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## Bringing local art to market

Cuban painter calls other artists to join him for event at Havana Harry's

By JULIANA A. TORRES

LARGO – Almost every day, Cuban painter, sculpture and ceramist Juan Carlos Santana rides his bike three blocks from his home to the market where he works.

For Santana, Havana Harry's Market is his artistic studio and the common ground he uses to convey the language of art and to teach appreciation of visual art to those who might never bother with museums.

"I paint here because art is a vehicle to bring people together," he said, seated in the market with a cafe Cubano nearby and his latest work in progress spread over the small tabletop.

His mission is simple, if daunting in its scope. "We are a planet of 7 billion people and only 2 percent (appreciate) the idea of art and see quality art," said Santana, whose words are translated from Spanish for this article. "And there are 98 percent of precious people that don't have the orientation to feel art. They don't see the garden."

Santana has been painting at Havana Harry's for almost four months. He approached the owner of the business, George Haber, to ask if he could

bring his painting to work on in front of the market back in October. Haber loved the idea, but Santana left soon thereafter for New York City, where a 50-year retrospective exposition of his work went on display.

After he returned to Largo, where he's been living for the last 14 months, and he began his first painting at Havana Harry's on Jan. 11, a work that still hangs on the wall of the market.

"I think that artists should bring their work to the places where the people are – hospitals, restaurants, Hispanic institutions, schools – so that the people can become massively familiar with art," Santana said. "It's a tactic used by many artists, not just me. It creates a very interesting triangle: the work of art, community and the artist."

All three components are essential to the artistic experience, he explained. Santana believes that while museums are good at representing art in a dignified way, with grand presentations, more people should be encouraged to enjoy art that is shared in the common sphere.

From Haber's perspective, Santana has become

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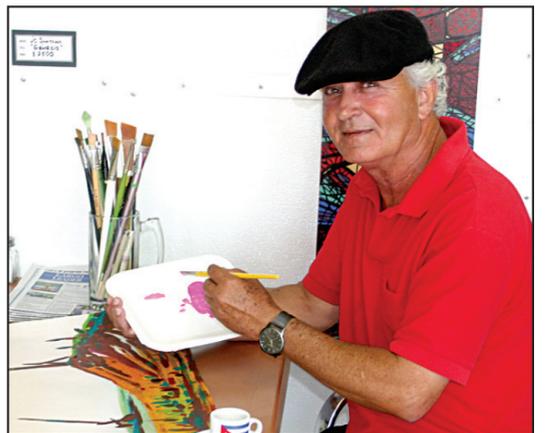


Photo by JULIANA A. TORRES  
Cuban artist Juan Carlos Santana works on a painting at Havana Harry's Market, where he is an unofficial artist in residence, on the morning of April 26.

### Power block



Photo by JIM LAYFIELD  
Terrell Bell, 11, of Belleair delivers a block to Rick Reynolds at the annual Youth Football Clinic held by the Largo Athletic Department at the Largo Sports Complex April 27. During the free three-hour clinic, children were taught drills with recreation staff and local coaches. For more photos from the clinic, see page 15A.

## State bans 27 synthetic drugs

By SUZETTE PORTER

Local officials are applauding passage of a state law that bans 27 new synthetic drugs. Gov. Rick Scott signed Senate Bill 294 into law April 25.

"Florida sheriffs, police chiefs and prosecutors have done a great job in making Florida communities safer," the governor said in a press release. "We will continue to work in close partnership with our state and local law enforcement officials to keep Florida families and visitors to our state safe – and this law will provide them with even more tools to fight new drugs that threaten our children."

Cecilia Barreda, spokesperson for the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, agreed with the governor about the importance of keeping synthetic drugs out of the hands of children.

"We applaud the legislators and the continued support of law enforcement, as evidenced by the passing of this bill to help combat the use of dangerous synthetic drugs," she said. "We also commend the work of Attorney General Pam Bondi."

Bondi declared her intent to continue the war

against synthetic drugs.

"Deadly synthetic drugs are targeted to our youth," she said. "I will remain committed to banning these drugs and keeping them off store shelves. I thank Gov. Scott for signing this key public safety legislation."

Tim Burns, director of Pinellas County's justice and consumer services department, also was pleased that law enforcement has more tools to combat the problem.

"Any step taken that helps get these drugs off the shelves and out of the hands of kids is a good thing," he said.

Synthetic drugs are especially challenging. Almost as quick as lawmakers ban substances used to create them, chemists, many outside the United States, are working to create a new designer drug.

The drugs have street names such as "incense," "potpourri," "K2," "spice" and "bath salts." Much of the packaging is designed to target youth. And although the packaging clearly states that the product is not for human consumption, "we all know

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## Not his time

Local man narrowly missed being aboard doomed sub

By LESTER R. DAILEY

LARGO – April 10, 1963 wasn't Carl Sarine's time to die. But for 129 other men, their time had come.

About 9:18 that morning, the nuclear submarine USS Thresher imploded on a routine test dive off Cape Cod and sank in 8,400 feet of water, killing all 129 men aboard. As a senior engineer for defense contractor Sperry Gyroscope, Sarine had been working on a secret sonar system aboard the Thresher and stood a 50-50 chance of being assigned to go along on that fatal cruise. By the luck of the draw, he wasn't.

A self-described "Army brat," Sarine, now of Largo, spent his youth following his officer father from one base to another. His brother became an Air Force pilot, but Sarine wanted no part of a military career. But Uncle Sam had other plans for him.

After getting a degree in physics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Sarine was drafted into the Army during the Korean War. But instead of going to Korea, he was sent to Germany to operate a radar system that tracked the trajectory and impact site of outgoing rounds from a 280-millimeter atomic cannon.

After two years in the Army, his degree and his experience operating military radar enabled him to land a job with Sperry in Lake Success, Long Island, N.Y. He went on at least 25 submarine cruises, for up to two weeks at a time. They usually left from New London, Conn., but to confound the Soviet spies who were

Until shortly before sailing time, Carl Sarine didn't know if he would be aboard the USS Thresher, which sank in 1963 with 129 men aboard.

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Photo by LESTER R. DAILEY  
Carl Sarine holds a model of the USS Thresher. He was almost on the submarine on April 10, 1963 when it sank and all its passengers died. His good friend was one of them.

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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, the Largo Public Library, at 120 Central Park Drive, and the historic Largo Feed Store, at 295 Central Park Drive. For information about special events, call 587-6740, ext. 5014 or visit LargoEvents.com

### Movies in the Park

LARGO – The city of Largo will show the movie “Wreck it Ralph” on an outdoor big screen at dusk May 3 in Largo Central Park. The event is free. Themed activities for the movie will start at 7 p.m. Onsite parking and concessions will be available. No alcohol permitted. Other scheduled movie events include “Mirror, Mirror” on May 10.

### Family History Assistance Day

LARGO – Pinellas Genealogy Society and Largo Public Library are offering “Family History Assistance Day,” on Saturday, April 27, noon to 4 p.m., in the Jenkins Room on the first floor of the library.

Bring information about your family and receive free one-on-one assistance from a consultant from the society. Beginners are especially encouraged to attend and experience the process of tracing their genealogical history.

Society members also will be giving tours of the library’s Genealogy Center and available classes.

For more information, contact Bob Bryan at 595-4521 or email BBryan84@gmail.com.

### Train Weekend

LARGO – Ride miniature trains around Largo Central Park on Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., during the first full weekend of the month.

The next train weekend is May 4-5. For more information, visit the “Train Weekend” link at www.LargoEvents.com.

### Picnic in the Park

LARGO – The city of Largo will present an old-fashioned picnic Thursday, May 9, noon to 2 p.m., at the Largo Community Center, 400 Alt. Keene Road.

The cost is \$7.

### Saturday In The Park With Mom

LARGO – The Sun Coast Osteopathic Foundation will host a free community event celebrating mothers and promoting healthy families called Saturday In The Park With Mom on Saturday, May 11, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Largo Central Park, 101 Central Park Drive.

The event will feature a health and wellness fair and include live music, children’s activities, entertainment and educational experiences for family members of all ages. Admission and parking are free. Food and beverages will be available.

Children are invited to take part in a “Rokkball” demonstration, a fun, high-energy baseball clinic for youth players. Fitness expert Carmen Baxter will lead participants in warm-up exercises to get them ready to move in rhythm.

For music lovers, the main stage will host hours of non-stop entertainment, featuring Tampa Bay singers and songwriters Jim Lanier and local tenor Nathalie Hernandez, who recently competed on NBC’s “The Voice.” Families also can enjoy off-stage performances by clowns, jugglers and magicians.

A special children’s play area will feature inflatable jumpers, miniature train rides through the park and a commemorative photobooth picture. A \$5 donation will be accepted for the play area and a commemorative photograph.

For more information, call 483-0661 or visit www.SaturdayInTheParkWithMom.com

### Library closing

LARGO – The Largo Public Library will be closed Monday, May 20 through Monday, May 27 for an upgrade of the check-out/check-in system, RFID tagging, and improved self-checkout technology.

The library will reopen on Tuesday, May 28. Call or visit the other libraries in the Pinellas County Cooperative while the Largo library is closed. To find member libraries, visit www.pplc.us.

### Memorial Day Sunset Ceremony

LARGO – Join the city of Largo and the Memorial Day Planning Committee for a Memorial Day sunset ceremony Monday, May 27, 7 p.m., at the Largo Central Park Military Court of Honor.

Honor those who have lost their lives while fighting for our country. The ceremony will include music, a keynote speaker and a time of remembrance through a wreath presentation. The event is free and open to the public.

### Genealogy classes

LARGO – The Pinellas Genealogy Society offers a variety of free classes every month at Largo Public Library.

Topics in May include: How to use ancestry.com, immigration and ship’s passenger lists, naturalization records, using newspapers in genealogy. For a complete listing with details of classes and scheduled times, visit www.flpgs.org/classes.aspx. For more information, contact Bob Bryan at 595-4521 or email BBryan84@gmail.com.

## 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.

### Sale at the Highland Recreation Complex

LARGO – In preparation of the new facility opening in June, the Highland Recreation Complex is selling off desks, filing cabinets, folding tables and chairs and more in a public sale Friday, May 3, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 400 Highland Ave.

This sale is cash and carry; all items must be removed at the time of the sale. For more information on the sale, please call Joan Wheaton at 587-6727.

### Highland celebrates grand opening

LARGO – The city of Largo will celebrate the grand opening of the new Highland Recreation Complex on Sunday, June 2, noon to 5 p.m., at 400 Highland Ave.

The new 40,000-square-foot building facility features an indoor walking track, double gymnasium, indoor three story playground, indoor active gaming room, fitness room, party rooms and more.

The city invites residents of all ages to tour the facility. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

The complex will open for business on Monday, June 3 with facility classes and programs beginning on June 10.

Call 518-6720.

## 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.

### Aqua Zumba Classes

LARGO – The Largo Aquatics Division now offers Aqua Zumba, a high-energy water exercise class, on Wednesday evenings, 6:15 p.m., at the Southwest pool.

Zumba is a Latin-inspired cardio dance workout with music that conditions and tones the body. Adding water resistance to Zumba allows for a more intense cardio-based workout in a low-impact environment.

Instructor Angeliqne Renaud will lead the class in 4 feet of water, so no swimming skills are required. However, participants should be comfortable in waist-deep water and must be at least 12 years old. As with any exercise program, check with your doctor before starting. A lifeguard will be on duty during all class times.

## Tuck and run



Photo by JIM LAYFIELD  
Jazlyn Williamson, 11, of Clearwater maneuvers around tackling dummies at the Youth Football Clinic at the Largo Sports Complex April 27.

Aqua Zumba is a drop-in class; no preregistration required or punch cards accepted. Classes are \$5 per person for Largo residents, \$6.25 for nonresidents or \$9.25 for guests. Visit LargoPools.com.

### SilverSneakers program

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

The programs gives members a daily fitness pass, daily pool admission for fitness swimming and classes including Aqua Fit & Trim, tai chi, chair exercise, muscular strength and range of movement and Fit Over 50.

## Largo Community Center

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

### Weekly events

- **Square dancing:** Fridays, 7:30 to 9:45 p.m. Spend the evening dancing country-style to professional caller Allen Snell. The cost is \$6.
- **Swing dancing:** Saturdays, 7 to 11 p.m. – Enjoy an evening of dancing and socializing on a 5,600-square-foot sprung hardwood floor. Free lessons from 7 to 8 p.m., followed by a dance with music by DJ Savoy Swing. The cost is \$6 with a recreation card and \$7 without a card.
- **Bay Area Singles dance:** Sundays, 6 to 10 p.m. Dress to impress, and join about 150 singles and friends of all ages to dance to an extensive music library to fit every taste. Cost is \$8.

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# Summer camp scholarships available for Largo residents

LARGO – The city of Largo has summer camp scholarship funding for Largo residents who qualify financially.

Scholarships funded through the Juanita Johnson fund and the Rotary Club of Largo for students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

Out of School Time Scholarships, funded by Coordinated Childcare of Pinellas, are open for children ages 9 and up. OST Scholarships are available to both residents and nonresidents. This funding is limited to Southwest Complex camps and Camp Funshine, which will be held at Mildred Helms Elementary.

Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, and funding is limited. Applications are available now. Completed applications and supporting documentation can be turned into Southwest Recreation Complex or the Largo Community Center.

For more information on all Largo Summer Camps and scholarships, visit [LargoCamps.com](http://LargoCamps.com) or call 518-3125 or 518-3131.

Largo Recreation will offer 10 full day camps, 17 sport camps, 26 specialty camps, theater and dance camps, aquatic camps, as well as pre-camp days this year, beginning June 10.

Download a copy of Largo's summer camp guide at [LargoCamps.com](http://LargoCamps.com) or pick up a Play Magazine at all Largo recreation facilities, Largo City Hall or Largo Public Library. The website includes information about camp scholarships, before- and after-care programs and weekly fees.

Register today at Southwest Recreation Complex, 13120 Vonn Road and the Largo Community Center at 400 Alt. Keene Road.

### Theatre camps

The Largo Cultural Center will offer three theatre camps this summer.

Disney Aladdin Jr. is a three-week camp, between June 10 and 28, for beginner and advanced students ages 8 to 13. Campers will develop audition skills, solo and ensemble voice development, choreography, prop



and scenic design, culminating in a final performance to showcase their skills and talent.

Technical Theater Production Camp, from June 22 to 26, takes students ages 12 to 18 behind the scenes to work with scenery, rigging, audio, video and lighting equipment.

Thoroughly Modern Millie Jr. camp, running June 29 to Aug. 16, will get students ages 12 to 18 on the stage to perform the story of Millie Dillmount, who moved to New York City in 1922 in search of a new life for herself.

### Aquatics camps

The city is offering four types of aquatics camps, jam-packed with water related activities for children ages 6 to 15.

Aquatics Camp, for children ages 11 to 15, is with a week of aquatic field trips June 10 to 14. Trips include Clearwater Beach, kayaking, Flow Rider and Adventure Island.

Guard Start camp will teach participants American Red Cross CPR and Basic Water Rescue.

Junior Triathlon Camp will help beginner triathletes learn the ins and outs of triathlons, while also helping them get in shape to complete a triathlon of their own.

Children participating in Synchronized Swimming Camp will learn about the athleticism and creativity it takes for this team sport.

### Sports and hobbies

The Largo Athletic Division is offering 16 one-week sports camps that include volleyball, track, bowling and fishing.

The Highland Recreation Complex and the Largo Community Center are both offering six one-week camps, including Quick Fire Chefs, Creative Writing, Comic Book & Cartooning, Cake Decorating and Fit Kids Camp. Hit the tennis courts with the Largo Tennis Academy, offering 10 one-week camps for both beginner and intermediate players.

# Libraries kick off Discover Pinellas!

LARGO – As part of the statewide commemoration of the 500th anniversary of Juan Ponce de Leon's arrival, the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative and its partners Heritage Village and the Pinellas County Historical Society, will host the countywide kick-off of Discover Pinellas! on Sunday, May 19, noon to 4 p.m., at Heritage Village, 11909 125th St.

The family-friendly event will launch Pinellas County public libraries' participation in this statewide initiative. Throughout 2013, public libraries will hold several programs, book discussions, youth story times and crafts, and special activities.

The kickoff event will feature family crafts and storytelling throughout the day, food vendors and live music. The Pre-Columbian pottery exhibit "For



God and Gold" will be on display. Scheduled events include a time capsule dedication at 1:30 p.m. and a presentation entitled "Early Footprints in the Sand: Pre-Columbian Settlements along the Pinellas Peninsula and the Lega-

cies of First Contact," with guest speaker Jim Schnur at 2 p.m.

For local events, visit the cooperative's website at [www.pplc.us/vivaflorida2012.shtml](http://www.pplc.us/vivaflorida2012.shtml) or the Viva Florida 500 website at [www.vivaflorida.org](http://www.vivaflorida.org).

## Around town

### First Friday in Largo

LARGO – Enjoy live entertainment, food trucks, vendors and street performers on First Fridays, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., at the corner of Clearwater-Largo Road and First Avenue Southwest in Largo.

The event is sponsored by O'Shy's Tap House. Interested vendors and street performers can call 588-4444. Visit [www.discoverlargo.com](http://www.discoverlargo.com).

### Foundation to host seminars

The Community Service Foundation will host a free, two-part first-time homebuyers seminar Tuesdays, May 7 and 14, 6 to 9 p.m., at Pinellas County Housing Authority, 11479 Ulmerton Road, Largo.

The seminar is designed to help first-time homebuyers go through the process of purchasing a home and qualifying for down payment and closing costs assistance. Participants must attend both sessions to earn a certificate.

The foundation also will host a free, two-part household budgeting seminar on Thursdays, May 23 and 30, 6 to 9 p.m., at the Sunshine Center, 330 Fifth St. N., St. Petersburg.

The seminar is designed for people who want to live better on less and/or to save to buy a home. Participants must attend both sessions to earn a certificate.

For information or to register, call 461-0618, ext. 3, or visit [www.csfhome.org](http://www.csfhome.org).



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# County administrator passes muster but receives no raise

By SUZETTE PORTER

CLEARWATER – With a salary freeze in place, there was no reward at the end of the annual review process April 23 for Pinellas County Administrator Bob LaSala.

LaSala's composite score was 74 percent, representing the highs and lows in seven categories. His high score was for organization, planning and management with an average rating of 3.29 out of 3.5. He scored 3.25 for strategic leadership, 3.17 for integrity, 3.02 for service delivery management, 2.83 for responsiveness, 2.70 for communication. His lowest score, 2.52, was for policy facilitation.

Commissioner Chair Ken Welch made it known that there would be "no adjustment to compensation," adding that discussion was coming for all county employees.

Welch thanked LaSala for his "leadership to staff under unprece-



Pinellas County Administrator Bob LaSala

dent challenges." He praised LaSala's budget forecast that "has helped with a lot of tough decisions."

"I look forward to your continued work with us on fiscal issues," he said.

Welch's personal review of the administrator contained one low score – needs attention – in the area of facilitative leadership. And he marked needs attention to satisfactory on LaSala's mediation and negotiation skills. The rest of his evaluation showed good to excellent scores.

"I really enjoy my relationship with Bob – the confidence, the trust," said Commissioner Susan Latvala, who scored LaSala as good or excellent in nearly every category.

Commissioner John Morroni also remarked that he had "enjoyed" working with LaSala for the past four years.

"You really shine in the area of strategic planning," Morroni said.

Morroni was the only commissioner to give the county administrator a perfect score, ranking his performance as excellent in every area.

Commissioner Janet Long said although she was one of the "new people on the board," she valued LaSala's work ethic and "you keeping us in the loop so we're not blindsided by things."

Long mostly gave the administrator satisfactory scores. She circled needs attention in the areas of responsiveness advocacy, media relations and interpersonal communication. She marked good for budgeting, financial analysis, strategic planning and presentation skills.

The other new commissioner, Charlie Justice, scored LaSala as satisfactory to excellent in every category, with excellent marks for function/operational expertise, operational planning, initiative and risk taking, budgeting and integrity.

Commissioner Karen Seel gave the administrator the most points for satisfactory performance, marking excellent for his technological literacy only.

Commissioner Norm Roche found nothing excellent about LaSala's work, nor did he mark anything as needing attention, although he did create a new spot between needs attention, the bottom of the scale, and satisfactory, for several of his answers.

Each commissioner could pick a score between one to four, with four being excellent, three equaling good, two for satisfactory and one for needs attention.

Roche created a new score, 3.5 – the highest he gave – for LaSala's technological literacy.

LaSala thanked commissioners for their "support, trust and confidence in me."

He said he would continue to strive to achieve the high expectations set by the commission. He also thanked his staff.

"Without them and their commitment, I would not be successful," he said. "I look forward to working to meet the challenges of the community."

# County considers mandatory spay and neuter, St. Petersburg pier

By SUZETTE PORTER

CLEARWATER – Pinellas County Commissioners routinely set aside a portion of their twice-monthly meetings for citizens to be heard – a time for the public to speak about concerns, voice complaints and share news, good and bad.

Several people spoke at the April 23 afternoon meeting. The first group wants the commission to initiate a mandatory spay and neuter program. The second wants help to stop demolition of St. Petersburg's historic pier.

Local animal rights advocate Andrea Wells had 10 minutes to present the case for herself and five like-minded attendees from the League of Humane Voters. She talked about the cost of pet overpopulation to taxpayers.

"There's no place to take an animal but death row," she said. "We need to make spay and neuter mandatory."

The group also advocates permitting breeders to exempt them from the mandatory program, as well as allowing an exemption for pets that cannot be spayed or neutered for health reasons.

Wells said 11,000 cats and dogs are euthanized every day in America.

"I've turned my home into a rescue," she said. She talked about the results of implementing

mandatory spay and neuter in Volusia County.

Wells said the only real solution to the cost of pet overpopulation is spaying and neutering.

"We can't adopt our way out of it or educate our way out," she said.

County Administrator Bob LaSala said Animal Services was currently assessing its policies.

"This is one of the issues I think we should take a look at," he said.

"In my opinion it is time we do it," said Commissioner Susan Latvala.

However, she admitted enforcement would be a problem.

"We can't go door-to-door," she said. "There's not enough money in the world."

Commissioner Chair Ken Welch asked staff to schedule a work session.

## St. Petersburg Pier

About a half dozen speakers then talked about their efforts to stop the city of St. Petersburg from demolishing the 40-year-old structure until after a referendum on construction of the proposed new Lens design.

William Ballard, chair of Concerned Citizens of St. Petersburg, had three minutes to make his case. He said the city was expected to consider spending \$1.2

million on design for the Lens on May 2, and another \$1.3 million in July. The money is coming from tax increment funding from the county and city.

Businesses occupying the structure have already received a letter asking them to vacate by July 15, according to longtime Pier merchant Carol Gray. She accused the St. Petersburg City Council of "steamrolling" ahead to get the Pier out and the Lens in. She said 24,000 people had signed a petition requesting a referendum on the matter.

"We want your help," Gray told the commission.

Ballard asked commissioners to consider terminating the interlocal agreement with the city for the TIF funds. County Attorney Jim Bennett said termination wasn't possible because the project fit within the boundaries of the agreement.

The citizens said a referendum is scheduled for August; however, the demolition could come before the vote.

Welch said the commission would not have any involvement with the project unless a variance is needed for construction of the Lens.

County Administrator Bob LaSala pointed out that it was a "quasi-judicial matter."

"It may or may not get bumped up to the board (commission)," Bennett added.

LaSala said if the permit request included items outside the requirements established by the water

and navigation board, it might come before the commission. He said a recent permit application, which staff said had problems, contained old information, according to the consultant. Staff is expecting to receive new information on the design.

"The clock is ticking," said Commissioner Janet Long. "It's possible this would come to us after the pier is demolished."

"It's possible," Bennett agreed.

"We have no control over the demolition," LaSala said.

Bennett said the commission had a "role to play" in the construction, but none in the demolition.

"We cannot reach down and ask the applicant to come to the board on any other timetable than the city's," he said.

Ballard reminded the commission that as much as \$2.5 million was on the table before a referendum could be scheduled.

"We hope that city waives spending that amount of public dollars with the vote coming," Welch said.

"There's not anything in our agreement that dictates when the money is spent," added Commissioner Karen Seel. "There's nothing in our power on what they can and can't spend."

Bennett agreed, saying, "This (interlocal TIF agreement) has already been approved."

## Briefs

### Hazardous waste collection heads to Madeira Beach

MADEIRA BEACH – The next Pinellas County Utilities mobile hazardous waste collection is Saturday, May 4, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Madeira Beach Middle School, 591 Tom Stuart Causeway.

Drive up and drop off your hazardous and unwanted electronics and chemicals at this free service event for county households. Businesses should arrange for drop-off and payment by calling Creative Recycling at 813-621-2319 for electronics, or EQ Florida at 813-319-3400 for chemicals.

Household electronics and chemicals – such as TVs, cell phones, computers, paints, motor oil, fertilizers and batteries – should never be dumped in the regular trash, drains, storm sewers or on the ground. These products can be harmful to the environment and to the people handling them if they are not disposed of properly. Electronics contain useful materials that can be extracted and recycled, such as aluminum, glass and plastic. As for chemicals, the average household can accumulate as much as 100 pounds of chemicals around the home over time.

For more information on mobile collections, what to bring and what not to bring, or the permanent Household Electronics & Chemical Collection Center, please contact Pinellas County Solid Waste at 464-7500 or visit [www.pinellascounty.org/utilities](http://www.pinellascounty.org/utilities).

### PSTA helps with guide dog training exercise

ST. PETERSBURG – PSTA safety and security and training supervisor, and PSTA 2005 Driver of the Year, Theo Bakomihalis thought he

had seen it all after his many years behind the wheel of PSTA buses, but he'd never seen a group of passengers like the one he encountered the evening of April 25.

Bakomihalis had the unique pleasure of chauffeuring 11 guide dogs in training (and their raisers) around St. Petersburg to help dogs learn how to behave when riding public transit. "They're arguably one of the cutest ... and furriest groups I've ever driven," Bakomihalis said with a smile. "They're so happy and eager to get on the bus, it's really fun."

The puppies, which ranged in age from 11 weeks to 15 months, performed exceptionally well during the training and didn't appear anxious about being on a bus for the first time. Most tended to be more interested in their fellow K-9s than concerned about the noise and vibration of the vehicle.

The training involved driving the bus throughout the community and stopping at various locations to let the puppies and their raisers board and alight.

"These dogs will be using public transit every day once they're working. None have ever been on a bus before, so this is an invaluable experience to prepare them for service," said Southeastern Guide Dogs area coordinator Carolyn Hersh. "This exercise gives the puppies exposure and training we just can't simulate in a classroom."

Hersh added that this experience along with other exposures to everyday life, helps the dogs develop into confident guides.

Southeastern Guide Dogs is an organization that trains dogs to help people with visual impairments so that it's easier for them to live independent, vibrant and joyous lives. Through programs such as Paws for Independence, Paws for Patriots and Gifted Canines, they have more than 400 active guide dog teams.

"To be able to support programs like Paws for Patriots is a great way for us to give back to the community and support our heroes who have given so much for our country," said PSTA CEO Brad Miller.

For more about Paws for Patriots or other Southeastern Guide Dogs programs, including how to volunteer or donate, visit [www.guidedogs.org](http://www.guidedogs.org).

### Plants and trees for sale at county jail

CLEARWATER – The Inmate Horticulture program at the Pinellas County Jail is a large plant and tree nursery accessible to the public. Inmates learn plant growing and landscaping skills. Citizens can purchase plants and trees at the complex during specified hours.

The plant nursery and shade house are on two acres off the jail complex, in a location accessible to the public along the perimeter road. There is PTEC signage posted providing directions to the plant nursery.

The Inmate Horticulture Program plant nursery is open to the public Monday through Friday, from 1 to 2 p.m.

Chuck Pool has been a horticulture instructor at PTEC for more than 25 years and works with the inmates on site. The inmates are sentenced misdemeanants, who are taught plant cultivation and care. Some have had experience in landscaping, but most have not, and are looking to learn an employable skill or hobby.

Most of the plant stock is donated by a Bay Area wholesale nursery operation with locations in Pinellas County. The plant materials may be overstocks or those plants requiring more care to be ready for sale. Pool and the inmates work to recondition the plants and then put a price tag on them for the public. All proceeds from plant sales are used to keep the horticulture program up and running.

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a magnet for other artists.

"There's just a bevy of artists around here, good artists," he said. "I'm surprised how many of my customers are artists. They've been showing me their work, and I'm trying to hang some other peoples' stuff up in here."

The artists are friendly and encourage each other, creating a small community, Haber said.

To capitalize and bring more local artists together, Haber and Santana are planning an artist gathering and competition on June 30. The details of the idea are still being hashed out, but they envision an afternoon get-together with the theme "Fourth of July through the Artist Eyes."

"It gives them a wide range to do whatever they want: whether it's a painting or a sculpture or an ashtray," Haber said. "It's not about fancy-pantsy. Just like my little place here; this is like a working man's food place."

Haber would like to gather donations from the local business community to make up the prizes for the competition.

"It's not really about winning a prize. It's more about tying the artistic community together," Haber explained.

The patriotic theme of the artist gathering is one that can be shared among all participants and in fact, is sometimes more keenly appreciated by those newer to the country, said Haber. Haber himself moved from Cuba with his parents at age 3 and grew up in Clearwater.

Santana ran an art school in Cuba before he moved to the United States nine years ago. He said he enjoys that the Hispanic culture enjoys a presence in his new home state.

"You don't have to leave Florida in order to savor the works from the Mexican table, from the Venezuelan table, from the Colombian table, from the Cuban table, the Spanish table," he said. "They are very present in Florida."

Santana said that even the Cuban food and music playing in the background of Havana Harry's can help participants appreciate the visual art.

"Eating is simply enjoying an art form," he said. "In the half hour, forty minutes or 10 minutes in which you're eating a Cuban sandwich or the delicious ropa vieja that they make here, you can start to understand the artist palate as well. You are understanding the roots of an artist."

Haber said he anticipates all the walls of his market filling with local art, which will help local artists sell their work.

"Most of (artists) want to sell their paintings. They want someone to own it and like it," he said. "We're not an art gallery here. We really can't sell thousands of dollars in art. We can do it without all the formalities."

"I want artists to feel like this is a place they're welcome."

Santana's presence in the market already has done more than add color and originality to the walls.

"It's just a good positive influence. You feel it," Haber said. "People love to watch him work."

To participate in the July 30 artist gathering, call 596-5141 or visit Havana Harry's Market at 13932 Walsingham Road.



Photo by JULIANA A. TORRES

Cuban artist Juan Carlos Santana, left, stands with George Haber, owner of Havana Harry's Market, in front of some of the art he's painted at the market.

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active at that time, they sometimes sailed from other ports.

"There were a lot of civilians aboard to check their (companies') recently-installed equipment," Sarine recalled.

Submarines at that time carried both passive and active sonar systems. The passive system listened for enemy sonar "pinging" in search of them. The active system could be used to detect other subs and the sea bottom, but its pinging could be detected by the enemy, so it was only turned on for a few seconds at a time.

"A submarine's major asset is stealth," Sarine said. "They hardly ever used the active sonar."

Sarine and his colleagues were trying

to invent a "passive ranging" system whereby the passive sonar could be used to avoid collisions with other vessels or the sea bottom, without the telltale ping of the active sonar.

The early tests were conducted on "guppy boats," World War II subs that had been lengthened by 25 feet and had their outdated conning tower replaced by the "sail" type of conning tower used on nuclear submarines. Many of Sarine's early test cruises were aboard the guppy boat USS Blenny.

When the Thresher was built in 1960, she was the second in her class, after the USS Tullibee. They were nuclear powered, had the sail-type conning tower, and had the diving planes on the "sail" instead of in the traditional locations on the bow. Their "crush depth," where

water pressure would cause the hull to implode, was more than double the 700 feet of World War II subs.

"These were all new boats of a type that had never been tried before," Sarine said. "It was like night and day from the World War II subs."

As part of the Thresher's extensive sea trials, the Navy actually dropped depth charges on her.

Shortly before her final voyage, Thresher underwent an extensive retrofit. Holes were cut in her deck so that equipment too big to fit through the hatches could be lowered in. Sarine recalls climbing down the ladder into the sub one winter day and finding his workspace full of snow.

For security reasons, Sperry and other contractors waited until shortly before

sailing day to tell their employees which of them would be aboard for sea trials. Sarine learned that he wouldn't be going on what would prove to be Thresher's final voyage, but his good friend Donald Stadtmuller and his acquaintance, Kenneth Corcoran, would.

Nobody knows exactly what caused Thresher to go down, but the theory that Sarine believes is that during the retrofit, a connection in a pipe that carried cooling seawater to the reactor was either soldered or brazed, instead of the slower but safer method of welding flanges to each end and bolting them together.

"The pressure hull itself goes through extensive X-ray testing, but not the interior pipes," Sarine said.

He believes that the connection parted

while the sub was diving and, without its saltwater coolant, the reactor automatically shut itself down to avoid a catastrophic meltdown. With the bow in a downward configuration and the weight of incoming water increasing the speed of the dive, Thresher continued downward until she reached crush depth.

"I'm glad I wasn't there, but Don was a good friend," Sarine said. "He had a great sense of humor."

But 50 years later, he doesn't dwell on the loss of his friend. He has adopted a philosophy that one would expect of a man who has spent most of his life in or around the military.

"The Sperry organization was very upset about it," he said. "But people die in the defense of their country and life goes on."

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people are using it," Burns said.

Justice and consumer services is working to educate the public, especially parents, about the dangers involved with synthetic drugs. The biggest factor, Burns said, is that no one knows the exact chemical formula contained in the drugs. And the scariest part is that no one knows what effect the drugs will have on the person who takes them. Many health officials fear long-term effects that are not yet known.

Burns also applauds the state's ban of additional drugs; however,

he added that knowledgeable and vigilant parents are needed.

"Where the rubber meets the road is with the parents," he said.

Burns said the problem requires a multi-pronged approach: law enforcement, education and knowledge.

"We're grateful for anything the state can do," he said.

Barreda said the Sheriff's Office would continue its efforts using law enforcement and education. Over the past couple of years, deputies contacted local businesses in an effort to educate them about the illegal products that could be on their shelves and encourage them to remove them voluntarily.

The Sheriff's Office made its first-ever arrest under the Attorney General's emergency order banning the chemical XLR-11 April 2.

A store clerk in St. Pete Beach sold the K2/spice to an undercover narcotics detective. The product was sent to the lab for testing. When it came back positive, detectives returned and made the arrest.

The store clerk voluntarily surrendered four large freezer bags containing different types of "potpourri" items. The items were concealed behind the counter, inside a garbage can under a large garbage bag.

The new law makes it a third-degree felony for someone to make or sell the drugs, or possess them with intent to sell.

## Police beat

### Operation brings in 1,546 pounds in drugs

LARGO – The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Unit and Countywide Diversion Taskforce collected nearly 1,546 pounds of unwanted drugs at the ninth installment of "Operation Medicine Cabinet" Saturday, April 27. The event was held in conjunction with DEAs National Take Back Day.

Operation Medicine Cabinet is an opportunity for citizens to safely discard unused or expired prescription medications; and is a multi-agency effort aimed at addressing the problem of prescription drug abuse and keeping a clean environment.

Operation Medicine Cabinet events to date (two in 2009; two in 2010; two in 2011; and two in 2012); along with OMC's permanent drop-off containers within the community have collected 11,439 pounds of medications.

Operation Medicine Cabinet is designed to educate the public and raise awareness about the problem of prescription drug abuse. The problem has reached epidemic proportions, with prescription drugs as the No.1 abused drug in the United States, surpassing all other illicit drugs.

### Sheriff's Office seeks bank robber

LARGO – Pinellas County Sheriff's detectives are asking the public for help to locate the armed robber of the Wells Fargo Bank in unincorporated Largo.

According to the sheriff's report, the robbery happened about 9:41 a.m. Tuesday, April 23, at the Wells Fargo Bank, 8700 Bryan Dairy Road.

Detectives reported that the suspect walked into the Wells Fargo Bank armed with a handgun. The suspect pointed the gun at two bank employees and demanded money. After taking an undisclosed

amount of money, the suspect fled the scene on foot.

The suspect is described as a black male, about 6 foot, 2 inches tall, roughly 190 pounds, with a muscular build. He was wearing a white jacket, a baseball cap, a mask over his face, dark pants and dark colored tennis shoes.

Anyone with information about this robbery is asked to contact Detective Keith Johnson of the robbery/homicide unit at 582-6200 or to remain anonymous and be eligible for a reward contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-873-TIPS.



Pinellas County Sheriff's detectives are asking the public to help them identify the bank robber shown in this surveillance photo. The man robbed the Wells Fargo Bank on Bryan Dairy Road in unincorporated Largo about 9:41 a.m. April 23.

### Car crash results in water outage

SEMINOLE – The water was back on for residents of Tamarac on the Bay and surrounding areas shortly after 8 p.m. April 23, according to a spokesperson from Pinellas County Utilities.

Residents in the Tamarac area of Seminole spent nearly seven hours without water, after a vehicle

crashed into a water main about 1:30 p.m. April 23.

According to a report from the Florida Highway Patrol, Katelyn Jane O'Connor, 29, of Seminole was charged with careless driving and driving with a suspended license after she lost control of her vehicle, and subsequently hit a traffic sign and then an above ground water main.

O'Connor was traveling southbound on Oakhurst Road north of 94th Avenue North when she failed to maintain control of her 2001 Ford Focus. She drove onto the west shoulder of the roadway before hitting the traffic sign and water main.

The water main sustained damage, flooding portions of the area. Pinellas County Utilities sent out an email just before 2:30 p.m. advising that Tamarac By the Gulf and adjacent areas were without water.

O'Connor was transported to Largo Medical for minor injuries received in the crash, as well as a possible medical condition, according to the FHP report.

### Tampa man crushed by elevator

ST. PETE BEACH – A Tampa man died when he was crushed by an elevator just before 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 24, at the Tradewinds Jacaranda Beach Villa, 5500 Gulf Blvd., St. Pete Beach.

According to Pinellas County Sheriff's deputies, Mark Allen Johnson, 45, was killed when the elevator he was working on fell on top of him. Johnson and another employee of SWS Environmental Services were cleaning oil from the elevator shaft, when the elevator fell. The second worker was not injured.

The elevator was locked by hotel maintenance

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## Sheriff's Office honors school crossing guards

CLEARWATER – Three school crossing guards were singled out for recognition at the 38th annual Maybelle Rollins Bradford Memorial Award Luncheon April 25 at Bascom's Chop House, 3665 Ulmerton Road.

Nancy Fee, Richard Kearns and Elaine Warner received the Maybelle Rollins Bradford Award for their dedicated service to Pinellas County school children.

Freda Turner and her husband, Thomas, initiated the Maybelle Rollins Bradford Memorial Award for the Pinellas Sheriff's School Crossing Guards 38 years ago in honor of her mother, Maybelle Rollins Bradford.

Recipients of the annual award must meet certain criteria, to include attendance, care of students at their crossing, hazards at the crossing, length of service and conduct. Each recipient received a \$100 check, an engraved plaque and a recognition name plate on a larger plaque that will be on display at the Sheriff's Office.

All three award winners have been trained and certified by Florida Department of Transportation. Fee has been a state certified trainer since November 2009. Warner completed the two-day FDOT Train the Trainer Program in February, 2012.

Fee has been a school crossing guard with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office since May 2006. Currently, she works two school crossing

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# Secrets of the Sea aquarium to open in November

The \$4 million project at John's Pass had been delayed until Nov. 12 to secure financing sources

By WAYNE AYERS

MADEIRA BEACH - The Secrets of the Sea Marine Exploration Center and Aquarium at John's Pass has announced a rebirth of the \$4 million project, with new funding sources and an ambitious construction schedule that foresees an opening later this year.

The new opening date is Nov. 12. It replaces a previously announced debut of Dec. 12, 2012. That plan had to be dropped after the project ran into fundraising difficulties and a critical \$2.5 million loan fell through.

This time, the Marine Center's financial backing appears solid, with the bulk of the funds coming from a public/private partnership which includes Aegon USA, a major property owner at John's Pass Village; the State Small Business Credit Initiative administered by Enterprise Florida and C1 Bank, according to Lari Johnson, the project chair.

Also, Johnson said an innovative coalition of major Pinellas County beach hotels has agreed to provide more than \$100,000 over the next five years to support Secrets of the Sea, which is expected to attract more than 250,000 visitors annually and generate in excess of \$8 million in tourism revenue.

Gregg Nicklaus, president of the Sirata Beach Resort and Conference Center, heads the hotel partnership.

Secrets of the Sea president and CEO E. Howard Rutherford affirmed the newly relaunched project's financial viability.

"We have secured the funding needed to begin construction," he said. He described the technologically advanced attraction as a place where "real-time scientific research will be combined with fun hands-on experiments and living marine exhibits."

When completed, Secrets of the Sea officials said it would serve as "the epicenter for marine research, technology and innovation in the Southeast United States."

At an on-site press conference and "wall breaking" ceremony April 23, Johnson said the Secrets of the Sea Center "opens a new chapter not only for our organization but for John's Pass Village and all of the beaches."

Rutherford had an even larger view of the center's impact, telling the audience, "we are working to make this the No. 1 tourist attraction, not only in the state of Florida, but in the Southeast and the entire United States."

They will partner with the St. Petersburg Ocean Team, a highly regarded consortium for marine science, oceanographic and environmental research.

The facility will occupy 13,500 square feet on two levels of currently vacant space of the Hubbard garage building at John's Pass Village, adjacent to Bubba Gump Shrimp Company and Hooters. Build-out by the locally based Biltmore Construction and Harvard Jolly Architects will begin in early May.

Secrets of the Sea Marine Exploration Center and Aquarium will contain 13 aquarium environments, 14 interactive exhibits, state-of-the-art Sea Life Support Systems, a learning center and the Sea Shop gift shop. High-tech Mystery Stations, designed by Lexington Design and Fabrication of Orlando and Los Angeles, will let visitors explore the sea's secrets and help scientists reveal its mysteries.

A room-sized global attraction called Science on a Sphere will display planetary images such as atmospheric storms, climate change and ocean temperatures onto a 6-foot "animated globe." That exhibit will be provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and is the only permanent Science on a Sphere exhibit on the west coast of Florida.

Other exhibits will include a Touch Tampa Bay tank, and Fish at Risk, where large predator fish can be viewed through a "duck in" bubble giving visitors a close-up 360-degree view.

Project chair Johnson said Secrets of the Sea



Illustration courtesy of SECRETS OF THE SEA MARINE EXPLORATION CENTER. The \$4 million Secrets of the Sea Marine Exploration Center and Aquarium is now scheduled to open Nov. 12 at John's Pass Village.

would take advantage of new high-tech interactive and social media technologies, including constant updates and satellite tracking of research vessels in the gulf.

"We'll see and hear what they're finding, and be

able to relay real-time information immediately to our visitors," Johnson said.

The constantly changing nature of the exhibits means "people will never see the same thing twice," she said.

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## Explorers participate in state competition

Members of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post 900 attended the Florida Association of Police Explorer's Delegate's training event and pistol competition, April 19-21, at Little Big Econ State Forest and the Seminole County Gun Range in Seminole County.

Explorer Posts from around the state met for a full day of training, which included a search and rescue practical exercise at the Little Big Econ State Forest. More than 100 Explorers participated in the search and rescue exercise that simulated an airplane crash.

The pistol competition was at the Seminole County Gun Range where Explorer Capt. Kyle Hughes won third place in the Sharpshooter Division and Explorer Cpl. Kristine Crooks won second place in the Marksman Division.

Hughes, Crooks, Explorer Lt. Spencer Shaw and Explorer Sgt. Elizabeth Vogt participated in the Team Shooting Event and took Second Place Overall.

Anyone with an interest in the Sheriff's Explorer Post is asked to contact Deputy Jim Butterfield at 453-7461.



Members of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post 900 pose for a photo at the Florida Association of Police Explorer's Delegate's training event and pistol competition, April 19-21, at Little Big Econ State Forest and the Seminole County Gun Range in Seminole County.

### POLICE BEAT, from page 5A

prior to the men beginning their work. The two men had been working on the elevator for about 40 minutes prior to the incident. Sheriff's deputies are investigating the incident as an accidental death.

### Injuries reported in crash

PALM HARBOR – A motorcyclist and deputy sheriff were injured in a crash that took place just after midnight April 27 on Alt. U.S. 19 at Georgia Avenue in Palm Harbor.

According to the sheriff's report, Deputy Travis Sibley was driving his unmarked patrol car southbound on Alt. U.S. 19 near Georgia Avenue in Palm Harbor. Martin McFadden, 23, was on his motorcycle behind Sibley. As Sibley slowed to make a U-turn, McFadden attempted to pass him by driving in the center turn lane of the two-lane roadway. McFadden struck Sibley's vehicle on the driver's side rear quarter panel. McFadden, who was wearing a helmet, was ejected from his motorcycle. He was taken to a local hospital with serious but non-life-threatening injuries. Sibley also went to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Alcohol does appear to be a factor in this case.

### CROSSING GUARDS, from page 5A

locations, one in Oldsmar and the second in Palm Harbor. She has near perfect attendance. She is always prepared for work and in proper uniform as required, and is committed to upholding the Rules and Regulations of the agency.

Kearns has been a member of the School Crossing Guard Program since July, 2007. He works two posts for the program; his first post is located on Belcher Road at Solon Avenue for Garrison Jones Elementary School. His second post is located on Union Street at Patricia Avenue for Dunedin Middle School. He continually meets and adheres to the standards of the program.

Wanner has been a member of the School Crossing Guard Program since July, 2009. Earlier in the year, she started working on 86th Avenue for Starkey Elementary School, crossing over 30 students each shift. She then moved to her present post on Starkey Road at Walsingham Road for Walsingham Elementary School.

The PCSO School Crossing Guard Program has 139 crossing guards covering 187 crossing posts in the unincorporated area as well as in Dunedin, Safety Harbor, Oldsmar, Madeira Beach, and Seminole.

# Business Showcase

## Bob Evans helps those with hearing loss 'recapture some of the sounds they're missing'

### May Is Better Hearing Month

#### Stop. Listen.

Do you have to strain to hear things that once came easily to you? Do you have ringing in your ears?

#### Now think.

Do you have to ask people to repeat themselves? Do you get frustrated when speaking to family or friends because you have difficulty following the conversation? Have you begun to avoid social activities because it is difficult to hear?

These are a few of the more common signs and symptoms of hearing loss – cues that many people sadly ignore. Studies indicate that nearly 40 million people in the United States suffer from some degree of hearing loss ... yet, as few as a quarter of the people who could benefit from hearing aids actually use them – because many simply refuse to acknowledge the problem.

"The patient has to admit they want help," says Lynda Evans of Bob Evans Hearing Center. Others may think their hearing loss cannot be aided by hearing devices. "Many times patients don't know what questions to ask or who to trust."

If you think you have hearing loss, sched-



ule an appointment with the hearing professionals at Bob Evans Hearing Center. The staff will look at your hearing with one thing in mind – hearing health.

#### Like Visiting Family

Serving Pinellas County for more than 22 years, Bob Evans Hearing Center is a family practice with three locations. Bob is a Board Certified Hearing Instrument Specialist. Lynda, his business partner and wife, is Community Relations Director and Outreach Coordinator. Angelika Stieren, the center's Certified Audiologist, earned her degree at the University of South Florida. Bob Evans proudly sells American made products.

"We gain our patients' confidence by working with them until they achieve optimum satisfaction," Bob says.

Patients who choose Bob Evans Hearing Center will find quality service with a personal touch. As is the case in so many health care specialties, there's an appreciable difference between choosing a privately held

practice over a nationwide chain.

"We are a family-owned, multi-line independent practice," Lynda says. "We take the time to care for you as we would for our family. As one patient stated, 'you have treated me so well, I feel like I just got a hug.'"

"I know what it's like to experience hearing loss," Bob says. He developed hearing loss while serving in the U.S. Marines. Having hearing loss enables him to understand his patients' challenges and he knows how to help them. "Trustworthiness is the key. Trust and confidence in the hearing specialist is as important to people when buying a hearing aid as cost."

"The most important components for patient success is our follow-up and Patient Care Coordinators," said Angelika. "Those who are new to hearing aids really need support and encouragement."

#### The Hearing Evaluation: What to Expect

New patients are warmly greeted and made to feel welcome.

After an ear inspection, the patient will undergo a thorough hearing exam in a booth certified by the American National Standards Institute. Each center is outfitted with an audiometric testing room that has been tested for sound pressure levels and meets the specifications required by Florida law.

The results are evaluated and discussed in detail during the appointment. Bob Evans then makes a recommendation – a solution that fits your lifestyle and your preferences.

Bob and Lynda Evans stress the importance of having routine hearing evaluations.

"The hearing test is vital: It's important to have a baseline for their medical records,"



Lynda explains.

"Because hearing loss is usually gradual, many people don't realize it's happening and wait too long to seek treatment," Bob said. Delaying treatment can impair the brain's ability to understand speech. "If not discovered in time, the condition can become permanent."

In other words, use it or lose it.

#### Better Hearing Month

May is Better Hearing Month. If you are missing the sounds of your life, what better time than this to schedule a hearing screening?

"A simple screening will determine if you have a hearing problem," Lynda said. "A full evaluation will assess the origin of the loss, degree of loss and its impact on speech perception and discrimination."

Don't let hearing loss distance you from friends and family and lead to isolation.

"It's about quality of life: To enhance their ability to stay connected to the world," Angelika says.

"The saddest thing we see is when a person suffering from hearing loss starts to withdraw because they feel embarrassed," Bob says. "We're here to help a person to recapture some of the sounds they're missing."

Bob Evans Hearing Center locations include:

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# Restaurant week to tantalize taste buds in Clearwater Beach

CLEARWATER - Starting with a kickoff party on Beach Walk, the Clearwater Beach Chamber will host Restaurant Week May 12-18, expecting more than 3,000 guests to sample food from 30 different restaurants.

The kick-off event will be held Friday, May 10, 5 to 9 p.m., at beach walk next to Hyatt Regency Beach Resort. All participating restaurants will provide food samples. Tickets are \$20 per person and include 20 taste tickets.

A concert by jazz vocalist Nick Colonne will be featured along with a wine village, raffle baskets, free wine samples from more than 60 labels and fireworks.

Participating restaurants are Bob Heilman's Beachcomber, Bobby's Bistro, Caretta on the

Gulf/Sandpearl, Clear Sky Beachside Café, Clearwater Wine Bar & Bistro, Cooters Restaurant & Bar, Cork-N-Brew Bistro, Crabby Bill's Seafood, Frenchy's Original Café, Frenchy's Rockaway Grill, Frenchy's Saltwater Café, Frenchy's South Beach Grill, Hooters - the Original, Island Way Grill, Jimmy's Fish House, Lobster Pot Bistro, Marlin Darlin Key West Grill, Palm Pavilion Beachside Grill and Bar, Pensare Italian Bistro, Pizza Bizzar, Reflections/the Hilton, Rumba Island Bar & Grill, Rusty's Bistro/Sheraton Sandy Key, Salt Rock Grill, Shephard's Restaurant, StarLite Dining Yachts, Sands Beach Bar & Grill, Watercolour Steakhouse/Marriot and SHOR American Seafood Grill/Hyatt.

Throughout the week, patrons can visit any participating restaurant to enjoy special three-course,

prix fixe menus ranging in price from \$15 to \$35 and have a chance to vote for their favorite food items and chef. They will also be given a passport to take with you as you dine at various restaurants.

Patrons should get their passport stamped at each place you visit. Once they collect four different restaurant stamps, they can enter their passport for a chance to win A Dream Beach Getaway. This includes a two night stay in a Gulf front two-bedroom suite at the Hyatt Regency Clearwater Beach Resort & Spa.

The event has become the beach chamber's main fund raising event. In addition, the city of Clearwater has agreed to co-sponsor this event. The Clearwater Marine Aquarium for the fourth year has been selected as the recipient charity.



## Business updates

### Maid Bright joins ARCSI

PALM HARBOR - Local cleaning company Maid Bright Quality Cleaning Services recently joined the Association of Residential Cleaning Services International.

Admission to ARCSI requires residential cleaning companies to adhere to a strict code of ethics and commit to the highest level of professionalism.

"As the not-for-profit international trade association representing the residential cleaning industry, ARCSI believes in holding our members to the highest standards," said Ernest J. Hartong in a press release. Hartong is executive director of ARCSI. "We are providing consumers a level of confidence regarding the professionalism and ethical business practices for the company they are considering giving access to their homes."

Ildiko Nagy, president of Maid Bright, is thrilled to be among the elite residential cleaning businesses that have become ARCSI members.

"Becoming an ARCSI member allows us to demonstrate that we are committed to excellence in

our operation and the services we provide to consumers," said Nagy. "The ARCSI logo, and what it stands for, provides consumers with a higher level of confidence, and we are proud to be held to those standards."

### TD Bank names VP

TD Bank recently named George J. Hall as regional vice president for the Tampa Bay region.

Based in Tampa, he is responsible for overseeing commercial lending, small business banking and related products and services provided to customers at TD Bank's 17 retail stores across a region that includes Manatee, Sarasota, Pinellas, Hillsborough and Pasco counties.

Hall has 30 years of experience in banking and finance, including many years in executive leadership positions. Prior to joining TD Bank, he served as a senior commercial banking executive at Synovus Bank in Tampa, and before that as president of Florida banking at Superior Bank, also in Tampa.

Hall's banking career also has included senior management po-

sitions at banks in Alabama, New Mexico and New Hampshire.

A resident of Palm Harbor, Hall volunteers in his community as a coach for Little League baseball and club soccer. He is a 1979 graduate of the University of Connecticut in Storrs, and a 1975 graduate of Austin Preparatory School in Reading, Mass.

### JCPenney expansion under way

CLEARWATER - Williams Company Tampa recently commenced construction on the JCPenney at Countryside Mall, a store remodel slated for May completion.

Williams Company Tampa also is constructing Hillsborough County's Upper Tampa Bay Regional Library Expansion, a \$2.18 million project located at 11211 Countryway Blvd. Designed by Long & Associates, Tampa, the library project includes 12,000 square feet of new construction and 2,000 square feet of remodeling, and is slated for completion in October.

Established in 1920, Williams Company prominently ranks among the Southeast's largest

## Organization releases March real estate report

The Pinellas Realtor Organization recently released its report on Pinellas County real estate statistics for the month of March.

The report suggests that month to month the numbers are looking up: The number of closings, number of listings, median sales price and number of cash buyers has increased.

The report states:  
• The median sales price for single-family homes has gone up \$7,000 from last month and is a 9.8 percent increase from last year. The median sales price for townhomes/condos is up \$9,000 from last month and is a 21.8 percent increase from last year.

• The number of closed sales for single-family homes jumped in March to 1,033 compared to the 760 in February and the 660 in January. It is a 24.5 percent increase in closed sales from this same time last year.

• Closed sales for townhomes/condos are the highest they have been in 11 months but the percent change year of year is down 5.4 percent.

• The number of closed sales paid in cash jumped to the highest it has been in a year for both single-family homes and townhomes/condos. The number of closed sales paid in cash compared to the same time last year is a 24.5 percent increase for single-family homes but a 4.4% decrease for townhomes/condos.

• The number of new listings added this month for single-family homes is 1,326 which is the highest it has been since March of 2011.

• Traditional closed sales have increased 32.2 percent for single family homes and 2 percent for Townhomes/condos since March of 2012. During this same time period foreclosure closed sales increased 35.3 percent for single-family homes and 4.3 percent for townhomes/condos.

### HomeBanc acquires First Bank branches

HomeBanc N.A. recently completed its acquisition of eight First Bank retail branches in Pinellas County with approximately \$121 million in deposits.

The branches were purchased from First Bank based in Missouri.

"Our focus here at HomeBanc is on providing top-quality cus-

tomers service that exceeds our customers' expectations," said Jerry Campbell in a press release. Campbell is chairman, president and CEO of HomeBancorp Inc. "We welcome our new customers from First Bank and invite everyone to visit our branches to experience our outstanding service."

HomeBanc is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tampa-based HomeBancorp Inc., with 15 retail offices in Lake Mary, Winter Park, Lakewood Ranch (Sarasota), Belleair Bluffs, Countryside (Clearwater), Dunedin, Kenneth City, Pinellas Park, Seminole, Largo, in St. Petersburg on Central Avenue and Second Avenue, and in Tampa at Rocky Point, on Dale Mabry at I-275 and in Westchase. HomeBanc also operates four loan-production offices in Belleair Bluffs, Lake Mary, Brandon and Gainesville.

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# Largo Medical earns national recognition

LARGO – Largo Medical Center recently received national recognition for its Internal Medicine program residents ranking fourth in the nation on the most recent American College of Osteopathic Internal Medicine in-service exams.

IM residents in more than 140 D.O. and M.D. residency programs take this in-service exam annually nationwide.

"This significant exam scoring achievement is based on cumulative grades over the past three years," said Joseph Namey, D.O., in a press release. Namey is Largo Medical Center internal medicine residency program director. "The internal medicine faculty at Largo Medical Center should be commended for their commitment and dedication to resident education in a complex time when healthcare is rapidly changing. Our community will benefit greatly from the patient care provided from these physicians-in-training now and for years to come."

"I attribute this achievement to the quality and discipline of the residents, our more than 80 physician faculty members, Largo Medical Center's commitment to excellence and to the leadership of the program director, Dr. Joseph Namey," said Anthony Ottaviani, D.O., MPH. Ottaviani is chief academic officer and medical director of graduate medical education for Largo Medical Center.

## Largo Medical earns award

LARGO – Largo Medical Center recently received the Get With The Guidelines – Heart Failure Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award from the American Heart Association.

The recognition signifies that Largo Medical Center has reached an exceptional goal of treating heart failure patients according to the guidelines of care recommended by the American Heart Association/American College of Cardiology.

This marks the fifth year Largo Medical Center has been recognized with a quality achievement award.

Get With The Guidelines – Heart Failure helps Largo Medical Center's staff develop and implement acute and secondary prevention guideline processes to improve patient care and outcomes. The program provides hospitals with a web-based patient management tool, best practice discharge protocols and standing orders, along with a robust registry and real-time benchmarking capabilities to track performance.

The quick and efficient use of guideline procedures can improve the quality of care for heart failure patients, save lives and ultimately, reduce healthcare costs by lowering the recurrence of heart attacks.

In addition to the Get With The Guideline – Heart Failure award Largo Medical Center has also been recognized as a recipient of the association's Target: Heart Failure Honor Roll, for improving patient care. Target: Heart Failure is an initiative that provides healthcare professionals with resources and materials designed to help them advance heart failure awareness, prevention, treatment and recovery. Hospitals are required to meet criteria that optimize and improves medication adherence, provides early follow-up care and coordination and enhances patient education. The goal is to reduce hospital re-admissions and help patients improve their quality of life in managing this chronic condition.

"Recent studies show that patients treated in hospitals participating in the American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines-Heart Failure program receive a higher quality of care and may experience better outcomes," said Lee H. Schwamm, M.D., in a press release. Schwamm is chair of the Get With The Guidelines National Steering Committee and director of the TeleStroke and Acute Stroke Services at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, Mass. "Largo Medical Center's team is to be commended for their commitment to improving the care of their patients."

## In good health



Pinellas County government was among the nationwide winners of the Well Deserved Award from UnitedHealthcare, citing the county for its exceptional commitment to helping its employees improve their health and well-being by investing in worksite wellness programs. From left are UnitedHealthcare employees Barbie Stokes Timpson, Suzanne Perkins and UHC Florida CEO David Lewis; Peggy Rowe with Pinellas County government; Paul Ruffridge with UnitedHealthcare; Dave Blasewitz, Pinellas County government; Maryellen Goodwin, UnitedHealthcare; Beth Woodbury, Pinellas County government; and UnitedHealthcare employees Donna Lupo and Cathy Baker. The Well Deserved Award program is designed to recognize employer customers of UnitedHealthcare that have implemented successful wellness programs to reinforce UnitedHealthcare's mission of helping people live healthier lives. An external broker review panel judged the applicants.

## Briefs

### Vislocky joins Main Street Chiropractic

LARGO – Main Street Chiropractic recently welcomes Dr. Victoria J. Vislocky.

Vislocky attended Sherman College of Chiropractic in Spartanburg, S.C., graduating in 1981. She has additional training in acupuncture from Eastern School of Acupuncture in Montclair, N.J. Vislocky has spent most of her career at her practice in the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania. She recently relocated to Florida.

The addition of Vislocky has allowed Main Street Chiropractic to expand their hours of operation and increase capacity to treat new and existing patients.

### Grove inaugurated as ACOFP president

LARGO – Jeffrey Grove, D.O., of Largo, recently was inaugurated as the 60th president of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians.

The event took place at the ACOFP President's Banquet at the Cosmopolitan Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, during organization's 50th annual convention and scientific seminar.

Grove earned his osteopathic degree from the NOVA Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1990. He served both his internship and residency at the Sun Coast Hospital in Largo.

Following completion of his training, Grove joined Suncoast Family Medical Associates, where he currently practices.

Throughout his career, Grove has played an active leadership role in the ACOFP, serving as a member of the board of governors, as chair of the Florida Society Delegation to the ACOFP Congress of Delegates, chair of the Marketing and Public Relations Committee, chair of the Young Physicians Committee, and vice chair of the Membership Committee.

### MPM to host seminars

Morton Plant Mease will present several free health seminars in the coming weeks that include health topics such as shoulder pain, bladder issues, sleep apnea link to the heart, active aging and the importance of hydration for the student athlete.

The health seminars will be presented at various Morton Plant Mease facilities and community centers. Following is a summary of some of the upcoming seminars:

- Shoulder Pain and Your Rotator Cuff – Tuesday, May 14, 5:30 p.m., at Mease Countryside Hospital, Meeting Rooms 4 and 5, 3231 McMullen Booth Road, Safety Harbor. Orthopedic surgeon Brian Oliver, M.D. will discuss rotator cuff injuries of the shoulder. Such injuries are common. Oliver will explain how falling, lifting and repetitive arm movements can cause injuries during activities like sports, gardening, and working. He also will cover the latest treatment for rotator cuff injuries.

- Proper Foot Care and Screening – Wednesday, May 15, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., at Morton Plant Mease Palm Harbor Wellness Center, 32672 U.S. 19 N., Palm Harbor. Podiatrist Salvatore DeLellis, DPM, will provide attendees with a screening that evaluates any issues that they are experiencing with their feet and an overview of proper foot care.

- The Cardiology Connection to Sleep Apnea – Wednesday, May 15, 6 p.m., at Mease Countryside

Hospital, Meeting Rooms 1-3, 3231 McMullen Booth Road, Safety Harbor. Cardiologist Van Q. Nguyen, M.D., will discuss how untreated sleep apnea can have an effect on the heart and specific heart diseases related to sleep apnea.

- Bladder Control Issues – Wednesday, May 15, noon, at Aging Well Center at the Long Center, Grand Room, 1501 N. Belcher Road, Clearwater. Urologist Lonnie Klein, M.D., will discuss prevention and treatments for frequent urination.

- Anti Aging and Active Aging – Tuesday, May 28, 2 p.m., at Aging Well Center at the Long Center, Grand Room, 1501 N. Belcher Road, Clearwater. Linda Meade, RNC, BS, HN-BC, will host the Ageless Grace fitness and wellness program. Suitable for nearly all ages and abilities, participants will be guided through the program's 21 movements designed to promote lifelong comfort and ease. The simple exercises are performed in a chair with the goal to stimulate the body and mind to help reawaken neural pathways and create new ones.

- Florida Heat: Hydration for the Student Athlete – Thursday, May 30, 6 p.m., at North Greenwood Recreation Complex, 900 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., Clearwater. Family medicine

physician Keith Spain, M.D. will discuss the importance of knowing the heat index, especially living in Florida, and the signs and symptoms of heat related illnesses in student athletes. Spain also will discuss how to develop a strategy for hydration and nutrition for practices, games or competitions.

To preregister for a health seminar, call 953-6877 or visit [www.BayCareEvents.org](http://www.BayCareEvents.org).

### Event to raise awareness

ST. PETERSBURG – AS part of the Williams Syndrome Awareness Month, Walks for Williams will take place in locations throughout the country, with as many as 10,000 people expected to participate.

Locally, a walk will take place Saturday, May 11, at Demens Landing Park and the Saturday Morning Market, 101 First St. SE.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. Debby Johnson is organizing the local walk.

Orange Theory Fitness, Drumming with Giving Tree Music, Nurse Band-aid the Clown, Face Painting by Michelle, K-9 police squad and local fire departments have all signed on to provide special demonstrations and lots of

fun for attendees as well as help "spread the word" about Williams Syndrome and raise critical funding for research and financial assistance programs.

For information about the event, call Johnson at 424-0101. For information about Williams Syndrome, visit [williams-syndrome.org](http://williams-syndrome.org).

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# Support the mental health of students

The national debate over how to keep the public safer in the wake of tragedies like the Sandy Hook and Aurora, Colo., shootings has splintered into two main components: those that are focused on gun control and those focused on mental health services, especially in schools.

There may be urgency in addressing both sides of the debate, but those of us in the mental health profession understand that the services currently being provided to students are failing miserably in addressing their mental health needs.

Common consequences of untreated mental disorders like dropping out of high school, substance abuse, a lack of vocational success, an inability to live and function independently, health problems, higher rates of school and other violence, increased childhood anxiety, depression and suicide rates should get our attention. We should care that it costs us money to ignore the evidence supplied by the Institute of Medicine that indicates early childhood mental health interventions for at risk and low-income children have resulted in savings in public expenditures for special education, welfare assistance and the criminal justice system. We should be paying attention to what the statistics reveal: that there is a need to increase capacity and improve the effectiveness of mental health programs for children and youth in general and in the specific settings of schools in particular.

Schools inherently provide consistent access to children as children spend the majority of their day in school. Schools also have a history of supporting the mental health of students. In fact, efforts to deliver mental health services and manage challenging behaviors have been a mandate in special education for more than 30 years, but a broader context is needed.

As Florida deliberates over teacher pay raises and ways to keep children on track educationally, the issue of mental health and optimizing school performance also needs to be discussed with a more holistic approach to student success. This approach cares about student outcomes but includes factors that contribute heavily to success. Physical safety, making appropriate resources available to both students and their families outside of the classroom and ensuring that the people providing these services are trained and qualified to provide them produce better results. Teachers have a role to play, but their role is not in mental health intervention. If student/teacher ratios are important to success, then so should mental health professionals to student ratios.

Florida is doing a poor job of making this a priority. Why should we settle for an educational system where 26 counties have no social workers in the school district or where the average social worker to student ratio is 1 to 3,700? The school environment is particularly suited to be instrumental in, at the very least; identifying need and providing basic services, but this is only possible if there is professionally trained staff available on site. When a student is ill, there is a trained nurse or other health care professional available in most schools, but when a student is troubled emotionally, resources are so scarce that most students are never even assessed.

Fortunately, our legislative representatives are beginning to take this need more seriously. In this congressional session several bills have been introduced to address this problem. H.R. 320, the Student Support Act (2013) seeks to alleviate lack of access to mental health services for children by making matching funds available to states for trained mental health personnel in schools. Recently, the Senate passed S.649, The Mental Health Awareness and Improvement Act (2013), which focuses on identifying students at risk of mental illness and those with trauma histories early and using treatment interventions and community resources to mitigate the impacts on their education. Only trained professionals can adequately take on those tasks; teachers with an in-service training certainly cannot.

If we, as voters, are concerned about education, we likewise should be concerned about the services provided (or not provided) to children in the school setting and should vote as such. Let the teachers teach and let trained mental health professionals provide the services to students that they need to be successful, not only educationally, but as citizens. We have the power to put a social worker in every school. We owe that to our kids.

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**As I See It**  
Tricia Collins

# Thoughts on bombs and bombers

The recent Boston Marathon bombings took me back to my one and only bomb scare. It was the mid-1930s and my family was living in a suburb of Wilkes Barre, Pa. I was 5 or 6; my brother Dave a year older. One day our mother sat us down and spoke gravely to us: "If anyone knocks on our front door and you don't know who it is, do NOT open the door. And if a postman or anyone else brings a small package wrapped in brown paper, don't touch it. Stay away from it."

Why? Turns out that someone in that area was reported to be sending homemade bombs to random addresses. I can't recall how many, or if any, of the bombs exploded, but it scared the tar out of the populace. I assume the bomber was finally caught, or faded away.

Today I live 40 miles west of Boston, so the April 15 Boston Marathon bombing caught my attention more than if I were living in Seattle or Guam. As I write this on April 24 the wise men (and women) of the chattering classes are telling us what we might need to know or think about the Boston bombings.

Some conclusions seem obvious. The responses of Marathon runners, bystanders, police, rescue squads and medical personnel were admirable and marvelous. It was almost as if Boston had been expecting such an attack and was ready to swing into action. The city seems to have emerged even stronger than it was before (Boston Strong is the new T-shirt slogan), although the horror and grief over the victims will remain for a long time.

Would other U.S. cities respond in such an undaunted fashion, as did the people of Boston? I expect so. Although Boston's shoulders bear the mantle of being where our Revolution started, most American cities and



**Driver's Seat**  
Bob Driver

their inhabitants share a history of meeting disasters with courage and an outstretched hand. I hope that attitude continues in the years ahead.

Another, if less emphasized, fact about the Marathon bombing is this: On the terrorist scorecard, it was a win for the bad guys, although a partial one. The object of a terrorist act is to generate terror. And that's what happened. On April 15 and for the next several days, anyone in the Boston area who wasn't scared wasn't really alive, awake and within 30 feet of an operational TV set.

The victory for terrorism was tempered by the death of one suspect and the capture of the second. Total terrorist triumph occurs only when all the perpetrators survive, escape arrest and are free to commit further crimes.

A predictable public response that has so far failed to emerge is an anti-immigrant outcry. "Who are these creeps, these foreigners who come here, learn our ways, our language, enjoy our freedoms, and then set off bombs to kill us? Why do we open our gates to future assassins? And where, exactly, is Chechnya?" The relative absence of such reactions (and they may have come forth by the time this column appears in print) is a possible clue to a new American mind-set: We have come to expect these bombings, these outrages, perhaps in the same way that for-

eign populations have come to expect drone attacks and other collateral damage after American troops appear on the horizon.

The Boston bombings coincided with a continuing Congressional debate about whether or how new laws should be passed regulating private ownership of firearms. Although most Americans favor tighter gun laws, the NRA and firearms industry own the minds and backbones of enough Congressional members to assure that any significant changes will not soon appear. Even if tougher laws were passed, it's unlikely that adequate enforcement funding would be made available.

In any case, I'm afraid the shootings and bombings will be with us for many years to come, or until the day when fascism takes full control of our lives and American citizens are arrested and jailed, without trial, for even thinking about bomb-making or misuse of firearms.

As in their coverage of other terrorist acts, our TV news media responded predictably to the Boston bombings: they jumped in with all cameras and microphones blazing, and a fortnight later are showing a reluctance to turn them off or direct them to other worthwhile news. The TV news industry is most adept at two things: immediacy and repetition. TV supplies the quickest response to a news story, although Twitter and YouTube are close rivals. But what normally follows the initial TV broadcast are hours of mind-numbing repetition of the original facts and videos. It's the First Amendment in action, and we should be grateful for it. And for the "Off" switch on our TV remotes.

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# For journalists who died under fire

The names of 84 journalists who died covering the news in 2012 will be added to a memorial during an annual rededication ceremony May 13 at the Newseum in Washington, D.C.

I wish I could be there. I wish I could comfort all their loved ones, express my gratitude for the sacrifices they made – for journalism, for freedom.

I wish I had the time and the space to tell all their stories, who they were, how they died.

Here's a snapshot: Al-Hosseiny Abou Deif, a reporter for the weekly E-Fagr, died from injuries he suffered in a Dec. 5 demonstration in Cairo. He was struck in the head by a rubber bullet fired at close range. The assailant was identified as a supporter of the Muslim Brotherhood.

Covering protests near the presidential palace, the journalist had filmed Muslim Brotherhood supporters beating up protesters and using live ammunition, the Committee to Protect Journalists said.

Thousands of protesters were demonstrating against a proposed constitution that was said to limit minority rights and free speech. Hell of a constitution.

Al-Oqda, a cameraman and reporter for the citizen news organization Shaam News Network, was killed Sept. 19 when security forces launched an assault on his home in Hama, Syria.

Soldiers killed al-Oqda and his three friends then burned the house, but the exact manner of his death was not reported. A media activist said that the army had targeted al-Oqda's house because of his coverage of unrest.

Nearly 980 journalists have been killed since 1992. Some were abducted and tortured before they were shot. A few were dis-



Tom Germond

membered. Others died in crossfire, shelling, bombings and aircraft crashes.

Wartime journalism has left an indelible mark upon world history – from disturbing images of Nazi prison camps, to bodies of soldiers lying dead on battlefields in the South Pacific, to a South Vietnam general executing a Viet Cong prisoner. Epic work from reporters and photographers doing their jobs, under the threats of censorship, imprisonment, loss of limbs and execution. Hated, maligned.

"I regard them (reporters) as spies, which, in truth, they are. If I killed them all there would be news from hell before breakfast," Union General William T. Sherman said during the American Civil War.

Love him or not, Sherman was a great quote.

Fifty-one journalists were killed in Iraq from 2003 to 2009; 66 killed in Vietnam; 17 in Korea; and 68 in World War II.

By and large, forgotten names and faces. I applaud the Newseum, which I visited April 5, for its continued effort through exhibits and the Journalists Memorial to acknowledge the bravery of journalists who put themselves in harm's way.

The Newseum this year is launching a campaign to raise public awareness of the threats and dangers some journalists face while covering and reporting the news.

Another snapshot: A display in Newseum is devoted to the story of the 1976 murder of Don Bolles, who went to Phoenix to complete work on the corruption story. Bolles was leaving a hotel to get in his car in a nearby parking lot. He started the car and moved a few feet before a remote-controlled bomb made of dynamite taped to the underside of the car was detonated. As a result of the explosion, both his legs and one arm were amputated over a 10-day stay in a hospital. He died the next day.

In an interview played on a monitor in the Newseum, Rosalie Bolles Kasse, Bolles' widow, describes the experience as a nightmare.

"That was tough. To see the car. People should know that I had to sign the papers to amputate all four of his limbs. It turned everything upside down," she said.

She donated the car to Newseum after extensive negotiations.

The exact motive for the crime is not clear but many speculate the Mafia holds responsibility because much of Bolles' work involved organized crime. He wrote a story naming over 200 known Mafia members operating in Arizona.

See the Newseum if you go to D.C. I hope that the seven-level 250,000-square-foot museum, at the very least, has opened eyes – especially among those who are quick to categorize and chastise journalists.

And journalists will continue to defend vigorously even our most severe critics' right to have their say.

Our belief in freedom, more than anything else, holds us to that standard.

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## LETTERS

### Dog 'deposits' a health hazard

Editor:

Every morning between 7 and 7:30 a.m. there are, at least, three dogs being exercised on the beach between the Don CeSar and the south end of Pass-A-Grille. Some are on leashes, some are not.

I have called the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office three times in the last seven weeks and given those times and expressed concern. I realize that there may be higher priorities in law enforcement, but with "deposits" being made around the bank of the Gulf, it can be a health hazard.

Our children and grandchildren play in that sand. Our former St. Pete Beach police used to patrol the beach often enough that this behavior rarely occurred. But these same folks are blatantly ignoring the law.

What, exactly, is the law regarding this matter and what are the penalties for violation? One deputy I spoke with did say that some homeowners along the beach, actually, own property all the way to the water line. But that needed to be determined at the location of the officer's stopping point of the violator.

Finding "treasures" along the shore is fun for many of us, but some "surprises" of canine defecation are not.

A.C. Timmons  
St. Pete Beach

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SPCA to host adopt-a-thon

LARGO - SPCA Tampa Bay will host the Paw-jama Party and Adopt-a-thon on Saturday, May 11, noon to midnight, at SPCA Tampa Bay, 9099 130th Ave. N. SPCA Tampa Bay seeks to adopt out 50 animals during this free "mega adoption event." The adoptable puppies and kittens will arrive at noon. There also will be contests and games scheduled throughout the day. Radio Disney will be on hand from 3 to 6 p.m. Adult animal trivia will be presented from 8 to 10 p.m. There also will be midnight madness in the Homeward Bound gift shop from 10 p.m. to midnight.



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# Calvary Episcopal Church's Father Bob sets his retirement date

By BRIAN GOFF

INDIAN ROCKS BEACH – Father Bob Wagenseil said he's "the luckiest priest in the whole church." When a person can make that statement it is an indication that he was a good fit for his calling.

Wagenseil is the pastor at Calvary Episcopal Church. He's been there since 1995 and has become known simply as Father Bob. Soon he won't be front and center at the church anymore. He's decided to retire.

"I just turned 59. When you reach 30 years in the priesthood you are eligible for a full pension," he said. "I was ordained in May 1981 so it will be 32 and a half years for me."

It has been a full 32-plus years for Wagenseil. After his studies at the seminary in Wisconsin he served as deacon at Valley Forge Military Academy in Wayne, Pa., and then he spent two years as assistant priest at St. Luke's church on Long Island, N.Y. and another year as assistant priest at St. Mary's Parish on Long Island.

"I finally got my own parish in 1984, that was All Saints Episcopal in Sunnyside, New York City," he said. "I was there for 11 years and while there was made dean of North Queens and then became archdeacon of Queens in 1993."

It was then his journey to Florida began, and for him it wasn't a welcome one.

"In 1995 I was asked to come to Calvary Episcopal Church in Indian Rocks Beach." He said. "I'll be really honest with you; personally I didn't want to come here at all. I love New York City and it doesn't get much better than to be made archdeacon in that Diocese."

Yet, when his bishop suggested he accept the appointment and the people of Calvary were waiting to welcome him, it gave pause for some

contemplation.

"The bottom line is you always have to think and pray about this, and when good people say we really think you belong here, and when your bishop agrees, that's when men and women of faith ask the question, what am I supposed to do?" he said. "It is not always the action we want and that is usually an indication that it is the right thing to do."

So he accepted the appointment and to say the place grew on him would be an understatement.

"I was here longer than I ever thought I would be," he said. "There were a number of times I was invited to consider leaving but I had a deep sense that I would not be called to leave until the time when I would retire. That's the way it ended up anyhow."

Cherie Smith is a parishioner who remembers Father Bob's early days at the church.

"What I first remember about him is that he was very outgoing and he loved to hug people," she said. "He had a lot of energy and he tried to get to know everybody. He was always greeting people, always interacting – he's a very engaging person."

Smith said she became more involved in the church after Wagenseil arrived. She said it was a more natural thing to do with him around. As for choosing who will follow him, Smith said it will be an interesting time.

"We don't want a clone, there can't be anybody like him," she said. "But we will find someone with some wonderful attributes. Yet, there is a certain fear of change. There is a fear about who the next person will be. It is hard to envision."

In retirement Wagenseil said he hopes to stay busy. During his time in IRB he became the chaplain of Suncoast Fire and Rescue and served as a volunteer fireman. In the church he was also involved in the computer learning center, the food pantry and the annual Winter-fest celebration.

Most of all he was involved in a sailing program for youth that has expanded into an adult program. It is something he intends to keep doing once he retires.

"I'm going to continue on as the program director of the sailing program," he said. "It started out very small and has grown quite a bit and now I'll have more time to enable that program to continue to grow. It will be known as the Indian Rocks family sailing association."



Father Bob Wagenseil with one of his sailing students, 9-year-old Theo Simon, after a morning on the water.

Wagenseil and his wife of 35 years, Patricia, or PT as she's more commonly known, will continue to live in Largo. PT is a teacher at St. Patrick's school in Largo, and she was more instrumental than anyone in their move to Calvary Church.

"Actually, she was the one who wanted to come here, not me. She said if you want to stay in New York that's fine, but not me. That sort of helped make the decision," said Wagenseil laughing.

The actual date of Wagenseil's retirement is Sunday, Sept. 15. He started in the parish on Sunday, Sept. 14, 1995, nearly 18 years to the day.

No doubt the words of parishioner Smith will be echoed throughout the congregation on his last day.

"I'm excited for him of course," she said. "It is his time; it is his life to do what he wants. There is going to be a great loss for everyone."

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**Lake Palms Community Church**  
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# Largo auxiliarist wins award

CLEARWATER – Ann Bennett, a member of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 11-1 Clearwater, was honored at the recent 2013 Sea Services Recognition Dinner.

The Navy League of the United States, Tampa Council, annually honors military personnel for their hard work and heroics in protecting American interests worldwide. It is especially significant that Bennett received the award as Sea Service Member of the Year since all other honorees were active duty or reservists from the Navy, Marines and Coast Guard.

Auxiliarist Bennett is a key member of the operational excellence team that stands by at Coast Guard Station Sand Key twice a week to handle search and rescue cases. She put in over 300 hours in on-the-water operations last year, according to an auxiliary press release. She is a team coordination training facilitator who is called upon frequently to handle sessions for both the auxiliary and the Coast Guard.

The commanding officer of Coast Guard Station Sand Key requested that Bennett volunteer to teach first aid and CPR to his members and members of the auxiliary. The station funded her training and she is certified and instructs multiple Red Cross classes for the Coast



From left, Commander Darryl Adams, Skip Witunski, Karen Miller, Ann Bennett, and Commander Scott Calhoun pose during the ceremony.

Guard and auxiliary.

Bennett often volunteers to staff safety booths for various events participated in by the Coast Guard auxiliary. When she is the primary point of contact, the booth will be well set up, properly staffed, crowded with visitors and very productive in spreading the word on safe boating. She is the auxiliary liaison for the Clearwater Chamber of Commerce. Bennett attends all monthly and special meetings of

their board and was instrumental in getting Clearwater designated a Coast Guard City.

Along with the operational and public affairs activities she volunteers for, Bennett heads several other departments committed to recreational boating safety. She dedicated more than 1,000 hours of service in 2012 to the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary. Auxiliarist Bennett retired in 2006 with the rank of Commander in the United States Navy and now lives in Largo.

## Briefs

### Zackery Lewis

LARGO – Zackery Lewis recently was awarded an Air Force ROTC scholarship to attend a host college or university.

Lewis is the grandson of Bernice and Gary Preece of Stamping Ground, Ky. He is also the grandson of Connie Lewis of Somerset, Ky., and Larry Lewis of Largo.

High school seniors from across the United States are selected after a competitive application process based on comprehensive tests scores, scholastic achievement, school officials' evaluations, extra-curricular activities, and community involvement.

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Upon graduating from college and completing the ROTC program, the cadets are commissioned as second lieutenants in the Air Force. The new lieutenants select and enter various career fields to train as pilots, navigators, engineers, medical, personnel, business management fields, and special operations.

### Penny Myers

SEMINOLE – Navy Airman Erin Myers is assigned aboard the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis, home-ported in San Diego. The carrier recently transited the Surigao Strait, a narrow passageway between the Mindana and Leyte island of the Philippines.

Myers is the daughter of Penny L. Myers of Seminole. She is a 2008 graduate of Central Dauphin High School of Harrisburg, Pa., and joined the Navy in April 2012.

Myers and other Sailors aboard took a brief pause during routine operations to pay tribute to the historical significance of the passage and to the Sailors who gave their lives in defense of freedom during the battle in these waters during World War II.

During the Battle of the Surigao Strait, from Oct 23-26, 1944, the Japanese Imperial Navy, who then occupied the central Philippines, led an assault on U.S. ships supporting the Allied invasion of the Philippines. Oldendorf reduced the Japanese forces to half. The remaining Japanese battleship fleet retreated after seeing the burning wreckage of the defeated Imperial battleships.

The Battle of Surigao Strait severely weakened the Japanese fleet, allowing the Allied forces to successfully defend the ground invasion of the Philippines, setting the stage for invasion of Okinawa.

### Erik Johnson

DUNEDIN – Erik Johnson recently was promoted to the rank of sergeant in the U.S. Army National Guard.

Johnson's wife, Shawna, is the daughter of Samenia Johnson of Mandeville, La., and Patricia Snyder of Dunedin.

Johnson is a health care specialist assigned to 224th Area Support Medical Company,

### Gaithersburg, Md. He has served

in the military for two years. The new sergeant is a 1992 graduate of Cleveland Central Catholic High School, Ohio. He earned a bachelor's degree in 2000 from Cleveland State University, Ohio.

### Matthew Brown

PALM HARBOR – Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Matthew Brown recently graduated from the U.S. Navy's Nuclear Power School at Naval Nuclear Power Training Command in Goose Creek, S.C.

Brown is the son of Douglas Brown of Boyd, Texas, and grandson of Rhea Brown of Palm Harbor. He is a 2011 graduate of Boyd High School, Texas.

Nuclear Power School is a rigorous six-month course that trains officers and enlisted students in the science and engineering fundamental to the design, operation, and maintenance of naval nuclear propulsion plants. Graduates next undergo additional instruction at a prototype-training unit before serving as a Surface Warfare Officer aboard a nuclear-powered surface ship or as an Electronics Technician aboard a nuclear-powered submarine.

### Jacob Trentadue

PALM HARBOR – Air National Guard Airman Jacob Trentadue recently graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Trentadue is the son of Tim Trentadue and Georgia Goddard, both of Palm Harbor. He is a 2011 graduate of Tarpon Springs High School.



Jacob Trentadue

### John Ross

PALM HARBOR – Air Force Airman John M. Ross recently graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Ross is the son of Helen Ross of Palm Harbor. He is a 2008 graduate of East Lake High School, Tarpon Springs.



John Ross

### Michael Beck

ST. PETERSBURG – Air Force Airman Michattell Beck recently graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Beck is the son of Karen Beck of Hudson, and brother of Christine Beck of St. Petersburg. He is a 2011 graduate of River Ridge High School, New Port Richey.

### Prasong Koumphon

CLEARWATER – Marine Corps Pfc. Prasong Koumphon earned the title of United States Marine after graduating from recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

Koumphon is the son of Kham-bay and Loi Koumphon of Clearwater. He is a 2011 graduate of Dunedin High School.

### Lance Burton

CLEARWATER – Air Force Airman 1st Class Lance Burton graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Burton is the son of Beverly Burton of Clearwater, and grandson of Mary Alice Hamner of Norcross, Ga. He is a 2005 graduate of Clearwater High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in 2009 from the University of Central Florida, Orlando.



Lance Burton

### Kevin Klapka

CLEARWATER – Army Reserve Pfc. Kevin Klapka graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

Klapka is the son of Michael Klapka of Clearwater. He is a 2012 graduate of Largo High School.

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## Local events

### Palms of Largo hosts Veterans Expo

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The event to benefit Honor Flight of West Central Florida will feature information on veteran services and healthy living as well as great food, a car show, live entertainment and fun activities for the children. Vendor spots still are available.

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### Memorial Day Funfest returns

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# Freedom Spirit wins championship

Freedom Spirit of Florida's age 75+ softball team of Clearwater took the SPA Women's Spring National Championship April 11-13 in Pensacola.

The team, which was formed in 1992, won over six other teams.

The team was seeded No. 1 after winning its first three games with a total of three runs scored against them while scoring three runs. In the playoff game, Freedom Spirit outscored the Golden Girls from the Villages 13-10.

Freedom's Jean Toberman hit a double and a single in the final inning of the championship game. Bev Eggert also hit a single to help the team win. Ethel Lehmann, slid safely into first base, under a tag. She also hit doubles and two triples, helping the team's effort.

Del Bowyer made many great catches in left field. Pitchers Helen Boyd and Betti Narucki alternated pitching one inning and catching the next.

Freedom Spirit will compete in tournaments in Tennessee, Ohio, Georgia and Florida in June, July, September and November.



Photo courtesy of FREEDOM SPIRIT  
Members of The Freedom Spirit's championship winning softball team are front row, from left, Bev Leslie, Helen Boyd, Ethel Lehmann and Ida Martens; middle row, Joe Martens, Mauree Gallina, Bev Eggert, Karen Campbell and Del Bowyer; back row, Coach Craig Bell, Helen Bell, Harriet Mair, Ruth Fellmeth, Jean Toberman and Betti Narucki.

## Football clinic



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Above, Michael Lofton, 10, of Clearwater receives a lateral from Largo recreation leader Alton Reynolds. Below, Above, Ryan LaBorde, 6, of Largo does a drill on all fours.



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### Largo Golf Course offers new leagues

LARGO - The Largo Golf Course is offering a teen league and a women's league on Tuesday nights at 5:30 p.m., at 12500 131st St. N.

The format of play for these new leagues will change weekly and include the opportunity to win longest drive and closest to the pin contests. Both will cost \$10 to walk or ride.

The teen league is geared toward middle school and high school aged players.

For more information, visit LargoGolf.com or call 518-3024.

## What's Selling in Pinellas County

**Treasure Island** **\$675,000**

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**Clearwater** **\$148,000**

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**Indian Rocks Beach** **\$300,000**

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## Bay Pines Healthcare to host 'Walk and Roll'

SEMINOLE - Summer is fast approaching in the Sunshine State and Bay Pines VA Healthcare System employees are gearing up to "beat the heat" to help veterans.

The Bay Pines VAHCS will host its third annual VA2K "Walk and Roll" event Wednesday, May 15, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., on the main medical center campus. The 2-kilometer event coincides with National Employee Health and Fitness Day and also raises awareness of the VA's commitment to ending veteran homelessness.

"Organizational wellness activities promote a healthy workforce, improve morale and ultimately increase employee satisfaction and productivity," said Suzanne Klinker, director of Bay Pines VAHCS. "This event not only benefits the health and wellness of our workforce, it also helps raise awareness of our commitment to homeless veterans. It's a win-win."

As part of registering for the event, participants will have the opportunity to donate goods or

money to benefit homeless veterans. Goods accepted for donation include new hygiene products like soap, shampoo, toothbrush/paste, toilette paper, cleaning supplies, alarm clocks and clothing.

The "walk and roll" route will begin at the pavilion near building No. 1 and extend to the walking trail behind the Community Living Center (buildings 101 and 71) and back. The event is Americans with Disabilities Act accessible.

Preregistration for the VA2K is not required and those interested in participating should plan to arrive at the pavilion to begin the walk anytime between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Veterans, their family members, VA employees, volunteers and members of the Tampa Bay community are invited to participate.

Bay Pines is one of the nation's leading VA healthcare systems, employing more than 3,500 medical professionals and support staff dedicated to providing the very best care to veterans residing in southwest Florida. The Joint Commission and the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities accredit it.

The healthcare system is also a three-time winner of the Robert Carey Circle of Excellence Award, the VA's top honor for quality achievement. The healthcare system operates nine facilities to include the main medical center located in Bay Pines and outpatient clinics located in Bradenton, Cape Coral, Naples, Palm Harbor, Port Charlotte, Sarasota, St. Petersburg, and Sebring.

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# Dolphins can't count on a free lunch or a free range

Have you ever jostled in a jeep across tawny African plains alongside free-ranging lions? When I was a kid, we called them wild lions to distinguish them from captive circus and zoo lions.



## Dolphin Watch

Ann Weaver

The term "wild" has since gone out of fashion, because wild didn't mean frothing rage as many people thought. Wild meant living free in nature. Now instead of saying wild, we say animals living in nature are free ranging.

I've never jostled alongside free-ranging lions, although between Tarzan and TV, I can imagine. And imagine was all I could do until a day at sea that uncannily intensified my imagery of the big cats. We were watching free-ranging dolphins, but they could've been free-ranging lions.

Adult male bottlenose dolphins and lions both form alliance pairs, and today's drama was about seven big males, three alliance pairs and a singleton. They called the term "free ranging" into question.

This is spring, and spring augurs the urge to merge. This episode ultimately involved 14 dolphins in flowing discussion over a broad swath of "savannah" shaped like lower case r.

At the base of the r, pair 1 hunted at a distance from each other, small males both clawed from recent clashes. Suddenly pair 2 made a conspicuous appearance by blasting by pair 1 at speed. Their conspicuous entrance accomplished, presumably to bully pair 1, they trotted off briskly up the stem of the r.

Galvanized, the safari jeep rolled along beside them. Knowing that lions can be identified by scar patterns, observers strained for telltale glimpses of pair 2's plentiful scars. These strange new males had known battle but not hovering observers. They dropped back at the r intersection, melted into the

foliage and took an undercover turn into the top of the r.

Also undercover, the bullied boys of pair 1 followed and watched from a sensible distance.

In the swath of savannah across the top of the r, lions were everywhere. A cub sprinted here and there, catching the human eye first as all babies do. Lions have a reputation of cub chicanery and the cub's mother stayed close to her tumbling innocent. But cubs were not the quarry today. The quarry was pair 3, or rather the female they escorted.

Lion-like, pair 2 began a game of cat-and-mouse with pair 3. They took turns blasting into the midst of the courting trio, displaying their superiority while trying to separate the female from her escorts.

In retaliation, pair 3 males played different roles. One stayed staunchly at the female's side, as he had for several days. The other ran interference, swimming alongside, I mean shouldering the strange new males in bravery, belligerence, or a little of both. Vanishing into the foliage, they rolled and thrashed until the dust rose in great circular slowly scattering shafts.

When watching the action on center stage like this, it's very difficult to notice peripheral action. So, it was only obvious that four new lions had melded into the scene when a local scar-free giant of a male, the singleton escorting his own lionesses, surfaced among them.

Then a great tumult of milling and mingling ensued, but it may have settled something. For the lions then formed a fairly orderly parade, formally known as a ranks-in-long formation, and headed back to the r intersection.

The bullied boys of pair 1 took the lead. Next, pair 3 and the giant singleton mingled in the middle of the parade with the lady lions. The strange new pair 2 brought up the rear; the lioness with cub stayed



Photo by ANN WEAVER

Wild animals always run into competitors and are thus not entirely free to range as they'd like.

put. Their wattage waned as they rounded the corner and fanned out in different directions as the original pairs, trios and quartets.

Primates like people and monkeys do something called a policing pass, which is when a dominant individual quells unruly subordinates with some [superficially] subtle gesture like a disapproving parental glance or a symbolic threat-bite. I wondered if the giant singleton had that kind of dominance over the alliance pairs.

If so (as often with primates), it didn't last. Wild milling erupted again, and the giant singleton dove back into the tussle. Again, this seemed to have settled something because the animals' wattage waned once more, at least momentarily. Doing

what lions do so well, they slowly scattered out across the savannah.

Pair 2 dropped back and did something no lions could ever do. Just under the water surface, they floated upright facing each other like two people talking and blew big aggravated bubbles out of their heads that belched at the water surface. Slowly resuming their perpetually prone position, they headed out but trailed their quarry at a distance, like lions and dolphins do.

As this episode shows, wild animals will always run into competitors and are thus not entirely free to range as they'd like. We're probably stuck with the term free ranging, which is fine with me as long as we realize that "free" is as in "no free lunch."

## Entries needed for Water-Wise Awards program

**CLEARWATER** - Tampa Bay Water is accepting applications for the 15th annual Community Water-Wise Awards program.

Yards that incorporate Florida-Friendly Landscaping principles with attractive design may have what it takes to win. The application is online at [tampabaywaterwise.org](http://tampabaywaterwise.org) and must be received by June 30.

Residents, businesses, builders or other organizations in Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas counties as well as the cities of Tampa, St. Petersburg and New Port Richey, are eligible to apply.

Applicants are asked to provide a brief description and photos of their water-efficient landscape to be considered for an award. Each landscape entry will be evaluated and scored on-site by a local Florida-Friendly Landscaping representative during regular business hours in July; applicants need not be present for this evaluation.

Winning landscapes will balance attractive design with Florida-friendly plants and landscape elements, as well as water-efficient irrigation techniques that have a positive impact on our environment.

"It's part of the station's mission to minimize our impact on the environment," said Paul Carroll, WMNF Radio and 2012 Water-Wise Award Winner. "It's kind of in our DNA."

Winners receive a custom 2013 Water-Wise landscape stepping stone for their efforts during an award ceremony presented by county commissioners, city council members or even mayors within their local government.

"When I switched to rainwater and native, Florida-friendly landscaping, my water bill was reduced 80 percent," said Tom Ungaro, 2011 Water-Wise Award Winner.

The money savings are just an added benefit with having a Water-Wise landscape. To hear why some of the past Community Water-Wise Award winners implemented their water-wise landscapes, view Tampa Bay Water's new Water-Wise video series on YouTube at [www.youtube.com/tampabaywater](http://www.youtube.com/tampabaywater).

The series showcases past winner's experiences with the Water-Wise program, including information about their personal landscaping practices, irrigation techniques and what it means to be Water-Wise.

The Water-Wise Awards program is designed to recognize attractive, water-conserving landscapes in various water-use sectors - homes, businesses, industry and government. Moreover, the program seeks to identify actual examples of outstanding Florida-friendly, water-wise landscaping and to promote those principles within the community.

Tampa Bay Water is the largest wholesale water supplier in Florida, providing drinking water to its members, who in turn, supply water to more than 2.3 million residents of the Tampa Bay area. Tampa Bay Water member governments include the cities of New Port Richey, St. Petersburg and Tampa, and the counties of Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas. For more information, visit [www.tampabaywater.org](http://www.tampabaywater.org).

## Coast Guard plans open house

**CLEARWATER** - The Coast Guard Station Sand Key is launching National Safe Boating Week with an open house Saturday, May 18, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

People can tour the 45-foot, 25-foot and 24-foot Coast Guard Response Boats and learn how the Coast Guard dispatches them for missions such as search and rescue, environmental response, and law enforcement.

On-the-water demonstrations will include towing, flares, and the Coast Guard line-throwing gun. Boating Safety and Educa-

tion booths will have information on boating classes, vessel safety checks, life jackets, training for kids, federal and state requirements for boaters and their boats, and the CG Auxiliary.

Fun activities for children and adults include knot tying, a heaving line contest, a cold-water survival suit-wearing contest, Coast Guard Cornhole, environmental trash game, free coloring books and temporary tattoos and more.

The Coast Guard Station Sand Key is located at 1375 Gulf Blvd. Admission is free.



Photo courtesy of the UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

The U.S. Coast Guard Station Sand Key will host an open house for the public on Saturday, May 18.

## Weather conditions will be ideal for an inshore slam

Strong incoming tides this week have had redfish, trout and snook along with a host of other hungry predators feeding well first thing in the morning.

Perfect weather and tides are to thank for a recent resurgence of the live bait that the fish are really keying in on countywide.

Anglers can cast a net along bridge shadow lines in the pre-dawn hours or chum the bait up along deep grass just inside the passes. Large volume live wells with at least 1100 GPH pumps are a must if you want to hold a few hundred pilchards.

Near-shore structure such as jetty rocks and sand bar points and beach rock-piles can get really hot this time of year. Fish will stage up, typically somewhere they can just duck out of the current and let the bait come to them. Handfuls of pilchards will get the fish into a frenzy on the right tide and it's not uncommon to get multiple inshore slams.

Inshore, big afternoon high tides have been producing good catches of redfish. When the tide gets super high on peak moon phases the



## Fish Tales

Capt. Tyson Wellerstein

reds have been pushing way back under the mangroves, making it difficult to get them to feed on anything but cut-bait. Fresh ladyfish steaks can be skipped back into holes in the mangroves and are deadly on the reds. Target Barrier islands on the high tides and spoil islands on the lower tides.

Offshore, kingfish are top targets right now and conditions have been really good for some close to shore action. Target artificial reefs in the 10-mile range as well as areas around the shipping channel. Live baits such as blue runners and cigar minnows rigged on stinger rigs slow trolled around structures have been working well.

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

## Briefs

### Orchid society to meet

**LARGO** - The Florida West Coast Orchid Society will host its next monthly meeting on Thursday, May 9, at the Pinellas County Cooperative Extension, 12175 125th St. N.

An educational class will be presented at 7 p.m. A speaker will address the group at 7:30 p.m. The meeting also will include an orchid sale, raffle and refreshments. Visitors are welcome. Admission and parking are free. The society meets second Tuesdays.

For information, call 550-7993.

### Violet society to host sale

**CLEARWATER** - The African Violet Society of Pinellas County will host a Mother's Day African Violet sale on Saturday, May 11, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. Mathias Lutheran Church, 2721 Sunset Point Road.

There will be African Violets for sale as well as many of the other gesneriads (violet cousins). Parking and admission are free. Society members also will be on hand to help with repotting and to answer questions about violets.

For information, call 585-5170 or email [uvavs55@gmail.com](mailto:uvavs55@gmail.com).

### Violet society to meet

**TAMPA** - The Tampa African Violet Society will meet Thursday, May 2, 7 p.m., at the Common Ground Christian Church, 4207 North Blvd., Tampa.

Award-winning grower Jay Sespico will present African Violet Trailers and give attendees the scoop on what makes them different and why they are called trailers. There also will be a plant raffle. Growing tips will be offered. Visitors are welcome. Parking and admission are free.

For information, call Jim Boyer at 871-2014 or email [jash39@gmail.com](mailto:jash39@gmail.com).

### Garden club to host sale

**CLEARWATER** - The Clearwater Garden Club will host its annual plant sale on Saturday, May 18, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the clubhouse, 405 Seminole St.

Plant donations may be dropped off Friday, May 17, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Plants of all kinds

will be accepted and must be in good condition. For more information, email Cathy Foley at [cfoley@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:cfoley@tampabay.rr.com).

### McGough to host night hikes

**LARGO** - Night hikes will be presented the following months on Saturdays: May 18, June 15, July 20, Aug. 17, at 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.

### Weedon to host guided hikes

**ST. PETERSBURG** - Guided hikes will be offered Saturdays, May 4, 11, 9 to 11 a.m., at Weedon Island Preserve, 1800 Weedon Drive NE.

Attendees will learn about the ecosystems and the early residents of Weedon Island Preserve while going along on this free guided hike. Participants should bring water and a snack. A hat and closed-toe shoes also are recommended. The hike is best for ages 6 and older.

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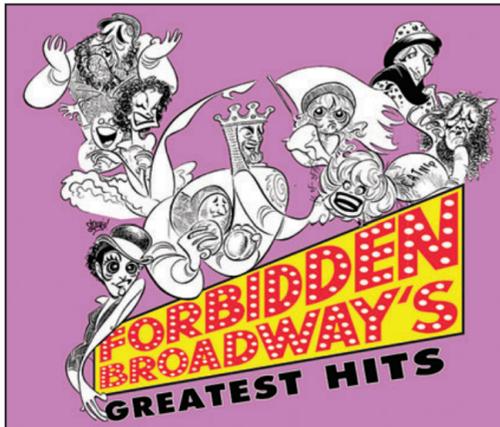
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• **"Forbidden Broadway's Greatest Hits,"** created and written by Gerard Alessandrini, May 3-19, presented by Eight O'Clock Theatre, at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Performances are Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m. Matinees are Sunday, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25.50 for adults and \$12.50 for children 19 and younger. Call 587-6793.



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• **"Over the River and Through the Woods,"** by Joe DiPietro, May 2 through June 16, presented by Early Bird Dinner Theatre at the Italian-American Club, 200 S. McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Performances are Thursday through Sunday, with seating at 4 p.m. Matinees are Thursdays and Saturdays, with seating at 11 a.m. Admission is \$32 plus tax and includes dinner and the show. For reservations, call 446-5898 or visit [www.earlybirddinnertheatre.com](http://www.earlybirddinnertheatre.com).

• **"John & Jen,"** by Tom Greenwald and Andrew Lipka, May 3-26, at freeFall Theatre, 6099 Central Ave., St. Petersburg. Call 498-5205 or visit [www.freefalltheatre.com](http://www.freefalltheatre.com). Performances are Thursday, 7 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. Matinees are Saturday and Sunday, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$37 for adults and \$34 for students, seniors and military members. There is a \$7 surcharge for premium seating.

• **Boz Scaggs,** Friday, May 3, 8 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. For information about or to purchase tickets for upcoming performances, call 791-7400 or visit [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com). Tickets start at \$49. Grammy Award-winning rock legend Boz Scaggs is on the road in support of his latest studio album release, "Memphis." The tour includes a date at Ruth Eckerd Hall on May 3 with special guest Pablo Cruise. The multi-platinum selling musician has signed with 429 Records, which released his newest album March 5. Showcasing both original songs and choice covers, "Memphis" was produced by Steve Jordan and was recorded at Willie Mitchell's legendary Royal Studio in Memphis, where the late Mitchell recorded Al Green and other Hi Records artists. Scaggs hit it big in 1976 achieving multi-platinum success with "Silk Degrees," featuring "Lowdown," "Lido Shuffle," "What Can I Say" and "We're All Alone." He continued the streak with the follow-ups "Look What You've Done To Me" from the "Urban Cowboy" soundtrack and "Heart of Mine." Scaggs has continued on a lauded and multi-genre musical journey to the present day. Raised in Texas with an abiding respect for a wide spectrum of American roots music, Scaggs has combined rock, jazz, R&B and blues to create a trademark sound. Special guest Pablo Cruise will open the show. Since the release of their first album in 1975, Pablo Cruise has toured the world and had numerous chart-topping hits such as "Watcha Gonna Do," "When She Says Goodbye" and "Love Will Find A Way." In 2011 Pablo Cruise teamed up with Red Red Records to release their first live DVD/CD.

• **Ben Taylor,** son of James Taylor and Carly Simon, Saturday,

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## Opening this weekend

Robert Downey Jr., Ben Kingsley, Gwyneth Paltrow star in 'Iron Man 3'

Compiled by LEE CLARK ZUMPE

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

### 'Iron Man 3'

Genre: Action and adventure  
Cast: Robert Downey Jr., Gwyneth Paltrow, Don Cheadle, Guy Pearce, Rebecca Hall, Stephanie Szostak, James Badge Dale, Jon Favreau, Ben Kingsley and Wang Xueqi  
Director: Shane Black  
Rated: PG-13

From Marvel Studios comes "Iron Man 3" – the continuation of the epic, big-screen adventures of the world's favorite billionaire-inventor-superhero, Tony Stark aka Iron Man.

Marvel's "Iron Man 3" pits brash-but-brilliant industrialist Tony Stark/Iron Man against an enemy whose reach knows no bounds. When Stark finds his personal world destroyed at his enemy's hands, he embarks on a harrowing quest to find those responsible. This journey, at every turn, will test his mettle. With his back against the wall, Stark is left to survive by his own devices, relying on his ingenuity and instincts to protect those closest to him.

As he fights his way back, Stark discovers the answer to the question that has secretly haunted



Photo courtesy of WALT DISNEY STUDIOS/MARVEL STUDIOS

Gwyneth Paltrow and Robert Downey Jr. star in "Iron Man 3."

him: does the man make the suit or does the suit make the man?

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

### 'Greetings from Tim Buckley'

Genre: Biography and musical

Cast: Penn Badgley, Imogen Poots, Ben Rosenfield and William Sadler

Director: Dan Algrant  
Not rated

In 1991, a young musician named Jeff Buckley (Penn Badgley) rehearses for his public singing debut at a Brooklyn tribute show for his father, the late folk singer Tim Buckley.

Struggling with the legacy of a

man he barely knew, Jeff finds solace in a relationship with an enigmatic young woman (Imogen Poots) working at the show. As they explore New York City, their adventures recall glimpses of Tim's (Ben Rosenfield) 1960s heyday, as he drives cross-country with a girlfriend and finds himself on the verge of stardom. Leading

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## Get hands on at Diggin' the Arts festival

LARGO – Bring the entire family out for an artful array of activities while enjoying the beautiful and tranquil surroundings of Pinellas County's Florida Botanical Gardens at the second annual Diggin' the Arts festival on Sunday, May 5, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

The Diggin' the Arts event features hands-on activities including both art and gardening demonstrations and a live on-site painting competition, as well as garden tours, vendors, booths, music and refreshments.

Local museums and art centers participating include the Museum of Fine Arts of St. Petersburg, Morean Arts Center for Clay, Florida Craftsmen, Dunedin Fine Art Center, and new to the event this year, the Dali Museum, Suntan Art Center and the Beach Art Center.

Visitors will enjoy activities like decoupage, painting and garden-oriented art projects appropriate for adults and children. Talks and

demonstrations of clay, painting with pastels, watercolor painting, torch-fired enameling, plants and their relationship to the artist Dali, and orchid demonstrations are scheduled throughout the day.

Artists can participate in the plein air – open air – non-juried painting competition. Veteran and budding artists alike are invited to paint along the paths of the Florida Botanical Gardens. Registration is \$10 for each entry and begins at 9:30 a.m. with judging at 3:30 p.m. Best of show is \$200, first prize \$150, second prize \$100 and two merit awards of gift cards from the Florida Botanical County gift shop.

Visitors may watch the contestants in action as they paint the garden's beautiful vistas and scenes. They also can participate to win rain barrels decorated by each of the museums and art centers as well as the Florida Botanical Gardens. Suggested

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A contest to win a decorated rain barrel is one of the highlights of the second annual Diggin' the Arts festival on Sunday, May 5, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

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May 4, 8 and 10 p.m., in the Murray Studio Theater at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Tickets start at \$20. Call 791-7400 or visit [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com). Taylor is touring in support of his latest record "Listening." As the son of James Taylor and Carly Simon, he has led a life in which music has always played a central role. His wit and skill as a singer-songwriter showcase an artist who is comfortable both in his own skin and with his impressive musical legacy. His acclaimed previous releases include 2003's "Famous Among The Barns," 2005's "Another Run Around The Sun" and 2008's "The Legend of Kung Folk, Part 1 (The Killing Bite)." Highlights from his previous albums include were performed on "Good Morning America," "The Tonight Show" "The CBS Early Show" and "Last Call with Carson Daly." Ben made his acting debut with a recurring role on NBC's "American Dreams" and has appeared in the pages of "People Magazine," "Vogue" and even on the cover of "Rolling Stone" magazine. Orlando native Emily Kopp will open the show.



Photo courtesy of RUTH ECKERD HALL

Ben Taylor performs two shows at Ruth Eckerd Hall May 4.

# Looking Ahead

## Largo

• **"Three Little Pigs,"** Saturday, May 4, 11 a.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults and \$6.50 for children. Call 587-6793 or visit [largoarts.com](http://largoarts.com). This production of "Three Little Pigs" is an original musical that explores the flaws of human nature through the eyes of a family of stubborn pigs and one very famous wolf. The story begins when Papa Pig informs his children that they must leave the comforts of the pen and make their own way in the world. Before they depart, Papa tells them to be sure to build a strong, sturdy house; beware of the Big Bad Wolf and that "United we stand, divided we fall." Left with only Papa's words and one cabbage between them, the greedy pigs immediately begin to argue over the food and how to build the best house. Soon, the Big Bad "Rapping" Wolf arrives and the pigs have to work together to keep safe.

• **Movies in the Park,** shown on an outdoor big screen at dusk, Friday, May 3, in Largo Central Park, 101 Central Park Drive, Largo. The featured film will be "Wreck It Ralph." The event is free. Themed activities for the movie will start at 7 p.m. Onsite parking and concessions will be available. No alcohol will be permitted. For information, call 587-6740, ext. 5014 or visit [LargoEvents.com](http://LargoEvents.com).

• **Movies in the Park,** shown on an outdoor big screen at dusk, Friday, May 10, in Largo Central Park, 101 Central Park Drive, Largo. The featured film will be "Mirror, Mirror." The event is free. Themed activities for the movie will start at 7 p.m. Onsite parking and concessions will be available. No alcohol will be permitted. For information, call 587-6740, ext. 5014 or visit [LargoEvents.com](http://LargoEvents.com).

• **"SINGSation - What Karaoke Should Be,"** Friday, May 17, 7 to 11 p.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets are \$16.50. The event will feature cabaret seating. Presented by Eight O'Clock Theatre, this is an event for all musical theater lovers. Whether you want to come out to hear some great singing or sing on stage, this is the night to do it. The event is described as "one big cast

party where you can join old friends and make new ones." Proceeds from the show will benefit Eight O'Clock Theatre's tech department. There will be a cash bar and food will be available for purchase.

• **"The Swashbuckling Adventures of Alex Jones,"** with book, music and lyrics by Jason Tucker, July 12-21, presented by Eight O'Clock Theatre, at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Performances are Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m. Matinees are Sunday, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25.50 for adults and \$12.50 for children 19 and younger. Call 587-6793.

## Clearwater

• **"The Runner Stumbles,"** by Milan Stitt, through May 5, at the West Coast Players Theatre, 21905 U.S. 19 N., Clearwater. Performances are Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. Matinees are Sunday, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$16. Call 437-2363 or visit [www.wcpayers.org](http://www.wcpayers.org). A young nun has died under mysterious circumstances. Her superior, Father Rivard, has been charged with her murder. Based on a true story, "The Runner Stumbles" was named Best Broadway Play of 1978 in the annual best plays book. Linda Weir directs this WCP production.

• **Crosby, Stills and Nash,** Tuesday, May 7, 8 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Performances are Tuesday, 8 p.m.; and Wednesday, 2 and 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$62.50. Call 791-7400 or visit [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com). On the heels of their acclaimed 2012 year-long world tour, Crosby, Stills and Nash are back on the road in 2013. The same players that accompanied Crosby, Stills and Nash in 2012 will be on the road with them again, including Todd Caldwell (organ), Shane Fontayne (guitar), Steve DiStanislao (drums), Kevin McCormick (bass), and James Raymond (keyboards). "CSN 2012," a 25-song set presenting CSN's first live performance film in more than 20 years, was released last summer in Blu-Ray and DVD/2CD versions, featuring complete concert footage and bonus content, including a conversation with David Crosby, Stephen Stills, and Graham Nash, and "on-the-road interviews" with the group's band and crew. More than four decades since CSN first harmonized in Laurel Canyon and played its first-ever concert as a trio at the legendary Woodstock festival, its members continue a creative partnership that is one of the most influential and enduring in music. David Crosby, Stephen Stills, and Graham Nash have each been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame two times - with Crosby, Stills & Nash, and a second time with The Byrds, Buffalo Springfield, and The Hollies, respectively. They have also been inducted into the Songwriter's Hall of Fame, honoring both CSN as a group, and each member as individual solo artists.

• **"Pippin,"** by Stephen Schwartz and Roger Hirson, May 9-26, at Francis Wilson Playhouse, 302 Seminole St., Clearwater. Call 446-1360 or visit [www.franciswilsonplayhouse.org](http://www.franciswilsonplayhouse.org). Performances are generally Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m. Matinees are Saturday and Sunday, 2 p.m. Tickets for nonmusicals are \$21 for adults, \$11 for students. Tickets for musicals are \$26 for adults, \$13 for students.

• **The Indigo Girls,** Saturday, June 1, 8 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. For information about or to purchase tickets for upcoming performances, call 791-7400 or visit [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com). Tickets start at \$39. The Grammy-winning folk duo the Indigo Girls, Amy Ray and Emily Saliers, will bring their national symphony tour to Ruth Eckerd Hall June 1 with a 36-piece symphony orchestra. With 14 albums to their credit and a career that spans decades, the iconic duo continues to challenge themselves creatively, adding to a body of work that contains such hits and fan favorites as "Galileo" and "Love of Our Lives." For this tour, they've brought in musical arrangers Sean O'Loughlin and Stephen Barber to write orchestral charts for a selection of songs spanning their career, from the 1980s through their most recent release, "Beauty Queen Sister," on IG Recordings/Vanguard. For Ray and Saliers, who've been performing together for more than two decades, this is a chance to hear their music performed in a new way and to bring something special to their fans. The Indigo Girls first performed with an orchestra back in 2001, doing a series of shows with the Atlanta Ballet called "Shed Your Skin," which included a set of songs choreographed with a live band, an orchestra and dancers. While each show will be different, each performance will last roughly two hours with the orchestra, an intermission, and then Ray and Saliers will perform one or two songs without the orchestra as an encore.

## St. Petersburg

• **"The Amish Project,"** by Jessica Dickey, presented by American Stage Theatre, through May 12; at the Raymond James Theatre, 163 Third St. N., St. Petersburg. Call 823-PLAY (7529) or visit [www.americanstage.org](http://www.americanstage.org). Generally, main stage performances are Wednesday through Saturday, 8 p.m. Matinees are Saturday and Sunday, 3 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$29 to \$59 depending on the date and time of the performance.

• **"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee,"** by Rachel Sheinkin and William Finn, American Stage Theatre's 28th annual American Stage in the Park, through May 26, with previews April 25-25. The production will be staged at Demens Landing Park, on the corner of First Avenue North and Bayshore Boulevard Southeast in downtown St. Petersburg. For ticket information and performance times, call 823-PLAY (7529) or visit [www.americanstage.org](http://www.americanstage.org).

• **"7 Homeless Mammoths Wander New England,"** by Madeleine George, presented by American Stage Theatre, May 31 through June 30; previews May 29-30, at the Raymond James Theatre, 163 Third St. N., St. Petersburg. Call 823-PLAY (7529) or visit [www.americanstage.org](http://www.americanstage.org). Generally, main stage performances are Wednesday through Saturday, 8 p.m. Matinees are Saturday and Sunday, 3 p.m. Ticket prices range

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## Crossword

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### Across

- Frosts, as a cake
- Cleansing tub
- Deep-six
- 1/500 of the Indianapolis 500
- Arch type
- Winged
- 1415 battle with English longbowmen victors over French forces
- Offer a revised proposed price
- Suitable for feeding directly into a computer (2 wds)
- Laugh-a-minute folks
- Aggravate
- Pesky insects
- "Don't give up!"
- Brown-coated ermines
- "Aladdin" prince
- Long, long time
- Bank job
- Jeans material
- Ace
- Cab driver in "It's a Wonderful Life"
- Musical sign marking the beginning or end of a repeat
- Order between "ready" and "fire"
- Badge-earning girls' org. (acronym)
- Victory cheer
- Dumfries denial
- Greek word for goddess
- Amigo
- 1,000 kilograms
- House salesperson (3 wds)
- Pertaining to simple organisms like kelp
- Early term for locomotive (2 wds)
- Airs
- Blue books?
- Extol
- \_\_\_-cochere (carriage entrance)

- Fictitious story
- British beers

### Down

- Mosque V.I.P.
- Humidor item
- Educing
- Portugese Mr.
- Benefits
- Chill
- British unit of nonprofessional soldiers (2 wds)
- Subject to the law of another
- Reddish-brown gem
- Detergent
- Browning's Ben Ezra, e.g.
- Inclined
- Technical name for feet
- Part of N.Y.C.
- Police blotter abbr.
- Segregation
- Not just "a"
- Infomercials, e.g.
- "Malcolm X" director
- Without distinction of one from others (2 wds)
- \_\_\_ boom bah!
- Oolong, for one
- Something breathed in
- \_\_\_ juice (milk)
- Harvest goddess
- Wyle of "ER"
- Neighbor of Namibia
- Bum
- Oolong, for one
- Prefix with centric
- Avid
- Extra inning
- Arise
- "... or \_\_\_"
- Plug
- "Bill & \_\_\_ Excellent Adventure"

## Sudoku

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3				8				2
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			6	5		8		4

## Sudoku answers from last week

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

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## Horoscopes

May 2, 2013

### Capricorn

December 22 - January 19

Love leads the way this week, Capricorn. Cherished moments with friends and family keep things light. A project at work gets axed for good reason.

### Aquarius

January 20 - February 18

Experimentation in the kitchen churns out some delectable delights. Write down the recipes for a future gathering. An auto purchase serves you well, Aquarius.

### Pisces

February 19 - March 20

Friends are in need. Don't turn your back on them, Pisces. You are in a position to help, and the need is genuine. A lapse in concentration at work proves beneficial.

### Aries

March 21 - April 19

Patience truly is a virtue, Aries. When young ones take a different approach, do not cast them aside. Wait and watch, and be ready to lend a guiding hand when asked.

### Taurus

April 20 - May 20

Psst, Taurus. Something big is on the horizon, and it would serve you well to find out what it is. The more prepared you are, the better your reaction will be.

### Gemini

May 21 - June 21

What's good for the goose is good for the gander. Don't alter your vacation plans to accommodate the wishes of others. Get away as planned, Gemini.

### Cancer

June 22 - July 22

One plus one does not always add up to two. Don't be afraid to switch partners for the sake of performance, Cancer. You need someone who will do their part.

### Leo

July 23 - August 22

Life is like a roller coaster this week. Don't miss out on the ride, Leo. Enjoy the good, learn from the bad and the contentment you seek will be yours.

### Virgo

August 23 - September 22

Fun surrounds you. Why aren't you taking part in it, Virgo? It's fine to take a break. In fact, it's essential. Give in. You'll return with more ideas than you can count.

### Libra

September 23 - October 22

Listless Libra. Boredom sets in on all fronts, and you don't know how to shake it. Lucky for you, an old friend does. A health crisis passes.

### Scorpio

October 23 - November 21

Blast off, Scorpio. The green light is given, and there is no way to go but up. Months of planning will pay off in a VERY big way. A relative makes a request.

### Sagittarius

November 22 - December 21

A dear friend gets a new lease on life. Be happy for them, Sagittarius. It's been a long time coming. A financial review reveals you're right where you need to be.

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Music scene

Train, Styx headline Funshine; Summerland Tour features Everclear, Live

By LEE CLARK ZUMPE

Tampa Bay area venues, both large and small, will welcome a diverse selection of musical artists in the coming weeks, including rock legends, jazz giants, blues icons and country artists.

Kicking off the month will be the **Funshine Music Festival**, running Friday through Sunday, May 3-5, at the Live Nation Amphitheatre, 4802 U.S. 301 N., Tampa.

Advance general admission tickets cost \$25 a day and include festival access, unlimited rides, access to the stages out in the fairgrounds, including the expo hall and access to the lawn in the amphitheater. A three-day general admission ticket is available for \$65. Advance general admission single day tickets will increase to \$30 seven days before the show. Reserved seating tickets also are available. Prices vary. For information, visit [www.funshinefestival.com](http://www.funshinefestival.com).

The inaugural Funshine Music Festival will include plenty of live entertainment as well as rides. The tentative entertainment schedule is as follows:

**Friday, May 3**

Concourse Stage:  
 • Roadkill Ghost Choir - 6:55 to 7:40 p.m.  
 • Good Old War - 8:35 to 9:35 p.m.

Pavilion Stage:

• Dead Confederate - 7:45 to 8:30 p.m.  
 • Youngblood Hawke - 9:55 to 10:45 p.m.

Expo Hall Stage:

• Cheap Trick - 6:40 to 7:40 p.m.

Amphitheatre Stage:

• Phillip Phillips - 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
 • Train - 9:35 to 10:50 p.m.

**Saturday, May 4**

Concourse Stage:

• Tallhart - 1:35 to 2:20 p.m.  
 • The Weeks - 3:25 to 4:10 p.m.  
 • Hell's Bells (AC/DC Tribute) - 5:20 to 6:05 p.m.

Pavilion Stage:

• Kevin Devine & The Goddamn Band - 2:30 to 3:15 p.m.

• Bad Books featuring Members of Manchester Orchestra & Kevin Devine - 4:25 to 5:15 p.m.

• Chris Carrabba of Dashboard Confessional - 6:35 to 7:50 p.m.

• New Found Glory - 9:35 to 10:50 p.m.

Expo Hall Stage:

• We The Kings - 8:05 to 9:20 p.m.

Amphitheatre Stage:

• Ted Nugent - 5:15 to 6:05 p.m.

• Styx - 6:35 to 7:50 p.m.

• REO Speedwagon - 9:35 to 10:50 p.m.

**Sunday, May 5**

Concourse Stage:

• Yesterday (Beatles Tribute) - 4:35 to 5:35 p.m.

• Sticky Fingers (The Rolling Stones Tribute) - 7:05 to 8:05 p.m.

Pavilion Stage:

• Bobby Lee Rodgers - 1:40 to 2:30 p.m.

• The Lone Bellow - 3:25 to 4:25 p.m.

• Tonic - 5:50 to 6:50 p.m.

• Big Sam's Funky Nation

- 8:20 to 9:20 p.m.  
 Expo Hall Stage:  
 • Josh Thompson - 4:35 to 5:35 p.m.

• The Wallflowers - 7:05 to 8:05 p.m.

Amphitheatre Stage:

• Kix Brooks - 5:50 to 6:50 p.m.

• Gary Allan - 8:20 to 9:50 p.m.

Next will be the **Sunset Music Festival**, set for Saturday, May 25, 10 a.m., at Raymond James Stadium, 4201 N. Dale Mabry Highway, Tampa.

General admission tickets cost \$74. Visit [smtampa.com](http://smtampa.com).

Headliners will include David Guetta, Steve Aoki and Knife Party. Other featured artists include Alvin Risk, Carnage, Crizzly, Danny Avila, Dillon Francis, Flosstradamus, Herobust, Krewella, Le Castle Vania, Morgan Page, Nerd Rage, Pegboard Nerds and Popeska.

Closing out the month will be the **Summerland Tour 2013** on Thursday, May 30, 8 p.m., at the Mahaffey, 400 First St. S., St. Petersburg.

Tickets start at \$39. Call 892-5767 or visit [www.mahaffey.com](http://www.mahaffey.com).

Art Alexakis, frontman for the alternative rock band Everclear, will bring this year's incarnation of the Summerland Tour to 35 cities in the United States. This time out, Everclear will share the stage with fellow bands Live, Filter, and Sponge.

Radio stations across the country are currently playing hits from these four bands, including songs such as "Father of Mine," "Santa Monica," "Lightning Crashes," "I Alone," "Hey Man, Nice Shot," "Take a Picture," "Plowed" and "Molly."

"This year we've brought a decidedly edgier flavor bill to satisfy all of the fans of '90s rock and roll out there," said tour creator Alexakis in a press release. "It's going to be an amazing summer night every night on Summerland 2013 Alternative Guitars."

Following is a list of other music scene events in the coming weeks:

**Jannus Live**

• A Day to Remember with Of Mice & Men, Thursday, May 2, 7:30 p.m.

• Slightly Stoopid, Friday, May 3, 6:30 p.m.

• Donna the Buffalo, Saturday, May 4, 7 p.m.

• ZOSO, Friday, May 17, 8 p.m.

• Daddy Yankee, Friday, May 24, 7 p.m.

Jannus Live is at 16 Second St. N., St. Petersburg. Call 565-0550 or visit [www.jannuslive.com](http://www.jannuslive.com).

**Live Nation Amphitheatre**

• Funshine Music Festival, Friday through Saturday, May 3-5

• Tim McGraw, Saturday, May 11, 7 p.m.

The Amphitheatre is at 4802 U.S. 301 N., Tampa. Call 813-740-2446 or visit [www.livenation.com](http://www.livenation.com).

**The Local 662**

• Fortunate Youth, Saturday, May 4, 8 p.m.

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Above, Live is part of the Summerland Tour which visits the Mahaffey May 30. Below, Rodriguez takes the stage May 9 at the Straz Center for the Performing Arts in Tampa. At left, The Joy Formidable plays the State Theatre May 5. Top left, The Smashing Pumpkins play the Live Nation Amphitheatre May 3 as part of the Funshine Music Festival.



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• **"Behind the Gates,"** by Wendy Graf, presented by Jobsite Theater, May 1-26, at the Straz Center for the Performing Arts, 1010 N. W.C. MacInnes Place, Tampa. Call 813-229-7827 or visit www.jobstheater.org. Performances are Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m. Matinees are Sunday, 4 p.m. Tickets are \$28.

• **Fleetwood Mac,** Friday, June 7, 8 p.m., at Tampa Bay Times Forum, 401 Channelside Drive, Tampa. Tickets start at \$36.75. Call 800-745-3000 or visit Ticketmaster.com. Fleetwood Mac, one of rock's most enduring, beloved and successful bands, will be embarking on a major 34-city U.S. Tour after a three-year break beginning April 4. The band last toured in 2009 with the sold-out Unleashed tour. The new tour also marks the 35th anniversary of the release of their classic "Rumours" album (1977), one of the most successful albums in recorded history with sales exceeding 40 million copies. "Rumours" planted itself at the top of the pop charts for over 31 weeks and had four top ten singles.

**Tarpon Springs**

• **Night in the Islands,** Saturday, May 11, 6 to 11 p.m., at the Sponge Docks on Dodecanese Boulevard between Hope and Athens

streets, Tarpon Springs. The city of Tarpon Springs will present Night in the Islands, a free event on the world famous Sponge Docks. Attendees will enjoy Greek music, dancing and dining. There will be an hour of free Greek dance lessons by the Levendia Dance Troupe from 6 to 7 p.m. Night in the Islands will feature the music of Odyssey, featuring George Diakakis on bouzouki, Emmanuel Gonatos doing vocals and baglamas, and George Boulahanis on keyboard.

**Pinellas Park**

• **"Over the River and Through the Woods,"** by Joe Die Pietro, a West Side Rep Production; through May 5, at Venue Theatre, 9125 U.S. 19 N., Pinellas Park. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.; and Sundays, 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Reservations are necessary. Call 822-6194 or email venueactorstudio@gmail.com. Written by the author of "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," this hilarious family comedy follows Nick who tries to tell his dotting grandparents that he is moving to pursue his life away from home. The production is directed by Richard Rosen and stars Steven Brodnick as Nick, Rick Kastel as Frank, Lou Russo as Nunzio, Mabel LaCola as Aida, Rosalyn Savel as Emma and the role of Caitlin will be shared by Cassidy Fitzpatrick and Lena Schwallenberg. The stage manager is Dianne Lynn. Venue Theatre is a nonprofit organization, which donates a portion of the proceeds from each show to another charity. The designated recipient for this show is Neighborly Care Services.

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donation is \$1 and winners will be drawn at 3 p.m. Winners do not need to be present to win. Proceeds benefit the Florida Botanical Gardens Foundation and all participating museums and art centers.

Visitors also can join in a scavenger hunt through the gardens while stopping by each booth to receive a clue or answer a question. Visitors who complete the hunt will receive a souvenir donated by the Dali Museum and the Florida Botanical Gardens Foundation.

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The Botanical Bounty gift store is in the Parks and Conservation Resources building. It is open Monday through Friday starting at 10 a.m. On Sunday, May 5, the Botanical Bounty gift shop will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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up to the now-legendary show that launched Jeff's own brilliant career, "Greetings from Tim Buckley" is a poignant portrait of a father and son who were each among the most beloved singer/songwriters of their respective generations.

**'The Iceman'**

Genre: Action, crime, drama and thriller  
Cast: Michael Shannon, Winona Ryder, Chris Evans, Ray Liotta, David Schwimmer, Robert Davi, Danny Abeckaser, Stephen Dorff and James Franco

Director: Ariel Vromen  
Rated: R  
Inspired by actual events, "The Iceman" follows notorious contract killer Richard Kuklinski (Academy Award nominee Michael Shannon) from his early days in the mob until his arrest for the murder of more than 100 men.

Appearing to be living the American dream as a devoted husband and father; in reality Kuklinski was a ruthless killer-for-hire. When finally arrested in 1986, neither his wife nor daughters had any clue about his real profession.

**'Kiss of the Damned'**

Genre: Drama, horror and romance  
Cast: Josephine de La Baume, Milo Ventimiglia, Roxane Mesquida and Riley Keough

Director: Xan Cassavetes  
Not rated  
Beautiful vampire Djuna (Josephine de La Baume) tries to resist the



Photo by DOANE GREGORY/SONY PICTURES CLASSICS  
Trine Dyrholm stars as Ida and Pierce Brosnan as Philip in "Love Is All You Need."

advances of the handsome, human screenwriter Paolo (Milo Ventimiglia), but eventually gives in to their passion.

When her troublemaker sister Mimi (Roxane Mesquida) unexpectedly comes to visit, Djuna's love story is threatened, and the whole vampire community becomes endangered..

**'Love Is All You Need'**

Genre: Comedy and romance  
Cast: Pierce Brosnan, Trine Dyrholm and Paprika Steen  
Director: Susanne Bier  
Rated: R

Philip (Brosnan), an Englishman living in Denmark, is a lonely, middle-aged widower and estranged single father. Ida (Dyrholm) is a Danish hairdresser, recuperating from a long bout of illness, who's just been left by her husband for a younger woman, Tilde.

The fates of these two bruised souls are about to intertwine, as they embark for a trip to Italy to attend the wedding of Patrick and Astrid, Philip's son and Ida's daughter. It is a film about the simple yet profound pains and joys of moving on – and forward – with your life.

**'Something in the Air'**

Genre: Drama  
Cast: Clement Metayer, Lola Creton, Dolores Chaplin, India Menuez  
Director: Olivier Assayas  
Not rated

At the beginning of the '70s, Gilles, a high school student in Paris, is swept up in the political fever of the time.

Yet his real dream is to paint and make films, something that his friends and even his girlfriend cannot understand. For them, politics is everything, the political struggle all consuming. But Gilles gradually becomes more comfortable with his life choices, and learns to feel at ease in this new society.

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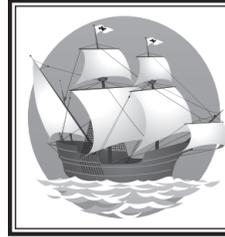
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• The Florida Orchestra: Orchestra Showpieces; Thursday, May 2, 11 a.m.  
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• Olly Murs, Wednesday, May 8, 7 p.m.  
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• Boz Scaggs, Friday, May 3, 8 p.m.  
• Ben Taylor, Saturday, May 4, 8 p.m.  
• The Florida Orchestra: A Classic Pops Hit Parade; Sunday, May 5, 7:30 p.m.  
• Crosby, Stills and Nash, Tuesday, May 7, 8 p.m.  
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• Mingo Fishtrap, Friday, May 3, 8 p.m.  
• Bill "The Sauce Boss" Wharton, Saturday, May 4, 8 p.m.  
• Blair Crimmins & The Hookers, Friday, May 10, 8 p.m.  
• Eric Lindell, Friday, May 24, 8 p.m.

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**State Theatre**

• Hurt, Thursday, May 2, 6 p.m.  
• Opheth, Friday, May 3, 7:30 p.m.  
• The Joy Formidable, Sunday, May 5, 7 p.m.  
• Clutch, Thursday, May 9, 7 p.m.  
• Collie Buddz, Sunday, May 12, 7 p.m.  
• The Original Wailers, Saturday, May 18, 8 p.m.  
• The Hush Sound, Thursday, May 23, 6 p.m.  
• Sevendust, Sunday, May 26, 8 p.m.  
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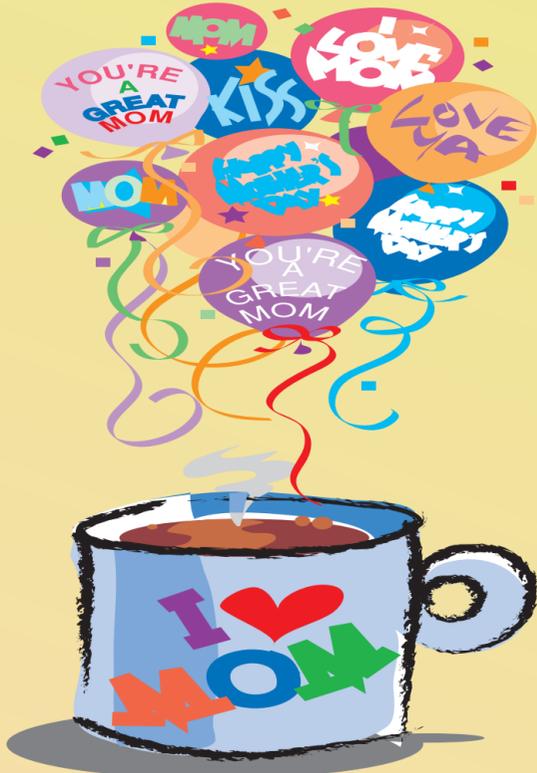
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