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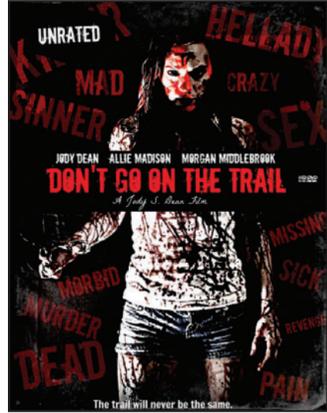


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Oktoberfest set for First Friday

First Friday Largo features Oktoberfest, Oct. 5, 6 to 11 p.m., at First Avenue Southwest and the Clearwater-Largo Road. Entertainment features the Deutschmeister Blas Band, 6 to 9 p.m. and Jus' Jeff, 9 to 11 p.m. The event includes food and drinks, street performers and several vendors. The event is sponsored by O'Shy's Tap House, 80 Clearwater-Largo Road. Call 588-4444.

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City OKs fee reprieve for businesses

Commission OKs moratorium on temporary event application permit fees

By TOM GERMOND

LARGO - City commissioners Oct. 2 approved a moratorium on the \$75 temporary event permit application fees in November for businesses that plan to have sidewalk sales, tent sales and other shopping-related events. The intent is to create awareness of the impact local businesses have on the quality of life in the city. In general for every \$1,000 spent at a local owned business, \$68 stays in the local economy, city officials said. The request is in conjunction with the city recognizing November as "Largo Small Business Month." Last year the city participated in the national Small

Business Saturday event, proclaiming Nov. 21 through Nov. 28 as "Largo Small Business Week." Staff is also hosting a free business workshop with the Central Pinellas Chamber of Commerce at the Largo Public Library Wednesday, Nov. 7, 8 a.m. Although city officials will waive temporary permit fees for businesses, large and small, they still will be required to submit the temporary event application for the city to review for safety purposes. City Economic Development Manager Teresa Brydon said the city has a bi-monthly e-newsletter it distributes to the business community that it plans to use to get the word out. She also said city officials will work with news-

papers, community organizations and business groups it has relationships with to publicize the event. Commissioner Curtis Holmes said "when we are looking at saving small business \$75 on a fee like this, I think we should take a larger approach and look at the impact the city has on small businesses." He was referring to the city's requirement that businesses' pole signs be replaced with monument signs before June 2017. "This is a good idea, I have no objection to it, but in the scheme of things, this is chump change," Holmes said. Nevertheless, he voted along with the rest of the commission to support the moratorium.

Packers stay undefeated



In the photo left, Largo quarterback Juwan Brown (10) breaks loose for a gain as East Lake's John Lepper (80) pursues during a high school football game at East Lake Sept. 28. Largo stayed undefeated with a 40-10 victory. The Packers return to play Oct. 5 at home against Dixie Hollins. In the photo right Largo's running back Jarvis Stewart runs the ball into the end zone for a touchdown.



Photos by JAY RICHMOND

Candidates speak out on Largo issues

By BRIAN GOFF

LARGO - What is the single most pressing issue that you would deal with if elected? That question was asked of the two candidates vying for Largo's Commission Seat 4, the only seat being contested in the Nov. 6 election. Candidate James Robinson replied that he would restore staffing levels throughout the city, but most particularly in the police and fire departments. "Those departments are undermanned," he said. "We need to bring the staff back; we need it for safety first." Candidate Robert Hunsicker said his most pressing issue is also part of his election campaign. "I have promised the residents of the Paradise Island Mobile Home Park to find out why they have had to put up with the smell of sewer gas for a dozen years," he said. "The city has ignored their pleas for too long." Hunsicker is a 25-year resident of Largo and describes himself as a semi-retired electrical engineer. Robinson is the manager of the Largo Feed Store. They faced off Sept. 26 at the Palms of Largo. The forum was sponsored by the Central Pinellas Chamber of Commerce.

Seat 4 is being vacated by longtime Commissioner Gigi Arntzen. Chamber President Tom Morrisette was the moderator of the event. Hunsicker lamented the manpower shortage in the city's Fire Department and pledged to have the manpower restored. "State regulations say there must be four firefighters on hand before they can enter a burning building," he said. "With only three firefighters on a truck they must now wait for back-up before they can effectively fight the fire." He also said he would work to upgrade the city's infrastructure, work to make Largo a more business friendly city, move to have the Southwest pool open for longer hours on the weekends. "Why aren't we selling the naming rights to some of our more prominent public buildings? Corporations get exposure, we get money and everybody is happy. It is a win-win," he said. Robinson is a 34-year Largo resident. He stressed that fact heavily in his opening remarks. "I grew up here," he said. "As the manager of a local business I feel I know the city well." He went on to say he intended to work to make Largo the best place to live and work.



Central Pinellas Chamber of Commerce President Tom Morrisette, left, hosts a candidate forum for Largo Commission Seat 4. Candidates are James Robinson, center, and Robert Hunsicker, right.

"I don't have any lofty political goals," he said. "I want to make our city have the best and ideal quality of life." Each candidate was asked in light of Largo's recent tax increase what they would cut if the economy and property values stayed down. Robinson said with the tax increase there should not be any need for more cuts. "But if more are needed, then the cuts should be spread around evenly among all city departments." Hunsicker said he would go into City Hall looking to become more efficient. "We should privatize the golf course so it makes money," he said. "Perhaps there

are some parks and rec fees that could be increased, but there should not be another tax increase." In response to a question about making the city more business friendly, Hunsicker said: "Government has got to get out of the way. Business has no warm and fuzzy feeling toward the city. New businesses have occasionally had their plans lost by the city. The Community Development Department should provide a mentor for each new business to shepherd them through the process so someone is responsible," he said.

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Elections office busy with registration, mail ballots

By SUZETTE PORTER

LARGO - Activities are heating up at Supervisor of Elections offices throughout Pinellas County ahead of the Nov. 6 general election. Supervisor of Elections Deborah Clark mailed more than 256,000 ballots to registered voters Oct. 2, in addition to the 2,986 shipped out Sept. 21 to absent military and overseas voters. Clark is advising residents that the 2012 ballot is four pages long and requires two ballot cards. Besides the federal, state and local candidate races, it includes 11 proposed state constitutional amendments and a

Pinellas County School District referendum. Clark encourages registered voters to request a mail ballot and avoid lines at the polls. Request a mail ballot by visiting www.votePinellas.com, calling 464-VOTE (8683), or email absentee@votePinellas.com. Be sure to include your date of birth. The Elections Office will send out additional mail ballot daily as requests are received. Daily ballot requests and ballot mailing updates are posted at www.votePinellas.com, look under the General Election Information link on the home page. Voter registration deadline is Oct. 9. The deadline to register for the Nov. 6 presidential

election is Tuesday, Oct. 9, and all new applications or party changes made by mail must be postmarked by that date. The Supervisor of Elections offers a variety of ways to register or make changes. Residents can register or update their voter information in person at any Supervisor of Elections Office, Tax Collector Office, public library, or government office handling social services. Applications also are available online at www.votePinellas.com. Click on the red Register to Vote

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Making movies

Local indie filmmaker set to release hardcore horror film

By LEE CLARK ZUMPE

Largo resident Jody S. Dean has been making ripples in the horror film world since he released a trailer for his upcoming film "Don't Go on the Trail" in June.

The self-taught indie filmmaker plans to release the movie on DVD on Oct. 31 - Halloween.

"Don't Go on the Trail" stars Allie Madison, Morgan Middlebrook and Dean. It was shot by Dean's own Sickafed Films LLC. Dean also wrote the screenplay, directed and produced the film.

Dean was born and raised in Largo.

"I love this area and really don't see myself moving anytime soon," he said in a recent interview.

Dean has long had an interest in creative endeavors.

"It is something I always wanted to do," he said. "I never knew I would be making my own movies one day by myself, I always thought I would do some acting in some movies or TV of someone's production - but making my own is just something I learned was possible in the last couple years."

It was around that time that Dean started writing short films, shooting trailers and doing skits.

"I had so much fun doing it, I knew this was something I wanted to do with the rest of my life," Dean said. "I've always had a passion for indie films," he said, citing horror as his favorite genre. "I think my passion for movies has always been very strong. Watching them and making them gives me enjoyment, plus it gives me a chance to unleash my imagination. Being creative is like therapy to me."

'Don't Go on the Trail'

The unrated trailer for "Don't Go on the Trail" doesn't hold back: It promises blood, gore, violence and malevolence. Clearly not for the squeamish, the indie film targets a small but dedicated demographic. Fans of hardcore horror are often more receptive to newcomers, embracing work that shows originality and ingenuity.

The film's brief synopsis explains that after Hellady Marie James is raped and murdered, she comes back to life seeking revenge on anyone that walks the trail. Horror aficionados may be quick to draw comparisons to the controversial 1978 rape-and-revenge film "I Spit on Your Grave," which was remade in 2010 by Steven R. Monroe. Dean avoids pigeonholing the film as rape-and-revenge horror, splatterpunk or psychological thriller.

"I would say 'Don't Go on the Trail' is a relentless rape/revenge horror slasher film with suspense, thrills and chills," Dean said. Put more simply, "the film is hardcore horror."

From the synopsis, one can imagine that elements of supernatural horror and slasher films play a significant role in "Don't Go on the Trail." In terms of tone, Dean mentioned some films that influenced his directorial style.

"I think if 'I Spit on Your Grave,' 'Wrong Turn' and 'Hatchet' had a baby, they would name it 'Don't Go on the Trail,'" he said. "I wanted to make a movie that seems like it takes place all at one location, then I wanted to bring a new slasher to life that was a woman scorned. I started playing around with names and words and that's when Hellady Marie James was born and the title 'Don't Go on the Trail' came to me."

Making the film

Dean wrote the script for "Don't Go on the Trail" in three months.

"I cast while I was writing the script," Dean said. "I would finish a scene one week and by the weekend I would find someone that fit the role. I couldn't afford a casting director so I used friends, craigslist and the Florida Film Network to find my cast." Dean admitted that despite the unconventional casting process, he "lucked out." "Everyone I got did fantastic."

Writer, director, producer and actor, there's little doubt that Dean wore more than a few hats during the making of "Don't Go on the Trail." He admitted that being pulled in so many directions was challenging.

"It was tough at times," he said, "doing special effects make-up, directing the actors and then jumping behind the camera to film the scene." But there were benefits, he explained. "I think the pros are I now know I can make movies and don't need to let issues like budgets, investors or some Hollywood agents determine if I can do this or not. The only thing I need are actors and a script ... the rest is fun."

Of course, Dean did have some help.

"I did have a little personal assistance from my future wife Alicia Hall," Dean said. "She helped make sure everyone signed a release and did script supervising."

Dean said he prefers the low-budget, jack-of-all-trades approach to filmmaking.

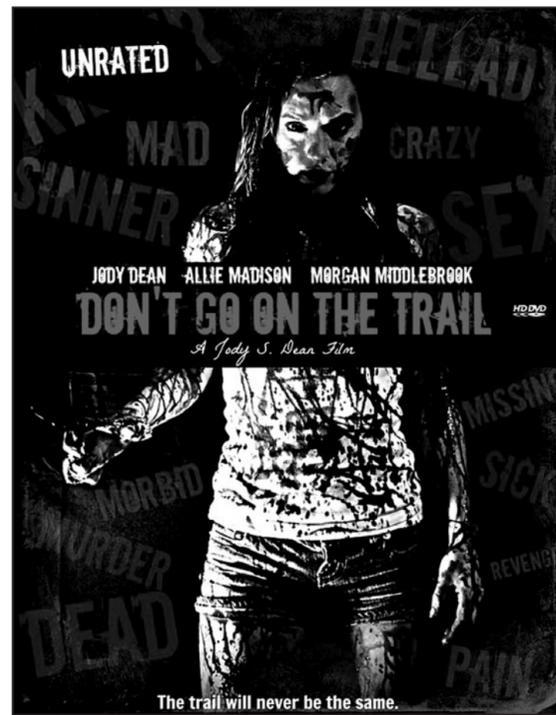
"It's easy and if I can do it by myself, why not? If I would have had to hire someone for every job I did, I wouldn't have been able to make the movie," he said. "I would have been way out of my budget."

Dean didn't exactly jump into his role as filmmaker without some preplanning.

"When I knew I was going to give it a stab and make a movie, I bought everything I needed to make a movie," he said. "I already knew how to use it. I never went to school for film, but through trial and error I learned everything I needed to know in order to pull a film off."

For Tampa Bay area residents, the title of the film immediately evokes images of The Pinellas Trail, a linear park and recreation trail running from Tarpon Springs south to St. Petersburg. Developed along the path of an abandoned railroad corridor, the trail offers users a protected environment for walking, skating, jogging and biking.

Although the association may be inescapable for Pinellas residents, "Don't Go on the Trail" wasn't actually filmed on the Pinellas Trail.



"Don't Go on the Trail," written and directed by local indie filmmaker Jody S. Dean, will be released on DVD Oct. 31.

"I filmed anywhere I could honestly," Dean said. "Friends' places, my house and whatever area that somehow or way I could sell the fact that it was a trail. So with that being said if there were woods I would ask to film there and no one told me I couldn't."

With postproduction completed, Dean is now patiently awaiting the release date and making plans to market the film. He feels confident about the amount of time, money and resources he has devoted to the project.

"I feel good about it," he said. "I did the best I could with what I had to do it with. I didn't have money to use a Lamborghini in my script so I didn't put it in the script. For what I had and what I made, I'm proud of myself."

Dean also views "Don't Go on the Trail" as an educational experience.

"I also learned a lot from making this film and I think you guys will enjoy what you see from me in the years to come," he said.

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Armed Forces History Museum offers poker tournament

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Proceeds from the Las Vegas Night Tournament benefit the museum's community outreach and youth educational programs.

The museum's Halloween Night at the Museum slated for Friday, Oct. 26, has been canceled. The Saturday, Oct. 27 Halloween Spook-tacular for kids will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and includes free food, a scavenger hunt, games, costume contest, arts and crafts and more. Tickets are discounted to \$10 for adults and \$5 for youths 4-12.

Tickets to all Armed Forces History Museum events can be purchased online at www.armedforcesmuseum.com, by calling 539-8371 or in person at the museum located at 2050 34th Way N.

Interstate Batteries holds public safety event

LARGO – Interstate Batteries, 11950 66th St. N., will sponsor a public safety event Saturday, Oct. 13, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in honor of National Fire Prevention Week. When budget cuts prevented the local fire department from providing attention to this annual education the company offered their warehouse.

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"Don't Go on the Trail" will be available online at www.sickafyedfilms.net and several other online stores. Dean is working on other outlets to market the film.

"I am seeking distribution at the moment and I hope something's sealed by the film's release date," he said. "I'm sure you will come across it in some local stores. The goal is to get in Redbox, on Netflix and on shelves anywhere and everywhere possible."

In addition, Dean has submitted "Don't Go on the Trail" to several international film festivals.

Dean has no plans to slow down at the moment.

"I just finished another Film called "Edward's Julia" and I start production on my next film in November," Dean said. The next project will be "The Killer Inside the Clown" and it, too, will be an indie venture released through Dean's Sickafyed Films LLC. "I would also be interested in directing on some other people's projects if I like the script and cast. It would be my dream to direct one of the 'Wrong Turn' movies."

Dean is thankful for all the support he's received in undertaking his journey into filmmaking.

"My mother and girlfriend support what I'm doing," Dean said. "Friends have really been supporting and people in the industry seem to be really helping push this film. Writers around the world have been writing about it and it seems I'm finally getting respect for my talents."

Dean – who has been writing songs and scripts since he was 9 years old – considers himself "very blessed."

"I am a father and I have two beautiful children," he said. "I also have a wonderful woman that supports me ... it has been a dream to be successful for sometime now and I feel like my dreams are coming true and my talents are finally getting noticed. My family keeps me motivated. Nothing more would make me happy than for them to be proud of me and to teach my kids to never give up on your dreams."

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Free Genealogy/Family History classes in October, Largo Public Library, 120 Central Park Drive.

Description: "Free classes this month include: Using Ancestry.com, Tracing Female Ancestors, Managing Digital Photos, Family Tree Maker basics (4 classes), and several more. See the complete listing with details of classes and scheduled times at www.flpgs.org/classes.aspx. Email Bob Bryan at BBryan84@gmail.com or call 595-4521 for more information."

The event is free.

Bret Michaels Get Your Rock On Tour 2012, Friday, Oct. 5, 8 p.m., Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive.

Description: "Bret Michaels first rose to fame as the front man for the glam rock band Poison which sold over 30 million records worldwide and charted 10 singles in the Top 40 including the No. 1 single, Every Rose Has It's Thorn. Bret's solo career has been equally successful. His shows "Rock of Love" and "Life As I Know It" were the most successful TV shows in VH1's history. He was also the 2010 winner of "Celebrity Apprentice" on NBC. Come see Bret Michaels live with his band for a one night only performance you will not forget. For more information or to purchase tickets visit LargoArts.com or call 587-6793."

Tickets are \$59.50, add \$5 at the door plus applicable service fee.

Square Dancing Fridays, Oct. 5, 12, 19 and 26, 7:30 until 9:45 p.m., Largo Community Center, 400 Alt. Keene Road.

Description: "Like country-style dancing? Square or round? Spend the evening dancing to professional caller Allen Snell. Join anytime. Call 518-3131 for more information."

Fee is \$6.

Open Air Market, Saturdays, Oct. 6, 13, 20 and 27, 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., Largo Community Center, 400 Alt. Keene Road.

Description: "Enjoy your Saturday morning browsing through a variety of vendors. The market will consist of local produce, crafters, food vendors, jewelry, artists and entertainment. Interested vendors may call 518-3131 or visit LargoCommunityCenter.com."

The event is free to attend.

Train Weekend, Oct. 6 and 7 at 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., Largo Central Park, 101 Central Park Drive.

Description: "Ride the miniature trains of Largo Central Railroad on the first full weekend of every month in Largo Central Park. For a schedule of dates as well as pictures from this event, please go to the Special Events Train Weekend page at Largo

Events.com or call 587-6740, ext. 5014."

The event is free. Donations are accepted.

Lego Building at Southwest Recreation, Saturday, Oct. 6, 10-11 a.m., Southwest Recreation Complex, 13120 Vonn Road.

Description: "Get hands-on experience and have a whole lot of fun playing with Lego kits. This month's theme is Rainforest. Learn construction, programming and teamwork skills. For more information, visit PlayLargo.com or call 518-3125."

Tickets are \$5/\$6.25/\$9.25.

Swing Dance Saturdays, Oct. 6, 13, 20 and 27, 7-11 p.m., Largo Community Center, 400 Alt. Keene Road.

Description: "Come enjoy an evening of dancing and socializing every Saturday night. Free lessons from 7 to 8 p.m. and a DJ dance from 8-11 p.m. Our resident DJ is Savoy Swing. Don't miss out on our 5,600-square-foot sprung hardwood floor. For more information, visit LargoCommunityCenter.com or call 518-3131."

The fee is \$6 with a recreation card and \$7 without a recreation card.

Tiny Tot Story Time, Friday, Oct. 12, 10:15-11 a.m., Highland Recreation Complex, 400 Highland Ave.

Description: "Join us for a morning of fun. Dress to the theme as we make a craft, hear a story and enjoy a snack. Please preregister at least two weeks prior. For more information, visit PlayLargo.com or call 518-3016."

Fees are \$5/\$6.25.

Keiko Matsui, Saturday, Oct. 13, 8 p.m., Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive.

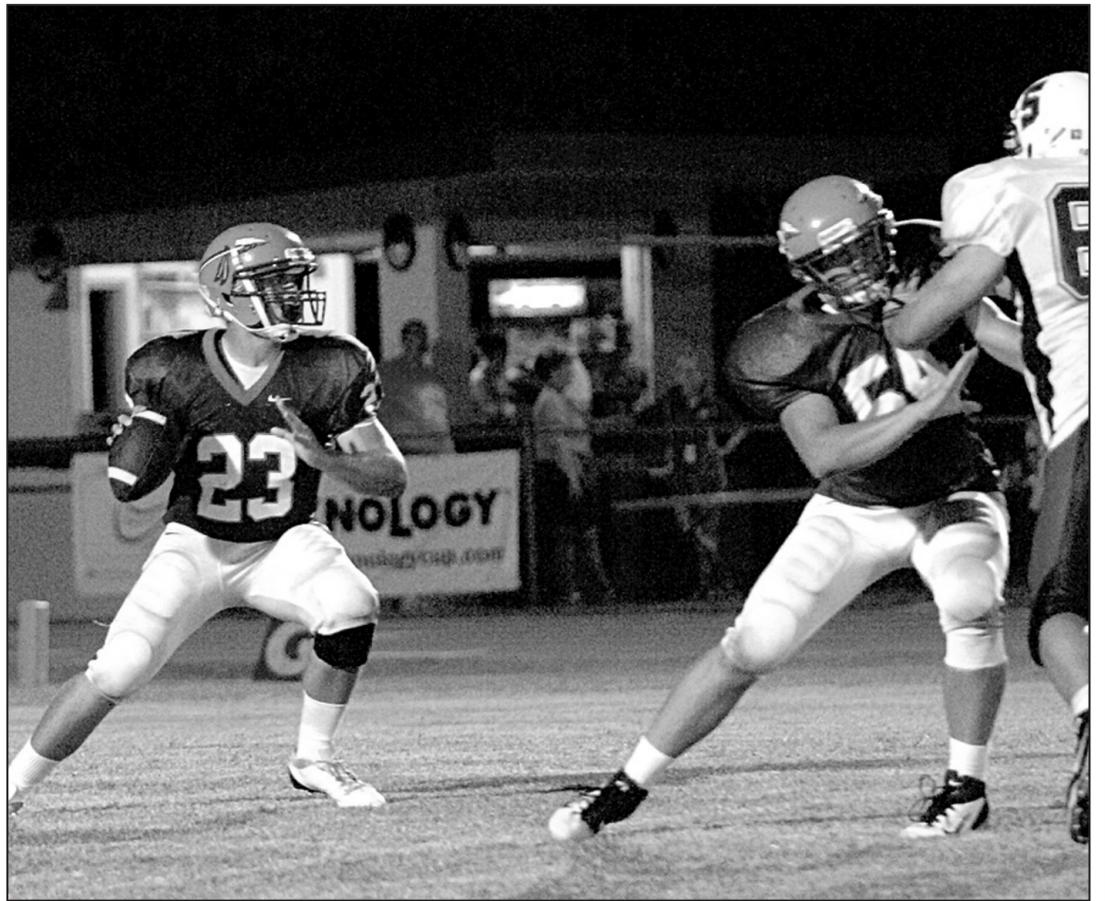
Description: "Keiko Matsui is an icon of contemporary jazz and one of the most recognized artists in the genre. She has held the number one spot on Billboard's Contemporary Jazz Charts and has sold over 1.2 million CDs in the United States alone. Her elegant piano melodies and gentle jazz grooves have enormous appeal and never disappoint her loyal fan base which she has cultivated with over a dozen albums and stunning live shows. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit LargoArts.com or call 587-6793."

Tickets are \$45.50 if purchased in advance, \$50.50 VIP and \$50.50 the day of the show.

9th Annual Tampa Bay Buddy Walk, Saturday, Oct. 13, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., Largo Central Park, 101 Central Park Drive.

Description: "This co-sponsored event is a 1 mile walk around the park to promote awareness of Down syndrome. The day includes lunch, entertainment, games and arts and crafts for families. Check out

Warriors smash Seminole



Osceola's quarterback Andrew Matyk sets to throw down field, during a high school football game Sept. 28 at Osceola. The Warriors defeated Seminole 46-6.

Photo by JIM LAYFIELD

their website at downsyndrome-networkofpinellas.com or call 587-6740 x 5014."

Sunday Matinee Music Series & Dinner, Sunday, Oct. 14, 3:30 p.m., Largo Community Center, 400 Alt. Keene Road.

Description: "Enjoy an afternoon filled with a wonderful show and incredible dinner. See some of the area's best performers light up the stage for this once a month production. Tickets are on sale now. Groups of 15 or more receive one free ticket. For more information, visit PlayLargo.com or call 518-3131."

Ticket prices for dinner and show are \$13 if purchased in advance, \$15 at the door or two tickets for \$25.

Pint Sized Pumpkin Patch, Monday, Oct. 15, 6-7:30 p.m., Southwest Recreation Complex, 13120 Vonn Road.

Description: "Enjoy games, food and crafts during this fun-filled fall event. Enjoy a visit from a scarecrow and come dressed in costume for a trick or treat parade. Registration required by Oct. 8. For more information,

visit PlayLargo.com or call 518-3125."

Tickets are \$5/\$6.25/\$9.25.

Blackberry Smoke with special guest The Mojo Gurus, Wednesday, Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m., Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive.

Description: "Atlanta based Blackberry Smoke continues to grow into the premier Southern Rock band of America. Over the last 24 months they have shared the stage with Zac Brown Band, ZZ Top, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Kid Rock, Jamey Johnson, Travis Tritt and countless others. Their video Good One Comin' On was No. 1 on CMT for two weeks and No. 3 for seven weeks straight. Come see what the buzz is all about with Blackberry Smoke. For more information, call 587-6793."

Tickets are \$25.50 if purchased in advanced, add \$5 at the door plus applicable service fee.

Black Box Productions, Oct. 19, 20, 21, 26, 27 and 28, 7-9 p.m., Largo Community Center, 400 Alt. Keene Road.

Description: "Enjoy an evening out and come watch The Orange Belt Railroad at the Community Center's Black Box Theater. For more information, visit PlayLargo.com or call 518-3131."

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Prices are subject to change.

Monster Mash Zumba Bash, Saturday, Oct. 20, 6-8 p.m., Highland Recreation Complex, 400 Highland Ave.

Description: "Come dressed in costume and enjoy raffle prizes, healthy snacks and non-stop Zumba. For more information, visit PlayLargo.com or call 518-3016."

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door.

Lego Friends at Highland Recreation, Saturday, Oct. 20, 11 a.m. until noon, Highland Recreation Complex, 400 Highland Ave.

Description: "Let your imagination run wild as you have fun creating and building your own projects. Meet new friends while exploring the land of Legos. This month's theme is Spooky

Skyscrapers. For more information, call 518-3016."

Tickets are \$5/\$6.25/\$9.25.

Night Hike at McGough Nature Park, Saturday, Oct. 20, 6:30-7:30 p.m., George C. McGough Nature Park, 11901 146th St. N.

Description: "Get back to nature with this interpretative hike through McGough's habitats. For more information, call 518-3047."

Halloween Spooktacular, Saturday, Oct. 27, noon to 6 p.m., Largo Central Park, 101 Central Park Drive.

Description: "Take a trip down the trick-or-treat trail and enjoy the inflatables, games, music, characters and more, which await the entire family in Largo Central Park. Wristbands are on sale now. Limited on-site parking for \$5 is available or park and walk from Largo High School and Largo Middle School. Dogs are not permitted during large events. For more information, visit LargoEvents.com or call 587-6740, ext. 5014."

Tickets are \$5/\$6 in advance and \$7 the day of event.

Around Pinellas

Board agrees unanimously to appoint Grego superintendent

The Pinellas County School Board unanimously voted Sept. 25 to appoint Dr. Michael A. Grego as superintendent. Grego, who took charge Sept. 26, was selected following a national search.

His contract, approved by the School Board Sept. 25, runs through June 30, 2015, and includes:

- A \$240,000 annual base salary for 2012-13.
- A \$750 a month car allowance for the use of his personal vehicle.
- Twenty weeks of salary, if the board terminates him without cause.

Grego, associate professor at the University of Central Florida, previously served as superintendent for the Osceola County School District and as Florida's Interim Chancellor of K-12 Education.

He was assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction November 2002 to June 2008 in the Hillsborough County school district. Among his awards, he was superintendent of the year for Florida 2009-10 Statewide Award from Fine Arts Educators promoting art.

The board had whittled down the list of 50 applicants before deciding to interview three applicants, leaving open the possibility of using a search firm to bring in more applicants if the board was not comfortable with Grego, Jones or Cutter. The new superintendent will succeed John Stewart, who plans to retire in December.

Redington Beach buys 26 new flags

REDINGTON BEACH - As a result of Tropical Storm Debby's wrath, the town's American flags that are displayed for all national holidays, along Gulf Boulevard, were in tatters.

The storm occurred back in June and more or less snuck up on the area with drenching rains and fierce winds, destroying vegetation on many of the local beaches.

Not wanting to remain flagless, the Town Commission purchased 26 new American flags from Florida Flag and Pennant, including 6-foot spinner poles with gold ball for a cost of \$1,600.

This final expenditure of the 2012 fiscal year had not been anticipated

in the budget, nor was there money, so a resolution by the commission was required to release the money from one of the town's other funds.

The two options the commission had were to either take the money, as would be the custom, from the capital projects, earmarked for roads and streets, or to access the funds from another of the town's storm debris reserves, created in the 2004-05 budget and set up to pay for storm-related damages.

The board, ultimately, voted to utilize the money from the capital fund's roads and streets maintenance. The flags are displayed for all national holidays.

The second and final hearing on the 2012-13 fiscal year budget took place on Sept. 20. There were no surprises as the commission voted unanimously to approve a \$1.2 million budget with expenses anticipated at \$890,000.

The ad valorem rate remains at 1.94 and is expected to generate \$575,185 in taxable revenue.

The \$1.2 million in revenue comes from the general fund, capital projects and storm water. These expenditures for these three funds are projected at \$890,000 much of which pays for police and fire services, the library, building maintenance, parks and various insurance costs.

The town also anticipates receiving about \$137,000 from the Penny for Pinellas fund, which is considered restricted funds to be used only for capital improvement projects. According to Commissioner Mark Deighton, no major projects are planned for the upcoming fiscal year. Previously, Deighton noted that the town is on firm financial footing.

- Melinda Greene

Indian Shores refinances \$2 million loan

INDIAN SHORES - The Town Council unanimously passed a resolution Sept. 19 to refinance the town's loan with SunTrust Bank, saving the town approximately \$62,000 in the process.

The original loan with SunTrust helped build the new municipal center in the amount of \$2 million. The loan is a tax-exempt obligation funded from sales and public services taxes.

Regarding a sales tax hike for possible light rail through Largo, Robinson said while it would be a big boon for the city, more study would be needed on the whole issue. Hunsicker had a different view. "Light rail is a disaster," he said. "There is no room for it and no money to pay for it. Just look at Tampa now saddled with a money-losing trolley system."

The candidates also were asked their views on the city's sign ordinance, which will ultimately limit the numbers and types of signs businesses can use. Robinson said the city has to better inform business owners about the regulations.

"We have to step up information programs," he said.

Hunsicker said the ordinance has to be altered.

"Small business will be killed," he said. "Quite a few businesses

have failed already. Largo is Largo; it is not Beverly Hills."

In his closing remarks Robinson reiterated his goal of making the city a good place to live. "With my family and business my life is in Largo," he said. "I'm just a regular kid from Largo and I want to make this a city of progress."

Hunsicker was brief. "I will try to change this city for the better and I think if you elect me you will agree the city will change for the better."

The Central Pinellas Chamber of Commerce will have another pre-election event on Thursday, Oct. 11. Regional candidates have been invited to speak at a forum in the main building of the Largo Medical Center. The program begins at 7:30 a.m. with coffee. The actual event gets under way at 8 a.m.

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Robinson said as far as he was concerned the Community Development Department was doing a good job for new businesses.

"The department has become friendlier," he said. "The city is doing as much as it can. It has taken Realtors around to show them empty lots with descriptions of what can go on them."

When asked if Largo should institute a domestic registry so unmarried couples can be listed and qualify for the same benefits as married couples, Hunsicker said he would need to know what the registry would cost before he would support it. Robinson said he would support it and cited a member of his own family who was in that position in Tampa, where a registry has been established.

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button in the menu bar. Voter registration applications also can be used for any voter or signature updates.

Voters who are already registered to vote in Florida do not need to re-register. However, if you have moved, you should update your address. Address changes within the state can be made by calling 464-VOTE (8683) or emailing election@votepinellas.com. Be sure to include your date of birth.

Address changes from another county made at the polls will require a voter to cast a provisional ballot (except for active military and their families).

Name and party changes may be made by sending a signed, writ-

ten statement to the Supervisor of Elections, 13001 Starkey Road, Largo, FL 33773. Be sure to include date of birth or voter ID number.

Clark also has scheduled a number of voter registration events and demonstrations of the optical scan voting system throughout the county. Residents can register to vote, update their voter information, and request mail ballots at any of the following events:

Thursday, Oct. 4

• Voter Registration/Education, St. Petersburg College - downtown, 244 Second Ave. N., St. Petersburg, 4 to 6 p.m.

• Voter Registration/Education and Voting System Demonstration, Young at Heart Senior Health Fair & Fun, 1500 16th St., Palm Harbor, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 7

• Voter Registration/Education, Island Chapel, 1271 Pinellas Bayway, Tierra Verde, 9 to 11:30 a.m.

• Voter Registration/Education, University of South Florida College Fair, University Student Center, St. Petersburg, 1 to 3 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 8

• Voter Registration/Education, Central Florida Institute, 30522 U.S. 19 N., Palm Harbor, 11 a.m. - to 12:30 p.m.

Businesses and organizations may schedule a voter registration event by calling 464-5700 or emailing votered@votepinellas.com. For an updated registration event list, visit www.votepinellas.com and select News and Events on the left-side menu. Then select Voter Education/Registration Events.

Three candidates vie for Pinellas County Sheriff's job

By SUZETTE PORTER

Incumbent Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri, the Republican candidate, is up against two challengers for his job in the Nov. 6 general election - Democrat Scott Swope and write-in candidate Greg Pound.

Gov. Rick Scott appointed Gualtieri to the office of sheriff in 2011 after former Sheriff Jim Coats resigned early to spend more time his wife, who is battling breast cancer. Gualtieri defeated former Pinellas County Sheriff Everett Rice with 57.36 percent of the vote in the Aug. 14 primary.

Tampa Bay Newspapers asked the three candidates to complete a questionnaire with information to help citizens decide whom to vote for in the upcoming election. Pound did not respond.

About the candidates

Gualtieri, 50, is originally from Syracuse, N.Y. He's been a resident of Pinellas County for 32 years. He and his wife Laureale Westine, 40, have three children, ages 23, 21 and 6.

Swope, 43, of Palm Harbor, has lived in Pinellas for 35 years. He is married to Margaret Swope. They have two children ages 9 and 12.

Qualifications

Gualtieri began his career with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office 30 years ago working in the Pinellas County Jail. He then served as a Dunedin Police officer before returning to the Sheriff's Office as a patrol deputy. He worked throughout the Sheriff's Office for approximately 15 years before leaving to attend Stetson University College of Law.

After graduating from law school, he practiced civil litigation in Tampa. In 2006, Sheriff Jim Coats asked him to return to the Sheriff's Office as general counsel. Sheriff Coats then appointed him as his chief deputy where he was responsible for the day-to-day operations, as well as overseeing the delivery of legal services to the agency.

After graduating from Largo High School, Swope worked as a dispatcher for the Largo Police Department from 1986 to 1988. He then worked for the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office from 1988 to 1994. According to his website, at age 19, he was the youngest deputy ever hired. While at the Sheriff's Office, he worked as a field-training officer and served as a traffic homicide detective. He has a bachelor's degree in business finance from the University of South Florida, which he earned while worked as a full-time deputy. He left the Sheriff's Office to work on his law degree and currently share a law practice with his wife.

Swope said his business education, law enforcement experience,

investigative experience, law school, quasi-judicial experience, as well as an even temperament and ability to lead others makes him qualified to serve as sheriff. He also pointed to his strong ties to the community.

Best qualified

When asked why he was more qualified than his opponent, Gualtieri said, "My opponent left the Sheriff's Office as a deputy over 18 years ago and has not had any law enforcement experience in the past 18 years. My opponent has no law enforcement management or supervisory experience and when he worked in law enforcement, he only worked in patrol.

"My opponent has never prepared or been responsible for any aspect of the Sheriff's Office budget. This is my fifth year preparing and being responsible for our budget and over the past four years, we have reduced our general fund budget by \$108 million and eliminated 616 positions."

Gualtieri explained that more than 50 percent of the Sheriff's Office operation goes to operating the 3,200 inmate county jail.

"My opponent never worked in the jail, as I did, much less does he have any qualifications to run it as the sheriff. My opponent has neither investigative operations bureau nor judicial operations experience. The sheriff is responsible for court security at five court houses and serving hundreds of thousands of court orders and other judicial process each year," he said. "I have hands-on and current management experience in all aspects of the Sheriff's Office. I have also demonstrated that we can do 'more with less' as we have cut the budget and reduced crime by 12 percent over the last three years. Further, crime is down another 8 percent for the first half of 2012."

Swope believes his business education makes him the better candidate.

"I have a finance education, which will enable me to properly manage a \$212 million budget. I also have a clear sense of priority for public safety in law enforcement, while my opponent has proven that he does not share my same sense of priority," he said.

Swope contends that the Sheriff's Office has been mismanaged for several years. He said he wants to "restore integrity and public confidence in the Sheriff's Office, focus limited resources on public safety law enforcement and restore the morale of the deputies."

"I want to make Pinellas County a safer place to raise a family," he said.

Gualtieri said he wants to continue serving as sheriff "because I care about our community and I want to keep Pinellas County a safe place to live and work. I love my job and care deeply about our

community."

"The most significant thing I want to accomplish is to continue operating the Sheriff's Office in a cost-efficient and effective manner. First and foremost, I want to ensure we keep the county safe by continuing to reduce crime. We also need to effectively manage the jail population and maintain jail diversion programs that save taxpayer money."

Biggest challenge ahead

Gualtieri said the most pressing issue facing the Sheriff's Office "is keeping Pinellas County safe while working within a significantly reduced budget and dealing with a projected county general fund budget deficit of another \$30 million over the next several years."

"The money is simply not there to add employees or services so we have to work within what we have," he said.

Gualtieri said, if elected, he would continue to look for ways to operate efficiently and make budget reductions through consolidations.

"We have already cut much of what can be eliminated while maintaining adequate service levels. We now need to focus on functional consolidations with other county and city entities. There are duplicative services, such as dispatch services, that we can consolidate to save money countywide," he said.

Swope agrees that the most pressing issue at the Sheriff's Office is budgetary problems.

"When you have a law enforcement agency that is undergoing a significant budgetary crisis, you need the leader of that organization to have a clear focus on where those limited funds ought to be allocated," he said. "Currently, they are being allocated wrong. The current interim sheriff has shown his inability to properly allocate limited resources when he eliminated the Fugitive Section, the DUI enforcement unit and the human trafficking task force detective. These cuts put the citizens of Pinellas County at greater risk. At the same time these cuts were being made, the interim sheriff was spending countless dollars on doing surveillance of a legal business and raiding Internet sweepstakes cafes. These two examples are just a few of the investigations that were performed at the cost of other major public safety issues."

If elected, Swope said he would ensure that the limited resources were allocated with a clear sense of priority for public safety law enforcement, including reinstating the Fugitive Section, the DUI enforcement unit, and the human trafficking task force detective."

For more information on Gualtieri, visit www.bobforsheriff.com or call 727-251-5105.

For more information on Swope, visit swopeforsheriff.com and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/swopeforsheriff.



Scott Swope



Bob Gualtieri

Business Showcase

Florida Homeowners: Do You Qualify to Eliminate Your Second Mortgage and Keep Your Home?

In the current recession, many Floridians have found their homes dramatically "underwater," i.e., worth less than the amount owed on the mortgages.

In the past, Florida homeowners who wanted to eliminate second mortgages and keep their homes had to commit to complicated and costly five-year Chapter 13 debt repayment plans which allow homeowners to "strip off" their second mortgages.

Recently, however, the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in McNeal v. GMAC Mortg., LLC (In re McNeal) that the same relief is available to homeowners in Chapter 7 "straight" bankruptcy cases, which typically last less than four months and requires no repayment of debt.

In order to strip off a second mortgage, in both Chapter 7 and 13 cases, the homeowner must prove to the Bankruptcy Court that the value of the home is less than the balance owing on the first mortgage. Once the homeowner's paperwork is approved by the Court the second mortgage will be eliminated upon the entry of the homeowner's bankruptcy discharge — and the homeowner keeps the home and pays only the first mortgage!

The Law Offices of Jill McDonald represents area homeowners filing for bankruptcy in second mortgage lien strip proceedings. We want to help you navigate through the often confusing and frustrating options available to you.

The initial consultation

Attorney Jill McDonald will carefully listen to you and ask questions regarding your assets, debts, income and expenses. "Filing bankruptcy is an important decision," Jill said. "We know that you will have lots of questions and concerns." Jill will explain the different types of bankruptcy, along with the advantages and disadvantages of each. She will make a recommendation as to whether bankruptcy would be appropriate for your circumstances, and if so, which type of bankruptcy would be fitting:

- **Chapter 7 Bankruptcy** allows individuals and families who are experiencing financial difficulties to wipe out their debts and start over. Most credit card debt, lines of credit, bank loans, medical bills, and past due accounts are discharged in Chapter 7 Bankruptcy.

- **Chapter 13 Bankruptcy** provides for reorganization or consolidation of debt through reduced affordable payments budgeted to income and living expenses. A Chapter 13 Bankruptcy can also immediately stop foreclosure proceedings and allow up to 60 months in which to catch up your delinquent



home and auto payments.

"The goal of our office is to give you the information you need to make an informed decision," Jill said. "Costs are always discussed up-front. You will find that our office is an excellent value and always keeps your budget in mind."

Removing the burden

"As soon as you retain our office to file your bankruptcy case, we take the burden of calls from aggressive creditors off of you and your family," Jill said. "When a creditor contacts you, you simply give them our office name and number." Once paperwork has been filed with the bankruptcy court, the court will notify all of your creditors. They will be legally prohibited from taking any action to enforce payment of your debts — in other words, creditors are not allowed to phone or write you, file a lawsuit, or continue with lawsuits that they have already filed. "If creditors need to reach you, they will instead contact our office," Jill said. "This gives you time to take care of your

family while you get a fresh start."

Getting a fresh start

Clients can expect personal attention, respect and convenience when visiting the law offices of Jill McDonald. She meets with clients at two Pinellas locations, including a Clearwater office in the Executive Center, 25400 U.S. 19 N., Suite 252, Clearwater; and a St. Petersburg office, at 3851 62nd Ave. N., Suite J, Pinellas Park. Jill has been practicing bankruptcy law exclusively since 2008, focusing on helping those in need of debt relief and keeping up to date on the latest legal developments in the field.

Jill is active in several professional bankruptcy organizations, such as the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys, the American Bankruptcy Institute and the Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association. Her affiliation with these organizations allows her to be on the cutting edge of bankruptcy law changes.

In the community, Jill serves as a board member and volunteers for SPOT: Stop Pet Overpopulation Together in Pinellas Park. SPOT volunteers opened a low cost spay/neuter clinic in Pinellas Park in 2009.

You do have options; we'll discuss all of them that are available to you. Contact us today to see if you might qualify for this home-saving strategy! To make an appointment for a free consultation, call 727-231-4300 or book an appointment online at JillMcDonald.com. Evening and weekend appointments are available.

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Woman injured in watercraft crash

MADEIRA BEACH - A Sarasota woman was seriously injured when the personal watercraft she was riding crashed into her friend's watercraft about 2:27 p.m. Sept. 29 north of John's Pass Bridge, along Madeira Beach.

Pinellas County Sheriff's Marine Unit deputies, along with the Madeira Beach Fire Rescue and Treasure Island Rescue, responded to a call for help at 13070 Gulf Blvd. in Madeira Beach Saturday afternoon.

According to Marine Unit deputies, Lauren Bell, 25, and her friend, John Geletka, 49, also of Sarasota, had rented and were each riding a personal watercraft north of John's Pass Bridge, along Madeira Beach.

At one point Bell headed south, Geletka followed. Both were traveling at a high rate of speed with Geletka trailing behind about 20 yards. According to deputies, Bell made an abrupt 180-degree turn. Geletka was unable to avoid collision, crashing into Bell's watercraft head-on. Deputies said Geletka's personal watercraft traveled over the top of Bell's, impacting her head and face and ejecting her from the watercraft.

Deputies said Geletka turned back for Bell, got her out of the water, was able to put her on his personal watercraft and began yelling for help as he transported her back to shore.

Bell was transported by air to Bayfront Medical Center for treatment of serious injuries to the head and face. Deputies say the injuries are non-life-threatening.

Alcohol does not appear to be a factor. The investigation continues.

Public turns in 847 pounds of drugs

Law enforcement collected nearly 847 pounds of prescription drugs during the eighth Operation Medicine Cabinet Sept. 29.

Pinellas County Sheriff's deputies say this was the second highest amount of medication collected during a take-back event. The record was set Aug. 27, 2011, when the public turned in 1,038 pounds of expired or unwanted medications.

Almost 9,530 pounds have been collected at Operation Medicine Cabinet take-back events and drop-off containers in Pinellas County since the program began in May 2009. The total does not in-

clude the drop-off container weights for September 2012.

The four-hour event on Sept. 29, held in conjunction with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's Take Back Day, took place at nine locations throughout the county and included the participation of eight law enforcement agencies.

The breakdown of medication collected from each of the participating agencies is as follows:

- Pinellas County Sheriff's Office - 145.9 pounds, including 106.4 pounds collected at the sheriff's administration building parking lot in Largo and 39.5 pounds at the North District Station in Dunedin.
- Clearwater Police Department - 345 pounds
- Largo Police Department - 145.54 pounds
- Pinellas Park Police Department - 62.7 pounds
- Gulfport Police Department - 50.94 pounds
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For more information, contact the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office public information office at 582-6221.

10 arrested at Oldsmar DUI Checkpoint

OLDSMAR - Ten people were arrested between 10 p.m. Sept. 28 and 3 a.m. Sept. 29 when Pinellas County Sheriff's deputies conducted a DUI checkpoint in the parking lot of Lockheed Martin, 3655 Tampa Road in Oldsmar.

The goal of the sobriety checkpoint was to raise awareness that will help reduce injuries and save lives; as well as enforce the Sheriff's Office zero-tolerance for drinking and driving/drug consumption and driving.

Results of the operation included 10 arrests on 16 charges, including five for driving under the influence, two for no valid driver's license, one for possession of paraphernalia, two for possession of marijuana, one for unlawful possession of a firearm, two driving on suspended or revoked license, one trafficking in hydromorphone, one possession of suboxone and one failure to obey lawful command.

Sixteen citations were issued and 11 vehicles were impounded. Deputies reported that 2,042 passed by the checkpoint with 483 diverted. The average intrusion time was one minute, 39 seconds.

Man arrested for attempted murder, arson

LARGO - A Clearwater man was arrested Sept. 26 for four counts of attempted first-degree murder and one count first-degree arson in connection with a Sept. 16 fire at 1801 South Lake Ave. in Largo.

Pinellas County Sheriff's deputies arrested Thomas Cservak, 29, during a traffic stop at Highland and Drew in Clearwater. He was transported to the Pinellas County Jail where he is being held without bond.

Deputies responded to the Sept. 16 fire about 2:50 a.m. Three people were in the home, including a child. All exited safely. According to detectives, Faith Ann Ferry, 20, of Largo and Taylor M. Rafferty, 18, of Pinellas Park were caring for a 4-year-old Pinellas Park girl in the home. Deputies say the three were sleeping when they were awakened by a crashing noise and discovered a fire in the front of the home.

Detectives say during the course of the investigation, they developed information that Cservak had committed arson at the Largo home.

Detectives say details of the arson are not releasable at this time. They can only say that the fire was intentionally set because of a domestic related situation. The investigation continues.

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League of Women Voters opposes state amendments

This November, Florida voters will see 11 of the most complex, confusing and, in some cases, misleading constitutional amendments proposed in recent memory, so says the League of Women Voters in Florida, which is urging voters to give a "thumbs down" to the state amendments they confront on Election Day.

"Our Florida Constitution was crafted as a document that is intended to be difficult to change, and kept sacred for the purpose of identifying the structure of our government," said League President Deirdre Macnab in a press release.

Macnab also called attention to some things that all 11 amendments have in common, regardless of the issues they address: all were proposed by the state Legislature within the last two years and all were placed on the ballot under new laws that allow the Legislature and attorney general to rewrite summaries that do not pass court review.

While legislators have steadily made it more difficult for citizen initiatives to be put to voters, they have removed safeguards relating to their own proposals.

According to Macnab, some of these amendments take aim at fundamental rights, putting core American principles at risk in Florida. They attack the balance of power, right to privacy and separation of church and state. Consider:

- Amendment 5 (state courts) would tip the balance of power in favor of political branches by giving them greater influence in the selection of judges appointed to serve on Florida's Supreme Court. The "Our Florida Constitution was crafted as a document that is intended to be difficult to change, and kept sacred for the purpose of identifying the structure of

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League of Women Voters**

our government," said League President Deirdre Macnab in a press release. Measure seeks to undermine the intent of our nonpartisan judicial nominating system by requiring Senate confirmation for all judicial appointments to the high court.

According to former state Sen. Alex Villalobos, "The major objection is that Amendment 5 puts the nominee back into a political process, with the specter of partisan lawmakers rejecting qualified appointees over ideological issues. Reduced in importance could be the honesty, competency or diligence necessary to be a successful Supreme Court Justice."

- Amendment 6 (Prohibition on Public Funding of Abortions; Construction of Abortion Rights) would allow Florida politicians to intrude on personal medical decisions between a woman, her family and her doctor. The League says that Amendment 6 is an example of big government at its worst and could potentially endanger women's lives.

- Amendment 8 (religious freedom) is a misnamed amendment that would allow taxpayer funding of religious institutions. It will allow public money to be used for religious indoctrination. Saying 'No' to this amendment will not jeopardize existing funding for some religious groups' social welfare programs,

which provide important services, but will continue to ensure that groups do not promote their specific religion at taxpayers' expense.

A number of the amendments (2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11) put tax limits, exemptions and loopholes in the Constitution.

"With the Constitution intentionally hard to change," Macnab stated, "a better place for such tax provisions is regular statutory law, where changing conditions make modification easier. Further, our tax policy needs a level playing field. It's already riddled with loopholes and these amendments cut state revenues drastically."

Reporting on a just-released analysis of Amendment 3 (State Government Revenue Limitation), Robb Gray, director of State Engagement & Partnerships for the Washington, D.C.-based Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, said, "Funding for Florida schools, universities, roads and bridges, health programs for children and the elderly, public transit, and a wide range of other public services will fall significantly if voters enact Amendment 3. A similar amendment in Colorado - the only state to have tried it - led to such drastic cuts in public services in Colorado that voters chose to suspend it. Amendment 3

would make Florida a much less attractive place to work and live by undermining the state's ability to fulfill its current responsibilities to its residents and make long-term investments that are fundamental to future prosperity."

Speaking about the CBPP's just-released analysis of Amendment 4 (Property Tax Limitation), Gray said, "Amendment 4 would lock a deeply flawed set of property tax changes into the state's Constitution, leading to tax increases for large numbers of Florida residents, a competitive disadvantage for new and emerging businesses, and significant cuts in local services - while producing little if any economic benefit. Amendment 4 would force local governments to choose between raising taxes on large numbers of year-round Florida homeowners, making deep cuts to local services or some combination of the two."

Summarizing the League's opposition to all amendments, Macnab said, "The Constitution is a governing document, and should be left sacred to that purpose. We urge legislators to use their law-making power and not weigh citizens down with complicated amendments that do not belong in our state's Constitution. We urge all citizens to give these complex and inappropriate amendments a firm thumbs down."

The League of Women Voters of Florida Education Fund has a complete toolkit to support its voter education campaign, including a Voter Assistance Hotline, 1-855-FL-VOTER (1-855-358-6837), a one-stop website, BeReadytoVote.org, a mobile site accessible via smartphone, and a nonpartisan 2012 Election and Voter Guide, available in print in both English and Spanish throughout Florida and online at BeReadytoVote.org.

Forum on proposed amendments set at St. Petersburg College

SEMINOLE - Deciding which boxes to check for President, U.S. Senator and state and local officials may be the easy part for Florida voters on Nov. 6. Also on the ballot are 11 proposed constitutional amendments that could have far-reaching impact on Florida and Floridians.

Yet the amendments are often the least-understood elements of

the biannual exercise in representative democracy called elections. Limited in wording and often the pet project of special interests, the amendments represent a series of often-baffling choices for voters.

A special pre-election forum at St. Petersburg College on Thursday, Oct. 4 will take the mystery out of the amendments. The forum, free and open to the pub-

lic, is co-presented by SPC's Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions and the Collins Center for Public Policy, and is co-sponsored by the Tampa Bay Times, WUSF Public Media, and WEDU television. It will be from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Seminole campus, 9200 113th St. N.

Debating the pros and cons of the amendments will be a distinguished panel:

- Tara Newsom, associate pro-

fessor of social and behavioral science, St. Petersburg College.

- Aaron Sharockman, deputy editor for government and politics, Tampa Bay Times.

- Tony Carvajal, chief operations officer, the Collins Center for Public Policy.

- Judithanne Scourfield McLauchlan, associate professor of political science and associate director of the Bishop Center for Ethical Leadership and Civic En-

gagement, University of South Florida St. Petersburg.

Frank Alcock, associate professor of political science, New College of Florida, will moderate.

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Agency to launch facility for veterans of current wars

By ALEXANDRA LUNDAHL

CLEARWATER - Young veterans are in trouble. If anyone knows that, it's Bruce Fyfe, chairman of the board of the Homeless Emergency Project in Clearwater. But not only has he been chairman for over 20 years and works with the homeless and many veterans on a daily basis - he feels this need on a far more personal level.

"My son served three tours as a combat Marine in Iraq and came home with severe post traumatic stress disorder and died at the age of 24 of a heroin overdose," Fyfe said. "So I think this is very important. I mean, numbers vary, but it had been that seven vets every day commit suicide in this country. We have vets coming home like my son who ultimately become casualties of the war. And they go unreported. And literally thousands have died coming home. And that's not right."

After Brendan's death, Fyfe and his wife wanted to do something meaningful to help other veterans like Brendan, and ultimately he and HEP came up with the idea for a special long-term facility for veterans of the current wars who are either homeless or in danger of becoming homeless. That idea has now become a reality, and the grand opening of HEP West Apartment Community is set for Thursday, Oct. 25 at noon, 1120 N. Betty Lane. It will open to 32 veterans on Thursday, Nov. 1.

"That is really the genesis of this program," Fyfe said. "To build a facility that will allow people in distress like my son to have a place where they can be drug- and alcohol-free and heal so they can eventually return to their families and their lives and have productive lives that they fought so hard to allow us to have."

The new facility is a 32-unit, single-occupancy complex for both men and women who are returning home from the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, said Jackie Dryden, director of marketing for HEP. It is to help people who are suffering from the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder or a traumatic brain injury who are having a hard time reintegrating into society, she said, and are either homeless or in danger of becoming homeless.

"A lot of times, the post-traumatic stress or the brain injury impacts their mental state," Dryden said. "And often they will turn to destructive ways to try to cope with it such as abusing drugs or alcohol or having depression and the like. It becomes a downward spiral and they can't deal with life. They

alienate themselves from family and friends and they basically find themselves isolated and alone and don't really know how to cope with everything back in the States."

Already, HEP has about 354 beds, and a third of them are being used by veterans in general, she said. Homelessness is a huge problem among veterans, Fyfe said. In fact, he said that the Tampa Bay areas has one of the largest homeless veteran population in the whole country. He thinks a lot of it is because there are two very good veterans' hospitals in the area - Bay Pines in Pinellas County and James A. Haley in Tampa - so that draws more veterans to the area as they travel for care.

"I don't think people realize, but vets make up 10 percent of the general population but 25 percent of the homeless population," Fyfe said. "So it is a significant number of people. We housed over 500 last year alone. Without this facility. So from the community standpoint, I think this helps the community because it brings these people back to a productive life."

The new facility is a long-term transitional housing program. It is designed as a two-year program, but they can stay until they are ready, whether that is one year or three years, Dryden and Fyfe said.

"Six weeks is too short of time for a person to recover, to heal, to deal with what they saw in combat and become whole again," Dryden said. "So we give them the benefit of time at HEP, with the hope that that's what they'll need to feel supported and save some money."

There is no deposit to move in, and the veterans will pay 30 percent of their income to cover utilities and expenses, Dryden said. They are all one-bedroom, single-occupancy apartments with their own private bedroom, bathroom and kitchen.

"There are two reasons for that," Dryden said. "One reason is that this younger population coming home from these wars do better having their private spaces that they can retreat to to deal with the issues that they are facing. The second reason is that it allows us more flexibility in placing residents into the room. We can have a female in there one time, and after she's discharged from the program, then we can move a male in there."

Fyfe said that HEP worked closely with Bay Pines VA Hospital to ask how to best serve the veterans coming out of these wars.

"We designed the facility specifically, though not exclusively, for (Operation Iraqi Freedom) and (Oper-



Photo courtesy of JACKIE DRYDEN

The Homeless Emergency Project's West Apartment Community will open Nov. 1 and serve veterans, particularly coming back from Iraq and Afghanistan.

ation Enduring Freedom) veterans," Fyfe said. "Iraq and Afghanistan. And in conversations with the Veterans Administration, they said individual apartments would be better because that generation of returning veterans seem to do better when they have some privacy as opposed to adult congregate living facilities or dorm rooms or roommates. And they do better living with their contemporaries, as opposed to older veterans from previous conflicts."

This was not the case with previous generations, though, Dryden said. She said that Bay Pines said veterans from the Vietnam and Cold War conflicts do better in a communal living environment, but they advised against that for the new vets. It costs more to have the individual rooms, but overall they should do better in it.

However, since the residents will be living apart, HEP built a 2,300-square-foot clubhouse on the campus, which provides for a fitness center, a laundry facility, an area with computers so they can access the Internet and write resumes, and a communal area that can be used to watch TV together, host a birthday party or just hang out.

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The facility cost \$3.35 million to build, and so far \$1.3-million has been raised through private donations and grants, Dryden said. However, that's just building costs. The program itself will cost thousands' more dollars to maintain. The program can always use financial donations, but in-kind contributions are welcome, too. The organization is currently outfitting the kitchens, bed linens, furniture, couches and artwork and could use donations. Also, volunteer work is welcome, especially for professional help with their dental clinic or mental health or counseling services. People can also donate bicycles or items to the HEP thrift store at 1120 N. Betty Lane.

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Biz notes

Chamber earns recognition

The Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce recently attended the 2012 Florida Association of Chamber Professionals annual state conference in Boca Raton.

Prior to attending, the chamber applied for the 2012 Chamber of the Year and the 2012 Chamber Professional of the Year awards.

A panel of judges evaluated each award. Awards were selected based on the total number of points earned in the areas of marketing, events, budget, retention, fiscal responsibility, board organization, internal operations, technology and innovation.

During closing ceremonies, the TBBCoC was recognized with both the FACP 2012 Florida Chamber of the Year Award and the 2012 Chamber Professional of the Year, awarded to Robin Sollie, president of the chamber.

Royal Palm Chiropractic opens

CLEARWATER – Royal Palm Chiropractic recently celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 1180 Ponce DeLeon Blvd.

The Bluffs Business Association sponsored the event. Dr. Theresa Martin and her staff welcomed patients, friends, family and Belleair Bluffs Mayor Chris Arbutine.

Block party set

BELLEAIR BLUFFS – The first annual block party will take place Thursday, Oct. 4, 4 to 7 p.m., in the 400 to 600 block of Indian Rocks Road in Belleair Bluffs.

A total of 17 Belleair Bluffs businesses will participate in the block party. Those interested in attending can pick up an invitation in advance at participating businesses and visit every business to have it stamped and get a gift bag overflowing with discounts, offers and goodies. Many businesses will host prize drawings and offer special discounts. Beverages, food and live entertainment will be featured throughout the block party.

Participating businesses include Petal and Vine Garden Shop and Market, The Thorn Collection, Florida Best Quote Insurance, Irmi's Alterations & Dry Cleaning, Belleair Food Mart, Jewel Café & Tea Room, Blayne J. Gumm, EnGarde Gourmet To Go, Cappello & Co.

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Petal and Vine to open

BELLEAIR BLUFFS – Petal and Vine Garden Shop and Market will host an open house to celebrate its grand opening Thursday, Oct. 4, 4 to 7 p.m., at 596 Indian Rocks Road.

Attendees may sample a selection of unique food drinks, meet the artists, enjoy live entertainment, and talk to the gardening experts. There will be a drawing to win an exquisite orchid in a decorative vase. Other new shops in Antique Alley will be host open houses at the same time.

Call 614-9770.

Periwinkles to host Holiday Marketplace

LARGO – A Holiday Marketplace will take place Friday and Saturday, Oct. 26-27, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Periwinkles at the Cottage and Julie's Cottage at Provence, 13128 Indian Rocks Road.

Shoppers can get in the holiday spirit as local vendors gather on the store property to offer hand-painted and shabby chic furniture, antique treasures, handmade jewelry and art, garden accessories and vintage holiday items. Local authors will be selling and signing their books.

Attendees also may wander through Periwinkles at the Cottage for the latest Vera Bradley and Spartina as well as Halloween, seasonal and holiday décor, home accents and jewelry. Julie's Cottage at Provence boasts fine silk florals, fall and Christmas wreaths and centerpieces, French country and coastal designs and collegiate décor.

Lunch and snacks will be available for purchase from Island Fish.

Car inspection event set

SAFETY HARBOR – In conjunction with the National Car Care Council's Fall Car Care Month, a free car care inspection event will be presented Saturday, Oct. 27, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Danny's Complete Auto Repair, 1004 Fourth St. S.

The event will include a car care clinic and free vehicle inspections on a first-come, first-served basis. ASE certified master technicians

and vendors will check the basics such as fluid levels including engine oil, coolant, transmission, power steering, brake, and washer fluids; interior and exterior lighting, belts and pulleys, hoses, vacuum lines, battery, battery holder and terminals; tire pressure, tread depth, filters, check engine lights, windows and the vehicle's body.

After the inspection, drivers can talk with the technicians about their findings and suggestions.

Car seat safety inspections also are pending.

For more information, call 799-4305 or email Felicia at Dannys Complete@hotmail.com.

DCA expands

CLEARWATER – Dance & Circus Arts of Tampa Bay will celebrate the grand opening of its new circus training facility at 1490 N. Belcher Road.

The event will take place over two days. The opening on Friday, Nov. 2, 7 to 9 p.m. is designed for kids and families and will feature healthy treats and raffle prizes. The opening on Saturday, Nov. 3, 7 to 10 p.m. is geared toward the older crowd and is not suitable for children. There will be healthy hors d'oeuvres and a toast to the new school.

Along with lots of room to move and fly, the facility will serve as a "black box" for student showcases and experimental theater ideas with lighting, staging and sound.

According to Beth Brier, artistic director, having the ability to train and perform in the same space will help her athletes enormously.

"It has always been a little precarious taking a show to the theater and having to re-rig the equipment in a different space," Brier said. "We train our students very well so they can adjust quickly, but now this will allow our lower level students to be more at ease with performances. Our goal is to have at least one showcase per month so our students have the opportunity to show off their training for family and friends while honing their performance skills."

DCA's opening gala will encompass the joy of circus, hopefully "bringing out the child" in everyone attending. Entertainment will include still walkers, jugglers, acrobats and aerialists.

Admission is free. Seating is limited. Reservations are required. To RSVP, call 461-0098 or 222-8537.

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Bay Pines VA Healthcare System tightens tobacco restrictions

In support of the organization's commitment to Be Tobacco Free, the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System tightened tobacco use restrictions Oct. 1 at the main Bay Pines VA Medical Center campus in St. Petersburg and at all of the system's outpatient clinic locations.

The restrictions come as part of the healthcare system's revamped tobacco use policy and corresponding campaign to promote tobacco cessation intended to move the organization towards a 100 percent tobacco-free environment. The new policy has been in effect since July 1.

The revised system policy prohibits tobacco use of any kind by employees, patients, contractors and visitors on all Bay Pines VA owned or leased properties except in designated smoking areas. The Bay

Pines Be Tobacco Free campaign is an ongoing effort to raise awareness of the effects of tobacco use through education and the promotion of tobacco cessation resources and support.

Dr. Glenn Rehtine, associate chief of staff for education, Bay Pines VAHCS, said he hopes to see tobacco use decline dramatically across the system as a result of the policy and subsequent enforcement efforts.

"This is an important and necessary step to safeguard the health of our veterans, their families, and all of our dedicated health care providers and employees who visit and work here," Rehtine said. "As a public institution charged with the health and welfare of our nation's heroes, it is our duty to provide an environment conducive to health and heal-

ing. By offering a health care setting that is virtually tobacco-free, we are limiting exposure to second-hand smoke; a serious health hazard that can lead to disease and other serious complications, and it is an important trigger for those trying to quit smoking."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death in the United States. More Americans die each year from tobacco related illnesses than died in both theatres of World War II. Smoking causes 20 percent of all deaths each year. Half of all smokers will die from a smoking related illness.

"We take our responsibility as a steward of our veterans' health seriously," said Suzanne M. Klink-

er, director, Bay Pines VA. "From the direct inpatient care we provide at our medical center to our multifaceted outpatient services we provide at our outpatient clinics, our goal is to ensure that our Veterans are as healthy as they can be. This updated policy and renewed focus on tobacco cessation supports that goal."

To learn more about the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System's new tobacco-free policy, please visit www.baypines.va.gov/tobaccofree.

If you currently use tobacco and would like to quit, talk to your VA health care provider or visit www.publichealth.va.gov/smoking. You can also visit Tobacco Free Florida at www.tobaccofreeflorida.com or call the Florida Quit Line at 1-877-UCAN-NOW.

Briefs

Northside Hospital earns recognition

ST. PETERSBURG - Northside

Hospital recently was named one of the nation's Top Performers on Key Quality Measures by the Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of health care organizations in America.

Northside Hospital was recognized by the Joint Commission for exemplary performance in using evidence-based clinical processes that are shown to improve care for certain conditions, including heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, surgical care, children's asthma, stroke and venous thrombo embolism, as well as inpatient psychiatric services.

Northside Hospital is one of 620 hospitals in the United States earning the distinction of Top Performer on Key Quality Measures for attaining and sustaining excellence in accountability measure performance. Northside Hospital was recognized for its achievement on the following measure sets: heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia and surgical care. The ratings are based on an aggregation of accountability measure data reported to the Joint Commission during the 2011 calendar year.

Each of the hospitals that were named as a Top Performer on Key Quality Measures met two 95 percent performance thresholds on 2011 accountabil-

ity data. First, each hospital achieved performance of 95 percent or above on a single, composite score that includes all the accountability measures for which it reports data to the Joint Commission, including measures that had fewer than 30 eligible cases or patients. Second, each hospital met or exceeded 95 percent performance on every accountability measure for which it reports data to the Joint Commission, excluding any measures with fewer than 30 eligible cases or patients. A 95 percent score means that a hospital provided an evidence-based practice 95 times out of 100 opportunities to provide the practice. Each accountability measure represents an evidence-based practice - for example, giving aspirin at arrival for heart attack patients, giving antibiotics one hour before surgery, and providing a home management plan for children with asthma.

Caregiver support groups meet

Harmony Home Health and Linda S. Burhans sponsor several caregiver support groups in the area.

Caring for aging parents and loved ones with special needs can be stressful and overwhelming. Support groups provide an opportunity for caregivers to learn about resources and information available to them.

- Harmony Home Health caregiver support group meets Tuesdays, 3 p.m., at 13787 Belcher

Road S., Suite 220, Largo

- Caregiver support group meets first Wednesdays, 1:30 to 3 p.m., at Grand Villa of Largo, 750 Starkey Road, Largo

- Journaling workshop for caregivers meets first Saturdays, 10 to 11:30 a.m., at Pacifica Senior Living, 620 Belleair Road, Clearwater

- Caregiver support group meets last Thursdays, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Barrington Terrace, 333 16th Ave., Largo

For additional information, call 288-3503 or call Burhans at 723-7532.

Bayshore Health Services rebrands

ST. PETERSBURG - Bayshore Health and Homemaker Services Inc. has rebranded as Bayshore Home Care.

The rebranding initiative includes a new name, an updated logo and a redesigned website. The new logo, name and website highlight the company's core focus: exceptional home care and independent living.

"I am proud that for over 26 years Bayshore Home Care has provided exceptional care to the Tampa Bay community," said Suzanne Atkinson Johnson, owner and administrator, in a press release. "The changes that we're making will allow us to continue our family legacy for many more years."

"It's exciting to announce an updated identity," said Todd Atkinson, CFO. "It now reflects the vitality and compassion our

family has cultivated over the last 26 years, along with a vision for the future."

To accompany Bayshore's new revitalized identity, the company has also upgraded its website. The new site serves as an informational resource for those in need of home care, and focuses on what the company calls "independence by your design" - a philosophy that factors in the many facets of a patient's life, including their specific mental, physical and emotional needs.

Bayshore Home Care is a fully licensed, bonded and insured home health agency providing home health services to Pinellas, Pasco, and Hillsborough counties. Bayshore has four offices in the area and more than 200 employees including full-time registered nurses, home health aides, field nurses and administrative staff.

Ombudsman program seeks volunteers

LARGO - Florida's Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program needs volunteers to join its corps of dedicated advocates who protect the rights of elders residing in nursing homes, assisted living facilities and adult family care homes.

The program's local councils are seeking additional volunteers to identify, investigate and resolve residents' concerns. Special training and certification is provided.

All interested individuals who care about protecting the health, safety, welfare and rights of long-term care facility residents - who often have no one else to advo-

cate for them - are encouraged to call toll-free 888 831-0404 or visit the program's website at ombudsman.myflorida.com.

The local council meets on the third Thursday of each month at the Mary Grizzle Building, 11351 Ulmerton Road, Room 136 to discuss the program's current activities and give the public a chance to provide comments about long-term care facility issues. The open session of these meetings begins at 1 p.m. Concerned citizens and those interested in volunteering are welcome to attend.

Bay Pines VA to receive state honor

The Bay Pines VA Healthcare System will receive a state-level award for its commitment to hiring people with disabilities during a disability employment awareness celebration on Oct. 31.

The event will be held at the Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront Hotel, 333 First St. S., St. Petersburg, from 8:30 to 10 a.m.

The celebration is being held in conjunction with National Disability Employment Awareness Month, which is recognized during the month of October.

Vocational Rehabilitation, a statewide program under the Florida Department of Education that assists disabled individuals with training, will host the event, medical treatment, accommodations, and other services so they may become or remain employed. VR has helped more than 6,000 Floridians find or keep their jobs last year and has 80 offices across Florida.



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NFL referee fiasco shows disdain for American workers

By STEVEN KURLANDER

With our nation in the middle of a contentious presidential campaign and our economy stuck in the doldrums, what is the sudden piece of good news that has Americans cheering?

A big drop in gas prices? Decreased unemployment? Teamwork in Congress? Wrong! The National Football League's lockout of referees is over. That's right. The immense suffering of overpaid professional football players and NFL fans has come to an end.

Without being asked, White House Press Secretary Jay Carney spoke for President Obama — and the rest of the country — in welcoming news of a deal between the NFL and the referees' union. "The president's very pleased that the two sides have come together," Carney said. "It's a great day for America."

Hallelujah. For the entire preseason and three weeks of the regular season, we've put up with replacement referees who failed to live up to snuff and caused lovers of the game to question the NFL's integrity.

Now it's over, but not because the NFL was brought to its knees at the negotiating table. Rather, because of a blown call at the end of Monday night's game that cost the Green Bay Packers a win.

Fans and players were outraged. The outcry was immense, marathon negotiating sessions commenced and a settlement was announced Wednesday at 11:30 p.m. It came none too soon — right before Thursday night's Browns-Ravens matchup in Baltimore.

With the help of two federal mediators, the league and the NFL Referees Association agreed to an eight-year labor pact that still must be ratified by the union's 121 members, who work on a part-time basis officiating games.

Carney said the focus can now return to the games, not the officiating. But the real issue that caused the lockout — job security and benefits for part-time referees — was obviously lost on the White House and a jubilant America.

The defeat of the NFL lockout was a victory not just for the referees, but also for American workers who are under serious attack in a new, part-time economy where employers force workers to work part-time hours for less pay and no retirement or health benefits.

The big dispute was over pension and retirement benefits for officials who are called part-time, but work long hours on top of regular jobs.

In the end, the referees' annual salaries will increase from \$149,000 in 2011 to \$173,000 in 2013, and \$205,000 by 2019. A disputed defined-benefit pension plan will remain in place for current officials through the 2016 season or until they earn 20 years of service. Then, the defined-benefit plan will be frozen.

The NFL also will have the option, at the beginning of the 2013 season, to hire referees on a full-time basis, like other leagues.

While most sports commentators lamented the length of the lockout, these lockouts are now too common in professional sports. The National Hockey League is in Day 5 of a player lockout by wealthy franchise owners, a stoppage that will ultimately hurt the sport and its 2012-13 season.

So while Americans can be happy that "real" football is back, they should consider whether penalty flags should be thrown not only against players on the field, but against franchise owners who exemplify the 21st Century-stereotype of the rich, grubby American employer.

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LETTERS

Coverage lopsided

Editor:

I am very disappointed with your Clearwater Beacon coverage of the presidential campaigns. Your blatant, lopsided coverage of Obama's reelection run is beneath the standards of professional journalism. The article published a few weeks ago in your paper in which one of your reporters reiterated what a group of Obama supporters believe was especially irritating. So we are to infer that because the Obama supporters interviewed state Romney is a racist and a women hater, it must be true? Come on! What a pathetic attempt to misrepresent Romney the candidate.

For example, in this article it is said that the Republican platform disallows abortion, period, no exemptions, not even in cases of rape or incest! Are you joking me? Only the truly misinformed or Obama cool aide drinkers believe this. Listen to Mr. Romney, read the platform, note the party's response to Mr. Akin's infamous abortion statement. Then issue a well-deserved apology for such an obvious character assassination attempt directed at a party and a candidate whose views actually reflect the values of half the nation.

Come on journalists, start living up to the integrity expected of your profession or find an honest job in the Obama campaign machine.

Jeffrey E. Walker
Clearwater

Bad behavior

Editor:

To the person or persons who stole all the Obama signs from everyone's yard in our neighborhood. So, what you believe is that we do not have the right to express our political views? As a religious person, I do not think Jesus would approve. If this is the kind of behavior the Republican Party represents, I believe I am going to change my affiliation.

Jack Kowenski
Seminole

He would ride the train, if:

Re: "Against Light Rail," Charles Graham's letter.

Editor:

Charles Graham posed the question that if I were a resident of St. Petersburg, "would I take a train from St. Petersburg to Clearwater?" and vice versa from Clearwater to St. Petersburg.

My answer is "yes" if one of the following applied to me: If I were of a certain age; if I were physically handicapped; if I were blind; if I were deaf (inability to hear sirens); if I could not afford a vehicle; if I were prohibited from driving by law; if I wanted to avoid the rush hour.

I would respond "yes" if at least one of the following were enacted by the rail company: If the train always left on time because the conductor would be fined for every minute late (as in France); if weekly or monthly passes were issued at a discount rate; if the light rail gave a smooth ride; if the rail had the right of way at all times; if the train stops were coordinated with the current bus system.

Arthur Hebert
Largo

Young's behavior unacceptable

Editor:

Twice, I have read Representative Bill Young was a "no-show" at publicized and sponsored debates ... What? I do not know him or his opponent, Jessica Ehrlich, but I find his behavior totally unacceptable for an incumbent politician, who, like the rest of Congress (both parties) has been totally unaccountable to the public for two entire years and has a lot of explaining to do about their unacceptable behavior.

Purely based on what I see as Young's arrogance, disrespect and indifference, I will vote for the alternative (Ehrlich). Surely, we can do better with a change in our national representative.

Al Brown
Seminole

Sixty years of voting for presidents

On the morning of Nov. 4, 1952, I stood hitchhiking on Route 15 in Lewisburg, Pa., with a large sign proclaiming "Voter for Ike."

I had little trouble getting rides from Bucknell University to my home 50 miles to the south. Most Americans liked Ike. He won in a landslide over Adlai Stevenson, ending 20 years of Democratic rule.

In the 60 years since then, many things have changed. For instance, you seldom see hitchhikers today. Some states and cities have outlawed the practice. Americans (motorists and hitchhikers alike) have grown less trusting. Every stranger might be a killer, thief or pervert. So why take a chance?

Or (in 1952) the stranger might be a Communist. Fear of Communists and the Soviet Union was rampant in the 1950s. With some justification. The Soviets had stolen some of our nuclear weapon secrets and built their own bombs. For the next 40 years we worried that the "Reds" would overtake us. Then, after the Soviet Union fell apart in 1990 or so, we learned that our own CIA had been deliberately exaggerating Soviet military and economic strength.

In 1952, for the first time in hundreds of years, there were no lynchings in America. That was a hopeful statistic, but segregation would still be with us for years to come. Other forms of prejudice are still around, and may always be. If you're a gay man and play professional sports, better keep your mouth shut about it. If you're a Republican serving in Congress and see a need for new taxes, stay silent, at least until after election day.

Sixty years equals 15 presidential elections and the swearing-in of 11 men with widely disparate backgrounds and personalities. With my vote, I helped elect (or defeat) candidates from both major political parties. As with Forrest Gump's box of chocolates, you never know what you're going to get when you cast your ballot.

In 1960, I went for Nixon rather than the smiling Irishman financed by his father's



Driver's Seat
Bob Driver

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bootleg profits. Four years later I watched as a nation rejected an honorable man, Sen. Barry Goldwater, because of his alleged militarism, choosing instead LBJ, whose outstanding domestic-policy leadership failed to prevent his taking the USA neck-deep into the Vietnam disaster. LBJ's successor, Nixon, only prolonged the Vietnam carnage and then compounded his crimes by giving us the glory that was Watergate.

There's no need to extend this recitation, whose details most readers will already know far better than I do. On the one hand we can celebrate the accomplishments of some of the White House occupants; on the other hand, we must shake our heads in amazement and gratitude that our nation withstood the stupidity, arrogance and corruption (both political and personal) of other presidents. In my moments of discouragement, I try to convince myself that America is capable of surviving the people who govern it. On some days I'm not so sure.

A myth that we cling to is that any president has the wisdom and power to set the best course for our nation and then guide us to safe shores. That just isn't so. Democracy doesn't work that way. We don't elect saviors or dictators to fill the Oval Office. From the moment he (or, some day, she) takes the oath of office the president wears invisible handcuffs that restrict him.

These handcuffs have names. They include Congress, the Supreme Court, the Constitution, public opinion, the U.S. and world economies, the acts of foreign powers, climate change, and the maddening unpredictability of you and me, the governed. I can barely keep from laughing when I hear Messrs. Obama and Romney promise or imply that they will lower unemployment, reduce taxes, reform education, solve our immigration woes, balance the budget and perform other miracles. Our planet, our nation and our very lives are like a gigantic, complicated wheel of fortune that keeps on turning. No human force is in control. You and I are merely passengers, hoping to survive the ride and maybe enjoy parts of it.

In closing, let's listen to what some of our presidents have said:

George Washington: "Government is not reason; it is not eloquence; it is force! Like fire, it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master."

James Madison: "The truth is that all men having power ought to be mistrusted."
William Howard Taft: "Politics, when I am in it, makes me sick."

Dwight David Eisenhower: "There is nothing wrong with America that the faith, love of freedom, intelligence and energy of her citizens cannot cure."

Bill Clinton: "If a president of the United States ever lied to the American people, he should resign."

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Indict money-for-murder instigators

If President Obama is serious about protecting freedom of speech in this country, he must instruct his Justice Department to criminally prosecute those offering money for the murder of the producer of the controversial video "Innocence of Muslims."

The man behind the offensive anti-Islamic video, Nakoula Basseley Nakoula, an Egyptian-born resident of southern California, is the target of murder-for-money threats punishable under the federal criminal code. Those responsible for such threats can be indicted in the United States, even if they live in foreign countries.

A highly placed Pakistani government official, Federal Railways Minister Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour, has offered a \$100,000 reward to anyone who kills Nakoula. Bilour also has urged al-Qaida and Taliban militants to murder Nakoula.

Bilour belongs to a political party allied with the government of President Asif Ali Zardari. He said a Pakistani businessman from Lahore, whom he did not identify, had offered another \$400,000 for the killing.

Chiming in, Rehbar Mal, a representative of a Taliban breakaway faction in Afghanistan, offered eight kilograms of gold (about \$487,000) to whoever kills Nakoula.

Anyone who doubts the seriousness of these public death threats need only recall the case of British Indian writer Salman Rushdie, whose 1988 novel, *The Satanic Verses*, was attacked by Islamic radicals for his irreverent depiction of Muhammad.



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In 1989, Iran's late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini issued a fatwa mandating Rushdie's murder because his book was "blasphemous against Islam." In 2005, Khomeini's fatwa was reaffirmed by his current successor, the Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

During the summer of 1989, while Rushdie was living in London, a terrorist preparing a book bomb intended to kill the author in-

stead blew himself up in a hotel there.

The 65-year-old Rushdie, who now lives in the United States, has had to exist with the fear of suffering a violent death for the past 23 years. No one has been punished for this crime.

Solicitation to commit a crime of violence is a felony under Section 373(a) of Title 18 of the United States Criminal Code, which carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison.

There are numerous precedents for charging those who encourage the murder of another.

Just this week, the United States obtained the extradition to this country of the London-based terrorist of Pakistani descent Babar Ahmad, 38, who had been charged in Connecticut in 2004 with a violation of Section 373(a). From London, Ahmad had urged the killing of foreign nationals in Afghanistan and Chechnya.

On Tuesday, President Obama told the General Assembly of the United Nations: "There is no speech that justifies mindless violence." The president should be true to his words and instruct Attorney General Eric Holder to indict those who are offering money for the commission of a murder in the United States.

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Wrestling with dinosaurs and some tales of woe

Australian baggage handlers were recently flustered to find a crocodile roaming freely among the suitcases in the airplane's cargo hold after escaping its plastic carrier during the flight.

It's not every day that work involves a brush with a reptile as primitive as a dinosaur.

It may be that you get home from work with lesser tales of woe, but tales of woe nonetheless. Life on land is a series of accomplishments and challenges, the latter ranging from serious lifestyle-threatening trials like layoffs and foreclosures to smaller annoyances like burned-out appliances.

Less often do we grapple with the ancient enemies of disease and predation (think of that crocodile in the luggage).

Life at sea is more like a series of challenges. Working with wild dolphins as I do, it's impossible to ignore their raw battles with the ancient enemies. This is the somber tale of one little lady's fight, a yearling bottlenose dolphin we call Ballou. She was born to Bet last summer (Dolphin Watch's I've known her all my life). Mammal babies are cheerful creatures and dolphin calves are no exception. Ballou always struck me as the most cheerful of the John's Pass calves.

In the beginning, she did what all bottlenose dolphin calves do: spent her first summer at dolphin sea school learning the basics of nursing without lips and ceaseless swimming while her mom ushered her slowly alongside friends with other newborns.

She'd mastered these vital lessons of life by her first autumn, and then her cheerful nature emerged. Last October, she spent



Dolphin Watch
Ann Weaver

a jovial afternoon of gentle tickling, poking and prodding from mom Bet and Slight Twin as three dozen giant white pelicans migrated overhead in classic V-formation. She often wore a playface that day, which is the broad open-mouth facial expression that universally signals when someone is playing, and why I think of Ballou as more cheerful than most.

A couple of weeks later, Ballou wove merrily around her mom and another friend, AM, as the festooned boats assembled off the American Legion hall in Madeira Beach for a maritime Veteran's Day Parade.

When we saw Bet and Ballou the following spring, she was gaily continuing her social studies at dolphin sea school and progressing steadily through the standard stages of dolphin development. Now her companions included older dolphins in her mom's social circle. She grappled easily with three-year-old Nougat and big bull BB, learning the limits of her yearling stamina. Evenly matched, she and yearling Senna excitedly threw around a horsetail (mangrove seedpod).

One evening, she and mom Bet ran into PC, a native son about Bet's age. Ballou had two remoras, the itchy tickly cleaner fish that provoke great wiggling responses in dolphin kids. Seasoned in the fine art of rolling over bigger adults, Ballou used PC and mom Bet as emery boards to scrub the remoras off.

PC accommodated this affably. It also let Bet show how smart she is.

For example, Bet tried to bite off one of the remoras tickling Ballou's belly, which suggests that Bet understood Ballou's dilemma. She also tried to carry Ballou on her back.

We didn't see them again until late June this summer. They raced around the vicinity of three other mom-calf pairs so elusively, I couldn't get a good look at them. The pictures I snapped were poor because the dolphins remained at a distance, but were sufficient to show that Ballou had developed a horrible skin rash.

Over the July 4th holiday, we got the details I was itching for. Poor little Ballou was covered from head to toe, so to speak, with little white dots. Even her dorsal fin was covered. This was most unusual.

"Dots" like this tend to cover a specific portion of the body that, to my previous knowledge, excluded dorsal fins. Ballou also had two giant white patches, as if her silvery gray skin had been briskly rubbed off.

A touch of pox on a dolphin isn't unusual. But Ballou's response - or rather apparent lack of immunological response - was markedly atypical. The condition had spread appallingly in just a few days.

It was ironic; I got a picture of Ballou surfacing with her little face poking over the water surface. She seemed to be smiling. But her dolphin's smile was an illusion.

She was a pretty sick little girl through the summer, rarely venturing from mom's side to play with the numerous playmates at her disposal. Mom Bet did not get



Photo by ANN WEAVER

This is an uncharacteristically somber view of a little yearling bottlenose dolphin named Ballou, born to Bet last summer.

the pox, so it either wasn't contagious or her more mature immune system fought it off.

Finally, by the end of August, Ballou was healing! The dots were gone from her dorsal fin. The remaining dots on her left side were fading, though there were still many dots on her right side. Though Ballou was light-colored as local dolphins go, now she looks white. You can see her from quite a distance, which is a risky condition for a dolphin.

She looked like she felt better too. She and Bet rolled around

each other briefly like in the old days, and Ballou even playfully surfaced under a little mass of grass to wear it briefly.

By Sept. 23, Ballou's body was clean of all signs of infection. But the top of her dorsal fin had been bitten off.

How much is this little girl supposed to take? How much can she take?

The brilliant woman who overcame challenges that none of us can fathom, Helen Keller, observed that security is an illusion that certainly does not exist in

nature. You might want to think about that the next time you're tempted to tell a tale of woe.

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Plenty of bait along the beach; mackerel fishing good

If you're the type that loves blacking out the live well with perfect sized pilchards before starting your fishing day, then this is the time of year you have to love.

Hordes of pilchards have settled into our area and collecting them has been easy.

When the winds are out of the east there's no easier way to nab the oil rich baits than to throw

your cast net right along the beach. Look for the bait to be holding just a few feet off the beach, which may require you to hop out of the boat at low tide. It's been no problem to average a couple of hundred baits per throw this past week.

When you can't get them there, chumming them with a combination of jack mackerel and tropical



Fish Tales
Capt. Tyson Wallerstein

fish food along deep grass flats just inside the pass has been easy as well.

Spanish mackerel fishing has

been excellent over the past week, both inshore and off the beach. Inshore, find deep grass patches in 4-to 6-feet of water and chum the fish up with live pilchards, when the tide is moving strong the action has been non-stop. Speckled trout are also mixed in with the mackerel, most have been under-sized with a few keepers, the bigger fish will move onto the

flats as the water continues to cool.

Offshore, finding the schools of Spanish has been easy. Watch for the birds and the mackerel can be seen busting the water below.

Anchoring and chumming with live pilchards and a frozen chum block will bring the fish right behind the boat, also have a heavier rod rigged up with a double stinger rig so that you can quickly hook up one of the smaller mack-

erel and slide it back out under a balloon. Plenty of big kingfish were caught this past week and Spanish mackerel is their favorite food.

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Timelines can show the way in genealogy research

A timeline is the representation of events, either in list form or graphic form.

The subject of a timeline can be an individual ancestor, a selected group of people (such as an entire family unit), or a series of events.

It just depends on what you want to accomplish with the device.

Just as the people involved in the timeline can be selectively chosen, so too can the events depicted. You can include all of the life events you know of for an individual, or you can zero in specifically on residences, or birth and death dates, etc.

Again, it depends on your purpose for using the timeline.

You can also include in your timeline significant historical

events as well as individual life events to better view your ancestor's life in a historical context. This is particularly helpful if you want to see possible military service opportunities, for instance.

A convenient format for a timeline consists of a line of dates across the top of a sheet of paper with the events plotted down the page under the appropriate date ranges. This is the most common graphical display and has the advantage of quickly showing events in relation to each other. The actual format is really limited only by your creativity, however. The format chosen should facilitate the purpose for using the timeline.

One of the advantages of a timeline is that it may show, by inference, life events that you do



Genealogy exposed
Peter Summers

not specifically have information on. A timeline will not give you the specifics of your missing information, but it may give you an indication of probable dates and places for events.

Some of the research hints that may be revealed in timelines include an ancestor migration path, probable birth date and place of a child, date and place of marriage, date and place of death, immigration date, or possible military service.

Armed with the information revealed in your timeline, you may

then contact appropriate courthouses or archives with reasonable search criteria for documents dealing with those events.

Another benefit of a timeline is that it can make it easier to sort out a confusing series of events. It can also help simplify the analysis of conflicting events by displaying them in a graphic form which will clearly show the conflicts and possibly even suggest resolutions.

I have suggested some uses for timelines here, but there can be many more, driven by the data you have to build the timeline and the objective you have in mind.

You may already have a useful timeline available if you record a person's life events in your ge-

nealogy computer program. Those events are automatically listed in date order, and that in itself is a form of a timeline. It is helpful, but it is a list, and that physical display may not be very revealing. A different format may be more useful ... one that is more graphically oriented. In some genealogy programs a graphical timeline can be produced as a report or as an on-screen display that is easier to read and interpret and a list. You can also use a computer program such as a word processor or a spreadsheet to construct from scratch your own version of a timeline.

There is online help in building timelines. One of the easiest sites to use is called Our Time Lines, and is found at www.ourtimelines.com. That site will build a

timeline of historical events between beginning and ending dates that you enter. It will also allow you to enter up to ten events of your own choosing to personalize the timeline. So against the backdrop of historical events you can add specific events and an ancestor's life such as education, military service, children's birth dates, etc. When you are finished, you can print the end result.

Timelines can assist you in making sense of data you have collected, and in focusing your research efforts. Don't overlook this simple but effective tool.

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Anna Maria Island: a good vacation spot close to home

Have you been thinking about a family vacation?

Some of the best places are right here in Florida. We found that out this summer, as we took a "nearcation" or, as some say, a "staycation."

We went just south of Pinellas County, about an hour away to Anna Maria Island. Even though it is a short distance away on the other side of the Skyway, we felt like we were hours away. The island is beautiful and so relaxing. We stayed for about a week. We were fortunate to rent a friend's vacation home down there. It was just perfect.

Our girls loved the house because it had bunk beds and a pool with a tiki hut and table inside it, a feature we took full advantage of when we grilled and ate outside or had our breakfast in the morning poolside.

Anna Maria Island is a hidden treasure with seven miles of beaches. The island actually includes three cities: Anna Maria on the northern end, Holmes Beach in the middle and Bradenton Beach on the southern end.

Before we got there, I searched the Internet for things to do and places to eat. I also asked friends who had been there what there was to do and where to eat. We tried to pick restaurants with character. Some restaurants came highly recommended and some we just found.

One night, we ate at the waterfront restaurant the Sandbar



Mom 2 Mom
Kadi Hendricks Tubbs

It was really good, and we could see the sunset from our table. Another fun place to eat was Mr. Bones BBQ. My husband loved this place. As a matter of fact, we were in Pinellas County eating at a fast food restaurant and a person overheard us talking about going to Anna Maria Island and told us we had to stop at Mr. Bones. He said he drives from Pinellas just to get the barbecue.

There are quaint shops and restaurants all around the island. One we found was Ginny's and Jane E's Bakery Café & Store. The girls had smoothies. My husband and I got a coffee. We relaxed on sofas enjoying our drinks. While there, my husband even found a vintage golf club as his souvenir. Another little café we stopped at that was fun was the Village Café. The girls said they had the best hot chocolate.

The island offers a free trolley service that goes around the island. We decided we would take the trolley one night to go get pizza at the local shop, Vinny & Cheryl's Italian Kitchen. It was a fun adventure. The pizza was outstanding! The pizzas are made on a wood burning brick oven.

We also checked out both of the piers on the island. We ate



Photo courtesy of KADI HENDRICKS TUBBS

The Tubbs family reels in a fish during their "nearcation" to Anna Maria Island this summer.

at the City Pier and could see the Skyway Bridge from our seats at window. We watched people fish and decided the next day to take the girls fishing off the pier.

I think this was the girls' favorite part of the trip. We rented poles for \$3 an hour and bought the bait for a few dollars. Next time, we will bring our own poles, but this was nice since we didn't have them with us. It was awesome watching our girls catch fish. They caught about 20 fish. Not big fish - they were ones we had to throw back in the water - but the thrill of catching the fish was fun. We had hours of fun and our total bill was less than \$30 for the poles and bait.

One of the highlights of our fishing adventure was a fisherman who caught a six-foot black tip shark off the pier. He was bringing it up to the shore and telling everyone on the

beach to get out of the water just in case the line snapped. And the line snapped. No one was hurt, but it was our BIG fish story for the day.

Another night, we went off the island to play miniature golf. The girls had fun. Everyone got a hole-in-one except me. After golfing, the girls got some great ice cream on the island at Dips. Other fun things to do on the island include renting paddleboards, kayaks and boats. You can parasail or go horseback riding along the beach.

There are so many other places that we didn't get to that we still want to try, so I guess we will have to go back again! We also thought since it is so close we can go for just the day. It truly was a wonderful family trip in paradise.

Kadi Hendricks Tubbs, mother of two girls ages 6 and 8, lives in Seminole. Visit her blog at Mom2MomFamilyFun.blogspot.com.

Church news

Calvary Episcopal Church

INDIAN ROCKS BEACH - Holy Jazz featuring Erica DiCeglie and Friends will be presented Sunday, Oct. 7, 4 p.m., at Calvary Episcopal Church, 1615 First St.

The program will feature "a fantastic musical journey into the heart of the gospels through soul-filling music, quotes from the New Testament and visual imagery" according to a press release. During the concert there will be a free will offering in support of the student section leader music scholarship program at the church. This is the first event of the 2012-13 Calvary Concert Series.

For information, call 595-2374 or visit www.calvaryirb.org.

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SPOT to host neuter-a-thon

PINLLAS PARK – Stop Pet Overpopulation Together will celebrate Halloween with a month-long “all black cat neuter-a-thon” through

Oct. 31 at the SPOT Spay and Neuter Clinic, 4403 62nd Ave.

Cost will be \$25 for males and \$35 for females. Appointments are required. Call 329-8657 or visit www.spotusa.org.

Rally to Rescue set

CLEARWATER – The inaugural Rally to Rescue campaign will take place Saturday, Oct. 6, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Pet Supplies Plus of

Clearwater, 1500 N. McMullen Booth Road.

Pet Supplies Plus of Clearwater will host approximately 20 area pet adoption groups as part of its inaugural Rally to Rescue. Nearly 100 dogs and cats will be available for local adoption. While the animals' ages and breeds will vary considerably, they all share one common connection: They all need a home. Husky Haven, VIPoodle, Collie Rescue of Tampa Bay, Florida English Bulldog Rescue, Dalmatian Rescue of Tampa Bay and several other pet rescue groups will attend the free event.

Church to bless animals

ST. PETERSBURG – A Blessing of the Animals will take place Saturday, Oct. 6, 10 a.m., in the Peace Garden at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 3747 34th St. S.

Pets must be under control and wearing identification. For pets too nervous or indisposed to attend, the church welcomes photographs for the blessing. The blessing is free, but attendees are encouraged to bring a donation for Pet Pal Animal Shelter.

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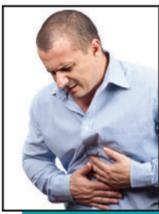
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Drawing for dollhouse



The Thorn Collection, Coldwell Banker is featuring a drawing for a pink "Melissa and Doug" dollhouse during the Belleair Bluffs Block Party. To register for the drawing, stop by at 598 N. Indian Rocks Road prior to or during the event, which is being held Thursday, Oct. 4, 4 to 7 p.m. in the 400 to 600 block of Indian Rocks Road. Shown with the dollhouse are Martha Thorn, left, and Cheri Davis.



From left are Andrew, Robert and Matthew Rezabek.

Here and there

Guy Harvey film fest begins Oct. 5

LARGO – The Guy Harvey Outpost Auditorium is the site of a special film fest, set for Fridays, Oct. 5, 12 and 19, 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Florida Gulf Coast Center For Fishing & Interactive Museum, 12211 Walsingham Road.

The Film Fest will run three consecutive Fridays with a new and different feature presentation each night. Friday, Oct. 5, the film will be *Mystery of the Grouper Moon*. The next week, Oct. 12, will be *Sharks: This is Your Ocean*; Oct. 19, the film is *Portraits from the Deep*.

Cost for each showing is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. Seating is limited. Please purchase tickets in advance at the Center For Fishing or reserve by email at tickets@centerforfishing.org.

The Florida Gulf Coast Center for Fishing & Interactive Museum is an educational complex complete with auditorium, classrooms, historical and marine art galleries, interactive fishing simulator area, marine store and outdoor fishing lake – aligning perfectly with Guy Harvey's signature brand of preserving marine resources through education in science and hands-on exploration. The 2,000 square foot, state-of-the-art auditorium, sponsored by TradeWinds Beach Resort, features a 100-seat amphitheater with full audio and visual presentation capability.

For more information about the Guy Harvey Film Fest or the Florida Gulf Coast Center For Fishing & Interactive Museum, call 365-4660 or visit www.CenterForFishing.org.

Relay for life plans kickoff party

INDIAN ROCKS BEACH – The Relay for life of Largo's Magical Movies kickoff party will be held

Wednesday, Oct. 24, 5:30 to 7 p.m., at the Belleview Biltmore Golf Club, 1501 Indian Rocks Road.

Attendees will find out how to start a team, how to raise funds and where the money goes.

Please RSVP by Oct. 17 to Mary Glasevits, event chair. Call 643-2745 or mgisevits@cci.edu

Oktoberfest draws near

Oktoberfest is set for Saturday, Oct. 13, at Kolb Park. The event features live music, food, beverages, beer vendors, exhibitors with arts and crafts for sale and a silent auction packed with great values. There are free activities such as a bounce house and clowns. The funds that are raised from this event are returned to the community through various charitable projects and contributions. For more information, please visit www.oktoberfestonthebeach.com or call Rebecca Sacra at 953-7857 or Diane Flagg at 612-9454.

Walk to prevent suicide slated

ST. PETERSBURG – The St. Petersburg Out of the Darkness Community Walk will be held Saturday, Oct. 13, at Spa Beach Park, 615 Second Ave., to support the local and national suicide prevention and awareness programs.

Walker registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with the walk beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Spa Beach Park and proceeding around the Vinoy basin and Vinoy Park.

An estimate of more than 1 million Americans make a suicide attempt, more than 36,000 die by suicide and more than 20 million suffer from depression.

Supporting the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, more than 250 Out of the Darkness Community Walks will take place throughout the country this fall.

Three Scouts earn rank of Eagle

Andrew, Robert and Matthew Rezabek, age 16, sons of John and Janine Rezabek, were awarded the rank of Eagle Scout on Aug. 18. They are members of Troop 371 sponsored by Christ the King Church of Largo. In attendance were the boys parents, grandparents, relatives, and members of Troop 371. The triplets started in scouting in first grade, as Tiger Cubs. They have been with Troop 371 for 5 years.

Andrew has earned a total of 36 merit badges and has served as Order of the Arrow representative, patrol leader, webmaster, historian and chaplain aide. He is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

Andrew's Eagle project was designing and building 9 park shelter reservation signs with acrylic locking covers for the Pinellas County Parks and installing them.

Robert has earned a total of 37 merit badges and has served as assistant senior patrol leader, patrol leader, and chaplain aide. He is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. Robert's Eagle Project was building a sailboat sandbox for the Christ the King Loving Arms Preschool. The sandbox was built out of Trek and measures 6 by 12 feet. It has a

sail-shaped shade covering as well as a snap on cover for the sand. It can hold many kids and will last for many years to come.

Matthew has earned a total of 34 merit badges and has served as senior patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader, patrol leader, and troop guide. He is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the

Arrow. Matthew's Eagle project was building an 87 foot Brick Memorial Walkway for Christ the King Church connecting the old church to the new church building.

All three scouts plan on finishing high school, continue with scouting and attend college in Florida.

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Top five diversions

• **Joe Cocker with Dave Mason**, Thursday, Oct. 4, 8 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Tickets start at \$49.50. Call 791-7400 or visit www.rutheckerdhal.com. For more than 40 years, Cocker has been a major player in the music business, releasing more than 20 studio and four live albums. His unmistakable bluesy soul voice is a musical trademark in its own right. He's sold millions of records and had massive hit singles such as "I'm So Glad I'm Standing Here," "Up Where We Belong" (a duet with Jennifer Warnes that reached No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart and earned him a Grammy for Best Pop Performance by a Duo and an Academy Award for Best Original Song), "Unchain My Heart" and "You Are So Beautiful." Joining Cocker is special guest Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Dave Mason, co-founder and original member of the band Traffic. Mason will be bringing his guitar and performing hits from Traffic along with those from his impressive solo career.

• **Bret Michaels** - Get Your Rock On Tour 2012, Friday, Oct. 5, 8 p.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets are \$59.50. Call 587-6793. Michaels first rose to fame as frontman for the glam rock band Poison which sold over 30 million records worldwide and charted 10 singles in the Top 40 including the No. 1 single, "Every Rose Has Its Thorn." Michaels' solo career has been equally successful. His TV shows "Rock of Love" and "Life As I Know It" were huge successes on VH1. He also was the 2010 winner of "Celebrity Apprentice" on NBC.

• **Victor Wooten**, Sunday, Oct. 7, 7 p.m., at The State Theatre, 687 Central Ave., St. Petersburg. The five-time Grammy-winning musician will bring his captivating band to the area. Tickets are \$22 in advance and \$24 the day of the show. Visit statetheatreconcerts.com. Wooten, best known for his work on bass guitar with Béla Fleck and the Flecktones, Stanley Clarke, Dave Matthews and more, released two new CDs on his own VIX Records this year. Wooten's touring ensemble includes Wooten on electric, tenor and upright basses, cello, guitar and vocals; Krystal Peterson on vocals, keyboards and drums; J.D. Blair on vocals and drums; Derico Watson on vocals and drums; Anthony Wellington on bass, keyboards & vocals; Steve Bailey on bass, keyboards, trombone and vocals; and Dave Welsch on bass, trumpet, keyboards and vocals. Each musician will multitask (actually switching instruments mid-song) resulting in a part choreographed and part improvised display of musicianship and showmanship at its best. The ensemble received rave reviews on their summer 2012 tour.

• **Three Broadway Tenors**, Friday, Oct. 5, 8 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. General admission tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for students and seniors. Call 791-7400 or visit www.rutheckerdhal.com. This magnificent trio serenades, belts and croons the finest ballads and wackiest showstoppers from Broadway's biggest hits. Featured tenors include Eddie Crader, star of Broadway's "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" and "West Side Story" and vocal instructor at The Marcia P. Hoffman Performing Arts Institute at Ruth Eckerd Hall; Christoff Marse, star of Broadway's "A Chorus Line" and the long running hit "Shear Madness"; and Dale Badway, actor, singer and 2012 Tony Award-winning producer.

• **The Last Damn Show 14**, Saturday, Oct. 6, 7:30 p.m., at Tampa Bay Times Forum, 401 Channelside Drive, Tampa. Tickets start at \$15. Call 813-301-2500 or visit www.tampabaytimesforum.com. This year's lineup will feature Snoop Dogg, Lupe Fiasco, 2 Chainz, MGK, Kreyshawn, Pleasure P and Rita Ora.



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Victor Wooten

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Liam Neeson returns to the role of an ex-CIA operative with set of very special skills, in "Taken 2."

Opening this weekend

'Taken 2' stars Neeson as ex-CIA agent; Burton reanimates 'Frankenweenie'

Compiled by LEE CLARK ZUMPE

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

'Frankenweenie'

Genre: Animation and comedy
Cast: Winona Ryder, Martin Short, Catherine O'Hara, Martin Landau, Charlie Tahan, Atticus Shaffer, Robert Capron and Conchata Ferrell

Director: Tim Burton
Rated: PG

"Frankenweenie" is a heartwarming tale about a boy and his dog. After unexpectedly losing his beloved dog Sparky, young Victor harnesses the power of science to bring his best friend back to life - with just a few minor adjustments. He tries to hide his home-sewn creation, but when Sparky gets out, Victor's fellow students, teachers and the entire town all learn that getting a new "leash on life" can be monstrous.

"Frankenweenie" harkens back to the classic horror films of Tim Burton's influential youth, not only by filming in black and white, but also in the expression of innocence embodied by the use of stop-motion animation, which respects the simplicity of the story and adds both depth and texture to its presentation.

'Taken 2'

Genre: Action and thriller
Cast: Liam Neeson, Maggie Grace, Famke Janssen, Rade Sherbedgia and Luke Grimes

Director: Olivier Megaton
Rated: PG-13

Liam Neeson returns as Bryan Mills, the retired CIA agent who stopped at nothing to save his abducted daughter in "Taken." When he is targeted by a mysterious figure seeking vengeance, Bryan must employ his "particular set of skills" to protect his family against an army out to kill them.

Audiences cheered Neeson as Bryan Mills, an overprotective father whose skills - forged through years of covert ops - were put to the test long after his retirement from the CIA. Resolute in his quest to rescue his daughter, Bryan took extreme measures, making sure her kidnappers paid the ultimate price. Two years later, their family is seeking vengeance against Bryan and his family.



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Solomon Glave and Shannon Beer star in "Wuthering Heights."

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

'Butter'

Genre: Comedy
Cast: Jennifer Garner, Ty Burrell, Olivia Wilde, Rob Corddry, Ashley Greene, Alicia Silverstone, Hugh Jackman, Kristen Schaal and Yara Shahidi

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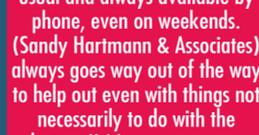


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Palm Harbor areas will open their home studios to the public. Participants will enjoy demonstrations revealing how the artists' work is created. Artwork will be

available for purchase directly from the artists.

Participating artists' media will include pottery, mixed media, fiber art, mosaics and painted

furniture, silver, pastels, lamp-work glass beading, painting, wood and copper, etchings, whimsical art made from recycled materials and photography.

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Crossword

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Horoscopes

October 4, 2012

Capricorn

December 22 – January 19

A major purchase calls for major research, Capricorn. Do your homework, or risk getting a lemon. An old friend comes back into the fold with something extra.

Aquarius

January 20 – February 18

You're a real go-getter this week, Aquarius. You finish a long list of chores and attain one goal after another. A young pal makes a great save.

Pisces

February 19 – March 20

Your skills are put to the test with a project at home. Don't be afraid to ask for help should you need it, Pisces. An organizational goal becomes clear.

Aries

March 21 – April 19

An investment begins to pay off and you have a surplus for the first time in a long time. Put it to good use, Aries. A deadline draws near.

Taurus

April 20 – May 20

The debate continues at home, and it's up to you to put an end to it, Taurus. Look within for the answer. A promise thought broken is kept.

Gemini

May 21 – June 21

Smile, Gemini. You've got it good. Business picks up, and your financial picture shapes up. A fitness routine is revived, and romance burns bright.

Cancer

June 22 – July 22

Terrible tirades spur you to re-think a friendship. Give them the benefit of the doubt, Cancer. Everyone throws a fit now and then, even you. A romantic gesture is returned.

Leo

July 23 – August 22

Promotions are given, and a celebration is in order. Step up and play host, Leo. A romance hits the rocks. Be supportive, even if you're not in favor of reconciliation.

Virgo

August 23 – September 22

A moment of brilliance brings about a flurry of activity. Get on-board, Virgo. News of a major change in policy at work spreads fast. Be receptive.

Libra

September 23 – October 22

A loved one is on the verge of a breakthrough. Clear the way, Libra! The cornerstone of your belief system is challenged, but you don't back down.

Scorpio

October 23 – November 21

Confession time, Scorpio. You've been holding back, and now it's time to admit it so you can move forward with pride. A small budgetary change will make for big rewards later.

Sagittarius

November 22 – December 21

Drat, Sagittarius. You thought you had all of your bases covered, but it turns out that you don't. A mentor steps in to help. Be grateful for their support no matter how challenging.

Across

- ___ Tuesday, voting day
- Ancient colonnade
- Operation on the user's premises
- Illuminated by stars
- Decrease gradually
- Lively and playful
- Moray, e.g.
- Designate
- "___ any drop to drink": Coleridge
- Pacific
- Devotion
- Anger, with "up"
- Birdlike
- "Dig in!"
- Black and white bear
- Repeat a game against the same opponent
- Insane
- Appearance
- Remote Automated Weather Station (acronym)
- Die (2 wds)
- Covered with liqueur and set afire
- Exposed
- Hangup
- A la King
- Clever tactic
- Deliberate deception
- "Trick" joint
- "Much ___ About Nothing"
- Small hinged window above a door
- Vina ___ Mar, Chile
- British soldier during the American Revolution
- Aerial circus act
- Ancient galley
- Frying pan
- Art subject
- Twosomes

Down

- Motorcycle attachment
- Ravel
- ___ Johnson, "Darwin on Trial" author
- Long, long time
- "How ___"
- Alibi
- Chitchat
- Crumb
- Arranging parallel (var. spelling)
- High-five, e.g.
- Like "The X-Files"
- Disperse
- "Tristan and ___," Wagner opera
- Sewer line?
- "Beowulf" beverage
- Sweet Madeira wine
- Plunder
- Water nymph
- Hinged catches that fit into a ratchet notch
- Churchyard tree in "Romeo and Juliet"
- Churchill's "so few": Abbr.
- Recount
- Andy Warhol style (2 wds)
- More old (Scottish)
- Substituted (for) (2 wds)
- 10 jiao
- Nelson ___, former South African president
- Blew lightly
- Grommets
- Wrecks
- Body build
- Jerk
- Pigeon-___
- Domestic
- French vineyard
- Carry on

Sudoku

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

Sudoku answers from last week

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Crossword answers from last week

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'Which one's Pink?'

Australian Pink Floyd Show returns to Ruth Eckerd Hall Oct. 12 with 'Exposed in the Light'

CLEARWATER – The Australian Pink Floyd Show will return to the Tampa Bay area for one performance on Friday, Oct. 12, 8 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road.

Tickets range from \$49 to \$69. Call 791-7400 or visit www.ruth EckerdHall.com.

Billed as a "newly augmented concert," the show will mark the band's fifth appearance at Ruth Eckerd Hall.

Following the sold out dates earlier this year in Europe, and taking its title from the lyrics of the Pink Floyd classic "Shine On You Crazy Diamond," the 2012 "Exposed in the Light" tour will be a true Pink Floyd immersion experience. New for this year is a state-of-the-art surround sound system controlled by Pink Floyd's own front-of-house engineer Colin Norfield.

"For us, of course, the music has always come first," Colin Wilson, bassist, said in a press release. "For the new dates we'll be putting the Pink Floyd catalogue under the spotlight, breathing life into some material that would otherwise not get heard and ensuring that our audiences are just blown away by the show. We're really excited about this

next step."

The extraordinary audio output will be bolstered by new lasers, new lights and "jaw-dropping" video effects. TAPFS is known for pushing the boundaries and taking the concert experience to a new level and this show's multi-media sensory experience promises to set the bar even higher for future tours.

Pink Floyd veteran Lorelei McBroom will be appearing on this tour. McBroom's credentials are staggering: She toured with Pink Floyd on the "Momentary Lapse of Reason" and "Delicate Sound of Thunder" tours, appeared in the videos for "The Dogs of War," "On The Turning Away" and the "Pink Floyd Live in Venice" TV broadcast. She also performed "The Great Gig In The Sky" with Pink Floyd – a song she will now perform with TAPFS.

'Gold standard'

The Australian Pink Floyd Show has been hailed as the "gold standard" of live Pink Floyd tributes.

TAPFS has sold more than three million tickets worldwide, performing concerts in 35 countries. One particular concert pro-

vides ample proof of their pre-eminence: The band was engaged by David Gilmour – Pink Floyd legendary guitarist/vocalist – to perform at his 50th birthday celebration.

The band traces its beginnings back to 1988.

According to the TAPFS website, the first live show was performed to a select group of family and friends – including Richard Guest and Greg "Bear" Sutton, both of whom would serve time in the band's road crew. Originally going with the name Think Floyd, the quintet soon scored an early gig playing at the Alma Hotel. Early on, though audience reaction was generally positive, finding a regular audience proved difficult. The line-up drifted apart, until 1992 saw a refocusing and a redoubling of efforts.

Milestone performances included the January 1994 concert at Belfast's The Limelight, the 1997 concert at Battersea Power Station – the iconic building known to all Pink Floyd fans as the "Animals" album cover, and the Glastonbury Festival in 1998.

TAPFS has maintained a busy touring schedule over the years. In 2003, the band decided to try something different. It was the



Photo courtesy of RUTH ECKERD HALL

The Australian Pink Floyd Show returns to Ruth Eckerd Hall Oct. 12.

30th anniversary of Pink Floyd's landmark album "The Dark Side of the Moon," and TAPFS decided to perform the album in its entirety. Backing vocalists and saxophone were added to the lineup. Evocative animation sequences

were produced by American animator Bryan Kolupski for a new circular screen.

For two years, the band toured the show, taking it to North America for their first full tour.

In 2008, TAPFS brought Pink

Floyd's legendary rock opera "The Wall" to Ruth Eckerd Hall, performing the double album in its entirety. "The Wall" featured such hits as "Another Brick in the Wall Part 1," "Hey You" and "Comfortably Numb."

Looking ahead

Clearwater

• **"Crazy For You,"** with book by Ken Ludwig, lyrics by Ira Gershwin and music by George Gershwin; through Oct. 7, at Francis Wilson Playhouse, 302 Seminole St., Clearwater. Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. Matinees are Sunday, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$26 for adults and \$13 for students with identification. Call 446-1360 or visit www.franciswilsonplayhouse.org. The show features all the Gershwin classics including "I Got Rhythm," "Someone to Watch Over Me," "Embraceable You" and "Nice Work If You Can Get It."

• **"Moon Over Buffalo,"** through Oct. 27, at Early Bird Dinner Theatre, 200 S. McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Doors open at 4 p.m. for performances Friday through Sunday. Doors open at 11 a.m. for matinees Thursday and Saturday. Tickets are \$29.90 for buffet and show. For reservations, call 446-5898 or visit www.earlybirddinnertheatre.com. In this screwball comedy set in 1953, traveling actors receive the opportunity of a lifetime when the famous film director Frank Capra wants them to be in his latest film. Hilarity ensues with a whirlwind of mistaken identities and a cast of off-beat but lovable characters.

• **"God of Carnage,"** by Yasmina Reza, through Oct. 14, at West Coast Players, 21905 U.S. 19 N., Clearwater. Tickets are \$16. Call 437-2363. This "comedy of manners without the man-

ners" begins with a playground altercation between 11-year-old boys. The event brings together two sets of Brooklyn parents for a meeting to resolve the matter. At first, diplomatic niceties are observed, but as the meeting progresses and the rum flows, tensions emerge and the gloves come off, leaving the couples with more than just their liberal principles in tatters. Directed by Alan Mohnhey Jr., the production stars Janice Creneti, Alan Mohnhey Jr., Mark Myers and Karen Zendels-Hagen.

• **"The Lost Boys,"** Friday, Oct. 5, 8 p.m., at Capitol Theatre, 405 Cleveland St., Clearwater. Tickets are \$5. Call 791-7400 or visit www.attheatrecap.com. The film follows two brothers after they move to a new town and are convinced that the area is frequented by vampires. Starring Jason Patric, Kiefer Sutherland, Corey Haim and Corey Feldman, "The Lost Boys" has come to be regarded as a touchstone of '80s cinema and a seminal teenage vampire film, inspiring successors such as the TV series "Buffy the Vampire Slayer."

• **"Rock of Ages,"** Saturday, Oct. 6, 5 and 9 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Tickets start at \$50. Call 791-7400 or visit www.rutheckerdHall.com. In 1987 on the Sunset Strip, a small-town girl met a big-city dreamer and in L.A.'s most legendary rock club, they fell in love to the greatest songs of the 1980s "Rock of Ages," is a hilarious, feel-good love story told through

the hit songs of iconic rockers Journey, Styx, REO Speedwagon, Foreigner, Pat Benatar, Whitesnake, and many more. This five-time Tony nominated musical is all about dreaming big, playing loud and partying on.

• **Sunday jazz brunch,** Sunday, Oct. 7, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Nauti Nancy's, 700 Eldridge St., Clearwater. Jazz guitar duo Equinox will provide entertainment, with Patty Sanphy and Steve Armil playing bebop, bossa nova and swing standards. The brunch menu will offer traditional favorites like eggs benedict, waffles, omelets and bagels with lox as well as oysters Rockefeller and specialty crepes. Free Wi-Fi Internet is on site. For more information, call Nancy O'Neill at 446-3717.

Dunedin

• **Intergalactic,** through Dec. 21, at the Dunedin Fine Art Center, 1143 Michigan Blvd., Dunedin. One of four exhibits designed to present an array of work gathered to reflect a broad, though singular theme, Intergalactic features an all-media invitational. Artists from around the world take visitors out of this world. Extraterrestrials, black holes, lunar landscapes, celestial bodies ... what lies beyond this earthly realm – or not? Either way, the sky's not the limit for artists David Choi, Denis Gaston, Tsuneaki Hiramatsu, Shane Hoffman, Violet Hopkins, Masumi Kataoka, Andy Kehoe, Scott Listfield, Beili Liu, Sim Luttin, Timothy McMahon, Leah Peco-

raro, Rene Rickabaugh, Isabella Schupp, Sondra Sherman, Christel van der Laan and Marek Wyszomirski. DFAC galleries are open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. Gallery admission is free. DLM Children's Art Museum admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and free for DFAC members and children 2 and younger. Call 298-3322 or visit www.dfac.org.

• **Men on Fire for the Arts,** Sunday, Oct. 7, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., at Weaver Park, 2750 Bayshore Blvd., Dunedin. Tickets start at \$100 a person. Proceeds will benefit educational programs at the Dunedin Fine Art Center. Eight community leaders, serving as "celebrity chefs," will be firing

up grills to cook up their recipes based on the theme of Florida Fusion Grilling. The celebrity chefs include Aaron Fodiman, Tampa Bay Magazine's publisher/editor; Ron Barnette, vice mayor of Dunedin; Sean Daly, Tampa Bay Times pop music critic; Ed Halleran, president of Nurses Choice; John Hubbard, retired city of Dunedin attorney;

Jeremy Kurella, Pinellas County Sheriff's Department; Senator Jack Latvala; and Michael Vollbracht, an internationally known artist and designer. Members of the Dunedin Firefighters Association will serve as celebrity bartenders. DFAC will provide

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Director: Jim Field Smith
 Rated: R
 In small-town Iowa, an adopted girl discovers her talent for butter carving and finds herself pitted against an ambitious local woman in their town's annual contest.

'The Paperboy'

Genre: Crime and thriller
 Cast: Zac Efron, Matthew McConaughey, David Oyelowo, Macy Gray, John Cusack and Nicole Kidman

Director: Lee Daniels
 Rated: R
 A sexually and racially charged film noir from Oscar-nominated director Lee Daniels, "The Paperboy" takes audiences deep into the backwaters of steamy 1960s South Florida, as investigative reporter Ward Jansen (Matthew McConaughey) and his partner Yardley Acheman (David Oyelowo) chase a sensational, career-making story.

With the help of Ward's younger brother Jack (Zac Efron) and sultry death-row groupie Charlotte Bless (Nicole Kidman), the pair tries to prove violent swamp-dweller Hillary Van Wetter (John Cusack) was framed for the murder of a corrupt local sheriff. Based on the provocative



Matthew McConaughey, right, and John Cusack star in "The Paperboy."

bestselling novel by Pete Dexter, "The Paperboy" peels back a sleepy small town's decades-old façade of Southern gentility to reveal a quagmire of evil as dark as a Florida bayou.

'V/H/S'

Genre: Horror and thriller
 Cast: Joe Swanberg, Adam Wingard, Sophia Takal, Kate Lyn Sheil, Calvin Reeder and Lane Hughes

Director: Adam Wingard, Glenn McQuaid, Radio Silence, David Bruckner, Joe Swanberg

and Ti West
 Rated: R
 V/H/S is a point-of-view, found-footage horror film from the perspective of America's top genre filmmakers.

In "V/H/S," a group of misfits are hired by an unknown third party to burglarize a desolate house in the countryside and acquire a rare tape. Upon searching the house, the guys are confronted with a dead body, a hub of old televisions and an endless supply of cryptic footage, each video stranger and more inexplicable

than the last.

'Wuthering Heights'

Genre: Drama
 Cast: Kaya Scodelario, Nichola Burley and Steve Evets
 Director: Andrea Arnold
 Unrated

Andrea Arnold's "Wuthering Heights" is an excitingly fresh and distinct take on the classic novel by Emily Brontë.

An epic love story that spans childhood well into the young adult years, the film follows Heathcliff, a boy taken in by a



Sparky and Victor are central characters in Tim Burton's "Frankenweenie."

benevolent Yorkshire farmer, Earnshaw. Living in Earnshaw's home, Heathcliff develops a passionate relationship with the farmer's teenage daughter, Catherine, inspiring the envy and mistrust of his son, Hindley. When Earnshaw passes away, the now-grown characters must finally confront the intense feelings and rivalries that have built up throughout their years together.

Arnold's film is a beautiful and evocative visual masterpiece that brings out the powerful emotions

at the heart of Brontë's classic novel, resulting in a viscerally affecting love story. It is a sweetly old-fashioned tale of family, class, and romance told in a bracingly modern way by one of contemporary cinema's most gifted and unique filmmakers.

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musical entertainment featuring a live performance by the Mud Flappers. A Sunset Sponsor After Party, The Fire Extinguishers, will take place at the historic Blatchley House on the grounds of Weaver Park from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The party will still be going strong with music and entertainment provided by Sarah McAdoo. Prices to attend begin at \$100 per person. Sponsorship levels range from \$500 to \$5,000. Attendance is limited to 150 persons. All proceeds to benefit educational programs at the Dunedin Fine Art Center. Visit www.dfac.org.

• Beam Me Up, through Oct. 14, at the Dunedin Fine Art Center, 1143 Michigan Blvd., Dunedin. One of four exhibits designed to present an array of work gathered to reflect a broad, though singular theme, Houston-based video and photographic team Hillerbrand & Magsamen share contemporary interpretations of parenthood and family. It is "life as we do not know it" in Beam Me Up. DFAC galleries are open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. Gallery admission is free. DLM Children's Art Museum admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and free for DFAC members and children 2 and younger. Call 298-3322 or visit www.dfac.org.

• My Favorite Martian, through Oct. 14, at the Dunedin Fine Art Center, 1143 Michigan Blvd., Dunedin. One of four exhibits designed to present an array of work gathered to reflect a broad, though singular theme, My Favorite Martian invites DFAC students, members and

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• Blast Off, through Aug. 17, 2013, at the Dunedin Fine Art Center, 1143 Michigan Blvd., Dunedin. One of four exhibits designed to present an array of work gathered to reflect a broad, though singular theme, in Blast Off: The Final Frontier, the David L. Mason Children's Art Museum casts its gaze to the stars with a trip to outer-space for the entire family. An exhibit of work from DFAC Summer Camp artists shares the same name, but occupies its own space in the Kokolakis Family Youth Gallery. DFAC galleries are open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. Gallery admission is free. DLM Children's Art Museum admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and free for DFAC members and children 2 and younger. Call 298-3322 or visit www.dfac.org.

Indian Rocks Beach

• Oktoberfest on the Beach, Saturday, Oct. 13, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., at Kolb Park on Bay Palm Boulevard between 15th and 16th avenues, Indian Rocks Beach. The event will feature food vendors, silent auction, arts and crafts booths and live entertainment. Entertainment will include performances by the Cathy's Lorelei Band and DJ Mark Ralston. There also will be contests

for adults such as stein carrying, wife carrying and keg throwing. The event also will include Kinderfest, free activities for children from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For information, visit www.oktoberfestonthebeach.com.

Largo

• Keiko Matsui, Saturday, Oct. 13, 8 p.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets are \$45.50 in advance and \$50.50 the day of the show. Call 587-6793 or visit largoarts.com. After selling out her show at the center last year, the contemporary jazz icon returns. Matsui creates music both powerful and introspective, blending Western and Eastern musical influences. Her exquisite style of Japanese jazz spans three decades of international acclaim. Elegant piano melodies, a free spirit and creative genius mark her return to the Largo stage.

• Blackberry Smoke, Wednesday, Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets are \$25.50 in advance and \$30.50 the day of the show. Call 587-6793 or visit largoarts.com. Atlanta-based Blackberry Smoke continues to grow into the premiere Southern Rock band of America. Over the last 24 months they have shared the stage with Zac Brown Band, ZZ Top, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Kid Rock, Jamey Johnson, Travis Tritt and countless others. Their video "Good One Comin' On" was No. 1 on CMT for two weeks and No. 3 for seven weeks straight. The performance also will feature special guest The Mojo Gurus. The Mojo Gurus deliver their brand of southern fried party rock and energetic stage show. The Gurus have opened for

a diverse collection of bands including David Allan Coe, Joe Perry and Johnny Winter.

• "The Orange Belt Railroad," by Richard J. Budin, Oct. 19-28, at the Largo Community Center, 400 Alt. Keene Road, Largo. Performances will be Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. Matinees will be Sunday, 2 p.m. Budin's new original play will premiere at the center. In 1885, when land was \$25 an acre and Point Pinellas was declared the world's healthiest place to live, Peter Demens created a railroad worth millions out of nothing, just to get here. Be a part of his heroic struggle at the premiere performance of this authentic, live and entertaining play with music. Tickets are \$15. For reservations, call 518-3131. This play is the first to be presented by the new Community Center Black Box Theatre. Visit LargoCommunityCenter.com for more information.

• Inaugural Octoberfest and Musicare Festival, Saturday, Oct. 20, noon to 6 p.m., at the Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Seminole Lake Rotary Club, the festival will feature tasty German foods, beer and wine, games, vendors, a silent auction, and two stages of fantastic entertainment. Oompah music will fill the halls inside the cultural center, while the outside Musicare stage will spotlight a variety of entertainment powered by some of the Tampa Bay area's finest performers. Musicare is sponsored by William Clare Entertainment, in conjunction with Relay for Life and the fight against cancer. Call Gerry Cachia at 423-9825 or email sll8300@gmail.com.

• Hallo-Swing Dance with the Venturas, Saturday, Oct. 27, 7 p.m. to midnight, in the Goodman Ballroom at the Largo Community Center, 400 Alt. Keene Road, Largo. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 the day of the show. Call 518-3131. The event will include a community costume dance, costume parade, prizes and dancing.

• The 34th Heritage Village Country Jubilee, Saturday, Oct. 27, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Heritage

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Pinellas Park

• Pinellas Park Art Society Open House and Art Show, Sunday, Oct. 21, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Park Station, 5851 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park. The free event will feature demonstrations of painting, drawing, Ikebana flower arranging, Origami and jewelry-making as well as baked goodies, face-painting, music, a pet remembrance tree, a psychic and raffles. Vendors will be selling artworks, Christmas ornaments and cards created by local artists and baked goodies. A portion of funds raises will benefit the Visual Arts Scholarship.

• "Painting Churches," by Tina Howe, Oct. 26 through Nov. 11, at Venue Ensemble Theatre, 9125 U.S. 19 N., Pinellas Park. Performances are Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. Matinees are Sunday, 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20. A special preview scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 25, 8 p.m., will be "pay what you can." Call 822-6194, email VenueActorStudio@gmail.com or visit www.VenueActorStudio.org. The play portrays the dynamics of the church family through the eyes of their artist daughter. Her struggle to paint a portrait of her parents allows the audience to experience the heartwarming and touching eccentricities of family and a child's recognition of life and aging. This Venue Ensemble Theatre production stars Mary Kay Cyrus, Amanda Miles and Ron Zietz under the direction of

Nicholas G. Rinaldi. Neighborly Care Network (Meals on Wheels) is the designated benefit organization for this production. Venue Ensemble Theatre, a professional non-equity theater, donates a portion of the proceeds from every ticket sold to the benefit organization.

Safety Harbor

• Harbor Sounds Music Festival, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 5-6, at the Safety Harbor Marina, 110 Veterans Memorial Lane, Safety Harbor. The city has partnered with the Safety Harbor Chamber of Commerce once again to produce the annual Harbor Sounds Music Festival. Festival hours will be Friday, 5 to 10 p.m.; and Saturday, noon to 10 p.m. The two-day event will feature live entertainment on the Budweiser True Music Stage, arts and crafts vendors, a children's play area and plenty of food vendors. Admission and parking for the event are free. The live entertainment will feature some of Tampa Bay's best musical talent. Friday's lineup will include Zulu Wave, jam rock; Shakes Society, rock/ska/reggae; and John Q, rock. Saturday's lineup will feature Stimulus, cover rock band; Gatortooth, jam band; No Money Down, blues band; and Moreland and Arbuckle, national touring blues artists. For information, call Joe Cooper at 724-1572 or visit www.cityofsafetyharbor.com/speialevents.

• Agatha Christie - It's All A Mystery Friends of the Library Gala, Thursday, Oct. 18, 6:30 p.m., at the Safety Harbor Public Library, 101 Second St. N., Safety Harbor. This night of enticing intrigue will feature professional storyteller Nan Colton of Solo Productions. Colton will portray one of literature's most famous mavens of murder in her performance, "Agatha Christie - It's All A Mystery." Preceding the program, the Friends of the Safety Harbor Library will be hosting a wine and cheese membership event starting at 6:30 p.m. There will be refreshments and a chance to win prizes. Call 724-1525, ext. 112.

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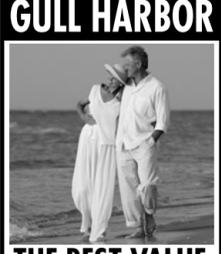
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