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Conference on urban farming set

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POLICE BEAT

Deputies arrest rape suspect

Pinellas County Sheriff's deputies arrested a Largo man Jan. 12 in connection with a rape of a 17-year-old female behind the Target store in Seminole the night of Jan. 11.



Raheem Bell

Raheem Willis Bell, 21, was charged with one count of sexual battery. ... Page 5A.

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Rays outfielder gives to community

It isn't any fun to discover when you are 10 years old that you have diabetes and your life is going to change forever. Just ask Sam Fuld, outfielder for the Tampa Bay Rays, who was that 10-year-old. ... Page 16A.



Sam Fuld

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Data center debate concluded

Largo commission validates proposed building, agrees on new location

By JULIANA A. TORRES

LARGO - While Largo commissioners ultimately dismissed citizen-proposed alternatives to a city-owned data center, they did agree to move the location of the building away from the library parking lot where it would have blocked residents' view of Largo Central Park.

Progress on the \$2.6 million project has been moving forward despite concerns raised by both commissioners and

the public as to the necessity of the center. The objections began with the building's price tag, which came in at about \$1 million over budget when the final design was presented in November.

Largo city staff spent most of the work session on Jan. 15 addressing those concerns and making the case for the validity of the data center. The commission was asked to decide on three points: whether the city needed a data center at all, if such a building should be

owned by the city or leased and finally, where the building should be located.

The need for a data center

At the core of the first question is the fact that the second floor of Largo City Hall is at its capacity to hold the city's computing infrastructure. The floor itself won't support any more physical weight and is at its max capacity as far as electrical and air-conditioning needs of the equipment, said Assistant City Manager

Henry Schubert.

IT Director Harold Schomaker explained generally two options the city had to outsource its data services: cloud computing and off-site hosting. Both could potentially save the city money, by utilizing the resources of a private company to fulfill the city's computing needs. But both options raised additional concerns, such as the need for encrypted

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A not-so-small playhouse

Largo shed business helps fulfill a special dream for a young cancer survivor

By JULIANA A. TORRES

LARGO - Joe Campenella didn't know what to expect when the Children's Dream Fund first contacted him and asked if he would redesign a shed into a playhouse for a little girl who had survived a rare cancer.

The CEO of the Largo-based company Florida Shed & Fence now counts his participation in the fulfillment of the little girl's dream an honor and a pleasure he'll never forget.

"I'm glad and proud to know that I could make that kid that happy," he said.

Rafaela Taft, who goes by the nickname Fia, was 6 years old when she started exhibiting early and dramatic signs of puberty, explained her mother, Angela Taft. As symptoms worsened, doctors eventually discovered a baseball-size tumor on her ovary - a rare form of stage-three cancer.

"She had an outrageously high pregnancy hormones raging through her body," her mother said.

At All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg, surgeons removed Fia's left ovary and fallopian tube. The family opted to participate in a study that would decrease her time in chemotherapy.

"It was very intense. Every two weeks, we were heading into the hospital. It was always an in-patient stay for at least five days," Angela Taft said.

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Photos courtesy of the CHILDREN'S DREAM FUND



Photo by JULIANA A. TORRES

Above, Joe Campenella stands in front of a replica of a playhouse he built for a 9-year-old cancer survivor at the Largo location of his business, Florida Shed & Fence. Top left, Rafaela "Fia" Taft, 9, gets her first up-close look at her finished purple playhouse, complete with a porch and window boxes, as her father, John Taft, stands by. At left, Fia explores the inside of the playhouse, built with a loft for sleepovers and decorated with purple carpets, pink bean bag chairs and pink polka-dot curtains.

Suspects jailed for bank robberies

By SUZETTE PORTER and JULIANA A. TORRES

SEMINOLE - The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office announced Jan. 11 that two suspects wanted in connection with a string of recent bank robberies are now in custody at the Pinellas County Jail.

Deputies apprehended Nathan Blisard, 29, and his girlfriend Meaghan Zimmer, 23, both of Largo about 1 p.m. on Jan. 11.

Blisard is accused of robbing the Wells Fargo Bank, 13099 Park Blvd. in Seminole on Jan. 9 and the Wells Fargo Bank at 801 West Bay Drive in Largo on Jan. 3. Largo police say he also tried to rob the Wells Fargo Bank at 2515 West Bay Drive prior to the Seminole robbery on Jan. 9.

Forensics specialists found Blisard's fingerprint while processing the scene at the Wells Fargo in Seminole. Sheriff's detectives then found out that Blisard and Zimmer were in the

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Nathan Blisard



Meaghan Zimmer

Officials report rise in flu cases

By SUZETTE PORTER

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is reporting an increase in influenza activity in most areas of the United States, and the Florida Department of Health says a similar trend is occurring around the state, including in Pinellas County.

"Pinellas hospitals are reporting a 40 percent increase in influenza-like illnesses already and it's only January," Maggie Hall, spokesperson for the Pinellas County Health Department, said in a Jan. 10 email.

The CDC reported widespread activity in nearly every state in a report for the week ending Jan. 5. The biggest increases were in the eastern half of

the country, including Florida.

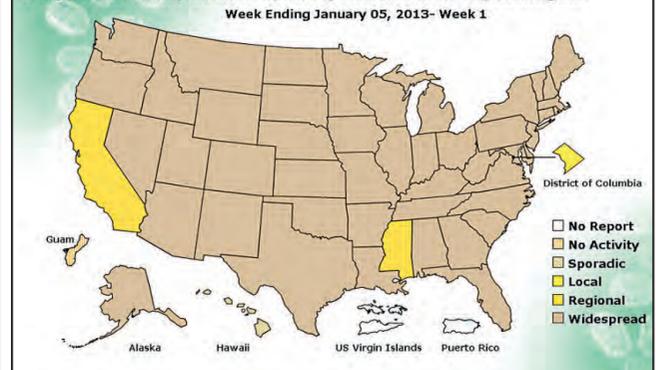
The Panhandle, Central and South Florida regions were showing "higher than expected" numbers of emergency room visits due to flu-like symptoms. Most counties were reporting mild activity with only 20 counties experiencing moderate activity. Pinellas is on the list of those reporting mild activity.

Hall said Florida's flu season typically begins in February, so people still have time to get vaccinated, the No. 1 recommended method for prevention of the illness.

"Since the flu shot takes about two weeks to provide immunity, those who haven't gotten a

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A Weekly Influenza Surveillance Report Prepared by the Influenza Division
Weekly Influenza Activity Estimates Reported by State and Territorial Epidemiologists*



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City calendar

Largo Central Park

The Largo Central Park is at 101 Central Park Drive. Within the park are Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, and the Largo Public Library, at 120 Central Park Drive. For information about special events, call 587-6740, ext. 5014 or visit LargoEvents.com

Touch-a-Truck and Florida Clown Day

LARGO - Bring the whole family to enjoy the fun of Touch-a-Truck and Florida Clown Day on Wednesday, Feb. 9, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Largo Central Park.

At the 20th annual event, children will get to climb, honk and play around in every vehicle you can imagine, including fire trucks, dump trucks, motorcycles, buses, military vehicles, a Bayflight helicopter, 18-wheeler and more. Florida Clown Day, brought to you by the Uptown Clown Alley, will feature more than 100 clowns from all across the state of Florida. These clowns will entertain friends and family with

balloon animals, face painting, goofy tricks and lots of laughs.

Kids will enjoy inflatables, train rides, rocket ship car rides and a delicious food court in the middle of the park at this free event. Some of the attractions will require a wristband. Limited on-site parking will be available, or park for free at Largo High School or Largo Middle School.

Business Expo

LARGO - In conjunction with the Touch-A-Truck event, the city of Largo will host its first annual outdoor community wide business expo on Wednesday, Feb. 9, 11 a.m., to 4 p.m., at Largo Central Park.

Learn about services, products and programs local businesses and Largo Recreation facility instructors could offer to you and your family. The event is free. For more information, call 587-6740, ext. 5008.

Largo Community Center

Largo Community Center is at 400 Alt. Keene Road. Visit LargoCommunityCenter.com or call 518-3131.

Swing anniversary dance

LARGO - Swing Dance Saturdays celebrates its anniversary with a special dance and a live band on Jan. 19, 7 to 11 p.m., at Largo Community Center. Encore Four will be the featured band. The cost is \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door.

Wellness fair

LARGO - Getting It Together in 2013, a wellness fair, will be presented Thursday, Jan. 31, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Largo Community Center, 400 Alt. Keene Road.

Presented by the city of Largo Volunteer Corps Advisory Board and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Pinellas County, the event will feature health screenings, wellness information, hands-on activities and healthy living tips as well as informational displays, product demonstrations and benefit information and educational materials.

There will be live music and healthy snacks. Attendees will have an opportunity to sign up for volunteer service opportunities in the community. The event also will include door prizes, raffles and giveaways. For information, call 518-3131.

Highland Recreation Complex

Highland Recreation Complex is at 400 Highland Ave. Visit HighlandRecreation.com or call 518-3016. During construction, the complex is accessible from Lake Avenue.

Cupid's Cuties

LARGO - The Highland Recreation Complex will host a Valentine-themed event called Cupid's Cuties on Friday, Jan. 25, 11 a.m. to noon.

Marine & Farmers market begins

LARGO - Florida Gulf Coast Center for Fishing & Interactive Museum will host a monthly Marine & Farmers Open Air Market starting Feb. 9, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The market is free to the public and will feature more than 50 vendors. Items for sale will include fishing equipment and marine supplies, household goods, sportswear and clothing, nautical jewelry, plants, fruits, and vegetables and more.

Indulge in an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast for \$5 at 9 a.m. Proceeds go to the nonprofit foundation and will help establish fishing clubs in all Pinellas County Schools.

A Guy Harvey movie will play at 10 a.m. in the Guy Harvey Outpost Auditorium. Children can watch the movie for free.

Vendor booths are \$25. For more information or to become a vendor, call Jim at 365-4660 or visit www.centerforfishing.org.

Dress to the theme as we have fun making a craft, hear a story and enjoy a snack. The cost is \$5 in advance or \$8 the day of the event.

Southwest Recreation Complex

Southwest Recreation Complex, which includes an aquatic complex, is at 13120 Vonn Road. Call 518-3125 for recreation or 518-3126 for the pool. Visit PlayLargo.com.

Indoor community garage sale

LARGO - The Southwest Recreation Center will host a community garage sale, featuring more than 60 sold-out tables on Jan. 19, 8 a.m. to noon. Come rain or shine and browse the variety of items. Admission is free. Call 518-3125.

SilverSneakers program

LARGO - The SilverSneakers program - an innovative health, exercise, and wellness plan to help older adults live healthy, active lifestyles - is coming to the Southwest Recreation Center and Pool.

The program gives members a daily fitness pass, daily pool admission for fitness swimming and classes including Aqua Fit & Trim, yoga, tai chi, chair exercise, muscular strength and range of movement and Fit Over 50. Check with your health plan today to see if you are eligible.

Train collectors to meet for show

LARGO - The Train Collectors Association Southern Division will host a model toy train show and swap meet on Saturday, Jan. 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Minnreg Building, 6340 126th Ave.

The show is open to the public. Tickets are \$5; children younger than 12 are free. Parking is free. For more information, call Charlie Anyan at 345-0288.

Foraging for food



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A Sherman's fox squirrel searches for morsels to eat at Eagle Lake Park Jan. 1.

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Heritage Village comes alive with folk festivities

LARGO – Celebrations continue at Heritage Village with the Pinellas Folk Festival on Saturday, Jan. 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dozens of the Tampa Bay area's premier folk musicians will spread the sounds of traditional folk, gospel, country and bluegrass music on stages throughout the village.

This year, the St. Pete Shanties and the Keystone Gospel Group will join bands such as Juniper and the Native American Flute Circle. The music won't stop playing when the bands do. Two jam sessions, one bluegrass and one folk, will keep music flowing throughout the festival.

German and Scottish dance groups will join in the fun during the day with their stylish steps.

The McMullen-Coachman Log Cabin will house storytellers during the festival. A group of retired train lovers, Four Men and Their Trains, will roll into the festival with their model trains, complete with accessories, to display and run on the platform of the Sulphur Springs Depot train station all day long. Guests can take a look at the antique cars.

The Folk Festival also will have traditional craft demonstrations, sugar cane grinding, a traditional fiber arts show and "Fleece-to-

Shawl" activities. Pioneer soup making will be demonstrated over an open fire.

The event includes a food court with a large variety of vendors to satisfy guests. Philly cheese steak sandwiches, Indian fried bread and chicken platters will be just some of the choices, as well as hot dogs, hamburgers, ice cream, kettle corn and gourmet coffee.

Free parking and shuttle to the event entrance is located on 119th Street between Ulmerton and Walsingham roads. Handicapped parking and drop-off is located in the parking lot at 12211 Walsingham Road.

A \$5 donation is suggested for adults and children older than 12. Admission is free for children younger than 12.

A video on a past folk festival can be viewed on www.youtube.com/pccvt1.

Heritage Village is located at 11909 125th St. N. in Largo. The living history museum brings more than 150 years of local history to life with tours of 28 authentic buildings and structures, and hands-on exploration. Paths wind through 21 acres and connect with the Florida Botanical Gardens and the Florida Gulf Coast Center for Fishing and Interactive Museum.



Photo courtesy of PINELLAS COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS
Visitors enjoy the sound of music resonating through the air at a past Folk Festival at Heritage Village in Largo. This year's festival is scheduled on Jan. 26.

Heritage Village is open Wednesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. It is closed all Pinellas County holidays.

For more information about Heritage Village, visit www.pinellascounty.org/heritage, or call 582-2123.

Heritage Village hosts history speaker

LARGO – As part of the Speaking of History lecture series, Dr. Tom Rose will present Indian Bluff Island Was Buchanan Island: A Century of Wall Springs and Florida History on Sunday, Jan. 20, 2 p.m. in the Pinellas Room at Heritage Village, 11909 125th St. N. in Largo.

Located between Crystal Beach and Wall Springs in northern Pinellas County, Indian Bluff Island sits along the coastline four miles south of Tarpon Springs. The Buchanan family lived on the island from the 1910s through the late 1930s with no electricity or running water, and they rowed a skiff to the school on the mainland, which is now the Olde School House Restaurant just north of Alderman Road.

During his research, Rose, a retired professor of sociology and, since the 1960s, an author of local histories, interviewed the two youngest Buchanan daughters – born in 1918 and 1920, who remembered growing up on the 22-acre island.

The post-war building boom came to northern Pinellas and a dredging project on the island that started in the mid-1950s transformed this land into the 46-acre Indian Bluff Island that exists today.

Rose discusses the story of island living and the changes that occurred with development. He also analyzes the development of Wall Springs for very wealthy northerners who came in private railroad cars to soak in Lithia Springs, and why it took more than three decades after the Wall Springs site closed before it became a county park.

His research has culminated in a history of the island recently published by the Palm Harbor Historical Society.

Heritage Village is a living history museum brings more than 150 years of local history to life. For more information, visit www.pinellascounty.org/heritage, or call 582-2123.

Complex looking for instructors

LARGO – The Largo's Recreation, Parks and Arts Department is seeking enthusiastic instructors for fitness, preschool and school age classes at the new Highland Recreation Complex. Interested instructors should contact Mandy Petersen or Christina Heubel at 518-3016.

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Elections Office gearing up for March municipal elections

By SUZETTE PORTER

Registered voters in Belleair Bluffs, Gulfport, Kenneth City, Madeira Beach, Oldsmar, Seminole, South Pasadena, Tarpon Springs and Treasure Island will be participating in the March 12 municipal elections.

According to the elections calendar posted at VotePinellas.com, Feb. 11 is the last day to register to vote in the March election. Residents can register at any Elections Office, including the Election Service Center, Starkey Lakes Corporate Center, 13001 Starkey Road, Largo; Pinellas County Courthouse, 315 Court St., Room 117, Clearwater; and the County Building, 501 First Ave. N., St. Petersburg. Offices are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

All registrations require the original signature of the applicant as well as photo identification. A voter registration application can be filled out online at votepinellas.com; however, the completed application must be printed, signed and delivered to an Elections office.

All municipalities chose not to offer early voting. However, mail ballots will be available. To request a mail ballot, visit www.votepinellas.com, call 464-VOTE (8683) or email absentee@votepinellas.com.

According to a press release, the Supervisor of Elections has tentatively scheduled Jan. 25 as the date to mail ballots to military and

overseas voters who have requested them. Ballots for domestic voters could go out as early as Feb. 5.

The races

In Belleair Bluffs, voters will choose two out of three for commissioner. George Lawton qualified to run, as did incumbents Jack Nazario and Suzy Sofer.

The job of mayor is up for grabs in Gulfport with Sam Henderson and Robert E. Worthington running for that position. Voters also will decide whether to amend charter rules for filling vacancies.

Kenneth City voters will pick two of four names for council member. Incumbent Troy Campbell is running along with Albert Leonce Carrier, Joanne DeSimone and Wanda Dudley.

In Madeira Beach, incumbent Nancy Oakley is up against Margie Elaine Poe for the District 3 seat on the city commission. Oldsmar voters will pick one from a field of three – Gabby McGee, Dan Saracki and Sunda Yantiss-Colon – for Seat 3 on the council.

Seminole voters will pick two from a list of four for seats on the city council. Thomas Christy Sr. and Matt Nilssen oppose incumbents Thomas Barnhorn and James Quinn. South Pasadena will choose between incumbent Larry Crowley and Dan Calabria for the mayor's job. Tarpon Springs will elect a new commissioner from a field of four,

including David Banther, Jim Bouldin, Tommy Frain and Timothy Kefalalas.

Voters in Treasure Island have five referendum questions on the ballot. The first asks voters to approve an increase of 2 feet for the maximum height of buildings citywide to compensate for flood safety rules that require two additional feet of vertical clearance before the first floor of a building.

The next four questions involve changes to allow for more flexibility for the downtown redevelopment district.

Residents will decide whether to allow density of 24 residential dwelling units per acre as part of a mixed-use development project. They'll also have a chance to say yes or no to two proposed density increases that would allow 60 tourist dwelling units per acre in the downtown redevelopment area. Voters also will decide on a density increase of up to 15 residential units per acre as part of the downtown redevelopment.

Canceled elections

Belleair, Belleair Beach, Indian Rocks Beach, Indian Shores, North Redington Beach, Redington Beach, Redington Shores and St. Pete Beach canceled March elections because the number of qualified candidates did not exceed the number of offices up for election.

Briefs

Conference brings urban farming to Pinellas

LARGO – Want to learn how to grow your own food or raise chickens in your backyard? How about expanding your interest to owning an urban farming business?

Pinellas County Extension's Urban Farming Small-to-Large will cover everything from the backyard to the market on Saturday, Feb. 9, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The urban farming conference – the first of its kind in Pinellas County, will be held at Pinellas County Extension, 12520 Ulmerton Road.

The conference fee is \$7.50 for the morning or afternoon sessions, and \$12 for the full day.

Urban farming promotes self-sufficiency, sustainable living and the efficient use of space. Learn the latest trends in hydroponic vegetable gardening, backyard chickens and integrated pest management – the economic control of pests with minimal environmental impact.

The morning sessions, geared to homeowners and commercial farmers, includes:

- Overview of hydroponic systems
- Chickens 101
- Integrated pest management

The afternoon schedule with a focus on commercial urban farming includes:

- Getting started, business planning and cost analysis
- Cottage industry regulations and marketing
- Protected agriculture practices

Space is limited. To register, call 582-2100 then press 2, or visit www.eventbrite.com/event/4885032263

Appreciation Luncheon honors county's heroes

Pinellas County Commissioner John Morroni's 18th annual Appreciation Luncheon for emergency personnel is Friday, Jan. 25, at the Hilton St. Petersburg Carillon Park, 950 Lake Carillon Drive, St. Petersburg. The event will begin promptly at 11:30 a.m.

The 2013 luncheon continues Morroni's tradition of honoring the men and women who serve as emergency personnel. Morroni announced that proceeds from this year's luncheon would go to the Police Athletic League.

Public safety personnel and local elected officials are expected to attend the event and the public is invited. Admission is \$50 a ticket, which includes the luncheon and a donation to the charity.

For information and to make reservations, call 791-3356. Reservations must be made by Jan. 23.

The dinner began in memory of Belleair Police Officer Jeffery Tackett. The 28 year old died from a gunshot wound on June 13, 1993, when he responded to a call alone.

The loss of the officer deeply affected the entire community, and those who attended the memorial services were struck with the tragedy, including then-state Rep. John Morroni, who pledged to do something to help prevent this kind of tragedy from happening again.

Morroni co-sponsored the Tackett Bill with Sen. Dennis Jones in 1995. The state legislation requires two officers be on duty at all times, unless mutual aid agreements with other law enforcement agencies are in place, so that law enforcement officers do not respond to calls alone.

"My pride lies with the men and women who literally put their lives on the line for all of us," said Morroni. "Because of this law, officers are safer because they have backup when they are doing their jobs of

keeping us safe."

In 1995, Morroni organized the first Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner. As a Pinellas County commissioner, Morroni continues the tradition every year, expanding it to include firefighters and EMS personnel.

Special honorees have included Officer Tackett's family and emergency personnel who helped in the rescue efforts in New York City following the 9/11 attack.

"This is really the only event that recognizes the valuable contributions made by members of the law enforcement, fire and emergency medical communities," said Morroni. "It's an honor to be a part of it."

Clerk to unite couples on Valentine's Day

CLEARWATER – Ken Burke, clerk of the Circuit Court, is planning a group wedding ceremony on Valentine's Day, Thursday, Feb. 14, at the Wedding Garden at the Florida Botanical Gardens in Largo.

The Clerk is waiving the normal \$30 fee to perform the marriage. Standard marriage license fees will still apply. To participate, couples must sign up at any Pinellas County Clerk's office by Friday, Feb. 1.

The number of couples may be limited due to space. To be eligible to register to participate in the 2013 wedding event, application for a marriage license must have been made Dec. 17, 2012 through Feb. 11, 2013.

The ceremony will take place at 11 a.m. in the Wedding Garden at Florida Botanical Gardens. For more information regarding the process and locations to apply for a marriage license, contact Recording Services at 464-3008, or visit the Clerk's website at www.mypinellasclerk.org. For more information about the Wedding Garden and the Florida Botanical Gardens visit www.flbg.org.

DATA CENTER, from page 1A

security for law enforcement information among other sensitive files, the dependence on a reliable Internet connection and potential difficulty of maintenance or repairs that might have to be done in person.

Commissioner Curtis Holmes asked the commission to consider a proposal from DSM Technology Consultants, based in Lakeland. The company would "provide this service at a fraction of the cost of building, maintaining, and constantly upgrading your own facility," a Jan. 8 email from company Business Development Manager Gary Pollard stated.

Answering a question from Commission Jamie Robinson, Schomaker cut to the chase.

"We would still need a data center even if we moved a lot of our stuff to the cloud and/or had it hosted. Because we have a network infrastructure in the city that needs to be maintained," he said.

Build or lease

Another proposal from Businessman John Hopengarten of Westchase Group suggested the city lease the first floor in his proposed office building at 701 Highland Ave in order to save money. Upon analyzing his proposal, city staff ceded that the proposal could

save the city money, but only about \$607,364 over the course of a five-year lease and only \$88,760 if that lease extended to 10 years.

Holmes argued that as fast as technology was improving, the city might not need the literal space a data center provided beyond Hopengarten's proposed lease term, making the construction of a brand new building not worth the extra expense. Schomaker said the data center would be needed "for the foreseeable future."

Commissioner Woody Brown said the fact that the city was using land it already owned made a difference.

"If we were certain that we wouldn't need a data center in five years, hosting or leasing would be a really sound financial decision," he said. "If we're going to have that data center for 10 or 15 years, in the end I think we're going to save money if we do it on our own property."

Another factor in the difference between leasing and building a data center is the source of the funds to pay for it. If the city builds the center, it can use capital funds from the Local Option Sales Tax. Leasing a building would require an ongoing expense, charged from the general fund, as well as a revision to the operating budget.

Location, location

With the first two matters decided, the commissioners moved onto the location of the building. Mayor Pat Gerard expressed frustration

that the future neighbors of the data center as proposed weren't consulted earlier in the design phase. The residents of the Lake Alison subdivision have argued that the building would interrupt their homes' view of Largo Central Park and change the ambiance of Central Park Drive.

Gerard agreed, saying that the building's location at the southwest corner of the library parking lot within the park would be "taking up some of that green space" with "an utilitarian building."

City staff proposed a new location, within the space set aside for the Largo Parks Division to the west of the library. Commissioner Harriet Crozier suggested the spot be moved slightly and built closer to the Largo Feed Store, potentially taking up a few spaces at the southwest end of the parking lot for the Largo Cultural Center.

After working through a few potential problems, staff agreed that the new location would be better than the alternative previously proposed.

The majority of the commissioners agreed that the new site would be better than the one south of the library.

"I think to most people it's about equal. But to about 10 people, it's a lot better there," Brown said, referring to the Lake Alison residents.

Schubert said the cost of the data center would have to include some additional design fees as staff and its hired consultants worked out the details of the new location.

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Despite losing her hair and not feeling well, "she was very cheery for a little girl going through so much," her mother added.

When she was first diagnosed, Fia's life-threatening illness qualified her for a wish through the Make-a-Wish Foundation. But somewhere during her therapy, paperwork was misplaced and a deadline passed by. As Fia's cancer went into remission, the Children's Dream Fund, a St. Petersburg nonprofit with a 32-year history, stepped in to grant her a wish.

"The oncologist said, 'She does deserve it; she's been through a lot,'" Angela Taft remembered.

Dream Coordinator Kim Brett met with the family last summer to find out what Fia had dreamed up.

"She took a long time to decide what she wanted," Angela Taft said. "Initially she wanted a two-story house with stairs and carpet."

Fia decided on a playhouse to be built behind her family's house in Crystal River. But she didn't want just any playhouse. She wanted it "pink and sparkling and purple," Brett recalled. She wanted to be able to stand up and walk around and sleep in an "upstairs" loft.

Brett relayed the vision to Campenella. The base for the design is a model in the mid-range of what Florida Shed offers – a barn-style shed 12 feet by 16 feet in size.

"Needless to say, we designed our building a little different to accommodate with her desires and what she wanted," Campenella said.

The design included a front deck and windows with window boxes for flowers. It would be painted purple and have a loft accessible via a

ladder.

The final product was valued at \$8,000. The Dream Foundation insisted on reimbursing Campenella for his materials, a little more than \$3,000. The foundation raises donations to cover those costs.

"This was a big dream, expensive," Brett said, explaining Campenella's generosity. "As the dream unfolded, he got very very excited. He couldn't do enough."

In October, Fia's dream became a reality. The playhouse was constructed and decorated in three days. Fia wasn't allowed into the yard until the project was completed.

"It was funny to watch my daughter watch from the window," Angela Taft said.

Though Campenella hasn't participated in the construction of a shed in the last five years, he helped out with this project.

"I literally participated in the construction and the painting and the decorating of this," he said. "It feels so different to be able to do something like that. I'd do it a 100 times over if I was asked to."

Fia's reaction was priceless, he said.

"The look on her face when she sees it – it just brings chills to you when you think about it," Campenella said. "It was such a big deal to her."

Florida Shed & Fence has had its share of troubles. The 17-year-old business had grown to nine locations across the state of Florida before 2007 brought more financial stress than could be managed. The company went through bankruptcy and downsized to just two locations within Pinellas County. But since then, circumstances have improved.

"We've been back on track now for over a year, and our business

just continues to grow," Campenella said.

He added that he no longer wants the company to be as big as it was. But sales have been good and have allowed him to give back, even in ways he never expected, like building a dream playhouse.

"I never imagined it would have been so much fun," he said of the experience. "If I had kids, I'd spoil them pretty good."

Angela Taft said her daughter is doing "very well." There's still follow-up appointments to make sure the cancer remains in remission. But Fia is still reveling in the "best playhouse you can could ever expect."

"She loves sleeping out there," Angela said, explaining that she has to limit Fia's overnight stays in the playhouse to the weekend. "I don't sleep well when she's out there."

Fia is already making plans for her 10th birthday at the end of March. She's still deciding on a theme, but the festivities will most certainly include a slumber party in the playhouse.

"It was such a gift. It was more than we ever expected and more than she ever expected," Angela said.

But Campenella feels similarly about the experience.

"This just turned into something that I tell everybody about, and I'll never forget it," he said. "I really wish I could do it again."

A purple replica of Fia's playhouse is on display on the property of Florida Shed & Fence, at 6425 Ulmerton Road in Largo. Campenella said he sold a few smaller versions of the playhouse over the holidays. Visit www.floridashed.com.

For more information about the Children's Dream Fund or to donate, visit www.childrensdreamfund.org.

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vaccine yet should do it very soon," Hall said.

She said vaccinations are available at the county health department, as well as local doctor's offices and clinics. Visit flu.gov and enter your zip code to find a location in your area.

The CDC recommends that everyone 6 months of age or older get the flu vaccine each year.

As flu activity increases, the state DOH says people should be alert for any symptoms, such as a headache, fever, severe cough, runny nose or body aches. Anyone with symptoms should contact their primary care physician or clinic immediately, especially those at high risk for complications. Antiviral medications can shorten the length and severity of the illness, if started within 48 hours of contracting the flu.

People with the flu should stay home. Get plenty of rest and drink lots of water. Over the counter medications may help with symptoms. Consult a doctor if symptoms are severe or don't get better.

Flu viruses spread through coughing or sneezing. Germs can pass to others who touch something with flu viruses on it and then touch their mouth or nose. People can spread flu germs before they know they are sick, as well as while they are sick.

People with the flu should stay home until at least 24 hours after their fever is gone. However, not everyone with the flu has a fever, so people with flu-like symptoms but no fever should use caution when in public and be sure to cover coughs and sneezes.

To help prevent becoming ill, residents should wash their hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand cleaner. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Avoid close contact with sick people and stay at least 3 feet away from someone who is coughing or sneezing. Healthy people, as well as those who are sick, should cover their nose and mouth with a tissue when they cough or sneeze and throw the tissue in the trash after its use.

Anyone can get the flu, even healthy people. The state DOH says that 15 percent to 40 percent of the U.S. population are likely to develop illness from influenza every year.

Serious problems from influenza can happen at any age; however, people age 65 years and older, people of any age with chronic medical conditions, and very young children are more likely to get complications from influenza.

An average of 36,000 die from influenza each year, and 114,000 per year get care in a hospital due to an influenza infection.

ROBBERIES, from page 1A

Seminole area.

Blisard was reportedly driving the car used in the robberies when deputies with the Strategic Enforcement Section stopped him near the intersection of Starkey Road and 76th Avenue North in Seminole. Deputies found Zimmer at a nearby residence. Detectives say she admitted to driving the getaway car during one of the robberies.

Largo police circulated surveillance photos and posted photos on the department's Facebook page from the Jan. 3 robbery. The photos showed the suspect passing a teller a note that demanded cash and another of him pocketing the money in an inside pocket of his black suit jacket. The transaction took less than a minute, according to the time stamp on surveillance video. Largo detectives also posted photos from the Jan. 9 robbery attempt.

The Sheriff's Office posted photos of Blisard taken during the Semi-



Photos courtesy of the LARGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Largo detectives posted surveillance video shots from a Jan. 9 robbery of a Wells Fargo Bank to try to find the suspect involved in the robbery or attempted robbery of three banks recently. Pinellas County Sheriff's Office deputies arrested Nathan Blisard, 29, and his girlfriend Meaghan Zimmer, 23, both of Largo on Jan. 11.

Police beat

Deputies arrest rape suspect

By SUZETTE PORTER

SEMINOLE - Pinellas County Sheriff's deputies arrested a Largo man Jan. 12 in connection with a rape of a 17-year-old female behind the Target store in Seminole the night of Jan. 11.

Raheem Willis Bell, 21, was charged with one count of sexual battery and one count of violation of parole on a prior child abuse charge.



Raheem Bell

According to jail reports, Bell was arrested on March 6, 2012, and charged with lewd or lascivious battery.

According to detectives assigned to the Crimes Against Children Unit, Bell was walking with the victim behind Target, 4450 Park St. N., about 8:30 p.m. Friday. While behind the store, Bell told the victim to remove her pants. She refused, and Bell then forcibly removed her pants and performed sexual intercourse on her against her will.

After raping the victim, Bell left her alone and partially nude behind the store. The victim was able to make contact with known adults, who in turn called the Sheriff's Office.

Members of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Violent Crimes Task Force, which includes Sheriff's deputies and St. Petersburg Police officers, later located Bell and took him into custody. He was booked into the Pinellas County Jail at 7:37 a.m. Jan. 12. No bond was set.

Investigators believe that pedestrian or vehicle traffic behind the Target last night may have seen the victim and suspect together and are asking anyone with information to contact the Pinellas County Crimes Against Children Unit at 582-6200.

Call Crime Stoppers of Pinellas County at 800-873-8477 or visit www.crimestop.org.

Pedestrian killed in St. Petersburg

ST. PETERSBURG - An 80-year-old St. Petersburg man died Jan. 11 from injuries suffered when he was hit by a vehicle while walking in a marked crosswalk on westbound 54th Avenue north at 81st Street north in St. Petersburg.

According to a report from the Florida Highway Patrol, Myles Bernard Gillis was hit by a 2001 Ford 250 driven by Jon M. Smith, 59, of St. Petersburg about 4:10 a.m. Gillis was taken to Bayfront Medical Center where he died due to his injuries.

At the time of the crash, Maria Bekala, 50, of St. Petersburg was stopped facing northwest in the westbound inside lane of 54th Avenue North and 81st Street North. She had stopped to allow the pedestrian to cross.

Smith was traveling west in the inside westbound lane of 54th Avenue North approaching 81st Street North. He traveled into the middle westbound lane to pass Bekala, then traveled back into the inside lane, hitting Gillis with the front of his vehicle.

Deputies arrest Pennsylvania fugitives

CLEARWATER - Pinellas County sheriff's deputies assigned to the U.S. Marshals Task Force, initially pursuing a tip on an America's Most Wanted case, conducted a separate and unrelated investigation that led to the

Jan. 9 arrest of two fugitives from Pennsylvania.

The investigation led deputies to the Flamingo Motel, 1806 N. Fort Harrison Ave., where they made contact with a subject, later identified as Victor Santarelli, 46. Santarelli told deputies he had no identification and provided deputies with multiple dates of birth.

Investigators asked Santarelli to provide fingerprints and have a photograph taken to be run through the Sheriff's Automated Fingerprint Identification System and Facial Recognition System. The subject was cooperative and agreed to do so. No matches were found in Florida.

Deputies subsequently contacted the FBI to review the national database and the individual was identified as Santarelli, who was wanted by authorities in Pennsylvania.

Detectives and members of SES subsequently arrested the suspect and his wife Tamara Santarelli, 44, who also had an outstanding warrant from Pennsylvania.

The two were transported to the Pinellas County Jail without further incident. According to detectives, the two were found guilty of conspiracy to defraud the estate of a deceased aunt, and mail and wire fraud.

Detectives investigate homicide

LEALMAN - Pinellas County sheriff's detectives are investigat-

ing the death of a Gulfport woman found dead at the La Quinta Inn in East Lealman Monday, Jan. 7.

Deputies were called to the La Quinta at 4999 34 St. N., St. Petersburg about 12:30 p.m. after motel staff discovered Destyneek Nekole Burkes, 24, dead in her room.

As crime scene specialists processed the room, evidence showed that foul play might have been a contributing factor in the young woman's death. Homicide detectives are currently following up on several leads obtained from witness accounts and evidence collected at the crime scene.

Police arrest fugitive

CLEARWATER - Clearwater Police located and arrested a fugitive on federal warrants from New Jersey on Jan. 11, according to a Clearwater Police Facebook report. Anthony R. Jefferson, 19, had been staying in the 100 block of Fernwood Avenue where he was taken into custody at 10:24 p.m., the report said. He was being held at the Pinellas County Jail on carjacking and firearm warrants.

Animals, alligator removed from home

CLEARWATER - A baby American alligator was one of nearly 50 animals removed from a home on Brewton Circle. Other animals included chickens, roosters, turtles and a pig. Clearwater police note that it is illegal to possess an

American alligator and is against city ordinance to possess chickens, roosters and wildlife. The owners are facing charges for animal abuse, possession of an American alligator, and city ordinance violations for possession of wild animals.

Reward offered in homicide investigation

CLEARWATER - Crime Stoppers of Pinellas is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to an arrest in the homicide investigation of Jason Paul.

Police responded to a person down in the road at 116 S. Glenwood Ave., Clearwater police reported. Paul, 22, was determined to be dead upon arrival from upper body trauma.

Not a lot of information is available at this time, and police report the suspect or suspects and motive are unknown.

To be eligible for the award, call 800-873-TIPS. Anyone with information can also contact the police tip line at 562-4422, text an anonymous tip to 847411 (Tip411) or submit them through the police website at www.clearwaterpolice.org or on Facebook at the submit-a-tip tab.

Motorcycle collides with car

PINELLAS PARK - Pinellas Park police are investigating a collision between a motorcycle and a car that took place on Jan. 9 in the 10300 block of 49th

Street. Police responded to the scene around 9:04 p.m.

The motorcycle, operated by a white male with a female passenger on the rear, was travelling southbound on 49th Street, just south of Lakes Boulevard, when it was struck by a northbound four-door car turning west to go north on U.S. 19, police said. The car turned into the path of the motorcycle, allegedly causing the motorcycle to crash into its passenger side.

The driver and passenger of the motorcycle were ejected from it and suffered critical injuries. Neither was wearing a helmet. The driver of the car was not injured in the accident.

The accident is still under investigation.

Police report DUI detail results

CLEARWATER - Clearwater police held a DUI enforcement detail over New Year's and report the following results:

- DUI arrests - 3
- Driving with license suspended or restricted - 8
- Speeding citations - 33
- Other moving citations - 10
- Non-moving citations - 16
- Warnings - 38
- Misdemeanor arrests - 6

Some local taxicab companies reported a two-hour wait for their services, police reported, which indicates more drivers who had been drinking using these services, rather than risk driving themselves.

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Cooler weather expected for Pinellas County this weekend

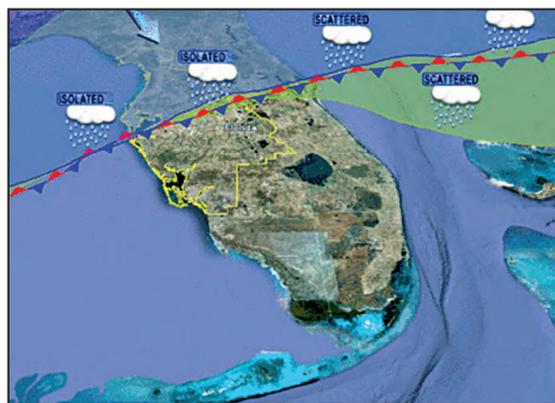
By SUZETTE PORTER

After days of unseasonably warm weather, the extended forecast is calling for a high of only 71 degrees on Saturday, Jan. 19 – a welcome relief after nearly two weeks of near 80-degree temperatures.

According to the National Weather Service in Ruskin, temperatures 10 to almost 20 degrees above normal are expected to continue through much of this week. A cold front is expected to stall over northern portions of the state, coming as far south as Pinellas County, Friday night, into Saturday. Sunday's forecast calls for a slight chance of rain with a high of 75.

Forecasters say the record heat is the result of a ridge of high pressure that is keeping a warm and muggy air mass across much of the state.

Record highs were reported in



Graphic courtesy of NWS

Stalling cold front will bring slightly cooler temperatures and a slight chance of showers Friday into Saturday across the northern half of the state, including Pinellas County.

several locations Jan. 9, including the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport where a

temperature of 83 broke the old record of 81 degrees set in 2005. Tarpon Springs recorded 84 de-

grees that day, one degree less than the record of 85 set in 1937.

St. Petersburg International also reported a record-high low nighttime temperature of 67 degrees – well over the previous record of 63 set Jan. 9, 2005. The record of 66 degrees set in 1933 in Tarpon Springs also was replaced with a nighttime low of 67 degrees.

The hottest temperature reported as of Jan. 13 in Pinellas was 87 degrees recorded in northwest Seminole at 2:12 p.m. Jan. 9. Several locations reported 86 degrees that day, including one in northeast Seminole, east-northeast Lealman, east Lealman, east-northeast Tarpon Springs and west Tarpon Springs.

A daytime high of 82 on Jan. 11 broke the previous record of 79 set in 2008 at the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport. "Normal" high for the date is 70 degrees, according to NWS statistics. St. Petersburg's Albert Whitted Airport reported a new record high of 83 on Jan. 12, just a tad warmer than the previ-

ous high temperature of 82 set in 1989.

New records for nighttime high lows also were set on both dates. The St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport recorded 68 degrees Jan. 11, breaking the record set in 2005 by six degrees.

On Jan. 12, the low was 68 degrees, up five degrees from the previous record of 63 degrees recorded in 2008.

2012 was a very warm year

The NWS released weather statistics for 2012 on Jan. 2 and reported that the year was the

second warmest since record keeping began in 1890. Average daily highs were reported at 82.9 degrees with lows averaging 66.7 degrees for a mean temperature of 74.8 – the second highest since 1890.

The warmest year was 1990 with an average temperature of 75.3 degrees. The highest temperature ever recorded in the state was 99 degrees on June 5, 1985, and the lowest is 18 recorded Dec. 13, 1962.

The year 2012 was the 25 wettest with 55.99 inches of rainfall. The most rain ever recorded was 76.59 inches in 1959 and the least was 28.89 inches in 1956.

Democrats plan inaugural ball

GULFPORT – The Pinellas County Democratic Party plans an inaugural ball Monday, Jan. 21, 7 p.m., at the Gulfport Casino, 5500 Shore Blvd.

Tickets are \$100 per person and can be purchased at www.pinellasdemocrats.org. Call 327-2796 for more information.

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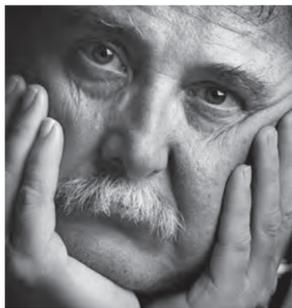
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Armed Forces History Museum hosts new exhibit on Spanish exploration in Florida

LARGO – For God and Gold – Spanish Exploration in Florida is currently being featured in the rotating exhibit area at the Armed Forces History Museum, 2050 34th Way N.

The exhibit will run through March 11. This year marks the 500th anniversary of Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon's 1513 discovery of the beautiful peninsula he named "La Florida," the land of flowers. The explorer didn't find the fountain of youth he was seeking, and subsequent Spanish explorers failed to find the gold they sought. Still, de Leon's discovery marked the beginning of a Spanish presence in Florida that lasted approximately three centuries.

In honor of that anniversary, For God and Gold features authentic reproduction weapons, nautical items, clothing, camp gear, religious items, armor and other artifacts. Together, the exhibit pieces tell the story of everyday life during the ocean crossing and the subsequent Spanish exploration and colonization of Florida.

The exhibit is included in the museum's admission price of \$17.95 for adults, \$14.95 for seniors 65 and older and veterans, and \$12.95 for youths 4 to 12. Active military and retired military with more than 20 years of service are admitted free of charge.

The museum's hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Visit www.armedforcesmuseum.com.

Viva Florida 500

Viva Florida 500 is a statewide initiative led by the Florida Department of State to highlight the 500th anniversary in 2013 of the arrival of Juan Ponce de Leon to La Florida.

The FDOS is working very closely with several core partners and leveraging public and private partnerships with many engaged individuals and or-

ganizations at the state and grassroots level to showcase Florida's Spanish Colonial history and the many different cultures including Native Americans that have shaped Florida and contributed to its diverse heritage.

Florida's 500th anniversary presents a unique opportunity to strengthen tourism, spur economic development and educate the world about the state's significant history and heritage. Viva Florida 500 is a once-in-our-lifetime opportunity to reposition and rebrand Florida by highlighting 500 years of history and unmatched cultural diversity.

Spanish and Hispanic contributions to Florida in particular are deeply woven into the historic tapestry of the beautiful Sunshine State, though Florida's cultural heritage is inextricably connected to many nations. This is passionately evident in the art, architecture, culture, cuisine, language and music shared throughout the state. Viva Florida 500 will share the distinct flavor of Florida with the nation and the world, strengthening the ties – the very old ties – between the Old and New Worlds.

While Florida's Native American heritage dates back more than 12,000 years, Spain's claim in 1513 began a new era. In 2013, Florida will mark 500 years of history and diverse cultural heritage – a claim no other state in America can make – and promote the place where the world's cultures began to unite and transform into the great nation we know today as the United States of America.

Viva Florida 500 will take place year-round in 2013, and its many partners are planning more than 150 events statewide. The goal is to promote 500 years of Florida's history – its people, places and cultural achievements – and this important milestone in American and Florida history.

For information and a list of upcoming events, visit www.vivafloida.org.

Francis to discuss 500 years of La Florida

ST. PETERSBURG – University of South Florida St. Petersburg professor J. Michael Francis will discuss 500 years of La Florida at the winter luncheon of Town and Gown, Friday, Jan. 25, 11:30 a.m., at Harbor Hall Gallery, Third St. S.

Francis, one of the nation's leading experts on the Spanish colonial experience in Florida, will discuss the 500th anniversary of Juan Ponce de Leon's arrival. The luncheon costs \$20 and is open to the public.

In his talk, Francis will explore the historical legacies of Spain's colonization of the land Ponce de Leon named La Florida and the complex interactions among Europeans, Africans and Indians that helped shape modern Florida.

Francis, former history department chair at the University of North Florida, received his Ph.D. from

the University of Cambridge. He has received more than two-dozen state, national and international honors, including a four-year appointment as a research fellow at the American Museum of Natural History in New York and a research fellow at the Library of Congress.

U.S. Interior Secretary Ken Salazar appointed Francis as one of only two historians on the St. Augustine 450th Commemoration Commission.

"We are so excited to have Dr. Francis as our guest speaker," said Betty Jean Miller in a press release. Miller is president of USFSP Town and Gown, a nonprofit organization that promotes understanding and friendship between the university and the community. "His passion for early Florida history brings that important period to life."

For information, call Alexis Searfoss at 873-4519.

Poking around



Photo by JIM LAYFIELD

A pair of sandhill cranes forage for food last week on the grounds of the Seminole Community Library. A population of sandhill cranes lives year-round in Florida but their number increases in the winter due to the migration of their northern counterparts. While the sandhill crane is not considered threatened, three southern subspecies, which includes the Florida sandhill crane, are considered quite rare and are protected. Habitat destruction is their biggest threat.

A Showcase Spotlight

On Local Businesses

Foodies rejoice: Wild Fields Marketplace opens

Wild Fields offers delicious, nutritious grocery store alternative

Wild Fields Marketplace, now open in Belleair Bluffs, is an all-encompassing fresh market, offering natural and specialty groceries along with ready-to-go prepared entrées.

Shoppers will find an amazing selection as they check off items on their grocery list – everything from fresh locally farmed conventional and organic produce and European breads baked fresh daily to decadent desserts, cheeses, wine and fresh seafood.

Wild Fields Marketplace is committed to offering deliciously wholesome and mindful food options. By offering top quality, natural, organic and "clean" specialty foods – made from nature's finest ingredients – in a friendly and inviting atmosphere, Wild Field Marketplace helps bring nourishment to the body in a setting that is soothing to the soul.

"Helping others achieve perfect balance through mindful eating and maximizing the overall food experience is our ultimate goal," said Mike Walguarnery, owner of Wild Fields Marketplace.

Department highlights

The meat department at Wild Fields Marketplace boasts an impressive selection of all natural Angus beef humanely raised. The beef is prime and top choice, aged, all natural Angus beef, grass-fed and free from hormones and antibiotics.

"Our beef is not just tender and juicy, but healthy for you," Mike said.

Like their beef, the pork is grain fed, lean, and raised in the Midwest. The chicken is hormone free, antibiotic free and cage free. Wild Fields poultry is fresh, tender and second to none. Lamb is all natural spring lamb.

Wild Fields' seafood is brought to shoppers fresh daily – caught in local waters right off day boats.

"We sell all wild seafood the way nature wanted fish to grow," Mike said. "From fish, to shrimp, to crab, to lobster – even shell-

fish and caviar ... we have it all."

As for produce, Wild Fields Marketplace carries organic and conventional local produce fresh from the farm. From crisp greens to ripe fruit, shoppers will find it's like going straight to the local farmer's market.

The bakery features European, artisan, and homemade fresh-baked breads. Shoppers also



will find some of the best, decadent desserts and imported pastries.

The beer and wine selection is unrivaled.

"You'll find reds, whites, blends, imports and domestics at Wild Fields Marketplace," Mike said. "We carry wine from all over the world: organic and sustainable, conventional and traditional; wines for the connoisseur or just for the evening dinner. At Wild Fields we can help you find the wine you need or special order the wine you want."

What's wine without an appropriate cheese pairing?

Wild Fields specialty cheese selection includes nearly 160 different types of cheeses, hand-selected exclusively for the marketplace. These cheeses come from all around the world and pair well with the Wild Fields' fine wine selection.

Ready to cook and catering

Wild Fields Marketplace offers marinated meats, seafood and poultry ready to cook.

"We did the work so you don't have to," Mike explained. "Just grill or bake and serve."

Options include everything from steaks to fish fillets, lean pork, and chicken cutlets.

"We trim, prepare, and marinate a variety of proteins in the chef's special recipes so all you need is a grill," Mike said.

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The concept evolved by taking some of the most popular trends in small, specialty grocery and produce stores and pairing them with a unique layout and atmosphere developed exclusively by API. API is a specialty grocery store design company that has designed stores all over the world for nearly 30 years.

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"The expansion is expected to be one per every 10 to 12 months starting in 2014," said Mike.

Wild Fields Marketplace is conveniently located in Belleair Bluffs at 2900 West Bay Drive. Hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Call 585-8781 or visit www.wildfieldsmarketplace.com.

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The Quest for Income in a Low Interest Rate Environment

As interest rates remain at historic lows, many investors are finding that the investment strategies they have traditionally counted on as a stable source of income simply aren't producing projected yields.

This low interest rate environment has been particularly difficult on retirees who depend on interest income from fixed-income investments to pay living expenses – and it's unlikely the situation will change soon. The Federal Reserve Board has indicated that it will keep interest rates low until the unemployment declines to 6.5 percent or inflation rises to 2.5 percent.

Retirees are faced with some difficult decisions. To maintain the same standard of living they have enjoyed, they may be tempted to dip into their principal investment – but that may jeopardize their ability to maintain their standard of living in the years to come. Others may select to reduce their standard of living today in hopes that interest rates will rise again in the future. Still others may be considering other investments that can potentially generate higher returns – but such investments typically also involve a higher level of risk.

What should a retiree do in this low interest rate environment?

Elizabeth (Liza, pronounced Lizza) Campa-Flanagan, Certified Financial Planner with Raymond James Financial Services Inc., is keenly attuned to the financial climate. She is focused on

providing an integrated advice platform for all clients.

Liza recently sat down and answered questions about the low interest rate dilemma.

Tampa Bay Newspapers: In today's low interest rate environment, what options are available to today's income investors?

Liza: When I think of an income investor, I think of a retiree. Retirement income resources are Social Security, one's own savings, and – if you are lucky – a company pension, which is not as likely today, unless you have a government type job. Your own resources can be invested in CDs, traditional stock and bond portfolios, bonds (corporate, government, municipal), global bonds (emerging market or foreign government bonds), dividend paying stocks, master limited partnerships, immediate annuities, fixed annuities or variable annuities.*

There are pros and cons to each of these options.

TBN: Have today's low yields led investors to venture beyond bonds to get the income they want?

Liza: For many, that quest has led to dividend stocks or other investments. My caution is to make sure you do your homework, because that yield could reflect the battered stock price of a struggling company that may soon be reduced. Call if you would like help exploring suitable income producing options for your portfolio. There might

be more options than you realize.

TBN: Can municipal bonds work in a low interest rate environment?

Liza: Municipal bonds, are debt obligations issued by state and local governments as well as other governmental entities to fund projects such as building highways, hospitals, schools and sewer systems.

What I find is that for investors in relatively high tax brackets the yields of municipal bonds often exceed the after-tax yields of comparable quality corporate bonds. Income from municipal bonds is not subject to federal income taxation; however, it may be subject to state and local taxes and, for certain investors, to the alternative minimum tax.

TBN: Should retirees also consider international stocks as they weigh their options?

Liza: Some of the top dividend payers may have overseas addresses. Many foreign firms offer attractive payouts – but there are additional risks. When it comes to international stocks location does matter when it comes to currency risk, additional



Liza Campa-Flanagan
Certified Financial Planner

taxes that might be due on dividend income, differing financial accounting standards, and possible political and economic volatility. In evaluating companies here and abroad in terms of their dividend yields, the major focus should be on a company's financial condition and its policy and history regarding dividends. Dividends are not guaranteed – companies can and do change or stop their payouts. Therefore, the key is selecting companies that have the capacity to maintain their dividends in good times and bad. Look for large, well-established companies with strong balance sheets, sustainable cash flow, consistent businesses and a long record of paying – and even better, raising – their dividends.

TBN: How does an investor find the right balance between risk and return?

Liza: It's pretty clear that for many investors "risk" has become a scary word. Market gyrations and uncertainties about the U.S. and global economies, plus a very understandable desire to avoid losses, have kept many investors on the sidelines. But

for many people, aiming for the returns necessary to achieve a comfortable retirement inevitably involves accepting risk, especially when fixed income yields are so low. Therefore, since we can't avoid it altogether, our real challenge is being as smart as possible about managing the primary risks that accompany retirement.

TBN: What are some of the primary types of investment risk investors seeking higher yields should know about?

Liza: As you reach for higher yields in this low rate environment, you should know about the following types of investment risk:

- **Market risk** – the possibility that an investment may lose its value when traded in the financial markets.

- **Credit risk** – the possibility that the issuer of an investment may not live up to its financial obligations and cause you to lose your invested capital or not receive expected interest payments.

- **Interest rate risk** – the risk that, if interest rates rise, the price (value) of an investor's bond holdings and certain stocks may/could decline.

- **Liquidity risk** – the risk that you will be unable to liquidate an asset (such as real estate, collectibles or thinly traded stocks) when you want and at the price you want.

In addition to those, I think one of the biggest risks is *longevity risk*.

This is the risk of outliving our

money. This risk is very real and probably our biggest threat in this low interest rate environment because many retirees are dipping into their principal to maintain their cash flow. Many retirees have even taken home equity loans to increase their cash flow. This worked as long as home values were rising, but as home values have corrected this has reduced the equity and the collateral for the loan.

TBN: What advice do you have for those looking to get their retirement savings back on track?

Liza: Stay focused, review and rebalance your portfolio if necessary, keep contributing, increase the amount of your contributions if you can. Reinvest if you don't need the income now.

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New Saturday market opens in the Gateway area of Clearwater

By BRIAN GOFF

Chances are, Clearwater resident Roz McCall wasn't intending to buy a new cherry tomato plant when she left her house on Jan. 11, but when she got to the new Clearwater Saturday market she couldn't resist.

"I have a beautiful screened-in porch so it will be a perfect place for me to keep this plant," she said. "I'm happy with it and I'm happy with this new market. They should do this more often - it is awesome."

The concept for the new market began last year, when Clearwater city officials decided to try to find something meaningful for the Gateway area of the city, along Cleveland Street east of Missouri. Because of the diverse cultural nature of the neighborhood, a farmers market was thought to be the ideal vehicle to showcase the products and crafts from the various ethnicities that make up the area. On Saturday, their efforts came to fruition.

The manager of the new market is Howard Warshauer. He was hired just over two months ago to pull it all together, and he says his biggest job was getting vendors.

"You find out how the vendors get their information, you find out where they are, and you go out and get them," he said. "We're going to start with 40 vendors and we will go from there as long as we can establish to them and others that something good is happening here."

Back in the late '90s, Warshauer was a city commissioner in West Palm Beach. After that, he worked in urban development and public space planning. He says that equipped him for running the Gateway Farmers Market.

"This is a public space, so the marketing, public relations and urban planning in my background all came together for this job," he said.

By the accounts of the people participating in the market, Warshauer's efforts have paid off. Barbara Soustek, at the Flying Pig Pickling booth paid particular tribute to the organizers.

"The staff here has been great," she said. "This is different than other shows we've attended. We'll be back for sure; we'll see how it shakes out after that. Business has been okay."

Marla Lenain, of Organic Living, the woman who sold the tomato plant to Roz McCall, was pleased with her early observations of the event.

"This is the first time and people don't know it is here, so maybe the



Photos by BRIAN GOFF

Above, the ribbon is cut to officially open the new Clearwater Gateway Farmers Market. Helping to do it are, from left, Julie Scales of the Pinellas Community Foundation and Dunedin City Commissioner; Howard Warshauer, market manager; Senator Jack Latvala; Sandra Lyth, the CEO of the InterCultural Advocacy Institute; Clearwater Mayor George Cretkos, and Odilon Mezquite of the Advocacy Institute. At top right, Marla Lenain, left, sells a tomato plant to Clearwater resident Roz McCall. Bottom right, Beth Moore, left, checks out the beauty products at the booth of Arte Rosebury, center, and Dana Pettaway.

crowds could be better," Lenain said. "But I'm optimistic. I'll definitely be back."

Customer Tricia Nowlan was upbeat with the whole affair. "I'm loving it," Nowlan said. "This is great for a Saturday morning. People are always looking for something fun to do on a Saturday."

Then Nowlan left to find her husband and the \$10 he was holding for her to make a purchase. She was at a booth manned by Denise Hutchins who makes fake cupcakes.

"People are disappointed to find out they aren't real," Hutchins said. "But they make great decorations for the desk in your office." If you don't give in to temptation that is, the cupcakes looked real enough to be eaten. Hutchins said her perception of the market was that it is just fine.

"There are lots of people, for sure we'll be back," Hutchins said. Clearwater already has one long-established farmers market every Wednesday. And just two weeks ago, a Friday evening, monthly market was begun, and now the Gateway market. Is it possible that the city will have too many markets? Not according to Warshauer.

"The farmer's market industry is booming right now," he said. "We're friendly to each other here in Clearwater. I don't see the growth of markets around here as competition. It is a rising tide, and more and more people want to come to markets, and more and more vendors are taking part. It is a growing pool."

Warshauer points to the downtown market in St. Petersburg as the standard.

"St. Pete is successful because people go there to have a good time;



there is theater, plenty of things to do for the kids, entertainment and so forth. We'd like to be as successful as St. Pete."

So do Arte Rosebury and Dana Pettaway of Tampa. They operate a health and beauty booth at the market.

"When we heard about this, we wanted to come," said Rosebury. "It is only going to get better. The crowds have already begun to pick up; we're pleased with the turnout."

Their customer, Beth Moore of Clearwater was just as hopeful. "So far so good," Moore said. "I'll definitely come back, that's for sure."

A number of local businesses and Pinellas County departments, as well as the InterCultural Advocacy Center are sponsors of the market. Warshauer says with that type of support, there is little doubt in his mind that the Gateway Farmers Market will be successful.

"You are always wondering if anybody is going to come. I know that if people come and look they are going to want to come back, and they will spread the word," Moore said. "I'm 95 percent confident that this is going to be great."

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Jazzercise classes relocate

CLEARWATER - Jazzercise dance-fitness classes recently moved to a new location in the Clearwater/Largo area.

Jazzercise instructor Laura Price had to move the classes unexpectedly when the dance studio where she had been teaching classes went out of business. Classes are now offered Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:15 to 6:15 p.m., at Temple B'Nai Israel, South Belcher Road.

The classes were formerly offered at Dance America Dance Studio. "I'm excited about the new location for Jazzercise classes," said Price

in a press release. "Jazzercise offers a unique blend of fitness and jazz dance that Clearwater and Largo residents have discovered is a lot of fun. The new location and time will just make it easier for participants to enjoy a workout where and when it's convenient for them."

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Business news

New owners for Something Special

LARGO – Something Special Consignment, a long established women's clothing consignment store in the Harborcrest Shopping Center, 11985 Indian Rocks Road, has new owners.

Two sisters, Mary Woodman and Bonnie Petrik, completely remodeled the interior to give it a fresh, new look with new lighting, laminate wood flooring and attractive display racks. The store carries a selection of casual and business clothes, party dresses, purses, shoes and handmade scarves.

Airport shows passenger increase

CLEARWATER – St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport airlines recently reported an overall 4 percent increase in 2012 over 2011, with 865,942 passengers.

Domestic overall was up 3 percent and International increased 29 percent.

The airport's largest airline, Allegiant, served 24 cities and 743,996 passengers in 2012, a 5.7 percent increase over 2011. Beau Rivage Resort and Casino increased frequencies to Gulfport-Biloxi to five times a week for a 62 percent increase in passengers in 2012 using Vision Airlines. And, International service to Canada by Sunwing and Air Transat showed significant gains, including seasonal service to Toronto beginning a month earlier than in 2011 and added capacity from Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Allegiant is poised for increases in 2013 with plans to bring retrofitted 166 seat MD80 aircraft to PIE and possible additional destinations.

"We also are seeing a growth in outbound passengers as more and more of our Tampa Bay community learns about the great fares and non-stop flights that make air travel so convenient," said Noah Lagos, airport director. "We are very excited about the future growth of air service at St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport."

Academy to host grand reopening

PINELLAS PARK – American Mixed Martial Arts & Sports Academy will host a grand reopening and barbeque on Saturday, Feb. 2, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 10450 66th St. N., Unit 1.

The free event will feature food, games, door prizes, martial arts demonstrations and lessons. The business will be moving into its new 10,000-

square-foot facility. Attendees will have a chance to meet world champions, including David Bybee, three-time World Kickboxing Champion and three-time member of Team USA.

For information, call 547-2662.

Shepherd's to expand

CLEARWATER – Shepherd's Beach Resort recently announced plans for an 11-month expansion and renovation.

The project will include 90 new hotel rooms, an additional parking garage, a new 7,000-square-foot pool and deck complete with 10 VIP cabanas and pool bar, new tequila bar and tap room, remodel of 10,000-square-foot interactive waterfront restaurant and private dining areas with meeting space, and an 11,000-square-foot tiki bar area with concert stage.

The project also will require the demolition of the older two-story section of the hotel and pool area. The demolition will commence Monday, Jan. 21.

During the construction, Shepherd's will be fully operational with the remaining 40 hotel rooms, restaurant, tiki bar and Wave nightclub.

Beginning in mid February, construction updates and photos will be available online at www.shephards2014.com.

Adamo names top agents

SEMINOLE – Realty Executives Adamo and Associates recently named its top agents for the month of December.

Forrest Murphy was recognized as the top listing associate. Cathy Delorenzo was recognized as the top selling associate. Sandy Hartmann and Associates was named top listing and sales team.

Listing, sales leaders named

CLEARWATER – The Coldwell Banker office in Clearwater recently recognized its listing and sales leaders for December.

Pete Mustafaraj was the top sales associate. Dimitrios Karides was the top listing associate.

Bray joins Waterfront Realty

REDINGTON SHORES – Linda Bray recently joined Waterfront Realty as its new director of marketing.

Bray recently served as market center adminis-

BBA meets



Attendees at the Feb. 14 meeting of the Bluffs Business Association include, front row, from left, Tricia Priest, Coldwell Banker; Sondra Bober, PartyLite, and Liz Kuskey, Keller Williams; middle row, Nikki Phillips, Smith & Associates; Suzy Sofer, Cody's Roadhouse; Bonnie Trembulak, Tampa Bay Newspapers; Liza Campa-Flanagan, Raymond James; Dr. Phyllis Alderman, Shepherd's Village; Dr. Agnes Green, Physicians Center For Weight Loss and Age Management, and Rob Schoonaker, EnGarde Catering; back row, Tony Anderson, Florida Luxury Realty; Dr. Patrick Lepeak; Susan Shrively, Shabby 2 Chic; Mike Webb, Tampa Bay Counseling; Dr. Kimberly Bender, Bender Chiropractic, and Bill Munette, EnGarde Catering. The meeting took place at Physicians Center For Weight Loss and Age Management. The next meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 14, at Petal and Vine, 596 Indian Rocks Road, Belleair Bluffs. Networking begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by the business meeting from 6 to 6:30 p.m. For information, call Bonnie Trembulak at 686-8797.

trator assistant for Keller Williams Realty Gulf Coast in Seminole. With more than a decade in corporate marketing as well as several years in real estate sales/marketing, Bray will serve as waterfront's brand ambassador. In addition, she will participate in agent services and transaction coordination.

"We're so excited about having Linda on board," said Tim and Gina Johnson, Waterfront Realty's

owners, in a press release. "She will be an asset to the growth of our brand and ultimately our business. We pride ourselves on exceptional customer service, knowledge of the waterfront property market and a unique style of doing business. Linda's commitment to a multi-faceted marketing approach will help us solidify this message in the Tampa Bay Beaches community."

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Local church flips homes to raise funds for missionaries

By TIFFANY RAZZANO

PINELLAS PARK – Flipping homes is nothing new to real estate investors. The process – buying low-priced houses that need renovation, fixing them up, and then re-selling them quickly for a profit – has long been a strategy for making fast money.

But instead of focusing on personal gain, the members of Park Place Wesleyan Church have discovered that buying and selling homes is a creative way to raise money for its missionary programs.

Last year, for the first time, the church started working with the group Habitat for Missionaries, an Indiana-based nonprofit organization. The group helped the church find investors – three members of Lakeland's Faith Wesleyan Church who provided an interest-free loan for the project – and a home to renovate and sell for profit.

After extensive renovations, the two-bedroom home at 6445 81st Ave. N. sold 15 minutes into its open house last February. A couple walked in off the street after seeing the open house sign and offered cash up front. The project raised around \$10,000, which was donated to Jeff and Angie Hicks, former members of the congregation who are currently living in India where they work as missionaries.

"Look at the market," said Gigi Laursen, the project leader. "For it to sell that quickly and to raise the money we did, we definitely had God on our side." She added, "The day of the open house we were still out there putting the amenities of the home on fliers and printing them out, and my husband was out putting up signs when we got the call that it sold already."

"It's exactly what we prayed for," said Debra Osborne, a licensed Realtor who volunteers her time and real estate expertise for the project.

Now the church is wrapping up renovations at 8668 57th St., the



Photo by GIGI LAURSEN

A house that the members of Park Place Wesleyan Church have renovated and sold to raise money for missionaries.

second home it has purchased under the Habitat for Missionaries umbrella. And the project's team is thinking even bigger than last year. With a January open house planned, it hopes to raise more than \$20,000 for various missionary projects around the world.

This time around, the church wanted to be able to help a family get a fresh start. So the project team found a four-bedroom, two-bath

home, more appropriately sized for parents with kids, Laursen said.

"We had a lot of families interested in our last home," Osborne said, "but they couldn't do a two-bedroom. [This property] is what we prayed for. We knew God would send us the right property."

Used as a rental for decades, this new home was a real challenge for the volunteer team working on renovations. One of the bathrooms needed to be completely gutted and the plumbing had to be redone. Not only that, but the crew relocated the indoor entrance to the garage in order to create a more spacious kitchen, turned part of the garage into a laundry room, and created a screened-in back porch. And Osborne estimates they spent at least 50 hours scraping the walls of the main bedroom, stripping multiple layers of paint.

But despite all the work the crew put into renovations, the home was still worth the time and effort. "It had a good roof and a good foundation," said Leif Laursen, Gigi Laursen's husband. "It's exactly what we were looking for."

The majority of the work done on the house was at no-cost to the church – from the volunteer crew doing the construction, to the plumber, electrician, landscaper, and others who donated their expertise.

"We got a break on pretty much everything," Osborne said.

As work on the home wraps up, the team is getting ready to put it on the market.

And the benefits of these renovations and re-sales are two-fold. Not only does the church raise money to fund missionary projects, but it's able to help buyers purchase a new home at an affordable price.

"We get to bless someone in our community as well as bless the mission field," said Laursen. "We're able to sell at a little under market value so a person who was otherwise unable to afford a home is able to."

Faith briefs

Christ the King Lutheran Ministries

LARGO – A free financial seminar will be offered Saturday, Jan. 26, 2 to 4:30 p.m., at Christ the King Lutheran Ministries, 11220 Oakhurst Road.

The Financial Learning Experience is a seminar that has been conducted both nationally and internationally. The FLE program was developed from Joseph Sang's book, "I Was Broke. Now I'm Not." The program is described as a high-energy, inspirational and easy to understand finances class taught by a gifted money teacher. Attendees will be taught easy-to-use budgeting and foolproof money management techniques designed to immediately improve

available cash at the end of each month.

For information, call 595-2117 or visit CTKLC.org/FLE.

Seminole First Baptist Church

SEMINOLE – The Ladies' Spring Bible Study will kick off Thursday, Jan. 17, 9:25 to 11 a.m., at Seminole First Baptist Church, 11045 Park Blvd. N. The group will host a coffee event to open the spring session.

This nondenominational group will study First Corinthians in the New Testament. There is no charge and childcare is provided. For information,

call Carol at 398-1254 or Marguerite at 474-7139, or visit www.largoseminolewomensbiblestudy.com.

Faith Presbyterian Church

SEMINOLE – Those having a hard time are invited to Faith Cafe's Neighbors Helping Neighbors for a complimentary, fresh cooked, tasty and nutritious meal.

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Chapel-By-The-Sea

CLEARWATER – The fourth annual Beach

Walk/Walk in support of RCS will take place Saturday, Jan. 19, 8:30 a.m., at Palm Pavilion, 18 Bay Esplanade.

Presented by Chapel-By-The-Sea in support of RCS, registration will start at 7:30 a.m. The walk will start at Palm Pavilion and proceed south on Clearwater Beach. The course will turn around at Surf Style and proceed north along the Beach Walk ending at Chapel-By-The-Sea. The course is approximately a 2-mile walk.

Music will be provided at the Palm Pavilion as well as the chapel. Island Way Grill will host a pancake breakfast and a silent auction will follow. Parking is available adjacent to the Palm Pavilion.

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Family learns valuable life lessons in quest for a missing iPod

I sure am glad there are still honest people out there. Over the Christmas break, my 8-year-old daughter somehow lost her iPod Touch and was heartbroken. She bought it over the summer with her own money and had been pretty careful with it.



Mom 2 Mom
Kadi Hendricks
Tubbs

That was until one busy day. My two girls and I were in and out of the car a lot that day. We dropped one of their friends home after she spent the night, we dropped my youngest daughter off at a birthday party, we went out to a restaurant for lunch, and then we went to the mall.

Somewhere along the way, my daughter lost her iPod. But we didn't even realize she lost it until later that night when she couldn't find it.

She just broke down and sobbed. We went over the whole day and tried to figure out where it could have been. Did she lose it? Was it stolen out of the car? Did she even bring it with her or was it somewhere at home? All these questions were going through my mind.

My daughter couldn't remember exactly what happened, but she did know she had it with her in the car. So, I started calling the places we had been, leaving my number just in case it was left at a store.

That night, my husband and I had a talk with our daughter to tell

her she needed to be more responsible with her things. We told her we didn't want her to worry anymore, because there wasn't anything we could do. It was gone.

My daughter was OK and stopped crying. She was still sad, but understood there wasn't anything we could do.

As a mom, I still wanted to figure out at least what happened. I knew how much that iPod meant to her, because she had saved for a long time to get it. I kept thinking about what could have happened. Then it hit me late that night: when she was getting out of the car, while dropping off my other daughter at the birthday, her friend ran up to her to give her a hug. She must have dropped it in the lawn.

The next morning, I called my friend who hosted the birthday. She said a man and his little boy found an iPod while walking their dog. They had asked my friend's husband if it belonged to his kids and he told them it didn't. He didn't realize my daughter dropped her iPod.

I asked my friend if she knew the person who found the iPod. She said she thought she knew where he lived. Since they didn't live too far from us, my husband and I drove to the house to see if they still had the iPod.

My mind was racing thinking that it had been less than 24 hours, but still they could have sold it or pawned it. It's worth about \$200.

We got to the house and, while he wasn't home, a lady at the house said she knew he had the iPod and told us that when he got home they would call so we could pick it up. My mind was relieved. We were going to get the iPod back.

We explained to our daughter that these people were nice and honest, because they could have just kept her iPod for themselves. We told her she should give the boy who found it a reward. She decided to reward him with her own money.

I also reminded her of a time not too long ago - before she bought her iPod - when we realized that someone had left their iPod at our table in the mall food court. We were honest and didn't take it, turning it into security so the person who lost it could get it back. I told her when you do the right thing, the favor comes back to you.

We were very fortunate that the boy and his dad are good people. We thanked them again for doing the right thing! You made my daughter so happy and rekindled my faith in people.

Kadi Hendricks Tubbs, mother of two girls ages 7 and 8, lives in Seminole. Visit her blog at Mom2MomFamilyFun.blogspot.com.

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Registration is \$25 on day of the event or \$20 with a food donation. Registration for children is \$10, and there is no charge for children 5 and younger prior to the event.

All proceeds will benefit the RCS Food Bank in Clearwater, nonperishable food donations are encouraged at both the Palm Pavilion and at Chapel-By-The-Sea.

To preregister, call 446-0430 or visit www.chapelbythesea.net.

Unitarian Universalists Church of Clearwater

CLEARWATER - "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten" will be presented Saturday, Feb. 2, 7 p.m., at the Octagon Arts Center, 2470 Nursery Road.

Based on Robert Fulghum's bestselling books, the show takes a funny, insightful, heartwarming look at what is profound in everyday life. This play will be held at the Octagon Arts Center, at the Unitarian Universalists Church of Clearwater. It will feature an evening of theatrical storytelling in revue format, and will celebrate the human experience, from the whimsy of childhood to the wisdom of old age.

Proceeds will benefit the Unitarian Universalists Church of Clearwater. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 15 and younger.

Call 531-7704, email mail@uuclearwater.org or visit UUClearwater.org.

First United Methodist Church

PINELLAS PARK - A thrift store sale will run through February at First United Methodist Church, 9025 49th St. N.

Most items are half price. The thrift store carries clothing, household goods and knick-knacks. Hours are Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For information, call 546-5741.

Chabad Jewish Center of Greater St. Petersburg

ST. PETERSBURG - Comedian Marc Weiner will take the stage at Comedy Night, Saturday, Jan. 19, 8 p.m., at the Chabad Jewish Center, 4010 Park St. N.

Weiner began his show business career as a street performer in Boston. From 1977 through 1979 Weiner created smiles on the streets of New York City, where he performed outside the Metropolitan Museum of Art, twice working with Robin Williams. He then worked as an improv comic who performed at Comic Strip Live, Catch A Rising Star, and The Comedy Cellar

In addition to Weiner's comedic shtick, Comedy Night will include a buffet of hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and desserts.

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ST. PETE BEACH - Sharing the Heart of Our Parish Saint Valentine and Ministry Fair will be presented Saturday, Feb. 9, 3 to 7 p.m., in Trainer Hall at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 445 82nd Ave.

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Volunteers needed for United Way's ReadingPals

United Way Suncoast is looking for volunteers to serve as part of a statewide initiative to help young children learn to read at grade level. ReadingPals is a program focused on increasing the number of students who are reading at grade level by the end of third grade.

United Way will connect volunteers to a particular site based on their preferred location schedule. Volunteers will undergo a background screening and receive training in the curriculum selected for their region prior to being assigned a reading pal. Volunteers will continue to work with children in ReadingPals throughout 2013.

Those interested in becoming ReadingPals volunteers should contact United Way Suncoast. Interested prospective volunteers should contact Nicole Brown, Program Manager, ReadingPals, by calling 813-274-0998 or emailing her at nbrown@uwsuncoast.org. She encourages volunteers to become a part of the program.

"Great readers eventually become great leaders," said Brown, in a press release.

Volunteers will commit to reading for at least an hour per week throughout the school year with one, two or three children. The program uses proven techniques to meet the needs of each community. Volunteers will read a book out loud, guiding chil-

dren through literacy activities and general conversations about the book. The program also begins to build home libraries for participating children by sending books home throughout the school year.

Children who read at grade level by the fourth grade are four times more likely to graduate from high school. Graduates earn more throughout their lifetime, make better choices, use fewer social services and statistically are more likely to stay out of trouble.

"United Way Suncoast is working with local school districts, early learning coalitions, children's services councils and other children's organizations to help students from prekindergarten to third grade," said Diana Baker, president and CEO of United Way Suncoast. "Through Carol and Barney Barnett's generosity, we will be able to recruit hundreds of local adult volunteers and launch the program in some of the most challenged public schools and neighborhoods."

In August, Gov. Rick Scott and First Lady Ann Scott joined former Miami Herald Publisher Dave Lawrence, chair of The Children's Movement of Florida, and Carol Barnett, president of Publix Super Markets Charities, to launch ReadingPals early literacy initiative. Thanks to the Barnett's generosity, 10 United Ways across Florida will share \$3

million over three years to achieve the goal of helping children read on grade level by third grade.

"We so strongly believe that the future of our state rests in the hands and minds of our youngest that we have personally contributed to the launching of Reading Pals - an early literacy initiative in 10 Florida regions. Our goal is to ensure that more children are reading at grade level by the end of third grade," said ReadingPals sponsor and proponent of early learning, Barnett said.

United Way is extremely excited to embark on this new journey toward academic excellence and help people throughout the community.

"Today's third graders are tomorrow's doctors, engineers, teachers and innovators - tomorrow's job creators," said Scott.

"What Carol and Barney Barnett are making possible will make such a difference in the future of our state, and Ann and I look forward to working with them on this great initiative," Scott said.

"We are a blessed family, and feel obliged to make sure we give back a full measure to our community and country," said Barnett, who is also vice chair of The Children's Movement. "There's no greater investment we could make in the future of Florida."

The early years when 90 percent of brain growth occurs are crucial to growing children who become

eager students and contributing adults," said David Lawrence Jr., chair of The Children's Movement of Florida. "Learning to read by third grade is crucial, and reading to learn must become the standard by no later than fourth grade. The very future of our state and country depend on this."

The Florida Department of Education recently released the statewide 2012 third-grade FCAT 2.0 reading scores, and 44 percent - 89,491 students - were found to be reading below grade level. These children, who struggle with reading at a young age, will be four times more likely to drop out of high school than their peers reading at grade level.

Ten United Ways across the state have received ReadingPals grants. Locally, this includes United Way of Central Florida (Polk and Highlands counties), United Way of Manatee County, and United Way Suncoast (DeSoto, Hillsborough, Pinellas, and Sarasota counties).

United Way Suncoast has made a commitment to work with children and youth to help them achieve their full potential in life by focusing programs on early childhood learning. This is part of their three-part community impact agenda that includes financial stability for families and health initiatives. Learn more about United Way Suncoast at www.UnitedWaySuncoast.org.

School notes

Forum on phasing out of FCAT set

SEMINOLE - A forum called "Farewell, FCAT - Hello, Common Core: Florida's New Testing Strategy" is set for Wednesday, Jan. 23, 6 to 8

p.m., at the Seminole Campus Conference Center, 9200 113th St. N. Reservations for this dinner event are required by Friday, Jan. 18 and may be made online at www.spcollege.edu/solutions. Click on the Village Square link. Tickets are \$30 for Village Square members and educators or \$40 for guests.

For 14 years, Florida's children have faced an academic challenge that caused stress for many and forced some to repeat a grade or be denied a high school diploma. FCAT also impacted the performance evaluations of their teachers and the career plans of principals. The tests were created in the early 1990s out of concern for low achievement rates and a demand for accountability. Beginning in 1998 it evolved from a simple measure of student success to a pass-fail instrument for students and a standards by which teachers are evaluated and schools labeled as successes or failures, as described in a Village Square press release.

Now the state has joined a coalition of 45 states that is developing a shared set of assessments in math and English known as the Common Core Standards. As these standards are fully implemented in 2014-15, FCAT will be phased out except for science testing.

A panel representing four stakeholder groups will delve into the impact of FCAT and the new Common Core Standards as well as debate the broad issue of academic accountability. The panel will include:

- Michael A. Grego, superintendent of Pinellas County Schools
- Mindy Haas, president-elect of Florida PTA
- Jo Anne McCall, vice president of the Florida Education Association
- Pam Stewart, chancellor of K-12 for the Florida Department of Education

• Doug Tuthill, president of Step-Up for Students, a nonprofit provider of private school scholarships for low-income students. For more information, call 394-6251.

Nord makes president's list

LARGO - Joyce Nord of Largo has been named to the fall 2012 president's list for Champlain College for academic achievement. To earn this honor, students must have received a 4.0 grade-point average for the fall semester. Nord is majoring in computer forensics and digital investigations.

Champlain College provides a career-focused education in Burlington, Vt. Champlain's distinctive educational approach embodies the notion that true learning only occurs when information and experience come together to create knowledge.

It offers traditional undergraduate and online undergraduate courses, along with online certificate and degree programs and eight master's degree programs.

Elementary schools take part in program

Students participating in a school challenge developed by the Walk with Walgreens program and Alliance for a Healthier Generation, a national nonprofit focused on reducing the prevalence of childhood obesity, made great strides toward a healthier school day by helping participants add nearly 1,800 hours of walking to their schools' daily routine over the course of the six-week program.

Ten elementary schools and more than 6,000 students in Charlotte, N.C., and in Pinellas County, participated in the initiative to help incorporate and encourage healthier habits.

The Walk with Walgreens School Challenge was designed to help encourage students and faculty to increase their physical activity and learn healthy habits. As part of the challenge, each school classroom was challenged with adding a minimum of 10 extra minutes of walking

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Health news

Clinic provides care on sliding-fee scale

LARGO – The Low-Income Pool Primary Care Clinic at the Pinellas County Health Department is now offering health services to uninsured, low-income children and adults on a sliding-fee scale at its Mid-County center location.

LIP is funded by the state of Florida to “ensure continued government support for the provision of health care services to Medicaid, underinsured and uninsured populations.” For information about LIP funding, visit ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/medicaid_reform/lip/index.shtml.

The Mid-County center is at 8751 Ulmerton Road. Appointments are now available. Call 524-4410, ext. 7646.

Fees are based on the declared income of the child's family or the individual. Adults must be uninsured or have Medicaid. Incomes should be at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level. For a family of four, 200 percent would be \$44,700 in annual income.

A second LIP clinic for children and young people 18 and younger only is located at Boca Ciega High School, 924 58th St. S., Gulfport. Call 893-2780, ext. 2199. For more information about the Pinellas County Health Department and its services, visit www.PinellasHealth.com.

DOH reopens of Clearwater center

CLEARWATER – The Pinellas County Health Department's Clearwater center will reopen to serve the community on Monday, Jan. 28. The center has been closed for renovations since late July.

The center at 310 N. Myrtle Ave. has had the second-highest client volume among the six locations that the health department serves. The renovations were needed to make the building more accessible to all clients and to upgrade the building's systems.

Medical, dental, immunization and WIC services will be available at Clearwater when it reopens. Other Pinellas County Health Department centers are at these locations:

- Tarpon Springs: 301 S. Disston Ave., 942-5457

- Mid-County: 8751 Ulmerton Road, Largo, 524-4410
- Largo: 12420 130th Ave. N., 588-4040
- Pinellas Park: 6350 76th Ave. N., 547-7780
- St. Petersburg: 205 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St., N. 824-6900

With the reopening of the Clearwater center, the limited WIC and nursing services that had been offered at the Hispanic Outreach Center will no longer be available.

For information about the Pinellas County Health Department, visit www.PinellasHealth.com.

Health seminar set

CLEARWATER – Morton Plant Mease will present a health seminar geared for older adults that will focus on fatigue and depression while aging on Monday, Jan. 28, 2 p.m., at the Aging Well Center at the Long Center, 1501 N. Belcher Road.

Geriatric psychiatrist Asher Gorelik, M.D., will host the seminar, Geriatric Depression. Gorelik will discuss the different forms of major depression, symptoms and signs and physical illness for older adults. To register, call 953-6877 or visit www.BayCareEvents.org.

St. Luke's Cataract & Laser Institute opens Clearwater facility

CLEARWATER – St. Luke's Cataract & Laser Institute, one of the world's leading ophthalmology practices, opened its seventh location downtown Monday, Jan. 7.

Several community leaders attended the opening of the facility, which will provide 20 new jobs in the area.

St. Luke's will offer ophthalmology services on the first floor of the Clearwater facility and is introducing Reflections at St. Luke's, which will offer plastic surgery, aesthetic skin care and Mohs' dermatology on the second floor.

“Reflections at St. Luke's will pair the most advanced surgical techniques in plastic surgery with an extraordinary level of patient-centered care,” a press release said.

Dr. Nicolas Villanustre, a double board-certified

plastic surgeon, who trained and then taught at Indiana University before joining St. Luke's in early 2011, leads the plastic surgery team.

Dermatologist and Mohs' surgeon Dr. David Sable has been with St. Luke's since 2010. He has performed nearly 10,000 Mohs' surgery cases.

Dr. Pit Gills leads the St. Luke's team of ophthalmologists who will now provide their Clearwater based patients with an unparalleled healthcare experience in a convenient location.

St. Luke's Cataract & Laser Institute is headquartered in Tarpon Springs. The two newest facilities are in The Villages, which opened Dec. 3, and in Clearwater. Visit www.StLukesEye.com.

Library to host shingles seminar

CLEARWATER – A Morton Plant Mease health seminar will be presented Wednesday, Jan. 23, noon, in the community room at Countryside Library, 2741 State Road 580.

The seminar will focus on shingles, its causes and treatments. Cynthia Miller, M.D., will discuss shingles, a painful blistering rash caused by the same virus of chicken pox. Miller will speak about the causes, symptoms, treatment, prevention and a vaccine that can help protect adults who may be at risk.

To register, call 953-6877 or visit www.BayCareEvents.org.

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per day to the school day, outside of recess and physical education. Some examples of ways educators increased physical activity included walking school grounds for seed identification during science class and reciting multiplication facts while walking the gymnasium.

“We know that children need at least 60 minutes of physical activity each day,” said Ginny Ehrlich, CEO of the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, in a press release. “We're proud to team up with Wal-

greens to offer more opportunities throughout the school day for kids to have fun while moving more. It's important these programs inspire lifelong healthy habits.”

Elementary students from the following schools participated in the program:

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Highland to offer pet first aid class

LARGO - A pet CPR and first aid class will be presented Saturday, Jan. 19, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Highland Recreation Complex, 400 Highland Ave. The class will feature mouth-to-snout resuscitation using functioning pet mannequins. Participants also will learn about common pet toxins and how to care for an injured pet. The program includes a certificate of completion with a free pet first aid booklet. Cost is \$65 for residents and \$81.25 for nonresidents. A Largo Recreation membership card is required. The class is limited to 10 participants and preregistration is required by Thursday, Jan. 17. Call 518-3016 or visit PetLargo.com.

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LETTERS

A misinterpretation of the Second Amendment

Editor:

In light of recent events, perhaps now is the time to revisit the Second Amendment and re-engage in the discussion of the rights it was intended to convey.

Whether you believe the framers wanted us to interpret the Constitution strictly on the basis of intent or you embrace the proposition it was created as a living document, one that was meant to be subjected to contemporary interpretation matters not in the context of this discussion.

At the time the Bill of Rights was under consideration, the law of the land required that all male citizens, when called to military service, must report with their own musket, powder and shot. This clearly indicates the discussion, as well as the resultant amendment the framers drafted, was never intended by them to address what was at the time a broadly accepted reality. The reality was the fact that most male citizens were not already armed. This was their right. In addition, it was also vital to their own security as well as that of their nation. This made it not only a fundamental right but also more importantly a legally mandated responsibility.

What the framers were trying to address when they proposed the Second Amendment centered on the issue of whether the government should create a state militia, federal militia, a standing Army or none of the above. This is where the discussion was centered. Most citizens accepted at the time that because of the instability that existed in the political world, coupled with the disagreements between Americans and native Indian population due to our westward expansion, security decisions were the government's paramount concern.

However, at the same time there was a prevalent fear among many that whatever decision was made as to the form that protection should take, once it was decided exactly what kind of military force was necessary, Congress must take the steps to assure it could not be turned against the very government that gave birth to it. Thus, in the framers' final draft when they wrote, "A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed," they were rendering their decision regarding the twin dilemmas of internal and external security. The rights of individuals were never given consideration in these discussions.

Accepting this hypothesis it would follow, since there were no specific provisions into the Second Amendment directly prohibiting them from doing so, Congress, with the president in concert, remains free to regulate the rights of private citizens to be armed as they see fit. Nothing has occurred in the intervening years after this situation. Because of this, should they (Congress) decide on regulating gun ownership, they are acting within the provisions granted them in the Constitution. Those citizens who do not find favor with this action are free to register their objections as citizens always have. I refer of course to seeking redress at the ballot box.

Finally, to those who subscribe to the theory of interpretation based on the framers' intent, I would hope you find consolation in the fact you have a generally recognized right to own, without restriction, a musket, powder and shot. In the meantime, I would admonish the NRA, its members and all who campaign on their behalf or support them legislatively to quit hiding behind the Second Amendment in pursuit of their narrow agenda.

Robert Shaw
Madeira Beach

Do the simple and sensible things first

Editor:

How about doing the simple and sensible things first like putting security guards and not crosswalk guards in our schools? If metal detectors work at airports, why wouldn't they work at our schools? Why not have security guards at the front and rear doors of schools? Why don't we have security cameras at all schools and in the playgrounds as well? Why aren't classroom doors secured during classes? Isn't that what all that money from state lotteries is for?

Maybe we should take a look at our maximum-security prisons for examples on how to keep a large facility safe and secure. Sure, we could push for more gun controls but let's do the simple and sensible things first! What if these psychos had been terrorists? Would gun controls have prevented any of it? Parental responsibility is also key to having guns at home and should perhaps be scrutinized and enforced. Anyone who owns a gun should bear responsibility for owning these guns and be accountable for their use or misuse.

Perhaps our 25- or 30-year-old should ever be able to purchase an automatic or semiautomatic weapon but, if they are old enough to fight for our country, wouldn't they be old enough to also purchase these weapons? Maybe we should focus more on someone's mental health and issue gun permits to only those who are sane and responsible adults. Gun shows also should have to follow the same rules and regulations as retail gun stores. Ultimately, sales of assault and high capacity magazine semiautomatic weapons should be regulated.

Michael Maribona
Clearwater

Robocalls out of control

Editor:

I have just registered all my phone numbers with the Florida do-not-call program as apparently the federal registry does no good. I have been getting numerous telemarketing calls, both on my cell phone and my landline, especially for credit consolidation. These are prerecorded calls that if you listen all the way through, give you an option to be put on their do not call lists, which they pay no attention to. I received another call within the hour. Now I've read you shouldn't validate your number by pressing a button.

Since robocalls are so out of control, I think free caller ID (for landlines) and a free reverse number look-up directory should be made available to us although many numbers aren't valid, as well as providing us with a way to block these calls. Neither of my phones nor service providers allow me to block calls.

Currently, all directories I've found are linked to a pay service for caller disclosure. As long as I am paying for my phone services, I should have the right to govern who calls my phones.

Marianne Ryan
Clearwater

Right turn scofflaws

Editor:

I agree with the article by Brian Goff in the Jan. 3 Seminole Beacon about the disregard of right turn stop signs and traffic laws. I ride a bike and often observe motorists roll thru stop signs without looking both ways. This is particularly dangerous for school children riding bikes since they assume that motorists see them. In fact, I have experienced motorists flying through stop signs and not bothering to stop on red signals when making a right turn.

The fault for this scofflaw mentality is the lack of enforcement by law enforcement agencies. Police must enforce the basic traffic laws to prevent further deaths and injuries to pedestrians and bicyclists.

Stefano Longionotti
Largo

What were the greatest inventions?

When it comes time for us to list the greatest invention of all times, we've got a tough job. People have been inventing stuff since Hector was a pup. Which immediately raises the question: who was Hector, in the first place? If he is or was a dog, he must be getting pretty old by now. Have you ever met a dog named Hector? Nor have I. In fact, I don't recall ever meeting a human named Hector.

Some experts say the wheel is humankind's most important invention. Without the wheel the Roman chariot would never have come along, followed by MGM movies about chariot races starring Charlton Heston, which would have been a big loss for all of us.

Let's say that the wheel was invented in 7200 B.C. Well, if humans are so blamed smart and creative, how come it took us until about 1990 A.D. to put wheels on suitcases? I recently read that adding wheels to luggage cost the jobs of millions of hotel porters worldwide. Today we don't need a bellman, or bellwoman, to lug our luggage up to our room, open the door, turn on the lights, check the air conditioning, and then stand there waiting for us to hand over a tip. Instead we get to figure out how to open the door ourselves, using a piece of plastic instead of a key, and hoping we've got the correct end of the plastic inserted in the tiny slot that serves as a keyhole, or at least used to back when Cal Coolidge was president.

Human speech was an important invention, or development. Before words came along, we communicated in grunts. "Ugga ugga boo ugga" meant "Oona, there's a dinosaur at the cave entrance. Could you see what he wants?" Today many husbands still talk in grunts, especially in January during NFL playoffs. "Harry, dear, have you noticed



Driver's Seat
Bob Driver

that the sofa is on fire?" "Ronk ulla morf!" is her husband's reply, at least when the quarterback gets sacked for the seventh time.

After understandable speech came along, printing was sure to follow. Around 4000 B.C. a couple of Sumerians were horsing around with wet clay tablets, and discovered that if they took a blunt reed and pressed it into the clay it would form a picture. One man drew two round circles and put a smiling face above them. He said, "I have just drawn Ninbanda!" That was the name of the local bosomy queen. His buddy agreed. They made some more clay tablets, and proceeded to invent the earliest form of writing, to be known as cuneiform. "Cuneiform" means wedge-shaped, because the blunt reeds made wedgy impressions. (Are you getting all this? If not, let me know and I will instead write sixteen consecutive columns about the federal budget, which should teach us all a lesson.)

Several thousand years later someone invented moveable type and the printing press. This allowed mass publishing of Martin Luther's objections to the corruption of the Roman Catholic Church. This led to the Protestant Reformation, which in turn gave us Southern Baptists, the Mormon Church and Mitt Romney. The moral: be careful what you invent, buster.

The spear, the crossbow, gunpowder, the drone and the atomic bomb have all been vital to the development of civilization. Before they came along, men (and some women) just sat and grumbled about their enemies. "I hate that guy. I wish I could smack him one." Weapons of war allowed people to express their hostility. Warfare cost money, so we invented taxes. To authorize taxes, we needed politicians, parliament and congresses. Do you see the logic in all this? It's why Newt Gingrich's family coat of arms features a spear, a cudgel and a Thompson submachine gun.

In the 6th century A.D. the Chinese invented toilet paper. The end result (no pun intended) is those disgusting Charmin TV ads showing bears hoping they're "clean" enough to pass inspection.

The telephone was a major invention. It encouraged people to talk to one another, even when they had little of consequence to say. The cellphone further advanced mindless chatting, and eliminated the likelihood that people might spend time thinking rather than talking. Today, with our handheld computers, iPads, Androids, etc., we seldom talk. Instead we email, text, Twitter, Gabble and Natter, often while operating a motor vehicle or giving birth to triplets.

An invention humankind is dying for (literally) is a device that will eliminate or severely reduce carbon dioxide emissions from the world's smokestacks. But before that happens, we'll need another major advance: a majority of people who will choose good sense rather than money, power and comfort.

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Does anybody out there see me?

I had this morbid, strange thought the other night as I walked across the street to work out at my neighborhood fitness center.

Wouldn't it be ironic if I were run over by a vehicle the day after our newspapers began publishing a series of stories on pedestrian safety?

Safe and sound. But I share many of the sentiments expressed by pedestrians who TBN correspondent Brian Goff interviewed a few weeks ago. Here's a quote from a person who spoke to him: "I nearly got hit twice recently. I walk this way every day and I have to be constantly on my guard for cars that don't stop even when I have the right of way."

That's troubling, but true. Governments are up against a powerful force despite their best efforts to make our streets safer for pedestrians; it's called human nature.

As an avid walker and jogger, I've seen the dangers of trying to cross an intersection where numerous vehicles are converging, particularly at rush hour when drivers are tense, tired and in a hurry.

I've seen the listless faces of drivers looking straight ahead, oblivious to pedestrians approaching the crosswalk. Some don't even bother to stop at the intersection while they make their turns. Others are making love to their cell phones. Dueling horns. Stereos blaring. Vehicles blocking the crosswalks.

Can anybody out there see me? The show goes on almost any evening I try to cross the street near the fitness center, which is only a minute's walk from my condominium.

Bright yellow yield-to-pedestrian signs greet motorists, but the intersection is devoid of traffic signals. Should it be? Can't say. I'm not a traffic engineer or a law enforcement officer. All I know is that I've become scared to cross the intersection at dark because I can't



Tom Germond

see the eyes of the drivers whose paths I intend to cross.

Since I interviewed a St. Petersburg transportation planner, Mike Frederick, for our series on pedestrian safety, I've tried to take his advice while I'm walking or jogging.

"Be predictable," he said. "Be where you are supposed to be so the motorists at least have a chance of seeing you. Don't cross on red lights. Cross at the intersections. Cross at

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crosswalks. Wear bright clothes at night. This is the typical stuff that causes 70 percent of our crashes. Be predictable."

I get it, I think. But I hate being the invisible pedestrian.

Recently, a yellow walk signal at an intersection directed me to cross Indian Rocks Road.

I took one step onto the street and a mo-

torist started to accelerate. I stopped, noticing that he was looking straight ahead. Then he hit the brakes, half-heartedly lifting a hand in an attempt at an apology.

A week later, I approached a crosswalk at nearly the same time a motorist did. He blocked the crosswalk for several seconds, even though there were no vehicles crossing the intersection. As I waited for him to get out of the way, he cleaned his sunglasses.

Any time now, I thought. Oh, I forgot. I'm invisible.

A few days ago, I was attempting to use a marked crosswalk in Dunedin on Alt. U.S. 19 near Edgewater Park. Six to eight vehicles whizzed by me before a motorcyclist stopped and let me cross.

As we've reported in the last two weeks, local governments in Pinellas are taking steps to address pedestrian safety. St. Petersburg has installed more than 40 rapid flashing beacons at crosswalks and has plans for more. As they operate, they resemble a police strobe.

The Florida Department of Transportation also believes the beacons are effective and plan to install more of them in the county, such as along Gulf Boulevard. Agency officials caution, though, that if the beacons are used at too many intersections, they will be taken for granted. Nevertheless, I'm all for seeing more of the flashing beacons, including the intersection I cross to go work out. I won't walk to the fitness center at dusk anymore.

My new plan is to drive there, silly as it may seem to ride in a car for one-tenth of a mile to avoid walking.

As I let my Hyundai run interference for me, I'll be ever mindful of pedestrians approaching the intersections.

I know how it feels to be invisible.
Tom Germond is executive editor of Tampa Bay Newspapers.

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Rays outfielder Sam Fuld gives back to the community

By BRIAN GOFF

BELLEAIR – It isn't any fun to discover when you are 10 years old that you have diabetes and your life is going to change forever. Just ask Sam Fuld, outfielder for the Tampa Bay Rays, who was that 10-year-old back in New Hampshire.

"It is an incredible burden," he said. "It changes your life, day to day. It isn't just the pricking of your finger to check your blood or the injections of insulin. It is also a mental thing, a constant. It is tough for people of any age."

Fuld made the remarks during an interview at the Belleair Country Club on Jan. 11, where he was the chairman of the second annual Fight for a Cure Golf Tournament on behalf of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

He said his diabetes was not something that kept him down even as he grew older and was a multi-sport athlete.

"I really didn't change a thing. I stayed just as active as ever and played soccer and basketball as well as baseball," he said.

However, he said that baseball is probably the best sport for a diabetic.

"There is some down time in baseball, time for you to check your blood," Fuld said.

The golf tournament is part of a weekend long series of activities organized by Mike Wisniewski, the president of the National Aviation Academy in Largo.

His son, Kyle, 11, was diagnosed with diabetes when he was 2 years old. As a result, finding a cure is top of his mind for Wisniewski.

"Having a diabetic in the family is a 24/7 responsibility, it never leaves your mind," he said. "We had to get up at 2 in the morning to monitor his blood level. You are always monitoring and checking the blood sugar. But it is all about trying to do every-

thing in life that we would be doing without it."

Through his aviation academy Wisniewski started a car show, which was held on Saturday the day after the golf tournament, and a career fair on the day before the tournament. All the proceeds go to JDRF.

"We're not saying a cure for diabetes is right around the corner like we used to say," he said. "And while we're funding research work toward finding a cure, we're also supportive of efforts to prevent the disease and that in its own way is a cure. We're trying to make life for diabetics as good as we can."

The executive director of JDRF, Carolyn Boos, paid tribute to Wisniewski and others for their work.

"Every event they organize and hold puts us one step closer to finding a cure," she said. "Our families are deeply involved with the organization; it is a personal mission for many of them."

It is also, obviously, a personal mission for Fuld, who is as dedicated as anyone else toward the cause. Perhaps his play in the field is an indication how he views the fight against diabetes, with hustle and hard work. In fact you can't sit down with Fuld without talking a little baseball and he's ready.

He said he likes the Rays' chances this year.

"It is scary to think how good our division (American League East) is," he said. "Look at what the Blue Jays did in the offseason and who would have predicted the Orioles would have come on strong like they did last year. Our team on paper is as good as ever."

He credits his manager for that.

"Joe (Madden) can get the most out of guys," he said. "And the front office is a Moneyball type organization; they are always going to make sure we're competitive."

Fuld said he was sorry to see James Shields go, traded to Kansas City in the off-season.

"He was a huge component to this team," Fuld



Photo by BRIAN GOFF

Rays' outfielder Sam Fuld, left, gets ready to tee off in the JDRF golf tournament in Belleair with JDRF Executive Director Carolyn Boos, center, and Tournament organizer Mike Wisniewski.

said. "He led the rotation. He was a tremendous person, so dominant. He was a good leader and a good guy."

As for himself and his style of play, Fuld said he really didn't have a choice.

"I realized early on that I was not going to be a big person so I had to hustle to make it."

In fact if there is anything about his game that Fuld takes exception with, it is the lack of hustle on the part of some players.

"I understand it, but I don't agree with it," he said. "We should never be satisfied with anything until we go all out. That is the way this game should be played."

Then Fuld returned to the reason he was in Bel-

leair at the golf tournament, to help raise money for diabetes research. He said as devastating as it was discovering he had diabetes, he was able to get through it with support.

"My family gave me all the support in the world," he said. "But they also taught me to be realistic; there is no getting rid of this, so live your life."

One of the things that Fuld does now is get very involved in JDRF to help others. The fact that he is a major league baseball player is important for youngsters who look up to him. And he has a message for them. He says it is a simple message.

"I stress the importance of being positive and optimistic," he said. "Minimize the moments of feeling sorry for yourself and don't let anything stop you."

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Young eagle is discovered and rescued in Safety Harbor

By BRIAN GOFF

SAFETY HARBOR – It was just going to be another, normal day at the park for Carolyn Puckett. Puckett, 43, of Dunedin often made the trip to the Philippe Park in Safety Harbor to meet her friend Annette Marie Anderson. There was nothing unusual about the day, yet Puckett would later describe it as one of the best days of her life.

She arrived at the park around 11:30 a.m. Jan. 11 and sat on a bench waiting for her friend. Alone, she began to notice unusual things around her. A great blue heron was standing in the water near by facing her. "It wasn't looking toward the water where its food was, it was unusual in that it looked at me," said Puckett.

Then an osprey began circling overhead, around and around her. Finally it flew away but within minutes another osprey came and did the same thing. "They weren't fishing, they were trying to send a message," she said.

Then, said Puckett, the morning light changed and seemed like a beacon shining on her. She was soon to discover what that beacon was for. Shortly after her friend Anderson arrived and they chatted on the bench for five minutes. Then they both noticed something large in the water swimming toward them, swimming toward where the morning light had been shining.

"We thought it might have been a giant turtle," said Puckett. "It was coming directly at us. We soon saw that it was a falcon-like bird; it turned out to be an eagle."

It was then that the adventure intensified. "Annette said let's go closer, so we did," she said. "The bird came directly toward our feet; it was soaking wet. It opened its wings and we could see that it was not injured that way but it was just too weak to fly."

Then Plunkett said the bird looked up at them, made a connection then seemed to give up.

"He slumped over, he totally slumped over, it was so sad; it was enough to make you cry," Plunkett said.

It was then Plunkett and others in the vicinity called the Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary to have the bird rescued.

Plunkett said while they were waiting for the rescuers to arrive she

learned a valuable lesson.

"If you see an injured bird you should stay with it at all times, at least keep an eye on it," she said. "Annette and I both left the bird for a few moments, other people had moved off and when we got back the bird had disappeared."

They finally located the bird nearby in a mangrove thicket near the seawall. It had taken refuge there.

"The bird wasn't frightened and trusted me and he seemed to know help was coming," said Plunkett.

When the help did arrive, two hours had passed since the bird was first spotted. Plunkett said the rescuers were very careful with the young eagle and wrapped it in a towel and took him away in a cage.

"Just before they left I went to say goodbye to the eagle, he made eye contact with me. I knew he was all right," she said.

Laura Riordan, an avian care specialist at the Seabird Sanctuary in Redington Shores said the eagle is doing fine.

"He's doing great," she said. "His lower beak was extended longer than his upper beak, and the upper beak was twisted to one side. We're not sure if that is a birth defect or the result of a fight with another eagle, that is possible."

Riordan said they have managed to shave off a little of the bottom beak to bring it more in line with the other and they will do a little more in a few days. She said the twist in the upper beak couldn't be fixed so the bird cannot be released.

Apart from the beak issue Riordan says the bird will be OK.

"He is eating and drinking on his own," she said. "He doesn't like fish but he does like mice so we don't have to do anything further. His wings are fine, they get full extension."

It is because of those wings that the bird can't stay at the Seabird Sanctuary.

"Our flight pen is not quite big enough for a bald eagle," said Riordan. "They need a lot of room to fly and they need flight time. If they don't get it their wings will stiffen."

The Audubon Birds of Prey Center in Maitland is a possible destination for the eagle, which is a juvenile. It takes five years for a bald eagle to mature and until that time, short of a blood test, it is impossible to tell if it is a male or female. Riordan said they would like to find out



Photo by CAROLYN PUCKETT

An injured bald eagle at Philippe Park was rescued and taken to the Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary.

more about the bird before they decide where it will go and be used as an educational tool for school children.

Puckett, who first spotted the eagle, said her background came together to make it all possible. A former physiotherapist, four years ago she went into a field of holistic approach to healing. She believes the energy techniques she learned helped her communicate with the eagle and helped it trust her during the rescue. She hopes to put photos of the bird on her website blissmyofascialrelease.com.

Plunkett said she will never forget that day in the park, the day she helped save the young eagle. This is what she wrote in her journal: "As we said goodbye, love, faith and hope shone through at its best today."

Intern finds a natural benefit to helping to protect the watershed

By BOB COSTIGAN

There are a wide variety of reasons why a person may decide to do volunteer work. For some it's simply looking to stay active after retirement. For others it's the joy of being able to help others in their community. Or perhaps it's having special skills and talents to share with others.

For Danielle Passerello, it began while attending the University of South Florida in St. Petersburg. Passerello's major was environmental science and as a requirement to receive her bachelor's degree, she had to complete a project or intern in the environmental field. With the help of the university, she became a volunteer intern for the Pinellas County Watershed Management Division, of the Department of Environmental and Infrastructure.

Passerello said she has always "loved the environment, the outdoors and science in general," so getting a degree that deals with the environment and working in the field was a natural. The concern for the environment led to concerns about pollution. She notes



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Danielle Passerello helped protect the county's waterways during her internship with the Watershed Management Division, a part of Pinellas County's Department of Environment and Infrastructure.

that all of the stormwater drainage goes into the local waterways and not to the wastewater treatment facility. Runoff of fertilizers, pesticides and hazardous materials, along with oil and grease from vehicles, are just a few of the contributors to polluted waterways.

Over the summer Passerello assisted the county in increasing the public's awareness of the dangers caused by people polluting the environment and waterways. Twice she was able to actually collect samples of water

around the county to be tested. She didn't mind getting dirty at all and wished her schedule had allowed her to do more of it.

Passerello enjoyed her internship with the Watershed Management Division. Not only did she get to help the environment, but also she met a number of very nice people. And she has made some great contacts, which she hopes will help her in her quest to land a job.

"Jobs are so scarce right now, so working for the county with

people that are in the field helps tremendously. They may know someone or some department that you didn't know even existed, so it's been great."

She admits though that having just recently graduated from USF and gotten remarried and moving to Seminole, she hasn't had much time to actively seek a job but plans to do so in the coming year. "I've kept my face out there and my feelers and am confident."

Natasha Dickrell, Environmental specialist II with Pinellas County Watershed Management, said Passerello was great to have helping out the department. "We looked forward to her internship days since she jumped right in to whatever we needed her to do and exceeded our expectations with every task. She had a great attitude and showed that she could lead other volunteers and helped others get excited about what she was working on."

Dickrell said Watershed Management coordinates a variety of programs that include environmental monitoring, permitting, planning, restoration and enforcement. They determine the

number of interns needed each semester and recruit through local colleges and through Pinellas County Volunteer Services.

Dickrell points out "our goal is to provide a learning environment as we expose them to a variety of opportunities and experiences."

Pinellas County volunteers can expect to make a difference in the

life of their community, while exploring interests, sharing knowledge, assisting others and making friends.

For more information, visit www.pinellascounty.org/volunteer, email volunteers@pinellascounty.org or call 464-8477.

This article was submitted by Pinellas County Communications.

Briefs

African Violet Society to meet

LARGO – The African Violet Society of Pinellas County will meet Monday, Feb. 4, 7 p.m., at Cypress Palms, 400 Lake Ave. NE.

Admission and parking are free. Visitors are welcome. The meeting will include refreshments, a plant raffle and the program Light – One of the Essentials for Growing." Call 585-5170.

McGough to host night hikes

LARGO – Night hikes will be presented Saturdays, Jan. 19 and Feb. 16, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., at George C. McGough Nature Park, 11901 146th N. St.

This will be a free interpretative nature hike through McGough's habitats. Call 518-3047.

Philippe to host nature walks

SAFETY HARBOR – Guided nature walks will be offered Sat-

urdays, Jan. 19, Feb. 16 and March 16, 9 to 10:30 a.m., at Philippe Park, 2525 Philippe Parkway.

The hike is limited to 12 participants.

Attendees will learn park history while exploring nature. Participants should meet at the Philippe

grave site at 9 a.m. Closed-toe shoes, water, sunscreen a hat and insect repellent are recommended. Reservations will be accepted through the Friday prior to the hike. An adult must accompany children.

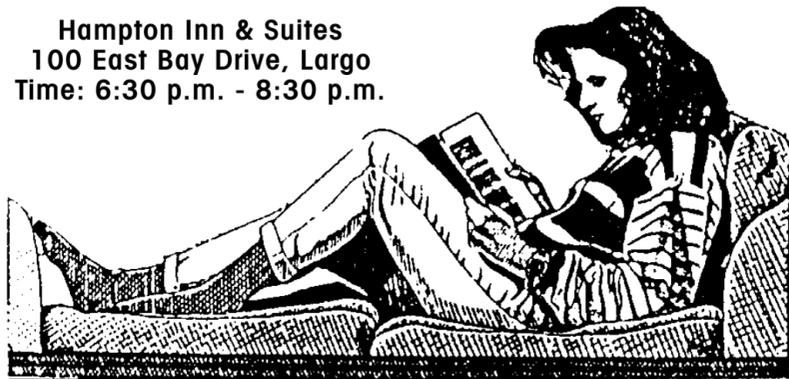
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Expo to feature Biggest Loser contestant

Exhibit space is now available for the 2013 Women in Business Expo on Tuesday February 26 from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Largo Cultural Center. It's presented by the Chamber and Largo Medical Center's H2U Program.

The event kicks-off with an inspirational talk by special guest Hannah Curlee runner-up of the NBC hit The Biggest Loser. Cost to reserve an exhibit space starts at \$225 for Chamber members and \$350 for others. A variety of sponsorship opportunities are also available. Please call the Chamber at 727-584-2321.



Welcome

The Central Pinellas Chamber of Commerce is the area's leading organization spearheading initiatives to strengthen the regional business community. In addition to its many business-to-business programs and services, its advocacy on behalf of the Chamber's membership and non-aligned businesses is especially significant. The rising tide does lift all ships!

For the past 60 years, this volunteer-driven association has been empowering business by providing the necessary tools and resources to help them succeed. This includes networking leads groups, government advocacy and economic development initiatives in addition to programs and events focused on professional development.

Most importantly, the Chamber consists of people who realize that they can accomplish collectively what they cannot accomplish individually. **If a Return on Involvement (ROI) is your approach to business and life in general, then you'd be a welcome addition to the Chamber family.** Please visit www.CentralChamber.biz to learn more or call us at 727-584-2321.

Chamber Kicks-Off 2013 with Economic Forecast Event

Will the 2013 economy weather another fiscal cliff? Hear what some industry leaders predict when the Central Pinellas Chamber of Commerce presents Focus on 2013: A Tampa Bay Economic Forecast. It takes place on Tuesday, Jan. 22 at from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort, 1160 Gulf Blvd, Clearwater.

This annual signature event features a panel of business experts who will share predictions and provide insight on significant global, national and regional issues destined to impact the Tampa Bay economy. This year's Focus panelists of industry leaders and their topics include:

Financial Industry Forecast

Richard F. Moody, Senior Vice President and Chief Economist, Regions Financial Corporation. Richard serves as the principal spokesperson on all economic issues for Regions. He has an extensive background in economic analysis and forecasting on the regional, national and international levels. He joined Regions in 2010 to establish and manage the Applied Market Research Group, which is responsible for identifying and monitoring economic, market, and industry specific risks to Regions' real estate and commercial loan portfolios. He was named as Regions' Chief Economist in July 2012.



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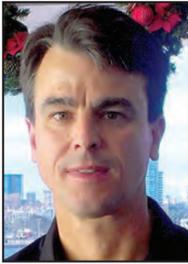
Political Forecast

Frank Torres, Political Analyst, featured in the Boston Herald, CBS News, and the Orlando Sentinel. He's worked as an on-air analyst for FOX 35 in Orlando, and more recently Central Florida News 13 for the 2012 election cycle. He is an eight-year United States Army Veteran (HR Specialist) whose service took him to Korea, Europe and the Middle East. It provided him the opportunity to study at the University of Maryland, before returning home to Central Florida. He is also the owner of Frank Torres Strategies - an internet reputation management firm.



Energy Forecast

J. Jason Cutliffe, Duke Energy Operations Center Manager, Region General Manager and Director of Asset Management. Jason joined Progress Energy in 2001. Prior to that he represented Dominion-Virginia Power where he held a variety of engineering, operational, and leadership positions in Distribution and Transmission. He holds a BSEE from the University of Maine, an MBA from University of Richmond, and is a registered professional engineer.



National/International Economic Forecast

Sean Snaith, Ph.D., Director of the University of Central Florida's Institute for Economic Competitiveness and a nationally recognized economist in the field of business and economic forecasting. An award-winning forecaster, researcher and professor, he has served as a consultant for governments and multi-national corporations such as Compaq, Dell and IBM. This is his second consecutive appearance at Focus! Presenting sponsors of the program are Regions Bank, Diagnostic Clinic and Sheraton Sand Key Resort.



Cost to attend is \$35 for open seating which includes breakfast or reserved tables of eight for \$260. Tickets can be purchased at the Chamber office at 151 3rd Street NW, Largo. For more information, call 727-584-2321.

Chamber Membership Benefits Are Many!

Membership with the Central Pinellas Chamber of Commerce includes a variety of MemberPerks. Here's just a sampling.

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Looking for a Business Visit the Chamber Website

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Build new contacts in 2013 Join the Chamber Leads Network!

The New Year is here, and it's the perfect time to join more than 75 business leaders already engaged in one or more of the four Chamber Leads Network Groups now operating. Members meet twice a month to share business leads and build business contacts. The success of the program is participation so regular meeting attendance is required.

Participants must be Chamber members, provide a \$100 annual enrollment fee and cover the cost of meals. Call the Chamber at 584-2321 for an application and to learn if your business is eligible to become a team player.

Free SCORE Business Counseling

The Chamber hosts business counseling services provided by SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) at its offices by appointment every first and third Thursday monthly. SCORE counselors represent working and retired business executives who volunteer their lifetime experience providing assistance for people looking to start a business and for owners/managers of existing businesses. There is no cost involved. Counseling appointments can be made only by calling 584-2321.

Supporting Business & Community

We salute the following businesses and organizations that joined or renewed their association with the Chamber during the past month. For a complete listing of Preferred Chamber Businesses, stop by the office for a free copy of the Central Pinellas Business & Community Go-To Guide or visit the Chamber website at www.CentralChamber.biz.

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Largo in the spotlight

• **A Night of Magic**, Saturday, Jan. 17, 7 p.m., at the Largo Community Center, 400 Alt. Keene Road, Largo. A Black Box Theater Production, the show will feature "Master Mentalist" Robert Smid and "Master Illusionist" Bob Klase. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Call 518-3131 or visit largo.communitycenter.com.

• **Marty Stuart**, Friday, Jan. 18, 8 p.m., at the Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets start at \$34.50. Call 587-6793. Known for his musical merging of honky tonk, rockabilly, country-rock, traditional country and bluegrass, Grammy-winning music icon Marty Stuart is now accompanied by his band, The Fabulous Superlatives. He has performed with countless music legends such as Merle Haggard and Johnny Cash, and is destined to join their ranks as one of country music's most influential stars. Audiences will have an opportunity to see Stuart's flamboyant showmanship shine with his band in this one-night-only performance in Largo.

• **The Andrew Sisters and the 42nd Street Big Band**, Thursday, Jan. 24, 1 to 3 p.m., at the Largo Community Center, 400 Alt. Keene Road, Largo. The Andrew Sisters and the 42nd Street Big Band will perform favorite classics of the 1940s, plus music of Benny Goodman and Artie Shaw. Tickets are \$14 in advance or \$15 at the door. Call 518-3131.

• **The Stephen Sondheim Songbook**, presented by the Suncoast Performing Arts Foundation, Saturday, Jan. 26, 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Jan. 27, 2 p.m.; at the Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets start at \$22.50. Call 587-6793. A cast of Tampa Bay's best performers will sing and dance their way through the songs of Tony Award winner Stephen Sondheim. Accompanied by live musicians, the cast will sing and dance to notable tunes from "West Side Story," "Gypsy," "Follies" and "Sweeney Todd." Proceeds will benefit the Suncoast Performing Arts Foundation.

• **Let Freedom Sing**, presented by Stages Productions, Saturday, Jan. 26, 11 a.m., at the Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets start at \$7.50. Call 587-6793 or visit www.largoarts.com. This will be a celebration of American history and patriotism.

• **Pinellas Folk Festival**, Saturday, Jan. 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Heritage Village, 11909 125th St. N., Largo. Dozens of the Tampa Bay area's premier folk musicians will be playing traditional folk, gospel, country and bluegrass music on stages throughout Heritage Village at this festival. Sponsored by the Pinellas County Historical Society, the event also will include historical demonstrations and activities. Admission is a suggested minimum donation of \$5 for adults. No admission is required for children 11 and younger. A shuttle to the event entrance will be available from the free parking area on 119th Street between Ulmert and Walsingham roads. Handicapped parking and drop-off will be at 12211 Walsingham Road. For information, call 582-2123 or visit www.pinellascounty.org/heritage.

• **iWonder Magic Show**, Saturday, Feb. 2, 11 a.m., at the Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets start at \$7.50. Call 587-6793 or visit www.largoarts.com. Wonder is the place where reality and illusion collide. See i-mazing, eye-popping magic with Bob and Chris. It's more than just tricks - it's magic, it's fun and it's for everyone.

• **The California Guitar Trio and The Montreal Guitar Trio**, Saturday, Feb. 2, 8 p.m., at the Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets are \$29.50 in advance and \$34.50 at the door. Call 587-6793 or visit www.largoarts.com. Featuring virtuoso guitarists from Japan, Canada, Belgium and the United States, the trios will explore intricate original compositions as well as new arrangements of progressive rock, world, jazz and classical music. Come see what the buzz is about and share an evening with these fantastic musicians.

• **Bright Stars Senior Talent Show**, Wednesday, Feb. 6, 7 p.m., at the Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets start at \$6.50. Call 587-6793 or visit www.largoarts.com. Bill Murphy, feature reporter of Tampa Bay On Demand, will host the show. Three performers will be chosen by the audience to go on to perform in the Tampa Bay Senior Idol show.

LCC welcomes The Machine

Boasting a new lineup, The Machine will perform classic Pink Floyd gems

LARGO - The Machine, considered by many to be America's best live Pink Floyd show, will perform Saturday, Jan. 19, 8 p.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive.

Tickets start at \$29.50. Add \$5 to the price for tickets purchased at the door. For tickets and information, call 587-6793 or visit largoarts.com.

The Machine will return to the Tampa Bay area with a new lineup. The band last played Largo Cultural Center in 2009.

The Machine currently includes founding member Tahrah Cohen on drums with long time stage mates Ryan Ball (guitar, vocals) and Scott Chasolen (keys, vocals) with new member, Adam Minkoff (bass, lead vocals).

Minkoff joined the band this month, taking over lead vocals

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Members of The Machine are, from left, Ryan Ball (guitar, vocals), Scott Chasolen (keys, vocals), Adam Minkoff (bass, lead vocals) and Tahrah Cohen (drums). The band will perform Jan. 19 at Largo Cultural Center.

Sunshine Blues Festival

Inaugural event to feature two stages, smokin' hot blues performances

By LEE CLARK ZUMPE

ST. PETERSBURG - The inaugural Sunshine Blues Festival will take place Sunday, Jan. 20, 11 a.m., at Vinoy Park, 701 Bayshore Drive NE.

The festival will feature two stages and a day of blues music. Entertainment will include performances by Tedeschi Trucks Band, Dr. John, Walter Trout, Sonny Landreth, Joe Louis Walker, Jaimoe's Jasssz Band, Matt Schofield, The Wood Brothers, Big Sam's Funky Nation, Sean Chambers and Bobby Lee Rodgers.

Tickets are \$49.50 and are available online at www.livenation.com, at all TicketMaster outlets or by calling 800-745-3000.

"The Blues is where it all began for modern music in America," said Neil Jacobsen, president of Live Nation Florida, in a press release. "Putting this show together has been a labor of love and we are very excited to bring a world class blues festival to Florida as an annual event."

In fact, the Vinoy Park date is the last of three festivals, presented over three consecutive days.

The inaugural Sunshine Blues Festival in Florida will make its official debut Friday, Jan. 18, at Centennial Park in Fort Myers. Then, on Saturday, Jan. 19, it

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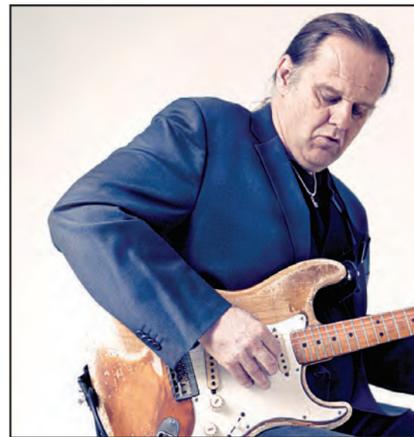


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Among the artists playing at the inaugural Sunshine Blues Festival Jan. 20 are, top left, Joe Louis Walker, above, Walter Trout, and, left, Tedeschi Trucks Band.

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'Last Stand' marks return of Schwarzenegger to action films

Compiled by LEE CLARK ZUMPE

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

'Broken City'

Genre: Drama and thriller
 Cast: Mark Wahlberg, Russell Crowe, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Barry Pepper and Kyle Chandler
 Director: Allen Hughes
 Rated: R
 In a broken city rife with injustice, ex-cop Billy Taggart (Mark Wahlberg) seeks redemption and revenge after being double-crossed and then framed by its most powerful figure, the mayor (Russell Crowe). Billy's relentless pursuit of justice, matched only by his streetwise

toughness, makes him an unstoppable force and the mayor's worst nightmare.

'The Last Stand'

Genre: Action
 Cast: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Zach Gilford, Forest Whitaker, Luis Guzman, Rodrigo Santoro, Johnny Knoxville, Jaimie Alexander, Eduardo Noriega, Peter Stormare, Harry Dean Stanton and Genesis Rodriguez
 Director: Kim Jee-Woon
 Rated: R
 Action icon Arnold Schwarzenegger makes his much-anticipated return to the big screen in Korean director KIM Jee-Woon's hard-hitting U.S. directorial debut, "The Last Stand."

After leaving his LAPD narcotics post following a bungled operation that left him wracked with remorse and regret, Sheriff Ray Owens (Schwarzenegger) moved out of Los Angeles and settled into a life fighting what little crime takes place in sleepy border town Sommerton Junction. But that peaceful existence is shattered when Gabriel Cortez (Eduardo Noriega), the most notorious, wanted drug kingpin in the western hemisphere, makes a deadly yet spectacular escape from an FBI prisoner convoy.

With the help of a fierce band of lawless mercenaries led by the icy Burrell (Peter Stormare), Cortez begins racing toward the US-Mexico border at 250 mph in a specially-outfitted Corvette ZR1 with a hostage in tow. Cortez' path: straight through Sommerton Junction, where the whole of the U.S. law enforcement, including Agent John Bannister (Forest Whitaker) will have their final opportunity to intercept him before the violent fugitive slips across the border forever.

At first reluctant to become involved, and then counted out because of the perceived ineptitude of his small town force, Owens ultimately rallies his team and takes the matter into his own hands, setting the



Photo by ALAN MARKFIELD/TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX
 The Mayor (Russell Crowe) subtly threatens his wife, the city's First Lady (Catherine Zeta-Jones), whom he suspects might be undermining his plans in "Broken City."

stage for a classic showdown.

'Mama'

Genre: Supernatural thriller
 Cast: Jessica Chastain, Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, Megan Charpentier,

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 - Genus of tropical plants with ornamental, brightly colored leaves
 - Do museum work
 - A hole drilled in the earth from which petroleum flows
 - "Dig in!"
 - Disturb the order of
 - grecque (in the Greek manner)
 - Barber's motion
 - First stomach of cattle
 - Jam
 - Break off
 - "Dear" one
 - Expenditure
 - Having finished one's active working life
 - Clean
 - Boris Godunov, for one
 - Atomizer output
 - Projecting sharp points
 - Principles and practices of the National Socialist Workers' party
 - Part of a simple bouquet
 - Anita Brookner's "Hotel du ___"
 - Creep
 - Carve in stone
 - Daybreak
 - Expert
 - Dracula, at times
 - Mosaic piece
 - Decline
 - Not common
 - Adolescent
 - Tallest land animal
 - Stems up
 - Prehistoric axelike tools
 - Force units
- Down**
- Janitor
 - Impatient under delay
 - ___ grass
 - Egg on
 - More likely
 - Condescend
 - Eye
 - "___ what?"
 - Discover
 - Cultivation of land
 - Salad green
 - One who reads or examines with great care
 - Blunder
 - "Remember the ___"
 - During
 - Ill-tempered
 - Sharply penetrating
 - Hazardous
 - Desert sight
 - 2004 film of rhythm and blues musician
 - Show ___
 - Large, heavy knife with a broad blade
 - Extremely evil
 - Visualize
 - Badgers
 - Link
 - Optical phenomena that create the illusion of water
 - Fix, in a way
 - Fine thread
 - Racing sleds for 1 or 2 people
 - Flips (through)
 - Current
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 - Ethereal
 - "Do the Right Thing" pizzeria owner
 - Masefield play "The Tragedy of ___"

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.

Horoscopes

January 17, 2013

Capricorn
 December 22 - January 19
 Financial concerns will ease with a windfall, as long as you put the funds to good use. This is not the time for careless spending, Capricorn.

Aquarius
 January 20 - February 18
 No news is good news, Aquarius, so stop snooping. You will find out soon enough what is going on, and it may surprise you. A scrapbook revives a tradition.

Pisces
 February 19 - March 20
 Can it, Pisces. You've said more than enough. Let someone else have a say at work. There is more to a friend's story than you realize. Dig a little.

Aries
 March 21 - April 19
 Watch your step, Aries. Someone is waiting for you to slip up. Don't. Move forward with confidence, and others will soon join you. An auto issue persists.

Taurus
 April 20 - May 20
 Tsk-tsk, Taurus. You didn't make the mess, so why are you feeling the need to clean it up. Leave it to the one at fault, else a valuable lesson will be lost.

Gemini
 May 21 - June 21
 Furry friends bring out the kid in you, and the urge to play hits. Go for it, Gemini. It will be some time again before you have the opportunity.

Cancer
 June 22 - July 22
 Misunderstandings lead to chaos at home. It is up to you to resolve the matter, Cancer. Don't dawdle. Memories resurface at the sight of a book.

Leo
 July 23 - August 22
 Youngsters lighten your load at home. Show your gratitude with a trip somewhere nice, Leo. A phone call provides insight into a personal dilemma.

Virgo
 August 23 - September 22
 A project comes to a satisfactory conclusion. Take out the team to celebrate, Virgo. Travel plans begin to take shape. Don't overlook a deal.

Libra
 September 23 - October 22
 Many offers are extended, but only one is worth taking, Libra. Study them in great detail. A weekend excursion provides a much-needed change of pace.

Scorpio
 October 23 - November 21
 New faces enter the fold, and the ideas start whirling. Make sure you write them down, Scorpio. Who knows when creativity will strike again.

Sagittarius
 November 22 - December 21
 The answer you seek is near, Sagittarius. Look closely. Libra gain is struck, and the item you've had your eye on is yours for the taking.

Sudoku answers from last week

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Kansas joins Ruth Eckerd Hall's Rock Symphony Concert series

By LEE CLARK ZUMPE

CLEARWATER – Kansas – America's most successful progressive rock band – is set to make its Ruth Eckerd Hall debut with a spellbinding show featuring a rock symphony and laser light spectacular.

Kansas will perform Saturday, Jan. 19, 8 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road.

Tickets start at \$49. Call 791-7400 or visit www.rutheckerdhall.com.

The story of Kansas began more than four decades ago when a group of musicians formed a progressive rock group in their hometown, Topeka, Kan. Vocalists Lynn Meredith and Joel Warne, keyboardist Don Montre, keyboardist Dan Wright, and saxophonist Larry Baker soon joined the founders – Dave Hope, Phil Ehart and Kerry Livgren. Some of the musicians had already performed together in a band called White Clover.

After a number of lineup changes, in 1973 Kansas signed with Don Kirshner's eponymous label and released their debut album "Kansas" in 1974. Band members now included original founding members Ehart on drums and percussion, Hope on bass and vocals and Livgren on guitars, keyboards, synthesizers and vocals. Added to the mix were Robby Steinhardt on violin and vocals, Rich Williams on guitars and Steve Walsh on keyboards, synthesizers, percussion and vocals.

This lineup remained the same through seven studio albums and endless touring in the 1970s. Albums during this period included "Kansas" (1974), "Song for America" (1975), "Masque" (1975), "Leftoverture" (1976), "Point of Know Return" (1977), "Monolith" (1979) and "Audio-Visions" (1980). Kansas steadily developed a cult following through

1975, and finally achieved chart success with the release of "Leftoverture" which featured the hit single "Carry On Wayward Son." The album reached No. 5 on Billboard's pop album chart. The follow-up, 1977's "Point of Know Return" peaked even higher, at No. 4. That album produced the band's best-known hit, "Dust in the Wind."

Then and now

One could make a valid argument by saying that Kansas introduced two recognizable phrases to rock and roll parlance: "air guitar" and "arena rock."

During the '70s and '80s, Kansas put together a string of gold and platinum-certified hit albums, sold out tours, and penned some of classic rock's most instantly recognizable and enduring tunes. While it has been nearly 40 years since the group's self-titled debut in 1974, today the band is as strong as it ever was. Featuring singer/keyboardist Steve Walsh, guitarist Rich Williams, violinist David Ragsdale, bassist Billy Greer, and drummer Phil Ehart, Kansas released its fifth live album, "There's No Place Like Home," on CD and DVD in 2009. The DVD charted at No. 5 on the Billboard Music DVD chart the week of its release.

In a press release issued by Chipster PR & Consulting Inc., Ehart unveils several reasons as to why Kansas continues to flourish.

"We have the best fans in the world," Ehart said. "Their responses are always solid, insightful ... and they will tell you what they think."

The classic songs Kansas recorded have shown that they hold up fine, attracting new generations of fans.

"New fans are discovering us every day, thanks to video games, movies and TV shows that use our



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Kansas plays Ruth Eckerd Hall Jan. 19.

music," Williams said. He offers his thoughts as to why Kansas continues to rule the classic rock airwaves. "[The songs] have retained a relevance through the years that only a small percentage of recordings do."

"There's Know Place Like Home" was recorded Feb. 7, 2009, in Topeka, Kan., at Washburn University. For the concert, Kansas paired with the Washburn University Symphony Orchestra. The evening's set-list included several orchestral arrangements. Kansas will be accompanied by a rock symphony at

its Ruth Eckerd Hall concert, too.

"It's always an adventure," explained Ehart about playing with an orchestra. "Adding another 50 people to your 'band' can always prove eventful."

Fans coming out to catch Kansas on tour can be confident that they'll be catching one of rock's most finely tuned machines.

"We are more relaxed and comfortable with who we are now than we have maybe been ever," said Williams. "We're playing with the confidence that comes with experience."

FILMS, from page 2B

Daniel Kash and Isabelle Nellse

Director: Andres Muschietti
Rated: PG-13

Guillermo del Toro presents "Mama," a supernatural thriller that tells the haunting tale of two little girls who disappeared into the woods the day that their parents were killed.

When they are rescued years later and begin a new life, they find that someone or something still wants to come tuck them in at night.

Five years ago, sisters Victoria and Lilly vanished from their suburban neighborhood without a trace. Since then, their Uncle Lucas (Nikolaj Coster-Waldau) and his girlfriend, Annabel (Jessica Chastain), have been madly searching

for them. But when, incredibly, the kids are found alive in a decrepit cabin, the couple wonders if the girls are the only guests they have welcomed into their home.

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

'Luv'

Genre: Drama
Cast: Common, Michael Rainey Jr., Charles S. Dutton, Dennis Haysbert, Danny Glover, Meagan Good, Lonette McKee and Michael Kenneth Williams

Director: Sheldon Candis
Rated: R
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man when he spends a day with the uncle he idolizes in "Luv," a poignant and gritty coming-of-age story featuring standout performances by Common, Danny Glover, Dennis Haysbert, Charles S. Dutton and newcomer Michael Rainey Jr.

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MACHINE, from page 1B

and bass, while Ball gracefully slides across the stage to lead guitar. Minkoff will help the band as it continues to perpetuate Pink Floyd's legacy through a multi-dimensional approach. For more than 24 years, The Machine has been faithfully re-creating the timeless music of Pink Floyd.

The Machine makes significant use of expanded theatrical elements, mirroring Pink Floyd's elaborate stage displays such as spectacular state-of-the-art lighting, multimedia accompaniments, and impeccable sound. The result is strikingly faithful interpretations giving the band a reputation for excellence and creating an intimate connection with their loyal audience.

The New York based band plays a mix of Pink Floyd's 16-album repertoire, resulting in a blend of musical styles that span the band's career. On occasion the band performs Pink Floyd albums in their entirety, including "Dark Side of The Moon" and "The Wall."

The Machine has toured North and Central America as well as Europe and Asia, selling out clubs and theaters along the way. They have performed at music festivals such as Bonna-roo, Riverbend and Germany's Rock of Ages. In the last couple of years, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Delaware Symphony Orchestra, San Diego Symphony Orchestra and Richmond Sym-

phony Orchestra have backed the band at special concert events.

The Machine has released several CDs and DVDs of performances, capturing their intense live show. "Two Nights at the Keswick," from the band's 2003 performances, is a live concert CD and DVD. "The Machine Unplugged" is an acoustic performance recorded at B.B. King's in New York City. The band also released "Live in Amsterdam," a recording of a 2006 concert, on DVD.

The band's current release is "The Machine: Symphonic Side of the Moon," a recording of a live performance of "Dark Side Of The Moon" with a symphony orchestra.

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BLUES, from page 1B

will come to Mizner Park Amphitheater in Boca Raton. Finally, on Jan. 20, the festival wraps up with a full day of smokin' hot blues performances at Vinoy Park.

Headlining the premiere event will be the Tedeschi Trucks Band. The Tedeschi Trucks Band had an amazing year in 2012. In February, their album "Revelator" won the Grammy Award for Best Blues Album. Then, in July, they dominated the Blues Music Awards where they won not only Album of the Year, but also took home trophies for Band of the Year, Gibson Guitar Award (Derek Trucks) and Contemporary Blues Female Artist (Susan Tedeschi).

"Revelator" boasts a collection of blues-dipped rockers and heart-stirring ballads in which the echoes of so many great traditions flowed together naturally,

blending with an entirely original, modern sensibility. The album broke into the Billboard Top 200 chart at No. 12, bringing both artists to their highest first week sales and charting of their careers. The band's second album, "Everybody's Talkin'," is a double live disc recorded on the band's fall tour last year. Tedeschi Trucks Band is an 11-member ensemble. In addition to Susan Tedeschi and Derek Trucks, the band includes harmony singers Mike Mattison and Mark Rivers, brothers Oteil Burbridge and Kofi Burbridge, drummers J.J. Johnson and Tyler Greenwell, trumpeter Maurice Brown, tenor saxophonist Kebbi Williams and trombonist Saunders Sermons.

"We are thrilled to be a part of these inaugural festivals in our home state of Florida, and share the stage with some great musicians and friends," said Truck and Tedeschi in a press release.

More blues on the bill

In addition to Tedeschi Trucks Band, the inaugural bill for the festival will feature performance by a variety of industry legends.

Award-winning guitar slinger, passionate vocalist and gifted songwriter **Joe Louis Walker**, touring in support of his Alligator Records debut, "Hellfire," will perform at the event.

Walker has been releasing groundbreaking music since 1986 and has toured - and continues to tour - worldwide. He has won four Blues Music Awards and has been nominated for 48 more. Walker was recently nominated for four 2013 Blues Music Awards, including B.B. King Entertainer Of The Year, Contemporary Blues Album Of The Year for "Hellfire," Contemporary Blues Male Artist Of The Year and Gibson Guitar Artist Of The Year.

Walker also has recorded as a guest with some of the blues world's best-known artists, including appearances on Grammy-winning records by B.B. King and James Cotton. He and his band recently appeared on TBS's "Conan" to perform the song

"Ride All Night" from "Hellfire."

Walker was born in San Francisco in 1949. His parents were both from the South and they brought their love of blues with them when they headed west. His dad played blues piano, and his mom played B.B. King records. Walker picked up the guitar as a child, and by the time he was 16 was regularly backing touring blues artists rolling through town. San Francisco's music scene was quickly becoming a melting pot of blues, jazz and psychedelic rock, and Walker was right in the center of it.

As a 16-year-old, Walker was the house guitarist at San Francisco's famed musical playground, The Matrix, where he played with or opened shows for everyone from Lightnin' Hopkins to Jimi Hendrix to Thelmonious Monk. The blues legends Walker accompanied shared not only musical knowledge but also their personal wisdom. Fred McDowell, Ike Turner, Albert King, Freddy King, Robert Jr. Lockwood, Lightnin' Hopkins and many others taught, fed and chastised the youngster.

From 1975 to 1985, Walker performed nothing but gospel music, playing and singing as a member of The Spiritual Corinthians. In 1986, after Walker returned to playing the blues, Hightone Records released his debut CD, "Cold Is The Night." Firmly rooted in blues, gospel, R&B and rock, the album caught the attention of music fans around the country.

Mac Rebennack is better known as **Dr. John**, the living embodiment of the rich musical heritage exclusive to New Orleans.

His roots can be traced back to the 1950s when he wrote and played guitar on some of the greatest records to come out of the famed Crescent City, including recordings by Professor Longhair, Art Neville, Joe Tex and Frankie Ford. Following a gun incident that injured his left ring finger, Dr. John transitioned to organ and piano. By the 1960s,

he had relocated to Los Angeles and was making a name for himself as a session musician, playing on records by Sonny and Cher, Van Morrison, Aretha Franklin, Frank Zappa and the Mothers of Invention and The Rolling Stones.

Around the same time, he launched his solo career, developing the charismatic persona of Dr. John The Nite Tripper. Adorned with voodoo charms and regalia, a legend was born with his breakthrough 1968 album "Gris-gris," which established his unique blend of voodoo mysticism, funk, rhythm and blues, psychedelic rock and Creole roots.

Dr. John's career highlights include the masterful album "Sun, Moon and Herbs" in 1971 and 1973's "In The Right Place." The latter included the chart hits "Right Place Wrong Time" and "Such A Night."

Dr. John has earned a number of Grammy Award wins and, in March 2011, he was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. In 2012, he released a new album "Locked Down," produced by Dan Auerbach of The Black Keys. Dr. John continues to write, arrange, produce and interpret with a passion that has yet to wane. He continues to dazzle and delight audiences across the globe touring consistently.

American blues guitarist, singer and songwriter **Walter Trout** still recalls the day in 1965 when his brother brought the first album by the Paul Butterfield Blues Band into his family's New Jersey home. The event set Trout on a musical path: The magic of the twin guitars of Michael Bloomfield and Elvin Bishop, and Butterfield's gut-deep harmonica and vocal performances ensnared him.

Trout's practical schooling in blues started when he arrived in Los Angeles in 1973 and got gigs behind John Lee Hooker, Big Mama Thornton, Finis Tasby, Pee Wee Crayton, Lowell Fulson, Percy Mayfield and Joe Tex. In

1981, he joined the remaining original members of Canned Heat. Then, beginning in 1984, Trout began his tenure with British blues giant John Mayall. Trout became part of the Bluesbreakers' lineage of great guitarists along with Eric Clapton, Peter Green and Mick Taylor. Sharing six-string duties with Coco Montoya in Mayall's band, Trout helped to create a flexible guitar dynamic that sparked a renaissance for the Bluesbreakers.

In 1989, Trout established his own group, cutting his debut album "Life In The Jungle," which launched him into the limelight in Europe. In 1998, his eponymous album ensured that he would remain a fixture in the American blues-rock scene for the foreseeable future.

Trout's passionate "Blues for the Modern Daze," released in 2012, cuts right to the core of his art and his heart. His 21st album returns the contemporary guitar legend to his hard-core blues roots and finds his songwriting at a creative and personal zenith.

Sonny Landreth, an American blues musician from southwest Louisiana, is best known as a slide guitar player.

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