlying root of her destructive behavior, she's not there yet. Even if things could be like they were before, I can't allow that to happen. I can't allow myself to want that, either. Certainly not until she fixes herself and can be trusted again.

It's hard not to be reckless in my emotions. Because despite the twinges of jealousy and sadness, I really do forgive her. I really do want to be her friend again. I really do want her to find happiness. I really do want to trust her again and see all the good that I know is inside her. But like any good hero, I have a fatal flaw. I know that sometimes I end up caring too much, making me blind to everything else.

Maybe the true test of a superhero is to find a healthy balance – to fight to acquire those superhuman characteristics but then to be the best person you can be without losing yourself in the process.

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becomes insolvent or unavailable due to continued economic extravagance by fund managers?

Maybe it would be wise to wait to see if the economy will turn around before we pledge additional funds.

Thank you for your time.

M. P. Schallert
Seminole

Friszolowski comments no major surprise

Editor:

It's no surprise that Ward Friszolowski is speaking out against Florida Hometown Democracy Amendment 4, as he did in Bob McClure's July 6 story.

These politicians will say anything to keep regular people from getting a say in all their dealings. I support Hometown Democracy Amendment 4, and I'll tell you why. Our homes and communities are too important to leave in the hands of politicians and lobbyists. Since we taxpayers pay the cost of these speculative real estate ventures that politicians keep approving – the roads, schools, sewer, water, etc. – we should get a vote.

Amendment 4 is a common-sense reform that will add accountability to a political system that's gotten unbelievably corrupt and out of control. It is not the same process that was tried in St. Pete Beach.

The fat cats will make all kinds of claims to get you to deny yourself the right to vote. We don't have their kind of money and spin, but we do have the right to stand up and be counted by voting yes on Amendment 4 on the statewide ballot on Nov. 2.

Hometown Democracy is a nonpartisan, truly grassroots citizen's movement, and you can learn more by going to our Web site www.floridahometowndemocracy.com

George Niemann
Amendment 4 Regional Coordinator

A tribute to a true Treasure Island patriot

Editor:

Charles Weisgerber was honored at the TI Vision Steering Committee July 8 with a proclamation in his honor issued by Treasure Island Mayor Bob Minning. Receiving the proclamation was Charlie's wife Jan, and three of his five sons. Charles was able to watch from his home.

To say that Charlie knew everyone is an understatement. He was close friends with all who knew him, and as a friend, Charlie would do anything for you. His contacts in the political arena were wide, and he was especially proud of his friendship with Congressman Bill Young. Charlie worked on many a political campaign from local elections all the way to Washington.

Charles H. Weisgerber, his grandfather, was an artist who painted the famous picture of Betsy Ross presenting the first U.S. flag to President Washington (this picture was recently printed in USA Today, on the Fourth of July edition).

Charles worked tirelessly to make sure that this famous picture received proper attention, and his success led to having the picture hang in the State Museum of Pennsylvania.

Charlie loved the American flag, and distressed that there were no flags to fly in Treasure Island, he saw to it that the city received the flags and the proper holders to display Old Glory on all our patriotic holidays.

Charlie loved Canadians too. He was responsible for the community involvement in Canadian/American Week, which has been held in Treasure Island for the past 10 years. David Chubb, a high school band director, started bringing his students to visit Florida, and specifically Treasure Island, because he fell in love with Treasure Island as a child traveling with his parents from Niagara Falls to the warm sunny beaches. This trip, which has evolved over the years, is held over Canadian Thanksgiving week, which coincides with our Columbus Day in October. Last year, two bands visited, along with Niagara Falls Mayor Ted Salci, and Rob Nicholson, the Attorney General of Canada.

He broke the news to all of his friends last year, that through a check up, his doctor had discovered lung cancer.

Charlie went all around town, with his usual vigor, providing details of the disease, and even organized an event at his home to stress to us all the importance of early screening. Aaron Fodiman, publisher of Tampa Bay Magazine, was there, as well as Ambassador and Mrs. Mel Sembler. Charlie had lost his first wife to cancer.

Sadly, on early Wednesday morning, July 21, Charlie left us. Jan said he died peacefully, with her and his sons at his side.

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Treasure Island public hearing proves to be a moot point

By BOB McCLURE

TREASURE ISLAND – A lengthy public discussion on a proposed land use change on Sunset Beach turned out to be a moot point July 20 at City Hall.

For more than two hours, the City Commission heard testimony during a public hearing on a proposed ordinance that would change the zoning of a small vacant lot from residential medium to commercial general.

Tony Amico, owner of Caddy's on the Beach, was proposing the change for a 1/4-acre parking lot that he owns south of Ka'Tiki at 8701 W. Gulf Blvd.

After residents of Sunset Beach and commissioners expressed concern over the change, Amico caught most everyone by surprise when he withdrew his petition.

"That came out of left field," said Mayor Bob Minning. "I never expected that."

Amico, who has cooperated with city officials on a variety of levels when it comes to complaints about rowdiness on Sunset Beach, was frustrated with the proceedings.

"I'll just wait and see what happens with the city's new parking rules," Amico said. "Is it frustrating? Yes. It (the vacant lot) is a commercial piece of property since 1951. I don't think I'm in violation."

City leaders will soon consider a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Board to allow commercial parking in most zoning districts.

If that fails to get Commission approval, Amico said he would petition the city for a zoning change at the site to resort facilities medium status, which would allow parking.

The site was formerly the location of a motel that was built in 1951 and demolished in 2005. The lot was earlier approved by the city for a 4-unit, 2-story residential structure but the land never sold because of its small size, said architect Jack Bodziak, who was representing Amico at the hearing.

After the motel was demolished, a temporary permit was issued to Amico allowing him to use the site as a parking lot. However, because of its residential-medium status, parking on the site became illegal when the permit ran out in 2007.

That's why Amico was seeking to change the zoning to commercial general, which would allow him to use the lot legally for valet parking.

Residents in the area didn't like the idea and expressed concern that a change in land use might result in the construction of a multi-story parking garage or possibly a hotel.

"How can you limit it to just a parking lot once the zoning is changed?" asked Commissioner Alan Bildz.

City Planner Lynn Rosetti had no definitive answer.

"I'm not going to vote to change it to (commercial general)," said Commissioner Phil Collins. "I would not be opposed to leaving it (residential medium) with the stipulation that Mr. Amico can still park cars there perhaps for 24 months."

"I'm opposed to it," said Sunset Beach resident Chris Sierra. "It's not a parking issue. It's a question of whether you're rezoning from residential to commercial general. It would be a huge encroachment on our neighborhood and I urge you not to pass this."

"We need that parking lot," said LeeAnn Bakos, also a Sunset Beach resident. "Why can't we permit it for parking and not change the zoning? I'm worried that down the road, whenever (the property is sold) it could become another tiki bar."

After conferring with Bodziak, Amico petitioned to withdraw his request and reapply for a land use status that would allow him to use the lot for parking.

"I don't need (commercial general)," said Amico. "I have no plans for a hotel. My intent is service level parking only."

City Attorney Maura Kiefer explained that the same process (an ordinance with two public hearings) would also be necessary for a change to resort facility medium.

"Can we maintain the parking with an (RFM-30) zoning?" asked Collins. "He (Amico) is trying to do what's a fair thing and the people of Sunset Beach are watching out for their concerns."

Minutes later Amico approached the podium and said he was withdrawing his request altogether for a zoning change.

"It's very frustrating," Amico said.

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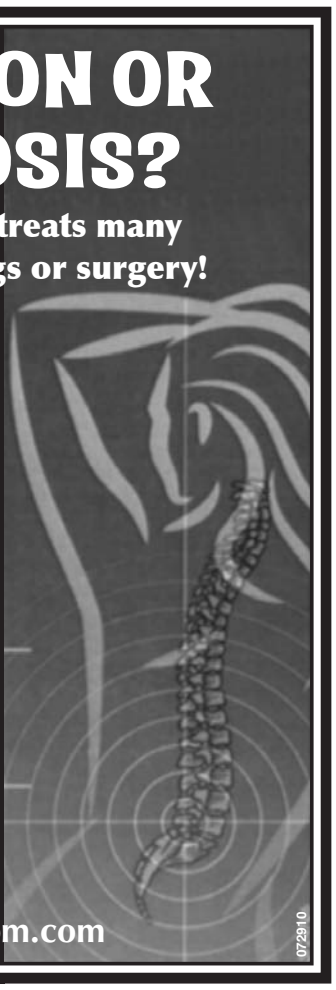

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Sink to address Demos

SEMINOLE – The Greater Pinellas Democratic Club will host Florida's Democratic candidate for governor, Alex Sink, Thursday, Aug. 12, 6:30 p.m., at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd.

The cost is $15. The public is invited.

To R.S.V.P., e-mail hbmorg407@verizon.net or call Harvey Morgenstein at 360-3971.

St. Pete Beach hosts citywide yard sale

ST. PETE BEACH – The city of St. Pete Beach plans its biannual communitywide yard sale Saturday, Sept. 18, 8 a.m. to noon, at the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive.

St. Pete Beach and surrounding city residents can clean out their closets to make some extra money or come seeking bargains on many items. Spaces are $10 for St. Pete Beach residents and $12.50 for nonresidents. Registration begins Monday, Aug. 2.

Call 363-9245 for more information.

Zumba class

TREASURE ISLAND – The Treasure Island Recreation Department is offering zumba classes at the City Hall auditorium, 120 108th Ave.

Classes are Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The fee is $6 per class or $25 for five classes.

For additional information please call instructor, Sue McRee at 459-0257.

Model railroad exhibit set at library

SEMINOLE – The Seminole Community Library at St. Petersburg College, Seminole Campus, will feature an exhibit of model railroad displays Aug. 13-15 entitled, "Model Railroads as Art: A Three-dimensional Thematic Exhibit."

The exhibit will include two highly detailed scale model displays. The first display, "Fun and Disasters" (12 feet by 32 feet), will show the trials, tribulations, and triumphs of man within the context of modern industrial life, featuring vintage "S" gauge American Flyer trains.

The second display, "The Battle of Gettysburg," is 4 feet by 8 feet. It will feature HO scale tracks surrounding some 2,000 handpainted soldiers, wagons, cannons, and horses. Scale model artists, Rick Moock and Barry Laderer, will be on hand to offer commentary and field questions from the public.

The exhibit will be in the library program rooms on the first floor. The library is located on the Seminole Campus of St. Petersburg College, 9200 113th St. N.

For more information, call 394-6923.

Pitch for Pink set

CLEARWATER – The Clearwater Threshers and Morton Plant Mease Hospital have teamed up to host the fifth annual Pitch for Pink game set for Friday, Aug. 6, at Bright House Networks Field, 601 N. Old Coachman Road, where the Threshers take on the Fort Myers Miracle. The game starts at 7 p.m.

There will be items to bid on at a silent auction and a balloon raffle, and proceeds will go to the Morton Plant Mease Foundation to benefit the hospital system's breast cancer programs. Breast cancer survivors are invited to take a lap around the bases before the game. In 2009, about 4,000 fans participated, raising $25,000.

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LARGO – To help citizens welcome homeless cats and dogs, a reduced adoption rate of $20 is offered during the Dog Days of Summer at Pinellas County Animal Services, 12450 Ulmerton Road.

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• Scrabble, Fridays, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

• Writer's Group, Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to noon.

• Great Books, Saturday, Aug. 14, 12:45 to 2:45 p.m.

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Carley Baut, a member of the Florida Twisters baton twirlers, was recently named the 2010 Pre-Teen Miss Majorette of Florida. She will represent Florida at the America's Youth On Parade Nationals at Notre Dame University in South Bend, Ind., later this month. Earlier this year she was Florida state solo champion, Florida state rhythmic twirling champion, first runner-up for All-American Majorette and first runner-up for Miss Majorette of the Southeast. Carley works out at the Seminole Recreation Center.

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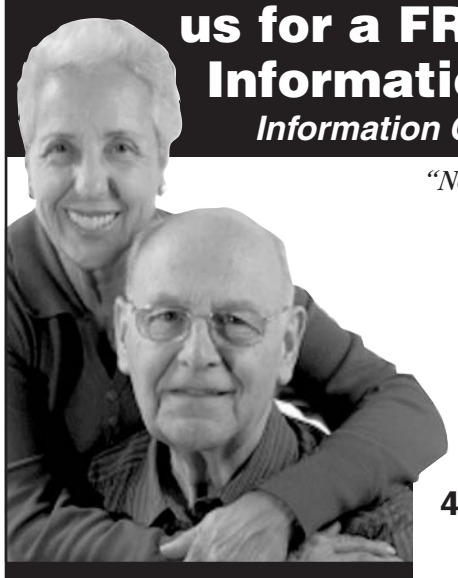

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August concerts feature peaceful hippies, mayhem-inducing rockers

By LEE CLARK ZUMPE

Two big Tampa Bay area events will make music headlines in August – the Rockstar Mayhem Festival and Hippiefest.

The **Rockstar Mayhem Festival** starts things off Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2:15 p.m., 1-800-ASK-GARY Amphitheatre, 4802 U.S. 301 N., Tampa. Tickets range from $18.75 for lawn seats up to $59.25. Call 813-740-2446 or visit www.livenation.com.

The festival will feature headliners Korn, Rob Zombie, Lamb of God and Five Finger Death Punch. Also performing will be Atreyu, 3 Inches of Blood, In This Moment and Norma Jean on the Silver Star Stage. On the Jagermeister Stage, entertainment will include performances by Hatebreed, Chimaira, Shadows Fall and Winds of Plague. A local band, Must ... Not ... Kill, will open on the festival's Jagermeister Stage.

On Saturday, Aug. 28, the **Hippiefest** summer tour returns, bringing peace, love, happiness and an all-star lineup of performers to Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen-Booth Road, Clearwater.

The Hippifest marketplace will open at 5 p.m. The concert will begin at 7. Tickets range from $51.50 to $88 and are available at the Ruth Eckerd Hall ticket office, by calling 791-7400 or online at www.rutheckerdhall.com or www.ticketmaster.com.

The third annual Hippifest will showcase music's biggest names from the '60s and '70s with performances by Jack Bruce of Cream, Rare Earth, War, Mitch Ryder and Badfinger featuring Joey Molland.

Following is a list of other concerts scheduled in August:

1-800-ASK-GARY Amphitheatre

• Aerosmith, Saturday, Aug. 7, 7:30 p.m.

• The Rockstar Mayhem Festival featuring Korn and Rob Zombie; Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2:15 p.m.

• Brad Paisley with Darius Rucker and Justin Moore; Friday, Aug. 13, 4 p.m.

• Goo Goo Dolls with Switchfoot, Sunday, Aug. 15, 8 p.m.

• Jack Johnson, Wednesday, Aug. 25, 7 p.m.

The Amphitheatre is at 4802 U.S. 301 N., Tampa. Call 813-740-2446 or visit www.livenation.com.

Skipper's Smokehouse

• Midnight Bowlers League with Sarge and the Aeromen and 6 Volt Rodeo, Friday, Aug. 6, 8 p.m.

• Tab Benoit, Saturday, Aug. 21, 8 p.m.

• Mac Arnold and Plate Full O'Blues, Sunday, Aug. 22, 5 p.m.

• Chris McCarty, Friday, Aug. 27, 8 p.m.

Skipper's Smokehouse is at 910 Skipper Road, Tampa. Call 813-971-0666 or visit www.skipperssmokehouse.com.

St. Pete Times Forum

• American Idol Live, Wednesday, Aug. 4, 7:30 p.m.

St. Pete Times Forum is at 401 Channelside Drive, Tampa. Call 813-301-2500 or visit www.sptimesforum.com.

David A. Straz Jr. Center for the Performing Arts

• Norah Jones, Wednesday, Aug. 11, 8 p.m.

The David A Straz Jr. Center – formerly the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center – is at 1010 N. W.C. MacInnes Place, Tampa. Call 813-229-7827 or visit www.tbpac.org.

Dunedin Brewery

• The Wendys, Thursday, Aug. 5

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• Four Star Riot, Saturday, Aug. 7

• Bravo, Thursday, Aug. 12

• The Hindu Cowboys, Saturday, Aug. 14

• Dave Korman, Thursday, Aug. 19

• Human Condition, Friday, Aug. 20

• Uncle John's Band, Saturday, Aug. 21

• Ramblegrass, Thursday, Aug. 26

• Memphis Train Union, Saturday, Aug. 28

Dunedin Brewery is at 937 Douglas Ave., Dunedin. Call 736-0606.

Jolli Mon's Grill

• Rebekah Pulley, Tuesday, Aug. 3, 7 p.m.

• Trenchfoot Shindig, Friday, Aug. 6, 7 p.m.

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Opening this week

Cats and dogs battle, schmucks dine and a young sailor keeps a promise in 'Charlie St. Cloud'

By LEE CLARK ZUMPE

A number of new movie releases will hit theaters this week, including the following films opening in wide release:

'Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore'

Genre: Comedy and family

Cast: James Marsden, Nick Nolte, Christina Applegate, Katt Williams, Bette Midler, Neil Patrick Harris and Roger Moore

Director: Brad Peyton

Rated: PG

In the eternal battle between cats and dogs, one crazed feline has just taken things a paw too far.

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'Charlie St. Cloud'

Genre: Drama and romance

Cast: Zac Efron, Charlie Tahan, Kim Basinger, Amanda Crew, Augustus Prew and Donal Logue

Director: Burr Steers

Rated: PG-13

Accomplished high-school sailor Charlie St. Cloud (Zac Efron) has the adoration of single mother Claire and little brother Sam (Charlie Tahan), as well as a scholarship to Stanford that will lead him far from his sleepy Pacific Northwest hometown.

But Charlie's bright future is cut short when tragedy strikes and takes his dreams with it.

During a car accident, the brothers reach out to one another when it looks as if they are about to die. In that moment, Charlie swears to Sam that he will never leave him. But abruptly, Charlie is revived by the intervention of determined paramedic Florio Ferrente (Ray Liotta). Sam, tragically, could not be saved.

Charlie is inconsolable. During his little brother's funeral, he runs from the grave site into the forest behind the cemetery, stumbling upon a small clearing just as day is drawing to a close. In the distance, he hears the sunset cannons sound. Dazed, Charlie looks up and is stunned to see Sam, baseball glove in hand, waiting for him to begin the ball practice that is a part of their evening ritual.

Five years go by and Charlie's life has taken a different path than the one about which he dreamed. He's now the caretaker of Seaside Cemetery where Sam is buried, and his sailboat is stored away on blocks. College, friends and family have been abandoned. Every evening at the gloaming hour, just as the cannons sound, Charlie returns to the glade to play catch with Sam. At sunset, Sam vanishes again. Though his brother wants him to move on, Charlie's promise to Sam is all that matters anymore.

When his high-school classmate Tess (Amanda Crew) returns home unexpectedly, Charlie grows torn between honoring the promise he made years earlier and moving forward with newfound love.

'Dinner for Schmucks'

Genre: Comedy

Cast: Steve Carell, Paul Rudd, Lucy Punch, Zach Galifianakis and Stephanie Szostak

Director: Jay Roach

Rated: PG-13

Tim Conrad (Paul Rudd) is dangerously close to having it all. He's a bright and good-looking guy, on the verge of asking his beautiful, long-time girlfriend, Julie (Stephanie Szostak), to accept an upgrade to fiancée. An underling financial analyst at a private equity firm, Fender Financial, his business acumen has been noticed by the head of the company, Lance Fender (Bruce Greenwood), who's about ready to kick Tim upstairs ...

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but first, he's got to attend the upcoming monthly dinner at Fender's imposing mansion.

Well, it's not so much the meal that will determine his career trajectory – it's his choice of dinner guest.

Turns out, Fender and friends gather to dine and bask in the company of extraordinary people – those charmed individuals who are born thinking 'outside of the box.' These men and women dwell on the fringes of society, placed there as a result of their uniqueness.

In short, Fender asks each colleague to bring an idiot to dinner.

At first, Conrad's conscience kicks in. But just as he's about to bag the whole banquet, he discovers IRS employee Barry Speck (Steve Carell), who steps in front of Tim's sports car ... and gets hit. An amateur taxidermist, Barry gives dead mice a second life, by using his taxidermy skills on them and dressing them in tiny human outfits, and finally placing them in miniature scenarios, based on works of art, milestones of history or even his life, as he would wish it.

Tim cannot resist such a specimen as Barry and he winds up inviting him to join the roster of Fender's dinner party guests. But Barry, on the other hand, sees Tim as more than the driver of the vehicle that could have killed him, he considers him his new best friend, and soon, the drone accountant's bumbling good intentions set off a tornado of destruction in Tim's near-perfect life – torpedoing a multimillion-dollar deal and Tim's romance with Julie all in less than 24 hours. Thanks to Barry, Tim's bright and promising future is rendered a dismal and painful present.

Okay, but, tabling all of that for the moment ... is dinner still on?

The following will open in limited release. It may be several weeks before these films appear in local movie theaters.

'The Concert'

Genre: Foreign, comedy, drama and musical arts

Cast: Miou-Miou, Francois Berleand, Melanie Laurent, Dmitry Nazarov and Aleksei Guskov

Director: Radu Mihaileanu

Not rated

Andreï Filipov was a prodigy – the celebrated conductor of the Bolshoi Orchestra, the greatest orchestra in Russia. Today, aged 50, he still works at the Bolshoi, but as a cleaner.

During the communist era, he was fired at the height of his fame for refusing to get rid of all his Jewish Players – Zionists and enemies of the People – including his best friend Sacha Grossman. Andreï sank into booze and depression.

The director of the Bolshoi, an old apparatchik, has been promising forever to return Andreï's orchestra to him "soon," but he's mocking him, humiliating him sadistically.

For him, Andreï's a has-been, and he's doing him a big favor by keeping him on as a cleaner.

Then Andreï finds a fax inviting the orchestra to play at Pleyel, in Paris, in two weeks' time, as a last minute replacement for the indisposed San Francisco Philharmonic.

Andreï conceives of a crazy notion: he'll round up his old musician buddies, a motley bunch now scraping a living in Moscow as cab drivers, removal men, flea market traders, suppliers of porno film sound effects ...

They'll go to Paris as the Bolshoi. They'll defy destiny and take their revenge! Will they make it?

'The Extra Man'

Genre: Comedy and adaptation

Cast: Kevin Kline, Paul Dano, Katie Holmes and John C. Reilly

Director: Shari Springer Berman and Robert Pulcini

Not rated

A sophisticated and moving comedy, "The Extra Man" follows Louis Ives (Paul Dano), a lonely dreamer who fancies himself the hero of an F. Scott Fitzgerald novel.

When a deeply embarrassing incident forces him to leave his job at an exclusive Princeton prep school, Louis heads to New York City to make a fresh start.

He quickly finds a nine-to-five job at an environmental magazine, where he encounters an entrancing, green-obsessed co-worker Mary (Katie Holmes).

But it's Louis' new home life that really sparks his imagination.

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• Family Movie, Saturday, July 31, 2 p.m., at Seminole Community Library at St. Petersburg College, 9200 113th St. N. The featured movie will be "The Spy Next Door." Free popcorn and soda will be provided by the Friends of the Library. Call 394-6905.

• Classic Movie Matinee, Friday, Aug. 6, 1 p.m., at Seminole Community Library, 9200 113th St. N. The feature presentation will be "The Bad and the Beautiful." Free popcorn and sodas will be provided by the Friends of the Library. Call 394-6905.

• Family Movie, Saturday, Aug. 7, 2 p.m., at Seminole Community Library, 9200 113th St. N. The feature presentation will be "Toy Story." Free popcorn and soda will be provided by the Friends of the Library.

• Classic Movie Matinee, Friday, Aug. 13, 1 p.m., at Seminole Community Library, 9200 113th St. N. The feature presentation will be "The Devil at 4 O'clock." Free popcorn and sodas will be provided by the Friends of the Library. Call 394-6905.

• Classic Movie Matinee, Friday, Aug. 20, 1 p.m., at Seminole Community Library, 9200 113th St. N. The feature presentation will be "As Young as You Feel." Free popcorn and sodas will be provided by the Friends of the Library. Call 394-6905.

• Family Movie, Saturday, Aug. 21, 2 p.m., at Seminole Community Library, 9200 113th St. N. The feature presentation will be "Furry Vengeance." Free popcorn and soda will be provided by the Friends of the Library.

• Classic Movie Matinee, Friday, Aug. 27, 1 p.m., at Seminole Community Library, 9200 113th St. N. The feature presentation will be "Now, Voyager." Free popcorn and sodas will be provided by the Friends of the Library. Call 394-6905.

• Family Movie, Saturday, Aug. 28, 2 p.m., at Seminole Community Library, 9200 113th St. N. The feature presentation will be "The Secret of Nimh." Free popcorn and soda will be provided by the Friends of the Library.

• Music in the Park, Friday, Sept. 10, 7 p.m., at Seminole City Park, 7464 Ridge Road. The 14th annual Music in the Park series will open with a performance by Suite Caroline, a 13-year-old area entertainer known for her story-telling skills and her refreshing believability. She will perform original pop music. Visit www.myseminole.com.

• Music in the Park, Friday, Sept. 17, 7 p.m., at Seminole City Park, 7464 Ridge Road. The 14th annual Music in the Park series will continue with a performance by Supernatural, a local band now signed to Wolfman Jack Entertainment and touring nationally. The band will perform Latin rock music. Visit www.myseminole.com.

• Music in the Park, Friday, Sept. 24, 7 p.m., at Seminole City Park, 7464 Ridge Road. The 14th annual Music in the Park series will continue with a performance by Gumbo Boogie Band, a local band. The band will perform Cajun and Zydeco music. Visit www.myseminole.com.

• Music in the Park, Friday, Oct. 1, 7 p.m., at Seminole City Park, 7464 Ridge Road. The 14th annual Music in the Park series will continue with a performance by Suzette Jennings, a local artist. Jennings will perform blues and jazz. Visit www.myseminole.com.

• Music in the Park, Friday, Oct. 8, 7 p.m., at Seminole City Park, 7464 Ridge Road. The 14th annual Music in the Park series will continue with a performance by the Dan McMillion Orchestra, a local band. The band will perform big band music. Visit www.myseminole.com.

• Music in the Park, Friday, Oct. 15, 7 p.m., at Seminole City Park, 7464 Ridge Road. The 14th annual Music in the Park series will continue with a performance by the Shaguars, a local band. The band will perform 1960s British invasion music. Visit www.myseminole.com.

Largo

• Beach Bag Movies, Thursday, July 29, 12:30 p.m., at Largo Public Library, 120 Central Park Drive. The featured movie will be "Pirates of the Caribbean." Attendees may bring their own lunch. Popcorn and soda will be provided. Call 587-6715.

• The Original Kiss Army, Friday, July 30, 8 p.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive. Tickets are $25 in advance or $30 at the show. Part of the Largo Cultural Center Summer Concert Series, the concert will showcase the Original Kiss Army, a tribute band who has been dedicated to providing KISS fans with the most authentic re-creation of the band's classic era. Visit www.thekissarmy tribute.com.

• Brown Bag Movies, Thursday, Aug. 5, 12:30 p.m., at Largo Public Library, 120 Central Park Drive, Largo. The featured movie will be "Easy Rider." Attendees may bring their own lunch. Popcorn and soda will be provided. Call 587-6715.

• ZOSO, Friday, Aug. 6, 8 p.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive. Tickets are $25 in advance or $30 at the show. Part of the Largo Cultural Center Summer Concert Series, the concert will showcase ZOSO, the ultimate Led Zeppelin Experience. Visit www.zosoontour.net.

• Brown Bag Movies, Thursday, Aug. 12, 12:30 p.m., at Largo Public Library, 120 Central Park Drive, Largo. The featured movie will be "The Shawshank Redemption." Attendees may bring their own lunch. Popcorn and soda will be provided. Call 587-6715.

• Sunset Sounds, Friday, Aug. 13, 7 to 9 p.m., at Ulmer Park, 301 West Bay Drive. Featured artist Rocky Ruckman's Strange Puppets will perform. The free concert series reveals the diversity of local musicians. Attendees can eat dinner at an area restaurant or bring a picnic and dine under the trees while enjoying live music performed in the gazebo. Visit www.largoevents.com.

• Brown Bag Movies, Thursday, Aug. 19, 12:30 p.m., at Largo Public Library, 120 Central Park Drive, Largo. The featured movie will be "The Big Sleep." Attendees may bring their own lunch. Popcorn and soda will be provided. Call 587-6715.

• An acoustic evening with Terry Sylvester and John Ford Coley, Saturday, Aug. 21, 8 p.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive. Tickets are $25 in advance or $30 at the show. Part of the Largo Cultural Center

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• Brown Bag Movies, Thursday, Aug. 26, 12:30 p.m., at Largo Public Library, 120 Central Park Drive, Largo. The featured movie will be "Secondhand Lions." Attendees may bring their own lunch. Popcorn and soda will be provided. Call 587-6715.

• The 10th annual I Like it HOT Festival and BBQ, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 28-29, at the Minnreg Hall, 6340 126th Ave. N. Hours will be Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is $5 for adults. Kids 12 and younger will be admitted free. Attendees will have an opportunity to sample and purchase hot and fiery foods and sauces along with a large variety of hot pepper plants. The event will feature a pepper eating contest, amateur hot sauce and salsa competitions. Call 423-8433, e-mail ilikeithotfestival@hotmail.com or visit www.ilikeithotfestival.com.

• Sunset Sounds, Friday, Sept. 10, 7 to 9 p.m., at Ulmer Park, 301 West Bay Drive. Featured artist Geezer and the Time Train Band will perform. The free concert series reveals the diversity of local musicians. Attendees can eat dinner at an area restaurant or bring a picnic and dine under the trees while enjoying live music performed in the gazebo. Visit www.largo events.com.

• Sunset Sounds, Friday, Oct. 8, 7 to 9 p.m., at Ulmer Park, 301 West Bay Drive. Featured artist Tim Mullally will perform. The free concert series reveals the diversity of local musicians. Attendees can eat dinner at an area restaurant or bring a picnic and dine under the trees while enjoying live music performed in the gazebo. Visit www.largoevents.com.

• Sunset Sounds, Friday, Nov. 12, 7 to 9 p.m., at Ulmer Park, 301 West Bay Drive. Featured artist The McMillans will perform. The free concert series reveals the diversity of local musicians. Attendees can eat dinner at an area restaurant or bring a picnic and dine under the trees while enjoying live music performed in the gazebo. Visit www.largoevents.com.

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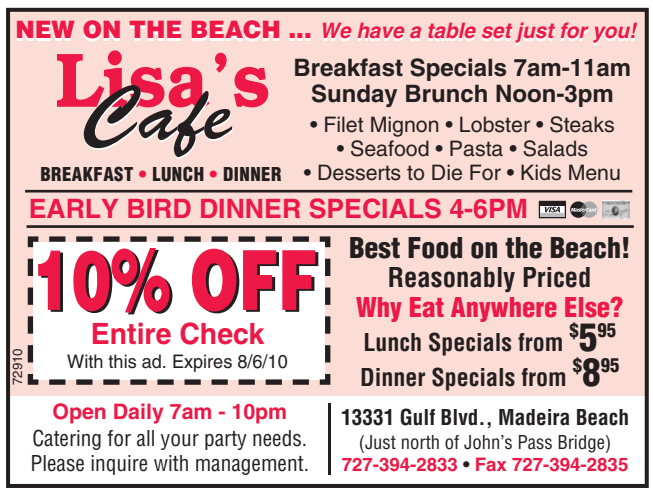

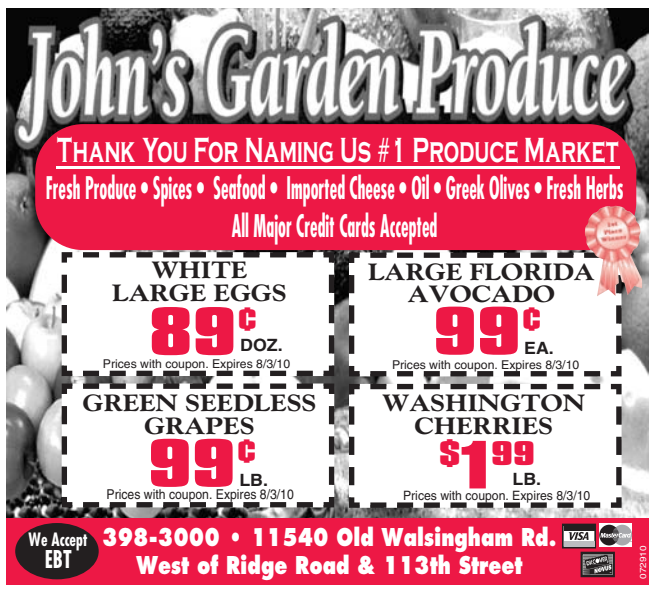

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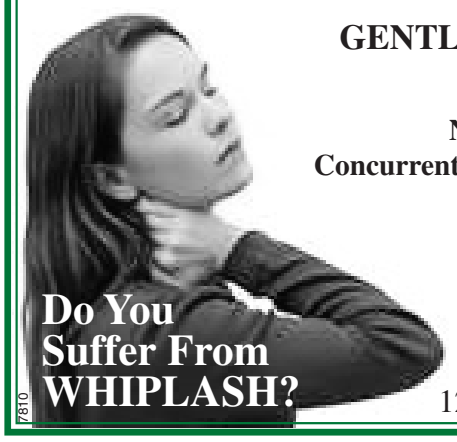

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• Turmoil and Triumph: American Works on Paper from World War II Era, through Aug. 15, at Museum of Fine Arts, 255 Beach Drive NE. The exhibition features over 70 prints, drawings, watercolors and posters by more than 50 artists working between 1935 and 1945. This dynamic exhibition captures in graphic form pressing social issues and events of the years leading up to and during WW II. A number of the works also show Americans going about their daily lives, with the war nearly always on their mind. Among the artists represented are John Sloan, Thomas Hart Benton, Howard Cook, Robert Gwathmey, Helen West Heller, Rockwell Kent, Joseph Meert and Mitchell Siporin. Admission is $16 for adults, $14 for seniors age 65 and older, and $10 for college students with identification and children age 7 to 18. Children age 6 and younger are admitted free. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. Call 896-2667.

• "The Seafarer," by Conor McPherson, through Aug. 15, at American Stage Theatre Company's Raymond James Theatre, 163 Third St. N. Performances are Tuesday through Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. Matinees are Saturday and Sunday, 3 p.m. Tickets start at $26. Call 823-7529 or visit americanstage.org.

• "Hamlet," a production of the St. Petersburg Shakespeare Company, July 29 through Aug. 15, in Bininger Theater at Eckerd College, 4200 54th Ave. S. Performances will be July 29-31, Aug. 5-8 and 12-14, 8 p.m. Matinees will be Aug. 1 and 15, 2 p.m. Tickets are $15. Visit www.stpeteshakes.org. Asolo Conservatory student Benjamin Boucvalt will star as the tormented prince, whose quest to avenge his father's death forces him to wrestle with his own fragile sanity.

• "The Vagina Monologues," July 30-31; and Aug. 27-28, 10:30 p.m.; Aug. 1, 6 p.m.; and Aug. 2, 29 and 30, 7 p.m., in the Raymond James Theatre, 163 Third St. N. Part of American Stage Theatre Company's Susan R. Hough Cabaret and After Hours series, ticket prices are pay-what-you-can at the door and $15 in advance. Call 823-7529 or visit www.americanstage.org. Obie Award-winner Eve Ensler's whirlwind tour of a forbidden zone, "The Vagina Monologues" introduces a wildly divergent gathering of female voices, including a 6-year-old girl, a septuagenarian New Yorker, a vagina workshop participant, a woman who witnesses the birth of her granddaughter, a Bosnian survivor of rape and a feminist happy to have found a man who "liked to look at it."

• "The Dumb Show," featuring Gavin Hawke and Ricky Wayne; Aug. 1, 8 p.m., in the Raymond James Theatre, 163 Third St. N. Part of American Stage Theatre Company's Susan R. Hough Cabaret and After Hours series, ticket prices are pay-what-you-can at the door and $15 in advance. Call 823-7529 or visit www.americanstage.org. This will be the final performance of "The Dumb Show" before it is retired. A hilarious and irreverent take on the world, the show starts with a simple audience suggestion, after which Hawke and Wayne create a series of characters and scenes that showcase the best and worst of humanity.

• "Vive La Piaf," featuring Judy London; Aug. 20 and 21, 8:30 p.m.; Aug. 22, 6 p.m.; and Aug. 23, 7 p.m. in the Raymond James Theatre, 163 Third St. N. Part of American Stage Theatre Company's Susan R. Hough Cabaret and After Hours series, ticket prices are pay-what-you-can at the door and $15 in advance. Call 823-7529.

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Business notes

Joto's event benefits Thrower memorial

SEMINOLE – Joto's Pizza recently hosted the seventh annual Dough for the Kids Golf Tournament to benefit the Rachel M. Thrower memorial at All Children's Hospital.

Jodi Whitcomb and Tori Thrower presented a check in the amount of $30,133.91 during the ACH telethon June 6.

Direct Sign Inc. opens storefront

SEMINOLE – Brian Edward LaDrig, president of Direct Sign Inc., recently announced the opening of a storefront location at 9152 Seminole Blvd.

Brian LaDrig

The store is located next door to First Home Bank between Bob Evans Hearing Center and Lolly's Wigs. Direct Sign Inc. has been owned and operated in the Seminole-Largo area by LaDrig since 1989. Marketing products and services offered include all types of interior and exterior signs as well as vehicle graphics, wraps and lettering. Hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Gambino joins Decker Ross

CLEARWATER – Marilyn Gambino recently joined Decker Ross Interiors as a lead design consultant on staff.

Gambino's experience includes more than nine years with JC White Office Interiors as a commercial designer. Her portfolio includes Vista BMW, Champion Porsche and Audi and Jacksonville Toyota. Most recently she was with Robb and Stucky as a residential design consultant.

Her expertise includes design and overall space planning for new construction as well as existing homes and buildings.

Holtsclaw joins Real Estate Champions

SEMINOLE – Joe Holtsclaw recently joined Century 21 Real Estate Champions.

Joe Holtsclaw

Holtsclaw will specialize in condos and residential properties. He relocated to the Tampa Bay area 10 years ago and has lived in the Bay Pines community for three years. He previously worked at Admiral Farragut Academy as athletics director.

Winn-Dixie to celebrate remodeled Largo location

LARGO – On Saturday, July 31, Winn-Dixie Stores Inc. will celebrate the grand opening of its remodeled store at 11912 Seminole Blvd.

Following months of remodeling, the store exemplifies the company's overall fresh and local strategy that provides customers with a neighborhood grocer that caters to their specific needs, tastes and preferences.

According to a press release from Winn-Dixie, shoppers entering the remodeled store "will be surrounded by colorful arrays of fresh produce, flowers and other perishables in a cleaner, modern and more attractive setting."

The celebration will take place 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will feature food and wine sampling throughout the store as well as fresh produce dipped in a chocolate fountain. A caricature artist also will draw complimentary portraits of shoppers and live music will provide entertainment.

Raffle prizes will be given away every 30 minutes. The first 200 customers at the event will receive a free reusable shopping bag.

Phone bank volunteers from Joto's took pledges during the All Children's Hospital telethon June 6. They are, front row, from left, Brenda George, Connie Bumiller, Tori Thrower, Andrea Cappelli, Jodi Whitcomb, Amy Krueger and Liz Bradley; back row, Dean Kovalski, Stacy McAleenan, Audrey Balnis, Kevin Krueger, Gordon Krueger and Tony Krueger.

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Networking groups, also known as leads groups, meet on a regular basis at various locations in the area. Some groups charge a fee to attend, and most require reservations. Persons considering attending any group for the first time are encouraged to make contact in advance.

The upcoming schedule is as follows:

• Thursday, July 29 – Network Professionals Inc. Networking Leads Club, 7:30 a.m., RG's Restaurant, 1565 S. Highland Ave., Clearwater. Call Liz at 424-8995.

• Thursday, July 29 – Seminole Business Masters, 7:30 a.m., Mama's Kitchen, 5885 Seminole Blvd., Seminole. Call Judy Miller at 798-4332.

• Thursday, July 29 – Network Professionals Inc. Networking Leads Club, 7:30 a.m., Panera Bread in the Bardmoor Shopping Center on the corner of Bryan Dairy and Starkey roads, Largo. Call Barbara at 573-1935, ext. 402.

• Thursday, July 29 – Executive Business Network, 7:30 a.m., Perkins Family Restaurant, 8841 Park Blvd. N., Largo. For reservations, call Mike Moore at 586-1111 or visit www.execbusnet.com.

• Thursday, July 29 – BNI Grand Slam Network Exchange, 7:30 a.m., Heritage Holiday Inn, 234 Third Ave. N., St. Petersburg. Visit www.bni.com.

• Thursday, July 29 – Network Professionals of St. Pete, 7:30 a.m. For information and meeting location, call Ron O'Connor at 367-3737.

• Thursday, July 29 – Professional Leads Network, Patriots Chapter, 8 a.m., Boris Family Restaurant, 11411 Ulmerton Road, Largo. Visit www.pro-leads.net.

• Thursday, July 29 – Gulf Beaches Power Lunch Group, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Sports Bar and Grill, 9685 Bay Pines Blvd., Seminole. Call Sandy Schell at 415-4772 or Julie Corcoran at 902-1185.

• Thursday, July 29 – Network Professionals of St. Pete, 11:30 a.m. For information and meeting location, call Ron O'Connor at 367-3737.

• Friday, July 30 – BNI Referral Masters, 7 a.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Call Bill Mantooth at 639-6690 or visit www.bnireferralmasters.com.

• Friday, July 30 – Network Professionals of St. Pete, 7:30 a.m. For information and meeting location, call Ron O'Connor at 367-3737.

• Friday, July 30 – Professional Leads Network, Upper Pinellas Chapter, 8 a.m., at Daddy's Grill, 3682 Tampa Road, Oldsmar. Visit www.pro-leads.net.

• Friday, July 30 – Professional Leads Network, Bay Area Executives Chapter, 11:45 a.m., at Tum Rub Thai, 32716 U.S. 19 N., Palm Harbor. Visit www.pro-leads.net.

• Monday, Aug. 2 – Network Professionals Inc., 7:30 a.m., at Perkins Restaurant, 8841 Park Blvd. N., Largo. Call Ron O'Connor at 367-3737.

• Monday, Aug. 2 – Professional Leads Network, St. Petersburg Chapter, 7:45 a.m., at Ricky P's, 6521 Fourth St. N., St. Petersburg. Visit www.pro-leads.net.

• Monday, Aug. 2 – Ready Set Grow Group, 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., at Hometown Family Restaurant, 10395 Seminole Blvd., Largo. Call Jamie Limbaugh at 831-2450 or e-mail jamieL@freenetworkinginternational.com.

• Monday, Aug. 2 – Free Networking International, Clearwater Two Cups Connect Group, 2:30 to 4 p.m., at Bay Coast Coffee Market, 2525 Gulf to Bay Blvd., Clearwater. Call Wayne Porter at 642-6173, e-mail waynep@freenetworkinginternational.com or visit twocupsconnect.com.

• Tuesday, Aug. 3 – Professional Leads Network, First Watch Chapter, 7:30 a.m., First Watch, 2569 Village Drive, Clearwater. Visit www.pro-leads.net.

• Tuesday, Aug. 3 – The Board, Network Professionals, 7:30 a.m., at Panera Bread, Bardmoor Shopping Center, corner of Bryan Dairy and Starkey roads, Largo. Call 742-6343.

• Tuesday, Aug. 3 – Business Network International, Winners Circle, 7:30 to 9 a.m., Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Call Dave Proffitt at 230-9240.

• Tuesday, Aug. 3 – Network Professionals Inc., Seminole Chapter, 7:30 a.m., Perkins Family Restaurant, 8841 Park Blvd., Largo. Call Ron O'Connor at 367-3737.

• Tuesday, Aug. 3 – Yacht Club Breakfast, sponsored by Creative Business Connections, 7:30 a.m., St. Petersburg Yacht Club, 11 Central Ave., St. Petersburg. Call Darrell Baker, area director, at 586-4999 or visit www.cbcnet.biz.

• Tuesday, Aug. 3 – Network Professionals of St. Pete, 7:30 a.m. For information and meeting location, call Ron O'Connor at 367-3737.

• Tuesday, Aug. 3 – Business Ladies Advancing Business, a women's networking group, 9:30 to 11 a.m., at iSpa Health Studio, 9225 Ulmerton Road, No. 306, Largo. BLAB Largo is led by Holly Furlong, Kae Yauchler and Addie Romanowski. Call 599-4999, e-mail aromanowski@jhnetwork.com or visit www.BlabNetwork.com.

• Tuesday, Aug. 3 – Business Ladies Advancing Business, 9:30 to 11 a.m., at A Therapy Above, 1590 Seminole Blvd., Largo. Call Addie Romanowski at 599-4999.

• Tuesday, Aug. 3 – Free Networking International, Seminole Group, 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., at Palace of the Orient, 10425 Park Blvd., Seminole. Call David Doerges at 542-8686, e-mail david@freenetworkinginternational.com or visit www.freenetworkinginternational.com.

• Tuesday, Aug. 3 – Network Professionals Inc., St. Pete Lunch Chapter, 11:45 a.m., Red Lobster, 2773 66th St. N., St. Petersburg. Call Ron O'Connor at 367-3737.

• Tuesday, Aug. 3 – Network Professionals Inc., ICOT Lunch Chapter, 11:45 a.m., at Tucson's Southwest Grill, 13563 Icot Blvd., Clearwater. Call Eddie Montoya at 813-477-3533.

• Tuesday, Aug. 3 – Tri-City Network Professionals, 11:45 a.m., at Applebee's Restaurant, 5110 East Bay Drive, Clearwater. First visit is free. Call 492-7921.

• Wednesday, Aug. 4 – Business Network International, Financial Freedom, 7:30 a.m., at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park. Call Sean Moore at 455-4768 or visit www.BNIFinancialFreedom.com.

• Wednesday, Aug. 4 – Network Professionals Inc., East Lake Breakfast Chapter, 7:30 a.m., at Daddy's Grill, 3682 Tampa Road, Oldsmar. Call Jenny Stone at 776-2829.

• Wednesday, Aug. 4 – Local Business Network Seminole, 7:30 a.m., Perkins Family Restaurant, 8841 Park Blvd. N., Largo. Call 804-6359.

• Wednesday, Aug. 4 – Women in Business, 7:30 a.m., Acropol Family Restaurant, 1170 Starkey Road, Largo. Call Mende at 251-3955.

• Wednesday, Aug. 4 – BNI Wealth Builders, 7:30 a.m., Palm Harbor Community Center Parks and Drew Valk Recreation, 1500 16th St., Palm Harbor. Visit www.bni.com.

• Wednesday, Aug. 4 – BNI Power Team, 7:30 a.m., East Lake Woodlands Country Club, 1055 East Lake Woodlands Pkwy., Oldsmar. Visit www.bni.com.

• Wednesday, Aug. 4 – Network Professionals Inc., Downtown Clearwater Breakfast Chapter, 7:30 a.m., at the Residence Inn, 940 Court St., Clearwater. Call Kim Anton at 539-7110.

• Wednesday, Aug. 4 – Network Professionals of St. Pete, 7:30 a.m. For information and meeting location, call Ron O'Connor at 367-3737.

• Wednesday, Aug. 4 – Wednesday Morning Investors Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Perkins Restaurant & Bakery, 2375 Curlew Road, Palm Harbor. Call 461-6619.

• Wednesday, Aug. 4 – Free Networking International, Oldsmar Group, 11:30 a.m., at Twisted Bamboo Bar and Bistro, 3687 Tampa Road, Oldsmar. Call Nova Montgomery at 942-0444 or e-mail nova@freenetworkinginternational.com.

• Wednesday, Aug. 4, Professional Leads Network, 11:45 a.m., at Thirsty Marlin, 351 West Bay Drive, Largo. Call Woody Brown at 518-1967 or visit www.pro-leads.net.

• Wednesday, Aug. 4 – Professional Leads Network, Foxys Chapter, 11:45 a.m., Stacey's Buffet 1451 N. Missouri Ave., Largo. Visit www.pro-leads.net.

• Wednesday, Aug. 4 – St. Pete Professional Chapter of Ali Lassen's Leads Club, 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Hilton Hotel, 333 First St. S., St. Petersburg. For reservations, call 813-221-1441 or visit www.LeadsFL.com.

• Wednesday, Aug. 4 – Network Professionals Inc., Pasadena Chapter, 11:45 a.m., GiGi's Italian Restaurant, 6852 Gulfport Blvd., South Pasadena. Call Ron O'Connor at 367-3737.

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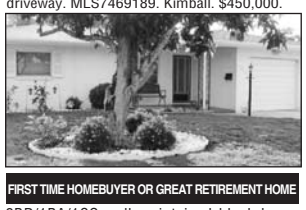

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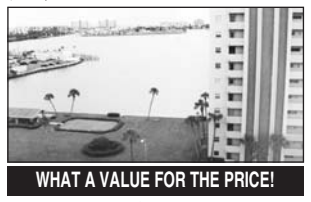
LOVE THE LOCATION LOVE THE PRICE
2BR/2BA home with bonus room that could be 3rd bedroom or in-law suite, wood floors, cove ceilings, light and bright. Walk to shopping. MLS7473134. Stelerman. $119,000.



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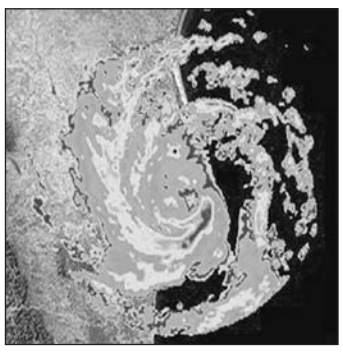

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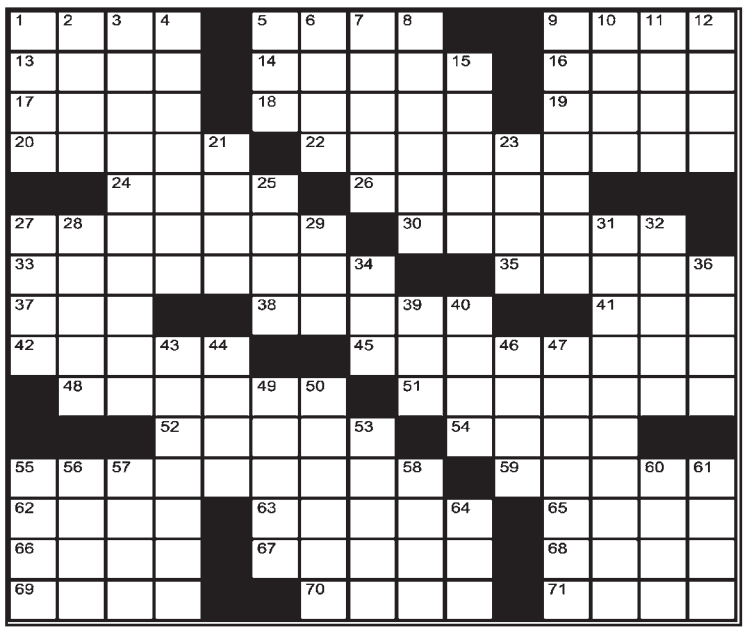

Across

1. Frau's partner
5. Have the ___ for
9. Pronoun in a Hemingway title
13. Advil target
14. Buddhist who has attained Nirvana
16. Ceremonial maori war dance
17. Gangster's blade
18. Video store section
19. Blows it
20. Put an edge on
22. Detested things
24. "___ Brockovich"
26. Southern African cattle enclosure
27. No longer popular
30. Charge
33. Surpass
35. Emotional crusade
37. "My man!"
38. Codeine source
41. Alias
42. Postal scale unit
45. Abstruse
48. Fine wool
51. Aminobenzine
52. Kidney waste
54. Jersey, e.g.
55. Geometrid moths
59. Flat
62. "By yesterday!"
63. In-box contents
65. Surefooted goat
66. Autumn tool
67. Bob Marley fan
68. ___ gin fizz
69. Collapsed
70. Call for
71. Addition column

Down

1. Chop finely
2. Bounce back, in a way
3. Artificial gem
4. Resounds
5. Consumes
6. Boat in "Jaws"
7. Ponder
8. African ___
9. Pop a ___
10. Do damage to
11. Creole vegetable
12. Come together
15. Hyperion, for one
21. Losing proposition?
23. Muslim pilgrimage
25. "I, Claudius" role
27. Bindle bearer
28. Gold
29. Barely beat
31. Giving
32. Mountain-dwelling bovid
34. Pandowdy, e.g.
36. Small, freshwater cyprinoid fish
39. ___ Today
40. Brother
43. Unsweetened muffin
44. Cork's country
46. Anchovy containers
47. Snob
49. Fertilizer ingredient
50. Kind of band
53. Clear, as a disk
55. Vestments, e.g.
56. Biblical birthright seller
57. Thousand ___, Calif.
58. Locale
60. Boxer Spinks
61. Donald

Sudoku answers from last week

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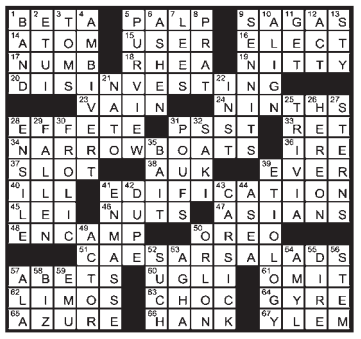

Horoscopes

July 29, 2010

Capricorn

December 22 – January 19

You're on the move this week, Capricorn, and everyone better get out of your way. You've got lots to do and little time to do it in. An old friend helps.

Aquarius

January 20 – February 18

Now is not the time to get caught up in little differences. Respect the views of others and work together for a cause. Fame is not what it is cracked up to be, Aquarius.

Pisces

February 19 – March 20

Doggone it, Pisces. For every step you move forward you seem to take two steps backward. Don't let it get to you. You are making progress.

Aries

March 21 – April 19

Make up, Aries. Don't break up. This is not a relationship to sever. A whirl in the kitchen brings surprising results. Who knew you were such a good cook.

Taurus

April 20 – May 20

Affairs of the heart take center stage this week, and bonds grow stronger. The opportunity to travel afar and experience new things beckons. Go, Taurus.

Gemini

May 21 – June 21

It's not just what you know but whom you know that often leads to success. Keep that in mind, Gemini, and don't be afraid to call in some favors.

Cancer

June 22 – July 22

Goodness sake, Cancer. You are in demand this week, both personally and professionally. Keep a tight rein on your schedule. There is no need for you to wear yourself out.

Leo

July 23 – August 22

An invitation arrives in the mail. Think it over, Leo. You might have a better time than you think. A charitable cause requires your talents and skills.

Virgo

August 23 – September 22

Focus, Virgo. Banish the restlessness. A weak link is discovered in a project and you must work hard to fix it. The mood lifts at home.

Libra

September 23 – October 22

Joy, Libra. Someone from your past returns to stir up trouble. Thwart their plans. A little windfall erases all budgetary concerns. Put some away for a rainy day.

Scorpio

October 23 – November 21

Just when you thought life couldn't get any better, it does. Enjoy your newfound success. A promotion could be on the horizon, Scorpio.

Sagittarius

November 22 – December 21

You can make plans all you want, Sagittarius, but you should be prepared for them to be dismantled. Not all will go accordingly. Have some backup plans.

Sudoku

					4			6
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4		7				2	8	
7	5				3	1	6	
		1				4		
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Volleyball standouts

From left, Trevor Kennan of Redington Beach, Tony Tonova of Largo and Garrett Peterson of Largo, all 10 years old, have been winning two-man beach volleyball tournaments throughout the summer. The group's third win in a row came recently when Kennan and Peterson combined to win the USAV Dig The Beach series at Clearwater Beach, playing against some of the state's top 12-and-under teams. Tonova often alternates with Kennan.

Italy-bound

Luke Travis of Redington Shores, left, and Obie Johnson of Indian Shores, second from right, were selected during the recent AC Milan Junior Soccer Camp in Seminole to attend a three-day soccer event in Italy where they will be honored at an AC Milan game with other players from around the world. Standing with them are AC Milan players Emilio Fontana, second from left, and Gianni Santone, right, who conducted the soccer camp that was sponsored by the Gulf Coast United Soccer Club.

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Briefly

Rays continue homestand

The Tampa Bay Rays wrap up a four-game home series with the Detroit Tigers Thursday, July 29, 12:10 p.m., before continuing the homestand against the New York Yankees July 30-Aug. 1 and the Minnesota Twins Aug. 2-5.

It is the Rays' longest homestand since hosting 12 games in August 2005. The Rays will be playing at home for the first time in two weeks, since ending the first half of the season on July 11.

Friday, July 30 is Hispanic Heritage Night as part of Friday Fests, presented by Captain Morgan. Following the game, fans will be invited onto the field to see Grammy-Award-winning group Los Lobos perform a postgame concert, presented by Hess Express.

That same night, the first 10,000 fans in attendance will receive a Los Rays Collectible T-shirt presented by the St. Petersburg Times. The night also will feature salsa lessons for fans and specials on food and drinks.

On Saturday, July 31 the Rays will celebrate African-American Heritage Night, which will feature an autograph session with former Negro League players Cliff Brown, Paul Casanova, Walter Gibbons, Leon Harris, Raydell Maddix, Enrique Maroto, Bob Mitchell and Willie Williams.

On Sunday, Aug. 1 the first 10,000 kids ages 14 and under will receive a Jeff Niemann growth chart presented by Grow Financial Federal Credit Union.

Bullets roll

Photo courtesy of JOHN COUNTS

The 12-under Clearwater Bullets fastpitch softball team recently won its age division in the Independent Softball Association World Series at Auburndale. Laying down, from left, are Amanda Ross and Brook Schwaner. In the front row, from left, are Megan Jankiewicz, Daniella Matthews, Danielle Romanello and Anya Muyres. In the second row are Ysabella Canto, Katie Vega, Kacyn Shirley, Jordyn Counts, Taylor Bump, Kylie Randolph, Cameron Shirley and Marisa Rivera. Standing in back are coaches Todd Ross and John Counts.

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Small pilchards are abundant

Fish Tales
Capt. Tyson Wallerstein

Small fry bait is well on its way to being an every situation option.

What was considered to be too small to use a couple of weeks ago, the tiny pilchards have grown up just enough to be cast out underneath a float or fished on the bottom with a small sinker. Make sure that you use a quarter inch mesh cast net for these little guy's or you'll have quite a mess on your hands.

These baits may seem too small to be appealing to larger game fish like trout, snook and reds, but think again; remember, fishing is a game of matching the hatch. So it's time to shrink your hooks and possibly your leaders and take advantage of what Mother Nature has given us to work with.

Spanish mackerel are filling in good along area beaches. Schools of macks can be seen busting bait just outside the swim buoys. Cast small Gotcha plugs from shore right into the same area where the mackerel were spotted. Live baiters will be able to chum the mackerel into a frenzy by tossing out handfuls of live pilchards.

Catch and release snook fishing has been pretty good on the afternoon outgoing tides. Passes and nearby beaches have been the places to target. East winds have allowed for good sight casting opportunities right along the beach.

Savvy anglers know just how spooky the snook can be in the clear shallows only a couple of feet off the beach. Long casts and low profile are often needed to convince the snook into eating.

Cast small twitch baits like Mirro-Lures or Sebile's to approaching snook on the beach and free line live pinfish and grunts with the tide to get hooked up in the passes.

Tarpon fishing along the beach slowed down quite a bit this past week. We should begin to start seeing a few more fish as we get a little further away from the full moon. Target jetties and deeper areas right along the beach that are holding schools of threadfins. On those flat calm mornings the tarpon can be seen rolling around the schools of bait. Often times drifting through an area that is holding fish can be more productive than casting.

Until next week – get bent!

Tyson Wallerstein can be reached at capt.tyson@hotmail.com. To get a fish photo in the paper, send the photo along with your name, when and where it was caught to editorial@TBNweekly.com or mail it to Tampa Bay Newspapers, 9911 Seminole Blvd., Seminole, FL 33772.

Gardeners, gardens feel the heat

Garden Clippings
Ruth Davies

The most important responsibility for gardeners these days is to hydrate yourself and your plants.

Somehow the plants are holding up in this outdoor sauna. Wish I could say the same for the people working outside during the day.

The rain has been more frequent than in past years; good for the aquifer, bad for lawn mowers.

Every week, if not more often, the grass needs mowing. So far, the chinch bugs have not been evident. A good way to identify the problem is when you notice a small area of dead grass one day and then the circle enlarges.

They are dark bugs, nearly black, with a white dot on their back. They also stink when squished.

If you want to eradicate them, call Pinellas County Extension or check with a garden center for the latest method. Since I prefer not to use the chemicals, I replace the grass when they've finished their meal.

The grasshopper lubbers are huge now and are chewing holes in the leaves. I know it's gross, but I grab them, throw them to the ground and step on them. Since they pinch when they're this large, use gloves. Their offspring will appear again in three weeks, so go get them.

Gardeners need to get out to prune, prune, prune shrubs. This is high-growth time, so even minor corrective pruning can be done now and new growth will cover holes quickly.

A shrub or hedge must be fatter at the bottom than the top. If not, light will not reach the lower branches that will cause leggy, leafless sticks at the bottom.

Vegetable growers are starting to work their plots now. A good way to control nematodes and weed seeds in the planting bed is to solarize the soil.

Put in manure and/or compost, dampen the soil and cover with clear, heavy mil plastic. Be sure the plastic is tucked tight under a soil trench. The objective is to get the temperature high enough to sterilize the soil.

This process doesn't have to be done every year, but it doesn't hurt. In a month, it can be removed, or wait until Oct. 1 when it's time to plant the veggies.

At the rate our summer temperatures are going, it won't take long to heat the soil.

Notebook

Boating classes planned

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The long-term care dilemma

Elizabeth Campa-Flanagan

Recently, I have received a lot of questions about long-term care. The main questions are what is it and who pays for it?

Long-term care is assistance for months or years with basic activities of daily living like bathing, dressing, or getting in and out of a bed. Unlike medical care, which is designed to get you back to the way you were before you became sick or injured, the purpose of long-term care is custodial – that is, to keep you safe and comfortable for your period of incapacity.

Either you pay, the government pays, or an insurance company pays. Most long-term care is delivered by families for each other at home, perhaps with some paid help, depending on family financial resources. When the family becomes emotionally and physically exhausted, the family may decide to place the loved one in a nursing home, or other type of care facility. There they continue to pay until they become financially exhausted, at which time the government may begin to pay, but not with Medicare, a form of health insurance; rather it is paid with a welfare program called Medicaid. Private health insurance does not pay for long-term care either, because the purpose of the care is not to cure or restore, but to provide custodial care. Long-term care insurance, on the other hand is designed to pay for custodial care. Long-term care insurance will pay for facility care, but it is more commonly used to pay for professional caregivers at home. That helps the family to keep a loved one at home for a longer period of time and with less stress.

There are several types of long-term care services, depending upon the level of independence:

Assisted living: Provides help with bathing and dressing, medication reminders, and light housekeeping. It's designed to assist those with minimal needs to remain as independent as possible.

Adult daycare: For those who want to remain at home, but need help with activities of daily living while a caretaker is at work, adult daycare can be a good solution. Meals and some medical monitoring services are usually included, and transportation may also be available.

Home care: This can include companions to assist with housekeeping, cooking, and shopping. It also can include medical care provided by registered or licensed practical nurses. Home care can be part-time or full-time, depending on needs.

Nursing home: Mostly for those who need more intensive medical care, such as wound care, rehabilitation, or help with respirators or ventilators. Nursing home care may be temporary (recovering from surgery or an injury), or permanent (end-of-life services).

According to the United States Department of Health and Human Services-National Clearinghouse for Long-Term Care Information, the costs of long-term care may vary by region. The average costs in the United States in 2009 for various types of long-term care are shown here:

Long-term care service, Home health aide, $21 per hour; homemaker services, $19 per hour; adult day health care center, $67 per day; assisted living unit (one bedroom), $3,131 per month; nursing home/semi-private room, $198 per day, or $72,270 per year, nursing home/private room $219 per day, or $79,935 per year.

Source: www.longtermcare.gov, June 28, 2010

The big question and the dilemma for most families is, "can we realistically preserve our retirement assets and income while covering long-term care costs?" As discussed above – either you pay, the government pays, or an insurance company pays.

If you plan to pay from personal savings, this means that you'll need to estimate the future costs of long-term care and set aside enough money to cover those costs.

If you prefer to purchase long-term care insurance you can elect traditional long-term care insurance, which works much like car insurance with ongoing premiums, or you can elect to purchase a life insurance or annuity asset based on long-term care policy with cash or possibly by exchanging an old life or annuity policy.

Each has advantages and disadvantages. If you have questions about long-term care, please don't hesitate to call.

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Military notes

Kimberly Bennett

NORTH REDINGTON BEACH – Kimberly Bennett, daughter of North Redington Beach Commissioner Richard Bennett, has been promoted to lieutenant colonel, effective Sept. 1, and is stationed at Tyndall Air Force Base in north Florida as the head of Homeland Security for the Gulf of Mexico and adjacent states.

Her group provides air space surveillance and direct air sovereignty activities for the continental United States. It monitors air traffic, sea traffic, weather and other natural events around the world that may impact the security of U.S. air space.

Joshua Rowe

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SEMINOLE – Air Force Airman Joshua Rowe recently graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Rowe is the son of Michal Rowe of Seminole, and grandson of Howard Chandler of Ponte Vedra Beach. He is a 2008 graduate of Seminole High School.

Julia Rivera

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TREASURE ISLAND – Air Force Airman Julia Rivera recently graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Rivera is the granddaughter of Carolyn Boals of Eaton Rapids, Mich., and daughter of Heather Payne of Treasure Island.

Michael Bryan

CLEARWATER – Michael Bryan recently graduated from Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Bryan is the son of Sandra Bryan of Clearwater, and the brother of Lisa Bryan of West Nyack, N.Y. His wife, Maria, is the daughter of Marie DiVenti of Spring Hill. He graduated in 1991 from East Lake High School, Tarpon Springs and received a bachelor's degree in 1999 from the University of South Florida, Tampa.

The new second lieutenant is an information management officer currently assigned to the 1st Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment at Fort Drum, Watertown, N.Y. The second lieutenant has served in the military for three years.

Craig Shumate

LARGO – Army Reserve Pvt. Craig Shumate recently graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

Shumate is the grandson of Johnny Jones of Largo, and Bunny Jones of Hartford, Conn.

Mark Smith

PALM HARBOR – Air Force Reserve Airman Mark Smith recently graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Smith is the son of Gary Smith of Palm Harbor, and Paula Smith of West Speedway, Ind. He is a 2009 graduate of Speedway High School.

Jacquelyn Clark

ST. PETERSBURG – Air Force Airman Jacquelyn Clark recently graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Clark is the daughter of Belinda Clark of St. Petersburg, and sister of Samantha Noble of Rapid City, S.D.

Armando Marquez-Arroyo

LARGO – Navy Seaman Apprentice Armando Marquez-Arroyo recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Marquez-Arroyo is the son of Cynthia I. and Hugo A. Marquez-Arroyo of Largo. He is a 2005 graduate of Osceola High School.

Frances Kipfer

LARGO – Army Reserve Pvt. Frances Kipfer recently graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

Kipfer is the daughter of Linda Hayes, and sister of Michael Hayes, both of Largo.

Church news

Clearwater First Nazarene

CLEARWATER – A Community Back 2 School Bash will take place Saturday, Aug. 21, 9 a.m. to noon, at Clearwater First Nazarene, 1875 Nursery Road.

Free school supplies will be distributed to local elementary students and teachers. The event will feature free information and services from local community businesses and vendors. There also will be free food, games, crafts and face painting. The Thresher's Phinley will attend from 10 to 11 a.m. The city of Clearwater will exhibit a fire truck. Services to be offered will include wellness information, scoliosis and backpack safety checks.

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church

CLEARWATER – Paul Gibson will perform a free concert Sunday, Aug. 8, 2 p.m., at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 407 S. Saturn Ave.

Gibson, a former opera singer and Benedictine monk, will present a farewell concert at the church where he has worked for the last three years. There is no admission charge for the event, but there will be a raffle, bake sale and opportunities to make donations toward his education expenses at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Pa.

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Chapel on the Hill

SEMINOLE – The Galactic Blast Vacation Bible School will be offered Monday through Friday, Aug. 9-13, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., at Chapel on the Hill, United Church of Christ, 12601 Park Blvd.

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Parbawatiya Buddhist Center

Parbawatiya Buddhist Center will sponsor a class Friday, July 30, 7 to 8:15 p.m., at Yoga 4 All, 8824 Seminole Blvd., Seminole.

The class will include two guided meditations and a teaching. Cost is $10 for adults and $5 for students and those on limited income.

A Buddhist meditation class also will be presented Sunday, Aug. 1, 10 to 11:30 a.m., at Parbawatiya Buddhist Center, 201 Sixth Ave. S., Safety Harbor

Led by Buddhist monk Kelsang Chokyan, the class – entitled Anger Solves Nothing – will present an introduction to meditation from the Kadampa Buddhist tradition. The class will include two guided meditations and a short talk, and is suitable for beginners. Everyone is welcome. Cost is $10 for adults and $5 for students and those on limited income.

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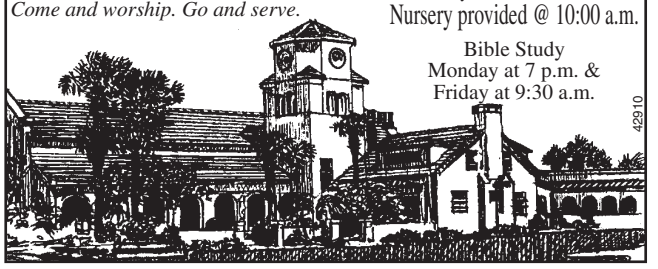

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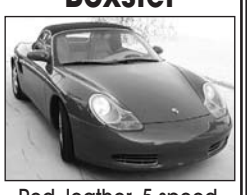

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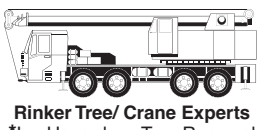

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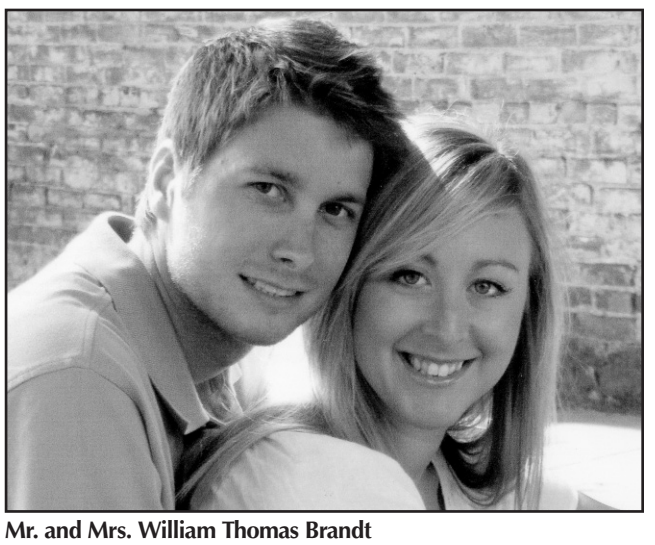
Weddings, engagements



Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas Brandt

Kelly-Brandt

Lindsay Alayne Kelly and William Thomas Brandt were married on Sunday, July 11, 2010, at the Four Points Hotel in Jacksonville. Harry Lewis officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Kerri and Mike Kelly of Pea Ridge, Ark. She is a licensed day care teacher and licensed cosmetologist. She is employed by Lil Britches Day Care.

The groom is the son of Thomas and Rose Brandt of North Redington Beach. He earned a degree in aviation management at Jacksonville University. He is employed by Publix.

A reception followed the ceremony at the Four Points Hotel. The couple will honeymoon in Savannah, Ga. They reside in Jacksonville.

Poppe-Morris

Christina (Tina) Poppe and Craig Morris, both of Clearwater, are engaged to be married. A date for the wedding has not yet been determined.

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