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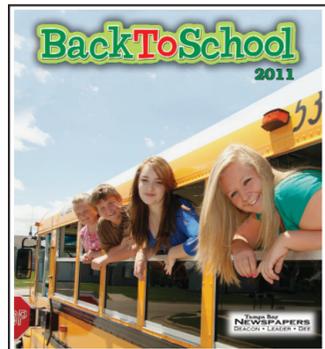


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INSIDE



## Bluffs fire station gets high priority

By TOM GERMOND

LARGO – City officials will discuss with Belleair Bluffs officials the possibility of relocating the Bluffs fire station off Indian Rocks Road to another location in that municipality.

Belleair Bluffs officials have approached the city staff about the possibility of a joint partnership by which Largo could relocate Station 43 to Bluffs property located on Bayway Avenue. The property was originally purchased by the Bluffs to reconstruct Fire Station 43.

City officials rank Station 43 their top priority for reconstruction and rehabilitation among three stations because of its age and condition. That station has substantial National Fire Protection Act standard deficiencies since it is a converted gas station, a city memo said.

"It lacks accessibility within the station around the vehicles. It has improper ventilation, etc.," Assistant City Manager Michael Staffopoulos said, at the commission work session Aug. 9.

The city of Belleair Bluffs hopes to return the property to the commercial tax rolls.

"I have no objection to what you propose doing," Commissioner Curtis Holmes said. "Go talk to Belleair Bluffs. I think that's a wonderful idea."

Commissioner Mary Black asked about the legalities of the city spending public funds to build a fire station in another governmental entity.

City officials will seek an opinion from the city attorney on such issues. They believe that on more than one occasion Belleair Bluffs officials said they would be willing to work with Largo staff on some type of arrangement.

"We have not discussed any details as to whether they would own the land, whether we would purchase the land, whether it would be joint participation on construction or one or another paying for the construction," Staffopoulos said. "We have not gotten into any details other than wanting to bringing the option of entering the discussions with Belleair Bluffs to the City Commission."

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LARGO

### Celebrate V-J Day at '40s style dance

Largo Recreation is planning a special 1940s style dance on Saturday, Aug. 13, 7 to 11 p.m., to commemorate V-J Day, the end of WWII, Aug. 14, 1945.

The dance will take place in the Goodman Ballroom at the new Largo Community Center, 400 Alt. Keene Road.

Participants are encouraged to dress in 1940s attire, and dance to the sounds of recorded Big Band music throughout the evening. All WWII veterans in uniform will be the guests of honor with free admission.

This special V-J dance is part of the Community Center's ongoing Swing Dance Saturdays, every Saturday night from 7 to 11 p.m. Each dance begins with a beginner-friendly swing dance lesson from 7 to 8 p.m., followed by a DJ dance from 8 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$7 and includes the lesson at 7 p.m. Concessions will be available. For more information, call 518-3131 or visit LargoCommunityCenter.com.

COUNTY

### PTSA proposes millage rate hike

The Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority joins a growing list of government agencies approving tentative millage increases for fiscal year 2011-2012.

The PSTA Board tentatively approved a proposed rate of 0.7305 mills at its July 27 meeting.

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### Dolphin Watch

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### Family fishing fun



Erin Joyner, 8, of Seminole, casts her line out during Family Fun Fishing Day Aug. 6 at Taylor Park, in Largo. The event was sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Seminole Breakfast.

Photo by JIM LAYFIELD

## City may let private enterprise operate Largo Golf Course

By TOM GERMOND

LARGO – City officials want to make sure that the golf course gets tender loving care if they decide to let private enterprise run it.

In the next several months, city officials will seek proposals from an experienced golf course management company to operate the golf course, located on Vonn Road. They expect to have a short list of companies prepared by April 1, 2012.

But they made it clear that the process will involve a lot of legwork.

"In particular because you would be potentially handing over the operation of a very valuable city asset to a private entity," Schubert said at a budget work session Aug. 5.

He said the process would require a lot of background checks of the potential management companies to make sure "what they say they will do they actually will do – that they have a good track record."

City officials plan to visit golf courses operated by the companies that submit proposals.

Also in April, city officials will report on the financial results of the golf course operations through that date, which will encompass the traditional busy season of the course that ends around Easter.

The City Commission then would decide whether the city should continue to run it during fiscal year 2013 or contact with a private company to operate the course.

City officials also will consider leasing the course as an alternative to coming up with a management contract

The goal of the plan is to make the

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– Henry Schubert  
Assistant city manager

golf course self-sustaining. In recent months city commissioners have raised concerns over annual subsidies to the golf course from the city's general fund. The course was expected to receive a subsidy of \$150,000 in the next fiscal year; it has been operating at a deficit for the past few years.

A staff person from the city's Communications and Marketing Division has been assigned part time to promote the golf course.

"We have put a significant emphasis on marketing the course to see if we can make the course more financially viable," Schubert said.

Mayor Pat Gerard said it is important for the city to look at courses that are being managed by private enterprise to "see what kind of shape they are in."

Schubert said "it is extremely important that a decision be based not just on the financial items that are in the contract, but also someone's track record as to the quality of care they give to the courses that they manage."

Gerard said that the city recently

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## Volunteers tireless in helping run park

By BRIAN GOFF

LARGO – For the past 23 years the George C. McGough Park has been operating in Largo. And thanks to an army of volunteers known as "Friends of the Parks," the facility continues to operate at full capacity despite recent budget cuts that threatened to close the Nature Center, the nerve center of the park.

Eight years ago Pat Edmond became interested in the park and after attending several naturalist programs signed on as a volunteer. Since then she has become the president of the Friends group and continues to spend hours each week teaching young people about the importance of nature and why they should care.

"Education Outreach is the most important thing we do here," she said. "Budget cuts have made it impossible for the schools to send the children here, so we go to the schools."

That is just one of the many tasks the volunteers are involved in regularly. Edmond said the most important thing the volunteers did was two years ago when the city of Largo had to trim the city budget and the Nature Center at the Park was on the chopping block.

"Week after week we would go to the meetings and object to the closing," she said. "Then somebody advised us to do more than just complain; we had to come up with a solution. So we did, and we managed to save the center."

Now volunteers are on deck every morning to open the center and get things going until a staff member comes on duty sometime later in the morning. The volunteers conduct tours, operate day camps and camp-outs and last year even organized a 5K race to raise money.

Money raised through those activities is paying for necessities, which the city cannot afford. Just this past week a complete new video alarm system was installed at the Park. Vandals had been breaking into the center in recent weeks; the alarm system is expected to stop that.

Just a year ago vandals released the great horned owl, J.R., who was kept in a cage behind the center. A family who found him abandoned as a chick raised J.R. as a pet. It was thought that he would never survive in the wild because he has never learned hunting skills. He couldn't even live in the bird sanctuary because he had bonded with humans, not other owls. But it seems J.R. fooled



Volunteer Pat Edmond conducts an environmental class for young participants at a day camp at the McGough Nature Park.

Photo by BRIAN GOFF

them all. It has been a year and he is seen occasionally flying around McGough Park, thriving in the wild.

Inside the Nature Center are other live creatures which visitors can read about, and children who attend day camp during the summer get to learn all about the importance of being "green."

"The children are our most important asset," said Edmond. "They have to know how crucial the preservation of nature is, because someday they may be the ones going to the podium at council meetings fighting to maintain this place."

Let's you think Edmond is upset with the city of Largo for threatening to close

the Nature Center, far from it.

"I don't know of any other community that offers as much as Largo in terms of outdoor programs and allowing residents to do things in nature. Our green space is important and it does have an environmental impact in that it keeps property values stable," she said.

Largo operates three nature parks. In addition to McGough, located at the West End of Walsingham Road, there is also nearby Bonner Park and the Largo Nature Preserve, off East Bay Drive,

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PET CONNECTION

### Speaking of Pets

Kim Donovan D.V.M. of Oakhurst Veterinary Hospital says there is no such thing as giving your veterinarian too much information.

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# Commissioners give high marks to city manager

By TOM GERMOND

LARGO - Most city commissioners said in City Manager Mac Craig's annual evaluation that he is doing a good to excellent job.

Craig received a cumulative score of 4.315 on a five-point scale on his 2011 evaluation conducted by the six city commissioners and the mayor. Evaluated in eight categories, Craig received mostly excellent marks, 25; good, 21, and satisfactory, 8. No commissioner said he needs improvement or is unsatisfactory in any category.

Commissioner Gigi Arntzen gave Craig, 74, scores of excellent in all categories, saying that "while challenges have remained during the year, your leadership

and positive attitude have ensured that Largo continues to be a respected community - respected by our residents and surrounding communities."

Mayor Pat Gerard also gave Craig an overall ranking of excellent. She said his strengths are integrity and professionalism.

Commenting on his coordination and liaison, Gerard said that Craig's "actions as a city manager have really improved our relationships with governmental units."

Commissioner Mary Black gave Craig an overall rating of satisfactory.

She said Craig is a "very personable and dedicated gentleman, with high regard for Largo, his hometown."

However, she said that Craig should demonstrate his "knowledge, skills and abilities by taking a more active leadership role during commission meetings and meetings with the general public."



Mac Craig

Commissioner Harriet Crozier gave Craig an overall rating of "good plus," praising him for his integrity and leadership.

She added that Craig needs to be more involved in the business community "by getting out more." She also said she feels he should be firmer in getting his

points across to staff.

Commissioner Curtis Holmes did not complete the form, saying that it was used by the previous administration and does not "reflect upon the true abilities or lack thereof, of a city manager."

Holmes provided some answers in text form but did not assign scores to his performance.

He criticized some of the categories in the evaluation, such as leadership/direction.

"The perceived leadership dearth is the commission's fault," Holmes wrote.

On the category of integrity and fairness, Holmes called it an "odd question."

"Straightforward; while sitting on the dais, yes, but well-reasoned and fair is in the eye of the

beholder, as well the ability to discern legitimate points of view and balanced solutions," he wrote.

Commissioner Robert Murray gave Craig an overall rating of good.

Commenting on Craig's strengths, Murray said that the manager has everything written down for Murray's weekly meetings with him.

"He is very detail oriented when it comes to city business. Mr. Craig ensures that I have the latest information concerning city business," Murray wrote.

Commissioner Woody Brown also gave Craig an overall rating of good. He did not provide any written comments.

Craig also received high marks

on last year's evaluation, an overall score of 4.295 on a scale of 5.

Craig began work for the city in January 2000 as director of environmental services and became assistant city manager four years later.

He was named acting city manager in February 2007 following the termination of former City Manager Susan Stanton and named city manager that August.

Craig's evaluation will be placed on the Aug. 16 regular commission meeting agenda.

His base salary is \$145,600. As he has in some recent years, he will give up his raise for the upcoming fiscal year, city officials said.

# Specialists discuss care options for elderly parents

BY AMANDA SEBASTIANO

LARGO - Making preparations for long-term care for an elderly parent can be a stressful decision-making process.

Retirement living, long-term care and funeral home specialists, and an attorney met at Pinecrest Place Retirement Community July 28 to aid adult children in helping their elderly parents. The meeting was focused on how to prepare for the end stages of life, Moss Funeral Home associate Kevin Rodriguez said.

Each presentation featured a specific aspect of planning: housing, financial, legal and arrangements for the deceased. Sherrie Ngo, president and CEO of Recruitment Specialist of Florida, has focused on senior housing for the past six years.

Ngo broke down the different types of communities including assisted living; independent; memory care and rehab. She spoke about misconceptions about rehabilitation facilities and the signs to look for when deciding if your parent needs care. Typically, when someone is unable to perform activities of daily living is when professional help may be needed. About 65 percent of seniors do not eat nutritionally balanced meals, Ngo said.

"Before I started in this community, when I thought about rehab, I thought you went to rehab all day to get better; that's not the case. Really, you get an hour or two of rehab and the rest of the time you're in more of an institutional, hospital-type setting," Ngo said.

Knowing your parents' financial status and talking to them about getting involved with a community "while they can still enjoy it" were other issues mentioned as well. A calendar of events was

"Anyone that knows about preparing a funeral knows that the toughest part is having to go down there on the day of death and make all those decisions."

- Kevin Rodriguez Moss Funeral Home

handed out that showed the seniors' daily activities at Pinecrest Place and how busy they really are.

"Has anyone here ever been on a cruise?" Ngo asked. "When you wake up in the morning your biggest concern is what color flip flops to wear, because you know the ship's captain, or the programming manager, has it under control. A lot of residents say living in a retirement community is a lot like being on a cruise, without the sea sickness."

Ngo also answered questions that she is asked frequently, such as "can my parents afford it?" and "when should I talk to my parent(s)?" She handed out budget sheets that compared the cost of trying to take care of parents at home as opposed to the cost of living in retirement communities. The cost of living at home is quite surprising, she said.

Nate Cocco, a MassMutual Financial Group representative, followed up the financial discussion with long-term care options and how to create a long-term care strategy.

There are a few ways to pay for long-term or extended care: apply for long-term care insurance, use your assets and out of pocket money or apply for Medicaid. Most regular health insurance poli-

cies, those that don't specialize in long-term care, do not cover it, Cocco said. And by most, he meant hardly any at all, he said.

"If you decide to take on the responsibility, you will end up getting stressed out, emotionally and physically, and won't be enjoying the last years of your parent's life," Cocco said.

Pre-planning is crucial when it comes to receiving care over an extended period of time. Otherwise parents will be spending all of their assets on getting care. How can someone plan for something that might happen with his or her health? Maintain financial security, start saving up and maybe make payments on a long-term insurance plan. It's a way to insure a huge risk, Cocco said. Long-term care is estimated to cost about \$83,000 a year, a lot to pay at one time.

Maximizing independence and feeling in charge of financial stability while going through the care was a key issue discussed as well.

Louis "Drew" LaGrande, an attorney from Akerman Senterfitt, got technical with legal documents that become more important as a parent gets older, such as power of attorney and a living will.

A durable power of attorney is used when one person, the principal, appoints someone to handle

certain issues for them, their agent. The agent makes decisions for the principal from health options to financial matters.

"The power of attorney position is a very powerful document," he said.

In October, the ways in which power of attorneys are handled will change. New requirements will be put in place to help better protect the principal, the person giving the power, from an agent, the person with the power, from taking advantage of them and their assets.

Having a living will, a document involving stating whether or not to hook a person up to life support to preserve his or her life, is equally important. LaGrande cited the Terri Schiavo case as a prime example for the importance of having such a document.

"She didn't have a living will, so there was no way of saying what she really wanted. They had to go to court and decide what was right; a living will would have alleviated that," LaGrande said.

Rodriguez, who started in the funeral industry in 1990, recommended putting a plan in place for how to financially handle the arrangements for the death of a parent. Making a plan for burial and funeral arrangements will lessen the amount of stress being dealt with later on.

"Anyone that knows about preparing a funeral knows that the toughest part is having to go down there on the day of death and make all those decisions. It's one of the hardest days of our lives and now we have to go down to the funeral home or cemetery and do all of that," Rodriguez said.

Setting up a budget and reviewing options for memorial and cemetery services with a funeral home employee will save time and money during the grieving process.

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### National Night Out



In the photo right, Largo police volunteers Georgette Symonds, left, and Eileen Konowal participate in the Largo National Night Out 2011 Aug. 2, which was organized by the Largo Police Department's Problem Oriented Police Unit. The event, which was held in the Largo Mall, celebrates safe neighborhoods supporting crime prevention efforts and is a link between law enforcement and the community. About 150 families and children attended the event. The event celebrates safe neighborhoods supporting crime prevention efforts and is a link between law enforcement and the community. Above, Largo Fire Rescue's Scott Collins shows some of the equipment his department uses during National Night Out.

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The event is free.

**Registration Open for Family Fishing Class & Deep Sea Excursion** – Now through Sept. 2, Highland Recreation Complex.

Description: "Participants will learn fish identification, angler etiquette, knot tying, casting, rules, regulations, types of equipment, lures and bait. Kids receive free fishing pole and tackle during class. After the four-week class, you'll jump aboard the Double Eagle for a deep sea fishing excursion. Classes will be held Tuesdays, Sept. 6 to Sept. 27, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Bait, poles and tackle included. Must have a minimum of 15 for group discount. Deadline to register is Sept. 2. An adult for class and trip must accompany all children. Trip will be Sunday, Oct. 2, 8 a.m. to noon, out of Clearwater Beach. Call 587-6740, ext. 5008."

Admission is \$56 for residents, \$70 nonresidents.

**Registration Open for Family Camping & Swim** – Now through Sept. 12, Highland Recreation Complex.

Description: "Do you like to fish, swim and camp under the stars? Here's your chance to do it all on Saturday, Sept. 17, 6 p.m. to Sunday, Sept. 18, 8 a.m. You will begin the evening with a cookout, followed by fishing at the Highland lake and will end with swimming the night away at the Highland Family Aquatic Center. Preregister by Sept. 12. Call 587-6740, ext. 5008."

Admission is \$20 for residents, \$25 nonresidents.

**Largo Swing Dance Saturdays** – Every Saturday this month, 7 to 11 p.m., Largo Community Center.

Description: "Come enjoy an evening of dancing and socializing. Every Saturday night, enjoy a free lesson from 7 to 8 p.m. and a DJ dance from 8 to 11 p.m. Our resident DJ is Savoy Swing. Don't miss out on our 5,600-square-foot sprung hardwood floor. Visit [LargoCommunityCenter.com](http://LargoCommunityCenter.com) or call 518-3131."

Admission is \$7.

**Bay Area Singles Dance** – Every Sunday this month, 6 to 10 p.m., Largo Community Center.

Description: "Looking for a friend? Looking for a new love? Or just looking to dance, laugh, talk and have a good time? We have just the place for you. Since 1997, Bay Area Singles Dance has been the best place for area singles and friends to meet. Every Sunday approximately 150 singles of all ages join us. We offer an extensive music library to fit every taste. Call 518-3131."

Admission is \$8.

**Itty Bitty Pool Party** – Aug. 12, 8:45 to 10:45 a.m., Highland Family Aquatic Center.

Description: "Enjoy quality time with your preschool age children in a safe aquatic environment. Contests and activities are planned and snacks are provided. Door prizes will be given away throughout the event! Moms clubs are welcome. Call 518-3018."

Admission is \$2.50.

**Largo Square Dancing** – Aug. 12 and 26, 7:30 to 9:45 p.m., Largo Community Center.

Description: "Are you interested in Square Dancing? Well, we have one of the best callers in the country right here at the Largo Community Center. Come dance the night away as our resident 'Caller' Allen Snell leads you around our floor. Refreshments available for purchase. Call 518-3131."

Admission is \$5.

**ZOSO-The Ultimate Zeppelin Experience** – Aug. 12, 8 p.m., Largo Cultural Center.

Description: "ZOSO was formed in 1995 to create the most mesmerizing and accurate portrayal of 'the biggest band of the 1970s' – Led Zeppelin. See for yourself why Rock City News named ZOSO 'Best Tribute Act in California'. Hits include 'Stairway to Heaven,' 'Heartbreaker,' 'Rock 'n' Roll,' 'Black Dog,' 'Kashmir' and more. Purchase tickets at [LargoArts.com](http://LargoArts.com) or call 587-6793."

Admission is \$22 in advance, \$27 day of the show.

**Registration for Tutterow School of Dance** – Aug. 12, 5 to 8 p.m. and Aug. 13, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Largo Community Center, Highland Recreation Complex and Southwest Recreation Complex.

Description: "Learn ballet, tap, hip-hop, jazz and other forms of dance performance in this internationally recognized program. Call Debbie Kennedy at 585-1232."

**Hot, Hot, Hot Rookie Tournament** – Aug. 13, noon, Largo Tennis Center.

Description: "Boy's and girl's singles matches. Quick start format for 10 years and younger, double elimination. Must be a USTA member and register online at [Tennislink.com](http://Tennislink.com)."

**All Day Scrapbook Crop** – Aug. 13, noon to 8 p.m., Highland Recreation Complex.

Description: "Come join us for an entire day of scrapbooking. You bring your photos and supplies, we will provide drinks and light snacks. Call 518-3016."

Admission is \$10.

**Author Book Signing: Elaine Sharshon** – Aug. 13, 2 to 4 p.m., Largo Library.

Description: "Author Elaine Sharshon will appear at the library selling and signing copies of her new book, *Miner's Haven*, a story about a young girl's unending passion for a man more interested in the miner's union than his wife. Call 595-4521."

The event is free.

**Mama Mia** – It's Almost Abba! – Aug. 13, 8 p.m., Largo Cultural Center.

Description: "This tribute band re-creates the music of Swedish pop sensation ABBA like no other. Hits include: S.O.S.; Fernando; Dancing Queen and The Name of the Game. This six piece fully costumed and choreographed show was the first Canadian tribute to ABBA. Since then, members of the group have toured internationally throughout 11 countries at casinos, resorts, theaters, stadiums and on cruise ships. Buy tickets at [LargoArts.com](http://LargoArts.com) or call 587-6793."

Admission is \$22 in advance, \$27 day of show.

**Teen Tidalwave Finale** – Aug. 16, 7 to 10 p.m., Highland Family Aquatic Center.

Description: "Join us for an end-of-the-summer teen pool party. Make sure you see all the friends you've made all summer one more time at this special Tidalwave Finale. Get in a water balloon fight, race against your friends on the Super Slip-N-Slide, and dance with the lifeguards all night long! Enjoy a swim

session, chicken sandwiches, hot dogs, and amazing door prizes. Call 518-3018."

Admission is \$5.

**End of Swim Lessons Pool Party** – Aug. 18, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Highland Family Aquatic Center.

Description: "Admission to this pool party is \$1 per person with your ticket from swim lesson registration so sign up for swim lessons now! Enjoy the pool and swim with your favorite swim instructors. There will be hot dogs and free prizes, and a chance to win a pair of Universal tickets! Call 518-3018."

Admission is \$1 with ticket from swim lesson registration.

**Creative Cooking Show** – Aug. 19, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Largo Community Center.

Description: "Enjoy a lovely lunch created by our chefs as you are entertained and taught how to make scrumptious meals in 30 minutes or less. This month will be a German menu. Call 518-3131."

Admission is \$12 for residents, \$15 nonresidents and \$18 without a rec card.

**Garage Sale and Wellness Expo.** – Aug. 20, 8 a.m. to noon, Southwest Recreation Complex.

Description: "Pack up everything and bring it to the garage sale at the Southwest Recreation Complex or come and browse the sale. We do all the advertising, set up and clean up! What a deal! Rent your table today, space is limited. Or just come and shop. Call 518-3125."

Admission is \$9 per table.

**Monthly Night Hikes** – Aug. 20, 6:30 p.m., McGough Nature Park.

Description: "Join us every third Saturday of the month for a guided walk through the woods, seeking out nocturnal animals such as raccoons, owls, opossums, bats and more. Flashlights are optional. Preregister by calling 518-3047."

The event is free.

**Genealogy Class: Where Is that Old Geezer?** – Aug. 20, 10 to 11 a.m., Largo Library.

Description: "We'll show you how to find 'lost' relatives. Call 595-4521."

The event is free.

**Silver Screen Classics** – Aug. 25, noon, Largo Community Center.

Description: "Enjoy an afternoon of viewing a classic movie on our 25-foot screen. Refreshments will be sold and information on the movie will be handed out. Movies are shown in the ballroom. Call for listing of movies, 518-3131."

The event is free.

**Block Party** – Aug. 27, noon to 3 p.m., Highland Recreation Complex.

Description: "Join us for our Highland Block Party for free food, demonstrations, music, children's activities and more! Admission to Highland Family Aquatic Center not included. Call 518-3016."

The event is free.

**Fourth Saturday Car Show Series** – Aug. 27, 5 to 7 p.m., Largo Community Center.

Description: "Every fourth Saturday of every month during the summer come visit the Largo Community Center to see some of the area's finest cars. Enjoy music, concessions and cars. Awards will be given nightly to Best in Show for each decade. Call 518-3131."

Admission is \$10 per car entry. Free to attend.

## Around Pinellas

### Consultants unveil economic plan for Clearwater

CLEARWATER – Last October, the city hired TIP Strategies, Inc., an Austin-based consulting firm, to devise a plan for Clearwater's financial future. "The purpose of the plan is to provide a blueprint for positioning Clearwater for sustainable economic growth and prosperity in the future," according to a staff memo to the City Council.

At the council's Aug. 1 work session, TIP executives Jon Roberts and Alex Cooke spent 2.5 hours laying out their findings and recommendations.

"This is not a community that is struggling to survive," Roberts said, adding that Clearwater compares favorably with nearby cities. "This is a well-managed city with tremendous prospects."

But there is room for improvement.

He said that the project's goals are to broaden the city's tax base, which is too dependent upon residential taxes; expand its employment base; enhance the "quality of place" image that it projects to outsiders; and widen and deepen the talent base of its workers.

One of the biggest challenges facing Clearwater, according to Roberts, is that two-thirds of its tax base comes from housing, which provides less income and requires more services than commercial uses. He said that residences assessed at less than \$100 per square foot usually cost more in services than they pay in taxes.

"You are probably right at the cusp of being able to provide services to the residences you have without losing money," Roberts said, so promotional efforts should be aimed at attracting new businesses, rather than more residents. But Clearwater is perceived as a hard place to do business, so he suggested cutting through the red tape whenever possible.

Another challenge facing the city, Roberts said, is that its population is aging, and 32 percent of residents earn less than \$25,000 per year. Only 27 percent of Clearwater jobs pay more than \$40,000 per year, compared to 33 percent in St. Petersburg.

To improve its economic vitality, Roberts added, the city should diversify its tax base and attract industries that pay more than the low-wage jobs typical in the city's huge hospitality industry. But he warned that in its zeal to attract new businesses, the city should not neglect its existing businesses and should assign staff to visit both old and new businesses to see what help they need from the city.

"It's not lost on us that this is a tourist destination," Roberts said. "Linking tourism to economic development is a tremendous possibility."

Noting that overlay districts "are a great marketing tool," Roberts suggested creating overlay districts where companies in the same industry, such as technology, would be clustered together. He said that Clearwater is especially suited to data management, high-tech electronics, insurance, finance, marine ecology and boating-related occupations. He suggested using Morton Plant Hospital as the hub of a medical overlay district.

Roberts said that the city needs to use "whatever tools it has" to provide incentives, such as matching grants for merchants who remodel their stores, if it is to achieve its economic goals. When Mayor Frank Hibbard said that "the tools in our toolbox are pretty limited right now," Roberts replied that the city should be creative and not try to follow the letter of his plan.

"This plan really needs to be seen as a living

document," he said.

Roberts said that Clearwater is "way ahead of the pack" in parks, bike lanes and other amenities that are likely to attract young entrepreneurs and executives, and needs to advertise those amenities more aggressively.

When Hibbard asked what effect, if any, the Church of Scientology might have on attracting new businesses to Clearwater, Roberts replied that he had "heard anecdotally" that misinformation posted on Wikipedia and other online sites had scared off a few business owners.

"You need to exercise more control over how people perceive your city on that subject" of Scientology, Roberts told Hibbard.

Saying that "tourism is cyclical and we can't depend on tourism," Vice Mayor George Cretekos agreed that Clearwater needs to broaden its economic base, and he said that the TIP plan is an excellent blueprint for doing it.

"This (plan) was an enormous help," Councilman Paul Gibson concurred. "I agree with the vice mayor that we're going to work hard to see that it doesn't end up on someone's shelf."

– Lester R. Dailey

### Safety concerns necessitate changes

BELLEAIR – In the interest of safety, town officials are considering some traffic changes near Belleair Town Hall and the Dimmitt Community Center.

Residents used to getting to the town hall parking lot off Osceola Road are going to have to learn a different way. Within the next month the town is going to close the parking lot access from Osceola Road, so the only way in will be from Ponce de Leon. Town Manager Micah Maxwell said the change is being made for safety reasons, and too many vehicles are using the parking lot as a cut through. Once the summer programs are over, the change will be made and that should happen in the next three or four weeks.

Also on the potential closure list is the section of Varona Street between Ponce de Leon and Osceola. Right now the street, with several parking spaces, separates two sports fields. If the decision is made to close the street, the fields can be enlarged and athletes can move from one to the other without fear of traffic. Consideration of closing Varona is in the preliminary stages and nothing will happen before public meetings are held on the matter.

In other matters, several Belleair property owners are learning it can be expensive if you don't keep your lawn trimmed and your property in presentable condition.

At the Aug. 2 meeting, the Town Commission gave the go-ahead to the town's Public Works Department to visit four properties and clean them up. The owners will then be responsible for the cost of the cleanup, which is \$410. The properties in question are 540 Palmetto Road, 1745 Golfview Drive, 1627 Golfview Drive and 646 Mehlenbacher Road.

Property owners who don't keep up their properties are given 30 days notice before the town will take action. Town Manager Micah Maxwell indicated that often property owners will wait until the last minute before cleaning up their lots.

"It wouldn't surprise me if some were out there cutting their lawns as we speak," he said.

If the properties are cleaned up when the work crews get there, the owners will not be charged.

– Brian Goff

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which has been closed for repair work.

The parks themselves might exist without the volunteers but the programs wouldn't. Joel Quattlebaum, the park naturalist and program specialist, said the volunteers are critical to the entire operation.

"They are always stepping up. Just recently we were

down a staff member and they stepped in and filled the void, and they did that for six or seven months," he said. "They are a key support group for us; they are part of the team. We have a good working relationship and they are treated just like anybody who works here. If they need something we try to get it for them."

If you have an interest in nature and would like to volunteer you can call the "Friends of the Parks" at 518-3047.

## Fun in the sun

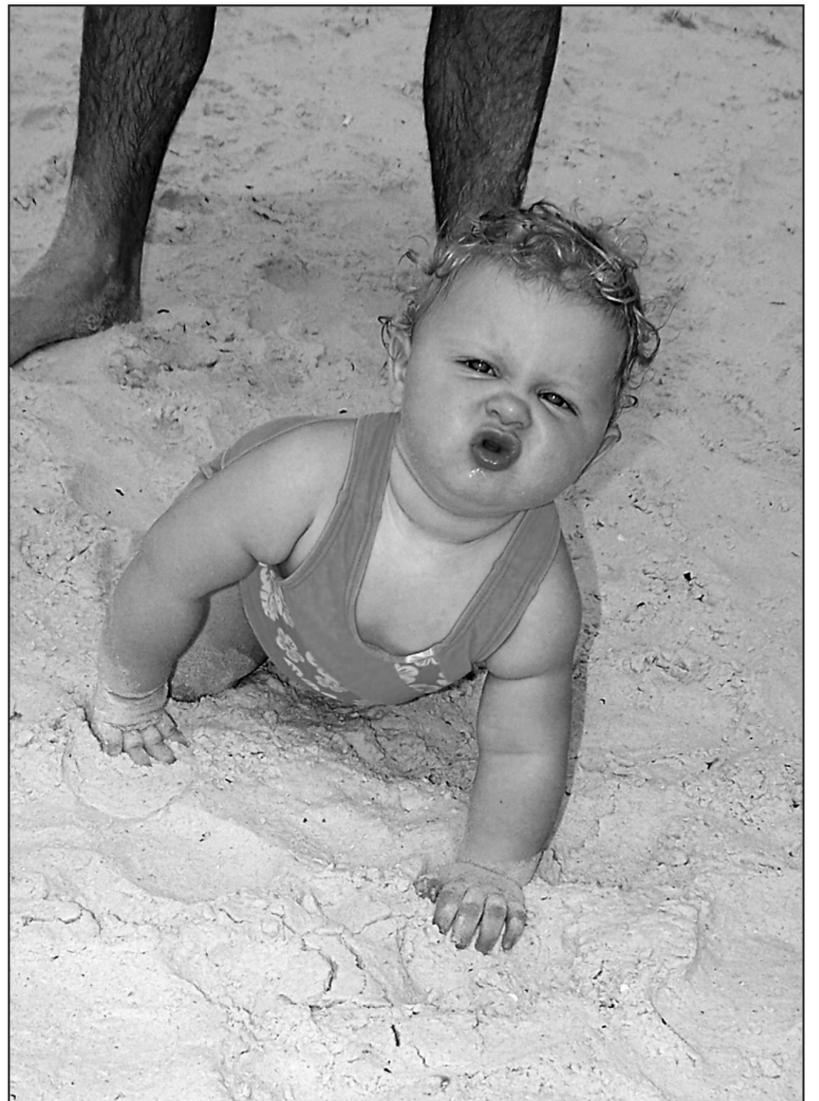


Photo by ALEXANDRA LUNDAHL

Sophie Thompson, 11 months old, from Gainesville, plays in the white sand at Clearwater Beach. Her parents and grandma from Georgia took a day trip to Clearwater Beach to enjoy the sun and water.

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Largo commissioners had considered consolidating both stations on property owned by Hospital Corporation of America on Indian Rocks Road, but the property was deemed unsuitable because a portion of it lies in a flood zone, among other issues.

City officials advise that because of required response times for fire and EMS to the Ridgecrest area, Belleair Bluffs and Belleair, a consolidated station must be located within a specific

area.

The approximate boundaries of the area for such a station are the Indian Rocks corridor, from Eighth Avenue Southwest to the north to Wilcox Road to the south.

"When you put all those factors together and you look at it in relationship to that corridor, and the specific box we have to work within, finding a site for a combined station would be extremely difficult going forward," Staffopoulos said.

Other areas that have been

ruled out include property at the Southwest Complex off Wilcox Road and school district property nearby. A station at the Southwest Recreation Center would not be capable of reaching the northern boundary of Belleair Fire District for a combined station location, Staffopoulos said.

City officials also will look at parcels near the intersection of Indian Rocks Road and West Bay Drive within the Largo city limits for a site for a station.

The city of Belleair Bluffs contracts with Largo for fire service.

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spent \$2 million "fixing up that (Largo's) course, the same piece of land, just to get the grass good and green ..."

"If somebody lets it go, we are going to be spending \$2 million again to get it back in good shape," Gerard said.

Commissioner Harriet Crozier said that when

the staff makes its presentation on proposals submitted, "I think we need to give them (city officials) a shot at it and see if they can't turn it around."

Commissioner Woody Brown also thought that staff had come up with a good plan.

"Ultimately, it would be nice to keep it under the city, but if it is continuing to be a leaky situation, then we need to look at other options," he said.

## Police beat

### Largo police recover stolen property

LARGO – A Largo man was arrested Aug. 4 in connection with a burglary of an 80-year-old woman.

According to Largo Police Chief John Carroll, the woman reported on Aug. 3 the theft of about \$3,400 in coins and jewelry, including a trolley car gold charm. The victim suspected the grandson of a friend, but did not want to accuse him without proof.

A Largo police officer visited several local pawnshops, thinking the charm might be distinctive enough to locate, and asked them to do a search.

Belleair Coins was able to confirm the charm had been pawned and provided the pawn slip.

Largo police talked to the person who pawned the items and he allegedly confessed. Carroll said in his report, the person who pawned the items was the person the victim had suspected.

Jay Fink, 23, was arrested for grand theft of a person over 65, false verification of ownership, burglary and dealing in stolen property. He was booked into the Pinellas County Jail. Bond was set at \$35,000.

Carroll reported that the charm was recovered and it looks like the remainder of the victim's belongings also may have been located.

### FHP seeks driver in July 29 crash

LARGO – The Florida Highway Patrol and Pinellas County Sheriff's Office investigators are looking for information about a July 29 crash at Ridge Road and 117th Avenue North in Largo.

Richard Lee Slate, 28, of Largo was injured in the crash. He is still in Bayfront Medical Center in critical condition.

The FHP released an updated report about the circumstances of the 11 a.m. incident and say there is reason to believe the crash may have been intentional as witness reports indicate that the unknown driver was operating the vehicle in a reckless manner prior to the crash.

Law enforcement is looking for a 1997-2002 model Honda sedan with colors ranging from silver, gray or charcoal.

FHP says according to witness accounts, the Honda may have steered toward Slate, who was standing on the southeast corner of 117th Avenue North at the intersection of Ridge Road. The vehicle, which hit him, had been traveling westbound on 117th Avenue North approaching Ridge Road when it turned sharply to the left onto Ridge Road, drove off the roadway and collided with Slate.

Slate was run over by the vehicle, then trapped in the undercarriage of the vehicle and dragged 300 feet before the vehicle turned onto 116th Avenue North. Slate was left on 116th Avenue and the vehicle reversed direction and was last seen traveling on Ridge Road.

Anyone with information about the case is asked to call FHP Cpl. Larry Maynard at 813-631-4020.

### Palm Harbor man dies in Skyway crash

A Palm Harbor man died and his 12-year-old son was injured in a crash on the Sunshine Skyway Bridge about 5:30 p.m. Aug. 6.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol, Shane Keith Chancy, 37, was traveling northbound in the outside lane of State Road 93 across the Skyway Bridge, near the 13.5 milepost and rest area, when the left tire separated and the tread came off the tire.

Chancy lost control of his 1997 Mercury mini-van and it veered to the outside shoulder. According to the report, Chancy over-corrected to the left, and the van traveled back across both northbound lanes and collided with the median guardrail. The van then traveled back across the travel lanes and into

the center of the roadway where it overturned once before coming to a rest on its right side.

Chancy, who was not wearing a seatbelt, was thrown from the vehicle and died at the scene. His son, Seth Tyler Chancy, was taken to All Children's Hospital with serious injuries.

The outside northbound lane of SR-93 was closed for two hours because of the crash and investigation.

### Largo man found floating off beach

NORTH REDINGTON BEACH – Pinellas County Sheriff's deputies have identified the man found the morning of Aug. 3 floating face down offshore North Redington Beach.

Wayne Kozlowski, 70, of Largo was in critical condition Aug. 4 at Largo Medical Center. Deputies said his family in Wisconsin had been notified.

When beachgoers found Kozlowski, he was wearing only a pair of blue shorts. He had no identification. Another beachgoer called the sheriff's office Aug. 4 after finding a small pile of clothing slightly hidden near the beach at 16900 Gulf Blvd. Car keys were found in the clothing.

Deputies said about the same time the clothing was found, Largo Police received a request for a welfare check at the Eldorado Mobile Home Park. The manager reported he had not seen Kozlowski and was concerned. The manager also said the man's red Blazer was missing.

When deputies retrieved the clothing from the beach and a set of car keys, they observed a red Blazer parked near a strip shopping center on Gulf Boulevard.

Largo police contacted deputies about the welfare check and the car. Deputies reported finding the red Blazer and were able to make a connection. Next, Largo PD met the mobile home park manager at the hospital where the manager was able to positively identify Kozlowski.

### Police seek help to ID burglar

CLEARWATER – Clearwater police are seeking the public's help to identify a suspect in connection with the Aug. 2 burglary of the Dairy Queen, 2046 Gulf-to-Bay Blvd. in Clearwater.

According to police, the suspect broke the front door glass about 3:18 a.m. and rummaged through the office area.

Anyone with information about the suspect or this crime is asked to call the Clearwater Police Department Tip Line at 727-562-4080, or to remain anonymous, send information to the Clearwater Police Department by texting CWPDP and the tip information to 847411 (tip411). Anonymous Web tips also can be submitted through the department's website at [www.clearwaterpolice.org](http://www.clearwaterpolice.org).

### Clearwater PD rounds up 11

CLEARWATER – Five were arrested on drug charges Aug. 3 during a roundup by Clearwater Police Vice & Narcotics Unit and Anti-Crime Team, and six more were arrested during a recent undercover detail.

Carnell Allen, 35, of Clearwater was charged with sale and possession of cocaine. He was booked into the Pinellas County Jail Aug. 2. Bond was set at \$26,150.

Donald Marshall, 46, of Clearwater was booked into the Pinellas County Jail. He is charged with sale and possession of cocaine as well as violation of parole felony battery without bond.

Henry Robinson, 24, of Clearwater was charged with three counts each of sale and possession of cocaine and booked into jail Aug. 3. Bond was set at \$36,000.

Brian Graveman, 38, of Largo was charged with two counts of trafficking in hydrocodone. Bond was set at \$100,000.

Mary York, 62, of Clearwater was charged with



Photo courtesy of CLEARWATER POLICE

Clearwater police are seeking the public's help to identify this suspect wanted in connection with the Aug. 2 burglary of the Dairy Queen, 2046 Gulf-to-Bay Blvd. in Clearwater.

possession and sale of oxycodone. Bond was set at \$15,000.

William Brown, 19, of Palm Harbor was charged with possession and sale of cocaine. Bond was set at \$12,000.

James Teal, 48, of Clearwater was charged with sale and possession of cocaine and sale and delivery of a controlled substance. Bond was set at \$22,000.

Eric Riles, 42, Clearwater was charged with possession and sale of cocaine and resisting an officer without violence. Bond was set at \$15,150.

Shatia Filer, 31, of Clearwater was charged with sale and possession of cocaine and prostitution. Bond was set at \$17,000. This is the 13th time she has been booked into the Pinellas County Jail.

Paul Cooper, 24, of Homestead was arrested for sale and possession of Cocaine. Bond was set at \$9,000.

Ali McNealy, 40, of Clearwater was arrested for sale and possession of cocaine. Bond was set at \$12,000.

### Six injured in 2-vehicle crash

SEMINOLE – Pinellas County sheriff's deputies are investigating a two-vehicle crash that occurred about 1:10 p.m. Aug. 6 on Bay Pines Boulevard at 94th Street in Seminole.

Six people were transported to local hospitals, all with non-life-threatening injuries.

According to deputies, Lily Williams, 56, of St. Petersburg was driving a Ford Econoline Van with five passengers aboard. She was headed westbound on Bay Pines Boulevard at 94th Street North and pulling a 23-foot boat on a trailer.

David White, 23, of Redington Beach was traveling eastbound on Bay Pines Blvd in his Ford F150 with one passenger in the car.

Deputies said Williams made a left turn to go into the War Veterans Memorial Park in front of White's

vehicle. The F150 struck the Econoline van causing it to overturn and the boat trailer to be separated. No one was trapped in either vehicle.

Williams along with three passengers in the van was all transported by ambulance to Bayfront Medical Center for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries.

White and his passenger were transported by ambulance to Morton Plant Hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries.

It does not appear that speed or alcohol were factors in the crash.

Bay Pines Boulevard was reduced to one lane eastbound for one hour during the investigation, which is continuing.

### Neighboring dispute ends in gunfire

CLEARWATER – Clearwater neighbors shot at each other in a dispute on Aug. 3, resulting in injuries and arrests for both of them, according to a Pinellas County Sheriff's report.

The neighbors live across the street from each other, and around 11 p.m., they became involved in a verbal dispute, the report said. The argument led to a fistfight, which escalated into shots fired at each other. Both received non-life-threatening wounds.

Richard Kelly, 24, was shot in the left hand and left foot. Donald Madak, 43, was shot in the thigh.

Patrol deputies are investigating and are hearing varying stories of what transpired.

Kelly was charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and is being held at the Pinellas County Jail in lieu of \$10,000 bond. Madak was charged with two counts of aggravated assault, and aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. He was being held at the Pinellas County Jail in lieu of \$20,000 bond.

## Do you know a hidden hero?

Did you always think of letting others know about that neighbor who once climbed Mount Everest, or the quiet bagger at the grocery store who saved a child's life? Maybe your hero is exceptional in a quieter way. There are so many amazing people in our midst. Help us share their stories by nominating a Hidden Hero. Call us at 397-5563, or email us at [editorial@TBNweekly.com](mailto:editorial@TBNweekly.com).

# Business Showcase

## Tutterow faculty shares passion for dance

LARGO – Award-winning Tutterow Dancers Inc., the premier dance studio in the county, is preparing for its 2011-12 dance season. Classes will be presented in the new Largo Community Center, 400 Alternate Keene Road, Largo.

The 30,000-square-foot, LEED-certified facility opened in January 2011. According to Debbie Kennedy, studio director of Tutterow Dancers, the beautiful center boasts three state-of-the-art studio spaces with floating floors, barres and mirrors.

### A passion for teaching the art of dance

Tutterow has been contracted through Largo's Recreation, Parks and Arts Department since 1976.

"The studio is such an important part of my life," Debbie said. "It is a pleasure to teach the students and watch their love of dance and talents grow."

The faculty at Tutterow believes a teacher's influence on a student's future extends far beyond what goes on in the classroom.

"Our teaching philosophy is centered on instilling a passion for dance while building self-esteem and confidence in every child," Debbie explained.

Several studies have shown that participation in the arts helps children improve test scores. In addition to the academic benefits, dance offers plenty of less quantifiable rewards, too: It evokes our humanity, inspires joy and expands our emotional understanding. The Tutterow faculty fully appreciates the long-term impact of this creative endeavor, fueling their passion for teaching students.

"Our teachers are chosen not only for their dance experience but for their ability to relate to the typical needs of our students," Debbie said. "Our professional staff continues with ongoing training to ensure we are always providing students and parents with the best experience possible." Keeping the staff knowledgeable in their fields is one of the strengths of the Tutterow Dance faculty.

"It's important that our instructors are able to teach proper technique," said Debbie. "However, proper technique alone is simply not enough. Good teaching includes knowledge, patience, passion and devotion at its very core."

Mary Frangione, ballet director for the Tutterow Dancers, is the embodiment of that ideal.

Mary joined the faculty after her family moved to Florida from New Jersey where she was the owner of the Dance Exchange Studio. Mary was a member of the Duquesne University Tamburitzans, a folk music and dance ensemble. She performed professionally as a Radio City Music Hall Rockette in New York City.

### Ballet as the foundation for dance

"Ballet is the foundation of every dancer," said Debbie. "All of our students in our performance company are required to take ballet with Ms. Mary."

"The training in ballet, the lines of great posture and the discipline create a foundation so that the body can move freely in all directions. It encourages the proper way of movement for the dancer." Mary said other forms of dance use this training as a basis. The fundamental skills developed at the ballet bar make other forms of dance more approachable.

At Tutterow, classes focus on proper technique, correct body placement, strengthening and terminology. Students start at the bar – even the youngest ones.

"Even when we're preparing for the recital, we're still working on basics," Mary explained. "We're constantly working on tech-

Over the years, the company has consistently won national awards in competition.

Tutterow Stars of Tomorrow have performed at Walt Disney World, the Florida State Fair, Busch Gardens, Sea World, Disney's California Adventure and on Royal Caribbean's cruise ships.

Outside the United States, the performance company traveled to Prague and Germany in 2008 to perform for U.S. troops stationed in Stuttgart and Bamberg. They have been invited to return to Europe next summer.

"We are so excited about our upcoming trip to perform at Euro Disney in Paris, and feel honored to perform for the troops in Germany next summer," Debbie said.

The Stars of Tomorrow will perform in Germany at the German American Festival and will take a class with a member of the Paris Ballet Company. They will visit Austria for the Sound of Music Tour and perform for some of the U.S. troops stationed in Germany.

"Our military gives up so much for our entire country," said Brittney Kennedy, Tutterow faculty member. "It's just nice to even bring them a little piece of home."

To raise funds for the summer 2012 tour, a golf tournament is set for Sunday, Aug. 28, at the Belleview Biltmore Golf Club. For information, call Laurie McFee at 727-422-1342 or email [mrsmtceacher@yahoo.com](mailto:mrsmtceacher@yahoo.com).

Another fundraising event – the Night at the Museum black tie auction – will be Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Armed Forces Military Museum. To donate auction items and for information, call Ron Kennedy at 727-459-2152.

### Registering for Tutterow classes

Classes for girls and boys ages 2 to adult include:

- Ballet
- Tap
- Jazz
- Hip-hop
- Lyrical
- Acro

Tutterow also offers a boys-only hip-hop class and Toddlers and Tutus (mommy and me) class for 2-year-olds.

"We will help you to select the class level, day and time to best suit your abilities and interest," said Debbie.

A valid Largo Recreation, Parks and Arts membership is required to register.

Registration will take place on Friday, Aug. 12, 5 to 8 p.m.; and Saturday, Aug. 13, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Largo Community Center, 400 Alternate Keene Road. There is a nonrefundable \$15 registration fee (\$20 per family), due at the time of registration. For more information, email [debbie@tutterowdancers.com](mailto:debbie@tutterowdancers.com), call 727-585-1232 or visit [www.tutterowdancers.com](http://www.tutterowdancers.com).



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# Transit authority proposes millage rate increase

By SUZETTE PORTER

ST. PETERSBURG - The Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority joins a growing list of government agencies approving tentative millage increases for fiscal year 2011-2012.

The PSTA Board tentatively approved a proposed rate of 0.7305 mills at its July 27 meeting. The current rate is 0.5601 mills.

The rate will be used to calculate taxes for Truth in Millage statements to be mailed to property owners by the Property Appraiser's Office on Aug. 22. The tentative millage is the highest rate PSTA can impose; however, the board could decide to reduce the millage rate before final approval on Sept. 14.

PSTA needs to balance its budget despite continuing reductions in revenue. Since 2007, the county's public transit provider has lost more than 30 percent in property tax revenue, which is its primary funding source, according to information from Bob Lasher, manager of PSTA Community Relations. There also is a possible 30 percent cut coming in federal transportation funding.

Increasing the millage rate would help the PSTA board balance the budget for the next three years and fully fund its reserves. It also

would allow the board to minimize service cuts to 1 percent and still improve service along Central Avenue in St. Petersburg and begin Flex Routes in northern areas of the county next year.

PSTA has cut its staff from 617 in 2008 to 537 to date. It's been three years since non-union employees and some union employees have had a pay raise.

Still, PSTA carried more passengers in 2010 than ever before - a record ridership of 13.1 million overall, Lasher said in an email.

Historically low funding for transit despite fare increases in 2008 and 2010 continue to create challenges for PSTA. Lasher said of 57 similar sized metropolitan areas, 500,000 to 1.5 million in population, PSTA is 39th in annual per capita spending on transit - or a little more than half the average spending of the other systems.

PSTA continues to look for ways to cut its costs by streamlining services, reducing fleet numbers and locking in fuel prices on an annual basis to minimize cost variability. An investment in 24 diesel-electric hybrid buses is helping reduce costs. The buses get 56 percent higher fuel efficiency.

Lasher said every \$1 increase in a gallon of fuel costs PSTA an additional \$2.1 million. PSTA buys about 2.1 million gallons of fuel each

year.

The Tampa Bay region is known for its transit systems and not in a good way. The Brookings Institution ranked it 77th out of the nation's top metropolitan areas. Forbes Magazine ranked the Tampa region last in a listing of 60 cities with the worst commutes in the United States.

Further PSTA service cuts could severely affect the local economy, Lasher said, since PSTA's largest ridership is commuters - those going back and forth to work.

Two public hearings are scheduled on the millage rate and final PSTA budget. The dates are Wednesday, Sept. 7 and 14 at PSTA headquarters, 3201 Scherer Drive, St. Petersburg. The times have not been set.

Despite bad press for the region's transit system, Lasher was able to point out one recent accomplishment for Pinellas County. PSTA carried more passengers last year than the Transit System of the Year, as awarded by the American Public Transportation Association.

"What's more, PSTA hit that mark with a significantly smaller budget and staff than the Transit System of the Year."

For more information, visit [psta.net](http://psta.net).

# Some patrons still see hope for troubled Seminole Mall

By AMANDA SEBASTIANO

SEMINOLE - One couple sat sharing food in what once was a filled food court as a handful of people bustled to and from the few stores left in the Seminole Mall.

It was a bleak sight for a Friday night. Footsteps sounded like drums against the worn linoleum

floors, echoing off the walls of once-businesses.

At the entrance of the mall, white walls on the left and right sides guide shoppers several feet until the main stretch of the mall is visible around the corner. Bealls, CVS drug store, Ross and Stein Mart are just about the only stores left in the mall that is considered to be a major landmark for downtown Seminole.

The mall went into foreclosure last month and has left locals asking, what's next? Its 425,292 square feet of space isn't filled to even half of its capacity, with stores or customers.

It has gradually been getting more and more quiet over the years, 35-year shopper Marilyn Mackey said.

"I really don't want it to close, but it has definitely been getting slower and more quiet around here," Mackey said. "I guess people are going to other local malls with the bigger department stores, like Tyrone Square or the Clearwater Mall."

The addition of more, larger stores, and a few entertainment or bookstores may help breathe life into the shopping center, Mackey said.

The biggest sign of life at night came from Telly's restaurant, the last place in business for customers to grab a bite to eat in the mall. The business has been in the mall for 30 years, and the owners are staying positive, hoping that someone will revive "the dead mall."

If there were more stores that appealed to a younger crowd, or to the families in the area, business may pick up, daughter and employee of the family-owned business Georgia Boulieries said. She thinks the reason the clientele is made up of mostly seniors shopping at the mall lately is because the

younger to middle age demographics aren't represented and don't see any stores that appeal to them.

Seminole Mall was built in 1964 and hasn't been renovated since 1992. The dated building could use a face-lift, shoppers and workers agreed.

The hushed atmosphere is relaxing to some customers, like patron Patrick Benturella who still loves shopping at the mall.

"This mall has really been here forever, and it is quiet - but I kind of like it," Benturella said. "What I think, and hope, happens is someone will buy it up at a bargain, add new stores and keep it running. I hope it stays open one way or another."

Benturella has been a Seminole resident for most of his life and has been shopping the stores at the mall for years, but can't deny a change in the amount of people frequenting the mall.

Across the mall is another hot spot where most of the life inside is found, the Bealls department store. The close proximity of the mall to local retirement homes, practically walking distance, is something the seniors need to have to look forward to, employee Louise Horbat said.

"Seniors are already upset they have to walk, or

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# Forecasters continue to predict busy hurricane season

By SUZETTE PORTER

Updated predictions for the 2011 Atlantic hurricane season concur with earlier forecasts for an above-average year.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration held a press briefing Aug. 4 where officials announced that the forecast actually increased the number of expected named storms as compared to predictions made in May.

"The atmosphere and Atlantic Ocean are primed for high hurricane activity during August through October," Dr. Gerry Bell, lead seasonal hurricane forecaster at NOAA's Climate Prediction Center, said in a press release. "Storms through October will form more frequently and become more intense than we've seen so far this season."

Five named storms have formed since the beginning of hurricane season June 1, but none strengthened into hurricanes, which forecasters say is typical. Bell said during the press briefing that historical data shows the busiest part of the season is August through the end of October.

"By far, the bulk of the action is in August, September and October, which is the reason we update the forecast," he said. "There is no reason to be complacent. We're just now getting into the peak part of the season."

Hurricane season ends officially on Nov. 30.

Bell said the update includes an increased confidence in the forecast with experts calling for an 85 percent chance that their numbers would prove true. In May, NOAA's experts had only a 65 percent level of confidence in the forecast.

In May, NOAA predicted that 12 to 18 named storms would form. Now, the forecast calls for 14 to 19, including the five that have already formed. May's forecast called for six to 10 hurricanes. Bell said the new predictions are for seven to 10 with three to five strengthening into major hurricanes, Category 3, 4 or 5.

The long-term seasonal average is 11 named storms, six hurricanes and two major hurricanes.

Bell said the same climate factors, which have been in place for the past several seasons, are occurring again this year. The tropical multi-decadal signal, in place since 1995, continues to allow favorable ocean and atmospheric conditions conducive for storms and hurricanes. There is reduced wind shear and lower air pressure across the tropical Atlantic.

In addition, temperatures in the Atlantic Ocean are the third highest on record, and there is a possibility that La Niña could redevelop, he said.

La Niña is characterized by unusually cold ocean temperatures in the Equatorial Pacific, compared to El Niño, which is characterized by unusually warm ocean temperatures in the Equatorial Pacific. During La Niña, the normal climate patterns are enhanced, according to NOAA's website.

Dr. William Gray, professor emeritus at the Colorado State University, pioneered research efforts leading to the discovery of La Niña effects on Atlantic hurricane activity. According to his research, the chances for the continental U.S. and the Caribbean Islands to experience hurricane activity increases substantially during La Niña.

Gray and Dr. Phil Klotzbach, CSU research scientist, updated

their season forecast on Aug. 3, which remains unchanged. They say residents living in coastal areas should prepare for 16 named storms, nine hurricanes and as many as five major hurricanes.

Steve Woodard, FEMA deputy director for response, talked about the need to prepare and be ready for any disaster, including a hurricane.

"We've been lucky recently," he said. "But that's no reason to be complacent."

The last hurricane to make landfall in the United States was Ike in 2008.

Disaster can happen at any time; however, hurricanes most likely happen during a particular season, making them easier for which to prepare.

"It is still early in this hurricane season, and we know it can take only one storm to devastate communities and families," said FEMA deputy administrator Rich Serino. "Many disasters come without warning, but that's not the case with hurricanes. This is hurricane season, if you haven't already, now is the time to take a few simple steps to get you and your family prepared."

Officials talked about the "extreme weather" that has been creating problems across the nation - tornados, flooding, wildfires, the heat wave gripping the mid-west, increasing drought conditions in places such as Texas.

"Extreme weather is on the rise," said Dr. Jack Hays, director of the National Weather Service.

Visit www.TBNweekly.com's hurricane guide, www.pinellascounty.org or www.ready.gov for more information on hurricanes and how to prepare.

## Briefs

### Re-inspections coming for reclaimed water systems

Pinellas County Utilities inspectors will soon be conducting re-inspections of all connections to the reclaimed water distribution system.

These inspections are required by the Florida Administrative Code and are designed to protect public health and safety of the drinking water supply. The inspections ensure that there are no cross connections between the drinking water system and any other source of water, including reclaimed water.

As part of this state-mandated requirement, reclaimed water sprinkler system inspections will be occurring in the coming months and will continue on a periodic basis.

These inspections require Pinellas County inspectors to access the reclaimed water service box, potable (drinking) water meter and potable water hose bibbs, and to conduct an inspection of sprinkler systems and hose bibb components to ensure compliance with the state law.

During these inspections, the potable water meter servicing your

property will be turned off for a short time and potable water hose bibbs will be opened. Residents may notice a small amount of air in the plumbing system when faucets are initially turned on after the inspection.

When reclaimed water service was initially established, the terms of service explained the importance of the county or Pinellas County Public Health Unit staff periodically entering the premises to inspect reclaimed water piping and fittings. Most inspections do not require the homeowner or resident to be home to operate their irrigation system, unless the inspector determines that a complete cross connection inspection is necessary due to system alterations made since the initial inspection.

Utilities inspectors will be in uniform and driving marked county vehicles. A tag will be left on the door with results of the inspection. If customers have questions or need additional information, please call Pinellas County Utilities Customer Service at 464-4000.

### Justice and Consumer Services moving office

As of Monday, Aug. 29, Pinellas County's Department of Justice and Consumer Services will be in new offices at 631 Chestnut St. in

downtown Clearwater, the former home of the Pinellas County Park Department (currently Parks and Conservation Services).

The department has two divisions, the Office of Consumer Protection and the Office of Justice Coordination.

Justice Coordination administers contracts and program funding related to the criminal justice system including grants, contracts and programs for the Pinellas-Pasco Medical Examiner, Gulfcoast Legal Services and the Sixth Judicial Circuit's Drug Court. Justice Coordination's phone number will remain the same at 453-7441.

Through investigation of consumer complaints, Consumer Protection provides regulatory enforcement of county ordinances regarding charitable solicitations, bingo, fortunetelling, price gouging, towing, moving and adult use establishments.

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use their wheelchairs, across a major intersection just to go to Publix and get food," she said. "Now we're going to take away one of their closest and favorite stores?"

Horbat has worked in the mall for 12 years, and helped open up the Bealls. Though the rest of the mall may be hurting, she has seen a steady flow of business and hasn't really noticed a decrease.

Patrons Linda and Edward Stamborski were avid about needing Bealls to stay open, especially after the Madeira Beach branch closed recently.

Though the mall seems like a ghost town from the outside, the remaining stores still claim to have a strong base of loyal customers that rely on the stores. Many are up for the idea of renovation of the mall and perhaps temporarily closing it in order to do so, but feel that there would be a loss if it were to

close down permanently. Seniors living within close proximity to the shopping plaza and other loyal customers that still enjoy shopping at Seminole Mall urge for a new buyer with fresh ideas to liven up the empty spaces, including the food court that now consists of one restaurant. While the future of the large space is unknown, business owners, workers and shoppers are hopeful that things will turn around for the mall and bring it back to the 1990s, better, busier days.

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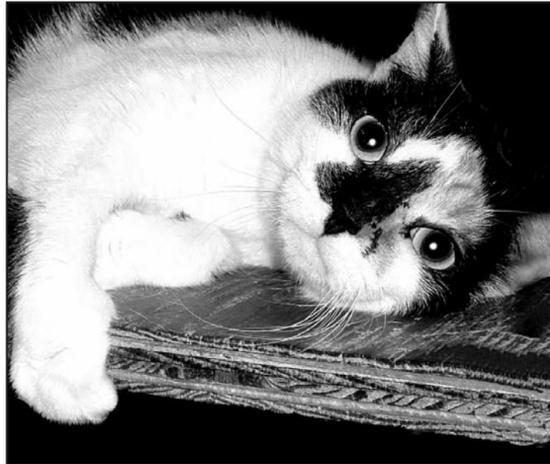
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**Danielle**

Danielle is a calico who was born in July 2003, adopted a few months later and then recently left at a shelter because her caregiver was moving. Danielle was confused and upset due to her abandonment, but she has adjusted to her new foster home where she is with other cats. Danielle has been spayed, vaccinated and microchipped. Call Save Our Strays Inc. at 481-5262 to give this deserving girl a great home. Visit www.saveourstraysinc.com.



**Auzzie**

Auzzie is a 1 1/2-year-old sweetheart who is very affectionate. She enjoys the company of humans and would make a great pal for a caring animal lover. Adopt Auzzie at SPCA Tampa Bay, 9099 130th Ave. N. in Largo. Call 586-3591.



**Caryn**

Caryn is a 4-month-old female brown tabby cat. She is very sweet and friendly and gets along with other cats. She is spayed and current on vaccinations. Call Pat at Second Chance For Strays at 535-9154 to meet Caryn. Visit www.secondchanceforstrays.petfinder.com.

**No such thing as too much information**

Because pets cannot speak and tell us what is wrong, it is extremely important to monitor your pet as closely as you can. That means observing your pet urinate and defecate so you can see what the urine and feces look like. Is the stool normal or is it diarrhea? Does the stool have blood or mucous in it? Is your pet defecating and urinating daily? Is there blood in the urine? Is your pet straining to defecate or urinate?

Monitoring how much your pet is eating and drinking is very important as well. Self-feeders make that very difficult to tell from day to day. Self-feeders also can lead to overweight pets. Is your pet drinking excessively and urinating more than normal? This is a classic symptom for diabetes, hyperthyroidism in older cats, Cushing's disease in older dogs, and kidney disease.

The more questions you are able to answer accurately, the more likely your veterinarian can diagnose what is wrong with your pet. The person who is most in tune to the pet's daily behavior is the one who should bring the pet in for their appointment. If that can't be done, then writing down your main concerns about your pet as well as some of these answers on a piece of paper and giving it to the person bringing the pet is very helpful. They can then give this to the veterinarian for



**Speaking of Pets**  
Kim Donovan, DVM

review. Knowing exactly what brand and type of food, heartworm and flea preventative used is also very helpful. Many animals can have food allergies, food intolerances, or problems related to changing brands of food too frequently. Knowing when a new food, treat, or bag was opened or introduced to your pet can help a lot when trying to diagnose vomiting and diarrhea cases. Many dogs can get bloody stool and vomit when they eat people food, or are out in the backyard unattended eating whatever they find in the yard. Therefore, walking your dogs and watching what

they are putting in their mouths or knowing what is in your backyard can be of great help. One very costly disease we see in pets is pancreatitis. In dogs this can be caused by feeding your dog high-fat people food. That strip of bacon or fat off your steak can be a costly mistake. If the vomiting is serious with this disease then these pets have to be hospitalized for treatment for a few to several days with IV fluids and injectable medications. That is what makes this such a costly disease to treat. Knowing what others in the household are feeding your pet, especially at parties is important.

Dogs and cats pick up on stress easily and this can lead to several health problems as well. Cats can get blood in their urine for several reasons but one reason (interstitial cystitis) has been linked to stress. If you eliminate the stress, then the blood goes away. It could be something as simple as construction in the house, a new baby, a new pet, new address change, etc.

So as you can see, veterinarians rely on you, the pet owner, to be very observant of your pet's daily activities and behaviors in order to develop a diagnostic and treatment plan that will be in your pet's best interest. If we have no knowledge as to how the pet is eating, drinking, urinating, defecating, or if the pet is vomiting, limping, etc. then all we have is what we find on our exams to determine the diagnostic and treatment plan. Since our pets are so good at hiding pain and sickness, a lot of the time we won't pick this up on our exams without some kind of history from the owner and diagnostic tests.

Knowing more about your pet will help to ensure the best and most cost effective care. Kim Donovan, D.V.M., is an associate veterinarian and medical director at Oakhurst Veterinary Hospital in Seminole with 13 years experience and a special interest in feline medicine.

**Photo contest winner**



**Snugglers**

Punky, 5, left, and P.C., 10, are best buddies. They love to play together and provide Simon and Traci Davis of Clearwater with endless entertainment. They are both lap kitties and love to relax on the screened porch and watch the birds at the birdfeeder. Traci said, "They are such a treasure and have been a joy to our family." The Davis family wins a \$25 gift certificate to Park Animal Hospital in Pinellas Park. Our September photo winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate to Whitney's Grooming and Pet Supplies in Pinellas Park. Send pet photos to csouthmayd@TBNweekly.com.

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# SHINE helps seniors navigate health care issues

By ALEXANDRA LUNDAHL

CLEARWATER – When people reach the age of 65 and have retired from their full-time jobs, they no longer have a human resources manager to help them sort out their health insurance needs. People may feel confused and overwhelmed, but help is available. Local SHINE programs are filled with volunteers who offer seniors free, unbiased advice about Medicare.

Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders is through the Florida Department on Aging and consists of trained volunteers, said Sue Samson, associate planner and SHINE liaison. Seniors can call SHINE to get live, unbiased help for all sorts of health care questions, Samson said. This could range from health insurance and long-term care planning to Medicare/Medicaid and prescription assistance. The counselors also do annual election period planning, give introductions to Medicare information, and help sort out billing issues, said Janet Mills, volunteer area coordinator.

One of the most important things that the SHINE volunteers want the public to know is that the annual enrollment period dates have changed this year, Mills said.

"There is a new election period date this year, which is October 15 through December 7," Mills said, "and people will need to know that because it's different than in previous years."

The Medicare plans change a little every year, plus, people's

situations are always changing, so it is important that people re-evaluate their plan and ensure they choose the best one for them and their situation, Mills and Samson said.

People who can't afford their medications and are over 60 may qualify for special programs, and SHINE volunteers can help them find ways to work around financial problems and get the medication they need, said Sheryl Avruch, a SHINE volunteer from Dunedin.

The volunteers know of a lot of creative ways to help seniors get what they need, Mills said. If they don't qualify for the medication programs, maybe they could qualify for food stamps, which could help them use the saved money on food for their medications.

Samson said there are many cases later in life when situations change and all of a sudden people need to know about and be responsible for things that they never had to before.

"Sometimes the husband has always done the bills and unfortunately he passes away and the wife is like, 'I don't even know what I have,'" Samson said.

People can get help through SHINE either via phone or at its various locations throughout Pinellas County. The Dunedin Public Library had partnered with SHINE and provides space for individual counseling each Wednesday. There also are offices in Clearwater's Aging Well Center, Largo, Gulfport, St. Petersburg, two in Seminole, and



SHINE volunteers Janet Mills and Sheryl Avruch help area seniors with health insurance and senior questions.

some are opening shortly in Tarpon Springs and in Pinellas Park. The Pinellas Park office will be in the Social Security office and will be the only drop-in center in the county. Days are currently set at the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month for the new Pinellas Park office.

People can enroll for Medicare three months before their 65th

birthday, so it's important that people start researching in advance, Mills said, and evaluate their options. And it can be challenging to do it on one's own without an HR department helping them along like in the past, she said. That's where SHINE can help make a difference.

Avruch became a volunteer

after SHINE helped her, she said.

"My sons said, 'I'm sorry mom, there are too many plans, and they are so nuanced,'" Avruch said. "You have to be a mathematician to figure it out (yourself.) And both of my sons are college educated, but it's so confusing. So I called SHINE, and I couldn't believe the pa-

tiency and caring."

She became a volunteer so she could help others just like she had once been helped.

Volunteering with SHINE is a lot of work, but it is great for lifelong learners who want to help people, the volunteers agreed. They commit to at least 16 hours a month of their time. Volunteers are always needed for SHINE. Last year, about 50 volunteers helped serve 8,000 people, Samson said. They spent an average of an hour of counseling with each of those people, she said.

For information about SHINE, to volunteer, or to get help from a volunteer, call 800-96-ELDER (800-963-5337) 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or visit [www.floridashine.org](http://www.floridashine.org).

Volunteers can also help people connect with the appropriate agency and resources regarding caregiver support, case management, personal care, housing options, legal help, Meals on Wheels, Medicare fraud, victim advocacy, transportation, and access to resources for adults with mental illness or developmental disabilities.

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In addition, the department conducts criminal investigations of consumer fraud, mediation of consumer complaints and provides consumer outreach information to alert the public regarding scams, consumer fraud, identity theft and Internet crime. The main consumer line is 464-6200.

For more information, visit [www.pinellascounty.org/consumer/jcs-home.htm](http://www.pinellascounty.org/consumer/jcs-home.htm).

**Farmers eligible for disaster loans**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1, 2011 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture designated 27 counties in Florida as primary natural disaster areas July 29 due to losses caused by drought and excessive heat that began Jan. 1, 2011, and continues.

Although Pinellas County is not in a primary area, local farmers can apply for emergency loans due to a rule that creates eligibility for contiguous counties. Hillsborough County is included in the list of primary disaster areas.

Qualified farm operators in the designated areas are eligible for low interest emergency loans from USDA's Farm Service Agency,

provided that eligibility requirements are met. Farmers in eligible counties have eight months from the date of the declaration to apply for loans to help cover part of their actual losses.

FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability. FSA has a variety of programs, in addition to the EM loan program, to help eligible farmers recover from adversity.

USDA also has made other programs available to assist farmers and ranchers, including the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program, approved as part of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008; the Emergency Conservation Program; Federal Crop Insurance; and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program.

Interested farmers may contact their local USDA Service Centers for further information on eligibility requirements and application procedures for these and other programs. Additional information is also available online at [disaster.fsa.usda.gov](http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov).

**Grants available for storm season**

Pinellas County may be able to

assist low-income homeowners make important home improvements with a Hurricane Mitigation Grant. Up to \$20,000 is available to help residents prepare their home for storm season.

The property must be the primary residence with a just value not to exceed \$151,000 as listed by the Property Appraiser's Office. Income guidelines also apply.

- Eligible repairs include:
- Reinforcement or replacement of roof systems
  - Hurricane roof straps
  - Impact-resistant windows
  - Permanent hurricane shutters
  - Wind-resistant garage doors and exterior doors
  - Mobile home tie-downs and anchors (mobile homes built prior to 1976 are not eligible)

In addition to the Hurricane Mitigation Grant, Pinellas County

offers 0-percent-interest loans that may be used to make necessary home improvements and additional hurricane mitigation. The same income and property eligibility guidelines apply. The maximum loan amount is \$20,000 and must be repaid within 20 years. The low interest loan and grant may be used together.

According to Anthony M. Jones, director of Pinellas County Community Development, "It is extremely important for residents to take hurricane preparedness seriously. These programs are an excellent opportunity to help residents fortify their homes and be better prepared for storm season."

The program is available for properties in unincorporated Pinellas County and several surrounding cities. Residents in Clearwater, Largo, St. Petersburg and Belleair Shore should contact

those cities directly to inquire about the availability of housing repair programs.

For more information call Community Development at 464-8210 or email [cdprograms@pinellascounty.org](mailto:cdprograms@pinellascounty.org).

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Briefs

**Eckerd College earns recognition**

ST. PETERSBURG – Eckerd College has been named to the Chronicle of Higher Education's 2011 Great Colleges to Work For program.

The Chronicle identified 12 features of an excellent academic workplace and asked faculty and staff at colleges of all sizes and types from across the country to assess their employers in those terms. Eckerd employees rated the college highly enough to be recognized in the Compensation and Benefits category.

The Compensation and Benefits category is defined as "Pay is fair, and benefits meet the needs of employees." One of Eckerd's notable features relating to compensation and benefits is the fact that should an employee participate in a retirement fund option, the college will contribute 10

percent of the employee's salary to the fund whether or not the employee contributes anything to the account.

Of Eckerd College's employees, 114 full-time faculty and 140 administrators and exempt professionals were invited to participate in the survey. Eckerd is one of only five Florida schools on the entire list. Eckerd is one of 111 institutions recognized as a 2011 Great College to Work For, including 85 four-year institutions and 26 two-year institutions. Eckerd is one of 10 small, four-year colleges recognized in the Compensation and Benefits category.

**Chamber opens new welcome center**

CLEARWATER – The Clearwater Beach Chamber of Commerce recently opened its new wel-

come center in the newly built Surf Style Retail Center at 315 S. Gulfview Blvd.

The 50,000-square-foot Surf Style is on the ground floor of a 350-space parking garage situated off of Coronado Boulevard. Surf Style also opens to Beachwalk on the South Gulfview side. The visitor center is in the center of the store between the escalators and the elevators.

The Surf Style will be open 24 hours a day, so the welcome center is accessible any time.

Maps, brochures, information on places to stay and eat and visitor guides will be available to the public any time.

**Treasure Bay Hotel joins Expedia Insiders' Select List**

TREASURE ISLAND – Expedia recently named Treasure Bay Hotel and Marina among the top-

ranked hotels on this year's Expedia Insiders' Select list.

Owned by Sunset Bay Properties LLC and managed by Hotel Equities, the hotel is near St. Petersburg in Treasure Island. Phyllis McMillan serves as general manager.

The list formally recognizes individual hotels worldwide that consistently deliver excellent service, a great overall experience and a notable value. The full list represents only 500 of Expedia's top-ranked hotels selected from the more than 130,000 properties offered by Expedia, the world's largest online travel company.

"Delivering our guests superior service is a top priority at Treasure Bay Hotel and Marina," said McMillan in a press release. "We are pleased that our efforts have been acknowledged by Expedia travelers and we look forward to extending our high level of service to even more guests."

**Networking clubs follow the 'leads'**

Networking groups, aka "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:

- Friday, Aug. 12 – BNI Referral Masters, 7 a.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Call Bill Mantoath at 639-6690 or visit [www.bnireferralmasters.com](http://www.bnireferralmasters.com).
- Friday, Aug. 12 – Network Professionals of St. Pete, 7:30 a.m. For information and meeting location, call Ron O'Connor at 367-3737.
- Friday, Aug. 12 – Professional Leads Network, Upper Pinellas Chapter, 8 a.m., at Daddy's Grill, 3682 Tampa Road, Oldsmar. Visit [www.pro-leads.net](http://www.pro-leads.net).
- Friday, Aug. 12 – Professional Leads Network, Bay Area Executives Chapter, 11:45 a.m., at Tum Rub Thai, 32716 U.S. 19 N., Palm Harbor. Visit [www.pro-leads.net](http://www.pro-leads.net).
- Monday, Aug. 15 – Network Professionals Inc., 7:30 a.m., at Perkins Restaurant, 8841 Park Blvd. N., Largo. Call Ron O'Connor at 367-3737.
- Monday, Aug. 15 – Professional Leads Network, St. Petersburg Chapter, 7:45 a.m., at Ricky P's, 6521 Fourth St. N., St. Petersburg. Visit [www.pro-leads.net](http://www.pro-leads.net).
- Monday, Aug. 15 – Ready Set Grow Group, 11:45 a.m. to 1:15

p.m., at Hometown Family Restaurant, 10395 Seminole Blvd., Largo. Call Jamie Limbaugh at 831-2450 or email [jamil@freenetworkinginternational.com](mailto:jamil@freenetworkinginternational.com).

- Monday, Aug. 15 – Free Networking International, Clearwater Two Cups Connect Group, 2:30 to 4 p.m., at Bay Coast Coffee Market, 2525 Gulf to Bay Blvd., Clearwater. Call Wayne Porter at 642-6173, email [waynep@freenetworkinginternational.com](mailto:waynep@freenetworkinginternational.com) or visit [two.cupsconnect.com](http://two.cupsconnect.com).
- Tuesday, Aug. 16 – 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, Aug. 16 – The Board, Network Professionals, 7:30 a.m., at Panera Bread, Bardmoor Shopping Center, corner of Bryan Dairy and Starkey roads, Largo. Call 742-6343.
- Tuesday, Aug. 16 – Business Network International, Winners Circle, 7:30 to 9 a.m., Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Call Dave Proffitt at 230-9240.
- Tuesday, Aug. 16 – Network Professionals Inc., Seminole Chapter, 7:30 a.m., Perkins Family Restaurant, 8841 Park Blvd., Largo. Call Ron O'Connor at 367-3737.
- Tuesday, Aug. 16 – Yacht Club Breakfast, sponsored by Creative Business Connections, 7:30 a.m., St. Petersburg Yacht Club, 11 Central Ave., St. Petersburg. Call Darrell Baker, area director, at 586-4999 or visit [www.cbnet.biz](http://www.cbnet.biz).

• Tuesday, Aug. 16 – Network Professionals of St. Pete, 7:30 a.m. For information and meeting location, call Ron O'Connor at 367-3737.

- Tuesday, Aug. 16 – 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 455-7510, email [jplady1@hotmail.com](mailto:jplady1@hotmail.com) or visit [www.freenetworkinginternational.com](http://www.freenetworkinginternational.com).
- Tuesday, Aug. 16 – Network Professionals Inc., St. Pete Lunch Chapter, 11:45 a.m., Red Lobster, 2773 66th St. N., St. Petersburg. Call Ron O'Connor at 367-3737.
- Tuesday, Aug. 16 – Network Professionals Inc., ICOT Lunch Chapter, 11:45 a.m., at Tucson's Southwest Grill, 13563 Icot Blvd., Clearwater. Call Eddie Montoya at 813-477-3533.
- Tuesday, Aug. 16 – Tri-City Network Professionals, 11:45 a.m., at Applebee's Restaurant, 5110 East Bay Drive, Clearwater. First visit is free. Call 492-7921.
- Wednesday, Aug. 17 – Business Network International, Financial Freedom, 7:15 a.m., at Bardmoor Country Club, 8001 Cumberland Road, Largo. Call Phil at 409-1609 or visit [www.BNIFinancialFreedom.com](http://www.BNIFinancialFreedom.com).
- Wednesday, Aug. 17 – Pinellas Executives' Association, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., at Cove Cay Country Club, 2612 Cove Cay Drive, Clearwater. Call Donna Perry at 784-6507 or visit [www.peafl.com](http://www.peafl.com).

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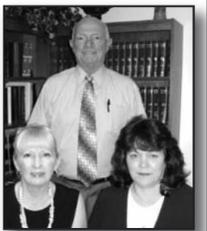
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EDITORIAL

# Something good to see

## Here's good development news – in case you missed it

With abandoned buildings serving as bleak visual reminders of the lingering effects of the recession, it's easy to overlook some good news pertaining to commercial and residential development in the area.

Take Seminole, for example. About 60 acres in the Bay Pines area will be developed. The project includes 330 apartments and 483 residential units for senior housing or townhomes.

Developers are seeking contractors to build a 125-room hotel, 204,000 square feet of retail space, the residential component and a restaurant.

The project should create a significant amount of property taxes and other revenue for the city as well as job opportunities.

Meanwhile, the news that the Seminole Mall, located on Park Boulevard, is under foreclosure proceedings could be the start of new development on the property. Its central location and close proximity to the beaches eventually should attract investors committed to some type of venture that will revitalize the property, with or without the mall.

The time frame for such a turnaround remains to be seen, but city officials see the foreclosure as a positive process.

In Largo, the west Walsingham Road corridor has enjoyed a rebirth of restaurants and other businesses in the past couple of years, particularly in the past six months. That's not surprising since it is surrounded by stable residential areas and located close to the beaches.

Clearwater officials are all smiles about plans for a three-story building on the Clearwater Beach that will have a Starbucks Coffee Shop and a Hooters Restaurant. Though the city may take some flak about the beach losing its mom and pop ambience, the new development should help provide more options for visitors, especially since both Starbucks and Hooters are both successful business chains.

Local government officials recognize they have to take more of an active role than just be cheerleaders to attract new development. Reducing red tape in the permitting process and relaxing signage rules are good tactics to help new as well as existing businesses, but long-term consistent economic planning is the most effective means of weathering a recession.

Of course, no local government can be entirely successful of ridding its community of abandoned commercial properties. Even the best efforts to encourage new development and support existing businesses sometimes fail, no matter what governments do.

See a new restaurant, auto parts store or other business where an abandoned building used to be?

OK, it may not be the essence of beauty.

But from an economic standpoint, consider it a sight for sore eyes.

LETTERS

### Clearwater sold to Big Brother

Editor:

Apparently three days in the grave was not enough to decompose the red light camera plan. Unlike the Biblical Lazarus who came out restored to do good, this plan has been restored to do evil.

The Clearwater Beacon quotes Mayor Hibbard: "I am not comfortable with cameras in general ... it smacks of Big Brother but we are facing budget woes."

Money talks and morals walk. The Big Brother factor should be enough in itself to stop this in its tracks from a mayor who should understand the full meaning of his words. But I believe he was lobbied, enticed and swayed much like big government. I am like Mary, grieving at the lost brother.

Clearwater has been sold to Big Brother with the mayor's consent – for money like Judas Iscariot. Red light cameras are purely and simply a way to make up for lost revenue in these hard economic times. This is a very obvious money-grabbing ploy.

Installing red light cameras is certainly not to free up police officers since an officer will have to review the ticket and video. But they say they are free to substitute a certified technician? Who is certifying the technician who is paying for his training or certification? Is that a whole new job title? Two things that cost money?

Red light cameras don't prevent accidents; they just record them – proving fault. How much manpower will be needed when tickets and fines are challenged? It was not me driving the car you say? Now I have to prove who was? I read recently if you say it wasn't you driving then the other person will get more fines? So now you want to force people to say they were driving so that their sister, brother, aunt, uncle or friend won't have to pay a bigger fine than if it were you. And that's OK with Big Brother since they still get your money and they tell the victim it's OK. It won't be on your license anyway – just pay up. Slippery slope isn't it. Just remember Clearwater Council, you freely oiled the slope.

Let's not forget these cameras are outsourced, so who is holding them accountable? How much will it take to hold them accountable? Money breeds contempt. So who will make sure the city of Clearwater is getting everything it is supposed to receive? Now we have to pay to have that outside vendor/company audited. How often and at what cost? The city gets \$75 of every \$158 they collect and they still have to pay the camera vendor.

Stop the red-light cameras and start acting like the Constitution means something.

**Vonabell Sherman**  
Clearwater

### Memorial seems heavy-handed

Editor:

Though I by no means want to disparage the feeling of the effort, I believe at least a few of the victims of 9/11 would share my dismay that our limited green spaces attract so much concrete. In this small Madeira Beach park in particular the proposed memorial seems heavy-handed and out of scale, further blocking the view of the water.

Folks who share my sentiments are rarely consulted about such things. If we were, we might suggest something living instead, perhaps a memorial grove of something that blooms in September.

However, history instructs me that imagination invites abuse. And so, I await it.

**Michael Blom**  
Madeira Beach

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# A new way to smoke out airport terrorists

Would you become rattled if an airport screener asked you the following questions as you went through the security checkpoint: "Where are you going? How long were you here? How did you get to the airport today?"

Outbound passengers at Logan Airport in Boston will soon be asked such questions. If – for whatever reason – the travelers appear nervous (by sweating profusely, avoiding eye contact, or reciting passages from the Koran) they will be asked to undergo further screening such as a pat down or a baggage search.

Training for the new 60-day trial program began on Aug. 2 for about 80 officers of the Transportation Security Administration at Logan. When placed in effect, the program will require all travelers to face questioning.

TSA officials say they're not really interested in the answers the travelers give.

What they're looking for are the passengers' reactions to the questions. If a passenger is telling the truth, he/she will not tend to exhibit suspicious behavior. But if she's lying, she'll give herself away.

At least that's the theory of Lillian Glass, an expert in nonverbal communication. She says it's nearly impossible to hide the stress caused by lying.

According to the Boston Globe, Ms. Glass and an FBI agent are co-authoring a book, "See Something, Say Something: Spotting the Body Language of Terrorists."

The body doesn't lie, says Ms. Glass. She believes the emotions that cause physical responses are deep in your brain and can't be controlled.

I think Ms. Glass is full of baloney. The every-day world is filled with lies and liars, some of whom are easy to spot but others who could lie their way into Fort Knox and emerge undetected with gold bars tucked in their underwear.

But even if the new TSA program can detect liars, will that mean they are terrorists? Let's say Charlie, a married man from Detroit, is secretly visiting his mistress in Baltimore. As he heads home after a weekend of hanky-panky, a TSA officer asks him, "How



**Driver's Seat**  
Bob Driver

long have you been here in Baltimore? What was the purpose of your visit?"

Chances are high that Charlie, guilt-stricken at the unexpected queries, may begin to sweat and stutter. The TSA people take him

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aside for further questioning and searching of his carry-on luggage. After fifteen minutes, they conclude that he's not a terrorist and let him proceed. What earthly good has been accomplished? An unfaithful husband has had the tar scared out of him and he's late for his flight home, to boot. Big deal.

Let's assume, however, that a bona fide terrorist, Jake, with a plastic explosive strapped to his leg, is about to board an airliner. He's well dressed, shaven, outwardly calm and unthreatening. Jake, who reads newspapers, is fully aware that the TSA will be questioning him. So when the screener asks him, "Where are you traveling today?" Jake is fully prepared to give an answer, and in a steady, strong voice. The TSA officer,

his suspicions untriggered, lets Jake proceed to his flight, which Jake blows up en route to Phoenix. Hip, hip hooray for the liar detection program.

If the program seems to work at Logan, we can expect it to be expanded to other airports, including Tampa International. And let's be fair: liar detection may be just as effective as the system that's been used at 160 airports nationwide for the past seven or eight years. It's called SPOT – for Screening of Passengers by Observation Techniques. It relies on visually detecting passengers who seem suspicious. Examples: someone wearing a heavy overcoat in the middle of summer, or a person shouting "God is great!" in Arabic every sixty seconds. Such travelers are then questioned.

SPOT has been used since 2004 and has brought 2,000 arrests for various reasons, according to the TSA. It costs millions of dollars each year, but it's unclear how many – if any – terrorists have been caught by SPOT. So says the Government Accountability Office. In a July 13 report, the GAO repeated its earlier objection that the TSA installed SPOT before establishing that its detection methods had any scientifically valid basis.

Carol Rose, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts, calls the SPOT program "security theater," because of its assumption that TSA screeners can have the scientific training to make valid judgments on the millions of passengers who pass through airports each year.

As the new behavior-detection program begins at Boston Logan, it seems clear that (1) most American travelers exhibit a great deal of tolerance for the security measures they must undergo, and (2) the effectiveness of these measures in detecting terrorists is wide open to questioning. The result: we don't know whether to applaud the TSA's efforts, or simply weep.

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# Their music still captures youth

It was 50 years ago this summer that a couple of guys were sitting in a California garage, noodling around with a song. Their names were Mike and Brian. As Mike recalls, "It didn't take that long. Just a few minutes." And when you read the final lyrics you believe him:

Surfin' is the only life  
The only way for me.  
Now surf, surf with me  
Bom Bom Dit Di Dit Dip  
Bom Bom Dit Di Dit Dip...

Mike and Brian, along with two of Brian's brothers and a family friend, took the song to a local record company, which had wanted them to do a folk tune like the Kingston Trio.

Instead, the kids gave them this little ditty, called – no surprise – "Surfin'."

And the Beach Boys were born.

I don't know which stuns me more: that these guys have been around 50 years, or that I still remember their first hit. But there is something undeniable about the Beach Boys legacy, something that says there is music, and there is iconic music. Why do songs like "Calif-



**Mitch Albom**

fornia Girls," "Wouldn't It Be Nice," or "Fun Fun Fun" still sound fresh, still make people smile, still throw a beam of sunshine over the coldest day?

It has to be more than the chords, right?

"We really wanted to do something that was us, and surfing was a reality in Southern California," Mike Love told me in talking about their first hit song last week. The Beach Boys, in their current incarnation, were coming to suburban Detroit for a concert. Of course, many of the names that made the original group so special weren't there – including Brian Wilson or his now-departed brothers, Dennis and Carl. But at this point, even the Beach Boys name is an institution.

"Surfing was part of our environment – part of the landscape – part of the language and the dress and the attitude where we

lived – and yet nobody had done a song about it," Love said.

"Surfin'" – maybe the least well-known of the Beach Boys hits – was their first entry into that genre. Ironically, as the years passed, the guys in the band, most of whom were decent surfers, had less and less time in the ocean. Every summer was spent on tour. Even as songs like "Surfin' Safari" and "Surfin' USA" became progressively bigger hits, the men singing them were pretty much landlocked.

In time they sang about cars ("Little Deuce Coupe," "409"), about school ("I Get Around," "Be True To Your School"), about the innocence of youth ("When I Grow Up To Be A Man," "In My Room") and eventually, about psychedelic spirituality ("Good Vibrations").

But throughout it all, one thing was constant. Their sound was unique. And you hummed along with their songs.

As is probably obvious, I am a huge Beach Boys fan. I admire the genius of Brian Wilson's arrangements, his harmonies, his

innovative use of sounds and instruments. That he did this on such simple infrastructure as "In My Room" or "Don't Worry Baby" only makes it that much more impressive.

And there is no shame in being serious about music and serious about the Beach Boys. Even the Beatles were envious of their work.

Still, there is something about finding out that the Beach Boys, as a band, are 50 years old, and Love is in his 70s.

In "The Picture of Dorian Gray," the lead character never aged, only a hidden portrait of him showed the decay of deeds and years.

In real life, the Beach Boys have it better. Their hairlines, waistlines and birthday cakes may tell one story, but their music tells another. It tells the same magical tale it did the day they took a garage-created tune and started singing it into microphones.

They stay young every time we hear them.

And, gratefully, we do, too.  
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# And who among us is innocent?

The debt ceiling is raised. The stock market drops. Americans tighten their [financial] belts further. The government barely does the same.

For the tenuous State of our Union, some say it's a victory. Others call it a weak down pay-

ment. For others, it's a disgusting reneging of responsibility.

It's all true. Spookily, the same is playing out at sea as well.

To recap the most recent maritime events in our local waters, there are three stories to tell.

Like the stranglehold of Wash-



**Dolphin Watch**  
Ann Weaver

ingtonian inertia against our staggering national debt, the oldest of the youngest members of our local bottlenose dolphin community is entangled in fishing line. One is innocent. The other is not.

Like our own country, the half-yearling bottlenose dolphin calf Vidalia was born in the chilliest of times. Yet it survived to triumphant over environmental ravages, which at sea include parasites and predators (Dolphin Watch's "Hassles of tassels"; whether in a good or bad way, I daren't say).

Vidalia launched undeterred into its early childhood, as our young country did, swelling from the riches of its own making. The dolphin calf swelled from the miracle of a healthy mother's milk, stimulated by the baby's presence. Our country swelled from the industry of her citizens, inspired by the freedom to excel. All was well for many moons until the calf encountered something it could have never recognized as a threat: discarded fishing line.

From an apparently modest, if such a thing is possible, body wrapping of three strands of fishing line in mid-July – the way we encircle a wrapped gift with thin bright ribbon pulled nice and tight – to a dangerous wad of hideously accumulated fishing line and imbedded fish hook by the end of the month, the innocent baby dolphin Vidalia is either sentenced to a slow death or destined to suffer a terrifying rescue at the hands of people expert at catching, rescuing and releasing entangled marine life. In the world of marine biology, these experts are known as stranding biologists.

Without minimizing the calf's uncertain fate, one can't ignore Vidalia's plight as a metaphor of our beautiful young country's future.



Photo by ANN WEAVER

Six-month-old bottlenose dolphin Vidalia swims tethered to an unrelenting companion: a hopeless tangle of discarded monofilament fishing line strapped to its left side. The gallows' rope is bejeweled with an imbedded fishing hook animated by a live fish.

But the question of relative innocence remains.

The second story is about Peewee, the suddenly teen-aged dolphin released from childhood by her mother P's giving birth to Peewee's rival sibling over the Fourth of July. I had wished for a physical way to identify Peewee after she weaned from her prolific mother.

As told in Dolphin Watch's "Known by the slit of a shark," that wish was unabashedly fulfilled.

Last Sunday, after tracking the slow milling of tense adults (not unlike Congress over the same period), a lone young teen dolphin ventured over to our boat. Its behavior said it knew us well. Its newly wounded dorsal fin, pink at the top from the fresh loss of its fin tip, made immediate identification impossible. But later analysis of photo-identification pictures showed that it was Peewee. That glancing blow from a

shark the month before took but the slightest toll.

Peewee the kid dolphin lost her previously secure life at the side of her powerful and protective mother P and then took another hit that, all things considered, maybe wasn't insurmountable. Another metaphor for our beautiful country? Maybe.

The third story is of the nursery group of dolphins we saw the same day as Vidalia and Peewee. There were four local dolphin moms (Stick, Bet, SBT and Courtney). Each mom was with her calf. What made this maritime moment special was that three of the four moms had tiny shiny new dolphin babies, none more than four weeks old in a potential lifespan of 50 years – a generation by bottlenose dolphin terms but also human terms before medical care.

SBT had a baby in 2006 that died. She kept the body with her as long as she could but in-

evitably had to move on.

The other two moms with tiny shiny babies are Stick and Bet, calves we watched grow up (Dolphin Watch's "Spooky action at a distance"; Bet on the surging and sucking of fortunes). The fragile new lives they've engendered, stumbling up to the surface for life-giving air, are the first for them both. Like all new ventures, they represent great promise. Are they also a metaphor?

The question remains. Who among us is innocent?

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*Editor's Note: National Marine Fisheries is aware of Vidalia's plight and is evaluating the situation and any possible rescue. Clearwater Marine Aquarium is standing by should its services be needed.*

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## Good time to fish for mangrove snapper

With the full moon approaching, now is the time to target mangrove snapper.

Bay reefs and bridges as well as offshore reefs are good places to target snapper right now, however, typically the farther offshore you fish the larger the snapper will be.

The many manmade artificial reefs that range anywhere from 10 to 12 miles offshore offers the perfect habitat to attract big schools of snapper. Snapper prefer spots with a lot of high structure, and many of these reefs are constructed of huge barges as well as large slabs of concrete.

The preferred baits when targeting snapper would be small pilchards and/or threadfin her-



**Fish Tales**  
Capt. Tyson Wallerstein

ring as well as live shrimp. The threadfins and pilchards can be netted at any bridge shadow line; their abundance can make it easy to collect plenty of bait to use on the hook as well as for chum in a short amount of time.

These small baits work just as well dead as alive. Use a quarter inch cast net and fill a five-gallon bucket about half way with bait and ice, and you should have enough bait for a good bite. Anchor up-tide of the bridge

or reef that you intend to fish and begin the chumming process. Deploying a quality chum block will make all the difference. Combine that with a constant flow of free pilchards, and soon enough you'll have the snapper balled up and working bait right behind the boat.

As a rule of thumb, the larger snapper will hang closer to the surface, so free-lining your bait will look the most natural to these larger, more wary fish. Free-lining requires you to pay close attention to how your bait looks as its falling natural toward the bottom. If you don't allow your bait to fall at the same rate as those you're throwing out for chum, the snapper will refuse your offering

every time.

For the terminal end definitely think smaller and lighter – No. 1 hooks and long stretch of 15 or 20 pound leader and 10 or 15 pound braided line. If current speed is too strong to allow for free-lining or you're trying to get the kids involved, try using a small egg sinker anywhere from an eighth to a half an ounce at the most.

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

## Briefs

### Composting workshop set

LARGO – A free backyard-composting workshop will be presented Saturday, Aug. 13, 9:30 to 11 a.m., at Pinellas County Extension, 12520 Ulmerton Road.

Attendees will learn to make compost out of yard waste. Pinellas County residents will receive one compost bin per household courtesy of Pinellas County Utilities Solid Waste Operations.

Advance registration is required. Call 582-2100 or visit [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org).

Extension, 12520 Ulmerton Road.

Attendees will learn to save rainwater in a recycled plastic barrel. A rain barrel may be purchased at the time of registration for \$30 plus tax.

Advance registration is required. Call 582-2100 or visit [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org).

Extension, 12520 Ulmerton Road.

The program will provide class training to obtain Limited Certification for Urban Landscape Commercial Fertilizer. BMP certification will be awarded upon passing the exam. Four FDACS pesticide CEUs will be provided.

Cost is \$15; however, the class is free for employees of Pinellas County and Pinellas County School Board as well as Pinellas County Master Gardener volunteers with identification.

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### Extension hosts rain harvesting workshop

LARGO – A free rain harvesting workshop will be presented Saturday, Aug. 13, 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., at Pinellas County

### Extension to offer fertilizer, BMP class

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# Seek help for disc degeneration that causes back pain?

One type of patient that we see frequently in our practice is the one who comes in and says, "I don't know if you can help me, but my last doctor says that I have degenerative discs and they are causing my back pain, and so nothing can be done."

Actually, nothing could be further from the truth. Almost all adults over the age of 40 years will show some evidence of disc degeneration on X-rays. However, the great majority will not have back pain, or if they do, it will come and go or be due to trauma. This should suggest that, although the degenerated

discs are a contributing factor in their pain, it is not the cause of their pain. Many persons who have been told from spinal X-rays that they have "degenerated discs" in their back have suffered needlessly if they were also told that there was not a good way to treat the problem, and they should just "modify their life and live with it." They should instead explore all treatment options.

With age, almost all discs will degenerate. However, from a variety of factors such as previous injury, genetics and other as yet unknown factors, some discs



**Back Talk**  
Dr. Gregory Hollstrom

begin to degenerate at an early age. The spinal discs are the soft cartilage pads that occupy the space between the vertebra and spinal bones. It is the disc that is capable of compressing and bending allowing the joints of the spine to move. Without discs, the spine would be a rigid column of bones unable to bend.

When a disc begins to degenerate, it allows the joint to move improperly causing pinching of one part of the joint. The term used for this painful joint pinching is "joint impingement." As impingement is the source of the pain, and not the degenerative disc, treatment which corrects the "impingement" will often totally relieve the pain associated with disc degeneration.

Chiropractic manipulation has proven to be a good method of correction of the impingement associated with disc degeneration. In a large study of chronic back pain patients at the De-

partment of Orthopedics at University Hospital in Saskatchewan, Canada, researchers found that chiropractic manipulation was very effective in relieving back pain in over 80 percent of those involved in the study (all of whom had undergone multiple other treatment methods unsuccessfully).

More recently, spinal axial decompression has been shown to give significant relief to those suffering from impingement syndromes secondary to disc degeneration. While there are many types of axial decompression on the market, the one with re-

search on this specific subject is the Cox axial decompression used by many chiropractic physicians. It includes flexion distraction manipulation coupled at the same time with axial decompression, and is effective for both the cervical and the lumbar spines.

Anyone who has spent time living his or her life with back pain because of disc degeneration should consider chiropractic treatment. It is a proven effective method. Why continue to suffer? Consult with your family doctor of chiropractic medicine today.

## Briefs

### Bowling benefit planned

LARGO - A bowling benefit called "Put Cancer in the Gutter," will be held Sunday, Aug. 14, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., at Twedt's Lanes, 13100 Seminole Blvd.

The cost is \$15 per person. Raffle prizes will be offered. Call 581-4102 or fax 585-1478.

### Fight for a Cure Night set

DUNEDIN - The Dunedin Blue Jays, in association with the American Cancer Society and Florida Blood Services, will host the second annual Fight for a Cure Night Saturday, Aug. 13, at Florida Auto Exchange Stadium.

The Dunedin Blue Jays will take on the Tampa Yankees at 6 p.m. The Blue Jays will be donating 1,000 game tickets to cancer patients, survivors and their families. For information, call 738-7052 or visit [dunedinbluejays.com](http://dunedinbluejays.com).

Patients and survivors will be welcomed onto the field at 5:30 p.m. for the pre-game festivities.

The Florida Blood Services Blood Mobile will be on site from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. and fans who donate blood will receive a free ticket into the game along with a Blue Jays bobblehead.

Blue Jays players will be wearing commemorative Purple Jerseys on this special night, which will be raffled off following the game for fans to take home. Raffle tickets to win a Jersey cost \$20 each, and can be purchased at any home Dunedin Blue Jays game, by calling 738-7052 or by faxing or mailing in the Jersey Raffle Form on [dunedinbluejays.com](http://dunedinbluejays.com). After the game, there will be a presentation of the purple jerseys and players will be able to sign the jerseys and mingle with the fans.

The event also will include on-field promotions and a silent auction,

which will feature baseball memorabilia and donations from the local community. Because the game falls on a Saturday night, there will be bouncy houses, face painters, and in game promotions for kids to enjoy.

For more information on this event, call Kathi Wiegand at 738-7052 or email [Kathi.Wiegand@bluejays.com](mailto:Kathi.Wiegand@bluejays.com).

### Physicians tag-team to beat arrhythmia

LARGO - Two expert cardiac physicians at Largo Medical Center are combining their unique skills to perform a closed-chest minimally invasive approach to heart arrhythmia surgery called the convergent procedure.

"Together, in the same room here at Largo Medical Center, a cardiac electro physiologist and a cardiac surgeon are putting a stop to the most common heart rhythm disorder in the United States called Atrial Fibrillation or Afib," said Richard Satcher, CEO of Largo Medical Center, in a press release.

The convergent procedure is nothing like traditional open heart surgery where a patient recovers in the hospital for days with a huge incision down the middle of their chest.

"I make a one inch incision in a patient's abdomen," said Joseph Diliberto Jr., M.D., chief of cardiac surgery at Largo Medical Center. "Then, I burn scars on the outside surface of the patient's heart to block the abnormal electrical signals [heartbeats]."

"As an electro physiologist, I create similar scars but inside the heart, at areas that Dr. Diliberto can't reach from the outside," said John F. Norris, M.D., the director of cardiac electrophysiology at Largo Medical Center. "Then at the completion of the procedure, I test the patient's heart to ensure all the abnormal electrical signals [heartbeats] have been eliminated."

The convergent procedure is performed on a beating heart, so hospital

recovery time is relatively short. Norris says he often releases the patient in as little as 48 hours after surgery. Since the inception of the convergent procedure program at Largo Medical Center, many Afib patients have stopped taking medications they have been on for years thanks to the excellent results associated with the combined approach.

### Messler earns SFHM designation

CLEARWATER - Jordan Messler, M.D., medical director of the hospitalist program at Morton Plant Hospital, recently received the Senior Fellow in Hospital Medicine designation from the Society of Hospital Medicine.

To earn the SFHM designation, hospitalists must demonstrate their dedication to quality and process improvement, commitment to organizational teamwork and leadership, as well as lifelong learning and education.

Messler is one of 175 hospitalists across the country inducted into the 2011 Society of Hospital Medicine's class of Senior Fellows. Senior Fellows are the national and local leaders in the growing specialty of hospital medicine. Hospitalists are physicians who take care of hospitalized patients who do not have a physician or whose primary care physician prefers to have an on-site medical team in charge of coordinating care.

"Dr. Messler has been on the forefront of hospital improvement processes and initiatives at Morton Plant Hospital since 2005," said Donald Pocock, M.D., Morton Plant Mease chief medical officer, in a press release. "Because of his dedication to process improvements, our hospital system continues to grow and offer the best quality inpatient care."

Messler was part of the multidisciplinary team for Project BOOST (Better Outcomes for Older Adults through Safe Transitions), to implement evidence-based interventions aimed at improving the discharge process and patient satisfaction.

## Where to get help

**Aging Solutions - Office of the Public Guardian**, P.O. Box 342065, Tampa, FL 33548 - Serves as guardians for those who are eligible for Medicaid or are otherwise indigent and unable to obtain representation from a family member or professional guardian.

Call 813-949-1996.  
Email: [tamaracribben@aging-solutions.org](mailto:tamaracribben@aging-solutions.org)  
Visit: [www.aging-solutions.org](http://www.aging-solutions.org)

**Alzheimer's Association, Gulf Coast Chapter**, 9365 U.S. 19 N. Suite B, Pinellas Park, FL 33782 - Part of a national voluntary healing agency dedicated to providing education programs and support services to people affected by Alzheimer's disease. Services include 24-hour help line, respite care assistance, safe return, support groups, care consultations, memory screening, caregiver training, newsletters, professional training, lending library, caregivers day out and more.

Call 578-2558.  
Email: [services@alz-tbc.org](mailto:services@alz-tbc.org)  
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**AARP**, 400 Carillon Parkway, Suite 100, St. Petersburg, FL 33716 - Offers the Driver Safety driver education programs for seniors in the community. Also offers the AARP Senior Community Services Employment Program, (547-0534) a temporary work experience program, providing job training and placement for persons aged 55+ that meet income guidelines.

Call 888-687-2277.

**American Cancer Society - Pinellas County**, 4801 86th Ave. N., Pinellas Park, FL 33782 - Offers pain medication, assistance transportation to chemotherapy and radiation appointments, financial assistance, education assistance and more.

Call 546-9822.

**Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas Inc.**, 9887 Fourth St. N. Suite 100, St. Petersburg, FL 33702 - Plans, administers and advocates programs and services for the elderly. Offers a caregiver program that provides support to caregivers of individuals age 60 or older; a senior help line (217-8111) designed to help seniors and caregivers gain access to services in the community; SHINE, a free counseling program designed to answer elders' questions about health insurance and prescription assistance; a victim's advocate program that provides specialized services to victims of crime who are 60 years of age or older and other programs.

Call 570-9696.

**Bay Area Legal Services, Inc.**, 829 W. Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd., Tampa, FL 33603-3331 - Offers free legal advice, advocacy, counseling and representation by an attorney including counseling or

representation by a non-lawyer when permitted by law, to individuals age 60 and over with economic or social needs.

Call 813-223-1343

**Caring and Sharing Center for Independent Living Inc.**, 12552 Belcher Road S., Largo, FL 33773 - Provides information and referral, advocacy on behalf of persons with disabilities.

Call 539-7550.

**Community Action Stops Abuse Inc.**, P.O. Box 414, St. Petersburg, FL 33732 - Education, counseling and advocacy for victims of domestic abuse. Provides a confidential emergency shelter for those in imminent danger and a 24-hour crisis line.

Call 895-4912.

**Community Transportation Services**, 7740 66 St. N., Pinellas Park, FL 33781 - provides transportation for medical and dental appointments, employment education, pharmacy and grocery. Transportation must be scheduled ahead of time; 72-hours advance notice required.

Call 545-2100.

**Daystar Life Center**, 226 Sixth St. S., St. Petersburg, FL 33701 - Provides emergency assistance to individuals and families, most of whom are living below the federal poverty income level.

Call 825-0442.

**Deaf and Hearing Connection for Tampa Bay Inc.**, 7821 Seminole Blvd., Seminole, FL 33772 - Provides information and referral, case management, community education, support groups, interpretative services and training and general assistance for hearing impaired and deaf.

Call 399-9983.

**Dementia Caregivers Resources Inc.**, 10282 Holiday Lane, Largo, FL 33773 - Facilitates ongoing dementia support groups for caregivers; expert panel symposiums; monthly newsletter; professional staff trainings; resources and educational materials.

Call 391-9999, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Experience Work**, 9215 Florida Ave., Suite 105, Tampa, FL 33612 - Provides training and employment for low-income seniors. Provides employers with skilled, reliable and experienced employees.

Call 813-930-7416.

**Faith in Action of Upper Pinellas**, 455 Scotland St., Dunedin, FL 34698 - Nonsectarian organization that exists to enhance the quality of life and promote health and well-being of older adults and persons with disabilities to enable them to remain independent in their own homes.

Call 738-4307.

**Family Resources - Kinship Care**, 5180 62nd Ave. N., Pinellas Park, FL 33781 - Provides a variety of services to relatives caring for the child of a family member. A grandparent or other person 60+ caring for a child age 18 or under is eligible for services. Provides direct counseling and case management services offered in the home as well as additional resources in the community.

Call: 550-4250.

**Gulf Coast Community Care Inc.**, 14041 Icot Blvd., Clearwater, FL 33670 - Provides adults, children, families and elders with services to enhance their independence, economic self-sufficiency and emotional physical well-being. Service areas include frail elders, mental-health issues, disabled adults, support for the Jewish community and more.

Call 538-7460.

**The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast**, 5771 Roosevelt Blvd., Clearwater, FL 33760 - Provides programs and services for people of all ages and walks of life. Care by Hospice's team of nurses, social workers, chaplains and volunteers can be provided in the home, in the nursing home or at the Woodside Hospice House.

Call 586-4432.

**Largo Community Center**, 65 Fourth St., N.W., Largo, FL 33770 - Offers trips, exercise class, cards, luncheons with entertainment, AARP representatives, computer classes, piano, craft classes and art workshops.

Call 518-3131.

**Long Term Care Ombudsmen Council (South Pinellas)**, 11351 Ulmerton Road, Suite 100, Largo, FL 33778 - Volunteers appointed by Florida Department of Elder Affairs to inspect long-term care facilities to ensure high quality of life for elderly residents in those facilities. Investigates complaints on behalf of residents age 60 or older regarding their care in assisted living facilities and for residents of any age in nursing homes.

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# Calendar of events

**Dunedin Masonic Lodge No. 192**, meets second and fourth Mondays, 7:30 p.m., at 1297 Michigan Blvd., Dunedin. Call 733-2597 or visit [www.dunedin192.org](http://www.dunedin192.org).

**Dunedin Newcomers Club of Greater Dunedin**, meets second Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., for lunch, a speaker and cards. For location, call Sylvia at 736-3253.

**The Dunedin-Palm Harbor VFW Post 2550** hosts a fish/shrimp fry every Friday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 360 Douglas Ave. The post sponsors bingo Wednesday and Friday. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Bingo starts at noon. Lunch is available. Call 733-6107.

**Emotions Anonymous**, meets Saturdays, 7 p.m., at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 9530 Starkey Road, Seminole. All are welcome and no one is turned away. The group is designed for those who are searching for support regarding emotional wellness and wellbeing. Call 238-3371.

**Exchange Club of St. Petersburg**, meets Thursdays, noon to 1 p.m., at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club, Central Avenue and Beach Drive. Call Judy Stump at 771-6961 or visit [www.stpeteexchange.com](http://www.stpeteexchange.com).

**Families Adjusting to Loss**, a grief support group, meets Mondays, noon to 1 p.m., at Temple B'nai Israel, 1685 S. Belcher Road. Renée L. baseman facilitates. The seminar focuses on the Jewish process of grief using the book "Living When a Loved One Has Died," by Rabbi Earl Grollman. Call 531-5829.

**Fibromyalgia Support Group**, meets third Saturdays, 11 a.m., at Imperial Palms Apartments, East Clubhouse, 1300 Imperial Palm Drive, Largo. A light lunch is served. To R.S.V.P., call 437-1639.

**Fleet Reserve Association Unit 102**, meets third Sundays, 1 p.m., at 2612 12th St. N., St. Petersburg. The group works to preserve and enhance benefits and quality-of-life programs for members of the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. Call 323-7548.

**Florida Association of Bariatric Clinicians**, meets last Mondays from 9 to 10:30 a.m. The location is announced each month. Call 244-2880.

**Florida Botanical Gardens**, offers weekend programs for adults and children, age 5 and older, Saturdays, 10 to 11 a.m., under the Palm pavilion, 12175 125th St. N., Largo. Call 582-2100.

**Florida West Coast Woodturners**, meets first Thursdays, 7 p.m., in the meeting hall across from St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 1520 Rosery Road E., Largo. Visit [www.FWCWT.org](http://www.FWCWT.org).

**Florida Writers Association**, meets second Thursdays, 7 p.m., at the West Community Branch Library, 6700 Eighth Ave. N., St. Petersburg. Call 321-6783.

**Forgotten Korean Vets**, meets second Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., at the American Legion Post 7, 1760 Turner St., Clearwater. Call 397-8501.

**G.K. Chesterton Society of St. Petersburg**, meets monthly to discuss the life and works of author Chesterton. Anyone with an interest in Chesterton is welcome to attend. For information, call 474-5736 or email [tropicalparadox@gmail.com](mailto:tropicalparadox@gmail.com).

**Genealogy Assistance** is available on Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m., at Dunedin Library, Room 4, 223 Douglas Ave. Call Mary at 733-5383.

**Genealogy and Family History lecture series**, is offered second Saturdays, 10 to 11 a.m., at West St. Petersburg Community Library, St. Petersburg College, 6700 Eighth Ave. N. Presented by Susan Hickok and Charlie Grandmaison. Call Hickok at 341-7174 or Grandmaison at 343-2776.

**German-American Society**, meets for a German dance on Saturdays, 7:30 p.m., at 8098 66th St. N., Pinellas Park. Doors open at 7. Call 596-7581.

**GFWC**  
 • Seminole Junior Woman's Club meets fourth Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., at Seminole Recreation Center, 9100 113th St. N. Call 398-0558.  
 • Pinellas Seminole Woman's Club meets fourth Thursdays, 11:30 a.m., in Roskamp Auditorium at Freedom Square, 7800 Liberty Lane. No meetings from June through August. Call Maggie at 329-8003.

• Clearwater Community Woman's Club meets third Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m., at Clearwater Main Library, 100 N. Osceola Ave. Call 394-2229.

**Gluten Intolerance Support Group**, meets first Saturdays, 10 a.m., at Cypress Palms, 400 Lake Ave. NE, Largo. A light lunch is served. To R.S.V.P., call 437-1639.

**Gold Wing Road Riders Association Motorcycle Chapter FL-1-M Kick Tire**, meets Thursdays, 7 p.m., at different locations. Call 784-6127 or visit [www.suncoastwings.com](http://www.suncoastwings.com).

**Greater Pinellas Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society**, meets Mondays, 6:30 p.m., at The Crossroads Christian Church, 1645 Seminole Blvd., Largo. No previous training necessary. Call Don at 786-1739.

**Gulfport Casino Swing Night**, offers dance lessons on Wednesdays, 6 to 8 p.m., followed by dancing, 8 to 11 p.m., at 5500 Shore Blvd. S. \$7 admission includes lesson, dance, prize giveaways and mixers. Smoke-free and open to all ages. Call 893-1070 or visit [www.swingtime.info](http://www.swingtime.info).

**Hearing Loss Association of America**, Clearwater chapter, meets first Tuesdays, 3 p.m., at Morton Plant Hospital Complex, second floor, Room A, Cheek-Powell Pavilion, 455 Pinellas St., Clearwater. Live caption and light refreshments are provided. Admission is free.

**Heart of Pinellas Decorative Painters**, meets second Saturdays, 10 a.m. For information go to [www.hpdapl.com](http://www.hpdapl.com) or email [hpdachapter@verizon.net](mailto:hpdachapter@verizon.net). The club is open to all who have an interest in painting with acrylics, watercolor, oil, and other mediums. It is the local affiliate of the international organization, Society of Decorative Painters.

**Heritage Rughookers**, meets Thursdays, 9:30 a.m., at St. John's Episcopal Church, 1676 S. Belcher Road, Clearwater. Call 535-3218.

**International Association of Administrative Professionals**, St. Petersburg Chapter, meets second Thursdays, 6:15 p.m., at Panera Bread, 1908 Fourth St. N. Call 530-9768.

**Island Community Theatre**, meets second Mondays, 6:30 p.m., at Gators Café and Saloon, 12754 Kingfish Drive, Treasure Island. The group performs throughout the beach area and welcomes new members and volunteers for all areas of theater production. Call 345-1474.

**Italian American Club of Greater Clearwater**, hosts a pasta dinner on Tuesdays, 5 to 8:30 p.m., at 200 McMullen Booth Road. Cost is \$7 members, \$9 nonmembers. The club also hosts dinner and dancing every other Saturday, 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. Cost is \$13 members, \$16 nonmembers. Call 791-8698.

**Just Over Youth**, for seniors over 50, meets Thursdays, 10 a.m., at the Pinellas Park Wesleyan Church, 4400 70th Ave. N., Pinellas Park. Program varies each week from Bible study, pitch-in-dinner, community out-visit and spiritual enrichment. Call Sandra Turner at 526-3674.

**Kindermusik with Laura and Friends**, meets Wednesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m., at Broderick Recreation Center, 6101 66th Ave. N., St. Petersburg; and Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:45 p.m., at Crosspoint Church, 11225 U.S. 19 N., Clearwater. Call Laura at 488-9918 or email [KMLaura\\_Friends@hotmail.com](mailto:KMLaura_Friends@hotmail.com).

**Kinship Groups**, hosted by Kinship Care - Family Resources, meets third Wednesdays, 6 to 7:30 p.m., at Family Resources Shelter, 1615 Union St., Clearwater; second and fourth Thursdays, 6 to 7:30 p.m., at Family Resources Shelter, 3821 Fifth Ave. N., St. Petersburg; and fourth Tuesdays, 10 to 11:30 a.m., at Largo Library, 120 Central Park Drive, Largo. The group supports grandparents raising grandchildren. Free. Call 550-4250.

**Kiwanis Clubs:**  
 • Countryside Clearwater meets Tuesdays, 7:30 a.m., at Eve's Family Restaurant, 3150 State Road 584, Oldsmar.  
 • Dunedin meets Thursday, 7:30 a.m., at Meeting Room 1, at Mease-Morton Plant Hospital in Dunedin.  
 • Greater Clearwater meets Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., at the Golden Coin Restaurant, 1844 N. Highland Ave.  
 • Gulf Beaches meets Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., in the training room upstairs at the Madeira Beach Publix, at 662 150th Ave.  
 • Holiday meets Tuesdays, 7:15 a.m., at Four Seasons Restaurant, 3350 Grand Blvd., Holiday.

• Largo/Mid-Pinellas meets Fridays, 7:30 a.m., at Largo Community Center, 65 Fourth St. NW, Largo. Call 744-1400.

• Midtown meets Wednesdays, 7:30 a.m., at St. Petersburg Yacht Club, 11 Central Ave.

• Palm Harbor area meets Tuesdays, 7:30 a.m. at Tiffany's Restaurant, 35000 U.S. 19 N.

• Pinellas Park meets Thursdays, 12:15 p.m., at Park Station, 5851 Park Blvd.

• Safety Harbor meets Wednesdays, 7:30 a.m., at Paradise Restaurant, 443 Main St.

• Seminole meets Thursdays, 6:15 p.m., at Freedom Square Town Hall, Call 394-2582.

• Seminole Breakfast meets Tuesdays, 7:15 a.m., at Seminole Family Restaurant, 6864 Seminole Blvd., Seminole. Call 319-8343 or email [drtslsmn@msn.com](mailto:drtslsmn@msn.com).

• Springtime City meets Thursdays, 6 p.m., at Oriental Super Buffet, 2456 Gulf-to-Bay Blvd.

• St. Petersburg meets Tuesdays, 12:15 p.m., at The Orange Blossom, 220 Fourth St. N.

• Sunshine City meets Friday, 12:15 p.m., at Piccadilly, 1900 34th St. N.

• West Pasco meets Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., at Demetri's Restaurant, Sunset Road, New Port Richey.

• Key Club meets Fridays, 12:30 p.m., at Largo High School, Room D-23.

Knights of Columbus-7621, meets first and third Thursdays, 7 to 9 p.m., at Saint Ignatius Church, Tarpon Springs. Call 504-9389.

**Korean War Veterans Associations:**  
 • Sunshine State Chapter meets second Thursdays, 7 p.m., at American Legion Post 252, 11433 Park Blvd. Call Peter Palmer at 584-7143 or Tony Lemons at 736-1993.

**La Leche League International**, meets third Wednesdays, 7 p.m., at the Church of the Good Shepherd Nursery, 639 Edgewater Drive, Dunedin. All breastfeeding mothers welcome. Email [subiewon@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:subiewon@tampabay.rr.com).

**Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4364**, meets first Mondays, 7 p.m., at the post, 5773 62nd St. N., St. Petersburg. Call 546-5525.

**Largo Bible Study Meetup Group**, meets Sundays, 11 a.m., at the Hampton Inn, 100 East Bay Drive, Theatre B, Largo. Verse-by-verse Bible study and coffee. Sponsored by West Bay Community Church. Call 687-1318 or email [StudyTheBible@verizon.net](mailto:StudyTheBible@verizon.net).

**Ladies Coffee Club**, meets last Fridays, 8 a.m., at the Sun Trust Building, 601 Cleveland St. Call 462-2308 or email [alice\\_looney@ml.com](mailto:alice_looney@ml.com).

**Largo Founding Group**, meets Mondays at 8:30 a.m., at Acropolis Family Restaurant, 1170 Starkey Road. Call Nancy Giles at 776-9888.

**Largo Historical Society**, meets second Mondays, 6:30 p.m., at the Historic Largo Feed Store, Largo, Central Park Drive. The club has a potluck dinner and speakers discuss historical topics. Anybody interested in the history of Largo and the surrounding area is invited. Guests are asked to bring a main dish, vegetable and dessert to share, plus their own place setting. Call Marilyn at 581-0111.

**Lions Clubs:**  
 • Clearwater noon meets the first and third Tuesdays, 11:45 a.m. Call 386-5161.

• Clearwater evening meets the first and third Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., Golden Coin Restaurant, 1844 N. Highland Ave. Call 216-3759.

• Largo meets on the first and third Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., at Thrifty Marlin, 351 W. Bay Drive. Call 586-4344.

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## Looking Ahead

### Clearwater

• **"Last of the Red Hot Lovers,"** by Neil Simon, presented by Early Bird Dinner Theatre, through Sept. 4, at the Italian-American Club, 200 S. McMullen Booth Road. Seating for performances is Thursday through Sunday, 4 p.m. Seating for matinees is Thursday and Saturday, 11 a.m. Cost is \$29.90 a person. For reservations, call 446-5898. Visit [www.earlybirddinnertheatre.com](http://www.earlybirddinnertheatre.com). Middle-aged and married, overworked and overweight, Barney Cashman wants to join the sexual revolution before it's too late and arranges three seductions: the first, Elaine Navazio proves to be a foul-mouthed bundle of neuroses; Bobbi Michele is next, a 20-ish actress who's too kooky by half; and finally comes September and Jeanette Fisher, a gloomy, depressed housewife who happens to be married to Barney's best friend.

• **Art exhibit,** through Aug. 28, at Clearwater Main Library, 100 N. Osceola Ave. The exhibit features artwork by the Tampa Bay Surface Design Guild in the Osceola and Carnegie galleries. Surface design is the coloring, patterning, structuring and transformation of fabric, fiber and other materials. The purpose of the guild is to increase community awareness of surface design and its value. As a group, they exchange information on such creative processes as dyeing, painting, printing, stitching, embellishing, quilting, weaving, knitting, felting, beading, basket making, polymer clay, crochet and papermaking. For information about the design guild, visit [www.surface designguild.com](http://www.surface designguild.com). The exhibits are open Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Friday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Call 562-4970.

• **"Brighton Beach Memoirs,"** by Neil Simon, presented by Francis Wilson Playhouse, Aug. 11-21, at the playhouse, 302 Seminole St. Performances are Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m. Matinees are Sunday, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$21 for adults and \$11 for students. Call 446-1360 or visit [www.franciswilsonplayhouse.org](http://www.franciswilsonplayhouse.org). Simon's award-winning autobiographical 1983 comedy, set in Brooklyn in the 1940s, is heartwarming and nostalgic, chronicling young Eugene Jerome's inspiration as a playwright.

• **"The Constant Wife,"** by Somerset Maugham, presented by West Coast Players, Aug. 12-28, at West Coast Players Theatre, 21905 U.S. 19 N. Performances are Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. Matinees are Sunday, 2 p.m. Admission is \$18 for adults and \$15 for seniors and students. Call 437-2363 or visit [www.wcplayers.org](http://www.wcplayers.org). The wife of a top surgeon in London in 1928 is seemingly unaware of the affair between her husband and her friend. The play offers an examination of fidelity and trustfulness.

• **Shawn Colvin,** Friday, Aug. 12, 8 p.m., at Capitol Theatre, 405 Cleveland St. Tickets range from \$47 to \$67. Call 791-7400 or visit [www.atthecap.com](http://www.atthecap.com). In an era when female singer-songwriters are ever-more ubiquitous, Colvin stands out as a singular and enduring talent. The three-time Grammy winner has released nine albums to date, including the platinum "A Few Small Repairs" which featured the hit song "Sunny Came Home." Colvin's songs have been included in motion picture soundtracks and she has also made appearances in films, on television and on the stage. On her most recent studio album, "These Four Walls," released in 2006, she again paired with longtime collaborator John Leventhal, co-writing almost the entire album with him. The album also featured two covers, including the Bee Gees "Words" and Paul Westerberg's "Even As We Are." In 2009, Colvin released "Shawn Colvin Live," which captures the beauty and intimacy of her performances, showcasing her inimitable voice and matchless guitar stylings. The album was nominated for a Grammy Award in the category of Best Contemporary Folk Album.

• **"Blue Hawaii,"** Tuesday, Aug. 16, 7:30 p.m., at Capitol Theatre, 405 Cleveland St. Admission is \$6. Call 791-7400 or visit [www.atthecap.com](http://www.atthecap.com). Part of the Capitol Classic Film Series, Elvis comes to life on the screen as Chadwick Gates. Gates has just gotten out of the U.S. Army and is happy to be back in Hawaii with his surfboard, his beach buddies, and his girlfriend. His mother wants him to go to work at the Great Southern Hawaiian Fruit Company, but Chad is reluctant, so Chad goes to work as a tour guide at his girlfriend's agency. The movie features "Can't Help Falling in Love With You," "Rock-A-Hula" and Presley's version on the Bing Crosby hit "Blue Hawaii."

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Photo by WILSON WEBB

Aziz Ansari, left, and Jesse Eisenberg star in Columbia Pictures' "30 Minutes or Less."

## Opening this weekend

### Jesse Eisenberg stars in action-comedy '30 Minutes or Less'

Compiled by LEE CLARK ZUMPE

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

#### '30 Minutes or Less'

Genre: Comedy and crime  
Cast: Jesse Eisenberg, Aziz Ansari, Danny McBride, Nick Swardson and Michael Pena  
Director: Ruben Fleischer  
Rated: R

In the action-comedy "30 Minutes or Less," Nick (Jesse Eisenberg) is a small town pizza delivery guy whose mundane life collides with the big plans of two wanna-be criminal masterminds (Danny McBride and Nick Swardson).

The volatile duo kidnap Nick and forces him to rob a bank. With mere hours to pull off the impossible task, Nick enlists the help of his ex-best friend, Chet (Aziz Ansari). As the clock ticks, the two must deal with the police, hired assassins, flamethrowers and their own tumultuous relationship.

#### 'Final Destination 5'

Genre: Suspense and horror  
Cast: Emma Bell, Nicholas D'Agosto, Miles Fisher, Arlen Escarpeta and Jacqueline MacInnes-Wood  
Director: Steven Quale

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Emma Bell stars as Molly in New Line Cinema's horror film "Final Destination 5," a Warner Bros. Pictures release.

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# Movie review

## Serkis' performance dominates 'Rise of the Planet of the Apes'

Much like J.J. Abrams' film "Star Trek," "Rise of the Planet of the Apes" resurrects and regenerates a classic science fiction saga, delivering a surprisingly entertaining prequel and the potential for a new series of films.

Directed by Rupert Wyatt, "Rise of the Planet of the Apes" is set in modern San Francisco. As the story opens, the focus is on Will Rodman, a lead scientist at a pharmaceutical company, who is working on a cure for Alzheimer's disease. Apes are used to test the experimental ALZ 112 treatment in the laboratory. One female chimpanzee, nicknamed "Bright Eyes," shows remarkable intellectual improvement after receiving ALZ 112, prompting Will to request approval for human trial.

Early in the film, a misunderstanding brings a premature and violent end to the program, and Steve Jacobs - Will's greedy, cold-hearted boss - demands that Robert Franklin, the senior ape caretaker, dispose of all the apes involved in the program.

One ape survives, however: It is discovered that Bright Eyes had given birth while in captivity in the lab. Having already put down all the apes in the lab, Robert refuses to administer a

lethal injection. Will reluctantly agrees to take the baby chimpanzee home.

From here, Wyatt interweaves two storylines: One of the baby chimpanzee, Caesar, who has inherited advanced intelligence from his mother; and the other of Charles Rodman, Will's father, who is afflicted with Alzheimer's disease. Years pass, and as Caesar progresses, Charles deteriorates - at least until Will steals ALZ 112 and uses it to treat his father's disease.

Later, when Caesar attacks one of Will's neighbors to protect Charles, authorities confiscate him and banish him in a primate sanctuary - a metaphorical prison complete with a cruel and corrupt warden and a brutal, inhuman prison guard.

Like Abrams' re-imagining of the Star Trek franchise, "Rise of the Planet of the Apes" does not fit snugly into the continuity of the original series - instead, it allows for new concepts to mingle with the more traditional themes.

The first film in the franchise, 1968's "Planet of the Apes," is perhaps the best known of the entire series. Starring Charlton Heston as the human astronaut Taylor and Roddy McDowall as



**Reel Time**  
Lee Clark Zumpe

the chimpanzee archaeologist and historian Cornelius, the film was based on the 1963 novel "La planète des singes" by Pierre Boulle.

"Rise of the Planet of the Apes" shares a similar premise with the fourth film in the original series, 1972's "Conquest of the Planet of the Apes." Directed by J. Lee Thompson, the film depicts a dystopian future in which domesticated apes have become slave labor. Caesar, an intelligent chimpanzee from the future, leads the enslaved population in an armed rebellion.

While Wyatt plays down sociopolitical themes in his reboot of the franchise, "Rise of the Planet of the Apes" isn't devoid of ethical significance. Wyatt clearly questions the mistreatment of animals as test subjects and suggests the consequences of genetic engineering may be dire. Those points, however, are implied: Wyatt is never guilty of preaching in "Rise of the Planet of the Apes."

Andy Serkis breathes life into Caesar. Serkis successfully communicates Caesar's evolving sense of self. The audience feels his loneliness as a child protégé; his anguish as an outcast; his bitterness as a victimized inmate. The film is built around Caesar's ascendancy, and Serkis absolutely thrives in this role.

James Franco is underwhelming as Will. Franco fails to make the character interesting, likable or consistent. Freida Pinto is cast as his love interest Caroline Aranha. Neither the script nor the performances imbue this relationship with enough vigor to make it believable.

John Lithgow gives a much more compelling performance as Charles, highlighting the torment of Alzheimer's disease convincingly.

Poor Tom Felton - who played the spoiled snob Draco Malfoy in the Harry Potter franchise - plays another miscreant here. Felton sure knows how to fill an audience with loathing - and his portrayal makes the CGI apes which he abuses appear that much more civilized in comparison.

Serkis' award-worthy performance combined with breathtaking special effects, performance -cap-

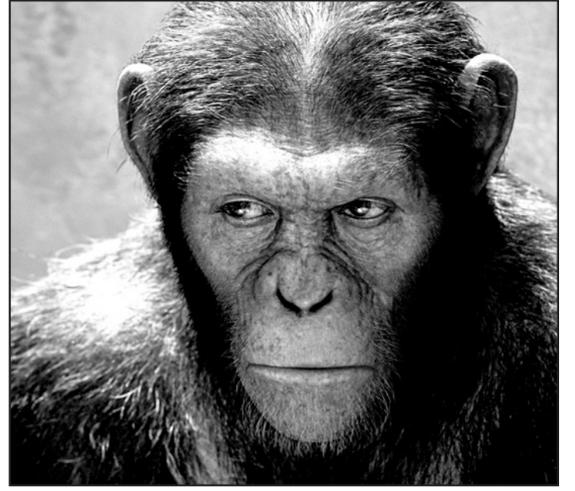


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In Caesar, Academy Award-winning visual effects house WETA Digital has created a CG character of unprecedented emotion and intelligence, for the film "Rise of the Planet of the Apes."

ture technology and a thought-provoking story allow Wyatt to induce such sympathy for the oppressed simians that audiences find themselves rooting for apes by the time "Rise of the Planet of the Apes" rises to its inevitable crescendo. The last pulse-pounding 30 minutes of the film are as visually breathtaking as they are unsettling and downright scary.

Wyatt also cleverly plants plot seeds throughout the film, anticipating a franchise renaissance.

"Rise of the Planet of the Apes" leaves audiences primed for a string of sequels.

### Quick facts

Film: "Rise of the Planet of the Apes"  
Cast: James Franco, Andy Serkis, Freida Pinto, John Lithgow, Brian Cox, Tom Felton, David Oyelowo and Tyler Labine  
Director: Rupert Wyatt  
Release date: Aug. 5, 2011  
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Runtime: 110 minutes

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## Crossword

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- Across**
- Hamlet's father, e.g.
  - Make secret
  - Footman
  - Rotten
  - Toadstool genus
  - Ascending
  - Baffled (2 wd)
  - Asperity
  - Roman seven
  - "Cool!"
  - Kind of drive
  - King or queen, e.g.
  - "Wheels"
  - Takes off
  - Copenhagens
  - "Hamlet" setting
  - Ability
  - Movie audience
  - Devotes
  - Disturbance
  - Pang
  - Aware, with "in"
  - A pint, maybe
  - Beat badly
  - Macbeth, for one
  - Brews
  - "Go on ..."
  - Mariner's aid
  - Culture medium (pl.)
  - Not one or the other
  - Son of Spanish king
  - Agitated
  - Upper chamber of heart
  - Allergic reaction
  - Scrawny
  - Relating to rump muscles
  - Hungarian horseman
  - Attack
  - Gull-like bird
  - \_\_\_ el Amarna, Egypt
  - Erasable read-only memory chip
  - Black, as la nuit
  - Alliance that includes Ukr. (acronym)
  - Igneous rock mineral
  - Resident
  - Most provocative
  - Napoleon's country
  - Either end of square sail support
  - Asian starch (pl.)
  - Atypical
  - Loses heat
  - Chip dip
  - Insinuating
  - Challenged
  - "Otherwise..." (2 wd)
  - Giggle
  - Prickly pear, for one
  - Wisps of hair
  - Call a radio station, e.g. (2 wd)
  - Learned
  - Short window drapery
  - Perceptively
  - Rent payer
  - Circumspect
  - "So \_\_\_!"
  - "Encore!"
  - At the home of
  - \_\_\_-American
  - Not just "a"
  - Center

## Sudoku

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## Sudoku answers from last week

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## Crossword answers from last week

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## Horoscopes

### August 11, 2011

**Capricorn**  
December 22 - January 19  
Moments with that special someone become rare with summer activities kicking into gear. Relish what time you do have together and work to make it special, Capricorn.

**Aquarius**  
January 20 - February 18  
You're not one to complain, but you have reason, so go ahead and pitch a fit, Aquarius. That is the only way you are going to get people's attention.

**Pisces**  
February 19 - March 20  
You've put off a chore at home long enough, Pisces. Gather the troops and make quick work of it. A shortage of funds calls for some clever planning.

**Aries**  
March 21 - April 19  
Your home bristles with activity with the arrival of houseguests. Keep the good times going with fun outings, Aries. A deadline is extended at work.

**Taurus**  
April 20 - May 20  
Your to-do list at work dwindles with strategic planning. A breakdown in communication gets tempers flaring at home. Do your best to set things right, Taurus.

**Gemini**  
May 21 - June 21  
A relative makes good on their promise. Show your appreciation with a small gift, Gemini. A truce is reached among friends. Bring everyone over to celebrate.

**Cancer**  
June 22 - July 22  
Get ready to fire up the grill, Cancer. Friends and family are clamoring for a get-together and you're just the one to host it. A mission in organization is accomplished.

**Leo**  
July 23 - August 22  
Changes in diet prove not enough to reach a goal. Consult a professional for further advice, Leo. More free time at home allows for the start of a project.

**Virgo**  
August 23 - September 22  
The waiting is torturous, but it will soon be over, and you'll love the outcome, Virgo. A kitchen experiment tickles the taste buds of the choosiest.

**Libra**  
September 23 - October 22  
Cash flows increase, paving the way for an addition. You have that special someone to thank, Libra. A second look at an account uncovers potential.

**Scorpio**  
October 23 - November 21  
Airing your dirty laundry in public is not your style, Scorpio. However, that's the only way you're going to motivate a relative to make a change for the better.

**Sagittarius**  
November 22 - December 21  
While the evidence may say otherwise, you should continue to support a friend. Something is amiss, Sagittarius, and they are not at fault.

**LOOKING AHEAD, from page 1B**

• **Alison Krauss and Union Station** featuring Jerry Douglas, Sunday, Aug. 21, 7 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road. Tickets range from \$45 to \$125. Call 791-7400 or visit [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com). Krauss and Union Station will bring the Paper Airplane Summer Tour 2011 to the Tampa Bay area following the April 12 release of the new album "Paper Airplane" from Rounder Records. A truly breathtaking collection of 11 exquisite songs, "Paper Airplane" is Krauss' 14th album and the band's follow-up to 2004's triple Grammy winning "Lonely Runs Both Ways." It is Krauss' first release since her 2007 internationally acclaimed, multi-platinum collaboration with Robert Plant, "Raising Sand," which won six Grammys including Record Of The Year and Album Of The Year.

• **"High Noon,"** Tuesday, Aug. 23, 7:30 p.m., at Capitol Theatre, 405 Cleveland St. Admission is \$6. Call 791-7400 or visit [www.atthecap.com](http://www.atthecap.com). Part of the Capitol Classic Film Series, the film stars Gary Cooper, Lloyd Bridges and Grace Kelly. Lawman Will Kane is told that a man he sent to prison years before, Frank Miller, is returning on the noon train to exact his revenge. Having initially decided to leave with his new spouse, Will decides he must go back and face Miller. However, when he seeks the help of the townspeople he has protected for so long, they turn their backs on him. It seems Kane may have to face Miller alone, as well as the rest of Miller's gang, who are waiting for him at the station.

• **Hippiefest,** Saturday, Aug. 27, 7 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road. Tickets range from \$39 to \$75. Call 791-7400 or visit [www.ruth EckerdHall.com](http://www.ruth EckerdHall.com). The annual concert event celebrates the music of the era and the lifestyle revolution it represented. This summer will mark the sixth year of Hippiefest which showcases artists who first achieved stature in the decade that expressed peace, love and happiness. This year's lineup will include Dave Mason (Traffic), Mark Farner (formerly of Grand Funk Railroad), Rick Derringer, Felix Cavaliere's Rascals and Gary Wright. Music-lover can expect to hear hits such as "Feel'n Alright," "We Just Disagree," "I'm Your Captain (Closer to Home)," "We're An American Band," "Some Kind of Wonderful," "Rock and Roll, Hoochie Koo," "Good Lovin'," "Groovin'," and "Dream Weaver." Ruth Eckerd Hall also will host a Hippiefest marketplace offering beads, tie dyes and other iconic reminders of Woodstock, San Francisco and a generation that brought a whole new outlook to life. The marketplace will open at 5 p.m.

• **"The Shootist,"** Tuesday, Aug. 30, 7:30 p.m., at Capitol Theatre, 405 Cleveland St. Admission is \$6. Call 791-7400 or visit [www.atthecap.com](http://www.atthecap.com). Part of the Capitol Classic Film Series, "The Shootist" was John Wayne's last feature length film. Wayne plays a career gunfighter in the autumn of his life, trying to hang up his pistols after he discovers he's dying of cancer. Boarding in the house of an attractive widow and her son, Wayne's character opts for peace in his final days but is dogged by his reputation when a handful of killers seek him out for a final fight.

• **Rick Springfield** with special guest Starship featuring Mickey Thomas, Saturday, Sept. 3, 7:30 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road. Tickets range from \$49.75 to \$100. Call 791-7400 or visit [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com). The Grammy Award will be performing hit songs including "Jessie's Girl," "I've Done Everything For You," "Don't Talk to Strangers," "Affair of the Heart" and "Love Somebody." The Australian born singer/actor is man of many talents. Not only is he an accomplished musician who has sold more than 20 million albums and actor, he can now add published author to his resume. His personal memoir "Late, Late at Night," released late last year, was

a New York Times bestseller. Springfield's debut single, "Speak to the Sky," was major pop hit and reached No. 14 on the Billboard charts. His debut album "Beginnings" was the first of seven albums to chart top 40 or better on the U.S. album charts. His 1981 album, "Working Class Dog," included the Top 10 hit songs "I've Done Everything For You" and "Jessie's Girl," which peaked at No. 1 on the Billboard charts and achieved worldwide success. Starship also will perform. Thomas is currently celebrating his 30th anniversary with Starship. Since he joined Jefferson Starship as lead vocalist, the band has scored hits with "Jane," "No Way Out," "We Built This City" and "Sara." Starship has revamped their show with an expanded set list that includes the multi-platinum hits of Jefferson Airplane, Jefferson Starship and Starship.

• **"Breakfast at Tiffany's,"** Tuesday, Sept. 6, 7:30 p.m., at Capitol Theatre, 405 Cleveland St. Admission is \$6. Call 791-7400 or visit [www.atthecap.com](http://www.atthecap.com). Part of the Capitol Classic Film Series and starring Audrey Hepburn and George Peppard, "Breakfast at Tiffany's" is the quintessential romantic comedy, setting the standard to which others in the genre are compared. The story follows Holly Golightly who fascinates struggling writer and neighbor Paul Varjak in New York City. At parties she is sexy and sophisticated, but when the two are alone she is a vulnerable bundle of neuroses. Hepburn's portrayal of Holly Golightly as the naive, eccentric cafe society girl is generally considered to be the actress' most memorable and identifiable role. Hepburn's performance of Moon River helped composer Henry Mancini and lyricist Johnny Mercer win an Oscar for Best Song.

• **"Leading Ladies,"** by Ken Ludwig, presented by Early Bird Dinner Theatre, Sept. 8 through Oct. 30, at the Italian-American Club, 200 S. McMullen Booth Road. Seating for performances is Thursday through Sunday, 4 p.m. Seating for matinees is Thursday and Saturday, 11 a.m. Cost is \$29.90 a person. For reservations, call 446-5898. Visit [www.earlybirddinnertheatre.com](http://www.earlybirddinnertheatre.com). Set in the 1950s, two English actors, Jack and Leo, find their careers in a rut. They are currently performing "Scenes from Shakespeare" on the Moose Lodge circuit in the Amish country of Pennsylvania when they hear that an old lady in York, Penn., is about to die and leave her fortune to her two long lost English nephews. Jack and Leo resolve to pass themselves off as her beloved relatives and get the cash.

• **Shaquille O'Neal's All-Star Comedy Jam Tour,** Saturday, Sept. 10, 8 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road. Tickets range from \$39.50 to \$49.50. Call 791-7400 or visit [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com). The tour will bring many of the hilarious comedians presented at Shaq's All-star Comedy Jams shot during NBA All-star Weekends over the last three years. These highly rated television specials have aired annually since 2009. The lineup may also include comedians such as Aries Spears, Corey Holcomb, Tommy Davidson, Capone, Gary Owen and Tony Roberts. The tour also will be filmed live for a reality show called "All-Star Comedy Jam Backstage Pass." The filming of the show will be produced and distributed by Codeblack Entertainment. In the last four years, Shaq Entertainment has launched the highly successful All-Star Comedy Jam

brand, producing several television specials, a highly successful DVD series and also helped catapult comedian Kevin Hart into the national spotlight.

**Dunedin**

• **Second Friday Wine and Art Walk,** Friday, Aug. 12, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Pioneer Park, at the intersection of Main Street and Douglas Avenue. The monthly event features more than 30 participating merchants. Attendees can purchase a \$10 wristband enabling them to participate in discounts and giveaways as well as a drawing. Some merchants will have wine tastings, art exhibits, food and entertainment. For information, visit [www.delightfuldunedin.com](http://www.delightfuldunedin.com).

• **Wearable ART Fashion Show,** Saturday, Aug. 13, 7:30 p.m., at the Dunedin Fine Art Center, 1143 Michigan Blvd. Tickets are \$15 general admission and \$35 to \$75 for reserved seating. Call 298-3322 or visit [www.dfac.org](http://www.dfac.org). This annual event showcases a growing contingent of artists working in fashion related ways. It will continue that tradition in its seventh year featuring an exciting new collaboration with local artistic legend Rocky Bridges and his wife Kathleen Bridges, as well as work by Johnny Hunt, Ivan, Monica Londono, Kaitlyn Lynch, Leah Pecoraro, Joshua Veasey and Rogerio Martins. The runway show will begin at 9 p.m. with an after-party to follow.

**Largo**

• **ZOSO,** Friday, Aug. 12, 8 p.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive. Tickets are \$22 in advance or \$27 the day of the show. Call 587-6793. Billed as the Ultimate Led Zeppelin Experience, ZOSO was formed in 1995 to create the most mesmerizing and accurate portrayal of the biggest band of the 1970's: Led Zeppelin. Named "Best Tribute Act in California" by Rock City News, ZOSO covers all of Led Zeppelin's hits such as "Stairway to Heaven," "Heartbreaker," "Rock n Roll," "Black Dog" and "Kashmir."

• **Mama Mia...It's Almost ABBA,** a tribute to ABBA Music, Saturday, Aug. 13, 8 p.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive. Tickets are \$22 in advance or \$27 the day of the show. Call 587-6793. This tribute band recreates the music of Swedish pop sensation ABBA, performing songs such as "S.O.S.," "Fernando," "Dancing Queen" and "The Name of the Game." This six-piece, fully costumed and choreographed show was the first Canadian tribute to ABBA. Since then, members of the group have toured internationally throughout 11 countries at casinos, resorts, theaters and stadiums and on cruise ships.

• **Fourth Saturday Car Show Series,** sponsored by Imperial Palms Apartments, Saturday, Aug. 27, 5 to 7 p.m., at Largo Community Center, 400 Alt.

Keene Road. Attendees will have an opportunity to see some of the area's most impressive hot rods and classic cars at the car show. Cars of all ages are welcome. Entry fee is \$10 a car and prizes for best in show will be awarded for each decade. Spectator entry is free. All ages are welcome. Call 518-3131 or visit [LargoCommunityCenter.com](http://LargoCommunityCenter.com).

• **"Camelot,"** with book and lyrics by Alan Jay Lerner and music by Frederick Loewe, presented by Eight O'Clock Theatre, Sept. 9-18, at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive. Performances are Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m. Matinees are Sunday, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$12 for students age 19 and younger with identification. Call 587-6793 or visit [www.eightoclocktheatre.com](http://www.eightoclocktheatre.com). This musical takes audiences inside the legend of King Arthur and the knights of the round table. Arthur's dream of creating a utopian kingdom is complicated by love for his new Queen, Guenevere, and friendship with his favorite knight, Lancelot. The story of passion, chivalry and betrayal has a gorgeous score that includes "If Ever I Would Leave You," "What Do the Simple Folk Do?" and "Camelot."

• **Fourth Saturday Car Show Series,** sponsored by Imperial Palms Apartments, Saturday, Sept. 24, 5 to 7 p.m., at Largo Community Center, 400 Alt. Keene Road. Attendees will have an opportunity to see some of the area's most impressive hot rods and classic cars at the car show. Cars of all ages are welcome. Entry fee is \$10 a car and prizes for best in show will be awarded for each decade. The Clear Water BlueGrass Revue will perform. Spectator entry is free. All ages are welcome. Call 518-3131 or visit [LargoCommunityCenter.com](http://LargoCommunityCenter.com).

• **"Mister Roberts,"** by Thomas Heggen and Joshua Logan, presented by Eight O'Clock Theatre, Nov. 4-13, at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive. Performances are Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m. Matinees are Sunday, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$12 for students age 19 and younger with identification. Call 587-6793 or visit [www.eightoclocktheatre.com](http://www.eightoclocktheatre.com). One of the more enduring plays to emerge from the World War II era, "Mister Roberts" shows, with a light touch, a side of war that is often forgotten - not the excitement or the heroism of battle, but the boredom of the men assigned to less glamorous work, where one's enemies are as often as not the officers who hold power over them, rather than the soldiers or sailors of the opposing forces.

• **Peace Frog,** Saturday, Dec. 10, 8 p.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive. Tickets are \$24 in advance and \$29 the day of the show. Call 587-6793 or visit [largoarts.com](http://largoarts.com). Peace Frog, the ultimate Doors tribute band, recreates the primal, poetic atmosphere of a vintage Doors

concert. The band also will celebrate the first anniversary of Morrison's pardon requested by Governor Charlie Crist. Crist suggested the possibility of a posthumous pardon for Morrison, which was approved unanimously by the state clemency board on Dec. 9, 2010.

• **"Funny Girl,"** with book by Isobel Lannart, music by Jule Styne and lyrics by Bob Merrill; presented by Eight O'Clock Theatre, Feb. 24 through March 11, 2012, at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive. Performances are Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m. Matinees are Sunday, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$12 for students age 19 and younger with identification. Call 587-6793 or visit [www.eightoclocktheatre.com](http://www.eightoclocktheatre.com). "Funny Girl" is the semi-autobiographical tale of Fanny Brice's meteoric rise to fame and her stormy relationship with Nick Arnstein, a wealthy and charming gambler. From her start as a gawky Brooklyn teen fast-talking her way into show business to becoming the toast of New York to the unraveling of her personal life, "Funny Girl" is a stunning, richly told tour de force about one of Broadway's biggest stars.

• **"Broadway's Best,"** presented by Eight O'Clock Theatre, May 4-13, 2012, at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive. Performances are Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m. Matinees are Sunday, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$12 for students age 19 and younger with identification. Call 587-6793 or visit [www.eightoclocktheatre.com](http://www.eightoclocktheatre.com). The well-known dynamic creative team of Rocco Morabito (director) and Ronnie DeMarco (choreographer) have designed their dream show: a revue combining favorite ballads, laments and show-stoppers from Broadway's best. The lineup includes gems from musicals such as "Cabaret," "Chicago," "A Chorus Line," "Damn Yankees," "Gypsy," "Godspell," "Guys & Dolls" and "Mame."

• **"Nonsense II,"** with book, music and lyrics by Dan Goggin; presented by Eight O'Clock Theatre, July 13-20, 2012, at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive. Performances are Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m. Matinees are Sunday, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$12 for students age 19 and younger with identification. Call 587-6793 or visit [www.eightoclocktheatre.com](http://www.eightoclocktheatre.com). This sequel takes place six weeks after the Little Sisters of Hoboken's first benefit show, and now they are back with a big Thank You show. They're a bit slicker, having been "bitten by the theater bug." Things get to off to a rousing start, and before long chaos erupts. Two Franciscans come to claim Sister Mary Amnesia (who

has won the Publishers' Clearing House Sweepstakes). The nuns hear that a talent scout is in the audience.

**Palm Harbor**

• **"My Big Fat Italian Funeral,"** Friday, Aug. 26, 6 to 10 p.m., at the Harbor Hall, 1190 Georgia Ave. Presented by the Greater Palm Harbor Chamber of Commerce, this murder-mystery dinner theater will be an interactive event, produced by Murder She Wrote Inc. The production will feature audience participation with selected guests joining a cast of characters. The dinner will be catered by Carrabba's Italian Grill. Cost is \$35 a person. Advance reservations are required. Call 784-4287.

**Pinellas Park**

• **Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ Performance,** Tuesday, Aug. 16, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the City Auditorium, 7690 59th St. N. The free concert offers attendees an opportunity to relive the golden years of theater as lovely melodies are played on the Mighty Wurlitzer Theatre Organ. The organ, lovingly restored by the Central Florida Theatre Organ Society, creates the sound of a full orchestra including a variety of percussion instruments and a bevy of sound effects. Attendees may bring a lunch and enjoy the show.

• **Bobby Tess and the Dixie Chaps,** Thursday, Aug. 18, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m., at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd. The concert is presented by the Suncoast Dixieland Jazz Society. Admission is \$5. For information, call 397-1875.

• **Opera,** Broadway and Italian songs in the Park, Saturday, Aug. 20, 7 p.m., at Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center, 4951 78th Ave. N. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Presented by the Matinee Opera Players, the free show will feature solos, duets, trios and other ensemble configurations presented in two acts and divided by an intermission. A narrator will provide a brief description of each rendition.

• **Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ Performance,** Tuesdays, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov 15 and Dec. 20, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the City Auditorium, 7690 59th St. N. The free concert offers attendees an opportunity to relive the golden years of theater as lovely melodies are played on the Mighty Wurlitzer Theatre Organ. The organ, lovingly restored by the Central Florida Theatre Organ Society, creates the sound of a full orchestra including a variety of percussion instruments and a bevy of sound effects. Attendees may bring a lunch and enjoy the show.

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# Shawn Colvin performs at Capitol

By LEE CLARK ZUMPE

CLEARWATER - Shawn Colvin takes the stage Friday, Aug. 12, 8 p.m., at Capitol Theatre, 405 Cleveland St. Tickets range from \$47 to \$67. Call 791-7400 or visit [www.atthe-cap.com](http://www.atthe-cap.com).

Since 1989, the singer-songwriter has released nine albums and earned nearly a dozen Grammy nominations. She has walked away with three Grammy Awards to date, including a win in 1991 for "Steady On" in the Best Contemporary Folk Album category; and two nods in 1998 for "Sunny Came Home," in both the Record of the Year and Song of the Year categories.

Colvin was born in Vermillion, S.D. and relocated to a small-town community - the university town of Carbondale, Ill. - at age 8. By age 10, she found herself drawn to the guitar. She was playing gigs at the University of Illinois at age 15.

In Austin, Texas, Colvin formed a western swing band in the late 1970s before moving to New York to join the Buddy Miller Band. She continued to flutter around the fringes of the spotlight until meeting producer, guitarist, and co-writer John Leventhal. According to a biography provided by Paradigm Talent Agency, Leventhal inspired Colvin to find her own voice as a songwriter.

After honing her skills, Colvin signed to Columbia Records and recorded her debut album, "Steady On," in 1989. The album earned Colvin her first Grammy Award.

Colvin followed up with "Fat City" (1992) and "Cover Girl" (1994). While she had already won critical acclaim, the artist's first taste of commercial success came in 1996 when she released her breakthrough "A Few Small Repairs" album. The album featured the murder-ballad "Sunny Came Home" which reached No. 7 on the Billboard Hot 100 in the United States. The song also won two of Grammy Awards.

"Holiday Songs and Lullabies," released in 1998, was recorded while Colvin was pregnant with her daughter Caledonia. The 2001 release "Whole New You" and the 2004 greatest hits compilation "Polaroids" proved to be Colvin's final releases through Columbia.

For 2004's "These Four Walls," Colvin migrated to Nonesuch Records, owned by Warner Music Group. Her debut on the label received praise from fans and critics alike.

According to Michael Hill, writing for Nonesuch Records, the first song Colvin completed for "These Four Walls" was "Summer Dress." The song "opens with Colvin singing over the austere strum of a lone acoustic guitar, then builds into a lilting folk-rock arrangement." Colvin's inspired performance exhibits both self-assurance and vulnerability. The album highlights shared experiences and universal epiphanies, connecting with listeners in a way that feels familiar and confidential.

"I've been doing this a long time," Colvin said on the Nonesuch Records website when the album was first released. "It's great to feel like I'm doing my best work now."

Colvin's most recent release, 2009's "Shawn Colvin Live," was recorded in 2008 during a special three-night solo engagement at Yoshi's, a well-known San Francisco jazz club. The collection showcases 12 songs written or co-written by Colvin, as well as covers of songs by other artists. Listeners will find covers of Robbie Robertson's "Twilight" and Gnarl's Barkley's "Crazy" as well as a version of Talking Heads' "This Must Be the Place."

The album was nominated for a Grammy Award for Best Contemporary Folk Recording.

The Capitol Theatre provides the perfect setting for a Colvin concert. This singer-songwriter is at heart a storyteller, and the intimate and comfortable theater offers a suitable atmosphere in which her lyrics can truly resonate.

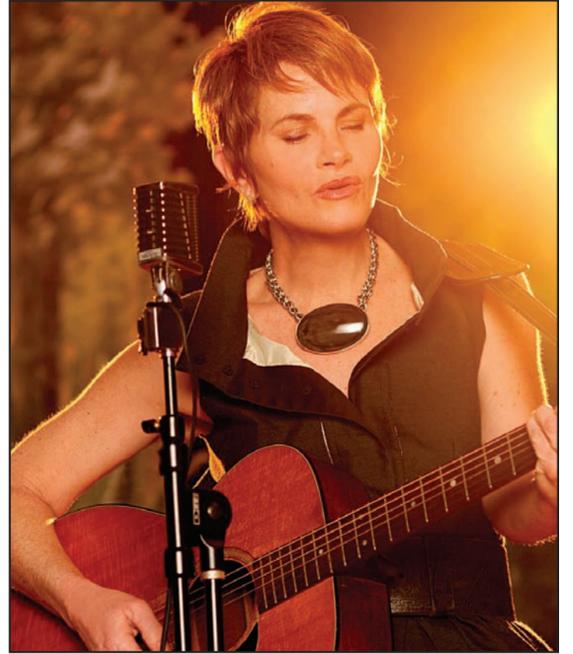


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Clearwater's Capitol Theatre welcomes singer-songwriter Shawn Colvin Aug. 12.

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Rated: R  
"No matter where you run, no matter where you hide ... you can't cheat death."

In "Final Destination 5," Death is just as omnipresent as ever, and is unleashed after one man's premonition saves a group of coworkers from a terrifying suspension bridge collapse. But this group of unsuspecting souls was never supposed to survive, and, in a terrifying race against time, the ill-fated group frantically tries to discover a way to escape Death's sinister agenda.

**'The Help'**

Genre: Drama  
Cast: Viola Davis, Emma Stone, Bryce Dallas Howard, Octavia Spencer and Chris Lowell  
Director: Tate Taylor  
Rated: PG-13

Based on one of the most talked about books in years and a No. 1 New York Times best-selling phenomenon, "The Help" stars Emma Stone as Skeeter, Academy Award-nominated Viola Davis as Aibileen and Octavia Spencer as Minny - three very different, extraordinary women in Mississippi during the 1960s, who build an unlikely friendship around a secret writing project that breaks societal rules and

puts them all at risk. From their improbable alliance a remarkable sisterhood emerges, stilling all of them with the courage to transcend the lines that define them, and the realization that sometimes those lines are made to be crossed - even if it means bringing everyone in town face-to-face with the changing times.

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

**'Senna'**

Genre: Documentary and biopic  
Cast: Alain Prost, Ron Dennis, Gerhard Berger, Nelson Piquet  
Director: Asif Kapadia  
Rated: PG-13  
Spanning his years as a Formula One racing driver from 1984 to his untimely death a decade later, "Senna" explores the life and work of Ayrton Senna, the triple world champion, his physical and spiritual achievements on the track, his quest for perfection and the mythical status he has since attained.

For more movie news including what's playing at local theaters, trailers and an opportunity to purchase tickets online, visit [www.TBNweekly.com](http://www.TBNweekly.com). Click on the "Movie News & Reviews" link on the left-side menu.



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Ayrton Senna is the subject of Asif Kapadia's new film, "Senna."

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