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## Flood insurance increases delayed

Pinellas County residents received a glimmer of hope last week that at least some relief may be coming to combat the unintended consequences of reform on the National Flood Insurance Program. The U.S. Senate approved by a vote of 67-32 Jan. 30 legislation proposed by Florida Sen. Bill Nelson.

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For the past several years the number of participants in the Belleair Sunset 5K Race has grown. Four years ago, 400 runners registered for the run. The following year it grew to 750 and last year the total was 900. This year, organizers expect at least 1,000 runners, making it the largest ever.

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# Candidates debate the issues

Obamacare, flood insurance and immigration reform were among the variety of topics

By SUZETTE PORTER

SEMINOLE - Monday night, Republican David Jolly, Democrat Alex Sink and Libertarian Lucas Overby attended a by-ticket-only debate in the Digitorium of St. Petersburg College's Seminole campus.

The three candidates are running for a chance to serve Pinellas County in the U.S. House of Representatives in a special election March 11. The winner will fill the position left vacant when longtime Rep. C.W. Bill Young died Oct. 18. Young served District 13 in congress for more than 40 years.

The debate, a special edition of Political Connections, broadcast on Bay News 9, was the result of a partnership between SPC, Bay News 9 and the Tampa Bay Times. The event was sponsored by AARP.

The debate was moderated by the Times political editor Adam C. Smith, Times assistant managing editor Amy Hollyfield and Bay News 9 senior anchor Al Ruechel.

Write-in candidate Michael Levinson did not attend.

The night's event was fast-paced with a variety of topics covered in what was described as lightning rounds, where single word answers were preferred. Other questions allowed candidates 30 to 60 seconds to make their case.

An opening statement started things out.

Jolly told viewers that he had spent 20 years working at the side of the late Rep. Young. He said he wants to continue Young's work to "empower families to make their own decisions." He favors less taxes and less regulation. He stressed that he is a Pinellas County native. He was born in Dunedin and now lives in Indian Shores.

Overby said when he began to campaign for a seat in Congress a year ago, he did so to bring people who are disenfranchised with the process back into the fold. He said if elected, he would have a chance to bring the people's concerns to a larger stage. He said he agreed with some of the priorities of his opponents, but there were "grave differences" between the three.

Sink said she was "sick and tired of the dysfunction" in Washington. She wants to end partisanship to "get things done." She said she is an experienced businesswoman who served as the state's chief financial officer and worked together to bring Democrats and Republicans together. She wants to fight to protect jobs, Social Security, veteran's benefits and bring "the voice of the people in Pinellas County to Washington."

### Lightning round questions

Should Florida accept federal money to expand Medicaid? Overby said yes; Sink said no. Jolly said not unless there is a guarantee the money can't be taken away.

Should the federal government be required to have a balanced budget? Overby and Jolly said yes; Sink said no.

Should the state allow medical marijuana? Jolly and Overby said no; Sink said yes, but added she did not support any program that would allow "pot shops."

## The Great Debate

Congressional candidates voice opinions



David Jolly Alex Sink Lucas Overby

Three candidates campaigning for the District 13 seat in the U.S. House of Representatives faced off during a Feb. 3 debate in the Digitorium at St. Pete College's Seminole campus.

TBN graphic by SUZETTE PORTER

### Question of residency

Sink was asked about accusations of being a carpetbagger. Prior to Young's death, she was a longtime resident of Hillsborough County. She replied that when she considered running for District 13 seat, she asked herself, "Do I share the values of

the people of this district?" "My political values are very well aligned with Pinellas County," she said, adding that she had worked in Pinellas County for 25 years in the business community and her charitable work.

Jolly said that Rep. Young

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## Comeback win



Photos by JIM LAYFIELD

Above, Seminole and Osceola girls' soccer teams compete in the rain in a regional semi-final Jan. 28 at Osceola. Osceola was in control for more than three quarters of the game holding a 2-0 lead with only 12 minutes left to play. That's when Seminole's offense turned up the heat, scoring twice within a minute and the go-ahead goal with only six seconds left to play. Final score: Seminole 3, Osceola 2. Seminole advanced to the regional final against Lakewood Ranch in Bradenton but was defeated 1-0. Top right, Seminole High goalkeeper Bria Riancho makes a save against Osceola. Bottom right, Seminole's Layna Hatfield works the ball down field against Osceola's Delaney Vaughan.



# Council appoints members to Charter Review Committee

By TIFFANY RAZZANO

SEMINOLE - The City Council approved the appointment of seven members to the Charter Review Committee - one for each council member - at its Jan. 28 meeting.

Mayor Leslie Waters nominated Susan Berkowitz, an industrial engineer to the committee, while Vice Mayor Barnhorn nominated St. Petersburg College's Seminole campus Provost Dr. James Olliver. Councilors Chris Burke, John Counts, Bob Matthews, Patricia Plantamura and Jim Quinn nominated Bob Castles, who has sat on the committee in the past; Ann Gardner of the Seminole Lake Country Club Estates Homeowners Association; Linda Cole, who sat on the committee previously; Chuck Oldanie of the Rotary Club of

Seminole Lake; and Joe Haynes respectively.

"This is a very important committee," Waters said. "It only convenes every five years and gives an overview, a look-see as to the relevance and appropriateness of our charter."

Since 1999, Section 10.03 of the City Charter requires the council to appoint no less than five and no more than nine members to the committee every five years. The council should appoint at least one member who has previously sat on the committee.

Waters suggested that each council member nominate one person for the committee, but Plantamura argued that the council should nominate the maximum number of members to encourage "openness and citizen participation."

"I think appointing the maximum number of interested parties to serve, that is the number nine, is in the city's best interest in transparency and inclusiveness," she said.

She pointed out that past Charter Review Committees have been composed of nine members. Barnhorn, however, expressed concerns about how they'd select the remaining two members of the committee.

"If only a couple of people on the council know that eighth person, it's not necessarily a vote of council," he said. "It needs to be a vote of council as a whole."

He added, "It's also been my experience that the more people you put on a committee, the longer it takes them to make a decision on any one thing."

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# Attendees sound off on the debate

By TIFFANY RAZZANO

SEMINOLE - Pinellas County voters in District 13 were left with plenty to talk about following the hour-long debate between Republican David Jolly, Libertarian Lucas Overby and Democrat Alex Sink at St. Petersburg College's Seminole campus Monday night.

The three candidates are vying to fill the U.S. House of Representatives seat left vacant in that district when Rep. C.W. Bill Young died in October. The winner will be chosen in a March 11 special election.

Several who were in the audience for the debate lauded the event's fast-paced format, which featured a lightning round where single-word yes or no answers were encouraged and questions where candidates were given more time - 30 to 60 seconds - to respond.

"I have to commend the [debate's] sponsors and moderators," said the Rev. Fr. Robert Swick, commander, JFK 1963 chapter and veterans advocate, of Dunedin. "They worked hard to come up with an interesting format."

Jeff Johnson, state director for AARP Florida, which sponsored the event, thought the format allowed for "really good discussions on a variety of issues."

He added, "I think the moderators did a good job. They jumped around, but in a good way, and kept the pace up. It kept the

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## Why Do People Delay Addressing Hearing Loss?

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### Accepting & Correcting Your Hearing Loss

Researchers estimate that over 30 million people in the United States suffer from hearing loss, but almost 75% avoid scheduling a hearing test to determine the cause and how to remedy this condition. As the baby boomer generation ages, more people are going to experience hearing loss.

Many people with hearing loss do not take the steps needed to correct the problem. The first step starts with getting a hearing exam when you first notice you are experiencing symptoms. A hearing test can determine the cause of your hearing loss, and which state-of-the-art hearing devices can improve your quality of life. There is often a period of denial or hesitation that must be overcome before the appointment for the hearing test is made.

At first it may seem like you only have very mild hearing loss, if any, because you can hear someone talking to you, or you can hear the TV, radio, or a movie, you just can't catch every word. Or you may have trouble following conversations, but you always come up with a reason why **it's too noisy, people are speaking too fast, or there are too many people talking at once.**

The truth is that when you have early, mild hearing loss, you will start to have trouble hearing certain higher frequency sounds. Consonant sounds are in the higher range and are the first to go. While you may hear voices, you may find yourself mistaking similar-sounding words, like "rent" and "sent" or "time" and "lime".

If you believe you have mild hearing loss, begin by getting a hearing exam. You can use the results of the hearing test to rule out or fix any correctable conditions, and then you can assess if any of the new and advanced hearing technologies can help you hear more clearly.

After your hearing test you will be able to make a more educated decision about what your options are to prevent further hearing loss and hear more clearly immediately, improving your overall quality of life.



### Thomas Edison Suffered From Hearing Loss!

One of the most famous people with hearing loss in history is the inventor Thomas Edison (1847-1931), who is credited with inventing the phonograph, light bulb, and movie camera. What many people are not aware of is that Edison became technically deaf in his early teens. It could have been from a childhood illness or the result of a "boxing" of his ears by a train conductor.

Purchasing a hearing aid is not a decision made lightly. It's important that the person you are working with listens to you and works together with you to address your specific hearing needs. You need to be able to trust their guidance in choosing a solution to match your lifestyle.

### Advances In Hearing Care!

A hearing specialist with **Audibel Hearing Centers** will be available to answer all your questions and discuss the latest advances in hearing care. Even with the new technology, your brain still needs time to readjust to hearing sounds it may not have been hearing for years. You will be amazed at your own ability to reconnect with your life with the help of this advanced technology.

In addition, technology is constantly changing. A hearing test can now determine if you have even very mild hearing loss, and the new generation of digital hearing aids has nearly eliminated the problems of feedback, and

extraneous noise that was bothersome with earlier models.

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In addition, hearing aids technology has an exciting future. Even now you can have your hearing aid connected to different external devices, such as an MP3 player, a cell phone, radio, or your TV. As microchips continue to get smaller, the amount of data processing power continues to increase at astronomical rates, allowing for hearing aids to be made smaller while continuing to improve sound quality. If you checked out hearing aids five years ago, you should take a look at the new models - you might be surprised at how far things have come and how easily hearing loss may be corrected.

Hearing loss can affect people of all ages. If you were in the military, law enforcement, or simply exposed to the loud noises of machinery in a factory, you could have developed hearing loss at an early age. Don't be embarrassed by your inability to hear clearly - take action now and get a hearing test to find out what you can do to enhance your ability to hear clearly and prevent continued deterioration.

Start by having a hearing test and then take steps to decide if you feel comfortable with the new technologies. Think about it - how much time and energy are you spending apologizing because you misheard something, or asking someone to speak louder or to repeat themselves? Having a hearing test and wearing a hearing device can alleviate many problems caused by hearing loss - and that is priceless!

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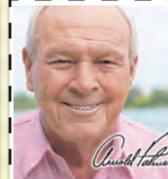
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# Around Seminole

## Fire Rescue to hold open house

SEMINOLE – The City of Seminole Fire Rescue will hold its annual open house Sunday, Feb. 9, noon to 3 p.m., at Fire Station 29, 11195 70th Ave. N.

The event features fire truck rides, antique fire engine displays, fire safety displays, firehouse tours and interactive games. Attendees also will have a chance to spray water from a real fire hose. Sparky the fire-dog will be available for photos and to culminate the day's activities. Firefighters will demonstrate a rescue from a wrecked car using hydraulic rescue tools.

There will be free hot dogs and drinks for everyone.

For more information, please contact Brad Dykens at 393-8711, ext. 210 or email bdykens@myseminole.com.

## Sunday Musicales set

SEMINOLE – The Friends of the Seminole Library presents its next Sunday Musicales event on Sunday, Feb. 9, 3 p.m., at the Seminole Community Library, 9200 113th St. N.

Performers Suzanne and Jim, award-winning American roots musicians and vocalists, blend banjo, guitar, flute, courtship dulcimer and homespun humor into an unforgettable, good time.

This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, email friends@myseminole.com.

## Senior luncheon to feature Neil Diamond impersonator

SEMINOLE – The City of Seminole's "Enchanted Wonderland" senior luncheon will be on Tuesday, Feb. 18, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Holland G. Mangum Recreational Complex, 9100 113th St. N.

Tickets are \$7 and must be purchased by Thursday, Feb. 13; a recreation card is not needed.

There will be a Neil Diamond impersonator for entertainment and the Clubhouse Restaurant will prepare baked chicken and vegetables.

Contact Kristyn at 391-8345 for more information.

## Cancer benefit planned

SEMINOLE – A variety show to benefit Moffitt Foundation for Cancer Research will take place Saturday, Feb. 22, 7 p.m., at the Peacock Center at Seminole Gardens, 8324 112th St. N.

Cost is \$8 at the door. Doors open at 6:15 p.m.

Call 392-7338 for more information.

## Mr./Ms. Seminole and Awards Banquet set

SEMINOLE – The Seminole Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Mr./Ms. Seminole and Awards Banquet Saturday, March 1, 6 p.m., at the Holiday Inn Harbourside in Indian Rocks Beach.

Nominations are still being accepted for the honor. Nominees should be individuals who have made a positive impact through their longtime business, civic, fraternal or other volunteerism, and do not have to be Chamber members.

The winner's name will be kept secret until the March 1 banquet. Other awards presented that evening will include Boss of the Year, Business of the Year and Merit Award.

Nomination forms are available at the Chamber office, 7985 113th St. N., Suite 208. Deadline is Feb. 17, 5 p.m.

Call 392-3245 for more information.

## Recycling group to meet

SEMINOLE – The next meeting of the monthly Seminole Discussion Group on Recycling and Sustainability is Monday, March 3, 10 a.m. to noon, at the Seminole Community Library, 9200 113th St. N.

At this meeting, Michael Sims will explain the importance of bees, and Nanette O'Hara will discuss the Tampa Bay Estuary.

Contact Billie Jo Bell at 423-0083 for additional information.

## Pow Wow Parade participants sought

SEMINOLE – The City of Seminole Recreation Division is seeking

participants for the 46th Annual Seminole Pow Wow Festival Parade, Saturday, March 8, 10 a.m. to noon.

This year's theme is "Celebrating Those Who Serve!"

There is no cost to participate; however, applicants must be approved in advance. Deadline for application is Monday, Feb. 24. There will be a mandatory parade participant meeting Thursday, Feb. 27, 7 p.m., at the Holland G. Mangum Recreation Center auditorium, 9100 113th St. N.

Contact Duane Crandall, Recreation Program Coordinator, at 391-8345 for an application or download one online at www.powwowfestival.com.

## Kiwanis to hold annual fire truck pull

SEMINOLE – The Kiwanis Club of Seminole will hold its annual fire truck pull, Pulling for Kids, Sunday, March 9, 1 to 3 p.m., at the Seminole Community Library at St. Petersburg College, 9200 113th St. N., south parking lot.

This fundraiser benefits several of the club's projects, including the Key Club at Seminole High School, the Builders Club at Seminole Middle School, K-Kids at Bauder Elementary School, Every Child a Swimmer and Horses for the Handicapped.

The club is looking for sponsors and teams to register for the event. Adult and teen teams should have no more than eight members, and kids' teams should have 10 to 12 members. Cost per team is \$150.

For more information, call Steve Zazzaro at 432-3544.

## Day trips planned to spring training games

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had taught every school group that visited his office that the House of Representatives was the "people's house," something he would continue to respect if elected.

"Alex wants to change Washington. I believe representation should be local," she said.

Overby said he didn't think residency was a determining factor.

"A lot of Pinellas County people are interested in the concept," he said.

He said he had spent a great deal of time "working in the trenches," spending time in the community.

When Sink was asked if she would stay in Pinellas if she lost the election, she said, "I'm not losing."

### Obamacare

A member of the audience asked the candidates if they supported a repeal of Obamacare.

Jolly said yes. He said Obamacare was founded on a premise that now is being called the "lie of the year." He said it should be repealed and alternatives offered in its place. He said Obamacare was hurting Pinellas County residents and businesses.

Overby said he was in favor of getting the cost of health care down.

"Some parts of Obamacare are good," he said. "But there needs to be less focus on insurance and more on reduced costs."

Sink said she believes that Americans have the right to health insurance and secondly affordable health care.

"Obamacare can't be repealed because we can't go back to where we were," she said.

She said she knew people who were thrilled with Obamacare. She asked if it were right to go back to a time when people could be refused insurance due to pre-existing medical conditions or when seniors had more problems with access to health care.

Jolly said the problems Sink mentioned could be fixed.

"I believe in less government, not more," he said.

Overby said many of the arguments ongoing over healthcare and insurance dated back to the Clinton administration. He suggested "getting insurance out of the way" so work could be done to fix affordability.

### Flood insurance reform

Overby said he supported the plan recently passed by the Senate to delay insurance rate hikes for four years to allow time to work on "real solutions." He supports expanding the public option and more involvement by private insurers.

Sink said she had reached out to insurance companies and agents as well as local Realtors. She said she offered "four or five suggestions" on her website. She favors looking for solutions now and exploring what can be done with the private sector instead of "kicking the can down the road for four years."

Jolly said Biggert-Waters flood reform is a "bad law today and it will be a bad law in four years."

He favors use of private insurance and diversifying the risk pool.

"The answer is not in Washington. The answer is in the private sector. It is in Tallahassee," he said.

Sink reminded Jolly that the National Flood Insurance Program was started due to a lack of private insurers.

### Immigration reform

Sink and Overby said they support immigration reform and a path to citizenship as proposed by a bipartisan Senate plan. Overby said he does not support parts of the plan that are too expensive.

Jolly does not support a path to citizenship. He said people who have broken the law should not be rewarded and suggested that something needed to be done about businesses that employ illegal workers.

"We can't insult those who have done it (became a citizen) legally," he said.

### Social Security

On the question of Social Security and Medicare benefits, Jolly admits something needs to be done; however, he does not support cutting benefits to those who are "vested in the program."

He defines "vested" as having worked for 40 quarters, or 10 years. He does not advocate "long-term entitlement" for those not now in the system.

Overby did not favor Jolly's approach. As a 27-year-old, he asked who would end up paying. He said the plan would leave him without benefits. Jolly is 41 and Sink is 65. Overby favors other alternatives such as a voluntary program to drop out of the system as a charitable donation. He does not favor forcing people out.

"I will fight to support Medicare and Social Security," Sink said.

She said she went on the program this year after

paying in for 40 years. She said she didn't want to worry that her 25-year-old daughter would not have access to health care when she is 65.

### Student financial aid

One SPC student asked the candidates about what could be done to make education and financial aid more affordable. Overby said costs of education had gone up dramatically due in part to the subsidies. He said federal government should be less involved to allow colleges to become more competitive.

Sink said it was important for government to continue to invest in the future and ensure students have access to student aid. Jolly's plan ties the cost of education to the success of the school.

"They're offering a product to the students," he said.

### Other topics

Jolly said he is "OK" with the state's amendment on gay marriage because it is a matter "between the partners and their God." Overby said he supports the ban. Sink said she supports gay marriage.

Overby supports the Second Amendment and the right to bear arms. Sink also is in support, but added more needed to be done to ensure adequate background checks. Jolly supports doing whatever must be done "to keep guns out of the hands of criminals."

Sink supports raising the minimum wage. Overby is opposed. Jolly supports finding a suitable wage rate and then tying future raises to the cost index.

On a local issue, Jolly and Overby oppose light rail in Pinellas County. Sink is in favor.

The moderators brought up the subject of Jolly's lobbyist activities against Social Security and for offshore drilling, which he said were not true. He said he worked to negotiate a ban against offshore drilling. He said he worked on a measure that would guarantee Social Security for everyone.

The candidates were asked if there were things in which they disagreed with their party. Sink said she disagreed with Obama's plan to implement chain CPI, which would lower benefit amounts. Jolly said he disagrees with his party's handling of flood insurance reform and changes to Social Security. Overby said the Libertarian Party was often "bullheaded and overzealous." He said he was trying to find solutions for all, not just one part of the population.

Jolly and Overby oppose Common Core standards for education. Jolly believes education should be a decision made in the classrooms. Overby believes the closer education is to families the better. Sink believes standards are important to measure students who will be competing on a national and worldwide setting.

The candidates were asked one question on foreign policy: Would they support more aggressive military action in Syria? Sink said no.

"I don't believe in putting more boots on the ground in a country where we don't understand the dynamics," she said.

Jolly said yes. "Bashar Assad used chemical weapons to kill people and children," he said. "We should have intervened right away."

Overby said no. He said he had talked to Syrians right after the incident.

"Syrians didn't want us interfering," he said. "The U.S. going in and killing more people would not have helped."

### Other remarks

Whichever candidate is elected will have a short time to serve before they are up for re-election again in November. Sink said she would spend her time working with FEMA on flood insurance. Jolly agreed with Sink that flood insurance reform should be a priority. But he added that constituent service had to be a major task.

"Young served for 43 years and he took care of Pinellas County," he said.

Overby said he would focus on simplifying the tax code and getting taxes and spending down.

"If flood insurance is on a four-year hold, it can wait," he said. "I want to make sure to keep as much money in the pockets of the people as possible."

Sink said she wanted to go to Washington to be the voice for Pinellas County.

"I would be honored to serve as your congresswoman," she said.

Overby said he had spent a year working with the community to find out what the people want.

"I'm not part of the political machine," he said. "I'm not part of a party I have to answer to. I can do what the people want."

Jolly said it was not easy to put yourself up before the public when you run for office. He said he would take his core values to Washington.

"I want less regulation and less taxes for the people in Pinellas County."

For more information on the candidates, visit davidjolly.com, lucasoverby.com or alexforcongress.com.

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including how to spell the word "the."

"I would give more confidence to the citizens of Seminole that there wouldn't be confusion," Plantamura said.

She suggested putting names of volunteers in a hat and pulling them out to fill the remaining spots on the committee.

Moving forward, the council will suggest areas for the committee to review and discuss prior to its first meeting, which has yet to be determined.

In other action items, the council:

- Approved the use of Capital Improvement Project funds for the rehabilitation of storm water conveyance piping adjacent to Pineapple Road, 72nd Terrace, 121st Street and 112th Street. The city set aside \$195,000 in CIP funds for the project, which will rehabilitate the failing pipes identified by the city's Public Works Department with a Cured in Place Pipe and minor joint repairs.

The pipe restoration will cost the city \$177,076. The city was

able to piggyback on a Pinellas County contract with Layne Inliner LLC.

"To my memory, we haven't spent money on storm water pipe lines in at least five years," Waters said.

City Manager Frank Edmunds said that only spot repairs have been made in recent years.

- Authorized the sale of beer and wine by the Rotary Club of Seminole at the Pow Wow Kick-off Party at City Park on Saturday, March 1. This is the first time this free kick-off event will be held at City Park.

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spring training baseball games planned. The first game is Friday, March 21 in Port Charlotte, where the Toronto Blue Jays will take on the Tampa Bay Rays. The second game is Thursday, March 27 in Lakeland as the Atlanta Braves take on the Detroit Tigers. Both trips leave from the Rec Center, 9100 113th St N.

The cost for the Rays' game is \$30 for Rec Center members and \$35 for nonmembers. The cost for the Tigers' game is \$34 for members and \$39 for nonmembers. Cost includes transportation, ticket and parking.

Call Kristyn at 391-8345 for more information.

### Seminole Stampede set March 22

SEMINOLE - The Seminole Stampede 5K and 1-mile run will be held Saturday, March 22, 8 a.m., at Walsingham Park, 12615 102nd Ave.

Those interested in signing up can stop by the Chamber office, 7985 113th St. N., Suite 208, call 392-3245 to have an application emailed or register online at www.active.com.

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## Students of the Month



Photo courtesy of GENE STERN

Seminole Lake Rotary Club named Osceola Fundamental High School students Ethan Grantges and Emily Harris as students of the month. Grantges, who has a GPA of 4.6, is a member of the National Honor Society and is on the principal's list. He is also a member of the championship varsity swim team and volunteers at the St. Paul United Methodist Church Youth Group. He plans to attend the University of Central Florida where he will major in mechanical engineering. Harris, with a GPA of 4.4, has been on the Principal's List and Honor Roll and has received Academic Letters for the past three years. She works at local children's camps tutoring first graders struggling with reading skills. She also participates on the bowl, culinary and juggling teams. Recently accepted to Johnson & Wales Charlotte, she plans to earn a degree in culinary and food service management. Also pictured is principal Michael Bohnet.

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candidates on their feet."

Seminole City Councilor Chris Burke also commended the break from "the usual debate format," particularly the lightning section.

"You didn't just get the candidates up there going, 'Blah blah blah,'" he said, which kept the audience more engaged.

Of the many topics discussed, different issues resonated with different attendees.

Camille Christian, a student at SPC, of Safety Harbor, was very interested in what the candidates had to say on the issue of financial aid for college and immigration law. But she was disappointed they didn't spend more time discussing legalizing marijuana.

Corey Harpin of Clearwater agreed that student loans were a hot topic of the night.

"We need to reform the way funds are given out so students can afford to go to school," he said.

But he wishes the candidates had spent more time discussing education reform overall.

"I have a 14-month-old son at home," he said. "The decisions we make today are going to affect him."

An operations manager at a manufacturing factory, Harpin also felt that the topic of expanding manufacturing jobs in the county and supporting small, local businesses should have been discussed.

Though AARP members each have their own set of interests, all can appreciate discussions on social security, healthcare and Medicaid, Johnson said.

But one question he thinks candidates should have answered at the debate: "How can people currently working ever afford to retire?"

It's an important question to consider, he said, with "pensions going away" and an unstable economy.

Burke wishes "more time was spent on the goals for District 13. We didn't get any of their thoughts on the topic."

Two issues stood out for Seminole City Councilor Patricia Plantamura: immigration reform and healthcare.

Immigrants enrich both America's culture and its economy, she said. "Statistical data shows that immigrants are business creators. They're consumers. They're living in homes. They're a wonderful aspect of life in this country."

She added, "It's a non-partisan issue. Congress just needs to get it done."

As for the candidates themselves, Burke felt there was no clear winner in the debate.

"Each candidate won on different topics," he said.

Undecided on which candidate to support, he said he came to Monday's debate "curious to see who they are and what they have to say."

"I liked David Jolly's answer on being from Pinellas County," Burke said. "I think he won on the local versus carpetbagging debate."

As for Sink, she "overstated her bipartisanship," Burke said, and "lost time where she could have been more specific" on various issues.

He was also impressed by Overby, whom he didn't know much about prior to the debate.

"He was very well-spoken and informed on the issues," he said.

Swick, a Democrat who supports Jolly, agrees.

"The young man, the libertarian, did a very fine job," he said. "I liked his poise and his strength of fact."

Everything he said was backed up by facts." He added, "I didn't appreciate Sink. It seemed like she was hogging up the time."

Christian, initially an undecided voter, didn't know much about any of the candidates prior to the debate.

"I thought all three candidates had something good to say," she said.

But now she supports Sink, she said. "She seemed very sincere and I appreciated that she shared her personal experiences."

Harpin was also undecided going into the debate and left it "fairly confident" that he will vote for Sink.

"I really liked her," he said, "and how she stayed on topic. I was taken aback by the runaround Jolly gave us. I didn't feel like he gave very direct answers" on issues like the Affordable Care Act.

Plantamura, a supporter of Sink before the debate, was also "not very happy with Jolly's answer on the Affordable Care Act." Because of the ACA, she's had healthcare since Jan. 1, she said.

"Republican or Democrat - this is a bipartisan benefit," she said. "I was very disappointed in Mr. Jolly's shallow answer."

As for the debate as a whole, Plantamura said SPC has a lot to be proud of.

"This whole event is a feather in the cap of the city of Seminole," she said.

SPC Seminole's provost, Dr. James Olliver, said the school and its Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions, were honored to host the event.

"St. Petersburg College always welcomes the opportunity to be a community partner," he said. "And promoting civic engagement is one of the Institute's primary missions. Debating the policy issues, followed by informed voting, is what democracy is all about."

## Here and There

### Military officers to meet

PINELLAS PARK - The St. Petersburg chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will meet Friday, Feb. 21, at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd.

Social hour will begin at 11 a.m., followed by lunch and a short program.

Military officers that are retired, active duty or former officers and their spouses or widows are invited to attend.

For reservations, call Bill Bolin at 584-1595.

### Military wives to meet

PINELLAS PARK - The Military Officers Wives Club will meet Tuesday, Feb. 11, at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd.

Social hour will begin at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch at 12:15 p.m. Kara Beck will present a program on accessorizing clothing.

All former, retired or active duty military spouses, their widows, and former, retired or active duty female officers are invited to attend. Reservations are required. Call 397-4146 or 399-1272.

### Silverliners to meet

ST. PETERSBURG - The Florida Gulf Coast chapter of Eastern Airlines Silverliners International will meet Tuesday, Feb. 18, 1 p.m., at the 400 Beach Seafood Restaurant, 400 Beach Drive NE.

Silverliners is an organization composed of former flight attendants for Eastern Airlines. The group also invites former flight attendants of other airlines to join.

For membership information, call Barbara Reed at 813-671-3078 or Janice Henry at 813-837-4312.

Visit [www.TBNweekly.com](http://www.TBNweekly.com)

### American Legion hosts weekly events

SEMINOLE - American Legion Post 252, 11433 Park Blvd., holds a cookout every Saturday and Sunday at the Tiki bar from 1 to 5 p.m. Breakfast is held the first Sunday of every month from 8 to 11 a.m. and the monthly spaghetti dinner is held the first Tuesday of each month from 5 to 7 p.m.

The dining room is open to the public. Legion membership is required to purchase alcohol.

For more information, call 391-6324.

### Children's martial arts program offered

SEMINOLE - The Holland G. Mangum Recreational Complex, 9100 113th St. N., offers a martial arts program for children ages 5 through 12 on Mondays, 6:45 to 7:30 p.m.

Master Ryan Dean, a 7th degree black belt Okinawan instructor who teaches at the Dojo Academy in Largo, leads classes.

Cost is \$45 per month for members and \$67.50 per month for nonmembers.

For more information, call 391-8345.

### Kiwanis Club of Seminole meets weekly

SEMINOLE - The Kiwanis Club of Seminole meets Thursdays, 5 p.m., at Lake Seminole Square's Roskamp Auditorium, 8333 Seminole Blvd.

For more information, call Steve Zazzaro at 432-3544.

### Free West Coast Swing dance lessons offered

SEMINOLE - Free West Coast Swing dance lessons are offered on Fridays, 6 p.m., at Crystal Blue Ballroom, 10527 Park Blvd. N.

Lessons are free for anyone under the age of 30. Call Renee at 698-0171 for more information.

### Youth basketball league registration underway

SEMINOLE - Registration for the City of Seminole Recreation Division's annual youth basketball league will run through the last week of January.

Registration is open for boys and girls 9- to 14-

years-old. The season runs from January through May.

Cost for the league is \$80 for recreation members and \$120 for nonmembers.

There also will be a noncompetitive instructional basketball program for children 7- and 8-years-old.

The cost for this program is \$40 for recreation members and \$60 for nonmembers.

The basketball program is also looking for volunteer basketball coaches.

Call 397-6085 or visit [www.myseminole.com](http://www.myseminole.com) for more information.

### Kiwanis Breakfast Club meets Tuesday mornings

SEMINOLE - The Kiwanis Breakfast Club of Seminole meets Tuesdays at 7:15 a.m. in the third floor card room at Lake Seminole Square, 8333 Seminole Blvd.

On the second, third and fourth Tuesdays of the month, the group features speakers from different organizations.

Visit [kiwanisseminolebreakfast.com](http://kiwanisseminolebreakfast.com) or call 319-8343 for more information.

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### Happy birthday!



Janet Potter Cunningham celebrated her 100th birthday Jan. 25. She shared her cake with other residents of Wright's Nursing and Rehab Center in Seminole. Cunningham was born in the Panama Canal Zone and was carried over the empty canal on a swinging bridge. Water wasn't put into the canal for several months after her birth. She is the mother of three sons and one daughter - all raised in the Canal Zone - the grandmother of 10, the great-grandmother of 12 and the great-great-grandmother of one.

Photo courtesy of JUDI CUNNINGHAM

### Locks of Love



Photo courtesy of PATRICK MCKINNEY

Emme Liptak, a seventh-grader at Seminole Middle School, cut her hair at Euphoria Salon in St. Petersburg on Jan. 29, and was able to donate 10 inches to Locks of Love.

## Eagle Scout recognized by Sons of the American Revolution

SEMINOLE - Eagle Scout Nathan Johnson, son of Dan and Cindy Johnson of Seminole, was presented with an Eagle Scout Certificate of Recognition from the Clearwater chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution for outstanding leadership and citizenship as demonstrated by his attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout.

SAR compatriot Art Hays presented the certificate at a court of honor awards ceremony for Troop 355 on Jan. 27 at Oakhurst United Methodist Church in Seminole, which has sponsored the troop for over 39 years.

Nathan joined Cub Scout Pack 355 in 2003 and advanced to Boy Scout Troop 355 in 2009. He has earned 32 merit badges and participated in many troop camping trips and other outdoor activities. He has camped out over 50 days in Florida and North Carolina. He has achieved the Boy Scout World Conservation Award and is committed to preserving and improving our environment.

His Eagle Scout leadership service project involved planning, organizing and constructing a wheelchair accessible pathway from the parking lot to the barn at the Horses for Handicapped Foundation of Pinellas County, located in Seminole.

He also constructed a specially designed gate that allowed the convenience of easy access for



Photo by DAN JOHNSON

Eagle Scout Nathaniel Johnson and SAR compatriot Art Hays.

those feeding the horses, while providing for safety in preventing the horses from escaping. This Foundation, supported by the Kiwanis Club, promotes and teaches recreational horseback riding to the handicapped.

Nathan is a junior at Seminole High School, where he is a mem-

ber of the Key Club. He is also a member of the Gulf Coast soccer team.

Nathan's passion is with volunteering to help people with special needs. He has helped with Special Olympics and has coached his sister's special needs soccer team.

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- Get an overview of tourism and economic development.
- Tour the Pinellas County Jail.
- Get a behind-the-scenes look at Supervisor of Elections.

Class enrollment is limited. Classes meet Thursdays, usually from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Tuition for PCU is \$35 which includes a class shirt, all course materials, graduation ceremony

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# Eight to run for Latvala's seat

Longtime commissioner announces she won't seek re-election in November

By SUZETTE PORTER

**CLEARWATER** – In a surprise move, longtime Pinellas County Commissioner Susan Latvala announced Jan. 28 that she is not seeking reelection in November.

Latvala had previously announced that she would run to keep her job representing District 4. Her name still appears with seven others as announced on the Supervisor of Elections website.

After much soul-searching, Latvala said Jan. 28, "I've decided not to seek re-election."

She said her "kids were in high school" when she first ran for election.

"Now they are 35 and 36 and fixing to give me a grandchild," she said.

Latvala became somewhat emotional as she made her surprise announcement. She said serving on the commission was the "greatest honor of my life."

"You will be missed, but family is No. 1," said Commissioner John Morroni – one of the first to speak after a moment of shocked silence. "You will be missed."

"It was a real honor to serve with you," Commissioner Ken Welch added. "I really am bummed out now."

Commission Chair Karen Seel said, "I'm bummed out too and a little surprised, but family comes first."

Seel added that serving on

the commission often means that family has to come second.

Seel made public Latvala's engagement to Jay Powers when she congratulated the couple at a recent commission meeting.

### Race for District 4 seat

If Latvala had stayed in the race, she likely would have faced several competitors in the Aug. 26 Republican primary, as Scott Fisher, Timothy Kefalas and Wanda Kimsey had already announced they would run. So far, only Jack McAdoo has announced for the Democrats. Two other announced candidates, Dustan Showers and Marcus Harrison, are not affiliated with any party.

Since Latvala dropped out of the race, two more Republicans have jumped in. Johnny Johnson Jr. is a new name on the list of announced on the Supervisor of Elections website. Former County Commissioner Neil Brickfield posted on his Facebook page that he was jumping into the race as of Jan. 31. Brickfield brings the list of announced candidates to eight – five Republicans, one Democrat and two NPs. Brickfield represented District 1 on the commission from 2008 to 2012.

Latvala was one of four commissioners targeted by a group of citizens in what was com-

monly referred to as the "eight is enough" lawsuit. The citizens claimed the commission's longest-serving members were in violation of term limits approved by referendum in 1996 but never implemented. The state Supreme Court ruled term limits unconstitutional before they were ever added to the Pinellas County Charter.

In the end, a Circuit Court judge ruled in favor of the commissioners. His opinion concurred with the county attorney's that a 2012 Supreme Court decision on term limits could not be applied retroactively in Pinellas. Latvala, Seel, Welch and Morroni are free to run for election as many times as they want.

Morroni, who also was elected to the commission in 2000, has announced his bid for reelection in November. Two others have announced a run for the District 6 seat – fellow Republican Thomas Rask and Libertarian of Florida candidate Jack Harris.

Commissioner Norm Roche is seeking a second term representing District 2 in November. Fellow Republican Ed Hooper has announced that he is running and Largo Mayor Pat Gerard, a Democrat, also has announced.

Potential candidates still must qualify during the qualifying period in May and June.

### Long career of service

Latvala was first elected to serve District 4 on the county



Screenshot by SUZETTE PORTER  
Pinellas County Commissioner Susan Latvala holds back the tears as she tells fellow commissioners she is not seeking re-election during a Jan. 28 commission meeting.

commission in 2000. Prior to that, starting in 1992, she served two terms on the Pinellas County School Board. She is currently the commission's vice-chair, and by tradition, most likely would have been picked to serve as chair next year.

Latvala currently serves as the chair of Tampa Bay Water. She is chair of the MPO's School Transportation Safety Committee, the county's Business Technology Services Board, the Consolidated Justice Information Systems Committee and Prescription Drug Task Force. She is a member of

the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority Board and the county's Health and Human Services Coordinating Council.

She is past chair of the Tourist Development Council, Economic Development Council, Public Safety Coordinating Council and the county's Value Adjustment Board. She is a former member of the county's Charter Review Commission.

She has served on many statewide boards, and is currently an executive board member for the Florida Association of Counties. She also serves on the board of a number of local civic organizations.

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**Feather Sound Board announces vacancy**

Résûmés are now being accepted for a one-year appointment to the Feather Sound Community Services District Board. Feather Sound Community Services District Inc. is a nonprofit corporation organized for the purpose of providing street lighting as well as the acquisition, development and maintenance of recreational areas and green space for the residents of Feather Sound. The services are funded by property taxes assessed annually within the Feather Sound municipal services taxing district.

The board is composed of seven volunteer members from the Feather Sound community. Each member is nominated by a Pinellas County commissioner and is appointed by the Board of County Commissioners.

Applicants must reside within and be registered to vote in the Feather Sound municipal services taxing district.

Résûmés must be received no later than the close of business day on Friday, Feb. 28. County Commissioners will review all résûmés and make their selection at the Commission meeting on Tuesday, March 18.

Email résûmés to [blowack@pinellascounty.org](mailto:blowack@pinellascounty.org), or mail to Pinellas County Commissioners, Pinellas County Courthouse, Fifth Floor, 315 Court St., Clearwater, FL 33756.



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**Pinellas Citizen University students take part in an EMS first responder exercise.**

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**2014 recycling directory now available**

CLEARWATER - The new Recycle Today: 2014 Pinellas County Recycling Directory is available. The directory includes the latest information about how to recycle in Pinellas County including local options for recycling cans, glass bottles, plastics #1-7, paper, yard waste, cardboard, electronics, chemicals and motor oil.

Find out the new recycling options that are now available in Pinellas County. Many municipal recycling programs have been im-

proved and citizens are encouraged to check for the changes in their municipality.

Citizens can pick up a free copy at local libraries, Nature's Food Patch or Pinellas County drop-off recycling centers. The directory may be viewed online at [www.pinellascounty.org/recycle](http://www.pinellascounty.org/recycle).

Recycle Today is published by the Solid Waste Division of Pinellas County's Department of Environment and Infrastructure each year to make recycling easier by providing detailed and updated information on local programs, including:

- How to participate in recycling programs offered in the 24 municipalities plus the unincorporated areas of Pinellas County
- Where to drop off household hazardous waste such as TVs, computers or paint

- How to prepare items for recycling
  - Where to pick up free recycled mulch
  - How to access the online A to Z Guide for Recycling and Disposal (listing over 350 items)
  - Answers to the most frequently asked questions about recycling
  - Suggestions for businesses to handle their hazardous waste
  - How to request A Cutting Waste at Work Assessment to increase your business recycling
  - How to request Pinellas County's Recyclin' Roadie, a brightly painted mobile recycling trailer, for your next event
  - Dates and locations of recycling events for the whole family
- To learn more about recycling, visit [www.pinellascounty.org/recycle](http://www.pinellascounty.org/recycle) or call 464-7500.

**Pinellas County honors local veteran**

ST. PETERSBURG - Vietnam veteran and local artist Mike Willis was recently honored by the Pinellas County Veterans Service Office.

Willis attends the Bay Pines Veterans art therapy group and volunteered to create a painting, which represented pride and patriotism.

"Sometimes ideas come through based upon how my week has gone and is a way of me bringing out those emotions and creativity," said Willis. "I had never worked on a piece this large so this was a real challenge."

After starting the project, Willis said, "Even the size of the canvas could not contain all of the thoughts and emotions that went into this. I wanted to get it just right as a memorial to my fellow servicemen and women. This was

truly a work of the heart." The painting is displayed in the Health and Community/Veterans

Services offices in St. Petersburg. For more information, visit [www.pinellascounty.org/veterans](http://www.pinellascounty.org/veterans).



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**Recognizing the contribution of veterans are, from left, Zeffery Mims, Veterans Service officer; artist Mike Willis; Mike Hill, Veterans Service officer; Raina Holliday, Veterans Services manager; Mike Dowling, Veterans Service officer and Scott Glaeser, Veterans Service officer.**

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# Senate says no to flood insurance rate hikes

By SUZETTE PORTER

Pinellas County residents received a glimmer of hope last week that at least some relief may be coming to combat the unintended consequences of reform on the National Flood Insurance Program.

The U.S. Senate approved by a vote of 67-32 Jan. 30 legislation proposed by Florida Sen. Bill Nelson. According to a press release from Nelson's office, the bill will delay many of the flood insurance rate increases for four years, during which time FEMA would be required to study the affordability of the policies and re-evaluate the accuracy of new flood maps.

Pinellas has been described as "ground zero" due to the number of properties affected by sky-high flood insurance rate hikes due to implementation of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012. Horror stories about monstrous rate increases have been told for months. The real estate industry is reeling. Government officials are concerned that property values could plummet.

Pinellas County Commissioner Chair Karen Seel recently took a trip to Washington, D.C., to try to get federal lawmakers to understand the problems flood insur-

ance reform was causing local residents. She reported at a recent commission meeting that she believed the trip did some good, which may be true – at least in the Senate.

"We are finally coming to the point at which we can grant homeowners and businesses some relief from the huge, gargantuan – sometimes tenfold – increases in flood insurance premiums," Nelson said in a press release.

Nelson and fellow Democrat Sen. Mary Landrieu from Louisiana took the lead in asking for a rate-hike delay. Congress provided some relief for some of the affected homeowners when it passed the \$1.1 trillion government-funding bill in December, Nelson said.

The bill prevents the government from spending money this fiscal year to enforce higher premiums on homeowners due to the new flood maps. It also gives FEMA 60 days to provide Congress with a report on ways to keep rates more affordable.

But the budget bill's requirements were only a partial solution, Nelson said. Legislation passed Jan. 30 attempts to provide greater relief.

Nelson pointed out that the

measure still must pass the House where tea party members have said they intend to defeat it.

Gov. Rick Scott applauded the Senate's action and released a statement Thursday evening.

"I would like to thank the bipartisan coalition of members in the U.S. Senate for their leadership and support on passing legislation to delay increases in flood insurance premiums for Floridians," Scott said. "Florida has clearly been a donor state to the National Florida Insurance Program by contributing \$16 billion over the last three decades, which is nearly four times the amount that Florida homeowners have received back in claims.

"This legislation, while not perfect, will provide relief to Florida families who have been disproportionately targeted by these unfair federal flood insurance rate hikes. I encourage their colleagues in the House to also support this common sense measure."

The Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber, which has been very active in efforts to get relief from the negative effects of flood insurance reform, sent out an update after the Senate vote.

"It will be a challenge to get it passed by the U.S. House and signed by the President," the email said. "Both House Speaker (John) Boehner and President Obama have made it clear that they do not support a delay."

In addition, none of the proposed relief measures applies to commercial property.

For more information, visit [www.tampabaybeaches.com/chamber/flood.aspx](http://www.tampabaybeaches.com/chamber/flood.aspx).

Watch a video of Nelson's remarks at [youtu.be/HToz7x4ixqc](http://youtu.be/HToz7x4ixqc).

Congress passed the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 to try to stabilize the finances of NFIP, which has been in the red since Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

# County approves amendments to animal services ordinance

By SUZETTE PORTER

CLEARWATER – Pinellas County's dog breeders might want to take extra measures to make sure their animals aren't caught roaming.

An amendment to the county's animal services ordinance requires any dog found "at large" and impounded for a second time within two years to be sterilized at the owner's expense.

Pinellas County Commissioners approved several amendments to the ordinance Jan. 28. Several of the changes were required to bring the county's rules on dangerous animals in line with state law. County rules cannot be more restrictive than state law. Other amendments applied to local rules.

Commissioner Norm Roche was the only commissioner to vote no. Commissioner Charlie Justice was absent.

Roche supported the changes that addressed state law, but he was opposed to the amendment that requires sterilization for dogs caught at large and the reduced hold times at the shelter. He prefers waiting under a much "larger conversation" settles the question of a possible new trap, neuter, vaccinate and release program. In addition, a passionate group of animal activists continues to advocate implementing mandatory sterilization for all the county's dogs and cats.

Staff had first proposed that dogs found roaming that had not been spayed or neutered be sterilized at the owner's expense the first time they were caught. After hearing arguments from the public, the rule was changed to allow owners to be warned the first time.

Some breeders remain opposed to the law, saying that circumstances leading to a dog getting loose could be beyond their control. Sterilization of a dog meant for breeding could be devastating to their operation.

County staff pointed out that many shelters do mandatory sterilization on the first occurrence.

"In discussions with the county attorney's office, it was felt that an appropriate warning at the time of the first impound was both reasonable and fair," a staff report said.

Staff said that the changes to the reclaim hold time would ensure that owners had adequate time to reclaim their animals while assuring that animals are not held in a shelter environment longer than necessary.

The thinking is that the faster an animal can be moved through the shelter process, the quicker they can be reclaimed or adopted, minimizing the chance of becoming diseased.

Impounded animals with a license or other

owner identification will be held for at least seven days. The day of impoundment counts as the first day.

Dogs without identification age 16 weeks or older will be held four days. Puppies under 16 weeks will be held two days. Litters of puppies will be held one day. Cats without identification age 16 weeks or older will be held three days. Kittens under 16 weeks will be held one day.

Several people spoke against the change in hold times, saying it was just a way to fast track more animals being euthanized. Others were concerned about the reduced time for owners to reclaim.

Several speakers complained about conditions at the county's SPCA. They said the county's director of animal services was being "mentored" by SPCA's director, who they say is responsible for deteriorating conditions at both facilities. Since SPCA is a partner with Animal Services, staff was asked to look into the matter.

"We appreciate your passion," Commission chair Karen Seel told the audience. "All of us have or have had a dog or cat, and we love them as well."

County Administrator Bob LaSala said an independent investigation of misdeeds, including one involving drugs, at Animal Services had been done. The public at previous meetings had brought the alleged problems to the commission's attention.

LaSala said the investigation showed a misunderstanding of policy that had been corrected. He said nothing "unethical, immoral or illegal" was found.

In other business, commissioners:

- Approved an ordinance amending the county-wide rules relating to preservation of industrial lands.
- Approved consideration of settlements in two legal matters.
- Approved advertising of a Feb. 11 public hearing on a proposed change to county code governing purchasing and contracting.
- Approved an interlocal agreement with the state Department of Health to provide preventative care for residents that do not qualify for government-sponsored health coverage.
- Approved financial commitments for two potential economic development projects. One project could result in 62 jobs paying 150 percent above the state's annual average. The second could produce 105 jobs paying 200 percent above the state's annual wage.
- Listened to a complaint from a Seminole business owner about code enforcement's handling of a sign matter.

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# She wanted to get away but escape was futile

Males fight over females, right? This is hard to confirm at sea with dolphins. It can be hard to verify that dolphins are fighting rather than engaging in other lively but non-hostile activities.



## Dolphin Watch

Ann Weaver

Fighting makes a lot of splashing that obscures opponent identities. But there are clear moments when you can identify males fighting over a female. If you take her perspective, you see that her options are limited.

A shy female we call WR was at the center of huge skirmishes in 2013, two in summer and two around Christmas. I hope she had a break in between.

The biggest fight was on July 4. The elements set the stage. Stormy eastern skies were sapphire blue. The setting sun shown like a spotlight on the green and beige islands of John's Pass, crowded with people, ice chests and volleyball nets instead of resting birds.

The dolphin fight started abruptly. It would include a dozen bulls before it was over but it was mainly six, all healthy in body and appetite. Three started throwing serious punches right away. That is, they thrashed each other with their powerful peduncles until the scene resembled a cartwheel tournament.

WR was generally embroiled in a mating mob of three or four writhing bulls.

Each bull exerted great effort to mate but prevent others from mating by thrusting himself between any dolphins that drew their bodies together, sometimes with audible thuds. Nearby, milling bulls snorted their discontent.

To avoid the males, WR floated at the surface on her back as long as she could, her white belly luminous against dispassionate sapphire skies. Inevitably, a bulky bull slammed down on her and she vanished in the lather of struggle. Again and again, males appeared and dove on her, shoving each other aside and skidding back into the fray.

Their battle barks and growls attracted more males until there were scuffles all around. The ocean's commotion drew the people from their ice chests to stand in ankle-deep water and watch until the skies were aflame with fireworks.

The summer fighting over WR went for three weeks until she left the study area. Then, in that enchanting trend among our local dolphins, she returned in the fall as her mother J gave birth to this year's calf. She was still with Scarface and his buddy Gazio. They must have won

the bull battles over her.

Around Christmas, they encountered local rivals determined to test their mettle.

Capt. John Heidemann turned our boat into a northern cove in our study area just as a dolphin fight ended. We caught the last two tail whips. As we headed over, local boys Scrapefin and Ski headed out, slowly swimming 5 feet apart in the stately unison of dolphins on display.

It had been quite a fight, indicated by the large mud plumes that dotted the area, which fighting dolphins usually create, and the many people on their balconies, now glaring as if the dolphin fight stopped because of us.

Meanwhile, the vanquished had escaped underwater. Outside the cove, WR was alternately accompanied by pairs of bulls, the larger bulls Scrapefin and Ski harrying the younger bull pair Scarface and Gazio.

The younger bulls' bond is fairly new but showed one characteristic of bonded bulls: One bull tends to be bolder. Today Scarface was bolder, shoving Scrapefin back while Gazio swam the sidelines.

It was hard to tell WR's preferences. She acted like a compliant dance partner traded between partners. Then we saw that she wanted to get away - but escape was futile.

Three times, she rocketed out of the jostling bullpen at her greatest speed, racing a hundred yards underwater and then skimming over it to catch her breath and continue her escape. She has the unique physical advantage of being able to empty and refill her lungs in a fraction of a second. But like you, a dolphin can only give it her all as long as she can and then must slow to catch her breath. This gives the other dolphins time to catch up.

Time and again, we watched her sprint away vigorously and her companions follow unswervingly. Finally, she, Scarface and Gazio ducked down a convenient canal. Competitors Scrapefin and Ski seemed to lose interest. They continued past the panting escapee to toy with some teens down the way. But they would be back.

The next week was an instant replay. Again, we got to the same cove just in time to see distance dolphins give the final tail whips amid telltale mud plumes indicating a serious skirmish. This time, we saw one of the dolphins shoot out of the group, rocket under our boat and blast another hundred yards out of the cove. There was no telling who it was. But as its followers charged past and we identified Scrapefin, Ski, Scarface and Gazio, we knew the fleeing dolphin was



Photo by ANN WEAVER

Dolphins sometimes leave the water to avoid the bites or blows of other dolphins, as skirmishing bottlenose dolphins demonstrate during a winter clash.

little lady WR.

Outside, the two sets of bulls caught up and alternately accompanied WR. When temporarily ousted, each pair would arch over the surface in patent display, once even grunting (which is rare).

They circled like whooping Indians until conflict resumed. They fell upon one another in writhing mating mobs, punctuated by cartwheel contests of traded tail-whips and desperately swimming between any two dolphins that drew their bodies together.

Eventually, a large yacht came by and the competitors surfed away. We have not seen WR or her companions since. Her tormentors Scrapefin and Ski remain here. For her sake, I hope they do.

Dr. Weaver studies wild dolphins under federal permit 16299, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Send her an email at [annstats54@gmail.com](mailto:annstats54@gmail.com) or visit her website [www.goodnaturestatistics.com](http://www.goodnaturestatistics.com). NOAA advises anyone who sees a stranded dolphin in the Gulf of Mexico to call 877-942-5343 or 877-433-8299.

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Biz notes

**Bark Life Inc. earns award**

SEMINOLE – Bark Life Inc. of Seminole recently earned the 2013 Angie's List Super Service Award. "We are honored once again to have received the Super Service Award," said Mike and Tammy Vasquez. "Our customers are by far the best, to take the time to report their experience with us is the highest compliment. We strive to give the best customer service whether it's shopping for pet food and such or having their pets groomed in our salon or mobile." "Only about 5 percent of the companies Bark Life Inc. competes with in Seminole/Tampa Bay are able to earn our Super Service Award," said Angie Hicks in a press release. Hicks is the founder of Angie's List. "It's a mark of consistently great customer service." Angie's List Super Service Award 2013 winners have met strict eligibility requirements, which include an "A" rating in overall grade, and review period grade. The company must be in good standing with Angie's List, have a fully complete profile, pass a background check and abide by Angie's List operational guidelines.

**Ribbon-cutting events set**

MADEIRA BEACH – Two ribbon-cutting ceremonies will take place Thursday, Feb. 6, 5:15 p.m., at John's Pass Village. The first ribbon cutting will celebrate the grand opening of John's Pass Old Fashioned Ice Cream Parlor, 121 129th Ave. E. The establishment will be the only ice cream parlor with indoor seating at the Pass. The second ribbon-cutting immediately follows the first and will celebrate the expansion to the Alligator Attraction, upstairs near the elevators at 12973 Village Blvd. The event will showcase the new stingray touch tank.

Guests may enjoy a free sample of ice cream, and take photos in the child-size wooden ice cream truck cutout. The ice cream parlor also features retro candy, chips, and fountain as well as bottled drinks. There also will be 50 live alligators, ranging in size from 8 inches to 8 feet; koi fish that drink from a baby bottle, and several rescued animals. The Alligator Attraction was featured on Animal Planet's "Tanked." For information, call 243-9528.

**Creative Design Team relocates**

BELLEAIR BLUFFS – The Creative Design Team recently relocated from East Bay Drive to 231 N. Indian Rocks Road. Celebrating 25 years in business, the team includes Ron, Marya, and Shauna Freeman. It all started in 1989 when Marya, then Creative Designs, was asked to design and furnish a home for a Belleair couple who were excited about their new retirement condo. Shortly after, Marya met Ron Flurnoy of Creative Wall Coverings and they joined in marriage and in business thus creating Creative Design Team. "We not only love what we do more importantly, we embrace each client with the highest regard for what they love, what they want, and how they want to feel in their home," said Marya in a press release. "Feeling good inside means the heart space as well as the interior space." Their new inviting location features a custom window treatment salon and design center for

furnishings.

**Hursh joins Synovus**

ST. PETERSBURG – Robert Hursh recently joined Synovus Bank of Florida. Hursh will serve as vice president and senior business banker and will be based at the bank's downtown St. Petersburg banking center, 333 Third Ave. N. He will serve clients throughout Pinellas County. Hursh brings more than 10 years of experience in the financial services industry to his role at Synovus and was most recently vice president and business banker at Regions Bank, St. Petersburg. He earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree in finance from the University of South Florida, Tampa, and has received certification from the Risk Management Association. He serves on the development council at All Children's Hospital and the board of directors of the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America. Hursh is also actively involved with West Florida Boy Scout Troop No. 355 and Camelot Community Care.



Robert Hursh

**Chamber to host Mystique 2014**

PALM HARBOR – The Palm Harbor Chamber of Commerce will present its annual Gala Event Evening Extraordinaire Mystique 2014 Saturday, March 1, 7 p.m., at Innisbrook Golf & Spa Resort, Inverness Hall, 36750 U.S. 19 N. Mystique 2014 is billed as "a red carpet event with sumptuous food, judged by celebrity food critics, live and silent auctions, acoustic entertainment by Jayne Kelli and dancing to live music by The Edisons." Tickets are \$40 in advance and \$45 at the door. Proceeds will benefit Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and Suncoast Hospice Foundation. For reservations, call 784-4287 or visit www.palmharborccc.org.

**Alley Valentine's Stroll set**

BELLEAIR BLUFFS – Antique Alley will host its Valentine's Stroll Tuesday, Feb. 11, 6 to 8 p.m., at 580 N. Indian Rocks Road. Guests will have an opportunity to visit the alley's many charming shops by candlelight, enjoy complimentary chocolate treats and find the perfect gift for their sweetheart. For information, call 581-6585.

**BBA to meet**

BELLEAIR BLUFFS – The Thorn Collection will host the next monthly networking meeting of the Belleair Bluffs Business Association on Thursday, Feb. 13, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., at 598 Indian Rocks Road. Attendees should bring a door prize and may introduce their business to members and their guests. Refreshments will be provided. All are welcome. The mission of the Bluffs Business Association is to promote and improve the business environment, and stimulate a vibrant local economy and enhance the overall quality of life for the residents in Belleair Bluffs and the surrounding communities. For information, call Bonnie Trembulak at 686-8797.

**Bayside Cafe & Grill opens**

CLEARWATER – Bayside Cafe & Grill recently opened its doors in the Bayside Bridge Shopping Plaza, at 1550 N. McMullen Booth Road. Bayside Cafe & Grill serves American cuisine along with Greek dishes, and features an American diner style. The business is currently open for lunch and dinner and will soon be adding breakfast. For information, visit www.baysidecafeandgrill.com.

**Risoldi to visit Agatha Books**

SAFETY HARBOR – Mike Risoldi will be the guest speaker Friday, Feb. 14, 7 p.m., at Agatha Books and Wellbeing, 101 Main St., Suite C. Attendees will have an opportunity to celebrate Valentine's Day by resolve to feel better, live longer, eat smarter and heal faster. The event will be hosted by Mia Marie and Mike Shaluly and is open to everyone. For reservations, call 726-2012 or email sales@agathabooks.com.

**Sipes named chief administrative officer**

CLEARWATER – Janet L. Sipes, a long-time executive and leader in the insurance industry, is AmeriLife's new chief administrative officer. An insurance authority with 19 years of management experience with Aviva USA, which specializes in annuities and life insurance, Sipes will work closely with Gary Jenkins, AmeriLife president and CFO, on driving organizational initiatives and projects, including the effective implementation of corporate strategic goals.



Janet L. Sipes

"Janet's vast experience in both marketing and operations – and her consummate familiarity with annuities – makes her uniquely suited to join AmeriLife's Executive Team," said Jenkins in a press release. "Her expertise and experience add yet another level of exceptionalism to a powerful leadership team that has built AmeriLife into the nation's premier marketing group." Sipes, educated at Pikeville Methodist College, Kentucky, and Emporia State University, Kansas, began her career in banking before joining Aviva as a marketing director with its American Investors Life in 1994. After several executive assignments with AmerUs, Sipes was named senior vice president of sales and distribution for Aviva in 2006. She was Aviva's vice president of relationship annuities IMO from 2008 until joining AmeriLife in January 2014. Founded in 1971, Clearwater, Florida-based AmeriLife represents more than 30 national insurance carriers; has 16 individual marketing organizations; 35 career agency branch locations; and works with hundreds of thousands of independent insurance agents across the country.

**Writers' workshop held Feb. 15**

LARGO – In observance of Florida's Professional Writers Week Feb. 10 to 16, the Bay Area Professional Writers Guild announces a one-day, no-frills, nitty-gritty, bare-bones, brown-bag writers workshop to be held on Saturday, Feb. 15, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Minnreg Hall, 6340 126th Ave. N. The workshop, featuring some of the area's top professional freelance writers, will focus on the facts of life in today's publishing environment. Presenters will offer specific how-to advice on getting published and getting paid for it. Attendees will receive detailed handouts and ques-

tion and answer periods will follow each presentation. Admission is \$25 or \$35 at the door, space permitting. Coffee and snacks will be provided during registration. An on-site restaurant offers reasonably priced lunches. Space is limited so early reservation is advised. Checks or money orders should be made out to the Bay Area Professional Writers Guild and sent to Rick Rhodes, 360 Mount Oak Ave. NE., St. Petersburg, FL 33702. Include your name, address, phone and email with reservation. Check should be dated and mailed by Monday, Feb. 10 to ensure the discount. For more information, call president Steve Traman at 363-7531 or visit www.bapwg.org.

**Extension offers landscape services certification classes**

LARGO – Anyone providing landscape services in Pinellas County must complete Best Management Practices training and obtain a vehicle decal for landscape maintenance per Pinellas County fertilizer and landscaping ordinance #10-06. This requirement includes all employees who use mowers, edgers, leaf blowers or other landscaping equipment. The requirement also includes tree service employees.

Pinellas County waters are experiencing a decline in water quality as a result of excess nutrient loading through stormwater runoff. Nutrients from fertilizers and landscape debris are major contributors to water pollution.

Pinellas County is dedicated to addressing water pollution throughout the county, and education of the industry service professionals is key to improving water quality in Pinellas County and Tampa Bay. The Pinellas County Extension offers Landscape BMP certification classes monthly. Classes are offered in English and in Spanish. The class cost is \$15. To see a class schedule and register for a class session, visit www.LandscapeBMP.eventbrite.com.

For more information about the countywide fertilizer and landscape maintenance ordinance, visit www.pinellascounty.org/fertilizer or call 464-4425. Spanish speakers needing assistance with registration can call 464-4605.

**Networking group breaks record**

DUNEDIN – As the Success Alliance chapter of Business Network International enters its eighth year, it has again broken a record in passing more than \$5 million in business revenue for its members in the last 12 months. The Dunedin chapter had more than 1,300 visitors to the chapter, and 20,000 business referrals passed between members, resulting in more than \$16 million in closed business since the chapter's inception in October 2006.

Success Alliance will be recognized during International Networking Week, Feb. 3-7, with a Proclamation by Dunedin's Mayor or City Commissioner to acknowledge the chapter and raise awareness of networking in the community. The chapter leaders have invited many local dignitaries, members of Chamber Groups, Rotaries and Women's Groups. BNI supports all networking groups and encourages their members to network together.

Success Alliance invites business professionals to attend its meetings. Meetings are Tuesdays, 7:15 to 9 a.m., in the DuBois Center on the campus of Our Lady Of Lourdes Catholic Church, 750 San Salvador Drive in Dunedin. Each meeting includes open networking for all in attendance and formal introduction to the current members. The cost is \$10 a person and includes a catered continental breakfast.

For information, email Carrie Jannazo at carrie@carlsonmeissner.com or visit www.bnisuccessalliance.com.

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# Chamber hears a forecast of 2014

## Experts discuss health care, the work force, income inequality and energy

By JULIANA A. TORRES

CLEARWATER – Four experts in their field shared their perspectives on the upcoming year to members of the Central Pinellas Chamber of Commerce Jan. 21.

The breakfast program, this year dubbed Focus on 2014: A Tampa Bay Economic Forecast, is an annual event for the Largo-based chamber, held at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort in Clearwater Beach.

Ed Peachey, president and CEO of WorkNet Pinellas and the Tampa Bay Workforce Alliance, spoke first, sharing current statistics on the growth of the local work force. The slow but steady growth likely would continue in the upcoming year, he said.

"I think it's pretty much going to be more of the same. I think unemployment is going to continue to go down. I think we're going to have job growth in all industry sectors except maybe government, being that it's an election year," he explained.

Peachey called for the employers in the room to not leave the task of training tomorrow's work force to colleges and universities.

"We need the employer community to step up and help train that next generation of workers," he said. "We have to create more opportunities for internships and apprenticeships if we're going to build a work force here in Tampa Bay."

### Health care

Carl Patten, director of health care policy for Florida Blue in Jacksonville, discussed the future of health care, much of which hinges on the implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

In general, spending on health care has slowed in recent years, even falling behind the rate of inflation one year, he explained. But that was a result of the recession and the coming year is sure to see an increase in health care spending.

"The question is, to what extent?" Patten said. That would depend on how the continual implementation of the Affordable Care Act plays out and how both advocates and opponents of different aspects of the federal law will fight for, or against, its implementation.

"There are a lot of strange bedfellows and strange enemies that are going to pop up as a result of this," he said.

The Affordable Care Act isn't the end solution to the problem of "the immovable object versus irresistible force," Patten explained. Rising health care costs, particularly Medicare, are up against the immovable fact that "the country typically doesn't want to pay more than 18 percent of GDP in taxes," he said. The obvious solutions – growing the economy or cutting health care services or raising taxes – haven't been working out.

"We're going to have to figure out how to get more value out of the money we spend," Patten said. "We spend \$2.8 trillion a year in health care, far more than any country."

### Energy

Alex Glenn, president of Duke Energy Florida, reviewed the state of energy resources. Overall electricity usage per customer is down, despite the company serving more customers overall, thanks to increasing energy efficiencies,

he said. Glenn discussed the merits and drawbacks of various energy sources Duke Energy continues to pursue. The company currently relies on natural gas – for now a cheap source of energy, but historically the most volatile in cost – for 60 percent of its energy. Projections place shale gas, obtained within the United States through hydraulic fracturing or fracking, as the future source of reliable energy, he said.

Renewable solar energy continues to be an expensive and less effective source – specifically twice as expensive as natural gas, even factoring in reimbursements from government incentives, while only being a fifth as effective, Glenn said.

"The key to success in solar is storage," he added. Duke Energy will continue to invest in ways to store the energy during peak sunshine for use when Tampa Bay customers need the most power, particularly between 6 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 7 p.m., he said.

Glenn also said addressing the area's transportation needs played a part in energy efficiencies, making a plug for the Greenlight Pinellas plan.

"We've got to address our transportation issues. If we don't, we're going to get left behind," he said.

### Income inequality

Philip Porter, economics professor at the University of South Florida, was charged with concluding the event with an economic forecast. He focused almost entirely on the problem of income inequality.

A variety of factors led to the giant gap between the top 1 percent – those who make \$400,000 a year or more – and everyone else, he explained. While globalization had the unforeseen consequence of creating more demand for the county's highly skilled talent and less demand for unskilled workers at home, factors such as tax law changes and the shift to paying CEOs based on the stock of the company rather than its overall success unnecessarily increased the pay of those at the top, Porter said.

The problem now is the top 1 percent includes the members of Congress, who work to create, for example, agricultural subsidies for their income peers – larger companies rather than small farmers who compete directly against them, he said.

Even Social Security is a plan that takes from the majority and gives to the richest age demographic: those 65 or older, Porter said. Even local tax dollars often are used to incentive high earners – like larger businesses or professional sports teams, well stocked with earners in the top 1 percent – to stay or move into the area.

Some income inequality is necessary to incentive those working their way up the ladder with rewards for their hard work, Porter said. But today's inequality is not the result of normal market forces, but rather the 1 percent supporting their own.

"My sense is you make income equality by letting the market take its place," Porter concluded. "You interfere with the market, you get disruptions that look like 11 people vs. 3.5 billion, and that's unsustainable."

# Big Brothers Big Sisters CEO steps down

LARGO – Effective June 27, Susan Rolston will be retiring from the position of CEO for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Pinellas.



Susan Rolston

Rolston has spent her entire career adding potential to the lives of children, first with the Pinellas County School District and then at Big Brothers Big Sisters. She joined the agency in March of 2001.

"I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the board members and executive staff by working together to enrich the lives of children who need us the most," Rolston shared in her retirement announcement to her staff members.

Rolston will leave the agency with a scholarship endowment for graduating Littles, designed to help break generational poverty.

Over the past decade, the agency has accomplished substantial growth in the number of children served under Rolston's leadership, from 400 in 2001 to 1,433 in 2013.

"Being recognized locally and nationally as an evidence-based social service nonprofit that provides high quality mentoring to children is extremely rewarding," Rolston stated. "Reaching that level of achievement in the midst of diversifying revenue sources was a satisfying, yet aggressive challenge."

As a champion for children living in adversity, Rolston expects to stay engaged with local programs and activities that will give children in need the opportunity for a better life.

Dave Fox, president of Big Brothers Big Sisters' Board of Directors and senior vice president of Manufacturing & Advertiser Content at ValPak, thanked Rolston for her leadership on behalf of the board of directors.

"Susan's legacy will continue to further the agency under the steadfast direction of the strong team established during her years of service," he said.

For more information about Big Brothers Big Sisters of Pinellas County call 518-8860 or visit www.bbbspc.org.

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**Reflections winner**

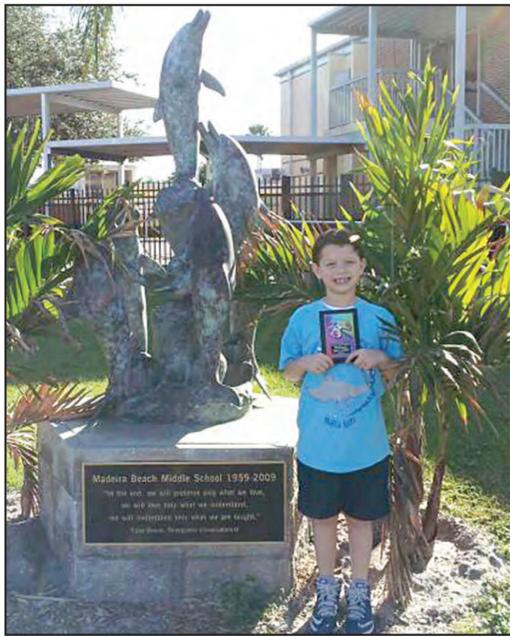


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**Madeira Beach Fundamental School second-grader Jacob Martin has advanced to the state level in the Reflections 2013-14 art competition. Jacob is competing in the visual arts category. Top finishers at the state level will advance to the national level. Reflections is a national program that offers art competition in photography, visual arts, literature, film production, musical composition and dance choreography.**

**Reflections winners**



Three students from Seminole Elementary School will be representing Pinellas County at the state's PTA/PTSA Reflections Program. The students are fourth-grader Rand Tubbs (left) and pre-k students Yair Dezha (center) and Nathan Britt (right). Tubbs won the intermediate division for visual arts. Dezha and Britt both won in the special artist's division for visual arts. The county had more than 320 entries and 72 will move onto the state PTA level. Reflections is a national program that offers categories for visual arts, literature, film production, music composition, dance choreography and photography. The judging for state will take place the end of February. Winners will be notified in March.



**School news**

**Schools selected for AP Capstone program**

Boca Ciega, Northeast and Countryside high schools are three of nearly 100 schools worldwide selected to implement AP Capstone – an innovative program that allows students to engage in the rigorous development of skills critical for success in college inquiry, research, collaboration, and writing.

The program includes a two-course sequence: Advanced Placement Seminar and AP Research. The first of the two AP Capstone courses, AP Seminar, will start in fall 2014. The program is designed to be taken in sequence during the junior and senior year, targeting students who have passed or have the potential to pass an AP exam.

"We are one of the few districts in the country to have an opportunity to offer AP Capstone to students at three of our high schools," said Pinellas County Schools Superintendent Michael Grego in a press release. "In the coming years, we hope to expand this innovative program to even more high schools within the district to prepare a broader, more diverse student population for college and career success."

Current sophomores at Boca Ciega, Northeast and Countryside will be encouraged to apply to the program if they have passed or have the potential to pass an AP exam.

The three high schools offering AP Capstone will host informational fairs in February.

Northeast High School hosted its 10th grade College and Career Ready Night on Feb. 4. Countryside High School hosted its Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment Fair on Feb. 5.

Boca Ciega High School will host its College, Career and Registration Fair on Monday, Feb. 10, 6 p.m., for current 10th grade students currently enrolled in AP courses or who have the potential to pass an AP exam. The fair will be presented in the main auditorium. Current 10th grade students will register for classes for the 2014-15 school year during the week of Feb. 10.

Developed in response to feedback from higher education faculty and college admission officers, AP Capstone complements the in-depth, subject-specific rigor of AP courses and exams currently offered at the three schools.

The seminar course will equip students with the power to explore academic and real-world issues through an interdisciplinary lens and consider multiple points of view. The AP Research course will allow students to design, plan, and conduct a yearlong mentored investigation on a topic of their choosing.

Students who earn scores of 3 or higher on the AP Seminar and AP Research Exams and scores of 3 or higher on four AP Exams of their choosing will receive the AP Capstone Diploma.

**Vought receives dean's list recognition**

CLEARWATER – Ethan Vought of Seminole received the dean's list award at Clearwater Christian College for scholastic achievement during the 2013 fall semester.

In order to be recognized for this award, honorees are required to earn a GPA between 3.50 and 3.90 on a 4.00 scale.

Ethan, a junior psychology major at CCC, is a home-school graduate and the son of David and Cheryl Vought of Seminole.

**Conference on World Affairs returns, expands**

ST. PETERSBURG – Distinguished diplomats, military and intelligence officials, media and academic experts from across the country will gather at USF St. Petersburg Feb. 13-15 for the second annual Conference on World Affairs.

Sponsored by the USF St. Petersburg Honors Program and the nonprofit St. Petersburg in the World, the conference will include 15 panel discussions focused on the critical international issues of the day.

It is free and open to the public. Complimentary parking will be available at the USFSP parking garage, 260 Fifth Ave. S. The conference begins Thursday, Feb. 13, 4 p.m. It continues Friday and Saturday, Feb. 14 and 15, beginning at 9 a.m. each day. It will be presented in the University Student Center Ballroom, 200 Sixth Ave. S.

Speakers have been drawn from a wide array of disciplines and viewpoints, including a former CIA official, a former deputy commander of Central Command who helped lead the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, a former special assistant to the president on the National Security Council and former ambassadors to Lebanon, Bosnia, Namibia and Peru. Myriad academic experts will participate from the University of South Florida St. Petersburg, the University of South Florida Tampa, New College, Duquesne University, Penn State University, the University of Denver, the University of Virginia and others.

The conference is spearheaded by Douglas McElhane, former ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina, a member of the advisory board of the USF St. Petersburg Honors Program and a founder of St. Petersburg in the World.

For information about the Honors Program, call Smith at 873-4872. For information about the conference, visit [stpetersburgintheworld.com/conference](http://stpetersburgintheworld.com/conference).

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## LETTERS

## Value of clowns no laughing matter

Editor:

I have never written a letter to the editor before, but recent events concerning the City of Largo's treatment of the local clown group, Uptown Clowns has prompted me to do so. I was a member of this group for many years, before realizing that the expenses of belonging to the clown alley were becoming too much. Now, let me give a bit of background as to why. Sure there were dues to belong to the club, but that was only a very small portion of the costs involved. Keep in mind that this is a group who volunteers its services to the community of Largo, and yes, at the time, in association with the City of Largo. Besides dues, the City of Largo required that everyone have a recreation card. That's a bit of money, especially when our whole family was involved ... And then each person had to pay for the use of the City's Community Center room for the one hour of use each month - per person. And this is all for a group who volunteers for the city at events the city requests clowns for.

Remember, this is a clown group who volunteers their time and materials, such as balloons, face paints etc. If you are unaware, these items can be quite expensive. And remember ... volunteering.

Florida Clown Day has always been one of my favorite times spent with the children of Largo and surrounding areas. I have enjoyed taking my little clown car, and my three children and we have enjoyed clowning with the kids. This all makes me contemplate how the city of Largo must not realize the value of these clowns and their services. I also do paid clowning. The City obviously either has no idea the value of these clowns or just doesn't care. To have over one hundred clowns available to the community at Florida Clown Day is an event that is hard to beat.

It is not the fault of a clown alley who volunteers their time that the city is so irresponsible with city money that they need to charge volunteers to volunteer for the benefit of the City. It just frustrates me that the city of Largo is trying to spin this as if Uptown Clowns has been getting some kind of sweetheart deal. Just saying.

Dean Adams  
Largo

## 2014 perspective on Roe versus Wade

Editor:

In 1973, the same year Roe versus Wade's Abortion Act was passed, co-workers disclosed to me that they knew of a single woman who had already had one abortion, and was in the process of scheduling a second. When I asked them why, they indicated that they believed the expectant mother was single, had no supporting family, church, job or benefits, and was not of sound mind since having taken the life of her first and only child at age 18.

In 1949, a single mother with no job, three young mouths to feed and having recently experienced her husband's death, in the midst of severe loneliness and grief, becomes pregnant. Worse yet, she is left in a foreign city to fend for herself and her children. Somehow, she manages to struggle through the experience, remarries a former high-school sweetheart in 1951, and moves back into her small hometown to raise her family.

While these two stories share very similar circumstances at the start, their outcomes at the finish line are extremely different.

On Feb. 8, the 1949 single mother will turn 92. She is an amazing individual in stature, courage, grace and dignity, with a healthy respect for life and for countless others. During the last 64 years, I have come to know her from a much deeper and broader perspective as to her capabilities, commitment and maternal love. There is nothing she failed to sacrifice for any of the family members throughout their adolescence and well into their adulthood with their respective families, a beacon or measure for others to follow.

Isn't it ironic then, that after all of this, she finds herself once again in the same dilemma - for she must now face the very same issues and questions of the unborn or soon to be aborted child.

When she can't speak, eat or stand-up for herself and life is coming to an end or her life-sustaining functions begin to fail as they will for all of us who have been given the opportunity to travel life's journey and all of the wonderful and unknown experiences it has to offer, who then will be best able to speak, care and take action on her behalf - if not for the unborn child.

Lorian J. Tripp  
Largo

## A local hero

Editor:

Step out your door and begin walking and you will likely not go very far before you pass one of the many heroes living in this area who have yet to be recognized and rightfully praised. Just look a bit closer, for example, at the following life of a local man who fits this category all too well, and then judge for yourself if you would also call him a hero.

From his earliest days, he had no doubt that music would be a necessary part of his life. Back in the 1940s and 1950s, as he helped to build army tanks at Baldwin Locomotive Works, he was working along with, and playing music for, Mario Lanza, who was still studying opera at that time. He went on to play guitar in the Westinghouse band, and then bass in a variety of other bands, with noted stars like Billy Holiday, Cab Calloway, and Dave Brubeck. But all of those impressive times did not, of course, make him a hero. That would come later. Much later.

After working at Westinghouse, building generators for battleships, he then moved on, and, for the next 36 years, he owned and ran a car lot until he finally retired. From that point on, he had to cope with the next big challenge in his life, his advancing age. All the way up through his 70s and 80s, he held his own quite well. But when he reached the age of 90, things began to fall apart. That job at Westinghouse, building generators, included a good amount of asbestos dust filling the air, at a time when that threat to health attracted little attention, fluid began to appear in his lungs. And then he actually began to fall. During the next few years, he fell eight times, breaking his ribs and both shoulder blades. Aspirin was prescribed for the pain, and that gave him bleeding ulcers. On one of his falls, he tore off most of the skin from his left elbow down to his wrist, leaving a large area of the flesh beneath exposed. His skin by then had dried out, and it became so fragile that simply touching it too hard would cause a pool of blood to appear beneath it.

Now comes the amazing part.

His name is Vito Prudente, a little guy, 137 pounds, and, up to this very moment, after all that life has inflicted upon him, he not only keeps going day to day, but he does so always with a cheerful word and a smile for everyone he meets. He keeps moving among us, with a cane and a shuffle, and with that sly little pixie look of his, so full of joy at simply still being alive that he brightens every room he enters.

Vito is one of the bravest individuals I have ever known. At age 94 now, and still going strong, he represents, by any definition, that category of a true hero who persists, with all the odds against him, to conquer each day with his own joy, and to readily share that joy with others.

Bill Glasser  
Clearwater

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## Feeding fish in the North Atlantic

I sympathize with all the sick passengers on the several cruise ships we've been reading about in the past few weeks. I'm amazed that the cruise lines are still operating, and that vacation travelers continue to risk ghastly gastro-intestinal ailments by booking passage on any of those floating palaces.

These reports take me back 65 years, to my first ocean cruise and the disaster I experienced. The vessel was far from luxurious. It was a U.S. Navy destroyer, the USS Bristol, based in Newport, R.I. I had boarded the ship only a few days earlier after completing radioman training at the Norfolk, Va., naval base. I was 18 and had joined the Navy the previous summer in order to escape being drafted into the Army. I feared dying in an obscure foxhole after the Soviet Union declared war on the western world. I'm not sure why I thought death on the high seas was preferable to death in a foxhole.

Further evidence of my mental acuity was the fact that I had suffered from motion sickness from infancy onward. I'd get sick in the family car, on a playground swing, on amusement park rides, or in a canoe moving through a frog pond. In the face of all that, what did I do? I joined the Navy!

A week after I boarded the Bristol, we went on training maneuvers in the north Atlantic, a region famous for its stormy waters, especially in March. I spent the ensuing fortnight in two places: clinging to my bunk with a bucket beside me, or dry-heaving over a rail outside the radio shack. Crew members passing by made sympathetic remarks such as "Still feeding the fishes, Driver?" I was useless to perform any duties. At any single moment I was afraid I was going to die. Two minutes later I feared that I might not. As I



## Driver's Seat

Bob Driver

lay immobilized in my bunk, shipmates kept playing a rhythm-and-blues song called "I Want a Bow-Legged Woman," performed by Bull Moose Jackson. The lyrics are branded into my soul.

When the Bristol returned to Newport, I was prepared to be shot, given a medical discharge or transferred to an Army base in the Sahara desert. Instead, the Navy sent me to a nut-house.

The official title was Ward L (the psychiatric unit) of the Chelsea Naval Hospital, just outside downtown Boston. The Navy figured that motion sickness was a form of mental illness.

For two weeks my companions were sailors incapacitated by a variety of mental/emotional ailments. One was a convicted murderer, transferred from a Navy prison to be treated for epilepsy. Another was a man so homesick he had attempted suicide. A third was a transvestite deserter who was found performing in a Boston gay bar. Then there was a chief petty officer who had suffered for years from chronic unexplained dysentery. Obviously, my motion sickness was a ready-made affliction to help me fit easily into this bizarre gallery.

My treatment consisted of several steps. One was dime-store psychoanalysis. "Seaman Driver, did your parents beat you? Did you ever get a girl pregnant? Do you get a thrill

from seeing a chicken?"

When those incisive queries failed to identify any Freudian traumas, the Navy therapists attached a dozen or so electrodes to my skull and measured the radioactive beeps and blurps that could be detected. Once it was clear that I wasn't a psychopath I was assigned critical duties such as sweeping and swabbing the hospital's floors.

And so it went, until the day a doctor summoned me to hear the verdict that would alter the course of my life. "Seaman Driver, our conclusion is this: we feel you are an average, not-especially-bright young man whose perennial vomiting while traveling on erratically-moving objects is genuine, i.e., you're not faking it in the hope of being assigned to shore duty. We have no idea what causes your problem. So we're sending you back to your ship, with this bottle of pills."

The bottle contained a newly-developed drug called Dramamine. It was a miracle. I've lived with it ever since. I will not board an aircraft or an ocean-going vessel without first popping a Dramamine tablet. Its only unwelcome side effect is drowsiness, which has occasionally lowered the trajectory of my otherwise meteoric career. But that's another column, perhaps.

Unfortunately, from what I read, the recent cruise ship plagues cannot be prevented or easily cured by taking a pill. The only apparent solution is for the traveling public to steer clear of ocean voyages. I'm all for that. One of the joys of my life is the immense satisfaction of staying home with the TV and watching Rick Steves schlepping all over Europe.

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## The luxury of recycling our trash

I don't remember thinking much about trash as a kid. I was fortunate to have a brother and that was his job. We didn't recycle. Not many did back then.

I don't remember doing trash when in college or even after I got my first apartment. I'm sure I took it somewhere and someone hauled it away.

Trash became part of my life not long after I married for the first time. We rented a house on 100 acres well outside Fayetteville, Ark. It came with a fireplace, plenty of well water, a 100-year-old garden, and a view that just kept on giving. But no one picked up the trash.

The county provided a dumpster across the highway from a little convenience store about 10 miles away. We drove there a couple of times a month with a pickup truck filled with trash bags. The dumpster was usually overflowing.

We finally purchased a home on 10 acres a little closer to town. The well water smelled like rotten eggs. The old oak barn had no fireplaces. There was no garden and no one came for the garbage. But, it was ours and we loved it.

Funny thing, the only "legal" place to take our trash was that same little dumpster, except now it was about 20 miles away.

We began to recycle everything we could. We sold our aluminum cans at a beer distributing company. We took our paper to a place run by a nonprofit for the disabled. No one took plastic, steel cans or glass. We composted religiously, trying to turn that sticky red clay ground into soil so we could garden. We minimized our trash as much as we could. And monthly, we filled the back of the pickup



Suzette  
Porter

## I'm anxious to see if my neighbors who don't recycle now will start. It couldn't be easier.

and drove 20 miles to the dumpster that was usually overflowing.

Twenty-two years later, I parted ways with my first husband and moved to town. For the first time in nearly 20 years, I lived in a place where someone came and hauled away the garbage. There was a nifty little wooden rack with a row of metal garbage cans. I used them every day just because I could. Only those who have lived without could understand the luxury.

When I moved to Florida a couple of years later with my soon-to-be second husband, we lived in an apartment. Residents had to carry their trash to a dumpster on the other side of the complex. I took our trash to the dumpster most every day at first. Then I figured out when it would be full to overflowing and skipped those days.

Apartment life really wasn't our thing, so a year later we moved to a house in Belleair. The city sent around garbage trucks twice a

week. I missed the luxury of being able to go to that dumpster any time I wanted. If you got busy and forgot it was trash day, you were out of luck.

We've lived in Largo for nearly 10 years now and bought our home a little more than three years ago. We've concentrated on reducing our trash by recycling and composting. It doesn't matter if we forget a trash day because we rarely have enough for two. But we almost always have three containers full of recycling, and they're usually overflowing.

Last week, we received our new recycling container. And it's huge. I can't tell you how excited I am.

The city of Largo is providing mixed recycling service. They'll be no more sorting. For us, the service starts this week.

We can start putting in glass and steel cans, and juice and milk cartons, too. You have to rinse them out just like the aluminum, but that's no big deal. We can recycle plastic containers #3 through #7. I'm already visualizing the empty space where the stacks of kitty litter buckets in the garage are now.

We won't have to hold the paper when it rains because the container has a lid. I do most of my work on the computer, but I still love hardcopy. Being able to get rid of most of it every week makes me giddy with joy.

Some may not appreciate the luxury. But I sure do.

I'm anxious to see if my neighbors who don't recycle now will start. It couldn't be easier.

Only those who have lived without can understand the luxury. Thank you Largo.

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# Tourism marketing efforts target New York, Chicago

By BOB McCLURE

REDINGTON SHORES – Beach residents and businesses may well see an increase of visitors from New York and Chicago over the next few months.

At least that's what the staff of Visit St. Petersburg/Clearwater is hoping for after investing \$1 million in a marketing campaign that targets the two northern cities.

Speaking to members of the Barrier Islands Governmental Council on Jan. 29, D.T. Minich, executive director of the Pinellas County Convention and Visitors Bureau, said his staff has designed a program that uses a number of catchy slogans at key locations in those two cities to get their message across.

"What we do is very unique when we market," Minich said. "Most destinations, when they run a campaign, have one or two slogans that they use nationwide. When we go into New York or Chicago, we customize those messages. We want them to know we understand their markets and we want to talk to them."

Minich said Visit St. Petersburg/Clearwater has purchased advertising space in 800 Subway or Metro cars throughout the New York area.

"We have banners up above in the Subway cars, coming in from Long Island and New Jersey," Minich said. "When you're going into the Subway, we have about 48 of these lighted panels throughout Manhattan. So as you walk into the Subway station, you're going to see the beach message and then when you get in the station you're going to see it again."

The message includes a serene beach scene with slogans such as:

- "Manhattan? We're partial to the margarita"
- "Our daily commute? Walking down to the beach"
- "Wake up in the city that never sleeps"
- "New York, New York ... warm up, warm up."

The campaign also includes a beach message on the side of four double-decker buses in New York and two in Chicago.

Also in Chicago, CVB has "taken over" every possible advertising space in the Ogilvie Transportation Center.

"Ogilvie is the connecting station that goes to all the upscale suburbs on the north side," Minich said. "When I say taken over, we're on the sides of the escalators and we bought every single advertising space in Ogilvie. We're even on the floor. When you go up an escalator, it says 'Winter's looking up' and when you come down the escalator it says 'come down to a warm beach.'"

Among the slogans to be used in the Windy City are:

- "Rush Street? Seriously, what's the hurry? (with an image of a beach)"
- "We can show you 35 magnificent miles"
- "No Loop but a circular thing called the sun"
- "Chicago, you'll be bullish about this."

CVB has also invested in coffee sleeves with such phrases as "Sunshine is the new caffeine." and "Coffee can only warm you up so much."

About 200,000 sleeves will be used in Chicago coffee shops and another 80,000 in New York, Minich said.

Just in case the targeted market misses the message in those locations, when commuters reach an elevator they will see it again, or at least think about being in a warmer place.

"We bought every possible elevator (video) screen available in New York and Chicago," said Minich. "Then at the bottom of the screen, what's cool is we have real-time temperatures in Chicago and Pinellas County."

CVB also will experiment with gorilla marketing, an advertising strategy using low-cost unconventional methods, when the next major snow storm hits Chicago or New York.

"We've hired a company to go throughout New York and Chicago, at eight different locations in New York and five in Chicago, and they're going to build huge snow sculptures, like our sand sculptures here," Minich said. "They're going to feature a dolphin, a guy (paddle) boarding and palm trees. They're going to be 6- to 8-foot-tall and they're in prime locations. This will happen with the next snowstorm. We think this will get a ton of media attention because this hasn't ever been done before."

Altogether, Minich said the combined New York-Chicago campaign is expected to create 976 million impressions, which is an online advertising measure of the number of times an ad is seen.

In addition to the New York-Chicago program, CVB has embarked for the first time with a marketing effort in Toronto using such slogans as "Toboggans? We're riding waves" and "Follow the geese south, they know what they're doing."

CVB has also partnered with Florida's Natural with a message on 12 million cartons of orange juice.

"We have the entire side panel with a chance to win a trip to St. Petersburg/Clearwater," Minich said. "This will go from now to April. We'll also be featured in Better Homes and Gardens and Midwest Living."

The catch phrase for this campaign is "If only they could bottle this feeling. Well here it is in a carton."

The early results are good, Minich said.

"Our phone lines and our website are going through the roof," he said. "It's not only what we're doing but it's Mother Nature at its best too."

As a testimony, beach hotels are almost completely sold out for March.

"We're near sell-out capacity for March and into April," Minich said. "It's a great combination. We've had all the bad weather up north, which gets people thinking 'I've got to get out of here for spring break.' Then Easter is later this year too (April 20) and that helps."

On other topics, Minich said:

- International travelers, primarily from Germany and the United Kingdom, account for 18 percent of the county's tourism, which is expected to grow to about 25 percent with COPA Airlines now operating four flights a week from Panama into Tampa. "Latin America is a whole new market and it's going to open up a lot of opportunities for us," Minich said.
- Pinellas County will be featured on an episode of "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" in May.
- CVB's 108-page Gulf To Bay magazine will be distributed in the Sunday, March 2 edition of the New York Times and later in the spring in the Florida edition of the New York Times, as well as the Orlando Sentinel, Florida edition of the Wall Street Journal and Tampa Bay Times. Altogether, 525,000 copies of the publication are being distributed this year.

## Colorful companion



Photo courtesy of DEBBIE BORMANN  
Local artist Hendra Suwardhana poses with his newest creation, a fiberglass dolphin for the Marriott Sand Key. Suwardhana enjoys creating art in any media including wall murals, mailbox personalization, as well as drawings of any size. Along with his love of art, Suwardhana of Largo is an avid surfer and is a regular at the local beaches with his wife and two children.

## Heritage Village presents Speaking of History lecture

LARGO – As part of the Speaking of History lecture series, author Cathy Salustri will present "Finding More of Florida" on Sunday, Feb. 16, 2 p.m. in the Pinellas Room at Heritage Village.

Salustri's program in February 2012 traced her journey of nearly 5,000 miles within Florida in a camper van to witness how the landscape had changed since the publication of "Florida: A Guide to the Southernmost State in 1939." The book, published by the Federal Writers Project of the Works Progress Administration during the Great Depression, sought to promote tourism in the remote peninsula.

Gulfport-based Salustri's love of Florida reaches across the state. Her travels take her on foot, bike, boat or car to places the Interstate bypassed long ago, as well as those spots where natural beauty has survived the onslaught of overpopulation.

She attended the University of Central Florida, and earned her undergraduate degree at the University of Tampa before embarking on the adventure that is the Florida Studies Master's program at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg. She has written travel pieces for USA Today, Visit Florida, regional magazines and local press.

Heritage Village is located at 11909 125th St. N. in Largo. For more information about Heritage Village visit [www.pinellascounty.org/heritage](http://www.pinellascounty.org/heritage), or call 582-2123.

## Barbershop quartets will deliver singing valentines

Barbershop quartets from the Palm Harbor Barbershop Chorus, a nonprofit organization, will deliver old-fashioned love songs such as "I Love You Truly" and "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" in four-part harmony to homes, offices, hospitals or wherever one's special sweetheart may be on Feb. 12-14.

"A real, live, genuine barbershop quartet will present your sweetheart with three love songs from you along with a red rose and parchment scroll to commemorate this wonderful occasion," a press release from the quartet said.

The cost is \$50. Deliveries can be made anywhere in Pinellas and Pasco counties. To assure delivery of a singing valentine, call Reggie at 249-8463.

## What's Selling in Pinellas County

**St. Petersburg** **\$120,000**  
2BR/1.5BA



**SOLD**  
New roof in June 2013. Light and bright floor plan features a master bedroom with a private half bath. Ideal as a roommate situation since the bonus room has a separate entrance to the backyard. Many updates include fresh paint, remodeled kitchen, new carpet and much more. Fully fenced backyard has a great deck for entertaining.  
**Sandy Hartmann**  
Realty Executives - Adamo & Associates

**Pinellas Park** **\$90,000**  
2BR/2BA/1CG



**SOLD**  
Home on a dead end street. Newer windows, appliances, doors and washing machine. Wonderful golf community with heated pool, clubhouse and more.  
**Caroleanne Vorac**  
Realty Executives - Adamo & Associates

**Belleair Bluffs** **\$251,000**  
3BR/3BA



**SOLD**  
3 master suites, heated pool. Sold in 45 days!  
**Rita Shepard**  
Charles Rutenberg Realty

**Seminole** **\$120,000**  
2BR/2BA/1CG



**SOLD**  
SHORT SALE. Pool home with newer windows, energy efficient hot water tank, and all new A/C ductwork. Great home to build equity. Home needs TLC, but give it the updates it needs and reap the juicy rewards.  
**Tom Cato**  
Realty Executives - Adamo & Associates

**RE/MAX ALL STAR** will be providing Tethered Hot Air Balloon Rides on February 8th, located at The KB Home site at 5000 100th Way N, in Bay Pines. Balloon rides will be offered wind and weather permitting and donations to the Childrens Miracle Network will be gratefully received in exchange for rides. Balloon rides will be offered between 9am and Noon.  
**RE/MAX ALL STAR** has offices in Seminole, Madeira Beach & Redington Beach.  
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**SUNSET PALMS**  
YES, this price does include the Shore, which is valued at \$45,000. 2 Bedroom, 2 bath, split floor plan home in one of the best 55+ parks in Pinellas County. Reserves are fully funded for your buyers peace of mind. Very nice and clean home. A/C new in approx. 2005. Kitchen has a large walk-in pantry. Very spacious Florida Room just off the living area to the back of the home. Home features newer laminate flooring in part of the home and a roof over. Large carport and a lovely front porch. The park backs up to the Super Walmart and is minutes to the beaches, shopping and I-275 for airport and out of town convenience. Too many amenities to list here. MLS#U7584208. Osborne, \$49,900.

**CONTINENTAL TOWERS**  
11th Floor with GREAT View of Intracoastal, Gulf of Mexico, Lagoon and Pool. Granite counter tops, whirlpool tub, new double insulated windows, hurricane shutters, open tiled kitchen with large circular granite counter and work space. Newer appliances. Carpet also living room and bedrooms. Condo shows Pride in Ownership. Move-in ready. Come and See! MLS#U7588934. Reskin, \$175,000.

**BOCA CIEGA POINT**  
2BR/2BA corner unit with lovely water view and great outdoor patio area to relax and enjoy the Florida Sunshine. Tile and wood floors. Updated kitchen and appliances and bathrooms have also living room and bedrooms. 55+ Community features Clubhouse with exercise room, heated pool, tennis courts and a 54 Hole Putting Green. Come enjoy the Florida Lifestyle! MLS#U7599565. Sundell, \$165,000.

**TERRACE PARK AT FIVE TOWNS**  
Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo overlooks ponds & trees - a park like setting. Large wide open living room, family room, dining room and bright kitchen with tiled floor and adjacent laundry room/computer room combo. Living room and bedrooms are carpeted. Lots of windows and extra closets. Covered parking. tile roof. Enjoy all that Five Towns has to offer - 55+ community, heated pools, recreation bldg., tennis courts. Conveniently located to shopping at Publix and Target. Banks and just a short drive to beaches and more. Bring your small pet. Must own unit minimum of 2 yrs. before renting permitted. MLS#U7599016. Katar, \$115,000.

**JUST STEPS TO THE BEACH**  
Now is the time to purchase your Florida Dream Home at Bella Grande. Built in 2006 and nestled in the "Heart" of St. Pete Beach, this 3 Bedroom/3 Full Bathroom condominium has an open floor plan, gourmet kitchen with granite counter tops and solid wood cabinets. It also features stainless steel top of the line appliances. Semi-private elevator takes you to your unit. Under building, secure parking and an additional oversized storage room. The unit has two spacious balconies, one facing East and one facing West. Many amenities including sun heated pool and spa, outdoor grilling area and a fitness room. Foreign seller who rarely utilizes the home and everything is like new. Beautiful furnishings are negotiable. Paradise is calling so schedule your showing today!! MLS#U7603725. Wallington, \$575,000.

**ATTENTION MILITARY VETERANS, ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL AND SURVIVING SPOUSES**  
Affordable home with remodeled kitchen and tile baths. Beautiful hard wood floors invite you inside where a wood burning fireplace is centerpiece of main living area. The master bedroom in back of the house has bath with drop sink. Total of decorative tile, separate shower, and water closet. There is a bonus room that could be 4th bedroom or office. There is an inside utility room with washer and dryer hook-up. The back yard is fenced and has a double gate to allow access for your RV or boat. A central location in non-flood zone allows quick access to Interstate, airport and downtown. NOTE: INCOME AND LAND USE RESTRICTIONS APPLY. MLS#U7600795. Schroeder, \$95,000.

**POOL HOME ON INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY**  
Completely remodeled 3BR/2BA home with newer pavers in front with room for 4-cars. Upon entering the home there is a view of the pool with overflow heated spa, large covered porch with ceiling fans, deep water boat dock with water and electric, room for table and chairs and a 10,000 pound boat lift. Master bedroom is complete with remodeled bath and French doors overlooking beautiful open water. Beautiful remodeled kitchen with granite counter tops, stainless steel appliances, dishwasher and built-in microwave. Third bedroom has a Murphy bed and is currently being used as an office with built-in work station. Other amenities include: large tile tile throughout, plenty of storage, newer windows and reverse osmosis water system. Furniture is negotiable. Bring your sweatshirt and leave your lawn mower behind! MLS#U7605671. Ruhland and Lotgren, \$470,000.

**COMMERCIAL PROPERTY WITH 4 SEPARATE BLDGS.**  
4 Separate buildings, one is an open warehouse being rented to a boat repair business, 2nd bldg. has 6 separate rentals of office and warehouse space, of which, 4 are occupied - 3 rented, one to a contractor for storage, one a cabinet maker and one to another contractor. 3rd bldg. is empty - last used as a church. 4th Bldg. being used as an auto body shop. Total Rental Units. This property has not been marketed so there is a lot of rental potential that is untapped. Current tenants have been in place for many years. MLS#U7605444. Manley, \$799,000.

**PINEBROOK ESTATES**  
This 3 bedroom/2 bath/2 car garage home is located in the beautiful Pinebrook Estates community. House has had many upgrades since 2007 including new flooring, updated light fixtures, and a fully remodeled kitchen in 2013 with all new stainless steel appliances, all which come with the home. This house is beautiful inside and out and a definite must see! MLS#U7607756. Roque, \$169,000.

**VILLAS DE GOLF**  
Great 55+ community, close to Beach and stores. Bright and open FURNISHED 2BR/2BA with a carport. Screened porch opens to green space overlooking the tennis court. Spacious master bedroom with walk-in closets. Freshly painted, new flooring in kitchen and baths. Everything stays so you can move in now! No pets, sorry. Heated pool - newly redecorated and very active community. MLS#U7606009. Jarnberg, \$81,900.

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## Real estate news

### Vorac Group ranks in top 1 percent

SEMINOLE – Pinellas County Realtor Organization recently announced 2013 sales figures.

The Vorac Group with Realty Executives was No. 23 in South Pinellas County and No. 45 in all of Pinellas County. The group is ranked in the top 1 percent.



The Vorac Group

### Malloy earns GRI designation

CLEARWATER – Broker/associate Donna Malloy of Island Estates Realty recently was awarded the Graduate Realtor Institute designation from the National Association of Realtors.

The GRI is the mark of a real estate professional who has made a commitment to provide a high level of professional services by securing a strong educational foundation and expertise on technical subjects.

Malloy combines her GRI knowledge with more than 28 years of experience as a real estate broker in Pinellas County, specializing as a Senior Real Estate Specialist. She also has been elected to serve on the Pinellas Realtor Organization's Board of Directors for 2014. The organization boasts more than 5,000 Realtor members and approximately 500 affiliate members.



Donna Malloy

### RE/MAX to offer balloon rides

RE/MAX All Star will be providing tethered hot air balloon rides on Saturday, Feb. 8, 9 a.m. to noon, at The KB home site at 5000 100th Way N., in Bay Pines.

Balloon rides will be offered wind and weather permitting. Donations to the Children's Miracle Network will be gratefully received in exchange for rides.

For information, call 391-9599 or visit [www.RemaxAllStar.com](http://www.RemaxAllStar.com).

### Ellson attends special training

CLEARWATER – Coastal Properties Group International, the exclusive affiliate of Christie's International Real Estate in Tampa Bay, recently announced that real estate adviser Kerryn Ellson recently completed a luxury home marketing training course offered by the Institute for Luxury Home Marketing.



Kerryn Ellson

The course – which covered such topics as demographics of the affluent, lifestyle segmentation, trends and amenities in today's luxury home product, and creating a marketing plan for the multi-million dollar property – was taught by Laurie Moore-Moore, president of the Dallas-based Institute for Luxury Home Marketing and author of the book, "Rich Buyer, Rich Seller! The Real Estate Agents' Guide to Marketing Luxury Homes."

"The course is a step toward earning the prestigious Certified Luxury Home Marketing Specialist designation which the institute awards internationally to sales professionals who meet performance standards in the upper-tier residential market," said Moore-Moore in a press release. Kerryn Ellson is an example of a sales professional who works to hone the special skills and competencies necessary to provide exceptional service in the fine homes and estates marketplace.

## Pinellas receives \$200,000 defense grant

TALLAHASSEE – Gov. Rick Scott announced Jan. 24 that local defense partners in Pinellas County were awarded \$200,000 through Florida's Defense Infrastructure Grant.

Pinellas County was one of eight counties to receive a Defense Infrastructure Grant, which allotted \$1.6 million to eight governments statewide.

Scott said, "These investments are critical to the continued growth and protection of Florida's military sector. This \$200,000 investment will allow Pinellas County to address encroachment and buffering, transportation and access, and security issues. Across Florida, our military servicemen and women are dedicating their lives to protect our state and nation, and we must continue to fund these vital programs and protect the over 758,000 jobs the military and defense industry supports in Florida."

Florida's military and defense industry is responsible for \$73.4 billion, or 9.4 percent, of Florida's gross state product, which translates to jobs for more than 758,000 Floridians.

In Pinellas County, the military and defense industry is credited with \$3.61 billion in economic impact and 39,702 jobs. This grant has been utilized for more than 15 years as a key tool in maintaining Florida's reputation as the most military-friendly state in the nation.

Sen. Jack Latvala said, "Local military installations have long been an important part of our lives in Pinellas County. The grant funds will be put to good use building the pedestrian walkway at the U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater."

Sen. Jeff Brandes said, "Gov. Scott and the Legislature know the importance of supporting our military families and I applaud them for awarding \$200,000 to Pinellas County."

Rep. Ed Hooper said, "The impact of Florida's military bases is often overlooked as an economic driver for the state. More than \$70 billion is inserted annually into our economy by more than 750,000 personnel living in our state and, as a result, nearly 40,000 jobs have been creat-

ed right here in Pinellas County. These grants go a long way to help preserve this economic asset."

Rep. Larry Ahern said, "The grant will help our military bases with much needed infrastructure improvements. These improvements will keep both military personnel and local citizens safe and secure. I applaud Gov. Scott and our Legislature for addressing this need."

Rep. Jamie Grant said, "These grants go a long way in helping preserve the economic impact our military bases and families have on Florida. I sincerely thank Gov. Scott and the Legislature for continuing to support the military in Pinellas County and across the state."

Rep. Kathleen Peters said, "Florida's military sector continues to be among the strongest in the nation thanks to critical funding from these two programs. Gov. Scott and the Legislature continue to support these programs and, in turn, allow us to keep more than \$3.6 billion in economic impact here in Pinellas County. I thank them for awarding this funding to our community."

Mike Meidel, director of Pinellas County Economic Development said, "Pinellas County is honored to be able, with our partners, to enhance the campus of the U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater at the St. Petersburg/Clearwater International Airport (PIE) through this Defense Infrastructure Grant."

"Clearwater is the largest and busiest Air Station in the Coast Guard, and with this grant we will address safety concerns and improve pedestrian access. The USCG Air Station Clearwater, the U.S. Army Reserve and the Florida National Guard employ over 700 personnel at PIE, and generate nearly \$60 million annually in direct and indirect earnings in Pinellas County."

The Florida Defense Grants Programs are administered by Enterprise Florida Inc. The grants are awarded annually, on a project-prioritized basis, to communities hosting military installations.

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# Worship calendar

## Unitarian Universalist Church of Clearwater

CLEARWATER - Michael Greenman, a member of the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbus, Ohio and lead coordinator of Move to Amend-Central Ohio, will track the history of corporate personhood and how it allows big money to control politics on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 7 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Clearwater, 2470 Nursery Road.

By supporting the passage of a constitutional amendment to declare that "corporations are not persons" and "money is not speech," Greenman will explain how groups and individuals can lead the way to restoring democracy.

Since the year 2000, Greenman has focused on efforts to eliminate "corporate personhood." At the UU Association's General Assembly in June 2013, Greenman and his team obtained the necessary delegate votes to pass an Action of Immediate Witness, which encourages organizations and individuals around the coun-

try to support the passage of a constitutional amendment to declare that "corporations are not persons" and "money is not speech."

In addition, he will discuss how those in the extended community can effectively lead the way to restoring democracy. All are invited to attend and learn about this growing movement.

For information, call Anne Burnham at 348-9983 or email acsburnham@gmail.com.

## St. Petersburg Community Church

ST. PETERSBURG - Community Cinema Café will be presented Saturday, Feb. 15, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at St. Petersburg Community Church, 4501 30th Ave. N.

The event will include dinner and viewing of the movie "No Greater Love." A special program will be provided for children ages 5 to 10. The event is free.

To RSVP, call 525-0012 or 385-3640. For information, call 525-0012 or visit www.grace-tograce.org.

## Hope Presbyterian Church

CLEARWATER - A Valentine dinner and dance will be presented Saturday, Feb. 15, 6 p.m., in Hambley Hall at Hope Presbyterian Church, 1698 S. Belcher Road.

Tickets are \$15. Call 531-3200. Dinner and dessert will be served followed by fun and dancing. Singles are welcome.

Visit www.HopeFamily.com.

## Faith Presbyterian Church

SEMINOLE - The Cross and the Crescent, a four-week series, will be presented Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., at Faith Presbyterian Church, 11501 Walker Ave. N.

The first class will be Wednesday, Feb. 12. It will be taught by Stephen Hess, associate pastor. The theme will be understanding Islam and responding as Christians.

## Oak Ridge Wesleyan Church

LARGO - The Nelons will per-

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## St. John Vianney Catholic School

ST. PETE BEACH - The Back to the '80s annual live and silent auction will be Saturday, March 1, 6 to 10 p.m., at St. John Vianney Catholic School, 500 84th

Ave.

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Tickets are \$40 a person at the church and school offices. Call 360-1113.

## Clearwater Unitarian Universalist Octagon

CLEARWATER - The Tampa Bay United Coalition of Reason will present Daniel Dennett on Saturday, Feb. 8, 10:30 a.m., at Clearwater Unitarian Universalist Octagon, 2470 Nursery Road.

Cost is \$35, which includes lunch. Dennett will present "Evolutionary Routes to the Human Mind." Dennett is the author of "Breaking the Spell," "Freedom Evolves," "Consciousness Explained," "Darwin's Dangerous Idea" and "Brainstorms." The event also will feature guest speakers Ryan Cragun, sociologist; and Michael Hoffman, neurologist.

For information, call 733-7855. Visit www.evolutetampa.com.

## St. Hagop Armenian Church

PINELLAS PARK - The St. Hagop Armenian Winter Bazaar will be presented Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 15-16, at St. Hagop Armenian Church, 7020 90th Ave. N.

Hours are Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.

The event will feature 50 artisan and craft booths, traditional Armenian favorites and gourmet foods, a marketplace and children's activities including a bouncy house, pony rides and a petting zoo.

For information, call George at 735-1605 or email beachdoc1@gmail.com.

## New Journey Fellowship

PINELLAS PARK - A GriefShare program, with video and workbook, will be offered beginning Tuesday, Feb. 18, 7 p.m., at New Journey Fellowship, 4090 78th Ave. N.

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# Over 1,000 expected for Belleair Sunset 5K

By BRIAN GOFF

BELLEAIR – For the past several years the number of participants in the Belleair Sunset 5k Race has grown.

Four years ago, 400 runners registered for the run. The following year it grew to 750 and last year the total was 900. This year, organizers expect at least 1,000 runners, making it the largest ever.

“Way back when, the first race attracted only 48 runners,” said Danielle Felten, Belleair’s special events coordinator. “Now we’re expecting over 1,000 because more and more people are talking about it.”

Felten says the parade route may have something to do with its growing popularity.

“The route goes through down and along Bayview and the bluffs and it gives everyone a great view of the beautiful scenery,” she said. “Even the walkers like it, we’ve gotten rave reviews. The runners just have a good time on that route.”

One of the regular participants in the race agrees with that assessment. Jim White has been running in the race for years.

“I enjoy it, it goes past the houses and the bluffs, it is a nice run,” he said. “The athletic websites all bill it as a picturesque run so it has some attraction because of that.”

White says he is not surprised that the event is growing every year.

“It is well advertised and is a nice town event,” he said. “I’m hoping to do real well this year but I have some training to do. I’ve been sick and had a twisted ankle but I’m back at it now.”

Another reason why the race is popular according to White is the



Dozens of runners cram into Belleair’s Town Hall to pick up their kits for last year’s Sunset 5K race.

after-party. Felten acknowledges that it is something that attracts the runners.

“I can only say the party is the best time ever,” she said. “Every registered runner gets to attend the party and besides entertainment there is free food and drink for everybody, all you can eat.”

Belleair resident Amy Maguire, her husband Sean and daughters Megan, 12 and Molly, 10 are regulars in the race. No one is more enthusiastic about the event than Maguire.

“There are so many people from all over who come to the race and they make it exciting,” she said. “Last year I talked to people from St. Petersburg and Tarpon Springs and they told me how much they love to come to Belleair for the race.”

Maguire says she and her family have been participating in the race almost since the beginning.

“You establish milestones when you do something like this,” she said. “When my

youngest was just 7 she actually ran the entire race. It was a community event and she was with all her friends and they ran the race. They never would have dreamed they could run that far.”

Maguire says she and her family intend on participating in the race for years to come.

The race was started 12 years ago as a 10k run and was held as a fundraiser for the Rec Center. Back then it was held in the morning. Five years ago it was changed to a 5K in the evening and that is when its popularity took off.

“People come back year after year,” said Felten. “This year one woman who has been participating for years told me she finally registered before the early deadline; she signed up early to get the discount.”

Although serious runners from all over participate in the race, there is more to the event than that. In addition to the 5k

run, there is also a 1-mile fun run and nobody necessarily needs to run, participants can walk the course as well. As long as they are registered and are paid up they qualify for that after-party, which some have said is the only reason they show up.

The race is held on Saturday, Feb. 15 at 5:30 p.m. Participants can register online at [imathlete.com](http://imathlete.com) and look for “Belleair Sunset,” or in person at the Dimmitt Community Center. Online registration closes on Feb. 12, but in-person registration continues right through the day of the event.

The discount date is passed so the registration cost is \$30 for adults and \$20 for children from 5 to 15.

For that registrants get a T-shirt, awards for the top finishers and the post-race party.

“People need to go because it really is fun,” said Felten. “It is really the deal of the century.”

## Student-athlete honored



Soccer player Andrew Goodman, left, was recently selected as Beef O’Brady’s Student-Athlete of the Week. In addition to playing all positions for Seminole High School, he also plays for the club team Tampa Bay United. With a 3.0 GPA, he will be attending St. Petersburg College in the fall. Goodman is pictured with coach Rick Masi.

## Obituaries



### FLORENCE TAYLOR

May 20, 1914 - January 24, 2014

Her family is sorry to announce that after a marvelous life of almost 100 years, Florence Ida Parker Taylor (nee Vint) has passed away in Toronto. She was predeceased by her husband, Hugh B. Parker (1963); second husband, Leon A. Taylor (2004); and stepson, David Taylor (1990). She has left wonderful memories for her children and their spouses: Carol Shaw (Wayne), Hugh C. Parker, (Judy), and Joy Parker Blackwood (Billy Ray), and for her stepchildren, Peter Taylor, Patricia Taylor and Glen Taylor (Joanna). Florence enjoyed and was loved by her grandchildren, Ross Galloway (Liz Marshall), Lynn Galloway (Nicholas Goboly), Christine Parker (Todd Joyes), Karen Craig (Ryan), and Victoria and Leilani Taylor, as well as great grandchildren, Brody Galloway and Quinn and Abigail Joyes. She will be missed by her sister, Lois Parker; sister-in-law, Dora Davenport and niece, Joan Munoz, as well as by Murray Galloway, Jill Burns, and countless friends in Florida, Montreal, Ontario and elsewhere. Florence loved life. Born in Toronto, she attended Balmy Beach and Williamson Road Public Schools, Moulton Ladies College, and Shaw’s Business School. She was a talented musician with dreams of a concert pianist career; a dream cut short by the depression of the 1930s. She loved participating in sports of every kind, and continued to swim lengths of the pool almost daily at her home in Florida and at Amica at Bayview, until well into her nineties. Florence loved travelling and saw much of the world. Her main passion was her love of, and devotion to, Christian Science. She was a Christian Science Practitioner, and was active in every avenue of her church. Having lived for 36 years in Florida after her husband retired, it was quite a decision to return to Toronto at age 92 to be closer to her family. But she easily made friends at Amica and participated in everything from bridge games and movie nights to the glee club and the Sudoku group. She was one of the last members of the Monitor Club of Toronto. Thanks to Ruth, Beverly, Novlette and Solange for their loving support and care, as well as to the staff at Amica. The love of each of us goes with you on your on-going journey, Mom! An afternoon to remember Florence Taylor will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, a contribution to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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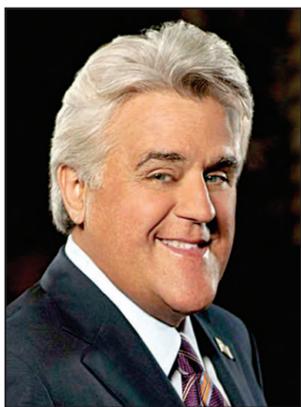
• **"Shipwrecked! An Entertainment - The Amazing Adventure of Louis de Rougemont (as Told by Himself),"** by Donald Margulies, Feb. 6 through March 2, at New Stage Theatre, inside Country Day World School, 11650 131st St. N., Largo. For performance times and ticket information, call 813-817-2585 or visit [newstagelargo.org](http://newstagelargo.org). The adventurous Louis de Rougemont invites audiences to hear his amazing story of bravery, survival and celebrity that left 19th century England spellbound. Dare to be whisked away in a story of the high seas, populated by exotic islanders, flying wombats, giant sea turtles and a monstrous man-eating octopus. "Shipwrecked" examines how far we're willing to blur the line between fact and fiction in order to leave our mark on the world.

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• **Frank Vignola and Vinny Raniolo**, Friday, Feb. 7, 8 p.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets are \$24.50. Call 587-6793 or visit [largoarts.com](http://largoarts.com). Vignola's stunning virtuosity has made him the guitarist of choice for many of the world's top musicians. Guitar legend Les Paul named Vignola to his Five Most Admired Guitarist list for the Wall Street Journal. Raniolo, at the age of 28, has already proven himself to be among the elite having performed and recorded with Bucky Pizzarelli, Tommy Emmanuel and David Grisman just to name a few. Their jaw-dropping technique and incredible showmanship explains why the New York Times deemed them "stars of the guitar."

• **Cassie and Maggie MacDonald**, Friday, Feb. 7, 7:30 p.m., at the Palladium at St. Petersburg College, 253 Fifth Ave. N., St. Petersburg. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of the show. Call 822-3590 or visit [www.mypalladium.org](http://www.mypalladium.org). Cassie and Maggie MacDonald are 2011 Galaxie Rising star award winners, 2012 ECMA nominees for Roots/Traditional Recording of the Year for their debut album "Fresh Heirs." The evening will feature original and traditional Celtic music ranging from Cape Breton reels to Antigonish polkas and more.

• **Jay Leno**, Sunday, Feb. 9, 8 p.m., at Capitol Theatre, 405 Cleveland St., Clearwater. Tickets start at \$85. Call 791-7400 or visit [www.atthecap.com](http://www.atthecap.com). Direct from wrapping up his legendary late night career, Jay Leno returns to the area for the first time in more than 20 years for a unique experience in the intimate setting of the Capitol Theatre. Named America's Favorite TV Personality in the 2009 Harris Poll, Leno is best known as America's late night leader for almost two decades. In 2001, he traveled to Bosnia, where he performed for military troops associated with the war in Afghanistan. He also traveled to Aviano, Italy in 1995 to entertain military troops associated with the peacekeeping efforts in Bosnia. He remains passionate about performing in front of live audiences and appears regularly in Las Vegas, on college campuses around the United States and in other venues.



Jay Leno



From left, clockwise, Bill Murray, Bob Balaban, Matt Damon, Hugh Bonneville, John Goodman and Jean Dujardin star in Columbia Pictures' "The Monuments Men."

## Opening this weekend

George Clooney, Matt Damon, Bill Murray star in 'Monuments Men'

Compiled by LEE CLARK ZUMPE

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

### 'The LEGO Movie'

Genre: Action, adventure, animation, comedy and family  
Cast: Chris Pratt, Will Ferrell, Elizabeth Banks, Will Arnett, Nick Offerman, Alison Brie, Liam Neeson and Morgan Freeman  
Director: Phil Lord, Chris Miller and Chris McKay  
Rated: PG

Directed by Phil Lord and Christopher Miller, the original 3D computer-animated story follows Emmet, an ordinary, rules-following, perfectly average LEGO minifigure who is mistakenly identified as The Special, the most extraordinary person and the key to saving the world.

He is drafted into a fellowship of strangers on an epic quest to stop an evil tyrant, a journey for which Emmet is hopelessly and hilariously underprepared.

Chris Pratt is the voice of Emmet. Will Ferrell is the voice of President Business, aka Lord Business, an uptight CEO who has a hard time balancing world domination with micro-managing his own life, and Liam Neeson is the voice of Lord Business's loyal henchman, Bad Cop/Good Cop, who will stop at nothing to catch Emmet.

Voicing the members of Emmet's rebel crew on this heroic mission are Morgan Freeman as the ancient mystic Vitruvius; Elizabeth Banks as tough-as-nails Wyldstyle, who mistakes Emmet for the savior of the world and guides him on his quest; Will Arnett as the mysterious Batman, a LEGO minifigure with whom Wyldstyle shares a history; Nick Offerman as the craggy, swaggering pirate Metal Beard, obsessed with revenge on Lord Business; Alison Brie as the sweet and loveable Unikitty and Charlie Day as Benny, the 1980-something Spaceman.

### 'The Monuments Men'

Genre: Drama  
Cast: George Clooney, Matt Damon, Bill Murray, Cate Blanchett, Jean Dujardin, Bob Balaban, Hugh Bonneville and John Goodman  
Director: George Clooney  
Rated: PG-13  
Based on the true story of the greatest treasure hunt in history, "The

Monuments Men" is an action drama focusing on seven over-the-hill, out-of-shape museum directors, artists, architects, curators, and art historians who went to the front lines of WWII to rescue the world's artistic masterpieces from Nazi thieves and return them to their rightful owners.

With the art hidden behind enemy lines, how could these guys hope to succeed? But as the Monuments Men found themselves in a race against time to avoid the destruction of 1,000 years of culture, they would risk their lives to protect and defend mankind's greatest achievements. From director George Clooney, the film stars George

Clooney, Matt Damon, Bill Murray, John Goodman, Jean Dujardin, Bob Balaban, Hugh Bonneville, and Cate Blanchett. The screenplay is by George Clooney & Grant Heslov, based on the book by Robert M. Edsel with Bret Witter. Produced by Grant Heslov and George Clooney.

### 'Vampire Academy'

Genre: Action, romance and thriller  
Cast: Zoey Deutch, Lucy Fry, Danila Kozlovsky, Gabriel Byrne, Sarah Hyland, Joely Richardson, Cameron Monaghan, Sami Gayle, Claire Foy and Ashley Charles  
Director: Mark Waters  
Rated: PG-13

Based on author Richelle Mead's worldwide bestselling series, "Vampire Academy" tells the legend of Rose Hathaway (Zoey Deutch) and Lissa Dragomir (Lucy Fry), two 17-year-old girls who attend a hidden boarding school for Moroi - mortal, peaceful vampires - and Dhampirs - half-vampire/half-human guardians. Rose, a rebellious guardian-in-training and her best friend, Lissa - a royal vampire princess - have been on the run when they are captured and returned to St. Vladamirs Academy, the very place where they believe their lives may be in most jeopardy.

Thrust back into the perils of Moroi Society and high school, Lissa struggles to reclaim her status while Rose trains with her mentor and love-interest, Dimitri (Danila Kozlovsky), to guarantee her place as Lissa's guardian. Rose will sacrifice everything to protect Lissa from those who intend to exploit her from within the academy walls and the

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# Pat Metheny Unity Group to play at Mahaffey Theater



Photo by JIMMY KATZ/TED KURLAND ASSOCIATES  
The Mahaffey Theater welcomes the Pat Metheny Unity Group Feb. 9.

ST. PETERSBURG - The 20-time Grammy award winner Pat Metheny will bring his Unity Group to the Tampa Bay area for a one-night special performance set for Sunday, Feb. 9, 7 p.m., at The Mahaffey Theater, 400 First St. S. Tickets start at \$45. Call 893-7832 or visit [www.themahaffey.com](http://www.themahaffey.com).

Metheny's body of work includes compositions for solo guitar, electric and acoustic instruments, large orchestras and ballet pieces with settings ranging from modern jazz to rock to classical. Pat Metheny, Ben Williams, Chris Potter, Giulio Carmassi and Antonio Sanchez are the Pat Metheny Unity Group.

The Pat Metheny Unity Group is an extension of Metheny's Unity Band project. In 2012, he partnered with Sanchez (drums), Williams (bass) and Potter (saxophone) as a quartet. The group toured Europe and the United States. In 2013, Metheny sought to capitalize on the band's success and officially announced the formal formation of the Pat Metheny Unity Group.

"The Unity Band project was life-changing for me" said guitarist Pat Metheny in a press release Ted Kurland Associates. "I have led many groups of talented musicians, but what went down with that band on a night-after-night basis was inspiring in a way that was really unlike anything else. When we did our last gig, as we walked off the stage all I could think about was that I didn't want it to end, and I knew it was the same for Chris, Antonio and Ben, too."

Metheny also announced an anticipated album and world tour. "For the past few months, I have been trying to find a way to extend our time together," Metheny said. "At the same time, I have been feeling the pull to do the kind of lush and harmonically dense music with lots more written material that has always been a big part of my larger groups and projects. One night I woke up with the tantalizing idea of really taking 'Unity' concept all the way and forming a platform for the first time that could cover the entire spectrum

of things that I have done as a bandleader over the years under one roof. With this lineup, everything from 'Bright Size Life' to 'Secret Story' to all of my Group stuff to 'Song X' could be within range - and more."

With the new incarnation of the project, a new face joined the lineup.

"An incredible musician appeared on my radar thanks to a recommendation from my friend, bassist Will Lee," Metheny said. "His name is Giulio Carmassi. He comes from Italy and I guess you could say that he is a 'multi-instrumentalist', but that barely scratches the surface of what he does."

Carmassi is a piano and keyboard player, and also plays woodwinds and brass, guitars, bass, drums - and, according to Metheny, he "sings like an angel."

"He told me he was inspired by seeing one of my bands perform in Italy when he was young and often thought about having the multi-instrumentalist seat on one of my projects," Metheny said. "With Giulio added to the core ... just about anything will be possible."

The Pat Metheny Unity Group released the new album "Kin" Feb. 4.

## Pat Metheny

According to the biography provided by Ted Kurland Associates, Metheny was born in Lee's Summit, Mo., in 1954, into a musical family.

He began playing trumpet at age 8, and, at age 12, he switched to guitar. By his mid-teens, Metheny was playing regularly with some of the best jazz musicians in Kansas City and, in return, earning priceless on-the-bandstand experience.

Metheny's introduction to the international jazz scene came in 1974.

Over the course of his three-year stint with vibraphone great Gary Burton, Metheny displayed his soon-to-become trademarked playing style, which blended the loose and flexible articulation customarily reserved for horn players with an advanced rhythmic and harmonic sensibility.

His debut album soon followed: "Bright Size Life" (1975) helped re-imagine the traditional jazz guitar sound for a new generation of players.

Metheny has continued to redefine the genre by utilizing new technology and constantly working to evolve the improvisational and sonic potential of his instrument.

Over the years, Metheny has won countless polls as Best Jazz Guitarist and plenty of awards, including three gold records for "Still Life (Talking)," "Letter from Home" and "Secret Story."

He has also won 18 Grammy Awards spread out over a variety of different categories including Best Rock Instrumental, Best Contemporary Jazz Recording, Best Jazz Instrumental Solo, Best Instrumental Composition.

The Pat Metheny Group won an unprecedented seven consecutive Grammys for seven consecutive albums.

Metheny has spent most of his life on tour, averaging between 120 and 240 shows a year since 1974.

## Crossword

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- Across**
- Intestines' terminal section (pl.)
  - Comprehensible
  - Erasable programmable read-only memory (acronym)
  - Rash-causing shrub (2 wds)
  - Like saltwater taffy
  - Vehement accusation
  - "If only \_\_\_ listened ..." (contraction)
  - Generous bestowal of gifts
  - Blue
  - Give off, as light
  - Equal
  - Bad day for Caesar
  - Comeback
  - Black
  - Sidekick
  - "I had no \_\_\_!"
  - Auto parts giant
  - Parachute straps
  - Causing fear
  - "... or \_\_\_!"
  - "My bad!"
  - White, oblong, ecclesiastical vestment
  - Big name in computers
  - Foil (2 wds)
  - Bummed out
  - Bow
  - Stallion, once
  - "Comprende?"
  - Skin art (pl.)
  - \_\_\_ Clemente
  - Collective body of bishops
  - A-list
  - Lowest
  - Mechanical routines
  - Those who live in a place
  - Bottomless pit

- Down**
- Lavishly elegant
  - Fleeting
  - Those to whom money is owed
  - Haul
  - \_\_\_ nitrate
  - Cathedral topper
  - Bowed ceremoniously
  - Channel bottoms
  - A Swiss army knife has lots of them
  - Alarm bell
  - Amazon, e.g.
  - Idaho's capital
  - They go with the flow
  - Barely managed, with "out"
  - Appropriate
  - Vintage auto rear seating compartment
  - Forceful
  - "The Catcher in the \_\_\_"
  - Move forward by rowing
  - Quarantine
  - Fattiness
  - Embezzles
  - Skillful performance
  - Absorb, with "up"
  - Ring bearer, maybe
  - Most cheeky
  - Small bell-shaped bomb
  - Even if, briefly
  - Switzerland's capital
  - City on the Aire
  - Charges
  - Cowboy boot attachment
  - #1 spot
  - "Buona \_\_\_" (Italian greeting)
  - "Fantasy Island" prop
  - Court ploy

## Sudoku

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Place a Number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

## Sudoku answers from last week

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57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70

## Horoscopes

February 6, 2014

### CAPRICORN

December 22 - January 19

Congrats, Capricorn. You're tested, and you pass with flying colors. A promise of long ago is kept. A small purchase gets the weekend off to a great start.

### AQUARIUS

January 20 - February 18

Excellent, Aquarius. You set a goal, devised a plan and stuck to it, and you will soon reap the rewards. A project finally gets the green light at work.

### PISCES

February 19 - March 20

Imagine, Pisces. Time to do whatever you want. Don't think it's possible? Think again. You're about to get a well-deserved break. Enjoy!

### ARIES

March 21 - April 19

Ooh-la-la, Aries. Someone has their eye on you, and they are about to extend you an offer you can't refuse. A youngster is much too inquisitive.

### TAURUS

April 20 - May 20

Whew, Taurus. You manage to dodge a bullet, a big bullet. Show your appreciation to those who helped. A trip down memory lane revives interest in a hobby.

### GEMINI

May 21 - June 21

Jump for joy, Gemini. You've got the magic touch this week. There is nothing you can't do. A financial goal is met, and you can finally start investing.

### CANCER

June 22 - July 22

Cool it, Cancer. You've said all that you need to. Actions speak louder than words anyway. A minor windfall paves the way for a major makeover.

### LEO

July 23 - August 22

Be careful, Leo. All is not as it appears to be. A mission in organization begins at home. Get all hands on deck. A text clues you in.

### VIRGO

August 23 - September 22

Easy, Virgo. Baby steps are the best route to success. A friend proves their dedication to a craft. Invite them out for a meal to celebrate.

### LIBRA

September 23 - October 22

The to-do list grows. You have two choices, Libra: to tackle it alone or take up a cantankerous friend's offer to help. Weigh the pros and cons carefully.

### SCORPIO

October 23 - November 21

Busy, busy, busy. You're a busy little bee this week, Scorpio. Lucky for you, there will be very few obstacles in your path and many helping hands.

### SAGITTARIUS

November 22 - December 21

Passion ignites, and gifts are exchanged. Perhaps it's time for a mini getaway, Sagittarius. A home improvement project nears completion.

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Ashley Bell and Justin Arnold star in "Love & Air Sex," distributed by Tribeca Film.

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**OPENING, from page 1B**

Strigoi – immortal, evil vampires – who hunt her kind from outside its sanctuary.

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

**'A Field in England'**

Genre: Horror  
Cast: Reece Shearsmith, Michael Smiley and Julian Barrett  
Director: Ben Wheatley  
Not rated

During the Civil War in 17th-Century England, a small group of deserters flee from a raging battle through an overgrown field.

They are captured by an alchemist (Michael Smiley), who forces the group to aid him in his search to find a hidden treasure that he believes is buried in the field. Crossing a vast mushroom circle, which provides their first meal, the group quickly descend into a chaos of arguments, fighting and paranoia, and, as it becomes clear that the treasure might be something other than gold, they slowly become victim to the terrifying energies trapped inside the field.

"A Field In England" is a psychedelic trip into magic and madness from Ben Wheatley.

**'Love & Air Sex'**

Genre: Comedy and romance  
Cast: Ashley Bell, Zach Cregger, Sara Paxton, Michael Stahl-David, Addison Timlin, Justin Arnold and Marshall Allman  
Director: Brian Poyser  
Not rated

When brokenhearted Stan (Michael Stahl-David) flies to Austin for the weekend in hopes of "accidentally" running into his ex-girlfriend

Cathy (Ashley Bell), he arrives to find their best friends (Zach Cregger) and Kara (Sara Paxton) in the middle of their own vicious breakup.

Before too long, battle lines are drawn – and with the Air Sex World Championships in town, anything can go down.

**'Nurse 3D'**

Genre: Horror  
Cast: Paz de la Huerta, Katrina Bowden, Corbin Bleu, Boris Kodjoe, Niecy Nash and Judd Nelson  
Director: Doug Aarniokoski  
Rated: R

Paz de la Huerta turns up the body heat in this wickedly entertaining story of a fatal attraction. By day, nurse Abby Russell (de la Huerta) lovingly attends to the patients at All Saints Memorial Hospital; by night, Abby prowls nightclubs, luring unfaithful men into dangerous liaisons. After Danni, a young, sensitive nurse, joins the hospital staff, Abby pursues her friendship. But when the friendship turns to obsession, Danni spurns Abby, unleashing Abby's fury and a rampage of terror.

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# Celtic musicians perform at Palladium Friday, Feb. 7

ST. PETERSBURG – A year after their outstanding Florida debut with Caberfeidh Productions, Cassie and Maggie MacDonald are returning to St. Petersburg.

Cassie and Maggie MacDonald will perform Friday, Feb. 7, 7:30 p.m., at the Palladium at St. Petersburg College, 253 Fifth Ave. N.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of the show. Call 822-3590 or visit [www.mypalladium.org](http://www.mypalladium.org).

Cassie and Maggie are 2011 Galaxie Rising star award winners, and 2012 ECMA nominees for Roots/Traditional Recording of the Year for their debut album "Fresh Heirs." The evening will feature original and traditional Celtic music ranging from Cape Breton reels to Antigonish polkas and more.

According to their press kit, Cassie and Maggie "encompass everything you could ask for in a musical act."

Billed as exciting and innovative, they have found the perfect balance between musical integrity, and sheer entertainment. Cassie and Maggie stay true to their Celtic roots while charting – and testing – the boundaries of traditional music. They are known for bringing a breath of fresh air to the genre with their original compositions and arrangements.

Sisters, cohorts and collaborators, Cassie and Maggie have been enchanting audiences far and wide with their infectious energy, driving rhythms and lilting melodies.

Born in Halifax, with strong roots in Antigonish, Nova Scotia, the musicians got their start wowing audiences across Canada with their unique blend of original and traditional Celtic music. Cassie's fiddle playing has been described as sweet and elegant with just the right amount of raw power. Maggie's piano playing has an irresistible drive and compliments Cassie's playing perfectly. Together these delightful sisters are far more than the average fiddle and piano

duo: Cassie is an award winning highland and step dancer and also sings harmony for Maggie. In addition to her virtuosic piano playing, Maggie sings lead, plays guitar and is also an accomplished step dancer.

Their music fits together seamlessly, encompassing various styles from Cape Breton reels to Antigonish Polkas, Quebecois fiddling and footwork to down east standards. Their vocal harmonies are sweet yet powerful and their step dancing exact and exciting, showing off their youthful charm and energy.

The siblings were born to a family with a rich musical heritage. Raised in Nova Scotia, a province steeped in musical culture and traditions, the girls have used their unique upbringing as a springboard for their own brand of Celtic Roots music. They are equally at home playing tunes passed down through generations of musicians as they are seamlessly weaving themes from the Moonlight Sonata into sets of surefire reels.

Appearing on stages across Canada, the United States, France, Germany, Bermuda and the UK, since their first festival performance at the Goderich Celtic Roots Festival in Ontario, the girls have gone on to be soloists in the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo and International Polizi Show in Hamburg, Germany. They also performed for the French Ambassador in Paris, France. Cassie and Maggie played at the independence day celebrations on Bermuda Island, the Lunenburg Folk Harbour festival, Celtic Classic festival, Stan Rogers International Songwriters festival and Festival Memoires et Racines in Joliette, Quebec.

This year will prove to be the busiest and most exciting yet with performances at the Milwaukee Irish Festival, Celtic Colours International festival and Ocrakfolk festival in NC, again, just to name a few.



Photo courtesy of CABERFEIDH PRODUCTIONS  
Caberfeidh Productions presents Cassie, left, and Maggie MacDonald Feb. 7 at the Palladium at St. Petersburg College.

# Artifact exhibition comes to Florida Holocaust Museum

ST. PETERSBURG – "Fire in My Heart: The Story of Hannah Senesh," a special multi-media, private artifact exhibition, is on display through April 27 at the Florida Holocaust Museum, 55 Fifth St. S.

FHM is one of three U.S. cities to host the exhibition. Prior to its arrival in the Tampa Bay area, it visited Chicago and New York. After its run at FHM, the collection will return to Israel.

"Fire in My Heart: The Story of Hannah Senesh" is not a traveling exhibition but a collection of personal items that's likely never to be seen together again. Entrusted to organizers by Senesh's nephews, the exhibition includes a wide-range of personal artifacts including her diary, a newspaper she published with her brother, and a collection of personal notebooks and photographs.

Senesh is widely known as the

author of "Walking to Caesarea," her 1942 poem that was set to music in 1945 and is largely considered the virtual second anthem for the state of Israel. Recently performed by Regina Spektor at a concert in Israel this past August, it was also prominently featured in the movie "Schindler's List."

Organized by the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York City, the 2,500-square-foot exhibition also includes audio/visual displays

by Roberta Grossman, the award-winning director of "Blessed is the Match: The Life and Death of Hannah Senesh."

"We could not be more thrilled that St. Pete is one of three cities to receive this very important chronicle of one of the Holocaust's most respected heroes," said Elizabeth Gelman, director of the Florida Holocaust Museum. "A strong, resourceful, courageous woman, her story continues to inspire people across the globe. We expect the exhibition to draw visitors from across the state of Florida."

Senesh, a young woman who took part in a secret British mission so that she might also help Jews in Europe, was one of those people. She also was the talented poet who wrote those words that would, along with her diary, be read by millions of people around the world. Senesh's life was short but her memory continues to impact millions.

Senesh was born on July 17, 1921, into a Hungarian-Jewish middle class family. She went to a private Protestant secondary school where she was one of a small number of Jewish students. While she excelled there, she also eventually encountered institutionalized anti-Semitism. Her response was to become an ardent Zionist intent on settling in Palestine. She left Budapest for Palestine in September 1939, two weeks after Germany's invasion of Poland. After completing two years of studies at the Agricultural School for Young Women in Nahalal, she joined the newly organized kibbutz,

Sedot Yam. In the summer of 1943, wanting to help in the effort to defeat the Nazis and to do something for the Jewish remnant in Europe, Hannah accepted an invitation to join a unit being trained to parachute into occupied Europe. There, she and the other Palestinian-Jewish volunteers would carry out a double mission. For the British, she would help set up escape routes for downed Allied aircrews who had evaded capture; for the Haganah – the Palestinian Jewish underground army – she would organize Jews and help them to escape.

Senesh and four colleagues parachuted into Yugoslavia in March 1944. She crossed into Hungary in early June, but was immediately captured by the Hungarian authorities. She was imprisoned for six months and was brutally interrogated. While in prison, she taught her fellow prisoners Hebrew and inspired them with stories of life in Palestine. Her mother was arrested in an attempt to extract information from her, but Senesh refused to give her captors the information they sought.

She was tried for treason, and executed by firing squad on Nov. 7, 1944, at the age of 23. Her remains were moved to Israel in 1950, and she is now buried in the section of Israel's national military cemetery dedicated to the parachutists. Her mother and brother survived the war.

### Highlights of the exhibition

The exhibit starts in cosmopolitan Budapest of the 1920s and

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### Bay Pines

**• Veterans Creative Arts Festival**, Thursday, Feb. 13, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the JC Cobb room, on the first floor of the main medical center building at the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System's C.W. Bill Young VA Medical Center, 10000 Bay Pines Blvd., Bay Pines. Presented in conjunction with VA's National Salute to Veteran Patients Week – a week designated to pay tribute and express appreciation to Veterans – the competition includes 53 categories in the visual arts division this year that range from oil painting to leatherwork to paint-by-number kits. In addition, there are 120 categories in the performing arts pertaining to all aspects of music, dance, drama and creative writing. Veterans enrolled for VA health care services through the Bay Pines VAHCS are invited to register for the event and compete in one or several of the following divisions: visual art, creative writing, dance, drama or music. A national selection committee chooses first, second and third place winners among all of the entries. Select winners will be invited to attend the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival in Milwaukee, Wis. in October. Those interested may call Erin Todd at 398-6661, ext. 5884; or Jenny Campbell at extension 2793. Family members, friends and general spectators also are welcome to attend.

### Clearwater

**• New Orleans' Own Dukes of Dixieland**, Sunday, Feb. 9, 2 p.m., at Capitol Theatre, 405 Cleveland St., Clearwater. Tickets start at \$35. Call 791-7400 or visit [www.atthecap.com](http://www.atthecap.com). The oldest continuing Dixieland band (the original configuration of this group dates back to 1949, the current band to 1974), these globe-trotting jazz ambassadors from the heart of the Big Easy blow traditional Dixieland into the 21st century, weaving strands of pop, gospel and country with authentic New Orleans sounds. The Dukes of Dixieland embody 39 years of tradition, offering jazz as it's meant to be: both durable and flexible. Strong tradition, new ground, great sounds – that's what the Dukes of Dixieland bring to audiences, whether they're performing in concert halls or offering dinner cruises on the Steamboat Natchez.

**• Cruisin' at The Capitol Street Party**, Sunday, Feb. 9, 4 to 7:30 p.m., on the 300 block of Cleveland Street in the downtown district of Clearwater. All ages are welcome at this free event, which will feature vintage cars and motorcycles, a performance by the blues band The Nighthawks and specialty food vendors selling food and beverages. There also will be prizes and a raffle drawing. For more than three decades, The Nighthawks have earned a reputation as one of the best and hardest-working bands around. Hailing from Washington, D.C., they've opened for B.B. King, Muddy Waters and James Cotton to name a few. They've released more than 20 recordings including 2009's award-winning "American Landscape." Their acoustic blues album "Last Train to Bluesville" was nominated in 2011 for a Blues Music Award. Honoring Jay Leno's passion for vintage vehicles, a wide-array of antique cars and motorcycles will be on display on Cleveland Street prior to Leno's sold-out show at the Capitol Theatre that evening. Leno will not make an appearance at the street party. This event is free and no registration is required. For information, call 712-2760.

**• The Irish Rovers: Farewell**, Tuesday, Feb. 11, 1 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Call 791-7400 or visit [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com). Tickets start at \$18. For those who have been waiting to see this iconic band,

wait no longer: This is the beginning of "The Long Goodbye." The Irish Rovers return with songs that have captivated and delighted audiences since 1963 with favorites such as "Wasn't That A Party," "Black Velvet Band," "Orange and the Green," "Drunken Sailor" and their signature song "The Unicorn." This show is part of Ruth Eckerd Hall's Adults at Leisure Series.

**• The Florida Orchestra: Something Old, Something New**, Wednesday, Feb. 12, 10 a.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Tickets start at \$24. Call 791-7400 or visit [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com). Showcasing TFO violinists Nancy Chang and Sarah Shellman, James Feddeck conducts this concert featuring movements from Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 3, Vivaldi's The Four Seasons, Piazzolla's Cuatro Estaciones Porteñas, and other works by Prokofiev, Respighi, and Brahms.

**• Pavlo**, Friday, Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m., at Capitol Theatre, 405 Cleveland St., Clearwater. Tickets start at \$29.50. Call 791-7400 or visit [www.atthecap.com](http://www.atthecap.com). Supported throughout his career by PBS, Pavlo's ninth album, "Six String Blvd.," incorporates the world's most exotic instruments into his classic Mediterranean sound. Influenced by his travels, he utilizes the Chinese erhu; the Portuguese guitarra; the Arabic flute; the Indian sitar and the Greek bouzouki. Pavlo has come full circle since he introduced his Mediterranean brand in 1998, once again recording an all-instrumental album. With all brand-new compositions, this album highlights Pavlo's unmatched ability to melodically unite world instruments into his sound seamlessly, all the while staying true to his distinct Mediterranean guitar signature.

**• Eighth annual Clearwater Sea-Blues Festival**, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 15-16, at Coachman Park, 301 Drew St., Clearwater. The co-headliners will be the Robert Cray Band and Vintage Trouble. The five-time Grammy Award winning Robert Cray Band brings a self-described rock, soul, jazz, blues, gospel-inspired sound to the festival. The band is currently touring its newest album "Nothing But Love." Cray is currently writing songs for the band's next album, which will have an even stronger political edge than previous releases. There's a good chance those who haven't heard of Vintage Trouble will know them very soon. Since releasing their first album "The Bomb Shelter Sessions" in 2011, this retro rock/blues band is blowing up across the globe. Only one hour after an appearance on a London television show the band became the sixth most tweeted topic worldwide. Other nationally known acts performing at the Sea-Blues Festival include Savoy Brown featuring Kim Simmonds, Ana Popovic, Peter Karp and Sue Foley, Eric Lindell, Marquise Knox and Samantha Fish. More artists are expected to be announced. Event schedules and information are subject to change. In addition to great blues inspired music, the festival will offer some of Tampa Bay's finest seafood cuisine. Baystar Restaurant Group has confirmed its participation in the event. A full list of participating seafood restaurants and vendors will be announced soon. Admission to the event is free with limited reserved seating and VIP tickets available soon. For information, visit [clearwaterseablues.com](http://clearwaterseablues.com).

### Indian Rocks Beach

**• Art Exhibit**, Feb. 15 through March 8, at Church of the Isles, 200 24th Ave., Indian Rocks Beach. Christian Education Committee and Art Department of Coti Community Christian School will sponsor the exhibit. The show will give artists asso-

## FWP exhibits Denning's artwork



Mandalas and Totems, an art exhibit by Jackie Denning, is on display through Feb. 25 at Francis Wilson Playhouse, 302 Seminole St. Lobby hours are Monday through Thursday, 10:30 to 5:30 p.m., or by appointment. Call 446-1360.

ciated with the Church of the Isles and COTI Community Christian School an opportunity to display their works for public viewing. Some of the works will be available for sale by the artists. Some will be auctioned for the benefit of the school and church at an art auction, set for March 1, 1:30 p.m., at Church of the Isles. For information, call Rodney Snedeker at 596-7813.

**• Monte Carlo Casino Night**, Saturday, Feb. 22, 7 to 11 p.m., at the Beach Art Center, 1515 Bay Palm Blvd., Indian Rocks Beach. Tickets are \$35

each and are limited for capacity reasons. Casino games are conducted by professional dealers and no real money is gambled or won. Games include roulette, poker and horse racing. Door prizes, live and silent auctions, food, cash bar and entertainment are all part of the evening. All proceeds go to the Beach Art Center, a not for profit, 501c3. For information, call 596-4331 or visit [www.BeachArtCenter.org](http://www.BeachArtCenter.org).

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1930s, exploring Senesh's home life, education, and religious beliefs as part of a bourgeois Jewish family. It shows how her priorities changed in 1938 and 1939 upon facing anti-Semitism, and how she became a Zionist.

The exhibition follows Senesh to the Agricultural School of Young Women in Nahalal and portrays her physical and spiritual life there and at Kibbutz Sedot Yam through the use of her own words, including the text of her famous 1942 poem "Halikha L'Kesariya" ("A Walk to Caesarea"), known worldwide as "Eli, Eli." This short Hebrew poem was set to music in 1945, and has since become a virtual second anthem in Israel.

Senesh's mission, imprisonment, trial and execution are narrated through the words of her acquaintances, family, and friends who were witness to these tragic events. The exhibition concludes with a section describing Hannah's legacy.

Items featured in the exhibition include:

- An edition of "Kis Szenesek Lapja" ("Newspaper of the Little Seneshes"), produced in 1929 by Senesh and her brother Giora. Readers paid for the paper with chocolates.
- Senesh's Hungarian passport with its visa to

Palestine.

• The portable typewriter Senesh brought with her to Palestine along with letters she typed to her mother that sometimes included drawings and handwritten messages.

• The suitcase in which Senesh stored her notebooks and other possessions when she departed on the mission. She left a letter stating that she is leaving the suitcase at the kibbutz "containing Daddy's books and other personal items, which I would not like anyone except Gyorka (her brother) or Mother to touch."

• The last photo of Senesh and her brother Giora taken in Tel Aviv the day Hannah departed on her mission. He had arrived in Palestine the previous day. The back of the photo was inscribed by her brother. "How good and pleasant it is for siblings to be together," and sent to her in Egypt. Senesh returned it to him, adding, "How good! Hannah 1944 March 10."

The museum is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the last admission 30 minutes prior to closing. Admission is \$16 for adults, \$14 for seniors, \$10 for college students and \$8 for students 17 and younger. Call 820-0100 or visit [www.iholocaustmuseum.org](http://www.iholocaustmuseum.org).

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# Dunedin Fine Arts Center to host 'IT Weekend'

DUNEDIN – The Dunedin Fine Art Center is referring to its upcoming fringe art festival as the "IT Weekend," a "super-fecta of events," which will include Contain It!, Trashy Treasures, Eat It! and Brew It!

The grouping of events runs for just one evening and one day: Friday and Saturday, Feb. 21-22, at Dunedin Fine Art Center, 1143 Michigan Blvd.

The fun will kick off Friday, Feb. 21, 6 p.m., with "another legendary DFAC party," according to a press release. The event will feature craft brews, live music by Nancy RayGuns and, of course, all of that incredible food.

Contain It!, a multi-media installation fair, showcases the work of artists who have reworked the interior of PODS to reflect their unique take on the space.

"The idea is to have someone step inside each POD and feel transported into the artist's imagination," said George Ann Bissett, DFAC's executive director.

This year's presentation is being curated by Christine Renc-Carter. Featured container artists will include Nicole Abbett, Paula "Pollyzoom" Allen, Nathan Beard, Theo Georgiou, Moses Hensley, Shane Hoffman along with three students, Barbara Hubbard along with two students, Wes Roos, Kumpa Tawornprom and Eric

Voorhis. There also will be a special installation by last year's people's choice winner, Vicky Block.

Trashy Treasures is considered the Tampa Bay area's most loved art garage sale. People donate art works that they've perhaps grown tired of, and art supplies they no longer need to DFAC. The center then offers a select group for sale by silent auction for the event Friday evening, and then prices the rest of it to sell on a first-come first-served garage sale basis on Saturday, Feb. 22.

"The addition of Eat It! a few years ago made the event a tasty triple-header," said Ken Hannon, DFAC's

associate executive director.

Food trucks for this year's Eat It! will include DFAC's own Stephen Decaire's temporary Palm Cafe on Wheels, George Tinney BBQ and more.

This year, DFAC – never being an organization to rest on their laurels for too long – is adding a craft beer component to the festivities. They're calling Brew It!

Admission to the Friday night party is \$5 while the exhibition will be open free to the public, Saturday, Feb. 22, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For information, call 298-DFAC or visit [www.dfac.org](http://www.dfac.org).

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Largo

• **"Shipwrecked! An Entertainment – The Amazing Adventure of Louis de Rougemont (as Told by Himself),"** by Donald Margulies, Feb. 6 through March 2, at New Stage Theatre, inside Country Day World School, 11650 131st St. N., Largo. For performance times and ticket information, call 813-817-2585 or visit [newstagelargo.org](http://newstagelargo.org). The adventurous Louis de Rougemont invites audiences to hear his amazing story of bravery, survival and celebrity that left 19th century England spellbound. Dare to be whisked away in a story of the high seas, populated by exotic islanders, flying wombats, giant sea turtles and a monstrous man-eating octopus. "Shipwrecked" examines how far we're willing to blur the line between fact and fiction in order to leave our mark on the world.

• **Frank Vignola and Vinny Raniolo**, Friday, Feb. 7, 8 p.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets are \$24.50. Call 587-6793 or visit [largoarts.com](http://largoarts.com). Vignola's stunning virtuosity has made him the guitarist of choice for many of the world's top musicians. Guitar legend Les Paul named Vignola to his Five Most Admired Guitarist list for the Wall Street Journal. Raniolo, at the age of 28, has already proven himself to be among the elite having performed and recorded with Bucky Pizzarelli, Tommy Emmanuel and David Grisman just to name a few. Their jaw-dropping technique and incredible showmanship explains why the New York Times deemed them "stars of the guitar."

• **House is Out**, Friday, Feb. 7, 6 to 8 p.m., at the Largo Community Center, 400 Alt. Keene Road, Largo. Part of Largo's Sun Down Music Series, the evening will feature the sounds of rockabilly, blues and classic rock. House is Out has been playing clubs in and around Tampa since 2009. While they perform some of the classics, they also play covers by Caro Emerald, Imelda May and Adele. The event will be presented in the back park, under the stars. Tickets are \$5 each in advance and \$10 each at the door. Doors will open at 6 p.m. A full bar will be available. Lawn chairs are recommended. Call 518-3131 or visit [LargoCommunityCenter.com](http://LargoCommunityCenter.com).

• **Satchmo: The Rebirth of Louis Armstrong** featuring Dean Simms; Saturday, Feb. 8, 8 p.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets are \$24.50. Call 587-6793 or visit [largoarts.com](http://largoarts.com). Virtuoso trumpeter Dean Simms, as Satchmo, is the leader of this awesome tribute to the master himself, Louis Armstrong. His singing style as well as his playing, showmanship and on-stage is truly amazing. Hear Simms and his band perform renditions of "Basin Street Blues," "St. Louis Blues," "Wonderful World" and show stopping performance of the "Saints Go Marching In" and "Hello Dolly."

• **Alter Eagles: The Definitive Eagles Tribute Band**; Monday, Feb. 10, 2 and 7 p.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets are \$22.50. Call 587-6793 or visit [largoarts.com](http://largoarts.com). Alter Eagles – the most authentic tribute show to The Eagles – have won over countless numbers of fans nationwide with their tight vocal harmonies and exquisite re-creation of those classic songs of the '70s.

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• **The Sicilian Tenors**, Saturday, Feb. 15, 8 p.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets are \$24.50. Call 587-6793 or visit [largoarts.com](http://largoarts.com). Comedian Joan Rivers describes the Sicilian Tenors as "the Three Tenors meet the Rat Pack." Aaron Caruso, Elio Scaccio and Sam Vitale will take the audience on a romantic journey from Hollywood to Broadway to Italy with marvelous songs and arias combined with lighthearted fun for all ages. The audience is always moved from tears to laughter with their warm nostalgia and soaring voices that hit all the right notes.

• **"Thoroughly Modern Millie,"** with book by Richard Morris and Dick Scanlan, music by Jeanine Tesori and lyrics by Dick Scanlan; presented by Eight O'Clock Theatre, Feb. 28 through March 16, at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Performances are Thursdays through Saturdays, 8 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25.50 for adults and \$12.50 for children 19 and younger with identification. A city of Largo handling charge of \$3.50 will be added to each ticket. Call 587-6793 or visit [largoarts.com](http://largoarts.com). "Thoroughly Modern Millie" is a fast-paced, energetic musical comedy set in the roaring '20s. Taking place in New York City in 1922, Millie Dillmount has just moved to the city in search of a new life for herself. It's a New York full of intrigue and jazz – a time when women were entering the workforce and the rules of love and social behavior were changing forever. Filled with frisky flappers, dashing leading men and a dragon-lady of a villainess audiences will love to hate, "Thoroughly Modern Millie" is a perfectly constructed evening of madcap merriment. The production will feature Linda Weir as director and Amy Phillips as choreographer.

• **"The Rainmaker,"** by N. Richard Nash; April 3-27, at New Stage Theatre, inside Country Day World School, 11650 131st St. N., Largo. For performance times and ticket information, call 813-817-2585 or visit [newstagelargo.org](http://newstagelargo.org). Belief, hopes, and dreams are never as far away as we may sometimes think. Taking place during a great drought, we discover a girl whose father and two brothers are worried as much about her potential future as an old maid as they are about their dying cattle. When a man comes to town promising rain for a \$100 fee, he unintentionally changes more than just the weather. "The Rainmaker" is a feel good play for all ages.

• **"Grease,"** with book, music and lyrics by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey; presented by Eight O'Clock Theatre, May 2-11, at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Performances are Thursdays through Saturdays, 8 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25.50 for adults and \$12.50 for children 19 and younger with identification. A city of Largo handling charge of \$3.50 will be added to each ticket. Call 587-6793 or visit [largoarts.com](http://largoarts.com). Here is Rydell High's senior class of 1959: duck-tailed, hot-rodding "Burger Palace Boys" and their gum-snapping, hip-shaking "Pink Ladies" in bobby socks and pedal pushers, evoking the look and sound of the 1950s in this rollicking musical. Head "greaser" Danny Zuko and new (good) girl Sandy Dumbrowski try to relive the high romance of their "Summer Nights" as the rest of the gang sings and dances its way through such songs as "Greased

Lightnin'," "We Go Together," "There Are Worse Things I Could Do" and "You're the One That I Want" recalling the music of Buddy Holly, Little Richard and Elvis Presley that became the soundtrack of a generation. An eight-year run on Broadway and two subsequent revivals place "Grease" among the world's most popular musicals. This production will feature James Grenelle as director and choreographer.

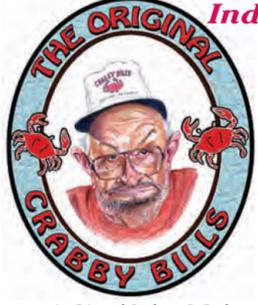
• **"Hair,"** with book and lyrics by James Rado and Jerome Ragni, and music by Galt MacDermot; presented by Eight O'Clock Theatre, July 11-20, at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Performances are Thursdays through Saturdays, 8 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25.50 for adults and \$12.50 for children 19 and younger with identification. A city of Largo handling charge of \$3.50 will be added to each ticket. Call 587-6793 or visit [largoarts.com](http://largoarts.com). "Hair" – the Broadway musical live on stage – is at once both a joyous celebration of youth and a poignant journey through a tumultuous 1960s America. This exuberant musical about a group of teenagers searching for truth, peace and love in a Vietnam War era America has struck a resonant chord with audiences of all ages. "Hair" features a long list of chart-topping hit songs such as "Aquarius," "Let the Sun Shine In," "Good Morning," "Starshine" and "Easy To Be Hard." The themes and struggles in "Hair," although from another era, seem vital and relevant to modern times. This performance contains strong language, adult content and nudity and is recommended for mature audiences. This production will feature Michael Newton-Brown as director and James Grenelle as choreographer.

Pinellas Park

• **"Ain't Food Wonderful"**, by Gil Perloth, Feb. 7-23, at Venue Theatre and Actors Studio, 9125 U.S. 19 N., Pinellas Park. Performances are Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; and Sunday, 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Reservations are required. Call 822-6194 or visit [venueweb-site.wix.com/venue theatre](http://venueweb-site.wix.com/venue theatre). The world premiere of Perloth's new musical spoof, "Ain't Food Wonderful", is directed by Daniel Harris and stars Mike Arnold, Ben Taylor, Susan Taylor, and Nancy Wright. The show includes everything related to people's food experiences: restaurant dining, holiday feasts, dieting, the organic food rage, pregnancy cravings, and fast food emporiums. The show features new songs such as "Who Doesn't Like Chinese?", "A Bag Boy at Publix," "Nothing like a Jewish Deli," "Cellulite Blues" and "Hooter Guys." Meals on Wheels is the designated benefit organization for this production.

• **Movies in the Park**, Saturday, Feb. 8, dusk, at England Brothers Park, 5010 81st Ave. N., Pinellas Park. Hosted by the Pinellas Park Firefighters, this monthly, family-friendly event helps raise funds for the Benevolent Fund by selling hot dogs and hamburgers. Candy, popcorn, nachos and drinks also are available for purchase. The Benevolent Fund is used to help victims and families in the community. For information, call 687-4494.

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