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# A buzz for beer

By TAMPA BAY NEWSPAPERS • Staff members

As the popularity of beer produced by smaller breweries continues to grow, local communities are benefiting in a number of ways. Pinellas County is no exception. Florida had 195 craft breweries and was ranked 10th in the nation at the end of 2016, according to the Brewer's Association. As of 2015, about one-third of the state's microbreweries were in Tampa Bay and about 20 percent of those were in Pinellas County, according to statistics compiled by Forward Pinellas.

In 2017, 86 of these small-production breweries were open in the Tampa Bay region with more than 30 doing business in Pinellas, according to Dan Bjerk, senior international trade specialist for the U.S. Department of Commerce, who is working on a new project to help breweries expand their market.

The industry is growing rapidly, which is good news for owners and local communities, as more people begin to covet the taste of beer produced at microbreweries and fall in love with the creativity of craft beer.

The Brewer's Association defines microbreweries as those that produce less than 15,000 barrels of beer a year with 75 percent or more of its beer sold off-site. A brewpub is a restaurant-brewery that sells 25 percent or more of its beer on site. Craft brewers are "small, independent and traditional," per the Brewer Association's definition. They produce 6 million barrels of beer or less. They're innovative. They use traditional ingredients but often incorporate non-traditional ingredients to create unique tastes.

These new smaller breweries are making a difference in downtown and industrial areas throughout the county in a variety of ways. Forward Pinellas has been researching how

local municipalities have been revising their zoning codes to accommodate the needs of local brewers. Brett Burks, Forward Pinellas program planner, talked about some of what the agency has discovered in a March 7 blog post.

Breweries combine commercial and industrial uses. Brewpubs are best suited for areas zoned for retail uses that allow manufacturing. Microbreweries need a location that allows light manufacturing uses with a smaller retail component.

Brewpubs are great fits for downtown and commercial areas near bars and other restaurants, and microbreweries, which have a taproom or tasting room, are suited for commercial or industrial areas, as well as transitional areas between downtown and industrial lands.

Alicia Parinello, another Forward Pinellas program planner working on the brewery project, said Forward Pinellas was working to make sure breweries were included in the countywide plan. The agency is educating county commissioners and municipal leaders, as well as working with local

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## >> Microbreweries popping up along the beaches

TREASURE ISLAND - In October the Sea Dog Brew Pub opened in Treasure Island. It followed others opening along the beaches: Mastry's in St. Pete Beach and Mad Beach Brewery in Madeira Beach. There could be another to follow in Indian Rocks Beach if the hopes of city officials are realized.

Robin Sollie of the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce sees a trend, and she says it is a positive for the economy of the beach communities.

"We think it is great to see some of the new brewers coming to the beach," she said. "For a long time it was Clearwater and St. Petersburg; now they are coming here."

"I think it definitely elevates what we offer from a food and beverage standpoint. As more come on line more and more people will venture out to the beaches to try them out."

That is the hope of the officials of the latest microbrewery to open, the Sea Dog at 9610 Gulf Blvd.

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## >> Dunedin brewery scene has something for everyone

DUNEDIN - A few years ago a local brewer said that the city had become a destination for craft brewery lovers. Judging by what's present today, his words rang true.

Over the past year or so, several new additions have joined established favorites like Seventh Sun, Dunedin House of Beers and the granddaddy of them all, the Dunedin Brewery.

The downtown district features seven breweries and a distillery, all within a one-mile radius, with each offering a distinct style and atmosphere as well as a wide variety of beers and spirits.

But while the craft beer industry has been booming locally and nationwide for the past several years, the abundance of so many breweries in a small area of a relatively small town begs the

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### Seminole

## Plaza revitalized

### Sea Hags, Crunch among businesses opening in Twin Oaks Shopping Center

By TIFFANY RAZZANO  
Tampa Bay Newspapers

SEMINOLE - For years, many of the storefronts in the Twin Oaks Shopping Center, located at the northwest corner of the busy intersection at Park and Seminole Boulevards, sat vacant.

The 2008 recession hit the businesses that called the plaza home at the time hard. One of the first to shut its doors was the popular Roadhouse Grill, which filed for bankruptcy that year.

With the economy doing so poorly, other businesses struggled as well, and many eventually moved out of the

shopping center or closed for good.

In June of 2015, Beef O'Brady's, the plaza's remaining restaurant, closed abruptly when it was unable to negotiate a new lease with the Maddox Companies, the property's owner.

Then, LA Fitness, which anchored the plaza following Beef O'Brady's departure, relocated to the new Seminole City Center last year.

But things are looking up for Twin Oaks as a string of new businesses prepare to open.

St. Pete Beach's Sea Hags Bar & Grill

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Photo by TIFFANY RAZZANO

St. Pete Beach's Sea Hags Bar & Grill will open a second location in Seminole's Twin Oaks Shopping Center this month, taking over the space left vacant by Roadhouse Grill in 2008.

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# Honor Flight seeking vets for 2018 D.C. trips

By JEFF ROSENFELD  
TBN Correspondent

DUNEDIN – Most people would think an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., to visit the district's historic war memorials, complete with a free orientation session, chartered flight and a personal assistant, would be an easy sell, for even the most inexperienced salesman.

Nevertheless, Honor Flight of West Central Florida officials are having a hard time giving away these once-in-a-lifetime experiences.

The local chapter of the national organization, which was founded in Ohio in 2005 to honor World War II veterans by flying them to see the conflict's memorial in the nation's capital, has experienced a drop-off in signups for the flights in recent years, according to HFWCF fundraising committee chair John Tornga.

"The number (of World War II veterans) is shrinking at an alarming rate," said Tornga, a Vietnam veteran and Dunedin city commissioner, said.

"Many of them still don't know about this service, or forgot, or think they don't deserve it. We want to address it now while they're still here."

Tornga, an officer in the Marine Corps who joined the local Honor Flight organization soon after it formed in 2010, said they treat the trips as final missions for the proud vets.

"We break it down into three sections: orientation, departure and arrival," he said. "We explain the

mission on a Saturday, they depart from the airport on Tuesday and return to a huge greeting at the airport three nights later."

"It's a lot to put together, and there's a lot of emotion," Tornga added. "We've had people buried in their Honor Flight shirts because that's their last mission. We give them a three-day pass, and they go on their final mission to visit the memorials."

Honor Flight was originally conceived to reward World War II vets for their service, according to the website. As the organization grew, the trips became elaborate tributes to those who served, complete with private chartered flights, personal caregivers and pomp-filled "welcome home" parties.

"They get the attention and respect they deserve the entire time," Tornga said, noting each returning Honor Flight participant is greeted by a high-ranking military official and handed a customized commemorative coin. "We escort them in like they're kings, and they get applauded so many times they think they're celebrities."

According to U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs statistics, just 558,000 of the 16 million Americans who served in World War II are still alive in 2017. That attrition led Honor Flight to welcome Korean War and Vietnam veterans on trips, a decision fully endorsed by Tornga.

"To me, all veterans are special," he said. "This is a way to honor them for their service and allow them to see the memorials built in their honor, because of what



Photo courtesy of HONOR FLIGHT of WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA

Honor Flight of West Central Florida is seeking veterans for free trips to Washington, D.C.

they did for us, and gave for us, it's something we feel compelled to do."

Tornga said HFWCF's goal for 2018 is to reach as many vets as possible to offer them the opportunity to accept their final mission.

"We want to make sure every World War II, Korea and Vietnam vet has been approached to have this opportunity, and 2018 is the principal year for us to do that," he said, noting the organization also conducts

Honor Flight at Home missions for those vets who can't travel out of state. "The application is online, and it's not a long process. If you know of someone, please let us know. We really need help so each and every one of them is invited, or at least know they're invited, to participate in Honor Flight."

For more information on Honor Flight of West Central Florida, visit the organization's website at [www.honorflightwcf.org](http://www.honorflightwcf.org).



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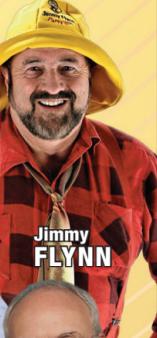
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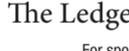
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The Sea Dog Brew Pub at 9610 Gulf Blvd. in Treasure Island is the latest microbrewery to open on the beaches.

## Along Gulf Boulevard

### TI Action Club passes into history

TREASURE ISLAND – It was just over 57 years ago when 37 residents of Treasure Island met in City Hall and formed what initially became known as the Treasure Island Senior Citizens.

The late Hal Rogers, Treasure Island's recreation director, had formed such a group in Valparaiso, Indiana, before moving to the growing island community, and recognized the need for such an organization at his new location.

At the second meeting of the club, a vote was taken to change the name to Treasure Island Action Club, and a more appropriate name could not have been selected, as members enjoyed monthly meetings, entertainment, trips to attractions, theaters, sports events, cruises, Christmas decor and many others.

Now, however, declining membership has resulted in a vote by the current board to regrettably declare the recent annual Christmas luncheon as the final event for the organization. It was decided that interested members would still informally "get together" from time to time, as circumstances allow.

President Carol Lee thanked the officers and members for their many years of dedicated service to the Action

Club, and the final meeting was gavelled into history.

### TBW seeks volunteers to build oyster domes

TIERRA VERDE – Tampa Bay Watch needs 10 to 20 hard-working volunteers to help build oyster domes during the month of January at its Marine Center, located at 3000 Pinellas Bayway.

Volunteers work weekdays, 9 a.m. to noon, pouring marine-friendly concrete into fiberglass molds to create oyster domes and un-mold other domes. Minimum age is 16.

Oyster communities help stabilize shorelines, provide hard bottom habitats for fish and wildlife resources and promote water quality improvements in the Tampa Bay ecosystem.

Visit [tampabaywatch.org](http://tampabaywatch.org).

### New book chronicles history of barrier islands

"Pioneer Days on Tampa Bay's Gulf Beaches," an

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### BEACHES, from page 1A

Charlie Breakiron, the general manager, says the owners of the company see the beach as a unique place to do business.

"One of our owners, Fred Forsley, saw the property here in Treasure Island and he fell in love with the location; it has lots of water views," he said. "He also envisioned having boat docks and having people pull up by boat. There are few restaurants that do that and ours should be ready by the spring, by the end of March or April."

Breakiron said his company caters to the beach-going customer – another reason why opening the business in a beach community is a plus.

"The vacationers are what drive the business," he said. "Those water views are definitely a plus for the vacationers. They don't get to see it every day like we do."

The Sea Dog Brew Pub has its roots in Maine. Its parent, the Shipyard Brewing Company, has been in business for 25 years and operates in Maine and New Hampshire. Breakiron said much of the food served in the restaurant comes from Maine-inspired recipes.

"We have lots of lobster dishes and we use as much local food as possible, Gulf oysters, Cod and Grouper and the sauces of course."

Farther north on Gulf Boulevard in Indian Rocks Beach, the City Commission recently passed an ordinance allowing microbreweries to do business in the city. Without referring specifically to microbreweries in the town ordinance, such a business could not operate. That has now changed, and microbreweries are welcome in IRB.

City Manager Gregg Mims said microbreweries are a thing of the future.

"We all travel and go places and find microbreweries wherever we go," he said. "It is something that is coming on particularly in Florida the last few years. Our business district would be an ideal location for a microbrewery."

But first Mims realized that some housekeeping had to be taken care of.

"We had contact about a year ago from a gentleman to open a small microbrewery in Indian Rocks Beach," he said. "In reviewing it with him we realized we didn't have provision to allow that."

With that situation now rectified, Mims said the city will be active in recruiting a brewery, particularly that man who approached them a year ago.

"They have been waiting for us to pass the ordinance," he said. "At some point after the first of the year we'll reach out and make him aware it is legal. Also, we'll be touching base with other operators in the area that the city does allow it; we'll let them know it is legal."

Given what is happening in the industry on the beach communities to the south, Mims couldn't be more on target.

The Chamber's Sollie said the industry is going in the right direction.

"From what I know they are successful and they are maturing," she said. "It is nice to see they are all working together; there is a nice dynamic about that industry. Some of them serve each other's beer."

Sollie said there is talk that another microbrewery wants to open on the beaches, another indication of a growing industry.

"Although they are not a brewery, Tapz on Corey Avenue serves local craft beers," she said. "It gives another great aspect of an experience that people can have. People who travel these days are looking for that special local experience."

Sea Dog's Breakiron said the hopes of his company echoes that of the other players in the industry on the beaches, that of growth and of a future.

"Business has been doing very well," he said. "We're going to be around for a while, we plan on it; we haven't stopped building yet."

- Brian Goff

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# FSU presents Mayor Leslie Waters with 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award

SEMINOLE – During the Florida State University homecoming events last month, Mayor Leslie Waters was presented with a 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award for her consulting activities in international affairs.

Since 2004 she has traveled to work with political candidates, political parties, political advocates, elected officials and community leaders in Southeast Asia, the Middle East, North Africa and Eastern Europe.

The Distinguished Alumni Awards program was established by the FSU College of Education more than 25 years ago to honor graduates who have distinguished themselves through service to their profession, and through scholarly, creative and/or humanitarian achievements.

Peers nominate the candidates, and an esteemed committee emeritus faculty selects the winners.

"It is a great honor to be recognized by the FSU College of Education, an institution that provided me with the education and life skills that have done me well, skills that have helped me impact democracies worldwide," Waters said.



Photo SUBMITTED  
Mayor Leslie Waters, second from right, with fellow Florida State University 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award winners.

## Around Seminole

### Chamber to host board installation

SEMINOLE – The Seminole Chamber of Commerce will hold its board installation banquet Wednesday, Jan. 10, 11 a.m., in the St. Petersburg College Conference Center at the Seminole campus, 9200 113th St. N.

For more information, call 727-392-3245.

### Vocalist to perform at library

SEMINOLE – Vocalist Todd Donovan will perform with an accompanist at the Seminole Community Library, 9200 113th St. N., Sunday, Jan. 14, 3 p.m., as part of the library's Sunday Musicals series.

This event, presented by the Friends of the Seminole Library, is free and open to the public.

For more information, email friends@myseminole.com.

### Business breakfast planned

SEMINOLE – The Seminole Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly Chamber Business Breakfast Wednesday, Jan. 24, 8 a.m., at the chamber conference center, 7777 131st St.

The guest speaker will be Yolanda Cowart from the Florida Small Business Center & Pinellas Economic Development. Her presentation is called "2018 Fresh Start – Great Year."

For more information, call 727-392-3245.

### SPC hosts ex-hater now advocate for tolerance

SEMINOLE – A former member of a violent right-wing extremist group who left that lifestyle and now promotes love will be the featured speaker at a dinner program on Jan. 25 sponsored by the Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions at St. Petersburg College.

Titled "Full of Hate: The Toll of Violent Extremism," the forum will be from 6-8:15 p.m. in the Conference Center at the Seminole campus, 9200 113th St. N. Media co-sponsors are the Tampa Bay Times and WEDU Television. Tickets are \$25, or \$20 for students and educators.

Angela King, a Florida native who turned to hate groups as a student to escape being bullied, will describe her journey from extremist hater to author, scholar and crusader against hate. She will be joined by a panel of experts representing groups most often targeted by hate groups: Jews, Muslims, blacks and LGBTs.

Serving a six-year term for her part in a hate crime in 1998, King found kindness and respect in prison from some of the very people she had hated on the outside. That transformative experience led her to co-found Life After Hate, a nonprofit organization dedicated to compassion and forgiveness that helps hate group members disengage from that lifestyle.

Hate groups are on the rise – as is the violence their members generate. Since the violent marches last August in Charlottesville, Virginia, that left one woman dead and dozens injured, Americans are regularly confronted by white nationalists, neo-Nazis and "patriot" militias spewing messages of hate at political rallies, street marches, over the air waves and, most predominantly, on the Internet.

Since the presidential campaign of 2015-2016 and the populist movement sparked by President Trump, the hate industry has undergone a resurgence. The Southern Poverty Law Center reported 917 hate groups in 2016, a figure which includes a 197 percent increase in anti-Muslim groups, from 34 in 2015 to 101 currently. There were only five such groups in 2010.

That surge was accompanied by a spike in hate crimes, with almost 1,400 reported in the first three months of Trump's presidency and 6,121 reported in 2016, a 4.6 percent increase from 2015. The Anti-Defamation League reported an 86 percent spike in anti-Semitic incidents in the first quarter of 2017.

What prompts people to join violent hate groups? How do their actions affect the American political scene? How does the Trump administration's nationalistic bent broaden their appeal to mainstream America? And how do these groups impact the lives of the minority groups they despise?

King and the panel will discuss their real-world experiences as they explore these questions in depth at the forum. Joining her in that discussion will be: Gina Duncan, director of Transgender Equality,

Equality Florida; Hassan Shibly, chief executive officer, Council on American-Islamic Relations Florida; and Jack Packer, professor of history, St. Petersburg College. The moderator will be Maura Sweeney, principal, Living Happy Inside Out.

Advance registration is required at [www.solutions.spcollege.edu](http://www.solutions.spcollege.edu).

### Seminole-SPC Toastmasters offers five-week workshop

SEMINOLE – Seminole-SPC Toastmasters presents its five-week Confidence and Communication Boot Camp Tuesdays, Jan. 30 through Feb. 27, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., at the Seminole Community Library, 9200 113th St. N.

Become a confident speaker in a friendly atmosphere.

Cost is \$25 per person. Space is limited.

To register, contact Dennis Hamel at 727-374-2612, email club5899@gmail.com or visit [www.seminolespc.toastmastersclubs.org](http://www.seminolespc.toastmastersclubs.org).

### Fire Rescue to host open house

SEMINOLE – Seminole Fire Rescue will hold an open house Saturday, Feb. 10, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Station 29, 11195 70th Ave. N.

The event is "a fun interactive way for the young and old alike to learn about Seminole Fire Rescue and gain valuable fire safety tips," spokesman Brad Dykens said in a press release.

Scheduled activities include learning how firefighters use a fire hose, fire safety exhibits, tours of the fire station, interactive games and a display of contemporary and vintage fire trucks.

Sparky the Fire Dog will be present. A vehicle extrication demonstration will take place at noon.

For information, email Dykens at [bdykens@myseminole.com](mailto:bdykens@myseminole.com) or call 727-393-8711, ext. 210.

### Scrabble Club meets weekly

SEMINOLE – The Scrabble Club meets at the Seminole Community Library, 9200 113th St. N., Tuesday, 1 to 5 p.m.

This is a free event. All skill levels are welcome. Attendees are requested to bring game boards if they have one at home.

Call 727-394-6923 for more information.

### Business consultant to visit chamber

SEMINOLE – Yolanda Cowart with Pinellas County Economic Development will be at the Seminole Chamber of Commerce, 7777 131st St. N., Suites 7-8, the second and fourth Wednesday of each month or by appointment.

Call 727-392-3245 for more information.

### Chess clubs meet at library

SEMINOLE – Chess players of all ages (children, teens, and adults) and all levels of play (beginning, intermediate, or advanced) are invited to attend the Two Towers Chess Club (second and fourth Mondays, 3:30-5:30 p.m.) or the Seminole Chess Club (Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.) at the Seminole Community Library, 9200 113th St. N.

The Two Towers Chess Club is especially for beginners and youth, with chess coaches on hand to teach, encourage and critique. The Seminole Chess Club is for players who already know the rules and etiquette of the game.

Boards and pieces are provided or feel free to bring your own. The clubs are free and open to the public, and no registration is required.

Call 727-394-6923 for more information.

### Medicare guidance available at library

SEMINOLE – Medicare beneficiaries, their caregivers, and family members who have questions or concerns about Medicare and related

health insurance topics have a new place to turn to. The Area Agency on Aging Pasco-Pinellas will be partnering with Seminole Community Library to provide Medicare counseling through the SHINE – Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders – Program. Specially trained volunteers of the SHINE Program will begin offering Medicare counseling at the library, located at 9200 113th St. N.

SHINE is a program of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs that empowers elders to make informed decisions about their health care coverage.

Every day SHINE volunteers answer questions about Medicare, Medicaid, prescription assistance, long-term care planning and more. The new site at the Seminole Community Library will allow the program to reach more community members who may be unaware of SHINE and the benefits the program offers. SHINE volunteer counselors can even assist eligible Medicare beneficiaries to find programs that lower prescription drug costs or provide prescription drugs at no cost.

Appointments are available monthly on the second and third Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 727-394-6909 to make an appointment.

For more information, call 1-800-96-ELDER (1-800-963-5337), or visit [www.floridashine.org](http://www.floridashine.org).

### Seminole Junior Woman's Club meets monthly

SEMINOLE – The GFWC Seminole Junior Woman's Club meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Holland G. Mangum Recreation Center, 9100 113th St. N.

The group is dedicated to serving the community, particularly through programs helping children. Club activities include providing dinner to families at the Ronald McDonald House in St. Petersburg and the SJWC's annual "Share Our Spirit" food drive, which helps feed Seminole children during the winter holiday break.

Those interested in learning more about the SJWC are welcome to attend the meetings. Call 727-251-1037, email [GFWCSeminole@gmail.com](mailto:GFWCSeminole@gmail.com) or visit [fb.me/Seminolejuniors](http://fb.me/Seminolejuniors) for more information.

### Kiwanis Club meets weekly

SEMINOLE – The Kiwanis Club of Seminole meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Holland G. Mangum Recreation Center, 9100 113th St. N. All are welcome to attend.

For more information, email [kiwanisclubofseminole@gmail.com](mailto:kiwanisclubofseminole@gmail.com).

### Rotary Club to meet

SEMINOLE – The Rotary Club of Seminole meets weekly on Wednesdays at noon at the Seminole Lake Country Club, 6100 Augusta Blvd. Email [pstockfish@hotmail.com](mailto:pstockfish@hotmail.com) for more information.

### Welsh Society to meet monthly

SEMINOLE – The Welsh Society of the Suncoast meets the third Tuesday of every month at noon at Lake Seminole Presbyterian Church, 8505 113th St.

For more information, visit [welshsocietyofthesuncoast.org](http://welshsocietyofthesuncoast.org).

### Civil Air Patrol Oakhurst Cadet Squadron meets weekly

SEMINOLE – The Civil Air Patrol Oakhurst Cadet Squadron meets Tuesday nights at Oakhurst Methodist Church, 13400 Park Blvd. N.

The cadet program, designed for youth ages 12 and up, focuses on aerospace and other STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) academic subjects as well as leadership, fitness and character development.

For more information about the squadron, visit [units.flwg.us/FL084.aspx](http://units.flwg.us/FL084.aspx) or [www.facebook.com/OakhurstCAP](http://www.facebook.com/OakhurstCAP).

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eyewitness account of the settlement and development of the barrier islands and Pass-A-Grille 1898-1940, is available at several locations in Pinellas County.

The new book is written by George Lizotte, "a Frenchman who gave up his life as a globe-trotting tour guide to settle in the unspoiled paradise of Pass-A-Grille, Florida, in 1900," a press release said.

The book is edited by Wayne Ayers, a local historian and longtime correspondent for Tampa Bay Newspapers.

Lizotte, who lived from 1861-1960, bridged the pioneer and modern eras and had an active role in transforming Pass-A-Grille into a major resort and later witnessing its transition to a thriving residential community.

"His experiences and first-hand knowledge made him a perfect candidate to write the early history of the Pinellas beaches, which he did in 1941. This narrative, first published serially that year in the Gulf Beach News, is the only extant eyewitness account of the early beach development," the release said.

Lizotte shares memories of abundant shore dinners, sport-fishing famous visitors to his hotels, colorful locals, the building of the Don CeSar and an adventure during the Tampa Bay hurricane of 1921. The book also delves into the early years of St. Petersburg, Treasure Island, Indian Rocks Beach and other beach communities.

"Ever since Wayne Ayers and his wife Nancy learned about the narrative, they dreamed of seeing it in print as a book so readers could enjoy it," the press release said. "After they transcribed the original text, Wayne researched and wrote dozens of notes and an introduction to illuminate the narrative."

The Ayers worked with the Gulf Beaches Historical Museum, where the book is available, and other institutions to find photographs and illustrations to complement the text.

Available in hardback and paperback, the book also can be bought at Crabby Bill's, Heritage Village, Indian Rocks Historical Museum, Florida Botanical Gardens gift shops, Haslam's Book Store and Barnes & Noble Tyrone. It is also online at Amazon.com and UTpress.UT.edu.

### Guy Harvey Outpost hosts Lightning watch parties

ST. PETE BEACH – Guy Harvey Outpost, 6000 Gulf

Blvd., plans a series of watch parties on the beach for Tampa Bay Lightning road games.

Parties begin one hour prior to the start of the game. The schedule is: Thursday, Jan. 4, 7:30 p.m., Montreal Canadiens; Saturday, Jan. 6, 7 p.m., Ottawa Senators; and Saturday, Feb. 24, 7 p.m., Montreal Canadiens.

Admission is free. Parking is \$10.

The games will be broadcast on a huge screen on the beach and ThunderBug and the Lightning girls will be on-hand with giveaways. There will also be a DJ and beach games for the whole family. Food and beverages including cocktail items and drink specials will be available for purchase.

At every watch party, visitors can earn raffle tickets by visiting the bar and cocktail to win a pack of tickets to see the Lightning play at home. Raffle winners must be present to claim their prize.

Coolers are not allowed, but fans are encouraged to bring their own beach chairs, umbrellas and towels.

RumFish Grill at Guy Harvey Outpost is also the Official Watch Zone of the Tampa Bay Lightning for all away games on a 14-foot television screen.

Parking is free for Rumfish patrons.

For more information, visit [www.OnlyLetGo.com/Lightning](http://www.OnlyLetGo.com/Lightning) or call 727-367-6461.

### Beaches Chamber plans annual dinner

ST. PETE BEACH – The Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce plans its annual dinner Jan. 11 at the Tradewinds Island Grand Resort from 6 to 8 p.m.

Speakers will be Tampa Bay Rays president Brian Auld and Tampa Bay Sports Commission Executive Director Brian Higgins.

Tickets are \$65 for chamber members and \$75 for nonmembers.

### Business Expo set at TradeWinds

ST. PETE BEACH – Registration is currently underway for the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce Business Expo Thursday, Jan. 11, 4:30 to 6 p.m., at the TradeWinds Island Grand Resort, 5500 Gulf Blvd.

The event is free to the public, offering a variety of local businesses who will be there to showcase their products.

To participate as a vendor, the cost is \$200 for chamber members and \$500 for nonmembers.

For additional information, email Annie Woods at [annie@tampabaybeaches.com](mailto:annie@tampabaybeaches.com).

Call 727-360-6957.

### Registration underway for St. Pete Beach Classic

ST. PETE BEACH – The annual St. Pete Beach Classic distance runs will take place throughout the city Friday to Sunday, Jan. 12-14.

The event features a marathon, half marathon, 10K and 5K runs, a 3.8-mile beach fun run and a kids classic.

The entry fee to the Classic Individual Marathon Challenge is \$170, the Maddie Zolfo Half Marathon, \$85; Classic 10K or 5K, \$45; Beach Fun Run, \$25; and Waste Connections Classic Duo 10K and 5K, \$70. Entry in the Kids Classic is free.

The Sirata Beach Resort is serving as the race headquarters.

For more information, visit [stpetebeachclassic.com](http://stpetebeachclassic.com).

### Sport kite competition slated in Treasure Island

TREASURE ISLAND – The 21st annual Treasure Island Sport Kite Competition and Festival will take place Jan. 13-14, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on the beach behind the Thunderbird Hotel.

Kite flyers will perform to music in dual-line and multi-line sport kite flying.

Admission is free.

The event is sanctioned by the Eastern League Sport Kite Association.

For more information, visit [www.easternleague.net](http://www.easternleague.net) or call Windworks at 727-320-9463.

### Yoga, exercise classes set in Redington Shores

REDINGTON SHORES – Simple yoga and Jazzercise classes are available from certified sport yoga and Jazzercise instructor Eileen Arsenault in the Redington Shores Town Hall and Treasure Island City Hall auditorium.

Classes do not require any previous experience in yoga. Emphasis is on easy moves to increase flexibility, strength and range of motion. Jazzercise classes combine targeted strength building and cardio-dance.

All classes are moderately priced and offered at various times during the week. For information, email eileen.

[fitnesssimple@gmail.com](mailto:fitnesssimple@gmail.com) or call 727-481-4995.

### Friday Morning Market returns to Treasure Island

TREASURE ISLAND – The popular Friday Morning Market has returned for its 10th season at Treasure Island Community Park, offering about 70 vendors per week. Hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The market, which runs through April, features gourmet foods, fresh produce, plants, arts and crafts, jewelry and collectibles.

For more information, call 727-360-4121.

### Yoga classes offered in Treasure Island

TREASURE ISLAND – Beach Yoga Pinellas is offering hatha-based yoga classes for all ages and levels, beginners through advanced, at the Treasure Island Community Center Garden Room and City Hall Auditorium.

Classes will be held from 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Garden Room and Thursday during the same hours at the auditorium.

A single class is \$20, with multi-class packages available for \$75.

Discounted packages are available for year-round local residents.

For more information and to register for yoga classes visit [www.beachyogapinellas.com](http://www.beachyogapinellas.com) or call 727-222-6476.

### TIMB Chamber seeks volunteers

TREASURE ISLAND – The Treasure Island and Madeira Beach Chamber of Commerce seeks volunteers for its Welcome Center at 245 107th Ave. and for its kiosk west of Gulf Boulevard and 107th Avenue, both on Treasure Island.

Volunteers are the first point of contact for visitors to the Chamber and kiosk, providing information about area resources. They assist with event management; office tasks like answering phones, filing, or preparing mailings; distribution of posters for upcoming events; and light office administration.

Most volunteer shifts are for three hours a day, one day a week.

To volunteer, call the Chamber office at 727-360-4121 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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will open its second location in the space formerly occupied by Roadhouse Grill. Owner Dave Mize said following final inspections, the restaurant will be open by the second week in January.

The space previously occupied by LA Fitness also has a new tenant - Crunch will open a 24,000-square-foot gym in the location. Pre-sales are underway at the gym, which is set to open in April.

Meanwhile, the PDQ fast-food chain will hold a grand opening celebration for its new restaurant at 7400 Seminole Blvd., on the corner next to the

plaza. An abandoned building that was initially a gas station and later a used car sales lot previously sat on that property.

This is in addition to several tenants that have already opened in the plaza - Davita Dialysis, Vigor Smoothie Lab and Brooklyn Pizza Company.

Anthony Borczyk, Brooklyn Pizza's general manager, said the restaurant, which opened in February last year, is doing so well that it already plans to expand. Currently, it can seat 70 people, and in February, the restaurant will double its capacity by expanding into the storefront next door. "That's going to be our party room and it will also

handle overflow on busy nights," he said.

As Crunch and Sea Hags are poised to open, he anticipates that business will grow even more for Brooklyn Pizza.

"We got in here when [businesses] were leaving. LA Fitness was leaving when we moved in," Borczyk said. "So our bosses were looking ahead, because now this place is coming up. Sea Hags is going to bring a ton of people in here; Crunch already is. There's a drug store and optometrist coming in, PDQ on the corner. There's just a lot of activity."

Likewise, Vigor's owner Kevin Conley was drawn to the plaza because of the other business that planned to move in. The smoothie cafe opened in the space previously occupied by Herbal Life in October.

"I saw the potential," he said.

Mize is excited that Sea Hag's will be part of the plaza's revitalization.

"It's a growing community here," he said. "I think this whole plaza is going to be hopping."

The restaurant will also add a new element to Seminole's dining options.

"There's not a lot of seafood places around here without going to the beach," he said. "A lot of our customers [at our St. Pete Beach location] are from

this area. They're excited to have one in their own backyard now."

Ben Hachey, the restaurant's general manager, added, "There are no sit-down, casual dining restaurants that aren't corporate restaurants."

At nearly 7,000 square feet, the new Sea Hag's is slightly bigger than its beach location. It will feature outdoor seating, a tiki bar, murals by St. Petersburg artist Ray Domingo, and a large, open interior brightened by natural light, Mize said.

Already, there's been "a lot of buzz" about the restaurant, he said. Every day, people pull into the plaza thinking the restaurant is open.

"Just last Sunday, I turned 35 people away who thought we were open even though there were guys with saws out there still and everything," Hachey said.

Though the restaurant, which was originally supposed to open in September, was held up by issues with the contractor, Mize is focusing on the future.

"We're excited about how it looks and how it's coming together," he said. "That timeline thing, there's nothing you can do about it. It's aggravating, but we're near the finish line, and we're really excited."



Other new tenants in the Twin Oaks Shopping Center include Brooklyn Pizza Company and Vigor Smoothie Lab. Brooklyn Pizza Company already plans to double its space less than a year after opening.

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Irvine to celebrate anniversary of Largo Gold's Gym

LARGO – Celebrity chef and fitness enthusiast Robert Irvine will celebrate the one-year anniversary of his very own Gold's Gym with an all-day event on Saturday, Jan. 6, 9 a.m., at 2178 E. Bay Drive, Largo.

No-cost fitness classes will be provided all morning including Les Mills BodyPump Express, BodyStep Express, GRT, Boot Camp, RPM and even a Fit Kids session.

Irvine will also make an appearance as he leads a cooking demonstration and signs copies of his book, "Fit Fuel, a Chef's Guide to Eating Well, Getting Fit and Living Your Best Life."

Many vendors also will be present at the event including 5 Percent Nutrition, Titan Medical, Labrada Nutrition, and 5-Star Cellular. One Blood will be on-site collecting healthy blood donations.

As part of his lifestyle and fitness education program, Gold's Gym Largo offers world-class training experiences and exciting amenities designed exclusively by Irvine.

"Gold's Gym and I share the same passion of empowering people through fitness to thrive every day," said Irvine in a press release. "Our members can expect first class customer service in a great workout environment that will help them reach their goals."

Guests can enjoy tastings prepared by Outback Steakhouse. There will also be raffle prizes and drawing happening throughout the event.

The free event is open to the community. For information, call 727-240-1400, or visit [www.goldsygm.com](http://www.goldsygm.com).

Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber to host dinner

ST. PETE BEACH – The 2018 Tampa Beaches Chamber of Commerce will host its annual dinner on Thursday, Jan. 11, 4:30 to 8 p.m., at TradeWinds Island Grand Resort, 5500 Gulf Blvd., St. Pete Beach.

As premier sports events continue to book in the Tampa Bay area, businesses and communities will continue to thrive from the economic impact, if they are prepared. Brian Auld, Tampa Bay Rays president; and Rob Higgins, Tampa Bay Sports Commission executive director, will be the evening's speakers to discuss the impact.

The evening will kick off with a business expo that is free to attend and open to the public. It is followed by the dinner meeting attended by business professionals to celebrate the successes of 2017 and welcome new leadership for 2018. This is one of the chamber's largest events of the year.

Individual tickets are \$65 for members and \$75 for nonmembers. Call 727-360-6957 or email [info@TampaBayBeaches.com](mailto:info@TampaBayBeaches.com) for more information.

The Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce promotes travel and tourism, educates businesses and individuals, provides a forum of collaboration to enhance the business environment and promote the quality of life for the communities it serves.

McDole joins TIMB chamber board

TREASURE ISLAND – Kathleen McDole, a member of one of the pioneering families of St. Pete Beach, has been appointed to the board of directors of the Treasure Island and Madeira Beach Chamber of Commerce.

McDole is president of Friendly Fisherman LLC and treasurer of Hubbard Enterprises, and brings a strong background in business and community service to the board. Her father, Wilson Hubbard, was a fishing captain, a restaurateur, and a president of the former Madeira Beach Chamber of Commerce.

McDole is a member of the board of the John's Pass Village Association. She was twice president of the Pinellas Chapter of the Florida Restaurant Association, and served on the board of the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association from 1996 to 2012. McDole is a founding member of Keep St. Pete Lit, which promotes literacy in the community, and a founding member, director, and coach of the Miracle League Baseball Team of Pinellas County, which provides sporting opportunities for physically and intellectually challenged youth. She is also a charter member of the Kiwanis Club of the Gulf Beaches, which sponsors the Miracle League.

The Treasure Island & Madeira Beach Chamber of Commerce is a 501(c)(6) not-for-profit corporation. The office, located at 245 107th Ave., is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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question: how much is too much of a good thing?

"It's working well right now," Bob Ironsmith, Dunedin's director of economic and housing development, said recently. "You have to offer an experience for a successful downtown, and use food and craft breweries as a driver and then offer other activities. It's the whole picture – parking, walkability, ambience, a good team and merchants who collaborate as a group. We work hard at this, and it seems to be working well right now."

Economic development specialist Danny Craig, who recently created a walking guide of the city's breweries, said the variety offered at each establishment has helped them successfully coexist.

"They're all different – Dunedin Brewery has music and food, Soggy Bottom has a younger crowd, Caledonia's is a bit older," Craig said. "Right now, the seven are not hurting the others' business. If we were to go to eight, who knows? But right now, they all say the business is good."

Checking with brewery owners, it appears that assessment of the city's craft beer scene is spot-on.

"Becoming a part of the city's brewing scene was not difficult," Soggy Bottom Brewing Co. co-owner Andrew Buckingham said. "I know in other towns it can be a nightmare to open a competing brewery, with an unfriendly atmosphere and really cutthroat. But Dunedin is not like that. It's not a competition here. It's a big team. We all get together once a month to discuss what we can do to promote our businesses and talk about upcoming events. We even share extra supplies and ingredients when needed. It's a nice relationship we enjoy."

Lucas Rizor, one of Buckingham's two fellow co-owners, said that despite a few bumps in the road, opening their own brewery has been a great experience.

"We all worked in town, so we knew what we were getting into," Rizor said, noting he and Buckingham as well as co-owner Carey Lamb all worked in various downtown establishments over the past decade. "There's definitely a learning curve, and we're still learning the business. But considering we opened right before the

summer, and made it through Hurricane Irma, we like where we are right now."

In fact, things are progressing so well for the Soggy Bottom owners they said they plan on making some changes to their place as they approach their first anniversary in a few months.

"We hope to get a growler machine put in, and we want to put a patio out front," Buckingham said, noting the Main Street brewery is "one of the first things you see coming into downtown."

"We have to see what the city will let us do," he added. "We want to make it look representative of the rest of downtown."

When asked why they thought the city could support so many breweries in such a small area, Buckingham and Rizor provided some interesting insight into the issue.

"The great thing about Pinellas County and Dunedin is we have a great craft beer industry and a steady influx of visitors," Rizor said. "When people go out to dinner, they have one dinner. But when they go out to drink, they have six or seven drinks, so why not go to six or seven places?"

"More places in a small area helps with craft beer tourism," Buckingham added. "People who really like craft beer are more likely to go to a city with seven breweries instead of one."

Honu Restaurant owner Kimberly Platt, who also serves as president of the Downtown Dunedin Merchants Association, agreed.

"I love the fact that there are eight breweries and 35,000 residents in Dunedin," the longtime restaurateur and Dunedin resident said. "People here like their beer, and each one has their own niche. Every single one is different."

For those who say there are too many breweries in town, Platt is ready with a quick answer.

"When people ask why there are so many I say, 'You go visit them all and tell me which one needs to go,'" she said. "They do, then they come back and say they love them all."

As Dunedin officials continue to reshape the face of the downtown district via several new developments, including the Artisan Apartment complex and the planned Courtyard on Main mixed-use development, Ironsmith sees the city's collection of breweries playing a vital role in the city's economic growth.

"There is additional retail, food stores and restaurants coming, and we see people wanting to live and come into the downtown," he said. "I think we are fortunate to have seven breweries that are doing well, and we're in a good spot at the moment. The craft beer industry is not a fad. It's something that's here to stay."

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**Christmas at Madeira**



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As you might expect, not a lot of people made it to the beach Christmas morning in Madeira Beach. However, local resident Gail Holden was the exception to the rule. Here she poses next to a Christmas tree someone placed on the beach.

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Notebook

College Fund organization presents scholarship checks

Thirty-two college students from Pinellas County were presented \$500 checks at the annual holiday luncheon of the College Fund of Pinellas County Inc.

The luncheon, held in a hall provided by Anona United Methodist Church, is an annual event that continues the semester-by-semester scholarship support provided by the College Fund charity to students selected by the organization based on scholastic achievement, financial need and a personal interview.

Each student's grades were reviewed by College Fund directors Sheila Keller, Shirley Lorenzo and Regan Musgrove before treasurer Sherry Rankine wrote the check.

In addition to the students and the College Fund board of directors, the luncheon was attended by family members of the students and several of the organization's donors.

The program, which included the introduction of each student, gave donors the opportunity to meet the students they were supporting. Several students were asked to take a microphone and offer advice to their fellow students from the lessons they had learned.

The program also included a beautiful rendition of holiday season music sung by grant recipient Jermaine Robinson of Seminole, who is majoring in musical theater at Rider University in New Jersey.

Students who were unable to attend the holiday party will be sent their check by mail. All totaled, the College Fund expects to pay out more than \$56,000 in student grants for the fall 2017 and spring 2018 school year.

Since its founding in 1965, the College Fund has awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships to more than 780 Pinellas County residents, enabling them to achieve their goal of a college education and thereby improve themselves, their family's living

standard, and their role in the community.

The College Fund has no paid employees. The financial contributions from its directors and advisors exceed its administrative costs. Therefore, 100 percent of the donations from the public are used to support students. More information is available on the College Fund website, [www.collegefundpinellas.org](http://www.collegefundpinellas.org)

County schools on holiday break

LARGO - Pinellas County Schools district offices will remain closed for the holidays through Jan. 5. Staff and students will return to classes on Monday, Jan. 8.

Middle school artists win at Morean

ST. PETERSBURG - Several Pinellas County middle school students won awards at the 2017-18 Word and Image Middle School Exhibition at the Morean Art Center in St. Petersburg.

Competing under the theme "Did You Ever See," Mayteek Mekchinda of Osceola Middle School received the Pinellas County Art Education Association Young Artist Award. Other top awards went to Marcus Telsede of Azalea Middle School, Grace Knox of Bay Point Middle School and Sophia Brocklebank of Safety Harbor Middle School.

Works will be on display through Jan. 14 at the Morean Arts Center, 719 Central Ave.

Choice programs application period to open

LARGO - The application period for Pinellas County Schools Choice programs opens Jan. 10

Applications for magnet, fundamental and career programs will be accepted until Jan. 19.

For information, visit [www.pcsb.org/choice](http://www.pcsb.org/choice).

Registration begins Jan. 10 for kindergarten

Beginning Wednesday, Jan. 10, families of children entering kindergarten next year can register their children at elementary schools across the district.

To kick off registration, "Ready, Set ... Kindergarten" events will be held at elementary schools Jan. 10 and 11. At the schools, families will have opportunities to register for kindergarten, explore classrooms, meet teachers and learn about opportunities for family involvement with their child's school.

Families can learn about the programs available, such as art, music, gifted programs, science labs, STEM academies, physical education and other enrichment programs.

Learn more and see a schedule of events at [www.pcsb.org/KG](http://www.pcsb.org/KG).

Pre-K applications set opening in January

LARGO - Pinellas County Schools is updating its online application process for Prekindergarten for 3 year olds and Voluntary Prekindergarten. Jan. 22 to Feb. 2, parents will be able to apply online for Pre-K 3 and VPK for the 2018-19 school year.

Parents also will need to log back into the district's Student Reservation System Feb. 19 to Feb. 28 to accept an invitation for Pre-K 3 and VPK programs. The early years are a significant time for learning and development. Prekindergarten programs provide the foundation for healthy development and more advanced learning.

Pre-K 3 is for children who will be 3 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2018.

For information about Pre-K 3, visit [www.pcsb.org/prek3](http://www.pcsb.org/prek3) or call 727-588-6000, ext. 2184. VPK is for children who will be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2018. For information about VPK, visit [www.pcsb.org/vpk](http://www.pcsb.org/vpk) or call 727-588-6513.

Worship calendar

Temple New Jerusalem relocates

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All are welcome to come. The congregation welcomes both Jews and non-Jews who identify with Israel, and believe that Yeshua (Jesus) is the Messiah.

For information, visit [www.TempleNJ.org](http://www.TempleNJ.org) or call 727-900-1756.



Con Brio String Quartet

Con Brio String Quartet to perform

CLEARWATER - Con Brio String Quartet will perform Sunday, Jan. 14, 3 p.m., at Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church, 110 S. Fort Harrison Ave., Clearwater.

The program - called "Gypsy Serenade" - will feature folk dances and rhapsodies. Music will include selections by Brahms, Liszt, Bartok and Dohnanyi.

The Con Brio String Quartet includes Valentin Mansurov, violin I; Marina Lenau, violin II; David Pedraza, viola; and Aziz Sapaev, cello. The quartet will be joined by Sheng-Yuan Kuan on piano.

Each of the players has received numerous accolades and competitive awards. Based in southeast Florida, they perform individually with the Symphony

of the Americas, the Palm Beach Symphony, and the Florida Grand Opera and are in high demand as a chamber ensemble.

Tickets are not required. Seating is first come, first served. An offering will be taken with a \$5 to \$10 suggested minimum. Doors will open at 2:30 p.m.

Following the concert, there will be a light reception in the fellowship hall so attendees may meet the musicians.

For information, visit [www.peacememorial.org](http://www.peacememorial.org) or call 727-446-3001.

Peace Memorial to offer 'gypsy serenade'

CLEARWATER - A "Gypsy Serenade" will be offered by the Con Brio String Quartet, Sunday, Jan. 14, 3 p.m., at Peace Memorial Church,

110 S. Fort Harrison Ave.

No tickets are needed, but an offering will be taken, with a suggested minimum donation of \$5 to \$10.

The concert will include selections by Brahms, Liszt, Bartok and Dohnanyi, gypsy dances and serenades.

Members of the quartet are Valentin Mansurov and Marina Lenau on violins, David Pedraza on viola and Aziz Sapaev on cello. They will be joined by Sheng-Yuan Kuan on piano. The musicians are based in South Florida and perform individually with the Symphony of the Americas, the Palm Beach Symphony, and the Florida Grand Opera.

A reception will be held after the concert to meet the musicians.

For information, visit [www.peacememorial.org](http://www.peacememorial.org) or call the church office at 727-446-3001 or concert series chair Beth Daniels at 727-461-1818.

Clearwater Christian Women's Club to meet

CLEARWATER - The Clearwater Christian Women's Club will host its monthly luncheon Wednesday, Jan. 10, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Banquet Masters, 13355 49th St. N., Clearwater.

The meeting will feature a country music concert by the Cornwell Twins followed by Sindy Nagel, an inspirational speaker. All women are welcome. The club is not affiliated with any church or denomination. There are no dues or membership.

Cost of the luncheon is \$18 inclusive. To make reservations, call Mary at 727-461-4521 or Ruth at 727-797-4521. Reservations are required by Jan. 8.

GriefShare group to meet at church

ST. PETERSBURG - A GriefShare group meeting series will begin Friday, Jan. 5, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Cornerstone Community Church, 6745 38th Ave. N., St. Petersburg.

The group will continue to meet through April 6. GriefShare is to help anyone who has lost a loved one get through their grief.

For information, call 727-343-7747.

Church to host bluegrass gospel concert

LARGO - A bluegrass gospel concert will be presented Thursday, Jan. 11, 11:30 a.m., at Crosswinds Christian Church, 1645 Seminole Blvd., Largo.

Music will be provided by Mike and Mary Robinson of Belchertown, Massachusetts. The Robinsons travel to Florida for the winter and go all over for concerts and back up the east coast to home.

Attendees may also take part in a pot luck lunch beginning at 11:30 a.m. The concert will begin at 12:45 p.m. Cost is \$9.

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## Networking groups

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

- Monday, Jan. 8 - Ready Set Grow Group, 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., at Hometown Family Restaurant, 10395 Seminole Blvd., Largo. Call Jamie Limbaugh at 727-831-2450 or email jamie@freenetworkinginternational.com.
- Tuesday, Jan. 9 - Professional Leads Network, First Watch Chapter, 7:30 a.m., First Watch, 2569 Village Drive, Clearwater. Visit [www.pro-leads.net](http://www.pro-leads.net).
- Tuesday, Jan. 9 - The Board, Network Professionals, 7:30 a.m., at Panera Bread, Bardmoor Shopping Center, corner of Bryan Dairy and Starkey roads, Largo. Call 727-742-6343.
- Tuesday, Jan. 9 - Business Network International, Winners Circle, 7:30 to 9 a.m., Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Call Dave Proffitt at 727-230-9240.
- Tuesday, Jan. 9 - Yacht Club Breakfast, sponsored by Creative Business Connections, 7:30 a.m., St. Petersburg Yacht Club, 11 Central Ave., St. Petersburg. Call Darrell Baker, area director, at 727-586-4999 or visit [www.cbcnet.biz](http://www.cbcnet.biz).
- Tuesday, Jan. 9 - Free Networking International, Bayside Group, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Bay Pines Sports Bar, 9685 Bay Pines Blvd., St. Petersburg. Call Janet Landt at 727-455-7510, email [jplady1@hotmail.com](mailto:jplady1@hotmail.com) or visit [www.freenetworkinginternational.com](http://www.freenetworkinginternational.com).

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governments on ways to attract microbreweries to their areas through a variety of incentives.

She said that through Forward Pinellas' research role, it was able to give advice about adjusting regulations, identifying proper locations and other information based on what had been done in other communities. Staff also can provide technical assistance if needed, especially for municipalities that don't have their own planning staff.

She said there had been a lot of interest from local governments.

"They want to see what others are doing to attract them," she said. "There is an economic benefit to breweries."

In fact, breweries are springing up all over the county from Tarpon Springs to St. Pete Beach with a big concentration in downtown St. Petersburg. Parinello said not only are the small breweries bringing a lot of economic growth, they are locating in areas where redevelopment is needed. Owners are taking over rundown spaces and sprucing them up, which is a boost from the entire area.

"When you renovate older buildings, it increases property values," she said.

Local governments gain spaces that generate tax revenue.

"It's a win-win for everybody," she said. "I've heard a lot of success stories."

She said St. Petersburg wasn't offering incentives because it didn't have to, but others are offering incentives such as façade grants, historic tax abatements for older properties and off-street parking.

The best part is even if the brewery goes out of business, the property has been improved, which makes it more attractive for other businesses to take over.

For more information, visit [wardpinellas.org/projects/micro-brewery-study/](http://wardpinellas.org/projects/micro-brewery-study/).

### Boost to the tourism industry

The breweries also are tourist

attractions. Visit St. Pete-Clearwater, the county's tourism marketing arm, has a section on its website devoted to the "Gulp Coast: St. Pete/Clearwater Craft Beer Trail."

The trail runs from Tarpon Springs to St. Petersburg. It is broken into three parts - north, mid and south. The northern hub features 17 breweries, six are highlighted in mid-Pinellas, and nine are spotlighted in the south.

Visitors can tour the breweries, meet the brewers, enjoy some samples in the tasting room and pick a favorite to fill a growler with to take home. For more information, visit [www.visitstpeteclearwater.com/gulp-coast-craft-beer-trail](http://www.visitstpeteclearwater.com/gulp-coast-craft-beer-trail).

### New opportunity brewing

Bjerk is working on an exciting new project that could help interested microbreweries in Tampa Bay become more successful through an export initiative.

There is a market for American craft beer even in countries like Germany, which has a big reputation for beer, and a city in China recently had a pub-crawl featuring American craft beer, Bjerk said.

"The consumer wants something different," he said, which craft beer brewers are producing.

He has identified four craft brewers that are interested in exporting what they produce outside the country. Two are in Pinellas - 3 Daughters Brewing in St. Petersburg and Pair O' Dice Brewing in Clearwater.

He said other local microbreweries had expressed interest in participating but had not yet said yes. However, it is his intent to start with a small core group and build out over time.

"It is not a closed door," he said.

He said that as the core group began getting sales outside the U.S., others would likely become more interested. However, the export market may not be of interest to all local brewers, especially those that want to stay small and those that are interested in offer-

ing a brewpub atmosphere. And he admits there is a risk that as larger orders come in, breweries might become "less crafty," however, Bjerk believes there is a market outside Florida and the U.S. for anyone who wants to tap into it.

He's impressed with local brewers and their comradery. He said while they are competitors, they are sticking together as a group to promote the industry.

"I want to benefit that industry," he said.

For more information, visit the Cheers Tampa Bay! webpage at [www.pccd.org/cheers](http://www.pccd.org/cheers).

• Wednesday, Jan. 10 - Business Network International, Financial Freedom, 7:15 a.m., at Bardmoor Country Club, 8001 Cumberland Road, Largo. Call Phil at 727-409-1609 or visit [www.BNIFinancialFreedom.com](http://www.BNIFinancialFreedom.com).

• Wednesday, Jan. 10 - Local Business Network Seminole, 7:30 a.m., Liberty Lanes, 11401 Starkey Road, Largo. Call 727-804-6359.

• Wednesday, Jan. 10 - Free Networking International, Seminole Christian Hope Team, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Palace of the Orient, 10425 Park Blvd., Seminole. Call Dave Harden at 727-458-6890 or email [daveh@freenetworkinginternational.com](mailto:daveh@freenetworkinginternational.com).

• Wednesday, Jan. 10 - Professional Leads Network, 11:45 a.m., at Sage's West Bay Bistro, 883 West Bay Drive, Largo. Call Woody Brown at 727-518-1967 or visit [www.pro-leads.net](http://www.pro-leads.net).

• Wednesday, Jan. 10 - Professional Leads Network, Foxys Chapter, 11:45 a.m., Stacey's Buffet 1451 N. Missouri Ave., Largo. Visit [www.pro-leads.net](http://www.pro-leads.net).

• Thursday, Jan. 11 - BNI Success Masters Seminole Chapter, 7:15 a.m., at Seminole Recreation Center, 9100 113th St., Seminole. Cost is \$10 including continental breakfast. Call Rick Saltarelli at 727-290-4998 or email [esaltarelli@cruiaseplanners.com](mailto:esaltarelli@cruiaseplanners.com).

• Thursday, Jan. 11 - Seminole Business Masters, 7:30 a.m., Liberty Lanes, 11401 Starkey Road, Largo. Call Thom Barnhorn at 727-623-9955.

• Thursday, Jan. 11 - Executive Business Network, 7:30 a.m., Perkins Family Restaurant, 8841 Park Blvd. N., Largo. For reservations, call Mike Moore at 586-1111 or visit [www.execbusnet.com](http://www.execbusnet.com).

• Thursday, Jan. 11 - BNI Grand Slam Network Exchange, 7:30 a.m., Heritage Holiday Inn, 234 Third Ave. N., St. Petersburg. Visit [www.bni.com](http://www.bni.com).

### Brewer sees market becoming challenging

Gregg Rapp, who owns a 650 square foot tasting room is off Bryan Dairy Road in Pinellas Park, started the Pinellas Urban Brewers Guild four years ago.

Rapp has been brewing for 15 years.

"It's been interesting time for us. There's been a lot of growth."

"When we opened (in 2012), the Tampa Bay area had eight breweries. Now there are more than 80. That's a ten-fold increase."

Looking to 2018, Rapp said his company is focusing on it core business model.

"We're focusing on creating small batch, handcrafted beer," he said. "Distribution is pretty strong."

Rapp focuses on distribution (keg only) in Pinellas, Pasco, Citrus and Hernando counties. They have 25 regular accounts.

"We're producing as much as we can sell. We're selling as much as we can produce," Rapp said.

However, he see the market starting "to flatten off a little bit."

"We were already seeing it in 2017. That's going to require some innovation. It's going to require people really stick to their product. It's going to be challenging for everybody."

His goal for next year will be "to reach out to non-craft beer drinkers, people who have not really experienced craft beer. That will be

where the growth will be in our [Tampa Bay] area."

He plans to do more marketing on social media as well as promotions at the tasting room. He also hopes word-of-mouth will continue to spread.

"We're trying to grow organically and do more with our local community. We're small, but we're trying to stay small. We're focused on our local community," Rapp said.

"We have a lot of experience and are well-known in the market regionally and nationally," he said.

He talked a bit about Tampa Bay being a craft beer vacation destination.

"When people plan their vacations, we're usually on a short list of places to visit," Rapp said.

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• Thursday, Jan. 11 - Professional Leads Network, Patriots Chapter, 8 a.m., Boris Family Restaurant, 11411 Ulmerton Road, Largo. Visit [www.pro-leads.net](http://www.pro-leads.net).

• Thursday, Jan. 11 - Sun Coast Networking, 8:30 to 10 a.m., at DeMills Family Restaurant, 6501 Park Blvd. N., Pinellas Park. This networking meeting includes business issue brainstorming, business spotlighting, a gratitude session and door prizes. Call Walt Morey at 727-647-8242.

• Thursday, Jan. 11 - Network Professionals Inc.: Countryside Network Pros Lunch Chapter, 11:45 a.m., at IHOP, 30200 U.S. 19 N., Clearwater. Email [jon@npiflorida.com](mailto:jon@npiflorida.com) or visit [suncoastnpi.com](http://suncoastnpi.com).

• Thursday, Jan. 11 - Ali Lassen's Leads Club, Central Pinellas Professional Women, noon, Chili's, 5430 East Bay Drive, Clearwater. Email [Leadsclubexec@aol.com](mailto:Leadsclubexec@aol.com).

• Women in Networking, Thursday, Jan. 11, 11:30 a.m. for networking and noon for lunch and meeting, at Cedars, 8999 Park Blvd., Seminole. Cost is \$12 which includes drink, lunch, meeting, dessert and tip. Email Tina Morrison at [2concept@gte.net](mailto:2concept@gte.net) or visit [www.wintampabay.net](http://www.wintampabay.net).

• Friday, Jan. 12 - Network Professionals of St. Pete, 7:30 a.m. For information and meeting location, call Ron O'Connor at 727-367-3737.

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Redfish can often be spotted tailing in these low tide conditions. Hopping out of the boat and quietly stalking them as they make their way onto the flat with the incoming tide is perhaps one of the most exciting and humbling ways to catch fish in our region. These often-spooky redfish can be caught on a variety of soft-plastic lures, especially the scented ones, and will even strike a top-water plug at times. However, your best bet for hooking up would have to be a live select shrimp. Use the smallest peg style float you can find as a strike indicator pegged a foot or so above your shrimp, this will allow you to track your shrimp so you can cast it well beyond the fish and draw it back to them.

Top-water plugs have been extremely effective lately in the early morning hours. There's plenty of big trout roaming the Intracoastal right now, and a noisy top-water plug that can be casted well away from the boat is probably the best way to target them. Also, spoil islands in the northern part of the county are still holding good concentrations of trout. Target peak tidal movement for best action. Soft-plastic jigs in natural shrimp colors work well as does a free-lined select shrimp. If you're looking for a good shrimp alternative, try setting out a pinfish trap over shell bottom. Baited with frozen sardines on a full tide either incoming or outgoing, your trap should load up with small pinfish and grunts, both of which will work great for trout.

Silver trout are schooled up along area beaches from John's Pass north to Indian Shores have been holding plenty of silver trout. Drifting with the wind and tide while bouncing brightly colored soft-plastic jigs off the bottom is a great way to locate them. When it's too rough to drift fish, use your bottom machine to help locate the trout, typically the schools will be holding near the bottom in 8 to 15 feet of water.

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## Sunset at Mickey D's



Photo by JIM McAVADDY

McDonald's restaurants are well known for a number of things, most of them fairly tasty. But sunsets? Not really, at least until now. Photographer Jim McAvaddy recently caught this impressive sunset looking west from the floating dock at the McDonald's restaurant on the Madeira Beach Causeway.

## The great outdoors

### Weedon to host guided hike

ST. PETERSBURG - A guided hike will be offered Saturday, Jan. 6, 9 a.m., at Weedon Island Preserve, 1800 Weedon Drive NE, St.

Petersburg.

Participants will have an opportunity to learn about the ecosystems and early residents of Weedon Island Preserve while hiking the coastal uplands and the boardwalks through mangrove forests. The program is best for ages 6 and older.

Preregistration is required. Visit [www.weedonislandpreserve.eventbrite.com](http://www.weedonislandpreserve.eventbrite.com). Call 727-453-6500 or visit [www.weedonislandpreserve.org](http://www.weedonislandpreserve.org).

### Safety Harbor Recreation to host Nerf Wars

SAFETY HARBOR - Nerf Wars will be presented Saturday, Jan. 6, 10 a.m. to noon, at Waterfront Park, 110 Veterans Memorial Lane, Safety Harbor.

The event is designed for children age 5 and older. Cost is \$5 a person. Attendees should bring their Nerf blaster along with labeled darts. The event will feature a wide range of competitive activities to test the skill and aim of each participant.

For information, call the community center at 727-724-1530. For a list of additional events and classes, visit [www.safetyharborrecreation.com](http://www.safetyharborrecreation.com).

### Clearwater Audubon Society to meet

CLEARWATER - The Clearwater Audubon Society will meet

Monday, Jan. 8, at Moccasin Lake Environmental Education Center, 2750 Park Train Lane, Clearwater.

Social time will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will include light refreshments. This month's program, "Birding Among Greenland's Glaciers," will start at 7 p.m.

Visit [www.clearwateraudubon.society.org](http://www.clearwateraudubon.society.org).

### Suncoast Conchologists to meet

CLEARWATER - The Suncoast Conchologists Shell Club will meet Tuesday, Jan. 9, 7:15 p.m., in Fellowship Hall at Grace Lutheran Church, 1812 N., Highland Ave., Clearwater.

The program will be presented by Anita Freudenthal. She will talk about how eating food from the sea can make a person sick.

For information, visit [www.suncoastconchologists.org](http://www.suncoastconchologists.org), call 727-796-4117 or email [Suncoastshells@aol.com](mailto:Suncoastshells@aol.com).

### Weedon to host guided hike

ST. PETERSBURG - A guided hike will be offered Saturday, Jan. 13, 9 a.m., at Weedon Island Preserve, 1800 Weedon Drive NE, St. Petersburg.

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### Weedon to host walkabout

ST. PETERSBURG - A Weedon Walkabout will be offered Thursday, Jan. 18, 9 to 11 a.m., at Weedon Island Preserve, 1800 Weedon Drive NE, St. Petersburg.

Participants will have an opportunity to hike through coastal mangrove and upland ecosystems of the preserve and learn about the coastal environment and the early residents of Weedon Island Preserve. A hat, closed-toe shoes and water are also recommended. The free program is best for ages 6 years and older.

Advance registration is required. To register, visit [www.weedonislandpreserve.eventbrite.com](http://www.weedonislandpreserve.eventbrite.com). For information, call 727-453-6500.

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# Common sense judicial reform needed in Florida

During the upcoming 2018 Florida Legislative Session, Right on Crime will serve as a resource to lawmakers on the importance of criminal justice reform, breaking down long-held, but unsupported, policy prescriptions. For example, the assumption that to decrease crime, all drug offenders should be subjected to the same mandatory minimum sentences has led to burdensome prison costs with little return for public safety.

**As I See It**  
Chelsea Murphy

As an alternative, Right on Crime will introduce and promote public safety reform measures that have seen results in other states that most Floridians want to see enacted.

Housing 102,000 inmates in 63 prisons across Florida costs taxpayers nearly \$2.4 billion and the recidivism rate is a dismal 33 percent – meaning one out of every three inmates released from a Florida prison will return to a Florida prison within three years. Just as conservatives hold other government functions accountable for spending, the same cost-effectiveness requirement should apply to our criminal justice system.

There are steps Florida can take to cut crime and spending within the criminal justice landscape that have proven to save taxpayer dollars, reduce recidivism and protect public safety.

For instance, reforming mandatory minimum sentencing by instituting a judicial safety valve. Under current Florida law, judges are required to sentence all individuals convicted of certain drug crimes to the same mandatory prison term – without taking any mitigating factors into account. Meaning a first-time, low-level drug offender is subject to the same minimum prison term as a drug kingpin.

If a judicial safety valve were instituted, the court system would be given the flexibility needed to divert low-level drug offenders with substance abuse issues into drug treatment.

While some argue this puts dealers back on the streets and endangers the public, there is simply no evidence to suggest mandatory minimums have any effect on public safety. Texas, for example, has virtually no mandatory minimum sentencing guidelines in place and has a nearly identical crime rate to that of Florida.

The bottom line is a judicial safety valve is more effective and less expensive than mandatory minimum sentencing, and does not put public safety at risk.

In addition to a judicial safety valve, Florida is well behind other states in reforming its laws governing the property theft threshold, which has not been changed since 1986. The state is once again using an outdated, one-size-fits-all model to criminal justice.

In this instance, someone who steals a \$300 Xbox is punished in the same manner as someone who steals a \$20,000 car.

Moreover, raising the property theft threshold, which 37 other states have already done, including neighboring states that have felony theft thresholds more than three times higher than Florida's, does not result in an increase in felony theft.

Simply put, there are more effective, less expensive ways to deal with petty theft than habitual incarceration which costs taxpayers and has not proven to promote public safety.

Finally, in Florida, there is strong Republican and Democratic support for common sense criminal justice reform and a recently released poll, funded by Right on Crime, demonstrably indicates registered voters overwhelmingly believe the primary purpose of the criminal justice system is to rehabilitate and not punish criminals.

The poll found that, despite the range of opinions voters have on the criminal justice system, both voter groups readily embrace the four proposed reforms tested:

- Roughly 3 in 4 registered voters and GOP voters support ending the practice of suspending drivers' licenses for failure to pay court fees or fines when the person can prove an inability to pay and agrees to do community service.

- Nearly three-quarters or more of Republican and Democratic voters support encouraging counties to create civil citation programs that would allow police officers to give citations that include fines and/or community service instead of making arrests for various misdemeanors.

- Two-thirds or more of both voter groups support allowing Florida judges to cut three- and five-year mandatory minimum sentences by up to two-thirds for first-time drug offenders when they believe the mandatory sentence is inappropriate based on the crime committed.

- A solid majority of voters from both parties support raising the minimum monetary threshold that qualifies as a felony from \$300 to \$1,500.

The case for smart criminal justice reform is clearer today than at any time in our past, and with smart solutions already being widely discussed by Florida lawmakers on both sides of the aisle, Right on Crime is hopeful that the 2018 session will usher in laws that truly work to reduce crime, deliver justice to victims and safeguard taxpayers money.

Chelsea Murphy serves as Florida state director for Right on Crime.

## LETTERS

### Parking plan should help unite a divided community

Editor:

The downtown paid parking program has been one of the most divisive issues the Dunedin community has experienced in decades with strong opinions, expressed often, by those on both sides at commission meetings, workshops, informational meetings, and listening sessions. Any middle ground seemed illusive.

Yet, even those who had been most adamantly opposed to any consideration of a paid parking component, including Mayor Bujalski, found common ground, in a plan of compromise forged by Commissioner Freaney. It is a plan that has promise to bring unity back to what had become a divided community.

The Dunedin City Commission had shown true, community-based leadership. The citizens of Dunedin should be pleased and proud that we have a city commission that had the capacity to recognize the concerns of its citizens and approach the problem in a responsible and sensible way. It is a lesson to be learned in the value of conversation, listening, and understanding. It is a part of what makes Dunedin a very special, and delight, community.

David Loeffert  
Dunedin

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# Thoughts on hillbillies and tiny towns

I'm reading a worthwhile book called "Hillbilly Elegy." Its subtitle is "A memoir of a family and culture in crisis." The author, J.D. Vance, is a lawyer and a Yale graduate who by now has a couple of dollars to rub together. It wasn't always that way.

Vance grew up as a poor white boy in Ohio and Kentucky. His father was a drunk who abandoned his family. His mother was addicted to heroin and opioid medications. Vance was saved from a bleak future by his grandparents, who raised him, and by four years in the Marine Corps. He later worked his way through Ohio State University before entering Yale.

His book is not an up-from-the-ashes account of victory over heavy odds, although it could be described that way. Probably the most enduring sections of Vance's story are his thoughts on how millions of working class inhabitants of Appalachia have descended into poverty and apparent hopelessness. And why so many of them seem doomed to remain there.

Hard-to-control economic forces play a part in the destinies of most Americans. No one can or should blame hillbillies for their despair when long-relied-upon factories and industries are suddenly moved to China or Singapore.

But Vance points out that some long-held attitudes and practices of many hillbillies are equally to blame for their continuing destitution. Among these are such things as distrust of outsiders; idleness and unwillingness to work or to search for jobs even when they are available; reliance on and abuse of welfare programs; failure to require school children to study and learn; submitting to "learned helplessness," the



**Driver's Seat**  
Bob Driver

idea that the cards are stacked against them even before they start; and chaotic family life, often worsened by alcohol and other drugs.

In the face of these things, Vance still finds reasons for optimism. To do this, he calls on his memories of his grandparents and other oldsters who, despite hard times, managed to maintain peaceful and productive homes. Thousands of such working-class people exist today even in the midst of the destitution that surrounds them.

Vance offers no magical uplift solution to the problems of working-class inhabitants of Appalachia, that vast, mostly mountainous region that sprawls from the lower tier of New York state to northern Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia. But he feels changes can be made, whether by government or by our increased understanding of what has happened to the American way of life. I would bet that coming years will see J.D. Vance playing a significant role in the lives of his fellow hillbillies.

Vance's memories of his childhood stirred up a few dozen of my own. My father was a heavy-equipment operator for a road construction company based in Hazleton, Pennsylvania. The contracts the company landed took an average

of one year to complete. This meant that each year my parents, their two sons and a daughter would pack up and move to another God-forsaken Appalachian hamlet.

That's unfair. I'm sure God was present in each of those towns, but often they lacked much else to commend them. With luck my parents usually found a rented house with running water and electricity. The typical town might have a general store, a gas station and one unnecessary traffic light. In our fourth and sixth grades, my brother Dave and I attended one-room schools, each taught by one teacher.

It was a sometimes-ragged existence, but it had one major advantage for Dave and me: no matter how drab the town or unwelcoming the inhabitants, we knew that within a year or so we would move on. Our final liberation occurred shortly after high school. The FBI hired us as fingerprint clerks, to help identify Commies lurking in government circles.

Small towns – in Appalachia or elsewhere – cannot be labeled good or bad. They are a mix, like the people I knew who lived there. I never considered them to be hillbillies, rednecks or any other classification. Then, as now, they had two important decisions to make: (1) Do I stay here forever, or do I get out, and (2) if I choose to escape, how do I do it? Where do I go? Where is a decent job waiting for me? Today, in tiny towns throughout America, those answers are hard to come by.

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# No wonder the right distrusts the Feds

WASHINGTON – As Washington conservatives question whether partisan FBI officials working for Special Counsel Robert Mueller have stacked the deck against President Donald Trump, a criminal case in Las Vegas points to the sort of federal prosecutorial abuses that give the right cause for paranoia.

On Wednesday, U.S. District Judge Gloria Navarro declared a mistrial in the infamous 2014 Bunkerville standoff case against rancher Cliven Bundy, his sons Ammon and Ryan, and co-defendant Ryan Payne, on the grounds that federal prosecutors improperly withheld evidence.

The standoff, in which both sides were armed, was a national news story that pitted a western rancher against federal officialdom. Bureau of Land Management officials had tried to seize Bundy's cattle following a decades-long dispute over grazing fees. The rancher had stopped paying federal grazing fees in 1993 to protest a BLM directive that he cut back on cattle grazing in order to accommodate the threatened desert tortoise.

In the course of the trial, Navarro found that prosecutors failed to share video surveillance, maps and FBI interview reports with defense attorneys. A mistrial in this case is the most suitable and only remedy available, Navarro explained.

As the Las Vegas Review-Journal reported, the judge stressed that she did not want her decision to be seen as a signal that the defendants are not guilty.

Navarro's decision apparently was a reflection on federal officials. It follows release of a memo by BLM investigator Larry Wooten that described a widespread pattern of bad judgment, lack of discipline, incredible bias, unprofessionalism and misconduct, as well as likely policy, ethical and legal violations among senior and supervisory staff in the BLM's Office of Law Enforcement and Security.



**Debra Saunders**

**As for the Justice Department, said Jim Burling, vice president of the Pacific Legal Foundation, if they want to enforce the law, they should look at the mirror first.**

Wooten wrote that he had seen excessive force, described officers grinding Bundy's son Dave's face in gravel and opined that federal officials were intent on commanding the most intrusive, oppressive, large scale and militaristic cattle impound possible.

In an apparently partisan reference that used a term Hillary Clinton designated for some of Trump's supporters, Wooten wrote that a federal prosecutor said, let's get these shall we say Deplorables.

(Likewise FBI agent Peter Strzok and FBI lawyer Lisa Page, who worked on Mueller's probe into Russian interference in the 2016 election, shared texts in which they called Trump a loathsome human. Mueller removed Strzok after he learned of the texts.)

Wooten also wrote that the Bundy case closely mirrors the circumstances behind the trial of

former Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska.

In 2008, federal prosecutors indicted Stevens, a Republican senator, for failing to report that an oil contractor had paid for renovations on his Alaska cabin. A jury convicted Stevens, who lost the re-election.

Only later did the case fall apart after a Department of Justice probe found prosecutors had withheld exculpatory evidence. Attorney General Eric Holder, who inherited the case after President Barack Obama won the White House, asked the courts to throw out the conviction.

Wooten is no fan of Cliven Bundy who, he wrote, instead of properly using the court system or other avenues to properly address his grievances, he chose an illegal, uncivilized and dangerous strategy in which a tragedy was narrowly and thankfully avoided.

Tragedy was not averted in the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Oregon last year when law enforcement shot and killed Robert LaVoy Finicum during a Bundy-inspired showdown.

Clearly Bundy should not be made out to be some kind of hero, observed Jim Burling, vice president of the property-rights oriented Pacific Legal Foundation. But BLM and DOJ are doing everything they can to turn Bundy into some kind of martyr and they're giving him far more credibility than he should be given.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions takes the matter seriously. According to spokesman Ian Prior, Sessions personally directed that an expert in the Department's discovery obligations be deployed to examine the case and advise as to next steps.

As for the Justice Department, said Burling, if they want to enforce the law, they should look at the mirror first.

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Charity Bingo asks for only a \$10 donation per player with 100 percent of that being donated back to Pet Pal Animal Shelter. Punky's will have 10 rounds and Pet Pal will provide a prize for every winner. Pet Pal Animal Shelter also will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets starting at 7:30 p.m. Bingo will

start at 8:30 p.m.

Reservations are not required for attendees of Bingo4Charity but are encouraged and accepted for parties of four or more. Dogs are allowed on the outside patio.

For information about Pet Pal Animal Shelter, visit petpalanimalshelter.com. For information about the venue, visit punkysbar.com.

attendees should plan to shop for both pet and human merchandise, explore local service vendors, and visit the Kids Zone presented by HSP's Deanna Marie Palestra Humane Education Program.

Lure Coursing will be on hand for dogs to run the course and HSP's Pet Clinic team can check your pets microchip. Dogs can also have fun in the Pup-lympics Arena facilitated by HSP's Behavior Department. Additional activities will include demonstrations, interactive vendors and contests to be held at 11 a.m.

Funds generated from the event will help thousands of homeless pets get the second chance they deserve and provide dollars for the HSP programs and services that help to keep pets and people together. For information or to get involved with PetFest 2018, email Twila@HumanePinellas.org or visit www.humanesocietyofpinellas.org/event-calendar.

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Real estate newsmakers

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MADEIRA BEACH - Engel & Völkers Madeira Beach recently announced the recipients of its 2017 Core Value Awards.

Engel & Völkers distributes awards based on its core values of exclusivity, competence and passion.

Evan Pedone received the brand's Exclusivity Award. Vicky O'Donnell received the brand's Competence Award. Kerry Humphreville received the brand's Passion Award.

"These advisors excellently represent Engel & Völkers' ideals of exclusivity, competence and passion," said Cherie Pattishall in a press release. Pattishall is licensed partner of Engel & Völkers Madeira Beach. "They are dedicated to excellent service, superior market knowledge and delivering remarkable results for all our clients."



Evan Pedone



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Gonzalez completes Fast Track training at Weichert

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Engel & Völkers Madeira Beach recognizes top advisor

MADEIRA BEACH - Engel & Völkers Madeira Beach recently announced its top advisor of 2017. Evan Pedone was presented top honors with awards for the highest number of transactions and highest total dollar volume.

"Mr Pedone is infinitely passionate and knowledgeable about the high-end real estate market," said Cherie Pattishall in a press release. Pattishall is licensed partner of Engel & Völkers Madeira Beach.

"I love what I do," said Evan Pedone, real estate advisor at Engel & Völkers Madeira Beach. "I have a passion for representing luxury homes and condos and exceeding my clients' expectations."

RE/MAX ACR Elite announces top agents

BELLEAIR - RE/MAX ACR Elite Group Inc. recently recognized its top agents in the Belleair office in closed sales for the month of November.

The No. 1 agent was Lana Rosenbaum. The No. 2 agent was Dorita Mayeux and the No. 3 agent was Kelly Castellano.



Lana Rosenbaum



Dorita Mayeux



Kelly Castellano

PetFest 2018 Tailgate Pawty set

ST. PETERSBURG - The Humane Society of Pinellas' PetFest 2018 Tailgate Pawty and Puppy Bowl Adoption Event will take place Saturday, Feb. 3, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Catalina Marketing, 200 Carillon Parkway, St. Petersburg.

Guests will get the chance to visit adoptable pets, shop vendors, see demonstrations and engage in activities.

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# No pharmacy, no problem in IRB

By **BRIAN GOFF**  
TBN Correspondent

INDIAN ROCKS BEACH – When people see a CVS sign they may assume they are looking at a pharmacy.

In Indian Rocks Beach, not so much. The CVS store in IRB is one of not many stores in the United States that are not pharmacies. They are in fact convenience stores that sell just about everything except prescription drugs.

Why the IRB store isn't a pharmacy may be explained by money. The company, with a 24-hour pharmacy about a mile away, may feel that was enough.

Company official Stephanie Cunha, of the CVS public relations department in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, in an email pointed to that nearby location as a possible reason why there is no pharmacy in Indian Rocks Beach.

"There is a 24-hours location with a 24-hour pharmacy just east of the store (in IRB) which is only one mile away," she wrote. "Store 188 is located at the corner of Walsingham and Oakhurst in Largo."

Cunha also responded to a written question about the future of the IRB store.

"To our knowledge there are no plans on putting in a pharmacy in this location as it has always been a location without a pharmacy since the building was opened with Eckerd," she wrote.

Back in 2004 CVS bought 1,260 Eckerd stores including Eckerd's three distribution centers. The IRB location was one of the acquired stores.

Local residents recall there was a pharmacy when it was an Eckerd's; the pharmacy disappeared once CVS took over.

"Eckerd was a pharmacy when CVS took over, after a while they changed it," said IRB Mayor R.B. Johnson. "I

used to get my prescriptions filled there."

Former Commissioner Terry Hamilton-Wollin remembers a pharmacy at that location as well.

"When I moved here in 1994 it was an Eckerd's and it was a total pharmacy," she said. "When CVS took over they got rid of the pharmacy. It is a big company, and I imagine they did demographic studies and figured out it was just as cost effective if they didn't keep it."

Hamilton-Wollin says even when Eckerd's had a pharmacy in that location it wasn't her pharmacy of choice, so losing the pharmacy was not an inconvenience to her.

"It isn't to me; I'm still able to drive," she said. "Others who have disabilities may have some trouble getting off the island to another pharmacy."

Hamilton-Wollin said she owns property in South Tampa and the nearest drugstore to it is about the same distance as the nearest drug store to Indian Rocks Beach. She said no one seems to be complaining.

"I've never heard anyone say anything about it in 25 years," she said.

Johnson noted that some people have mentioned the lack of a pharmacy to him.

"Every once in a while, people remark that it is unusual that you have a CVS here that doesn't have a pharmacy," he said. "People are surprised when they move here that it doesn't have a pharmacy. I guess they look at this as just a little beach store."

Like Hamilton-Wollin, Johnson goes across the Walsingham Bridge to have his prescriptions filled. In addition to the CVS, there is a Walgreen's and a Publix pharmacy at that intersection.

"It is just five minutes away," he said. "It is not a real big inconvenience. Still, if there were a pharmacy here I'd go to that."



Photo by BRIAN GOFF

The CVS Store on Gulf Boulevard in Indian Rocks Beach is one of the chain's select stores that doesn't have a pharmacy.

IRB residents aren't the only ones with a CVS store that doesn't include a pharmacy. CVS' Cunha emailed that there are others, but she couldn't be specific as to their locations.

"I know there are two others in the Tampa area," she wrote in an email. "Right now, I can only confirm that there are select stores nationwide that have this format."

As time moves on, there could be more such stores popping up. Back in 2006, an industry analyst, Marshal Cohen, talked about the proliferation of drug stores and their function.

"Drug stores are becoming more like convenience

stores," he said. "Drug stores are selling a greater variety of products like milk, electronics, toys and even some high-end beauty products. It is not unlike going to a gas station and picking up chips and other consumables."

Cohen said the future will continue to see change in the industry.

"Drug stores are the next growth area in big-box retailing," he said. "Don't be surprised to see drug store operators start to build bigger formats in the future."

With that in mind, perhaps the pharmacy-less CVS store in Indian Rocks Beach is not lagging behind; it could in fact be a window into what's to come.

## Health news

### DOH-Pinellas adopts online system to better serve mothers, children

ST. PETERSBURG – Since its beginning in 1974, the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children has earned the reputation of being one of the most successful federally-funded supplemental nutrition programs in the country.

The program has shown to be a cost-effective and beneficial approach to protecting and improving the health of low to moderate income women, infants and children. Unfortunately, when it comes to replenishing a client's benefits, clients aren't as satisfied. That is changing thanks to a more user-friendly online system, wichealth.org. Clients can now complete their required nutrition education courses online and their Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards will be replenished automatically.

The WIC program provides no-cost nutrition counseling, education, and healthy supplemental foods for pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women, infants, and children younger than 5 years of age who are at nutrition risk. Breastfeeding promotion and support, referrals for health care, immunizations and community services are also integral parts of the program.

Most clients are determined to be low risk, which could mean they are underweight/overweight, their baby was born at a low birth weight or they have another nutrition-related need. Low risk clients are required to come in to one of five Florida Department of Health in Pinellas (DOH-Pinellas) centers four times a year.

This may not seem like a

lot for someone who has access to reliable transportation but Danielle Watkins, public health nutritionist supervisor for DOH-Pinellas in Pinellas Park, thinks otherwise.

"It keeps clients from returning," Watkins said in a press release. "They sometimes have to rely on relatives to get to their appointments and that's not reliable either."

Once a client goes through the initial certification process to determine their income eligibility and nutrition risk, they automatically receive their EBT card and can use it immediately. Three months later, they are required to complete interactive nutrition "contacts" or lessons with a WIC staff member to reload their cards. During these encounters, clients learn about different nutrition topics such as physical activity, how to save money at the store, food safety, etc., all while WIC personnel replenish their EBT card.

Each client must complete a certain amount of "contacts" a year depending on their nutrition risk. Somewhere along the way between the certification, recertification and the contact appointments, clients drop the program and discontinue their benefits because they are unable to make it back in to the office. Even with innovations such as the DOH-Pinellas' WIC drive-thru in mid-county, the first and only one in the county, clients still have trouble getting to the centers for their follow-up appointments.

To combat the low return rate, more than 20 states currently use a federally-approved program, wichealth.org. DOH-Pinellas' WIC program was selected to be one of three counties to serve as the pilot programs for the Florida Department of Health to use the online system. Instead of coming

into the center for their three-month appointment, low risk clients with children 1-5 years of age now have the opportunity to take the lessons online and a WIC staff member will reload their EBT cards automatically. The best part: clients can complete the courses at their convenience using a computer, tablet or smartphone.

Low risk clients with children 1-5 years of age are the only clients allowed to reload their benefits using the online system. Clients with infants and clients who are high risk still need to come in to the office because their cases may require more attention than a low risk client.

Barbara Sarver, WIC and nutrition services manager at the St. Petersburg center, says even though low risk clients with children 1-5 years of age are eligible to reload their benefits using the online system, staff encourage all clients to sign up because of the resources available.

"There are many topics to pick from and the system provides recipes and resources that all our clients could benefit from," she said.

As of October 2017, DOH-Pinellas has 35 clients who are using the system. Within the next year, the online system will be available to all Florida Department of Health WIC programs and their clients.

As soon as a woman thinks she may be pregnant or know she is pregnant, she can start the process

by referring to the WIC income guidelines and setting up a WIC certification appointment by calling 727-824-6900.

For information about WIC and DOH-Pinellas, go to [www.PinellasHealth.com](http://www.PinellasHealth.com) or follow on Twitter @HealthyPinellas.

### Select Hooters restaurants to host blood drive

Select Hooters restaurants will host blood drives this weekend. Donors will have an opportunity

to share their power to save lives by giving blood and enjoy 10 free boneless wings and a long sleeve OneBlood T-shirt.

The blood drive will take place Saturday, Jan. 6, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., at select Hooters restaurants in the Tampa Bay area. For information or to make an appointment, visit [oneblood.org/hooters](http://oneblood.org/hooters) or call 888-936-6283. Appointments will be honored and walk-ins are welcome.

The following Hooters Pinellas locations will take part in the blood drive:

- 4125 4th St. N., St. Petersburg
- 2800 Gulf to Bay Blvd., Clearwater
- 2901 Tyrone Blvd., Big Red Bus across 22nd Avenue, St. Petersburg

In addition, all donors receive a wellness check-up of blood pressure, pulse, temperature and iron count, including a cholesterol screening. Generally healthy people age 16 or older who weigh at least 110 pounds can donate blood. Photo ID is required. To learn more about the importance of blood donation and how donors can target the power of their blood type, visit [oneblood.org](http://oneblood.org).

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# Here and There

## Tampa Bay Publishing Conference set for Jan. 20

TAMPA – Literary arts organization Wordier Than Thou will host the first Tampa Bay Publishing Conference Saturday, Jan. 20, 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., at CoWork Ybor, 1907 E. Seventh Ave., Tampa.

The event will feature local published authors sharing their personal publishing journeys as well as panels on the business of publishing from the writer's perspective.

Authors scheduled to speak include Karen Brown, Sheree Greer, Arin Greenwood, Phillippe Diederich and Lorraine Ladish.

Panel topics include the MFA experience, building a literary community, self-promotion and social media, and the debut author's experience.

Author, editor and agent Lorin Oberweger will speak on myths of the publishing industry.

Registration for the conference only is \$25. Cost to register for the conference with a lunch hour included is \$40.

Oberweger also will offer a limited workshop on "Creating an Engaging Query Letter." Registration for this workshop is \$35 and those attending must submit a copy of their query letter ahead of the conference.

The conference will end with the Tampa Bay Publishing Salon at Café Hey, 1540 N. Franklin St., Tampa, 6 to 8 p.m.

Publishers and editors from Florida independent presses and literary journals will speak about who they are, what they publish and what they're looking for from local authors. Speakers include representatives from Yellow Jacket Press, Richter Publishing, Driftwood Press and Saw Palm: Florida Literature and Art.

Conference registration includes entry to the Publishing Salon. For those not attending the conference, cost for the Publishing Salon is \$5 at the door.

For more information or to registration, visit [www.wordierthanthou.com](http://www.wordierthanthou.com). Email [wordierthanthou@gmail.com](mailto:wordierthanthou@gmail.com) with any questions.

## New book delves into the development of the barrier islands

"Pioneer Days on Tampa Bay's Gulf Beaches," an eyewitness account of the settlement and development of the barrier islands and Pass-a-Grille 1898-1940, is available at several locations in Pinellas County.

The new book is written by George Lizotte, "a Frenchman who gave up his life as a globe-trotting tour guide to settle in the unspoiled paradise of Pass-A-Grille, Florida, in 1900," a press release said.

The book is edited by Wayne Ayers, a local historian and longtime correspondent for Tampa Bay Newspapers.

Lizotte, who lived from 1861-1960, bridged the pioneer and modern eras and had an active role in transforming Pass-A-Grille into a major resort and later witnessing its transition to a thriving residential community.

"His experiences and first-hand knowledge made him a perfect candidate to write the early history of the Pinellas beaches, which he did in 1941. This narrative, first published serially that year in the Gulf Beach News, is the only extant eyewitness account of the early beach development," the release said.

Lizotte shares memories of abundant shore dinners, sport fishing famous visitors to his hotels, colorful locals, the building of the Don CeSar and an adventure during the Tampa Bay hurricane of 1921. The book also delves into the early years of St. Petersburg, Treasure Island, Indian Rocks Beach

and other beach communities.

"Ever since Wayne Ayers and his wife Nancy learned about the narrative, they dreamed of seeing it in print as a book so readers could enjoy it," the press release said. "After they transcribed the original text, Wayne researched and wrote dozens of notes and an introduction to illuminate the narrative."

The Ayers worked with the Gulf Beaches Historical Museum, where the book is available, and other institutions to find photographs and illustrations to complement the text.

Available in hardback and paperback, the book also can be bought at Crabby Bill's, Heritage Village, Indian Rocks Historical Museum, Florida Botanical Gardens gift shops, Haslam's Book Store and Barnes & Noble Tyrone. It is also online at Amazon.com and dUTpress.UT.edu

## Elks make 300 food baskets in drive

ST. PETERSBURG – Volunteers with St. Petersburg Elks Lodge 1224 assembled 300 food baskets during its Dec. 16 annual food drive that were distributed to local families and nonprofit organizations.

The baskets were put together from \$8,200 worth of food purchased from funds provided by grants and donations from lodge members.

The baskets were distributed to the following organizations:

- Carol Barkalow's Heaven on Earth for Veterans Inc. were given eight food baskets for their eight homes. Heaven on Earth focuses on providing high quality living space for veterans in need.
- Two food baskets were taken to families at Sequel Care of Florida, which provides mental health and children's targeted case management services for approximately 1,000 children and families in Pinellas, Pasco and Hillsborough counties.
- Twelve food baskets were delivered to families sponsored by St. Petersburg Elks.

The balance of the food boxes went to Northside Baptist Church Food Ministry with which the lodge has had a partnership for many years. Northside



Photo courtesy of ELKS LODGE 1224  
From left, Lodge Exalted Ruler Bonnie Barnes, Past Exalted Ruler Dolly Masi and lodge members Kat Chaplin and Jan Gens were among members of Elks Lodge 1224 that helped fill 300 food baskets that were distributed to families and charitable groups in the area.

Baptist has a food pantry that provides food to more than 2,400 families each year.

Food not included in the baskets went to CASA's food pantry, with additional distributions to the nonprofit organizations.

Funds for the food drive came from \$6,500 in grants from The Gratitude Grant, The Beacon Grant, the Anniversary Grant and the FSEA State President Grant. The balance of food was donated by members of the lodge; that equated to well over \$1,700 in food donations and gift cards.

## Courtney R. Gardner graduates

SEMINOLE – U.S. Air Force Airman Courtney R. Gardner graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

Gardner is the granddaughter of Rae and Gary Gardner of Helena, New York. She is a 2014 graduate of Seminole High School.

## Bluffs commissioners re-elected

BELLEAIR BLUFFS – Since only the two incumbents are running for Belleair Bluffs commission seats, the city will not have an election March 13.

Commissioners Joe Barkley and Taylour Shimkus will retain their seats. The qualifying period for the two seats ended Dec. 19.

City commissioners serve two-year terms.

## AARP group seeks tax volunteers

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide needs volunteers. Training is provided in January.

To volunteer, visit [www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp\\_taxaide](http://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide) or call Genny Farley, 727-787-8982.

Tax-Aide offers free tax preparation help to anyone, particularly if you are age 50 or older and can't afford a tax preparation service.

There is no fee and no sales pitch for other services. AARP membership is not required to receive tax help.

## Boat club needs volunteer hosts

INDIAN ROCKS BEACH – The Indian Rocks Beach Boat Club is seeking volunteers to enable the club to continue to hold its regular boating events in 2018.

Founder Bob Griffin has organized events himself for the past 10 years, but noted in a press release that "our schedule no longer allows us to attend every event." Beginning this year, he is looking for volunteers to help host events.

Each year, the club holds eight meetings, two Intra-coastal Waterway cleanups and somewhere between six and 10 water-related events including restaurant trips and island parties, he said.

"Everything will be set up for you in advance, and the date of the event can work around your schedule," Griffin said. "A host's main duty is to meet and greet members so they know where the group is and maybe coordinate a group photo. Hosts can sign up for one or more individual events."

Presently, the club is looking for a host for its January trip to The Pub and a March picnic in Caladesi Marina. To volunteer to be an event host, call Bob Griffin at 727-517-1997 or email [IRBboatclub@gmail.com](mailto:IRBboatclub@gmail.com).

## Sun Coast Hospital alumni gathering set

INDIAN ROCKS BEACH – To mark what would have been the 60th anniversary of the founding of Sun Coast Hospital, an alumni gathering will take place Friday, Feb. 2, at Holiday Inn Harbourside, 401 Second St., Indian Rocks Beach.

The planning committee is putting out a call for any former employees, vendors or volunteers to join them for an evening of memories and fellowship. The event will include dinner, cash bar, silent auction and presentation of some special awards. Tickets are \$37 per person.

For information regarding the Sun Coasters Gathering, call Gayle Clutter at 770-330-8312 or email [gclutter@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:gclutter@tampabay.rr.com).

## BBA to meet

BELLEAIR – The Bluffs Business Association monthly after-hours mingle will be hosted by Strategic Financial Advisory Services on Thursday, Jan. 11, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., at 161 14th St. NW, Largo.

The public is invited to an open house and ribbon cutting to celebrate the business' new location. Attendees may bring a door prize and give a quick commercial.

For information or to RSVP, call Bonnie Trembulak at 727-686-8797 or visit [BluffsBusinessAssociation.com](http://BluffsBusinessAssociation.com).

## Burglary suspect accused of stealing mail carrier's Christmas card

CLEARWATER – Deputies arrested a Clearwater woman for burglary after she was discovered by the homeowner inside her home with the Christmas card meant for a USPS mail carrier.

On Dec. 22, Roseanne Chiaramonte, 74, reported a noon burglary to her home on Keene Road North, telling deputies she left a Christmas card containing \$25 cash for her mail carrier on the front glass storm door of her residence.

Deputies said Chiaramonte discovered the suspect, Deborah Margaret McClung, 61, standing in her laundry room holding the envelope that was meant for her mail carrier. Chiaramonte asked McClung what she was doing and McClung responded, "The mailman does not come down here, I will bring it to him."

McClung opened the envelope. Chiaramonte asked McClung to return the envelope. McClung handed the envelope to Chiaramonte and left through the back door of the residence and drove away in a 2008 Toyota Solaris, reports said.

On Dec. 23 while patrolling the neighborhoods near the victim's home, deputies said they observed the suspect's vehicle and conducted a traffic stop in the area of Keene Road and Hercules. Deputies discovered addressed envelopes and mail from about 20 residences throughout the Clearwater area inside of the vehicle. They also found Amazon packages, including fitbit fitness trackers and new clothing with the tags still intact.

Deputies say McClung admitted to investigators she committed the burglary on 1841 Keene Road, Clearwater. McClung became uncooperative when asked about the mail and additional items found in the vehicle.

McClung was arrested for burglary to an occupied structure and violation of probation grand theft other and was transported to the Pinellas County Jail without incident.

McClung, 1862 Francies Drive, was arrested on charges of burglary to an occupied structure and violation of probation grand theft.

The investigation continues and more charges are probable.

Anyone with information or who suspects they are a victim is asked to contact Detective R. Tsanakaliotis of the North County Property Crimes Unit at 727-582-6200.

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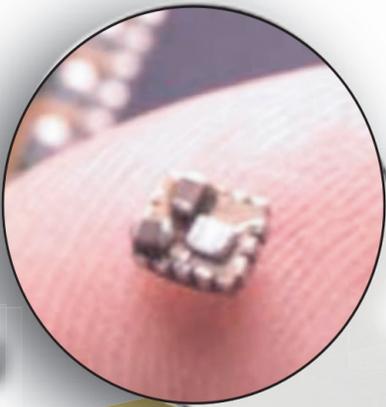
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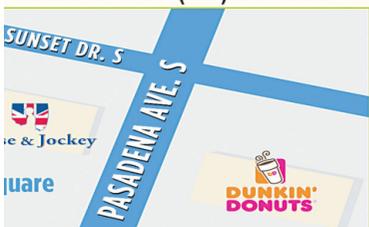
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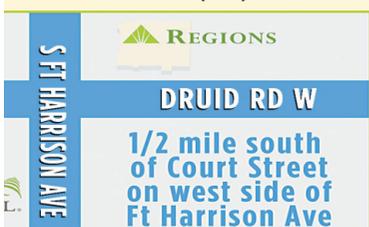
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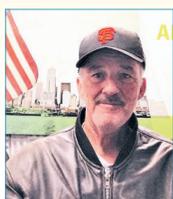
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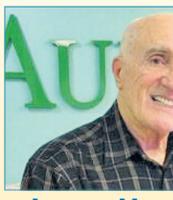
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## Top five diversions

• **Elvis Birthday Bash** featuring Scot Bruce and Mike Albert, Sunday, Jan. 7, 1 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Tickets start at \$18. Call 727-791-7400 or visit [www.rutheckerdhal.com](http://www.rutheckerdhal.com). Back by popular demand, the top two "Elvises" return with one phenomenal show! Scot Bruce as the young Elvis and Mike Albert as the Las Vegas Elvis, along with the Big "E" Band offer a rockin' birthday party celebration of America's first rock 'n' roll icon that will have you dancing in the aisles.

• **The 21st annual Downtown Dunedin Art Festival**, Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 6-7, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Main Street in Dunedin. Admission is free. For information, visit [www.artfestival.com](http://www.artfestival.com). More than 100 of the nation's top artists will line the Main Street on these two days, giving visitors and residents of Dunedin an opportunity to start the new year by adding some beauty to their lives. Fine artists will transform Main Street into a first-class outdoor art gallery displaying creations, gallery-style, for attendees to peruse.

• **Free Fallin' - A Tom Petty tribute**; Friday, Jan. 5, 8 p.m., at Central Park Performing Arts Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets start at \$19.50. Call 727-587-6793 or visit [largoarts.com](http://largoarts.com). Free Fallin' is honored and humbled to continue performing Tom Petty's music in the wake of his passing in October 2017. Petty's music has become the soundtrack for the 20th century and beyond. The Heartbreakers have sold over 80 million records and four of his albums. Presenting a stunningly accurate tribute to the look and sound of the Heartbreakers, Free Fallin' has successfully toured the country for more than 10 years performing at festivals, fairs, casinos, and major concert venues. This has earned them a glowing reputation as one of the finest tribute bands in the country. Opening the show will be Swingtown. There also will be a preshow party beginning at 6:30 p.m. with a performance by Cottondale Swamp.

• **Soul Party: Alex Harris and Siobhan Monique**; Friday, Jan. 5, 8 p.m., at The Palladium, 253 Fifth Ave. N., St. Petersburg. Tickets start at \$30. Call 727-822-3590 or visit [mypalladium.org](http://mypalladium.org). Classic soul meets Neo-Soul when Alex Harris and Siobhan Monique seize the stage for a dazzling, eye-popping evening of Xtreme virtuosity. Harris is an electrifying and an engaging entertainer. He is often compared to legends of soul, such as Sam Cooke, Otis Redding, James Brown, Al Green, and Jackie Wilson. Siobhan has been dancing to jazz tunes well before she could walk. At the age of thirteen she began classical training from voice teacher Dawn Eubanks at The Pinellas County Center for the Arts. Currently, Siobhan is the lead vocalist of her band The Product as well as the current lead in the off-Broadway musical Freedom's Song, playing the role of Sara.

• **"Marvel Universe Live! Age of Heroes,"** Jan. 5-7, at Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Drive, Tampa. Tickets start at \$20. For performance times and information, visit [www.amaliearena.com](http://www.amaliearena.com). The Avengers, the Guardians of the Galaxy and Spider-Man will join forces with Doctor Strange, master of the mystic arts, in a race against time to recover the Wand of Watoomb before it falls into Loki's hands in this all-new, spectacular arena stunt show.



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Amalie Arena presents "Marvel Universe Live!" "Age of Heroes," running Jan. 5-7.



Idris Elba and Jessica Chastain star in "Molly's Game."

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## Opening this weekend

'Insidious: The Last Key' continues horror saga; Chastain, Elba star in 'Molly's Game'

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

### 'Molly's Game'

Genre: Drama and biography  
Cast: Jessica Chastain, Idris Elba, Kevin Costner, Michael Cera, Jeremy Strong, Chris O'Dowd and Bill Camp  
Director: Aaron Sorkin  
Rated: R

Molly's Game is based on the true story of Molly Bloom (Jessica Chastain), a young, charismatic Olympic-hopeful skier who was forced to abandon athletics after a devastating injury. With law school on hold, Molly takes a summer job that introduces her to a new endeavor requiring similar discipline and drive: running the world's most exclusive high-stakes underground poker game. The deep pockets of Hollywood royalty, sports stars and business titans give her a decade of glitzy, glamorous success, but Molly attracts the wrong kind of attention when she inadvertently engages members of the Russian mob at her table. Her streak comes to a grinding halt when she's arrested in the middle of the night by 17 FBI agents wielding automatic weapons. Facing criminal charges, her only ally is her reluctant defense lawyer (Idris Elba), who discovers that there's much more to Molly Bloom than the salacious tabloid stories reveal.

Molly's Game marks the directorial debut of renowned playwright and screenwriter Aaron Sorkin, multiple Academy Award nominee, recipient of the Academy Award for Best Adapted Screenplay for The Social Network, and five-time Emmy winner for TV series The West Wing. Among Sorkin's most celebrated works are also Academy Award-nominated military courtroom drama A Few Good Men, which stars Jack Nicholson and Tom Cruise; and Moneyball, starring Brad Pitt.



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Lin Shaye stars as Dr. Elise Rainier, a brilliant parapsychologist, in "Insidious: The Last Key."

### 'Insidious: The Last Key'

Genre: Thriller and horror  
Cast: Lin Shaye, Angus Sampson, Leigh Whannell, Josh Stewart, Caitlin Gerard, Kirk Acevedo, Javier Botet, Bruce Davison, Spencer Locke, Tessa Ferrer, Ava Kolker and Marcus Henderson  
Director: Adam Robitel  
Rated: PG-13

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# State Ballet Theatre of Russia to stage 'Sleeping Beauty' at the Mahaffey

ST. PETERSBURG – The State Ballet Theatre of Russia will present "Sleeping Beauty," Friday, Jan. 5, 7:30 p.m., at The Mahaffey, 400 First St. S., St. Petersburg.

Tickets start at \$35. Call 727-893-7832 or visit themahaffey.com.

This production of "Sleeping Beauty" will be performed by dancers respected around the globe. Founded by Maya Plisetskaya, the legendary dancer and former Prima Ballerina of the Bolshoi Theatre Ballet, the State Ballet Theatre of Russia is now under the direction of award-winning dancer and Moiseyev dance company soloist Nikolay Anokhin.

"Sleeping Beauty" is a timeless fairy tale of a princess cursed to sleep for 100 years. The masterpiece is considered one of Tchaikovsky's greatest jewels. Bringing this classic tale to life will be 50 of Russia's brightest ballet stars.

The State Ballet Theatre of Russia's performance of "Sleeping Beauty" earns praise from critics, with the Palm Beach Daily News describing the "effortless precision" of the performers.



The Mahaffey welcomes the State Ballet Theatre of Russia Jan. 5 with a performance of "Sleeping Beauty."

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## A&E news

### Hungrytown to perform two free shows in Clearwater

CLEARWATER – The celebrated acoustic duo Hungrytown will perform Sunday, Jan. 14, 2 to 3 p.m., at Countryside Library, 2642 Sabal Springs Drive, Clearwater; and Tuesday, Jan. 16, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., at Clearwater Public Library System, Main Branch, 100 N. Osceola Ave., Clearwater.

Admission to both shows is free. Last July, Hungrytown returned from a successful six-month tour of the United States, UK and New Zealand, covering over 16,000 miles in the U.S. alone. They are currently on a four-month tour of the American south and southwest.

Hungrytown features Vermonters Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson. The two have been touring professionally for nearly 15 years. Hungrytown's songs and music have appeared in numerous television programs, including IFC's "Portlandia," Comedy Central's "The Daily Show" and Netflix's new comedy "Lady Dynamite." Their music also has been featured in various documentaries and major sporting events ranging from NASCAR to Hockey Night in Canada.

"Further West," Hungrytown's third and latest album, made the top 10 on the American Folk DJ charts for two months. The album also appeared on at least 14 best-of-the-year lists.

For information about Hungrytown, visit hungrytown.net.

### CPPAC to present The 5th Dimension

LARGO – The 5th Dimension featuring Florence LaRue will perform Sunday, Jan. 14, 2 and 7 p.m., at Central Park Performing Arts Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo.

Tickets start at \$34.50. Call 727-587-6793 or visit largoarts.com. Formed as The Versatiles in late 1965, The 5th Dimension is known for soulful sophistication and smooth harmonies with a touch of class. Over the years, the American popular music vocal group earned seven Grammy Awards, 14 gold records and six platinum records.

Blending pop, R&B, soul, jazz, light opera and Broadway in a mélange dubbed "Champagne Soul," The 5th Dimension had multi-million selling hits such as "Up, Up, and Away," "One Less Bell To Answer," "Wedding Bell Blues," "If I Could Reach You," "Stoned Soul Picnic," "Last Night I Didn't Get To Sleep," "Never My Love" and "Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In."

A preshow meet-and-greet ticket with the artist is available for \$20. Call 727-587-6793.

### Florida Orchestra Guild to host annual Golden Baton Award dinner

ST. PETERSBURG – The 2018 Golden Baton Award dinner will take place Wednesday, Feb. 21, 6 to 9 p.m., at the Vinoy Renaissance Resort & Golf Club's Sunset Ballroom, 600 Snell Isle Blvd. NE, St. Petersburg.

The award is given annually by The Florida Orchestra Guild for exceptional service in support of the orchestra.

Monroe and Suzette Berkman will receive the Golden Baton Award at the dinner. Each has had a distinguished career in the Tampa Bay area and each has been deeply involved in giving back to the community, including board service for a variety of community and arts organizations on both sides of the bay. Together they endow the orchestra's Violin Associate Concertmaster chair.

Diane Fair, president-elect of the guild; and Sheila Tempelmann, former guild president, are co-chairs of the 2018 Golden Baton Award dinner.

### SAGES to stage 'Denying Gravity' at Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center

PINELLAS PARK – Senior Actors Guild & Education Services will present a production of "Denying Gravity," by Linda Goldman, on Sunday, Feb. 25, 2 p.m., at Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center, 4951 78th Ave. N., Pinellas Park.

Admission is free. Call 727-536-7076. Directed by Christine Hamacher, "Denying Gravity" tells the story of an independent grandmother determined to do things her way. The play has an entertaining mix of humor and drama and presents an important message on fall prevention for seniors and those who love them, eldercare workers and professionals.

Falls by seniors accounted for more than 25,000 responses by EMS in Pinellas County last year. The purpose of this partnership of SAGES, the Pinellas Park Fire Department and the Fall Prevention Coalition of Better Living for Seniors is to prevent falls by seniors and reduce calls to 911 through education wrapped into enjoyable, memorable live theater.

All plays by SAGES have a humorous, positive message on aging, stimulate discussion on issues of importance for seniors, provide lead roles for older actors and enhance access to live performing arts for older Americans.

For information about SAGES, visit www.senioractorsguild.com.

### Sarasota Seafood & Music Festival set

SARASOTA – The third annual Sarasota Seafood & Music Festival will take place Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 20-21, on Gulf Stream between Coconut Avenue and McAnish Square in downtown Sarasota.

General admission to the event and live musical performances is free. A VIP tent is available with an admission of \$130 that includes an open bar serving oysters, shrimp and crab legs; an open bar serving premium drinks; and a tented seating area with linens on the tables. Tickets for the VIP Tent can be purchased online at www.eventliveus.com/purchase/event/611035.

The event is hosted by the Sarasota Downtown Merchants Association. Entertainment will be provided by some of Florida's top musical groups. Performances are live on-stage in musical genres from rock 'n' roll, jazz and blues to reggae and steel pan sounds. This year's performers include RJ Howson, Sarasota Steel Pan Band, Hard Luck Society, Twinkle & Rock Soul Radio on Saturday. Sunday performers are Act 3, Kettle of Fish, The Black Honkeys and Reverend Barry & Funktastic Soul.

### RisingSTARZ Theater Group to host auditions for 'Guys and Dolls'

GULFPORT – Director Corinne Broskette and RisingSTARZ Theater Group will celebrate their fifth season with a production of the hit musical "Guys and Dolls."

Broskette is looking for actors with diverse abilities for this large cast musical. Candidates should love to dance, sing and perform. Auditions will take place Sunday, Jan. 28, 4:30 p.m.; and Wednesday, Jan. 31, 6 p.m., at Most Holy Name Church, 5800 15th Ave. S., Gulfport.

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  - Platforms
  - Jazz singer Irene
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  - Hellenistic governors
  - Brownish-green fruit
  - Needed to see
  - Political action committee
  - Fast plane
  - Bahrain dinar
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  - Unhappy
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  - French dynasty
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  - Irish militant organization
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  - Musical group of seven
  - Used to fry things
  - Carrot's companion
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  - Fourth son of Jacob and Leah
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  - Passion
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  - Self-referential
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## Horoscopes

January 4, 2018

### Aries

March 21 – April 19

Expressing yourself authentically is proving difficult, Aries. But this will pass shortly. Eventually, your persistence will pay off, and others will see that your intentions are genuine.

### Taurus

April 20 – May 20

If your dreams are within reason, there is no reason why they can't come to fruition, Taurus. You just may need a few friends in your corner to help make things happen.

### Gemini

May 21 – June 21

Gemini, don't obsess about a specific approach to working through a problem. Seek feedback from a number of people and explore all of your options.

### Cancer

June 22 – July 22

It may be challenging to separate your fantasies from reality right now, Leo. Even though things are vivid in your mind, others may help clarify things for you.

### Leo

July 23 – August 22

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### Virgo

August 23 – September 22

Surprising news leaves you a little bit frazzled, Virgo. However, once you work your way through the surprise, you'll see that this news bodes well for you.

### Libra

September 23 – October 22

Libra, others feel like you have everything figured out this week and are as sensible as can be. But there's a fun side of you that is just waiting to pop out.

### Scorpio

October 23 – November 21

Something in your life is causing you undue stress, Scorpio. Find a way to let it all go by focusing on thoughts and things that bring you happiness.

### Sagittarius

November 22 – December 21

Sagittarius, it may seem like your time in the spotlight has come and gone, but that isn't the case. You have plenty of time to show what you can accomplish.

### Capricorn

December 22 – January 20

Capricorn, your vision of the future may be set right now, but there is always room for some modifications. Embrace some of the uncertainty that can lead to greatness.

### Aquarius

January 21 – February 18

Aquarius, no career goal is out of reach right now. Therefore, if you've been thinking of a career move, now is a great time to put those plans in motion.

### Pisces

February 19 – March 20

The search for the truth could lead you on a bit of a wild adventure, Pisces. Eventually, you can get to the bottom of the situation.

## Sudoku

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

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

3	4	5	7	2	8	6	9	1
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## Crossword answers

from last week

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# 'Odyssey and Oracle'

The Zombies, celebrating 50th anniversary of landmark album, to perform at Capitol Theatre Jan. 11

CLEARWATER – The Zombies, currently celebrating the 50th anniversary of "Odyssey and Oracle," will perform Thursday, Jan. 11, 8 p.m., at Capitol Theatre, 405 Cleveland St., Clearwater.

Tickets start at \$49.50. Call 727-791-7400 or visit [www.atthecap.com](http://www.atthecap.com).

The Zombies are continuing their remarkable 21st-century resurgence with a 2018 Rock & Roll Hall of Fame nomination and a 23-date North American tour, starting on Jan. 8, in Key West. The Florida leg of the tour includes four exclusive performances of their iconic album "Odyssey and Oracle," performed in its entirety by the original members of the band, including Rod Argent, Colin Blunstone, Chris White and Hugh Grundy. The remainder of the tour will feature the acclaimed

current line-up, which includes Argent and Blunstone as well as Jim Rodford, Tom Toomey and Steve Rodford.

"Odyssey and Oracle," The Zombies' second album, was released in April 1968. This year marks the 50th anniversary of "Odyssey and Oracle." Nine of the 12 songs featured on the album were recorded at EMI's Abbey Road Studios.

According to the band's official website, when The Zombies earn praise by pop's hip aristocracy, it has been largely for their swansong, "Odyssey & Oracle" – the title of which was famously misspelled by the cover artist. The album included the band's most celebrated song, "Time Of The Season."

"Odyssey and Oracle" turned out to be the band's second and final album. Recorded in 1967 before

they went their separate ways, it remains perhaps their greatest artistic statement, presenting an evocation of memory that maybe has yet to be surpassed in pop music, with a peculiarly English yet universal slant on dreams, childhood and the attendant loss of innocence that derives from the passing of both.

The Zombies' 2018 tour follows an extremely active and exciting 2017, culminating with the band's nomination to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, their third since 2014.

Other 2017 highlights included a major anniversary tour celebrating "Odyssey and Oracle" with stops at New York City's Town Hall, Los Angeles' Ace Hotel Theatre, London's famed Palladium, and Barcelona's Primavera Sound Festival; the release of the coffee-table book "The

Odyssey: The Zombies in Words and Images"; and releases on CD and vinyl, including the reissue of "Odyssey and Oracle" for the first time on CD in digipak with bonus tracks. Other 2017 releases included a greatest hits LP, a reissue of "Still Got That Hunger" on baby blue vinyl and two exclusive Record Store Day releases.

In addition, The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Museum in Cleveland featured The Zombies in a new exhibit, which spotlights the influential career and music of the iconic British Invasion group. The exhibit opened on July 12 and all four original members attended the special ceremony.

The Zombies were one of the few English bands of the 1960s that enjoyed true global popularity.

The group scored two American No. 1 hits along with chart records throughout the rest of the world. Moreover, their international fans developed a deep and lasting affection for their music.

In early 1967, at a time when their career had almost ground to a halt in the UK, the band played to crowds of over 30,000 in the Philippines. And ironically, right after the band split, their final single "Time Of The Season" quickly became their biggest record. U.S. radio plays for the song recently passed the four million mark. The Zombies' first two American singles, "She's Not There" and "Tell Her No," also remain two of the most-heavily spun vintage hits on American classic-rock radio.

Following the break-up of the original band, Blunstone went on to develop an acclaimed solo career and Argent rocked '70s arenas with his eponymous band Argent.

The legend of The Zombies continued to take on a life of its own. By the start of the new millennium, Blunstone and Argent were inspired to resurrect The Zombies. In 2001, Blunstone and Argent released the



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The Zombies perform Jan. 11 at Capitol Theatre.

first recorded fruits of their collaboration in the album "Out Of The Shadows." This was followed up in 2004 with "As Far As I Can See ..." The 2004 album was released in the U.S. by Rhino Records and featured 10 new tracks, plus a re-working of Blunstone's hit "I Don't Believe In Miracles." The album is colored by The Zombies' trademark minor-key melancholy along with Blunstone and Argent's explorations of new musical territory.

The second U.K. band following the Beatles to score a No. 1 hit in America, The Zombies infiltrated the airwaves with the sophisticated melodies, breathy vocals, choral back-up harmonies and jazzy keyboard riffs of their 1960s hit singles "She's Not There" and "Tell Her No."

To this day, generations of new bands have cited The Zombies' work as pop touchstones, and the band continues to be embraced by new generations of fans.



The Zombies take the stage at Capitol Theatre Jan. 11 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their album "Odyssey and Oracle."

# CPPAC to welcome Canadian jazz trumpeter Bria Skonberg

LARGO – Vocalist, trumpeter and songwriter Bria Skonberg will perform Saturday, Jan. 13, 8 p.m., at Central Park Performing Arts Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo.

Tickets start at \$24.50. Visit [LargoArts.com](http://LargoArts.com) or call 727-587-6793.

Skonberg recently won the 2017 Juno Award – the Canadian equivalent of a Grammy Award – for Best Vocal Jazz Album for her first Okeh collection, "Bria." Further accolades include Best Vocal and Best Trumpet awards from Hot House Jazz Magazine and Outstanding Jazz Artist at the New York Bistro Awards. She also was a nominee for Jazz journalists' Association Up and Coming Artist.

Skonberg is a self-described "small town girl" from Chilliwack, British Columbia, who hightailed it to Vancouver straight out of high school and earned a degree in Jazz Trumpet Performance.

To date, she has performed at some 100 festivals worldwide. She is the co-founder of the New York Hot Jazz Camp and New York Hot Jazz Festival.

"Fresh," her debut album, was released in 2009. She followed that up with "So Is the Day" in 2012 and "Into Your Own" in 2014.

In May 2017, Skonberg released "With a Twist" (Okeh/Masterworks). Skonberg spins her cool and confident vocal style – and her sleek and timeless jazz chops – into a program that playfully nods to tradition while always looking ahead.

"The inspiration was love and adventure, and the many twists and turns and tunnels you can get into," said Skonberg in a press release. "It's a little about my time in New York, a little bit of cocktail culture. The musical inspiration was



Photo courtesy of BRIA SKONBERG

Bria Skonberg performs Jan. 13 at Central Park Performing Arts Center.

a modern-day Esquivel, Perez Prado, maybe some Spike Jones. It's just important to me to put some love and positivity out into the world right now."

"With a Twist" reunites Skonberg with producer Matt Pierson, whom she credits with helping her realize the album's concept. The album features five-time Grammy winner Gil Goldstein. Goldstein arranged six of the tracks and plays keyboards and accordion. Also featured on "With a Twist" is Sullivan Fortner on piano, Scott Colley on bass and Matt Wilson on drums.

On "With a Twist," Skonberg deftly pays tribute to some great singers who influenced her.

"My Baby Just Cares for Me, the opening track, offers a deep bow to Nina Simone. "Alright, Okay, You Win" (arranged here with "Soul Bossa Nova" – a Quincy Jones tune) summons the cool of Peggy Lee.

"It's Oh So Quiet" is Björk's memorable twist of a song Betty Hutton first sang in the early 1950s. Skonberg says she has loved it since hearing the Björk recording in her car as a high school student in Chilliwack, British Columbia.

Also included is "High Hat, Trumpet, and Rhythm," a hot tune by Valaida Snow, the American jazz singer and trumpeter who became a worldwide sensation in the 1920s and 1930s. Fresh takes on "Cocktails for Two" (with a hint of Spike Jones's antic style); "Whatever Lola Wants" from Damn Yankees; and "Back in Your Own Back Yard" (a 1920s-vintage favorite of singers as diverse as Al Jolson and Billie Holiday) round out the golden-age standards.

Skonberg's originals on "With a Twist" represent a little odyssey of songwriting. "Same Kind of

Crazy" was written in Nashville with Jeff Cohen. "How I Know" was written in Los Angeles with Sam Hollander.

"Time to Go," another original song, serves as the album's closing track. "I made that one up, and I wanted it on the album," Skonberg said. "The little lick in the intro and outro belong to a song by Dizzy Gillespie called 'Dizzy Atmosphere,'" she explained. "The sentiment of that song lines up with the theme of this album – and Dizzy would've been 100 this year."

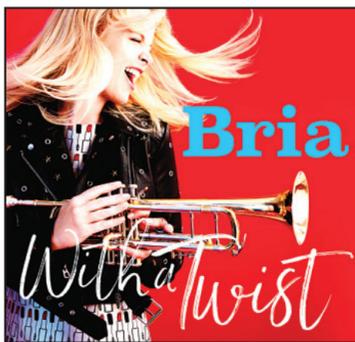


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"With a Twist," Bria Skonberg (Okeh/Sony Masterworks)

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RisingSTARZ Theater Group is free to actors with disabilities.

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## St. Petersburg Fine Art Festival to showcase 120 artisans

ST. PETERSBURG – The fifth annual St. Petersburg Fine Art Festival will take place Saturday and Sunday,

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The art festival transforms the grounds of South Straub Park into an outdoor gallery showcasing extraordinary original and handmade artwork. These artisans and their works weave a tapestry of art from creations in painting, glass, mixed-media, ceramics, sculpture, photography, metalwork, digital art, fiber art, woodworking – and more.

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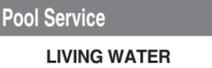
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# Amalie to present 'Marvel Universe Live!: Age of Heroes'

TAMPA - Marvel fans will assemble for a live, legendary battle to defend the universe from evil when Feld Entertainment presents "Marvel Universe Live!: Age of Heroes," running Friday through Sunday, Jan. 5-7, for six performances at Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Drive, Tampa.

Performances will be Friday, 7 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m., 3 and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Tickets start at \$20. Tickets are available at the McDonald's ticket office at Amalie Arena, Ticketmaster outlets and at Ticketmaster.com. To order tickets, call 800-745-3000. Prices do not include facility fee or service charges. Advanced parking passes are available at Ticketmaster.com or the ticket office. Visit amaliearena.com or call 813-301-2500 for more information.

The Avengers, the Guardians of the Galaxy and Spider-Man will join forces with Doctor Strange, master of the mystic arts, in a race against time to recover the Wand of Watoomb before it falls into Loki's hands in this all-new, spectacular arena stunt show.

Star-Lord, Gamora, Rocket, Groot and Drax make their live production debut, bringing their courage and misfit wit to "Marvel Universe Live!: Age of Heroes." Alongside Iron Man, Captain America, Thor, Black Panther, Hulk, Black Widow, Wasp and Iron Fist, the Guardians of the Galaxy help fight scheming, menacing and loathsome villains such as Loki and Green

Goblin. Audiences will join in the quest that sparks new feuds with old foes, pitting student against mentor, sister against sister and brother against brother.

The show also features cutting-edge special effects, aerial maneuvers, pyrotechnics, martial arts, motorcycle stunts and vast 3D video projection mapping in a completely new thrilling adventure.

To discover more about "Marvel Universe Live!: Age of Heroes," visit [www.marveluniverselive.com](http://www.marveluniverselive.com).

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The Avengers, Spider Man, Doctor Strange, Black Panther, The Wasp and Iron Fist team up with The Guardians of the Galaxy in "Marvel Universe Live!: Age of Heroes."

# Central Park Performing Arts Center to present 'Candid Camera'

LARGO - For eight decades, television viewers have heard a familiar phrase that immediately evokes hilarity: "Smile - you're on Candid Camera."

Reliving the memories of one of television's favorite programs, "Candid Camera's Eight Decades of Smiles" will be presented Sunday, Jan. 7, 2 p.m., at Central Park Performing Arts Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo.

Tickets start at \$29.50. Call 727-587-6793 or visit [largoarts.com](http://largoarts.com).

Hosted by Peter Funt, this laugh-

filled show features clips, quips and great fun.

The show has pleased audiences nationwide. Peter's hilarious stage comedy is blended with a behind-the-scenes peek at the show's funniest moments. Created by Allen Funt, Peter's father, "Candid Camera" is the only entertainment program to have produced new episodes in each of the last eight decades - from Allen's start on TV in 1948, through Peter's acclaimed runs on CBS and on TV Land.

The history of "Candid Camera"

actually goes back to 1947 when "The Candid Microphone" debuted on radio. Allen next produced a series of theatrical film shorts using the same name. A little more than a year later, Allen's concept came to television - first on ABC and then on NBC. In 1951, the format shifted to syndication. In 1958, "Candid Camera" returned to network television as a segment on Jack Paar's "The Tonight Show."

By 1960, "Candid Camera" was again a standalone show that continued into the 1970s. During this

run, Allen was often joined by a co-host. Among the show's notable co-hosts are Arthur Godfrey, Durward Kirby, Fannie Flagg and Jo Ann Pflug.

For his current show, Peter uses the vast "Candid Camera" library, showcasing decades of fun and reveals what happened when the cameras weren't rolling.

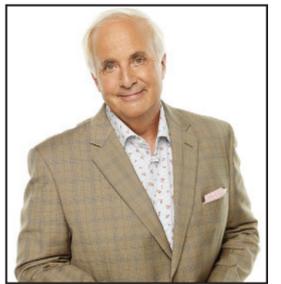
Peter's latest show was a "top pick" in People Magazine and praised by The New York Times.

"This is not just a trip down memory lane," said Peter in a press

release promoting the show. "It's a funny, fast-paced commentary on our whacky world as seen through the 'Candid Camera.'" In addition to special surprises, several audience members will get a chance to answer "Candid Camera" trivia questions and win prizes.

Joining in the live stage presentation will be Peter's son Danny, and his niece Katie, both of whom appeared in the TV Land version of "Candid Camera."

Additional information is available at [www.candidcamera.com](http://www.candidcamera.com).



Peter Funt

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The creative minds behind the hit Insidious trilogy return for "Insidious: The Last Key."

In the supernatural thriller, which welcomes back franchise standout Lin Shaye as Dr. Elise Rainier, the brilliant parapsychologist faces her most fearsome and personal haunting yet - in her own family home.

The following will open in limited release. It may be several weeks before

these films appear in local movie theaters.

## 'The Beyond'

Genre: Thriller and science fiction  
 Cast: Jane Perry, David Baillie, Nigel Barber, Amy Argyle and Kosha Engler  
 Director: Hasraf HaZ Dulull  
 Not rated

The feature film is based loosely around Hasraf HaZ Dulull's 2014 short film "Project Kronos."

The story chronicles a (fictional) groundbreaking mission that sends astronauts - modified with advanced robotics - through a newly discovered wormhole known as the Void.

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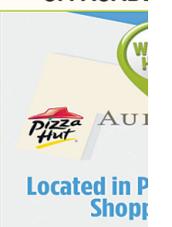
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