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Largo Firefighter Mark Young, right, and Largo fire explorers collected goods at Largo Central Park June 1 for tornado victims. ... **Page 2A.**

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A Fifth Third Bank in Largo was evacuated June 3 after a masked robber left a backpack that he said contained an explosive device. Largo police are looking for the suspect involved. ... **Page 5A.**

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# Largo to purchase recycling carts

## Carts for new curbside program will include tracking technology

By JULIANA A. TORRES

LARGO - With the approval to spend \$1 million on about 18,000 new automated carts June 4, the city of Largo is on track to launch its curbside, mixed recycling program by February of next year.

Largo commissioners agreed to award Rehrig Pacific Company the proposed \$67,000 cost to replace automated garbage carts throughout the city as budgeted, as well as the \$1 million capital expense for the new carts June 4. The city is establishing a cart replacement

program to garner a more competitive price for the carts, which will cost about \$55 each as opposed to the former cost of about \$70 per cart.

The new recycling carts and the garbage carts as they are replaced will include radio frequency identification, or RFID, technology to help the city track them and potentially allow for future recycling incentive programs.

The carts will be manufactured with the RFID microchip tags built into the handles at a cost of about \$2 per cart, said Chas Jordan, public works management analyst. The \$1 million cost for specifically the recycling

program will include geotagging the carts and delivering them to the driveways of about 17,000 Largo households selected for the pilot program.

"This will give us the ability to potentially - we're looking at this technology right now - to verify pickups through RFID readers on the actual trucks," Jordan said. "We're hoping to implement this technology with the rollout of the mixed recycling plan to test it for the rest of the carts in the city. We hope to make this a

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# Crowds tour Highland Rec

By BRIAN GOFF

LARGO - Parking was scarce around Highland Avenue June 2 for the unveiling of the new Highland Recreation Center and public's first look at the \$17 million facility.

There wasn't a negative word to be heard from anyone.

Michael Lamatting had driven from St. Petersburg with his family to have a look at the new facility and described what he saw as "awesome."

"Everything stands out here. This is certainly set apart from other recreation centers anywhere," he said

One of the attractions that interested Lamatting's wife, Danielle, was the daycare center for 2-year-old daughter Layla.

"I'm interested in having her go here," she said. "I've picked up the brochure and will look into it further."

The Lamattings, including 5-year-old Jayden, all came down the long slide featured in the center of the building.

"It's been a while since I've done that. It was fun," Michael Lamatting said.

Clem Street, 68, of Clearwater also found the slide fun. He said he can't remember the last time he went down a slide.

"I'll bet since I was a kid," he said. "It was neat - no - fantastic. Every adult should go down it once."

Planning for the complex began nearly 10 years ago, and it isn't finished yet. Construction continues on four new tennis

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Top, visitors head for the open house at Largo's new Highland Recreation Center June 2. Above, Patricia McCarthy and daughter Megan of Largo stand outside at the center's aquatic center, which celebrates its opening Saturday, June 8. Below, a weightlifting class is underway as part of the open house.



# Ries Brothers of Largo tapped for Music Revolution

By LEE CLARK ZUMPE

LARGO - For two Largo brothers, it's a musical dream come true.

Charlie Ries, 17, and his brother Kevin, 14, were both accepted into the Los Angeles Grammy Museum's exclusive Music Revolution Project.

Only 25 young musicians in Florida were accepted.

According to the museum's website, the Music Revolution Project offers creative and gifted musicians the opportunity to engage in musical discourse and performance with other talented young people from their

area. The world-class academy seeks applications from all musically talented high school students. Applicants come from a variety of musical backgrounds and genres, such as classical, jazz, pop, hip-hop, folk, sacred and rock and roll.

The Ries Brothers, along with other musicians accepted into this year's project, will be challenged to broaden their musical and creative skill while establishing relationships, increasing self-esteem, developing entrepreneurial skills and growing their passion for music. The four-week summer academy runs locally from July 22

through Aug. 16. Students will participate in music history and composition classes.

Attendees also will take part in mentoring sessions with Grammy Award nominees or winners. They will form ensembles with their fellow classmates.

### The Ries Brothers

The Ries Brothers are a pop and rock band based out of the Tampa Bay area. For the last three years, they have been impressing audiences with their original music and innovative

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The Ries Brothers are pictured above on their self-titled CD, which features songs such as "I Need You" and "We Could Be."

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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

### Educational Sign Code Program

LARGO - "Planning for Largo Sign Code Success: What Every Business Needs to Know" is the topic of an informational business program being held on Saturday, June 8, 10 to 11:30 a.m., at the Largo Public Library, 120 Central Park Drive.

The Central Pinellas Chamber of Commerce and the city of Largo present the program. It will highlight what businesses must know about the sign ordinance before the monument sign compliance deadline ends on June 5, 2017. Topics will include the new sign code, permitting process, sign incentives and hiring a sign contractor. There will be an opportunity for one-on-one assistance following the formal presentations.

There is no cost to attend, but registration is requested. Contact the chamber at 584-2321 or email tom@centralchamber.biz with name and company affiliation.

### 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 July 6-7. For more information, visit the "Train Weekend" link at www.LargoEvents.com.

## Largo Community Center

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

### Silver screen classics

LARGO - Enjoy an afternoon viewing a movie for free June 20, noon to 3 p.m., at the Largo Community Center.

Refreshments will be sold and information on the movie will be handed out. The event is sponsored by Imperial Palms Apartments. Call 518-3131 for a listing of movies.

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# Commissioners organize street cleanups

LARGO - Four Largo commissioners have banded together to play a direct role in cleaning up local streets through a new effort, Keep Largo Beautiful.

Commissioners Michael Smith, Woody Brown, Curtis Holmes and Jamie Robinson will be walking around various neighborhoods to pick up trash on the streets. They invite the public to join them.

"This will give us a chance to meet and talk with citizens and friends that care about Largo's image and to help clean up the environment," the effort's Facebook page states.

The commissioners are asking the public to suggest its next project. The group will address any county, state or city road within the Largo area.

Smith said residents have pointed out sever-

al roads in need of attention already. He added that he wanted the public to be involved in this recent effort to organize street cleanups.

For updates on upcoming cleanup events or to suggest streets that need maintenance, visit www.facebook.com/KeepLargoBeautiful. The group will post events that the public can join. Everyone, not just Largo residents, is invited to participate.

## Relief effort



Largo Firefighter Mark Young, right, and Largo fire explorers collected goods at Largo Central Park June 1 for Oklahoma tornado victims. They are shown next to Daniel Young's junior dragster, which Daniel and his father, Mark, brought to help draw donors to their event.

Photo by TOM GERMOND

### Lunch with a show

LARGO - Enjoy a luncheon and show June 27, noon to 2 p.m., at the Largo Community Center.

Enjoy a meal, dessert and entertainment. Purchase \$12 tickets in advance in the office one month prior to luncheon. No refunds or exchanges.

### 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 recreation 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.

## Highland Recreation Complex

Highland Recreation Complex is at 400 Highland Ave. Visit HighlandRecreation.com or call 518-3016 or 518-3018. During construction, the complex is accessible from Lake Avenue.

### Aquatic center to reopen

LARGO - The Highland Family Aquatic Center will celebrate its grand reopening on Saturday, June 8, noon to 4 p.m.

Bring the family and enjoy the center's many features and slides. Splash's Snack Bar will be open. Expect door prizes and giveaways. The cost is \$12 or \$23 per group with a max of five people.

### Highland recognizes fathers

LARGO - Fathers will receive free admission and a gift with one paid child admission at Highland Family Aquatic Center on June 16, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

## 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.

### Summer Kick Off

LARGO - The city of Largo invites the public to the Southwest Neighborhood Summer Kick Off June 9, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Southwest pool, 13120 Vonn Road.

Come celebrate summer with friends and family. A hot dog lunch and bottled water will be available, while supplies last, as will floats, inner tubes and diving boards for recreational use. Door prizes will be given away. The cost with a recreation ID is \$2 for city residents and \$3 for non-city residents or \$6 for everyone else.

Enjoy underwater exploration with Discover Scuba. Scuba participants ages 17 and younger will require a parent signature.

### Wing Fling canceled

LARGO - The city of Largo announced recently that Wing Fling, an event scheduled June 29 at Southwest Pool, has been canceled.

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# Community groups serve Largo and beyond

## Camp tour



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About 50 members of the Largo Elks tour the Florida Elks Youth Camp in Umatilla May 19. The camp, a project of the Florida State Elks Association, is located on 405 acres of rolling hills, forests, lakes, and open space in Marion County. The camp is accredited by the American Camping Association and recertified every three years to assure compliance and a safe camping environment for children. The camp opened its doors in 1991 to all of the children of Florida and allows campers to improve their team-building skills, enjoy state-of-the-art recreational equipment and have fun in a caring social setting where the good of the children is always the priority.

## A new Kiwani



Photo courtesy of the LARGO KIWANIS

Heather Lee Low, right, receives her Kiwanis pin from her sponsor, Dr. Regina Bennett as she is inducted into the Kiwanis Club of Largo/Mid-Pinellas on May 24. Low is an independent beauty consultant with Mary Kay Cosmetics and resides in Clearwater with her husband, Keith. Visit her website at [www.marykay.com/hlow1](http://www.marykay.com/hlow1) or call 647-2559. The Largo Kiwanis club is a service organization that helps children in the local area. The club meets on Fridays, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., at the dining room of The Royal Palms, 200 Lake St. in Largo.

## A donation for youth



Photo courtesy of LARGO ROTARY

Eric Coyner, president of the Rotary Club of Largo, presents a \$1,500 check to Stacie Blake, executive director of Community Tampa Bay June 3. The funds will help the organization pay for "Anytown," a weeklong retreat promoting leadership and encouraging dialogue among local high school students. The donation was one of many made possible by the club's 17th annual Death by Chocolate fundraiser, held on the first Friday in December at the Largo Cultural Center.

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courts, a multi-purpose field and more parking.

What the residents and visitors saw during the June 2 grand opening was the main building, which included the indoor slide – the largest city-owned slide in the county – indoor and outdoor basketball courts, a water park, a fitness center and other assorted rooms and activities.

Outside, Largo resident Patricia McCarthy and her daughter Megan were discovering the water park, featuring various pools, fountains and slides. They liked what they saw.

"I love it. This is beautiful," said McCarthy. "It is certainly an improvement over the old place. The kids are excited; there is lots to do here."

"It is super-amazing and fun," chimed in Megan.

Her mother had one last thing to add as she walked away.

"Make sure you say it is worth every penny," she said.

On June 3, the new facility officially opened with summer programs kicking in June 10 including several sports and themed camps.

Something the residents probably didn't see at Sunday's open house was the uplifted spirits of the staff who work at the center. Krista Pincince, the facility's program manager, said the new facility is important to the staff, who have had to endure many months of construction.

The reality struck home when so many people came to see the new facility, she said.

"We're very happy. I'd say at least 5,000 people showed up today," Pincince said during the open house. "We heard lots of good comments. I'm looking forward to coming back tomorrow when it is in operation."

Many visitors couldn't agree more about it being an exciting place.

"This is like nothing I've ever seen before," Street said. "I'm just amazed at this whole complex."

For more information on how to join and use the facility, call 518-3016 or visit [PlayLargo.com](http://PlayLargo.com).



Photo by BRIAN GOFF  
Clearwater Resident Clem Street looks over program offerings after his ride down the indoor slide.

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# Short list for IRB city manager chosen

By BRIAN GOFF

INDIAN ROCKS BEACH – City commissioners have chosen a short list of seven candidates to be interviewed for the city manager position left vacant with the retirement of Chuck Coward. They decided on the short list at a special meeting on May 29.

Of the candidates who will be invited for an interview, one is in-house; one is from out of state and the rest are applicants from Florida.

The process to select a new city manager began with a nationwide advertisement, which attracted 60 applicants from all over the country. Then a screening committee pared that number down to 12 and from that 12 the commissioners chose the seven to be interviewed.

Those are: Lisa Algieri, the city manager of Dunnellon; Robert Bartolotta, former city manager of Sarasota; Amy Davis, Budget Manager in Largo; Donald Hambridge, former assistant public works director in Gainesville; J.P. Murphy, assistant town manager in Belleair; Danny Taylor, director of planning and zoning in Indian Rocks Beach; and Greg Mims, planning director, Fairhope, Ala.

In the two and a half hour meeting to decide upon the candidates to be interviewed, commissioners asked questions of two of the members of the screening committee who were there, retiring City Manager Chuck Coward and Mark Durbin, a former city manager who represented the Range Rider organization, which is a group of retired city managers who voluntarily help municipalities choose city managers.

Both Coward and Durbin told the commissioners the candidates were all well-qualified.



Photo by BRIAN GOFF  
Former IRB City Manager Chuck Coward, left, and Mark Durbin of Kissimmee, members of the screening committee, listen to commissioners as they discuss choosing a new city manager.

"You have an excellent group of candidates," said Coward.

He noted, however, that the interview process will shed more light on each of them.

"What we have here is a paper outline of who these people are," he said as he held up a number of résumés. "When you get to talk to them more will come to light. Nobody is perfect; everybody has a little something lacking and that will be your job to find out what that is."

Commissioner Terry Hamilton-Wollin agreed.

"I put very little stock in the résumés," she said. "People can look good on paper but can surprise you when you meet them. The interview is important; I'll reserve my judgment until after the interviews."

The most vocal of the commissioners in expressing what he wanted in a new city manager was Mayor R.B. Johnson, who

made it clear what he didn't want was a person who had to be trained on the job.

"Do we want to take a chance on a young person? I would say we proceed with caution in that direction," he said. "I don't think we should hire someone who needs training wheels. I want somebody who can push back, not a yes-man."

Commissioner Cookie Kennedy had a different viewpoint.

"I think we're all good judges of character," she said. "I looked for somebody new as long as they had good qualifications as an assistant city manager."

Commissioner Phil Hanna said he had specific things in mind as he chose his short list.

"I'm looking for someone with a good background in public service," he said. "I want someone with good communication skills and someone who fits our budget."

The salary of the successful

candidate will be somewhere between \$95,000 and \$105,000 a year. That fact raised a discussion over whether or not candidates who make considerably more than that would be willing to accept a lower pay scale.

Coward said he spoke to each candidate and reminded them of the pay scale and all said they were fine with it. Durbin said he had no worries on that score.

"These are all honorable people and if they weren't prepared to accept the pay then I'm sure they would decline an interview," he said.

Commissioner Jim Labadie, the newest member of the commission, said the entire process was new to him.

"This is my first time doing something like this," he said. "I'm looking for that inner person, not somebody who is selling me a bill of goods. We have to remember this is one of the sweetest towns on the planet."

## Pinellas tax certificate sale set for June 1

CLEARWATER – Pinellas County Tax Collector Diane Nelson announces the tax certificate sale for 2012 delinquent real estate taxes in Pinellas County is scheduled on June 1 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at [www.bidpinellas.com](http://www.bidpinellas.com).

Property taxes unpaid as of 5 p.m. on May 31 will be eligible for purchase.

To prevent a certificate from being sold, property owners with delinquent taxes must make their payment by May 31 either through the tax collector's website, [www.taxcollect.com](http://www.taxcollect.com), or at any tax collector office.

The tax certificate sale is an annual online auction where bidders can purchase a delinquent taxpayer's debt in exchange for an annual interest rate, ensuring the majority of unpaid property taxes are collected and distributed to taxing authorities.

Last year, more than 15,000 certificates were sold for a total of \$36.5 million, recovering 99 percent of delinquent taxes. Delinquent real estate accounts are published online at [www.bidpinellas.com](http://www.bidpinellas.com) and in the Business Observer.

Registration for the sale is open at [www.bidpinellas.com](http://www.bidpinellas.com) and will continue until the sale ends June 1.

The sale is a reverse auction, with interest rates on individual certificates starting at 18 percent. Bidders compete for the lowest rate, and certificates are awarded to those with the lowest bid. All unsold certificates will be issued to Pinellas County at 18 percent annual interest.

For more information about the tax certificate sale or other tax collector services, visit [www.taxcollect.com](http://www.taxcollect.com) or call 464-7777 to speak to a customer service representative.

Coward reminded the commissioners that they should keep that thought in mind as they go about choosing his successor. He said they should be constantly selling the city at every step.

"Right now with all these candidates you hold all the cards," he said. "But remember when you get down to the one person you want, that person will be holding all the cards. So when you make that person an offer you don't want him or her saying no thanks. You have to make them want to come here."

Commissioners decided to hold a full day of interviews on Tuesday, June 18. And they concluded

the last meeting at which Chuck Coward took part. In thanking Coward, who has held the position for nearly five years, Kennedy said he has paved the way for his successor.

"Whoever takes over here will find it a piece of cake," she said.

To which Mayor Johnson injected a note of caution: "But things can change; they can go sour in a hurry."

The final word went to Ranger Rider Durbin, who left the commissioners with a positive note.

"I am impressed with the quality of candidates," he said. "Whoever you choose, you will be in good shape."

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standard for all the homes within the city of Largo.

The technology could help the city ensure customer service and better respond to calls from residents who claim that a garbage truck passed their home without picking up their garbage cart, Jordan explained.

The new carts will be built with in-mold labels that will explain to residents with visual pictures what items the city will and will not accept in its expanded recycling program, said Gene Ginn, assistant solid waste manager. The carts also will be marked with the city of Largo seal.

The city has yet to decide what color the recycling carts will be, Ginn added.

Commissioner Robert Murray asked if the city was considering expanded uses for the RFID technology, including incentive programs to encourage residents to recycle more often.

Jordan said the city would be able to track if the carts changed addresses, but the city wouldn't take advantage of any expanded usage of the technology in the initial rollout of the recycling program.

"We really want to get the mixed recycling going for a while before we even broach that subject, so we can verify all this technology," he said.

The curbside mixed recycling program, which will allow the city to collect many more types of recyclable items than it currently accepts, is slated to begin Feb. 1, 2014. Commissioners have already approved the purchase of new trucks, which "are being built as we speak," Jordan

said. The city's next step is a marketing plan to advertise and educate residents on the parameters of the new program, he added.

"I'm very excited about this and all different things we can do with this program," Murray said.

### Purchase of land for trailhead approved

In a second 6-1 vote, commissioners confirmed their decision to spend \$360,000 to purchase land at 2850 Roosevelt Blvd., to be used as a future trailhead for a planned county walking and biking trail.

The trailhead will be paid from the parkland dedication trust fund, which will still have a little more than \$1 million to spend. Money in this fund can only be used to purchase land for parks.

Commissioner Curtis Holmes said during the June 4 meeting that the city shouldn't take the property off the city's tax rolls. In order to make the new north-south trail a reality, the county still to plan for two major bridges, one over U.S. 19 and the other over Allen's Creek, both of which could carry high price tags, Holmes said. That factor alone could keep the trail from becoming a reality, he added.

"I think the chances of this thing ever becoming a trailhead are between slim and none," he said.

Commissioner Harriet Crozier asked if the land could be used for something other than a trailhead, perhaps basketball courts, if the trail itself falls through. Joan Byrne, director of city recreation, parks and arts department said that was a possibility.

"Parkland doesn't become available all the time. You have to purchase things when they're on the market," Byrne said.

### City attorney fees increased

In an annual review of City Attorney Alan Zimmet, commissioners agreed to increase his firm's hourly rates for services rendered to the city.

The hourly rates have not increased since 2009 and are lower than what Zimmet's firm, Bryant Miller Olive, charges to the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority. Zimmet hopes to bring up the city of Largo's rates gradually so they are equal to PSTA rates by fiscal year 2015, Zimmet stated in a memo to the city.

"Using the costs of the first seven months of (fiscal year) 2013, even with this increase, the city would still be under budget," Zimmet stated.

In fact, the city's costs for legal services has come under budget in the past four fiscal years and are slated to do so again in the current year, City Manager Mac Craig said.

Both Craig and the commissioners praised and thanked Zimmet for his recent successes in negotiating legal settlements on the city's behalf. Commissioners unanimously agreed to the hourly rate increase of \$180 for attorneys, \$115 for paralegals and \$120 for law clerks. Zimmet's annual retainer of \$119,016 will not be increased.

Zimmet has been the city attorney since June 6, 2000.

### EMS STUDY, from page 1A

facilitating long-term financial sustainability.

"Maintaining the current system's high level of pre-hospital care for patients and fire protection for the public was a top priority in all cases."

### IPS plan

Fitch concluded that the recommendations by IPS, endorsed by the county administrator and staff, would allow the system to continue to meet response times mandated by county ordinance.

The plan would take 25 rescue units out of service and require 150 fewer firefighters to provide service, bringing personnel costs down to \$90.8 million. The plan would increase operational costs by \$5 million, due to the loss of the rescue units and increased service by the larger fire trucks and engines, which are more expensive to run, maintain and purchase.

According to Fitch, the IPS plan would save money while allowing the county to maintain its standards for service. But, Fitch did not green light the plan.

"In short, this model is theoretically achievable but lacks the realistic approach to make it implementable," the report said. "Pinellas County fire and EMS are not in a state of disrepair that would require such a drastic cut."

### Sanford-Millican proposal

The plan from local firefighters, and endorsed by some fire departments, would remove the county's private ambulance service, Sunstar, from the system. Local fire departments and fire districts would provide ambulance service.

The Fitch study pointed out that the current centralized administrative and infrastructure functions would become the responsibility of 18 independent agencies, at an unknown cost. Fitch did not include a change in costs for those functions in its study.

Two different implementations of the Sanford-Millican plan were part of the simulations in the Fitch study – SM-1 and SM-2. Both showed that mandated response times could be met; however, Fitch concluded that the proposed staffing for SM-1 were not safe due to the proposed workloads for medical transport units and 24-hour rescues.

"Both of these crew utilizations are considered unrealistically high and dangerous," the report said. "... The Pinellas EMS medical director has expressed strong concerns related to fatigue from long shift lengths and excessive unit hour utilization as a contributing

Fire District	Call Count	% of Total	Cumulative %
St. Petersburg	27,083	28.7%	28.7%
Clearwater	14,482	15.3%	44.0%
Largo	12,642	13.4%	57.4%
Pinellas Park	8,174	8.7%	66.1%
Seminole	6,062	6.4%	72.5%
Lealman	4,456	4.8%	77.3%
Palm Harbor	4,404	4.7%	82.0%
Dunedin	3,794	4.0%	86.0%
Tarpon Springs	2,183	2.3%	88.3%
South Pasadena	1,495	1.6%	89.9%
Safety Harbor	1,432	1.5%	91.4%
East Lake	1,278	1.4%	92.8%
Gulfport	1,200	1.3%	94.1%

Chart from DRAFT FITCH REPORT

Emergency calls from five cities – St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Largo, Pinellas Park and Seminole – account for 72.5 percent of all calls coming into the system. Fourteen of the smallest districts account for only 10 percent of calls.

factor in medical errors."

Personnel costs for SM-1 of \$110.8 million are almost equal to the costs of the current system, which uses Sunstar employees at a lower cost to provide transport.

Crew costs for SM-2 increase to \$120.9 million, but address the concerns about excessive workloads.

### Fitch's recommendation

Finding both IPS and the firefighters' plans lacking, the consultant proposed a third plan, referred to as Community Alignment of Resources for Efficiency and Service (CARES).

The CARES plan also maintains response time targets, it reduces

the other musicians during the interview process and I know they come from many different musical backgrounds," Charlie said. "I will learn to create music differently than what I am used to with my brother."

Kevin, too, is excited about the opportunity. "I love to play my guitar and write music," he said. "To be able to play it with new musicians will be great. I know I will learn new sounds and genres of music. I was really excited when I got the email saying we made it into the program."

The brothers have already learned the importance of collaboration. They both believe that whenever someone has an opportunity to work with different people on projects they are likely to learn new ideas. The project, they feel, will help their music career because it will make them more well-rounded musicians. They also are grateful for the opportunity to meet "some great musicians" and make connections with people in the business who can help give them guidance.

### Upcoming appearance

The Ries Brothers will be performing Friday, June



The Ries Brothers

7, 6:30 to 10 p.m., at Blowfish Bar & Grill, 8305 Bay Pines Blvd., St. Petersburg. For information, call 547-2100.

The brothers also will play Sunday, June 9, 1 to 5 p.m., at Crabby Bill's Loading Dock, 401 Gulf Blvd., Indian Rocks Beach. For information, call 595-4825.

For more information about the Ries Brothers, visit [www.riesbrothers.com](http://www.riesbrothers.com).

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covers of classic and current rock.

Charlie handles the lead vocals. He also plays the drums and keyboard bass. Kevin plays guitar and is the co-writer of many of their original songs.

The brothers have recorded CDs of their original music in both Tampa and Nashville. They even filmed a video for the song "I Need You," which can be viewed on YouTube.

The Ries Brothers success hardly came overnight. Their passion for music began at an early age.

"I have just always felt connected to it," said older brother Charlie in an interview. "Listening to the radio, I wanted to be able to produce those sounds and figure out what they were doing."

Then, in the middle of a family vacation, Charlie found a particular source of inspiration.

"When I was about 8, we took a trip to Las Vegas and the Cirque du Soleil show 'Love' had billboards all over the place," Charlie explained. "I asked my dad what that was all about. It was the first time I really listened to The Beatles."

Charlie's dad bought him every Beatles CD.

"I was hooked," Charlie said. "I was learning the drum parts to every song, trying to sing like Paul McCartney and trying to figure out all those chords. That really took me to the next level."

Charlie's younger brother Kevin followed the same path.

"My brother and my dad were always listening and playing music, so I was always around it," Kevin said. "We took a trip to Orlando when I was 9 years old. We went to visit the Hard Rock Café and took a tour of the memorabilia they had there ..."

Kevin was particularly floored by something he saw in the John Lennon Room.

"I saw a video of Jimi Hendrix and also one of his guitars," Kevin said. "I couldn't believe what he was doing. After that, I had to find out and had to try to do that. It took a while to learn some of his songs, but there is nothing like that feeling when you learn something you thought was so hard."

The brothers are looking forward to attending the Los Angeles Grammy Museum's exclusive Music Revolution Project. Charlie sees it as both an honor and an accomplishment.

"I was excited because I have already met some of

## Police search for suspect in bank robbery, evacuation

LARGO – A Fifth Third Bank in Largo was evacuated June 3 after a masked robber left a backpack that he said contained an explosive device, the Largo Police Department reported.

Tampa Bomb Squad, called to the scene to investigate, determined the green backpack did not have any explosives.

"There was nothing in the bag," said Lt. Stephen Slaughter of Largo Police Department's investigative services division.

The suspect walked into the bank at 1698 Missouri Ave. at 9:30 a.m. He is described as a black man about 5 feet, 9 inches tall, wearing black, red and white tennis shoes and all black clothing.

He reportedly threatened that the backpack contained an explosive and left it behind. He claimed an undisclosed amount of money and fled on a bicycle.

Largo police are continuing to investigate and ask the public for information on the suspect who is still on the loose. Anyone with information is asked to contact the department at 587-6730.



Photos courtesy of LARGO POLICE

Largo police are looking for this suspect in the robbery of a Fifth Third Bank June 3.

## Police beat

### Deputies investigate electrocution

BELLEAIR BLUFFS – Pinellas County Sheriff's deputies are investigating an apparent accidental electrocution at a private residence in Belleair Bluffs on Friday, May 31.

Deputies responded to the home on Duncan Drive about 7:43 p.m.

According to deputies, Urszula Drapala, 47, the victim's wife, reported that she had not seen her husband for about an hour, when she began calling for him. When he did not respond, she climbed to the attic and found her husband, Andrzej Drapala, 45, who was unresponsive.

She called 911. Largo Fire Department responded to the scene and transported him to Largo Medical where he was pronounced dead.

Deputies said the death appears to be accidental in nature and appears to have occurred while Drapala was doing electrical work in his attic. Drapala had burn marks on one of his hands and chest.

### Firefighters rescue dogs, puppies

CLEARWATER – Clearwater Fire & Rescue responded to a call on Saturn Drive on May 15 where the house was already heavily full of smoke from an active fire. Firefighters entered the duplex and found seven dogs – two adult dogs and five puppies that were about 7 weeks old. The male adult dog seemed unharmed, but one puppy died of smoke inhalation. The other puppies had minor burn injuries or smoke inhalation but did not require on-scene treatment.

The female dog was unconscious and in respiratory distress and appeared close to death. Firefighters aggressively worked to resuscitate the dog, using special pet oxygen equipment that all Clearwater Fire & Rescue apparatus carry. The dog responded to treatment and regained consciousness. Attempts to resuscitate the puppy were unsuccessful. All of the dogs were taken to the SPCA to retrieve full veterinary services.

### Man intentionally crashes into store, causes fire

CLEARWATER – Clearwater Fire & Rescue responded to Dillard's at the Westfield Countryside Mall on May 15 in response to a structure fire, and police were called to assist. They saw a large hole to the east of the building, and while tending to the fire, firefighters found one vehicle inside the store. They extricated and rescued the sole occupant – the driver, Ellis Vaughn – and he was taken to Tampa General Hospital, according to a Clearwater Police Facebook report.

During the investigation, Vaughn told authorities that he had tried to commit suicide by driving into the side of the building at a high rate of speed. He also said that he had left his residence unlocked with a suicide note and next-of-kin information inside. Units responded to his residence and confirmed the information, the report said.

There was an extensive fire, water and smoke damage to a back storage room, where the incident took place. Sprinklers extinguished the fire quickly, but it took nearly four hours and a ventilation truck from Tampa Fire and Rescue to get the smoke out of the store.

## Retiring school crossing guard honored at luncheon

CLEARWATER – Co-workers of a Pinellas County school crossing guard honored his long career during a retirement luncheon May 30 at Bascom's Chop House, 3665 Ulmerton Road. William "Bill" Edwards, 81, is retiring after 24 years of service. His last official day is Wednesday, June 5. He will celebrate his 82nd birthday on June 6.

Edwards was hired as a school crossing guard in November of 1988. He was promoted to a Region Coordinator in 1992 and currently supervises several school crossings including Curlew Creek Elementary, Lake St. George Elementary and Carwise Middle School.

Over the years, Edwards has participated in several bicycle and pedestrian safety programs including the annual Walk to School Day each October.

In 2003, Edwards received recognition from MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) for his participation in the DUI checkpoints conducted by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.



Photo courtesy of PCSO

After 24 years of service as a school crossing guard team, William "Bill" Edwards, 81, takes a moment to pose for a photo with Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri during a retirement luncheon May 30 at Bascom's Chop House.

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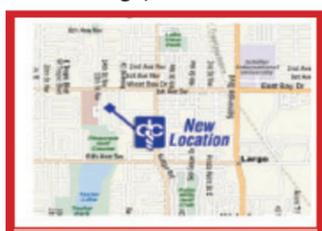


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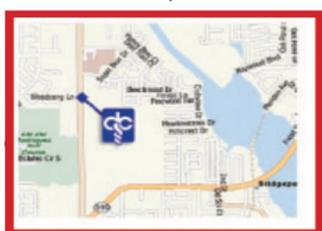
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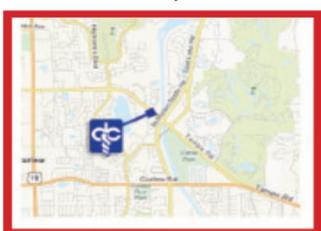
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# Make sure you are prepared for hurricanes this season

By SUZETTE PORTER

A forecast of a possible extremely active hurricane season should be reason enough to get prepared.

And as the experts say, "it only takes one" to make it a bad year in any particular location.

Hurricane season started June 1 and goes through Nov. 30. Those involved with hurricane forecasting and response to hurricane disasters point to a common problem – a lack of hurricane awareness and preparation.

Hurricane Preparedness Week, held before the beginning of the hurricane season, is designed to help people understand their vulnerability and learn what actions should be taken to minimize the effect of a hurricane disaster. Topics include the basics, storm surge, winds, inland flooding, forecast process, planning and taking action.

## The basics

First are the basics, beginning with a definition of a tropical cyclone.

"Tropical cyclones are among nature's most powerful and destructive phenomena," states the first paragraph of this year's preparedness guide published by the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and National Weather Service.

The guide is intended to assist people who live in areas threatened by tropical weather understand the dangers from destructive winds, tornados, storm surge and flooding. It points out that while hurricanes pose the biggest threat, damage from tropical storms and depressions also can be devastating.

Understanding the terminology is part of the basics. A tropical depression is a tropical cyclone with maximum sustained winds of 38 mph. A tropical storm has maximum sustained winds between 39 and 73 mph. A hurricane is a storm with maximum sustained winds of 74 mph or greater.

Hurricanes come in five categories, based on wind speeds. A major hurricane is a Category 3, 4 or 5 on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale, with maximum sustained winds of at least 111 mph.

A Category 1 hurricane has sustained winds between 74 and 95 mph. A Category 2 has winds between 96 and 110 mph and a Category 3 – the lowest level major hurricane – has winds between 111 to 129 mph. It has the potential for devastating damage.

A Category 4 has sustained winds between 131 and 156 mph and can cause catastrophic damage. Hurricane Charley, which made landfall in Punta Gorda in 2004, was a Category 4 hurricane.

The biggest of them all is a Category 5 with maximum sustained winds of more than 156 mph. Hurricane Andrew, which hit south Florida in 1992, was a Category 5.

A post-tropical cyclone is a system that no longer possesses sufficient tropical characteristics to be considered a tropical cyclone; however, post-tropical storms can bring heavy rains and high winds.

## Hazards

Storm surge and storm tide are the biggest threat to life and property for people who live on the coast. Residents of Pinellas County's barrier islands should be prepared to evacuate when officials give the order.

Storm surge is an abnormal rise in water generated by a storm's winds, according to the preparedness guide. Storm surge can reach heights of more than 20 feet and span hundreds of miles. Bigger, more intense storms bring higher storm surge. Storm tide is the combination of a rise in water due to storm surge and the astronomical tide.

Storm surge and battering waves result in death and destruction of buildings, beaches, dunes, roads and bridges. Storm surge can travel inland and can cause salt-water intrusion in estuaries and bayous.

Tornados are another threat. They most often occur in thunderstorms associated with rain bands that form away from the center of a hurricane or tropical storm. They also can occur near the eyewall.

Hurricane-force winds can cause widespread destruction. Mobile homes are especially vulnerable, which is why Pinellas County residents who live in them will be asked to leave their home when any evacuation order is given.

Torrential rainfall can cause flooding even in areas well away from the coastline. Pinellas County got a sample of flooding problems when Tropical Storm Debby stayed stationary off the Gulf coast in late June of 2012.

Rip currents and rip tides also can pose a danger. Waves breaking against the coastline can produce rip currents even with storms miles away from shore. Debby produced rip currents, prompting authorities to issue warnings on all area beaches. Rip currents can pull even strong swimmers away from shore.

## How to prepare

It's important to be ready well before tropical weather threatens. NHC experts advise residents to take the following actions.

- Determine your evacuation level. Visit [pinellascounty.org](http://pinellascounty.org).

- Determine a safe evacuation route inland and look for pet-friendly hotels if needed.

- Check emergency equipment, including flashlights, generators, battery-powered equipment such as cell phones and radios.

- Stock your hurricane kits with nonperishable food items and water to last at least five days for each person in your family. Don't forget prescription medications and first aid kits. Remember to include pets in your plans.

- Buy plywood or other material to protect your home if you don't have wind-resistant doors and windows.

- Trim trees and shrubbery so branches don't fly into your home or your neighbors.

- Clear clogged rain gutters and downspouts

- Decide where to move your boat if you own one

- Review insurance policies

## During a storm

Residents inside a watch area should stay tuned to the weather forecast. Gas up the vehicle and get it serviced if needed. Check to make sure you have sufficient cash. If a storm hits, machines that take debit or credit cards may not be working.

Prepare to cover windows and doors with shutters or other shielding materials. Check batteries, food, and water supplies in your hurricane kit. Bring in lightweight objects, such as garbage cans, garden tools, toys and lawn furniture.

When a watch upgrades to a warning, it is time to pay even closer attention to weather and news reports. Follow instructions from officials and be prepared to leave as soon as an evacuation order is given. Close shutters and make last minute preparations to either leave or stay according to your evacuation level. If you evacuate, take your pet if possible.

Residents who live in mobile homes, along the coastline or in areas prone to flooding should be ready to leave. If you plan to go to a shelter, be sure to take any medicines or prescriptions that you need, baby food and diapers, toiletries, a blanket or sleeping bag per person, a change of clothing, flashlights and extra batteries, identification, cash or credit card and important papers such as insurance policies, along with your extra set of car keys, cell phone, a radio, games and books.

If you plan to stay with friends and family, take extra food and water, along with all the items you would take to a shelter.

People who are staying at home should turn the refrigerator to maximum cold and keep it closed. Turn off utilities if officials so order. Turn off

propane tanks. Unplug small appliances. Fill the bathtub and large containers with water. Water stored in the tub can be used to flush toilets and for cleaning if needed. Do not drink tub water.

When winds become strong, stay away from windows and doors, even if they are covered. Take refuge in a small interior room, closet or hallway. Close all interior doors. Secure and brace external doors. People who live in a two-story home should take shelter in an interior room of the first floor.

People who live in a multi-story building and away from water should move to the first or second floor and stay in the halls or other interior rooms away from windows. Lie on the floor under a table or other sturdy object.

## After the storm

Keep tuned to weather and news reports. If you evacuated, wait until an area is declared safe before trying to return. Most beach communities will require special identification. Check with your city for more information.

Don't drive through flooded roadways and avoid bridges that could be weakened. Stay away from moving water, as well as standing water, which could be electrically charged by downed lines. Stay away from all downed electrical lines.

If your power is out, use flashlights or other battery-powered light sources. Do not use candles or open flames. Wear shoes to avoid cutting feet. Do not drink or prepare food with tap water until officials say it is safe.

## Making a plan

One of the most important preparedness tools is the emergency plan. Make sure everyone in your family, circle of friends and your employer knows where you plan to go in case of an emergency. Choose a friend or family member who lives out of state to work as a point of contact in case you are separated.

Learn basic safety measures, CPR and first aid, how to use a fire extinguisher and how and when to turn off water, gas and electricity to your home. Keep important documents in waterproof container. Keep a small emergency kit in your vehicle.

Review and practice your plan. Check batteries, food and water for expiration dates and replace when necessary. Food and water should be replaced every six months.

For more information, visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov), [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org), [www.weather.gov/safety.php](http://www.weather.gov/safety.php), [www.pinellascounty.org](http://www.pinellascounty.org) or [www.TBNweekly.com](http://www.TBNweekly.com) and look for the hurricane guide link on the left-side menu.

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## From the governor's office

### Governor signs bill to reform Citizens

TALLAHASSEE – Gov. Rick Scott signed Senate Bill 1770 into law May 29. The bill reforms the state's largest insurance company, Citizens Property Insurance Corporation, a taxpayer backed entity.

Scott said, "This legislation will bring much needed reforms to better protect the taxpayers who support Citizens Property Insurance. This legislation requires Citizens to have an Inspector General that they cannot fire, follow state purchasing guidelines, and disclose potential surcharges with each policy renewal notice. It also requires Citizens to implement a clearinghouse to ensure Floridians no longer subsidize those with private insurance options. Additionally, this law helps protect the environment by removing subsidies for new construction in environmentally sensitive coastal areas."

Scott said he would ask Chief Inspector General Melinda Miguel to immediately join with other Cabinet offices to begin a nationwide search for the new Citizens Inspector General, who will be accountable to the Cabinet and will not be an entity Citizens can fire, as they did with their old compliance officers.

"A strong Inspector General is needed to provide independent oversight at Citizens and to end the fraud, waste, and abuse which has plagued Citizens for too long," Scott said.

### Bill bans texting while driving

Gov. Rick Scott signed Senate Bill 52 into law at 1 p.m. May 28 during a press conference at a Miami high school. The new law goes into effect Oct. 1, making Florida the 40th state with a texting ban.

The new law bans texting while driving, and prohibits a person from manually typing or entering multiple letters, numbers, symbols or other characters into a wireless communications device. This includes text messaging, emailing and instant messaging through smart phones.

Motorists cannot be stopped just for texting and driving; however, if they are pulled over for speeding or another offense, such as careless driving, they can be ticketed for texting, which will be considered a non-moving violation with a fine of \$30 for a first-time offense. A second texting offense would cost \$60 and three points on an insurance policy.

### Governor signs bills protecting human trafficking victims

ST. PETERSBURG – Gov. Rick Scott signed two pieces of legislation May 30 at Drug Free America Foundation Inc. headquarters in St. Petersburg.

He also highlighted funding for the Department of Juvenile Justice, Florida Department of Children and Families and Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Scott signed House Bill 1325 and HB 1327 – bills intended to protect the privacy of victims of human trafficking.

Scott said, "As a father of two daughters and a grandfather, I take the health and safety of Florida's families seriously. We've made great progress in making our communities safer and FDLE recently reported that Florida is at a 42-year crime low, DCF also currently licenses three safe houses for human trafficking victims, with plans to add four more in the coming months."

"While these figures demonstrate that we are improving efforts to protect Florida families, the reality is that even one violent crime is too many. By signing these bills into law, we are continuing our commitment of protecting victims of abuse and making our communities even safer."

The state's 2013-2014 budget included critical issues for the Department of Juvenile Justice's Roadmap to System Excellence. The state Legislature approved all of the DJJ Roadmap budget priorities, including nearly \$11 million for prevention and diversion services.

The Florida Department of Children and Families began implementing the Safe Harbor Act in January. The act allows the state to treat victims of human trafficking as victims instead of criminals. A set of priority initiatives related to human trafficking will be announced by the end of the year.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Uniform Crime Report reported a decrease of violent and nonviolent crime. The 2013-2014 budget includes \$850,541 for 12 additional crime laboratory analyst positions to keep pace with increasing requests for DNA evidence analysis, and \$1.2 million to replace genetic analyzers to process DNA evidence.

Rep. Darryl Rouson said, "Protecting the victims of this heinous crime is an initiative supported by all members of the Legislature and the Governor. The attention that is being given to this issue will not only help current victims, but also protect future victims by preventing this crime from growing."



Photo by MEREDYTH HOPE HALL

From left, St. Petersburg Mayor Bill Foster and Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri watch as Gov. Rick Scott signs a bill into law May 30 at Drug Free America Foundation Inc. headquarters in St. Petersburg.

## Beach nourishment coming to Pinellas

By BOB McCLURE

ST. PETE BEACH – The scars left by Tropical Storm Debby a year ago are still very noticeable at Sunset Beach and Pass-A-Grille Beach.

But thanks to a \$37.5 million allotment from the Florida Legislature, both locations will be repaired this fall and Long Key will likely follow, Pinellas County Coastal Manager Andy Squires said May 29 at the monthly meeting of Barrier Islands Governmental Council.

"The Army Corps (of Engineers) plans to advertise (for a contractor) in July for Treasure Island," he said. "There's an option of putting Long Key on that. They can't say officially it's a project (from a federal funding perspective) but it looks like it's going to happen."

Squires said the county is hopeful of getting both beaches done, starting in September and taking about 45 days.

The current permit from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection is good for Sunshine Beach, Sunset Beach, Treasure Island and Upham Beach but does not include Pass-A-Grille.

"But we think (Pass-A-Grille) will be granted because of all the sand loss last year from Debby at Pass-A-Grille," Squires said.

Indian Shores Councilor Bill Smith, who represents the BIG-C on beach nourishment issues, said the Florida Legislature's recent \$37.5 million allotment for nourishment statewide is a big deal.

Smith said part of the Legislature's motivation for that much was so the state's share of federally available funds would be covered.

"The feds are providing funds for the recovery from Tropical Storm Debby on our side of the state and Sandy on the other side," he said.

Meantime, DEP has rewritten Rule 62-B-36, which sets the standard for state funding of public beach nourishment.

The types of public beach access are primary beach access, with at least 50 public parking spaces and public restrooms. Secondary beach access is a site that may have parking and amenities, but does not qualify as a primary beach access.

### Three appointed to Housing Authority

Gov. Rick Scott announced the appointment of Michael J. Guju and the reappointments of Angela Rouson and Alan L. Swartz to the Pinellas County Housing Authority May 31.

All three terms began May 31.

Guju, 53, of Palm Harbor, is the president of Guju Law Firm. He succeeds Charles Samaha. His term ends Dec. 1, 2016.

Rouson, 46, of St. Petersburg, is the marketing coordinator for Bayfront Health Systems. She is reappointed for a term ending Nov. 29, 2015.

Swartz, 54, of Pinellas Park, is a certified public accountant at Swartz and Company P.A. He is reappointed for a term ending Jan. 10, 2015.

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# St. Pete-Clearwater kicks off summer promotional campaign

By SUZETTE PORTER

Get ready to rock! St. Pete-Clearwater kicked off its 2013 summer campaign on Memorial Day.

Where Summer Rocks is the theme for this year's 100 Days of Summer – a multi-tiered promotion designed to celebrate everything that rocks about the St. Petersburg-Clearwater area.

"Each summer we like to take it up a notch and reveal more of our local treasures," said David Downing, deputy director for Visit St. Pete/Clearwater, which markets Pinellas County's tourism offerings all over the world.

This year's promotion includes a list of Where Summer Rocks fun facts, including:

- In 1961, The Doors front man Jim Morrison did a stint at St. Pete Junior College.
  - In 1965, The Rolling Stones penned their classic "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction" in a Clearwater hotel room after a riot at Jack Russell Stadium.
  - In February 1977, Elvis Presley rocked St. Pete's Bayfront Center so hard he broke his guitar strap – then handed his guitar to a stunned fan in the front row.
  - In 2006, British super-group Coldplay shot their "The Hardest Part" video on a makeshift stage in downtown St. Pete.
  - In 2007, country superstar Carrie Underwood filmed her lush, black-and-white "Wasted" video at Fort De Soto Park.
- And the rock continues today!

## Locals take over

Summer is a time when more locals head to those places that attract visitors to the St. Petersburg-Clearwater area – the beaches, hotels, restaurants, bars and more.

Downing said about 40 percent of the area's total annual visitors come to the area during the summer. Many of those visitors are from the local area or other parts of Florida. Summertime visitors contribute

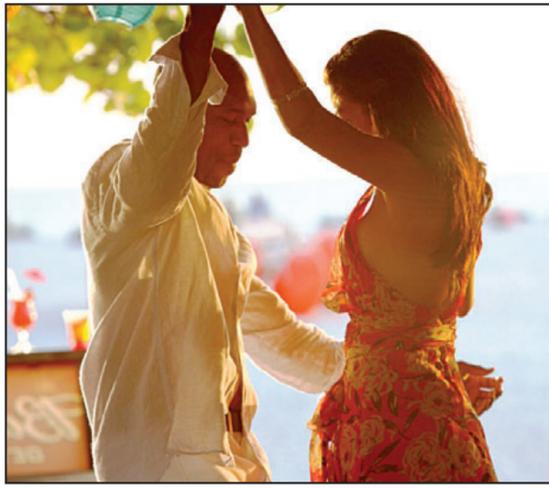


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Dancing to the beat of the band is just one of the many rockin' fun times visitors can enjoy in St. Petersburg-Clearwater.

an estimated \$1.68 billion in economic impact.

And the numbers are growing. Summertime visitation to St. Pete-Clearwater has grown by 13 percent since 2010, Downing said. It's the perfect time to visit, summer lodging rates average 23 percent less than rates offered in March – the peak of the season.

As of early April, bed tax receipts were up 11 percent over 2012, which was a record setting year.

"We're hitting our stride," Downing said.

He said people were tired of being worried about the economy and deciding it is time to take a vacation.

"People travel by plane nine hours to get here, but for the locals, St. Pete-Clearwater and all it has to offer is an easy trip," he said.

Tourism is good for the local economy. Bed taxes pay for much that locals enjoy every day, including Tropicana Field and other baseball stadiums. Bed tax money pays for nourishment of county beaches. And the money visitors pump into the state's economy allows the locals to pay fewer taxes, Downing said.

"Tourism pays for tourism," Downing said. "It's the reason we have no state taxes. Tourism adds to what comes in from sales tax and bed tax."

## 100 Days of Summer

The promotion runs through Labor Day Weekend and includes a day-by-day calendar of "the coolest things to see and do for the whole family all summer long," Downing said.

Plus, there's a "smokin' grand prize" – a Rock Star Getaway to St. Pete-Clearwater, complete with a weeklong stay in a luxury waterfront hotel, round-trip airfare, concert tickets, limo transportation to and from the concert, spa treatment for two, a photo shoot, shopping spree and more.

The winner gets to choose from three hotels – Sandpearl Resort, Renaissance Vinoy Resort or Loews Don CeSar Hotel.

To enter and for more information, visit [www.visitstpeteclearwater.com/wheresummerrocks](http://www.visitstpeteclearwater.com/wheresummerrocks).

The big prize isn't the only chance to win a rockin' summertime prize. Weekly prizes will be given via social media channels, including YouTube, Facebook and Instagram, where visitors can relay how they "rocked St. Pete-Clearwater with their very own 'Rockumentary,'" Downing said.

"We just want everyone to know how hip the local area is and have a little fun," Downing said. "Escape the heat and humidity and enjoy our Gulf breezes."

For more information, go to [visitstpeteclearwater.com](http://visitstpeteclearwater.com).

## Briefs

### iThai & Sushi opens

LARGO – iThai & Sushi recently opened its doors at 11002 Seminole Blvd.

Owned by Peter Kongthungmon, the new restaurant features Thai cuisine and Japanese sushi. Diners will find dishes such as shrimp tempura, mango curry, soft shell crab and pad Thai. All

entrees are cooked to order. No MSG is used in cooking.

iThai & Sushi is open Monday through Thursday, lunch from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and dinner 4:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Friday, lunch from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and dinner 4:30 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 10 p.m.; and Sunday, 4:30 to 9:30 p.m.

### Largo Medical earns award

LARGO – Largo Medical Center recently received the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines – Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award. The award recognizes Largo Medical

Center's commitment and success in implementing excellent care for stroke patients, according to evidence-based guidelines.

To receive the award, Largo Medical Center achieved 85 percent or higher adherence to all Get With The Guidelines – Stroke Quality Achievement indicators for two or more consecutive 12-

month intervals and achieved 75 percent or higher compliance with six of 10 Get With The Guidelines – Stroke Quality Measures, which are reporting initiatives to measure quality of care.

"With a stroke, time lost is brain lost, and the Get With The Guidelines – Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award demonstrates Largo Medical Center's commitment to being one of the top hospitals in the area for providing aggressive, proven stroke care," said Anthony Degina in a press release. Degina is the chief executive officer at Largo Medical Center. "We will continue with our focus on providing care that has been shown in the scientific literature to quickly and efficiently treat stroke patients with evidence-based protocols."

According to the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, stroke is one of the leading causes of death and serious, long-term disability in the United States. On average, someone suffers a stroke every 40 seconds; someone dies of a stroke every four minutes; and 795,000 people suffer a new or recurrent stroke each year.

"The time is right for Largo Medical Center to be focused on improving the quality of stroke care by implementing Get With The Guidelines – Stroke," said Brenda Simpson, RN, chief nursing officer, Largo Medical Center. "The number of acute ischemic stroke patients eligible for treatment is expected to grow over the next decade due to increasing stroke incidence and a large aging population."

### Greystar leasing Elan Gateway

ST. PETERSBURG – Greystar recently completed the first phase of construction and has started leasing apartment homes at Elan Gateway in St. Petersburg.

The 240-unit, Class-A apartment community is in the Gateway area at 11800 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St.

"We are delighted to welcome residents to Elan Gateway Apartments," said Darin Rothers in a press release. Rothers is the regional property manager for Greystar. "The community's thoughtful design captures the essence of St. Pete's charm and the area's beautiful natural surroundings."

The community offers one and two-bedroom apartment homes ranging in size from 733 to 1,205 square feet of living space. Interior finishes include granite countertops in the kitchens and

baths, designer tile kitchen backsplashes, custom cabinetry and wood-style plank flooring. Floor plans incorporate features such as built-in bookcases, gourmet kitchens, 10-foot ceilings, oversized windows, garden tubs, full-size washers and dryers and screened patios.

Elan Gateway is being developed and professionally managed by Greystar and will include a community clubhouse, wellness center and yoga studio, resident business center, gourmet coffee bar and billiards room.

An open house is scheduled for June. For information, visit [www.ElanGateway.com](http://www.ElanGateway.com).

### Area veterinarians operate on tiger

Dr. Mike Reems, a board-certified surgeon from BluePearl Veterinary Partners and Dr.

Don Woodman, owner of Animal Hospital of Northwood in Safety Harbor, recently performed surgery to remove a 4-pound, feline, fur ball from a tiger.

The 17-year-old tiger named Ty underwent the procedure Wednesday afternoon at BluePearl Veterinary Partners specialty and emergency hospital in Clearwater. Ty was initially brought in Monday to see BluePearl internal medicine specialist, Dr. Brian Luria, after the tiger had not eaten for a little under two weeks.

Luria performed an ultrasound and took X-rays before using a scope with a camera to determine the problem, which appeared to be a giant hairball. Due to the size of the hairball, it was not possible to retrieve the obstruction using the scope, and surgery was selected as the preferred method.

Woodman and Reems, successfully removed the hairball, which weighed in at a little more than four pounds.

"I'm just extremely thankful for the help Dr. Woodman, Dr. Reems and the staff at BluePearl provided," said Vernon Yates in a press release. Yates is the founder of Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Inc., the organization who takes care of Ty.

### Furth joins Synovus Bank

ST. PETERSBURG – Kenneth G. Furth recently joined Synovus Bank of Florida's commercial real estate lending team as vice president and senior commercial real estate lender.

Furth is based at the Westshore banking center in Tampa and will work with commercial clients and prospects across the division's seven-county footprint of Pinellas, Hillsborough, Pasco, Sarasota, Manatee, Lee, and Collier counties.

Furth has more than 30 years of experience in the financial services industry, including commercial real estate lending, residential lending, special asset and credit management. Most recently, he held the position of vice president and loan adjuster for the credit management group of Wells Fargo Bank in Tampa.

Furth earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Florida State University in Tallahassee.

### HomeBanc names branch manager

ST. PETERSBURG – Tampa-based HomeBancorp Inc. has named Margaret Peña as officer, retail branch manager for HomeBanc's Plaza office in St. Petersburg.

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## Paw prints

### Animal Services promotes cat adoption

Pinellas County Animal Services and shelters across the county are inundated with litters of kittens during the spring and summer months.

The month of June is dedicated to promoting cat adoption, in hopes that this will reduce the number of unsterile feline pets in Pinellas County.

As part of the Adopt a Shelter Cat Month special, \$5 rabies vaccinations with the purchase of a license will be available on Thursdays, 1 to 4 p.m. The adoption fee in June for cats will be reduced to \$25 during normal shelter adoption hours. The fee includes medical checkup, spaying/neutering, vaccinations, internal and external parasite control, heartworm testing and feline leukemia testing and microchipping. The required Pinellas County license is also provided.

Pinellas County Animal Services is at 12450 Ulmert Road in Largo.

Visit [www.pinellascounty.org/animalservices](http://www.pinellascounty.org/animalservices), or call 582-2600. The lost and found pets hotline is 582-2604.

### Humane Society to present seminar

CLEARWATER – The Humane Society of Pinellas will welcome Dr. Sherry Zenor, feline veterinarian and behavior specialist, for a special cat behavior seminar.

The seminar – Cats in the Doghouse – will be presented Saturday, June 8, 11 a.m., at the Humane Society of Pinellas, 3040 State Road 590.

Tickets are \$10 a person. Those who preregister will have a chance to receive free behavior advice. Zenor will address specific behavior issues for selected pre-registrants.

Tickets are available at [HumaneSocietyofPinellas.org](http://HumaneSocietyofPinellas.org). Space is limited.

### Florida Poodle Rescue sponsors lectures

ST. PETERSBURG – Dog lovers

around the county will have an opportunity to learn more about their best friends during a series of health and wellness lectures sponsored by Florida Poodle Rescue.

The first seminar will be presented Saturday, June 22, and will feature Dr. Javier Vicente, owner of Haines Road Animal Hospital in St. Petersburg. Vicente will talk about how to keep dogs healthy and happy.

Seminars will take place in the education center at Countouritis Surgical Center, 5600 22nd St. N.

The once-a-quarter lecture series, which is free to the public, will feature animal experts discussing everything from health care, to behavior, to training and exercise. Along with valuable information on keeping their dogs healthy, visitors will get an opportunity to ask the experts questions on the lecture series presented that day.

Seating is limited and registration is required.

To register, call 209-7614 or email [fprevents@gmail.com](mailto:fprevents@gmail.com).

The series is offered by Florida Poodle Rescue, a nonprofit, all volunteer organization founded in 1994.

### HSP calendar contest is underway

The Humane Society of Pinellas is seeking contestants for its 2014 Celebration of Companionship Calendar Contest.

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# Church awards scholarships to LHS students

INDIAN ROCKS BEACH - The Church of the Isles in Indian Rocks Beach awarded nine LHS Madrigal Singers \$1,000 each May 12 for participating in their choral program this past school year.

The \$9,000 in scholarships were made possible through a grant from the Church of the Isles Endowment Fund, namely the Heritage Fund, and the church looks forward to many of them returning next school year to once again enjoy the addition of their voices to the choir.

Four students are using the monies for college, and the other five are using it to help pay for their trip to Europe this summer, where they will perform in cathedrals and churches in Austria.



From left are Largo High Madrigal Singers Tristan Brockwell, Kara Sikora, Megan Pullen, David Hullen, David Nelson, Charlie Tsai, Haley Lehmann, Alyssa Madden and Alex Smith.

# Gulf Coast Giving schedules 'Party with a Passion'

ST. PETERSBURG - Gulf Coast Giving's annual fundraising event, Winter Wonderland, will be held Nov. 22, 8 p.m., at NOVA 535 Unique Event Space.

Proceeds from the masquerade-themed event will benefit Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County and Habitat for Humanity Sarasota.

Winter Wonderland 2013 features cocktails, cuisine, dancing, and captivating entertainment. Guests are encouraged to wear masquerade masks and dress to impress. The event includes chance prize items and a silent auction that offers fine dining experiences, one-of-a-kind memorabilia, fine art, weekend getaways, pampering spa packages, and much more.

"Party with a Passion," the event's slogan, emphasizes Winter Wonderland 2013's dedication to all the elements of an entertaining event.

"Winter Wonderland uncovers what makes an incredible party and shows how to 'party with a passion,'" said Jessica Moody-Shafer, Gulf Coast Giving's director of operations, in a press release. "It is an event devoted to promoting a strong sense of community and the spirit of

giving." Winter Wonderland tickets can be purchased online at [www.GulfCoastGiving.org/party](http://www.GulfCoastGiving.org/party), or [www.DaddyKoolTickets.com](http://www.DaddyKoolTickets.com). For more information, visit [www.GulfCoastGiving.org/party](http://www.GulfCoastGiving.org/party).

Combined, the two Habitat for Humanity affiliates have provided safe housing for more than 1,500 children, leading to a positive effect on education and health for children. Proper IT equipment, tools, and training help maximize the efforts of organizations like Habitat for Humanity.

The Winter Wonderland party is an annual fundraising event that raises money for a notable nonprofit organization each year in the Tampa Bay area. The party's beneficiary may change year to year, but the main mission remains. Gulf Coast Giving, the host of the event, focuses on providing nonprofit organizations with IT equipment and training needed to keep pace in a modern world.

Gulf Coast Giving is at 12597 Walsingham Road, Suite 2, Largo. For more information, call 517-3839 or visit [www.GulfCoastGiving.org](http://www.GulfCoastGiving.org).

## Community briefs

### Clothes To Kids needs young boys' and girls' clothes

CLEARWATER Clothes To Kids, a nonprofit organization that provides free clothing to low-income children in Pinellas County, is low on summer clothing and is requesting boys' and girls' short-sleeved shirts and shorts.

Clothes To Kids needs boys' shorts, sizes 6 to 16, and medium, large and extra large boys' shirts. The organization also needs girls' shorts, sizes 7 to 12; girls' pants, sizes 7 and 8; and girls' short-sleeved shirts in all sizes.

Clothing donations are accepted Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at

1059 Hercules Ave. and 3251 Third Avenue N., Suite 145.

For more information, call 441-5050.

### Health fair to offer free exams for children

CLEARWATER Several Clearwater civics clubs will sponsor a free health fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 20, at the Long Center at 1501 N. Belcher Road.

The event will host several free medical services to ages 6 months to 19 years old, such as: immunizations, school physicals, sports cardiovascular screening, dental

exams, hearing exams, vision screenings, spine and scoliosis exams, safety and 2-1-1 information and a hot dog lunch.

For more information, call 210-4211 or send an email to [djw@gte.net](mailto:djw@gte.net).

### Vendors wanted for flea market

KENNETH CITY - The Kenneth City Social Club is looking for vendors for its Sept. 21 annual flea market, which will be held Sept. 21, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Vendors may contact chairman Dick Laneau at 345-4323 or [dicklaneau05@gmail.com](mailto:dicklaneau05@gmail.com) to reserve space at \$10 each.

# Family-friendly Duck Derby set for June 22

By TOM GERMOND

DUNEDIN - For this competitive event, it's hard for organizers to have their ducks in a row. That's because the ducks are rubber and don't seem to have a sense of direction.

The second Dunedin Duck Derby will be held Saturday, June 22, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Weaver Park.

In the race, presented by the Dunedin Historical Museum, legions of rubber ducks will be put into the sound at Weaver Park, and, with the help of kayakers, they will float in the water along three-quarters of the length of the park's dock.

As in last year's derby, people will pay a fee, \$5 for one and \$12 for three, to sponsor a rubber ducks, which are assigned numbers. Then it's up to lady luck. Cash prizes are awarded to people whose ducks finish first, second and third, \$200, \$100 and \$50 respectively.

Prizes also include tickets to local venues. "We are trying to put up to 1,000 ducks in the water this year," said Lauren Sherbuk, Dunedin Historical Museum administrative assistant.

"Every duck is named and numbered. They all have their own names starting with a D," she said, "which was a fun project."

The race is under 30 minutes and will start between 11:30 a.m. and noon. The distance is three-quarters of the length of the dock at Weaver Park, about a 120-yard race.

The event was spurred by museum Director Vincent Luisi's visit to Long Island while he was on a vacation.

"I was going down one of the small communities on the eastern end of Long Island. It was Fourth of July weekend, and I saw this sign that said, 'Pick a duck and watch it swim' or something and I actually stopped and watched the race. I saw it and I thought what a novel idea that not too many places down here do that," Luisi said.

Through the Internet, he learned that South Carolina was among the few places that have such events.

"The only other place that really had it was Safety Harbor. Dunedin had nothing like this," Luisi said.

He envisioned the event as a way to identify the museum with a distinctive fundraiser "that no one else has ever tried."

"With Dunedin Duck Derby we had the three Ds," he said. The event also includes a duck pond, which features 200 numbered rubber ducks.

"We have 10 to 12 special prizes and you pick a number in that pond, and if we pull your duck out, you win one of those prizes like a family package to MOSI, a package to the Lowry Park Zoo, box tickets for the Rays' games, dinner at Bon Appetit," he said.

The cost is \$10 a duck. Luisi hopes the family-oriented event to be an annual fundraiser for the museum.

The event also includes vendors, music, games, food and drinks. A children's corner will have games that are duck-oriented, such as tic-tac-duck and toss-a-duck. The Dunedin Blue Jays will have the team's mascot on hand.

Proceeds will help sponsor the museum's exhibits as well as children's programs and other activities.

"We do have several locations to buy your ducks," Luisi said. Those include the Dunedin Public Library, the Candy Bar, the Dunedin Community Center, the Dunedin Chamber of Commerce and the Dunedin Historical Museum. Sponsors are given a card which provides them with the name of the duck they sponsored.

On the day before the race, June 21, the only place to buy the ducks are at the museum. Then they will be available at the park on June 22.

Call the museum at 736-1176 or send an email to [info@dunedinmuseum.org](mailto:info@dunedinmuseum.org).

Perhaps the hardest work in running the event has been done - naming all the ducks starting with the letter "D."

"I spent one long night writing up a lot of names," Luisi said.

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# Summer fun in Pinellas County that won't break the bank

As we get ready for the summer, I love to find fun stuff to do with the kids that's inexpensive and sometimes even educational.



**Mom 2 Mom**  
Kadi Hendricks  
Tubbs

My kids love to go to the movies and during the summer, kid's movies are \$1 at the Regal movie theatres and the Regal Summer Express. The different movies are shown for two weeks on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m. starting June 11. Some of the movies include "Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked," "Rio," "Parental Guidance" and "Happy Feet Too." The movies are rated both G and PG.

This summer, bowling is free for kids, part of the Kids Bowl for Free program. You register your kids online at [www.kidsbowlforfree.com](http://www.kidsbowlforfree.com), and each week you will receive tickets for your kids to bowl two free games a day. If you don't have bowling shoes, you will need to pay to rent the shoes. Otherwise it is free. You can't beat that.

Our family has participated in the past few years, and my girls have become quite the bowlers. Bowling alleys across the United States participate. In Pinellas County the lanes you can bowl for free are:

- Twedt's Bowling Center in Largo, call 581-4102
- Ten Pin Lanes in St. Petersburg, call 381-1010.

Don't forget to register. You must have your ticket.

We also enjoy going to the library. The library is free of course, and I found that my kids really enjoy looking at books, ever since I started taking them at a young age.

During the summer, most libraries offer special events for the kids. In the Seminole Library, the program is called Wonderful Wednesdays and involved special guests who come to the library and do shows for the kids.

When you are at the library, pick up the Reading with the Rays game card. If your child reads 24 hours this summer, they can get a free regular season home game ticket. My girls have done this the past two years, and we have a blast at the games.

The Barnes and Noble bookstore also encourages reading. Their summer reading program offers your child a free book for reading any eight books during the summer and recording them in a reading journal. This program goes until Sept. 3.

We live in Florida, so the beach is a perfect place to relax and take the kids for a swim. We forget sometimes how nice the beach is and how beautiful it is.

Something else we have a lot of in Pinellas County

are parks. Some have playgrounds and some have trails.

My favorite for taking my kids to is the bike trail at Lake Seminole Park, at 10015 Park Blvd. in Seminole. The park is 250 acres and is designated as a wildlife habitat and sanctuary. The park's trail is 2 miles and winds through the flatwoods. We've seen eagles and tortoises out there.

Another great place is the Boca Ciega Millennium Park at 12410 74th Ave. N. in Seminole. This park has a 35-foot observation tower that looks over Boca Ciega Bay. To get to the tower, you walk on a beautiful boardwalk. The natural surroundings are so peaceful and relaxing. And if you or your kids enjoy taking wildlife photos, this is a picture-perfect place. The park also has a covered playground to provide shade, which is nice when it is so hot outside.

Did you know there are free water parks around Pinellas? In Dunedin, you can find a beautiful park called the Kiwanis Sprayground at 1937 Ed Eckert Drive. This is an interactive 3,000-square-foot water playground open daily, 9 a.m. to sunset. There is also free sprayground at Dell Holmes Park in St. Petersburg at 2741 22nd St. S.

If you're willing to spend a few dollars, you can enjoy the aquatic centers at some of the city recreation facilities. Largo's Highland Family Aquatic Center just went under major renovations and will have a re-grand opening on June 2. This facility has waterslides and much more.

I have to add fishing to the list of things to do with your kids. My girls just started fishing this past year with my husband and love it. You can find quite a few places to go fishing all over Pinellas County, but have you taken your kids to the longest fishing pier in the world? That's right, the south Skyway State Fishing Pier is the longest.

The price to fish for kids is \$2. Kids ages 5 and younger are free.

You do have to pay \$4 per vehicle and adults are \$4. But the experience is a lot of fun. There's just something magical when kids catch fish.

I know the summer can be long at times, especially if you have kids that are on the go and most of us do. But hopefully, you can use at least a few of these ideas to make your summer enjoyable and affordable.

Kadi Hendricks Tubbs, mother of two girls ages 7 and 8, lives in Seminole. Visit her blog at [Mom2MomFamilyFun.blogspot.com](http://Mom2MomFamilyFun.blogspot.com).

## Webbs celebrate 70th anniversary

Joe and Emma Webb will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on June 10, 2013.

Joe and Emma met as children and by the time they were in high school, they were sweethearts. Joe went into the Army Air Corps when World War II started and it was during his leave on June 10, 1943, that he and Emma were wed in their hometown of Swissvale, Pa. Before the war was over, the couple was stationed in South Carolina, Georgia and Lakeland. Joe was sent to Iwo Jima and they became parents to their first

of five healthy children.

Joe and Emma settled in Pittsburgh, to raise their growing family. Joe supported the family as a structural draftsman and a stockbroker while Emma served as CEO at home and served in many community groups.

After one too many northern winters in Monroeville, Pa., Joe and Emma moved to Largo in 1977.

Joe and Emma are parents to five, grandparents to 11 and great-grandparents to 11.



Joe and Emma Webb

## Faith briefs

### Christian Women's Club to host luncheon

CLEARWATER - The Clearwater Christian Women's Club is hosting its monthly luncheon on Wednesday, June 12, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the Cove Cay Country Club at 2612 Cove Cay Drive.

Floyd Green will play accordion music and Bret Ullery will host a demonstration on how to raise orchids. Jo Gordon will share an inspirational message.

All women are welcome to attend. The luncheon costs \$17 and registration is required. Call 791-8762 or 330-7109 by Saturday, June 7.

### Hope Presbyterian Church hosts vacation Bible school

CLEARWATER - Registration is underway for Everywhere Fun Fair vacation Bible school running June 17-21, 9 a.m. to noon, at Hope Presbyterian Church, 1698 S. Belcher Road.

There is no cost to the community. Children ages preschool through fifth grade are welcome. After care can be purchased through Extreme Youth Sports summer camp at a discounted price and will be provided on site.

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Every morning I watch the children in my neighborhood cascade down the streets to catch a big yellow taxi to school. They speed-walk, sometimes skip, with undeniable posture; standing tall from the weight of fat backpacks hugging their petite shoulders. We all know where they're going. But do you ever stop to wonder what they go home to?



**As I See It**  
Susan Rolston

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Pinellas County helps children reach their full potential, despite the daily adversity they face. We serve children who often reside in single-parent homes, live with a grandparent/relative caregiver and have incarcerated parents. The program 100 Men in 100 Days, beginning June 1st through September 8th, was created to recruit male volunteers for the overwhelming abundance of boys on our waiting list.

Currently, only one-third of volunteer inquiries come from men. There are 188 children on our waiting list, 127 of them are boys. The need for male volunteers is consistent. That's why we would like to propose a challenge to all men in our community: Man up and be a mentor.

Big Brothers Big Sisters is the nation's largest donor and volunteer supported network, making meaningful, monitored matches between adult volunteers ("Bigs") and children ("Littles"), ages 6 through 18, locally in Pinellas, Citrus and Hernando counties. We are confident our mentoring program works, because we measure the success of our evidence-based outcomes annually.

The belief in our mission by others in the community speaks volumes for the work we do. Recently, the agency was selected as a finalist for Tampa Bay Business Journal's 2013 Nonprofit of the Year.

Here's the bottom line; there are 744 hours in the average month, it only takes 4 to be a Big Brother. We urge you to sign up to be a part of our mentoring movement. Call us today at 518-8860 or visit our website [www.bbbspc.org](http://www.bbbspc.org) to learn more about becoming a Big Brother.

You don't have to stop your world to be a part of theirs. Make an impact on the life of a child today.

Susan Rolston is chief executive officer for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Pinellas County

## LETTERS

### Editorial shows lack of knowledge

Re: "Ruling sensible on term limits," TBN editorial, May 30-31.

**Editor:**

As a new reader, I enjoy the exchange of views. It is always a mental game of chess when you see or read something you disagree on and therefore want to tell an editor that your opinion of his opinion is different. Fully understanding, that the gentleman can come back and state that it is his paper and if you do not like it then lump it. That does not deter me nor does it make me any less determined not to change my thoughts unless a true and absolute reason can be provided. This editorial would not have done that.

However, when I read an editorial such as written I wonder if the gentleman lived either in Africa and was raised among the ostriches, where they stick their heads in the earth when they do not want to see what is really there or does not understand the value of a vote by the majority rule concept and in this particular case 73 percent or more technically 237,000 individuals who had their vote stolen by these four individuals. It is just that simple but sometimes clarity is hard to see and/or believe.

However, the writer undoubtedly did not do his homework and therefore it reflects his absolute lack of knowledge or maybe he does not believe his vote and, yes, I think if an individual is voted in by a majority even though I do not particularly like that individual, I will abide by majority rule and attempt to overthrow the government and/or that particular politician at the next legal vote.

**H. Patrick Wheeler**  
Palm Harbor

### Support the ERA

Re: "Make it a better world," by Eilleen Nece, letter to the editor, May 23.

**Editor:**

I so agree, Eilleen. In fact, we are working concertedly on stopping this cruel societal epidemic (sex discrimination). It's pervasive even in the military, as you probably know.

We advocate hard and long for women's protection before the Florida Legislature, six other states and the U.S. House and Senate. Did you know that passing the Equal Rights Amendment is a reignited fast-growing national movement? Our ERA Education corporation advocates for free for you and all for gender-equal treatment, male and female alike. Just that American females get the brunt of sex discrimination. Passing the ERA into the U.S. Constitution would make sex discrimination such as you describe, and other kinds, a violation of the U.S. Constitution in many cases.

Surprisingly nothing else really does that yet.

No one needs to stay frustrated, angry and afraid. Anyone can learn about what our National ERA Alliance does for them and how to participate if desired: [www.2PassERA.org](http://www.2PassERA.org). Questions answered at [SandyO@PassERA.org](mailto:SandyO@PassERA.org). There are more than 300,000 of us as just one of the many ERA organizations across the nation.

**Sandy Oestreich**  
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## About the cartoonist

John Deering is chief editorial cartoonist for the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, the state's largest newspaper. Winner of the National Press Foundation's 1997 Berryman Award, Deering also gained top honors in the 1994 national John Fischetti Cartoon Competition and was the seven-time winner of the Arkansas Press Association's Best Editorial Cartoonist award. Born in 1956 in Little Rock, Deering has been drawing since his childhood fascination with science fiction and dinosaurs. He and his wife, Kathy, have a daughter and two sons, and live in Little Rock. He still draws dinosaurs.

# The advent of all things plastic

A famous scene in the 1967 movie "The Graduate" shows a well-meaning older friend advising the recent college graduate Ben (Dustin Hoffman) of a career path to follow. His one-word counsel: "Plastics."

Ben didn't follow the man's suggestion, but many other people did. Today we are approaching the time when almost every object we buy, large or small, is encased in some form of plastic. And it may drive sensitive souls like me crazy before we're done.

I've begun reading a novel by John Sandford. When I read, I often snack. Today I put down the novel long enough to arm myself with some crackers and hummus. Before I could dip into the newly purchased hummus, I had to open the plastic container it came in. Years ago you just lifted off the lid; it was a tight but manageable fit, and it seemed to keep out all known diseases. But today the lid is further sealed with an almost invisible ring of paper-thin plastic. This requires me to find a knife with a potentially lethal point slender enough to be inserted under the plastic ring to pop it loose. The ring is clear and colorless; my eyes are old. It took me several minutes and many curses to find and slice the #0!! ring.

Why are such additional rings necessary? Are there terrorists out there ready to insert ricin in every jar of food? And why isn't the food industry consistent with its plastic? The hummus had a ring, but a big jar of applesauce I opened on the same day did not. Its white top was plastic, but it easily unscrewed. Who decides these things?

Today's electronic gadgets should come with a huge "DANGER" label attached, because of the risk you take when you attempt to break open the rugged plastic casing that surrounds the mice, flash drives, plugs and cords you must have to make your computer



**Driver's Seat**  
Bob Driver

work. To open these objects I have used butcher knives, heavy-duty scissors and screwdrivers. Just one slip of the hand can bring a wound of epic proportions, with memorable bloodletting. But do the manufacturers of these attachments worry about that? Obviously not.

I hear all sorts of alarms about global warming, but I seldom hear an objection to the increase of plastic in our lives. Except for fishermen and other wildlifers. Every day they see what plastic trash does to fish, pelicans, herons and other creatures that ingest or get fatally entangled in the stuff that thoughtless slobbs toss into the water from their docks or boats.

Efforts to recycle products made of paper and other materials have increased in recent years, but most forms of plastic cannot be recycled. Their ultimate destination is often a landfill. If civilization endures long enough, most of the world's people will one day live on top of a landfill.

Our love affair with plastic may bring other changes. Here are a few possibilities: **PLASTIC-WRAPPED NEWBORNS.** Medical scientists will find a way to wrap a fetus in plastic during the fifth month of pregnancy. This will ensure that the baby faces fewer biological dangers at the moment of birth.

**PLASTIC KISSES.** In their early courtship as they kiss, men and women will cover

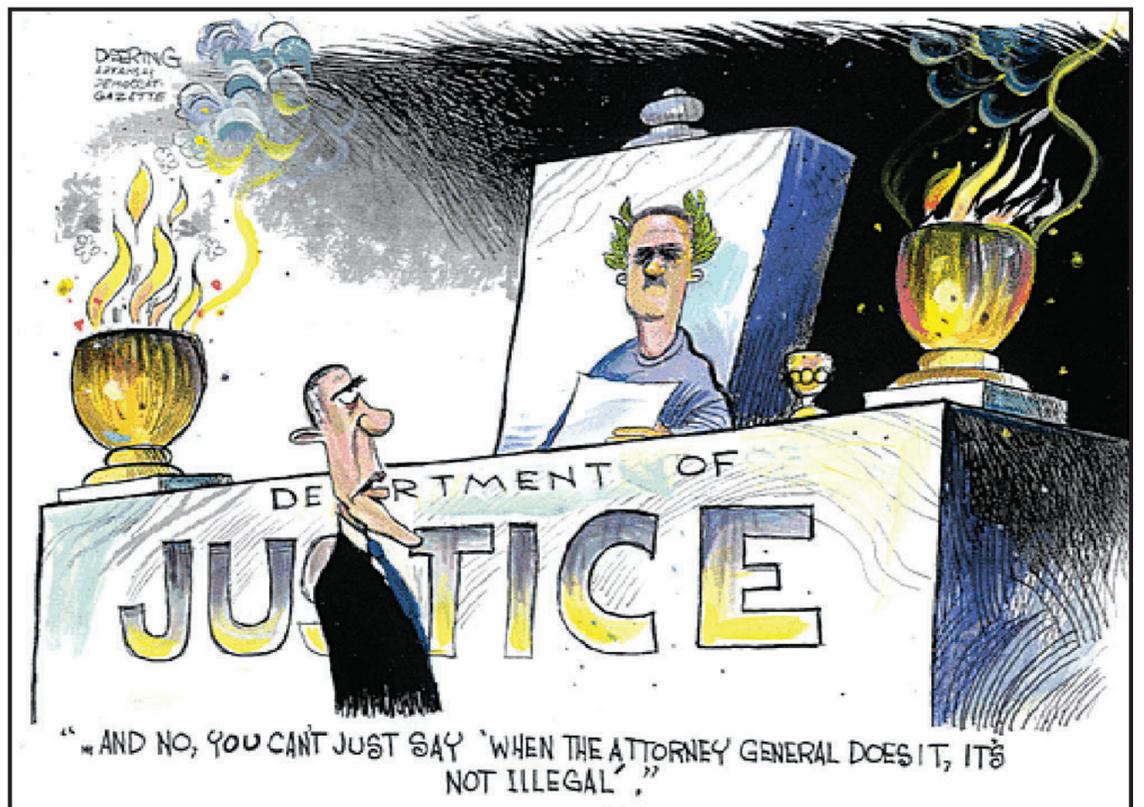
their lips in plastic to ward off contamination, real or imagined. As true love and commitment emerge between a couple, they will discard their plastic lip covers and smooch bareback, or bare-lipped. It will be known as plastic-free osculation.

**MOST FLOWERS WILL BE PLASTIC.** As technology advances, plastic flowers will become even more lovely and desirable than nature's own. The plastic blooms will be imbued with appropriate odors, and will last for weeks. They will cost less than real flowers, whose prices will skyrocket.

**FAKE DIAMONDS.** Plastics scientists will eventually learn to make jewelry that is just as brilliant and enduring as diamonds. Not even professional jewelers will be able to tell the difference. The day will come when people will scoff at the old show business tune, "Diamonds are a girl's best friend." The new slogan will be "Plastic is forever."

Okay, enough griping for today. Although I do bemoan the increasing, almost promiscuous use of plastic as a universal sealant, I must acknowledge this truth: without the discovery and development of plastic, our lives would be primitive beyond recognition. In the small city of Leominster, Mass., about 40 miles west of Boston, the National Plastics Museum stands as a monument to the blessings that plastic - in a thousand different ways - has made possible. In medicine, alone, plastic devices have saved and extended countless lives. Sadly, the museum is now closed; most Americans would rather be entertained than well informed. Still, plastic will remain a dominant factor in our culture, whether as heart valves or coffee spoons.

Bob Driver is a former columnist and editorial page editor for the Clearwater Sun. Send him an email at [tralee71@comcast.net](mailto:tralee71@comcast.net).



# Dole's lament: No caucus for old men

On Sunday, Fox News' Chris Wallace spoon-fed former GOP Sen. Bob Dole one of the media's favorite questions: Could Ronald Reagan - or Dole - make it in today's Republican Party? "I doubt it," Dole answered. "Reagan wouldn't have made it. Certainly, (Richard) Nixon couldn't have made it, because he had ideas. We might have made it, but I doubt it."

Thus were born cable news segments, Beltway follow-up pieces and a New York Times editorial titled "The Wisdom of Bob Dole." What does it say about the news industry when a guy who's about to turn 90 says the Senate worked better when he was in charge - and that he got respect within his party - and that interview makes news? O media. O mores.

Alas, that's how you make quick-turnaround news these days: by recycling stale myths memorialized on camera.

On MSNBC on Tuesday, former Republican Sen. Olympia Snowe was asked about Dole's statement. Of course, Snowe answered that the GOP will "have to rethink their approach." "Rethink their approach" would be yawn-inducing words in a vanilla factory. Yet they rated stories (with video) on Politico's website and The Huffington Post.

What's wrong with this picture?

1) It wrongly presumes that Reagan could not win a GOP primary today, presumably because rigid conservatives won't nominate anyone who can work across the aisle. That reasoning ignores the fact that last year, Republican primary voters nominated Mitt Romney, the former Massachusetts governor who gave his state Romneycare. Four



**Debra Saunders**

years earlier, they gave the nod to John McCain, the senator from Arizona who pushed for a bill to grant citizenship to immigrants

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in the country illegally - formerly known in the San Francisco Chronicle and AP style-books as "illegal immigrants."

2) Dole isn't exactly the exemplar of what's good for the GOP. He won the nomination in 1996 because he had stood in line better than his rivals, but then he proceeded to lose big. To lament that Dole couldn't succeed in the GOP today is analogous to lamenting that Jimmy Carter couldn't win a Democratic nomination - as if that's a bad thing.

3) Nixon?

4) The minute a presumed moderate Republican wins the GOP presidential primary he becomes an extremist. In its 1996 editorial endorsing Bill Clinton, The New York Times regretted that Dole had "strayed from his moderate record." Now Dole is the paper's Yoda.

5) On MSNBC and in her book, "Fighting for Common Ground: How We Can Fix the Stalemate in Congress," Snowe also criticized Democrats. But when she disses the Dems, there's no headline.

On Wednesday, Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn., released a video announcing she is not running for re-election. Bachmann rejected the notion that she is bowing out to avoid electoral defeat, as she said she expects the "mainstream liberal media to put a detrimental spin on" her decision not to seek a fifth term.

That's not a tall order. As Washington Post fact checker Glenn Kessler noted, given Bachmann's many gaffes, the fact checking trade may have to hold a national day of mourning.

Dole endured his share of ridicule after he lost - especially when he became a spokesman for the erectile dysfunction drug Viagra. Later, he learned the way to mainstream media redemption. Michele Bachmann, take note. Say the Republicans aren't what they used to be. Blame them for all that is wrong in Washington. Go easy on the party that controls the Senate and the White House. That's how Republican politicians turn into saints.

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# Women's club to celebrate its legacy and move forward

By STACEY MARQUIS

CLEARWATER – After 56 years of service to the community, the Clearwater Junior Women's Club is disbanding after a lack of membership.

Erina Ford, the club's co-president, said the club is for women ages 18 to 40, and the fact that women in that age group do not have time to volunteer is one of the main reasons the club decided to disband.

"Fifty years ago, more women weren't working," she said. "They had time to volunteer and be active in the community. Nowadays, it's difficult to find women of that age group who have so much free time. It's a big time commitment."

Ford said it was difficult to attract members from the time that she joined the club in 2008 until recently. The group tried using Facebook, recruiting women at events and advertising through its website, but Ford said there was little interest.

The club's legacy will still live on, however, because several Junior Women's Club members will join the club's sister group, the North Pinellas Women's Club.

"[The North Pinellas Women's Club] is a lot larger," Ford said. "When a club has eight or nine members, the responsibility of keeping it going falls on the shoulders of two."

"Being part of a larger club makes it easier to still be part of it and be able to help without taking a lot

of time."

Looking back on the Clearwater Junior Women's Club's past, Ford said the club's annual arts and crafts show, Christmas Under the Oaks, is its crowning achievement. Members of the club contact local artisans each year to showcase their art at the show, and donations collected at the door are turned into scholarships and grants that will go toward local communities.

"We usually get there at 5 a.m. and work until sundown," Ford said. "It's very tiring, but it's also very rewarding."

Last year's Christmas Under the Oaks raised \$37,000. The money will be donated to charities such as the Haven Center, Ronald McDonald House, Metropolitan Ministries, Humane Society, American Cancer Society, Clothes to Kids, Sun-coast Voices for Children and four different local elementary schools at the club's banquet on Wednesday, June 12, at the Safety Harbor Public Library.

Ford says the mood at the banquet will likely be bittersweet. Her one wish is that Christmas Under the Oaks remains as successful as it's been for the past 36 years.

"A lot of the women that are a part of the North Pinellas Women's Club who used to be a part of the Clearwater Junior Women's Club are all dedicated to keeping the event going," she said. "I'm very optimistic."



Photo by NANCY AYRES

Crowds gather at a past Christmas Under the Oaks to browse and shop. The Clearwater Junior Women's Club has always hosted the event, but now the group is disbanding. They hope to keep the event alive, though, through other organizations.

## Military accomplishments

### Courtney M. Harrah

DUNEDIN – Air Force Airman 1st Class Courtney M. Harrah recently graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

Harrah is the daughter of Denise Harrah of Dunedin. She is a 2008 graduate of Dunedin High School.



Courtney M. Harrah

### Robert C. Anderson

LARGO – Air Force Airman Robert C. Anderson recently graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

Anderson is the son of Mark Anderson of New Port Richey, and grandson of Joan Harless of North Wilkesboro, N.C. He is a 2004 graduate of Largo High School.



Robert C. Anderson

### Richard P. Campbell

ST. PETERSBURG – Air Force Airman Richard P. Campbell recently graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

Campbell is the son of Tracy Campbell of St. Petersburg. He is a 2011 graduate of Osceola High School, Seminole.



Richard P. Campbell

### Andrew G. Stoeve

CLEARWATER – Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Andrew G. Stoeve recently graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

Stoeve is the son of Norma Stoeve of Hudson. He is a 2007 graduate of Allendale Academy, Clearwater. He received a bachelor's degree in 2009 from Thomas Edison State College, New Jersey.



Andrew G. Stoeve

### Roshan R. Patel

CLEARWATER – Air Force Airman Roshan R. Patel recently graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

Patel is the son of Ramesh Patel of Clearwater. He is a 2010 graduate of Palm Harbor University High School.

### Stephen M. Hartnett III

CLEARWATER – Stephen M. Hartnett III of Clearwater recently received a bachelor's degree in in-

ternational studies.

Hartnett is a Virginia Military Institute cadet. Graduating honors include Army Commission. Hartnett's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Stephen M. Hartnett Jr.

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Berger is the son of Patricia and Carl Berger of Largo.

He is a 2012 graduate of Largo High School

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LARGO – Army Pvt. Alan Daniels recently graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

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# Kiwanis celebrate students' achievements

LARGO – Seven students at Ridgecrest Elementary School successfully raised their grades with the help of the program Bringing Up Grades, or BUG, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Largo/Mid-Pinellas.

The club celebrated the students' achievements by throwing a party at the school May 29, with refreshments for all and awarded certificates and prizes for those who successfully raised at least one letter grade in one or more subjects from one report card period to the next.

The program helps the elementary school students set goals and make plans to raise their grades. The Largo Kiwanis club provides posters, study tips, incentives and the party. They also award "Super BUGs," students who have gone on to make the school's honor roll and helped the other BUG students achieve their goals.

The club now conducts this program at Ponce de Leon and Mildred Helms elementary schools as well, with celebrations planned for June 3 and June 4, respectively.

In order to raise funds for this and other service projects, the Largo Kiwanis club is sponsoring



Photo courtesy of the LARGO KIWANIS  
Ridgecrest Elementary guidance counselor Patti Kirk sits among 17 third-grade students in the Kiwanis Club of Largo/Mid-Pinellas' Bringing Up Grades, or BUG, program May 29. The group celebrated seven students who successfully raised a grade from the last report card period.

a concert featuring The Chilly Winds, a tribute to the music of The Kingston Trio on June 27, 7 p.m., at Largo Community Center, 400 Alt. Keene Road.

General admission tickets are \$15, and reserved seats are \$17. All tickets at the door on the night of the show will be \$18. For

advance tickets, call the club at 536-0412 or the Community Center at 518-3131.

Kiwanis is a worldwide service organization dedicated to serving the needs of children in local communities through local Kiwanis clubs. The Largo club meets on Fridays, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., at

the dining room of The Royal Palms, 200 Lake St. in Largo. The club is looking to increase the membership so that more can be provided for the children in the greater Largo area.

For more information, call 536-0412 or visit [www.facebook.com/KiwanisClubLargo](http://www.facebook.com/KiwanisClubLargo).

## Girls state candidates



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 252 candidates prepare for the Florida Girls State 67th session, set for June 13-21. Pictured are, from left, Krissy Kulavic, Courtney Tournant and Katie Ranking, from Osceola High School; and Mikayla Bridges (alternate) and Kali Hart from Seminole High School. Not pictured is Danielle Harrah (alternate) from Indian Rocks Christian School. The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program was first hosted in 1947 and is currently attended by 300 young women who have the opportunity for experiencing our democratic form of government by assuming the roles of city and state officials or legislators. The citizens of Girls State elect their state governor, cabinet and other officials. The state officials begin to draft bills, debate bills and make committee appointments. The program takes place at Florida State University, at the State Capitol Senate Chambers and the House of Representatives in Tallahassee.

campus and abroad, so students will be able to use their foreign language skills in a real-world environment.

Florida League of International Baccalaureate Schools, which is a statewide organization of all of the authorized IB schools in Florida.

### Christian School's shoe design advances

ST. PETERSBURG – Teaming up with truth, the largest national youth smoking prevention campaign, Vans kicked off a shoe design contest at the beginning of the 2012 school year.

Northside Christian School of St. Petersburg, was chosen as one of the top 50 submissions in the country.

The top school in each region of the United States wins a trip to New York to the final competition, as well as \$4,000 to \$50,000 to go toward the school's art program.

Northside Christian School is asking Tampa Bay area residents to vote for its design so the school can advance to the finals. To vote, go to [vans.com/customculture/vans](http://vans.com/customculture/vans).

### Local IB coordinator elected to board

CLEARWATER – Alan Hamacher, Clearwater Central High School's International Baccalaureate coordinator, was chosen as the chair-elect of the Diploma Program Board of the

### Local professor wins Rome Prize

Sheramy D. Bundrick, an art history professor at University of South Florida-St. Petersburg, was chosen to receive a Rome Prize, which is a fellowship that will allow her to complete advanced research at an 11-acre campus in the heart of Rome, Italy.

She intends to study the reception of ancient Athenian vases and their images and how those images were integrated into Etruscan material culture during the 5th and 6th centuries, B.C.

### Principal gets silly stringed

CLEARWATER – Valerie Wostbrock, principal of St. Cecilia Catholic School, was silly stringed by students on May 17 as a way to promote reading.

For every five books that students purchased at the school's book fair, they received a can of silly string.

Wostbrock wore a wig and robe and walked to the school's black top, where the children lined up and silly stringed her.



Photo courtesy of ST. CECILIA CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
Valerie Wostbrock, principal of St. Cecilia Catholic School, is silly stringed by students May 17 as a way to promote reading.

## School notes

### Competition awards scholarships

LARGO – Students from several Pinellas County high schools competed in front of a 1,100-member audience on May 20 at Ruth Eckerd Hall in the Walker's Rising Stars Scholarship Competition.

More than 200 juniors and seniors from Pinellas County applied to compete. The Pinellas Education Foundation awarded each of the finalists a scholarship toward college or technical school.

Marquis Floyd, a senior at PCCA at Gibbs High School, won first place in the dance category. Dylan Barlowe, a senior at PCCA at Gibbs High School, won first place in the drama category. First

place in the instrumental category was awarded to Kaitlyn Resler, a senior at PCCA at Gibbs High School. Alexandra Chandler, a junior at Clearwater High School, won first place in the video arts category. Shannon Michaud, a senior at PCCA at Gibbs High School won first place in the visual arts category. First place in the vocal music category was awarded to Amanda Springer, a senior at Palm Harbor University High School.

### Seminole resident awarded scholarship

SEMINOLE – Dylan Barlowe, son of Liz Barlowe of Seminole, was awarded the Brockus/Bolton scholarship on May 12 at Good

Samaritan Church.

The scholarship is awarded to a Pinellas County graduating senior who supports the LGBT community at his or her school. Barlowe is a musical theater major at the Pinellas County Center for the Arts at Gibbs High School and will attend Columbia College Chicago to major in acting.

### Professor receives eminent scholar chair

ST. PETERSBURG – Thomas Haddock, associate professor of English at University of South Florida-St. Petersburg, was named the Daniel F. Breeden Eminent Scholar chair at the University of Auburn College of Liberal Arts on May 3.

At Auburn, Hallock will work with faculty and students to combine scholarly and creative research. He also will teach, hold public lectures and be a guest speaker and workshop leader for Auburn's annual writer's conference.

### Golf tournament to raise money

CLEARWATER – To fund the rebuilding of the Clearwater High School football stadium, a celebrity golf tournament will be held on Saturday, July 13, 8 a.m., at the Bardmoor Country Club Golf course, 8001 Cumberland Road.

Celebrities can be included to play with any foursome as a fifth player. For additional donations, patrons will be able to meet all of the celebrities.

Donnie Abraham, a former Buccaneer and current head varsity football coach, and Clearwater High School are sponsoring the event. The cost is \$100 per person for foursomes, \$125 a person, or \$150 a person if purchased on the day of the event. The cost includes golfing, lunch, food and snacks and a raffle. Call 656-9226 to register.

### Weller becomes IRCS superintendent

SEMINOLE – Walt Weller, former Seminole High School principal, has been recruited as superintendent to Indian Rocks Christian School.

Weller graduated from Clearwater Central Catholic High School in 1981. He received his bachelor's in social science education in 1987 from USF and his master's in education leadership from Nova Southeastern University in 1995. Weller has served as a teacher, coach, athletic director and principal before becoming superintendent.

### World languages and cultures major offered

ST. PETERSBURG – In fall of 2013, University of South Florida-St. Petersburg students will be able to pursue world languages and cultures as a bachelor's degree, the first of its kind in the state of Florida.

Focusing on the idea of global citizenship, university officials said they wanted to prepare students for the future and allow for the students to get a better understanding of the world around them. The degree will focus on applied learning experiences on

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# Sea turtle season starts

## Residents help turtles by following ban on night lighting

The first nests found on North Redington Beach and at Fort De Soto Park mark the start of sea turtle season.

Residents and owners of beachfront properties are reminded of the "lights out" ban. Most of the Pinellas County beach communities have ordinances in place prohibiting lighting that casts glare onto the beach during turtle nesting season, from May 1 to Oct. 31.

Florida's beaches are essential for nesting loggerheads. The Pinellas County beachfront area averages about 120 nests per season and each nest can contain, on average, 100 to 110 eggs. The last nest is expected to hatch by the end of October.

Each May and July, the Clearwater Marine Aquarium conducts a beach lighting survey to identify problem lighting that may not comply with turtle protection ordinances. Properties with lights shining on the beach at night are reported to Pinellas County Coastal Management and the local code enforcement agency.

While conducting the lighting surveys, the aquarium staff provides educational posters and brochures to visitors and residents explaining the "lights out" policy during nesting and hatching season.

The aquarium monitors nearly 26 miles of coastline and reports on sea turtle nesting activity. The staff engages in early morning patrols to locate new nesting sites and late night patrols to check existing nests for hatchlings and watches the nests from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. to make sure that hatchlings make it to the water safely.

In addition to checking the beaches every morning for signs of nests, the aquarium marks the nests and accounts for false crawls – times when the female that comes ashore does not complete her nest. Successful nests are roped off to avoid human disturbance.

As an endangered species, federal law protects loggerhead turtles and bothering their nests is illegal. The nests are caged and volunteers watch the site at night to alert officials when the hatchlings emerge.

By obeying the law and following some simple guidelines, residents and visitors can greatly im-



Photo courtesy of FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION  
Sea turtle nests are surrounded by yellow ribbon to protect them from human predators.

prove the chances of sea turtle survival, while being given the opportunity to experience first-hand the wonder of their life cycle.

If residents encounter a turtle, eggs or hatchlings:

- Turn off outside lights, draw drapes and avoid using flashlights or fishing lamps on the beach. Turtle nesting season runs from May 1 to Oct. 31.
- Do not approach or harass adult turtles as they make their way back to sea.
- If residents spot turtle tracks or what might be a nest, and it does not appear to be protected by stakes or ribbon, call the Clearwater Marine Aquarium at 441-1790, ext. 224.
- Do not pick up hatchlings heading toward the water, shine lights or use photo equipment with a flash. Hatchlings use starlight and moonlight reflecting off the water to find their way to the ocean, and if they become misled by artificial light, they can become disoriented and die.

## A hidden nest



Photo by JIM LAYFIELD

Two mourning dove chicks in the Shadow Pines subdivision of Largo sit at the edge of their nest waiting for food from their parents May 30. They will likely fledge soon and leave the nest. Dove chicks usually do so in 14 to 15 days, but are cared for by their parents for another 10 to 12 days, according to the University of Florida Extension's online documentation. The parents could reuse the nest for another brood, which almost always consists of two eggs. Doves may reuse a nest five to six times a season.

## East winds bring good snook fishing

A potential low pressure developing in the southern gulf is going to linger on through the late week and potentially affect this weekend's weather as well. With any luck we can get back on track early next week, and with the approaching new moon, we should see some outstanding fishing.

East winds have made for some pretty good beach snook fishing. Schools of snook can be seen traveling the swash channel. Sight cast to these fish with small shallow diving plugs resembling greenbacks. Most of the fish have been small, around 20 inches. But larger fish can be seen and will occasionally take the lure as well. Any beach is just as likely to hold snook from Clearwater to St. Pete Beach.

Spanish mackerel has been good near shore as well as inside of Tampa Bay. Anglers fishing Redington Pier are catching loads of mackerel on silver



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Capt. Tyson Wellerstein

spoons and live bait. Rig a lightweight silver spoon with 6 feet of 40-pound monofilament leader connected to a 2 ounce trolling sinker to help with your cast and to keep the lure in the water for the speedy retrieve that is necessary to trigger the mackerel strike. The same rig is also very effective at any of our other areas top fishing piers such as the Skyway, DeSoto or Clearwater's Pier 60.

Kingfish would normally have started to thin out by now, but given the timing of the baitfish migration, they are very much still here. A lot of small to medium-sized fish can be caught from three to 10 miles offshore. Troll spoons behind planers in areas that you are seeing schools of bait. Live baiters can toss handfuls of live pilchards out behind the boat to get the action fired up.

Until next time – get bent!  
Email Tyson Wellerstein at [capt.tyson@hotmail.com](mailto:capt.tyson@hotmail.com)

## Briefs

### McGough to host night hike

LARGO – A night hike will be presented Saturday, June 15, 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.

### Fruit workshop set

DUNEDIN – A free workshop on alternative fruits to citrus will be presented Saturday, June 8, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., at Dunedin Community Center, 1920 Pinehurst Road.

Attendees will learn what fruits, other than citrus, can grow in Pinellas. Fruits such as blueberries, blackberries and apricots will be discussed. The speaker will be Pam Brown, University of Florida/IFAS Horticulture Extension Emeritus. Brown serves as a gardening coach or mentor, working hand-in-hand with clients who want to do their own landscaping or gardening.

For information, call Debby Sheldon at 734-3185. Visit [www.DunedinCommunityGarden.com](http://www.DunedinCommunityGarden.com).

### Summer market opens

ST. PETERSBURG – St. Petersburg Saturday Morning Market returns this summer, running through Aug. 24.

The market is open Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the shaded coolness of Williams Park, located in downtown St. Petersburg. The park is on First Avenue North between Third and Fourth streets.

The market will feature more than 40 vendors providing a wide variety of produce, food and crafts including items such as farm-fresh eggs and vegetables, fresh guacamole, seasonal honey, cheese and dairy products, gourmet pasta, gourmet chocolates, coffee, healthy meats, baked goods and jams and chutney.

In addition to food, visitors can select from a variety of plants, clothing, decorative products, jewelry, personal care products, and Adirondacks furniture.

The summer market offers an opportunity for loyal market-goers to get many of their favorite products over the summer. It also offers vendors a valuable sales opportunity during the summer.

Visit [www.saturdaymorningmarket.com](http://www.saturdaymorningmarket.com).

### Brooker to present Book Time

TARPON SPRINGS – Book Time at Brooker will be offered Thursday, June 6, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., at Brooker Creek Preserve, 3940 Keystone Road.

Designed for children ages 3 to 5, this free program connects attendees to the wonders of the natural

world. In addition to hearing a great story, children will participate in a craft, game or other hands-on activity related to the story that is read. Space is limited.

Preregistration is required. Call 453-6800 or visit [www.brookercreekpreserve.org](http://www.brookercreekpreserve.org).

### Brooker to host bird hike

TARPON SPRINGS – The Birds of Brooker hike will be offered Saturday, June 8, 8 to 10:30 a.m., at Brooker Creek Preserve, 3940 Keystone Road.

Birds seen and heard will be identified while attendees meander along a one-mile trail gathering information. Closed-toe shoes, water and a hat are recommended. Attendees also may bring binoculars, spotting scopes and cameras. The free hike is best suited for adults.

Advance registration is required. Call 453-6800 or visit [www.brookercreekpreserve.org](http://www.brookercreekpreserve.org).

### Weedon to host guided hike

ST. PETERSBURG – A guided hike will be offered Saturday, June 8, 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.

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

### Fort De Soto to offer guided walk

TIERRA VERDE – A free, guided nature walk will be offered Saturday, June 8, 10 to 11 a.m., at Fort De Soto Park, 3500 Pinellas Bayway S.

Guests will enjoy the beauty of Fort De Soto Park with a one-hour nature walk great for the entire family. A walk on the mangrove trail is planned.

To register and for tour information and meeting locations, call 552-1862. Visit [www.pinellascounty.org/park](http://www.pinellascounty.org/park).

### Great Weedon Bird Quest set

ST. PETERSBURG – The Great Weedon Bird Quest will be Friday, June 14, 8 to 10 a.m., at Weedon Island Preserve, 1800 Weedon Drive NE.

Guests will learn to identify marks and behaviors of the island birds while taking advantage of this free guided hike. Binoculars will be available.

Advance registration is required. Call 453-6500 or visit [www.weedonislandpreserve.org](http://www.weedonislandpreserve.org).

## Flight Rally to allow kids to fly

CLEARWATER – Children ages 8 to 17 will have the chance to fly on Saturday, June 15, 8 a.m. to noon, at the Young Eagles Flight Rally at Clearwater Airpark at 1000 N. Hercules Ave.

The event is sponsored by the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 282 and is intended to spark interest in aviation in young people.

Participants will receive one free plane ride with a pilot who will explain how the plane works and how pilots ensure safety before each flight. Those participating also will listen to the pilot's briefing before flying, will monitor the aircraft during flight through a radio and will take a tour of the airplane hangar. When the flight is completed, participants will receive a certificate and will become official Young Eagles.

Those who are interested are encouraged to meet at the Clearwater Airpark starting at 8 a.m. Registration will take place from 9 to 11 a.m. and the last flight will take off at noon.

## Obituaries

### Karl Richard WENCKEBACH



75, died May 30, 2013. He was born October 4, 1937, oldest son to Karl H. W. Wenckebach and Helen Bogurski Wenckebach in Chicago, Ill. He is survived by his wife, Lee Yount Wenckebach of Seminole, Fla.; son, Karl William Wenckebach of Lake Villa, Ill.; daughter, Ellen Marie Ruby of Oceanside, Calif., and stepchildren, Dawn Marie Macuilis of Kent, Wash., Anthony Neil Ruby of Oceanside, Dianna Lynn Renard of Austin, Texas and Timothy Patrick Ruby of Escondido, Calif. Mr. Wenckebach is also survived by his brother, Gary Wenckebach of Arlington Heights, Ill.; sister, Marilyn Olson-Gimino of Tucson, Ariz.; fourteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. His family will remember his loving and devoted heart and how he lived life to the fullest everyday; a life well lived. After cremation, his family will hold a private service. Donations in his memory may be made to Suncoast Hospice.

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# Diversions

Things to do around Pinellas County



- Classifieds
- Events
- Movies

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## Top five diversions

• **"The Boys in the Band,"** by Mart Crowley, June 7-23, 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.wcplayers.org](http://www.wcplayers.org). In an apartment on the Upper East Side of Manhattan, six of Harold's closest friends are throwing him a birthday party. One of Harold's presents is Cowboy, an attractive but obviously unintelligent male prostitute, since Harold, increasingly morose about losing his youthful looks, claims he no longer can attract cute young men. The play – both comedy and tragedy – explores the issues of gay culture in America society.

• **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](http://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 10 singles.

• **Dave Koz Summer Horns,**

Friday, June 7, 8 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Tickets start at \$35. Call 791-7400 or visit [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com). Eight-time Grammy nominee and saxophonist extraordinaire Dave Koz typically spends every summer on the road, bringing a stellar group of musician friends along with him. This summer he's assembled an all-star line-up of saxophonists. Mindi Abair, Gerald Albright and Richard Elliot will be the special guests on the Dave Koz and Friends Summer Horns Tour 2013, a celebration of the instrument that has fueled some of the world's best-loved songs. The saxophonists, who are touring together as a foursome for the first time, will be previewing songs from their upcoming album, entitled "Summer Horns." The collection is a tribute to the great horn section bands in modern music, such as Earth Wind & Fire, Chicago, Tower of Power, Blood, Sweat & Tears, James Brown, and Sly & The Family Stone. The CD is full of imaginative retakes on true horn-era classics. They also will be playing the biggest hits from their individual catalogues, with support from Dave's band.



Photo by GREG ALLEN/  
CONCORD MUSIC GROUP  
**Dave Koz performs in concert  
June 7 at Ruth Eckerd Hall.**

• **Scooby-Doo Live! Musical Mysteries,** Saturday, June 8, 2 and 5 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Tickets start at \$16. Call 791-7400 or visit [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com). The much-loved Scooby-Doo and the Mystery Inc. gang will take center stage in this all-new family musical presented by Warner Bros. Consumer Products and Life Like Touring. Featuring everyone's favorite characters from one of television's longest-running animated series, the show will thrill Clearwater audiences at Ruth Eckerd Hall with an exciting new production in which Scooby-Doo and the Mystery Inc. gang have been called upon to help solve an epic mystery. A trouble-making ghost is haunting a local theater and Shaggy, Fred, Daphne, Velma and Scooby-Doo are on their way in the Mystery Machine to crack the case. With crazy ghosts, perplexing puzzles, and an abundance of Scooby Snacks, it's Scooby-Doo and

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Photo by PHIL BRAY/TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX

Vince Vaughn, left, and Owen Wilson star in "The Internship," from Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation.

## Opening this weekend

'The Purge' stars Hawke; Vaughn, Wilson partner for 'The Internship'

Compiled by LEE CLARK ZUMPE

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

### 'The Internship'

Genre: Comedy  
Cast: Vince Vaughn, Owen Wilson, Max Minghella, Rose Byrne, John Goodman, Dylan O'Brien, JoAnna Garcia, Eric Andre, Josh Brener, Tiya Sircar, Tobit Raphael and Will Ferrell  
Director: Shawn Levy  
Rated: PG-13  
"The Internship" stars Owen Wilson and Vince Vaughn as salesmen whose careers have been torpedoed by the digital world.

Trying to prove they are not obsolete, they defy the odds by talking their way into a coveted internship at Google, along with a battalion of brilliant college students. But, gaining entrance to this utopia is only half the battle. Now they must compete with a group of the nation's most elite, tech-savvy geniuses, to prove that necessity really is the mother of re-invention.

### 'The Purge'

Genre: Thriller  
Cast: Ethan Hawke, Lena Headey, Adelaide Kane and Max Burkholder  
Director: James DeMonaco  
Rated: R

If on one night every year, you could commit any crime without facing consequences, what would you do?

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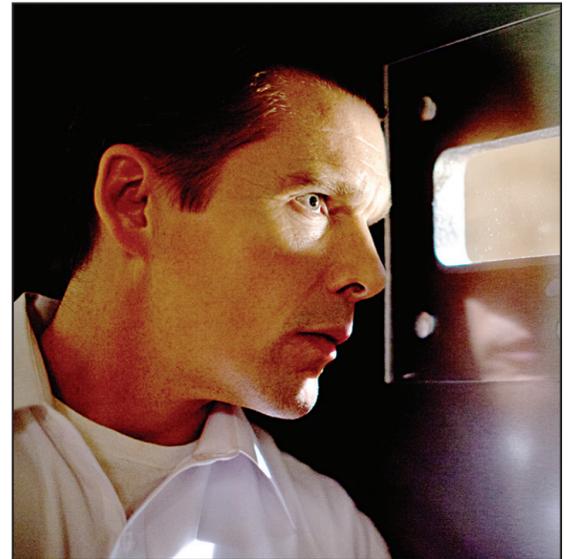


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James Sandin (Ethan Hawke) watches and waits in "The Purge," a speculative thriller that follows one family over the course of a single night to see how far they will go to protect themselves when the vicious outside world breaks into their home.

plagued by violence and an epidemic of crime, one family wrestles with the decision of who they will become when a stranger comes knocking.

When an intruder breaks into James Sandin's (Ethan Hawke) gated community during the yearly lockdown, he begins a sequence of

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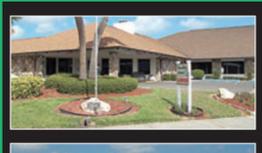
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# Looking ahead

## Largo

• **Antique Appraisal Fair**, Saturday, June 15, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Heritage Village, 11909 125th St. N. Largo. Appraisal fees are \$5 per item or \$12 for three. Proceeds benefit Heritage Village. Attendees will have an opportunity to find the answer to the nagging questions about the worth of those special items. Organized by Pinellas County Historical Society, the appraisal fair presents noted Tampa Bay area antique experts who can examine items and assess their value. Specialists cover many items, including oriental rugs, Victorian jewelry, rare and vintage books, collectable glass, musical instruments, gems and clocks. For information, call 582-2233 or visit [www.pinellascounty.org/heritage](http://www.pinellascounty.org/heritage).

• **"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

• **Earth, Wind and Fire**, Thursday, June 20, 8 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Tickets start at \$60. Call 791-7400 or visit [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com). During the 1970s, a new brand of pop music was born, one that was steeped in African and African American styles – particularly jazz and R&B – but appealed to a broader cross section of the listening public. As founder and leader of the band Earth, Wind & Fire, Maurice White not only embraced but also helped bring about this evolution of pop, which bridged the gap that has often separated the musical tastes of black and white America. It certainly was successful, as EWF combined high-caliber musicianship, wide-ranging musical genre eclecti-

cism, and '70s multicultural spiritualism to produce numerous hit singles such as "Shining Star" and the classic ballad "Reasons." The group's multi-platinum greatest hits set "The Best Of Earth, Wind & Fire, Vol. I" included a cover of The Beatles' "Got To Get You Into My Life" that went to No. 1 R&B and No. 9 pop in summer 1978. The group performed the song in the 1978 Bee Gees/Peter Frampton movie "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band." Another single, "September," made it to No. 1 on the R&B charts and No. 8 on the pop charts. The multi-platinum album "I AM" hit No. 3 on the pop charts in the summer of 1979 on the strength of the million-selling single "Boogie Wonderland" and the phenomenal ballad "After The Love Has Gone," written by David Foster, Jay Graydon and Bill Champlin, which stayed at No. 2 on the R&B/pop charts for two weeks. In 2000, the group was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall Of Fame. Founding members Philip Bailey, Verdine White and Ralph Johnson continue to tour with the legendary band performing at sold-out shows around the world.

• **"West Side Story,"** June 21-23, at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Tickets start at \$50. Call 791-7400 or visit [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com). Performances will be Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; and Sunday, 7 p.m. Matinees will be Saturday and Sunday, 2 p.m. Tony Award-winning librettist Arthur Laurents' Broadway direction is recreated for the tour by David Saint, the associate director on Broadway. The original Jerome Robbins choreography is reproduced by Tony Award-nominee Joey McKneely. "West Side Story" tells the story of star-crossed lovers Tony and Maria as they struggle to rise above the hatred and intolerance that surrounds them. "West Side Story" soars as the greatest love story of all time and remains as powerful, poignant and timely as ever. The Bernstein and Sondheim score is considered to be one of Broadway's finest and features such classics of the American musical theater as "Something's Coming," "Tonight," "America," "I Feel Pretty" and "Somewhere."

## Crossword

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### Across

- Chums
- Lieu
- Verde National Park
- Christiania, now
- Another name for Murcotts
- Fall follower
- Nullify
- Athletic supporter? (golf)
- Barely get, with "out"
- Brightly colored perching birds
- Eyes, poetically
- Gambia's basic unit of money
- Long, long time
- Change from a solid to a liquid
- Architectural projection
- Ancient colonnade
- Star explosions
- Impractically ideal
- Those opposed to 1960s liberalism
- Walker
- Gout-causing \_\_\_ acid
- Assassinated
- Baby's first word, maybe
- Appear
- Acute anxieties
- Cicatrix
- \_\_\_ terrier
- Foot digit
- 1969 Peace Prize grp.
- Excessive
- Dirty
- Ingrained (hyphenated)
- Con
- Achy
- Kind of game board
- Doctrines

### Down

- Informal drinking toast (2 wds)
- Female theater assistant
- Member of aristocracy (2 wds)
- Ground cover
- Enclosed in a pigpen
- Five-line Japanese verse
- Wrap
- \_\_\_ Khan
- Vina \_\_\_ Mar, Chile
- Calif-length skirt
- Related maternally
- Begin (2 wds)
- Association of Southeast Asian Nations (acronym)
- Full orchestra
- Stirrup-shaped bone in middle ear
- "Gladiator" setting
- Femme fatale
- Doctors who temporarily substitute for others
- "Paradise Lost" character
- Strip a ship's sails of its ropes
- Ravenous
- Theory that humans lack a spiritual nature
- Variety of endive (pl.)
- Hawaiian \_\_\_
- Establish in office
- Litmus reddeners
- Brief appearance of a prominent actor
- Kitchen counter?
- Carries
- Top competitors, often
- Lariat
- Common Market inits.
- "Go team!"
- Mr., in India

## Sudoku

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## Sudoku answers from last week

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## Crossword answers from last week

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## Horoscopes

June 6, 2013

### Capricorn

December 22 - January 19

Play your cards right at an upcoming event, Capricorn, and you could be in for a promotion. A new friend spins an unbelievable tale. Who knew?

### Aquarius

January 20 - February 18

Heads up, Aquarius. An acquaintance has their sights set on you for assistance with an unusual task. Don't take the bait unless you're ready.

### Pisces

February 19 - March 20

An organization reaches out. Heed the call, Pisces. You have the resources to see it through. A development at work is no reason to panic.

### Aries

March 21 - April 19

Organization is key to smooth operations at home. Start with that pile near your front door, Aries. Confidences are broken at work, just in time!

### Taurus

April 20 - May 20

Eavesdropping is unavoidable, Taurus. Consider the source and take what you hear this week with a grain of salt. A trade at home is more than fair.

### Gemini

May 21 - June 21

Itching to get started, Gemini? You might want to wait until you have all of the facts. A debt is repaid—with interest. Put it to good use.

### Cancer

June 22 - July 22

Crikey, Cancer. You've kept your talents under wraps for so long that people are starting to forget what a star you are. Sign up for an upcoming event.

### Leo

July 23 - August 22

Alas, Leo. Whatever the situation, you always manage to keep it together. That trait will come in handy at work and lead to a new responsibility.

### Virgo

August 23 - September 22

Impossible, Virgo. There is no way you messed up, or is there? Look a little closer and make amends before it's too late. A memo settles a matter.

### Libra

September 23 - October 22

Live, love and laugh. That should be your mantra this week and always. You've become much too serious for your own good. Snap out of it, Libra.

### Scorpio

October 23 - November 21

The torch is passed, and you must find something else to do with your time. You won't have to look far, Scorpio. A young friend could use a mentor.

### Sagittarius

November 22 - December 21

Tirades do not become you, so stop with the dramatics and try a new tactic to make yourself heard. People will listen with the right mode of attack, Sagittarius.

## Dunedin

• **Jonathan Scales Fouchestra**, Saturday, June 8, 9 p.m., at the Dunedin Brewery, 937 Douglas Ave., Dunedin. Call 736-0606. The steel pan driven avant-garde trio is playing a free show at Dunedin Brewery. They will be releasing their new full length self titled album on July 9. The band's upcoming summer release will feature guest collaborators like Grammy-winning Victor Wooten and Howard Levy, fiddler Casey Driessen, and horn players from the Michael Buble band. The live show is a combination of brilliant composition met with innovative, playful and contagious energy.

• **"So, You Think You're A Movie Buff?"**, dinner and show, presented by the Gypsy Stage Repertory Company, Friday and Saturday, June 21-22, at Showcase Arts Foundation, 2664 Enterprise Road, Clearwater. Performances will be Friday, 8 p.m.; and Saturday, 7 p.m. Saturday's performance is a dinner show. The doors will open 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 for Friday's performance; \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door for Saturday's performance. For Saturday's performance, cost includes a pasta dinner buffet and dessert, ice tea and water. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be available by donation. Seating is limited. For reservations, call 384-6682. This will be a night of fun and unique entertainment where scenes, monologues and iconic one-liners from famous films are performed live with a trivia twist. Audiences will be given a form that follows along with the scenes. They will be asked to name the movie, the actors or characters or to identify movie theme songs. People with the most correct answers win prizes.

• **The 11th annual Downtown Dunedin Craft Festival**, Saturday and Sunday, June 22-23, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Main Street in downtown Dunedin. Attendees will meet some of the country's finest crafters with products all handmade in the United States. Botanical hotplates, ceramic planters, functional pottery, hair accessories, handmade one-of-a-kind jewelry pieces and an expansive Green Market offers something for every taste and budget. Admission is free. Visit [www.artfestival.com](http://www.artfestival.com).

## Pinellas Park

• **Regal Railways Train Show**, Saturday, Aug. 24, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Knights of Columbus Hall, 7177 58th St. N., Pinellas Park. Admission is \$5 for adults and free for children 11 and younger. The show will feature plenty of vendors with various train items from N to G Scale models. There is usually a small train layout on display for the children to watch as well as videos playing of trains. For information, call 244-1341.

## St. Petersburg

• **"7 Homeless Mammoths Wander New England,"** by Madeleine George, presented by American Stage Theatre, 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 from \$29 to \$59 depending on the date and time of the performance.

• **The Kings of the Mic Tour**, Thursday, June 6, 7:30 p.m., at The Mahaffey, 400 First St. S., St. Petersburg. Tickets start at \$49.50. Call 892-5767 or visit [www.themahaffey.com](http://www.themahaffey.com). Two-time Grammy-winning recording artist LL Cool J, featuring DJ Z-Trip, will headline the Kings Of the Mic Tour, this summer's ultimate hip-hop music experience. He will be joined by legendary artists Ice Cube, Public Enemy and De La Soul.

• **An Afternoon in Havana**, Sunday, June 23, 2 to 6 p.m., at St. Petersburg's historic Coliseum, 535 Fourth Ave. N., St. Petersburg. The Buena Vista Social Club, along with three of television's most notable dance pros and newly crowned international dance champions, will present a celebration of Cuban culture and Latin dancing. Tickets start at \$70. Visit [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). A portion of the proceeds benefits the St. Petersburg Arts Alliance. Hosted by Mary Murphy of "So You Think You Can Dance" fame, and Tony Dovolani and Maksim Chmerkovskiy from "Dancing with the Stars," the Latin music and dancing showcase will feature performances by some of the world's best Latin, Salsa, and Mambo dancers, along with their television counterparts. Showgirls from Havana's Cabaret Tropicana will also entertain. Guests are invited to practice dance steps during the concert, sample authentic Cuban food and drink, including the mojito, or enjoy a cigar in the outdoor cigar lounge.

## Tampa

• **The Americanarama Festival**, Thursday, June 27, at the Live Nation Amphitheatre at the Florida State Fairgrounds, 4802 U.S. 301 N., Tampa. Tickets start at \$32.10. Call 813-740-2446 or visit [www.livenation.com](http://www.livenation.com). Headlining the festival will be Bob Dylan. Also performing will be Wilco, Bob Weir and My Morning Jacket.

• **"The Lonesome West,"** by Martin McDonagh, presented by Job-site Theater, July 10 through Aug. 4, at the Straz Center for the Performing Arts, 1010 N. W.C. MacInnes Place, Tampa. Call 813-229-7827 or visit [www.jobsitetheater.org](http://www.jobsitetheater.org). Performances are Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m. Matinees are Sunday, 4 p.m. Tickets are \$28.

## Tarpon Springs

• **Great Gatsby Night**, Thursday, June 13, 7 to 10 p.m., at the Tarpon Springs Heritage Museum, 100 Beekman Lane, Tarpon Springs. The event will feature dancing and a concert. Music will be performed by the Tarpon Springs Rhythm Kings. The Roaring '20s will come to life at Great Gatsby Night. Attendees are encouraged to wear vintage 1920s attire. The Tarpon Springs Rhythm Kings is a 14-piece band that performs the great jazz and dance music from the 1920s and early 1930s. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$10 for members and students. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Free fox trot and Charleston lessons will be offered from 6 to 7 p.m. Call 942-5605 or visit [www.tarponarts.org](http://www.tarponarts.org).

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friends at their best, travelling across the country, solving mysteries wherever they go.

• **Jake Shimabukuro**, Monday, June 10, 7:30 p.m., at The Palladium at St. Petersburg College, 253 Fifth Ave. N., St. Petersburg. Tickets start at \$40. Call 791-7400 or visit [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com). Shimabukuro, a ukulele wizard, brings his latest tour to the Palladium. In his early career, Shimabukuro has already redefined a heretofore under-the-radar instrument, been declared a musical "hero" by Rolling Stone, won accolades from the disparate likes of Eddie Vedder, Perez Hilton and Dr. Sanjay Gupta, wowed audiences on TV, earned comparisons to Jimi Hendrix and Miles Davis, and even played in front of the Queen of England. With his new record "Grand Ukulele," Shimabukuro's star may burn even brighter. An ambitious follow-up to 2011's "Peace, Love, Ukulele," the Hawaiian musician's new record finds him collaborating with legendary producer/engineer Alan Parsons, best known for his work on Pink Floyd's "Dark Side of the Moon," The Beatles' "Abbey Road" and his own highly successful solo project. While still highlighting Shimabukuro's musical dexterity on the uke, "Grand Ukulele" also shows off new sides to the musician. Highlights from the album include originals such as "Island Fever Blues," a beautiful and traditional Hawaiian song titled "Akaka Falls," and a number of wonderful reinterpretations including Sting's "Fields of Gold" and, most prominently, Adele's "Rolling in the Deep."

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Music scene

# Heart, Kool & the Gang, Rascal Flatts set June concert dates

By LEE CLARK ZUMPE

Tampa Bay area venues, both large and small, will welcome a diverse selection of musical artists in the coming weeks.

Kicking off the month will be the **Kings of the Mic Tour** on Thursday, June 6, 7:30 p.m., at The Mahaffey, 400 First St. S., St. Petersburg. Tickets start at \$49.50. Call 892-5767 or visit [www.themahaffey.com](http://www.themahaffey.com).

Two-time Grammy-winning recording artist LL Cool J, featuring DJ Z-Trip, will headline the Kings of the Mic Tour, this summer's ultimate hip-hop music experience. Legendary artists Ice Cube, Public Enemy and De La Soul will join him. This tour underscores the cornerstone of true authentic hip-hop music with these groundbreaking artists bringing their music to fans across generations.

This year's **Happy Together Tour** arrives in the Tampa Bay area on Friday, June 14, 7:30 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Tickets start at \$40. Call 791-7400 or visit [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com).

This year's lineup will include The Turtles, featuring Flo & Eddie; Chuck Negron, formerly of Three Dog Night; Gary Puckett & The Union Gap; Mark Lindsay, former lead singer of Paul Revere & The Raiders; and Gary Lewis & The Playboys. The Happy Together Marketplace also will be presented in the Grand Concourse prior to the start of the show, opening at 5:30 p.m.

The **Americanarama Festival** closes the month on Thursday, June 27, at the Live Nation Amphitheatre at the Florida State Fairgrounds, 4802 U.S. 301 N., Tampa. Tickets start at \$32.10. Call 813-740-2446 or visit [www.livenation.com](http://www.livenation.com).

Headlining the festival will be Bob Dylan. Also performing will be Wilco, Bob Weir and My Morning Jacket.

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

### Jannus Live

- Dwight Yoakam, Tuesday, June 11, 7 p.m.
- The Dirty Heads with The Expendables, Monday, June 24, 6:30 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

- Rascal Flatts with The Band Perry, Friday, June 7, 6 p.m.
- Heart with Jason Bonham's Led Zeppelin Experience, Tuesday, June 18, 7:30 p.m.
- Brad Paisley, Saturday, June 22, 7 p.m.
- Americanarama Festival featuring Bob Dylan, Wilco, Bob Weir and My Morning Jacket; Thursday, June 27, 5:30 p.m.
- Pitbull & Ke\$ha, Friday, June 28, 7:30 p.m.

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

### The Local 662

- Variance, Saturday, June 8, 7 p.m.
- The Neighbourhood, Wednesday, June 12, 7 p.m.
- Guttermouth, Thursday, June 13, 7 p.m.
- Homegrown Hip Hop 5, Saturday, June 22, 8 p.m.

The Local 662 is at 662 Central Ave., St. Petersburg. Call 258-4829.

### The Mahaffey

- Kings of the Mic Tour featuring LL Cool J, Ice Cube, Public Enemy and De La Soul; Thursday, June 6, 7:30 p.m.
  - Kool & The Gang, Friday, June 21, 8 p.m.
- The Mahaffey is at 400 First St. S., St. Petersburg. Call 892-5767 or visit [www.themahaffey.com](http://www.themahaffey.com).

### The Palladium at St. Petersburg College

- Kurt Elling, Friday, June 7, 8 p.m.
  - St. Pete Blues Allstars, Chicago and Jump Blues; Saturday, June 8, 8 p.m.
  - Jake Shimabukuro, Monday, June 10, 7:30 p.m.
  - Lauren Mitchell Band, Friday, June 14, 8 p.m.
  - Bob James and David Sandborn, Saturday, June 22, 7:30 p.m.
- The Palladium at St. Petersburg College is at 253 Fifth Ave. N., St. Petersburg. Call 822-3590 or visit [www.mypalladium.org](http://www.mypalladium.org).

### The Ritz Ybor

- Grizzly Bear, Wednesday, June 19, 8 p.m.
- The Ritz Ybor is at 1503 E. Seventh Ave., Tampa. Call 813-247-2518.



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### Ruth Eckerd Hall

- Dave Koz Summer Horns, Friday, June 7, 8 p.m.
  - Happy Together Tour, Friday, June 14, 7:30 p.m.
  - Billy Idol, Tuesday, June 18, 8 p.m.
  - Earth, Wind & Fire, Thursday, June 20, 8 p.m.
- Ruth Eckerd Hall is at 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Call 791-7400 or visit [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com).

### Skipper's Smokehouse

- John Németh, Saturday, June 8, 8 p.m.
  - Black Taxi, Sunday, June 9, 5 p.m.
  - Damon Fowler Group, Friday, June 14, 8 p.m.
  - Eric Sardinas, Saturday, June 15, 8 p.m.
  - Steve Arvey, Friday, June 28, 8 p.m.
- Skipper's Smokehouse is at

910 Skipper Road, Tampa. Call 813-971-0666 or visit [www.skipperssmokehouse.com](http://www.skipperssmokehouse.com).

### State Theatre

- Unrb, Friday, June 7, 7 p.m.
  - The Airborne Toxic Event, Sunday, June 9, 7 p.m.
  - Say Anything, Tuesday, June 11, 7 p.m.
  - Donavon Frankenreiter, Friday, June 14, 8 p.m.
  - Mike Pinto, Sunday, June 30, 7 p.m.
- State Theatre is at 687 Central Ave., St. Petersburg. Call 895-3045 or visit [www.statetheatreconcerts.com](http://www.statetheatreconcerts.com).

### The Straz Center for the Performing Arts

- Shankar-Ehsaan-Loy, Saturday, June 29, 5 p.m.
  - Juanes, Sunday, June 30, 7:30 p.m.
- The David A Straz Jr. Center -



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At left, Jake Shimabukuro plays the Palladium on June 10. Above, Rascal Flatts plays the Live Nation Amphitheatre June 7. At right, Ice Cube joins the Kings of the Mic Tour at Mahaffey Theater on June 6.



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formerly the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center - is at 1010 N. W.C. MacInnes Place, Tampa. Call 813-229-7827 or visit [www.strazcenter.org](http://www.strazcenter.org).

### Tampa Bay Times Forum

- Fleetwood Mac, Saturday, June 8, 8 p.m.

Tampa Bay Times Forum is at 401 Channelside Drive, Tampa. Call 813-301-2500 or visit [www.tampabaytimesforum.com](http://www.tampabaytimesforum.com).

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events that threatens to tear a family apart. Now, it is up to James, his wife, Mary (Lena Headey), and their kids to make it through the night without turning into the monsters from whom they hide.

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

**'Evocateur: The Morton Downey Jr. Movie'**

Genre: Documentary  
Director: Seth Kramer, Daniel A. Miller and Jeremy Newberger  
Rated: R  
Before entire networks were built on populist personalities; before reality morphed into a TV genre; the masses fixated on a single, sociopathic star: controversial talk-show host Morton Downey Jr.

In the late 1980s, Downey tore apart the traditional talk format by turning debate of current issues into a gladiator pit. His blow-smoke-in-your-face style drew a rabid cult following, but also the title "Father of Trash Television." Was his show a platform for the working man or an incubator for Snooki and The Situation? Ironbound Films' "Evocateur: The Morton Downey Jr. Movie" dissects the mind and motivation of television's most notorious agitator.

Lower the safety bar for a rollercoaster ride through Downey's euphoric ascent to fame and nauseating plummet to infamy.

The film features interviews with Herman Cain, Pat Buchanan, Chris Elliott, Gloria Allred, Sally Jessy Raphael, Alan Dershowitz, Curtis Sliwa, and Richard Bey. Never-before-seen footage reveals Downey's behind-the-scenes fistfights and foibles. Animation re-creates the legends of Downey that bounce between executive nightmare and school-boy fantasy.

The documentary also features an exclusive interview with Steven Pagonos, the white assistant district attorney accused in 1988 of raping black teenager Tawana Brawley. Brawley advocate Al Sharpton refused to be interviewed for the film, but there is shocking footage of him taped during a Morton Downey Jr. Show commercial break.



Amy Acker, left, and Jillian Morgese star in "Much Ado About Nothing," directed by Joss Whedon. Photo by ELSA GUILLET-CHAPUIS

**'Much Ado About Nothing'**

Genre: Comedy, drama and romance

Cast: Amy Acker, Alexis Denisof, Nathan Fillion, Clark Gregg, Fran Kranz and Reed Diamond

Director: Joss Whedon  
Rated: PG-13

Leonato (Clark Gregg), the governor of Messina, is visited by his friend Don Pedro (Reed Diamond) who is returning from a victorious campaign against his rebellious brother Don John (Sean Maher). Accompanying Don Pedro are two of his officers: Benedick (Alexis Denisof) and Claudio (Fran Kranz). While in Messina, Claudio falls for Leonato's daughter Hero (Jillian Morgese), while Benedick verbally spars with Beatrice (Amy Acker), the governor's niece. The budding love between Claudio and Hero prompts Don Pedro to arrange with Leonato for a marriage.

In the days leading up to the ceremony, Don Pedro, with the help of Leonato, Claudio and Hero, attempts to sport with Benedick and Beatrice in an effort to trick the two into falling in love.

Meanwhile, the villainous Don John, with the help of his allies: Conrade (Riki Lindhome) and Borachio (Spencer Treat Clark), plots against the happy couple, using his own form of trickery to

try to destroy the marriage before it begins.

A series of comic and tragic events continue to keep the two couples from truly finding happiness, but then again perhaps love may prevail.

**'Rapture-Palooza'**

Genre: Comedy and horror

Cast: Craig Robinson, Anna Kendrick, John Francis Daley, Rob Corddry, Ana Gasteyer, John Michael Higgins, Rob Huebel, Tom Lennon, Ken Jeong, Paul Scheer, Mike O'Connell, Adrianna Costa, Jesse Camacho, Calum Worthy and Tyler Labine

Director: Chris Matheson  
Not yet rated

Nowhere is safe from the effects of the Rapture in "Rapture-Palooza," a new end of the world comedy from Lionsgate.

When the Apocalypse actually happens and a billion people are raptured up to heaven, Lindsey (Anna Kendrick) and her boyfriend Ben (John Francis Daley) are left behind in suburban Seattle. The young couple tries their best to lead a normal life surrounded by talking locusts, blood rain showers and pot-smoking wraiths. But when The Beast (Craig Robinson) makes his home base in their neighborhood, Lindsey finds herself the object of his affection.

With the help of her family, friends and a lawn-mowing zombie neighbor (Tom Lennon), the young couple set off to stop the Antichrist from taking her as his

bride ... and just maybe, saving the world in the process.

**'Syrup'**

Genre: Comedy

Cast: Shiloh Fernandez, Amber Heard, Kellan Lutz and Brittany Snow

Director: Aram Rappaport  
Not yet rated

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**Blast Friday party**



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Above, Cy Curnin, lead singer of The Fixx, helped deliver a great show at Blast Friday on May 30. The Fixx is an MTV '80s band favorite from England, which had hits like "One Thing Leads to Another," "Saved by Zero" and "Red Skies." Curnin and original band members performed for a large crowd as part of the Blast Friday series. Below, a large crowd came out to Blast Friday to watch The Fixx and participate in other festivities.



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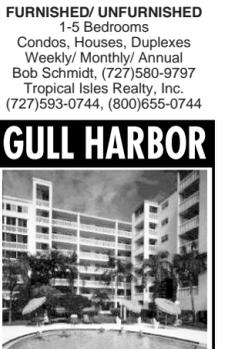
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# Antique wedding gowns on display at Heritage Village

LARGO – An exhibit of antique wedding gowns dating from the Victorian Era through the 1930s is scheduled for display through Sunday, Aug. 4, at Heritage Village, 11909 125th St. N. in Largo. Favorite vintage wedding gowns from Heritage Village's permanent collection will be on display in the parlors of the House of Seven Gables during regular half-hour tours.

To help promote the exhibit, the program, Portrait of a Bride: An Evolving Silhouette is scheduled for Saturday, June 8, 1 p.m. in the Magnolia Room of Pinellas County Parks and Conservation Resources, 12520 Ulmerton Road. The program will focus on the ever-evolving history of the American bride from the 1890s to the present as told through 25 to 40 vintage and contemporary wedding gowns that will be on display.

Through her collection, Leigh Anne Brown shares the stories of different wedding gowns and their importance in American history. Substantial emphasis is given to the social, economic and political events that surround each bride in her day and textiles used as influenced by the times in which the gowns were created.

The program is a fundraiser for the Pinellas County Historical Society and all proceeds will benefit Heritage Village. Tickets are on sale now in the Heritage Village gift shop; open Wednesday through Saturday, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. A \$10 entry fee includes entry into the program, cake and refreshment beverage. Limited seating is available; tickets must be purchased before day of program. For more information, call the Pinellas County Historical Society at 582-2233.

Videos about Heritage Village may be viewed at [www.youtube.com/pctv1](http://www.youtube.com/pctv1). Audio descriptions of the historical structures can be accessed at [www.pinellascounty.org/heritage](http://www.pinellascounty.org/heritage).

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

For more information, visit [www.pinellascounty.org/heritage](http://www.pinellascounty.org/heritage), or call 582-2123.



Shown in the formal parlor at the House of Seven Gables at Heritage Village in Largo are, from left, a 1900 Victorian-style wedding gown; a 1927 flapper-style wedding dress and a 1935 satin wedding dress.

Photo courtesy of PINELLAS COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS

# Stuart Society presents \$500,000 check to Museum of Fine Arts

ST. PETERSBURG – The Stuart Society made history at the final meeting of the season on May 16 in the Marly Room.

President Charlotte Kendall presented a \$500,000 check – the largest ever – to President of the Board Howard Mills and Curator of Public Programs Anna Glenn to support educational programs and exhibitions.

"The Board of Trustees of the Museum of Fine Arts and the staff graciously accept this wonderful gift from The Margaret Acheson Stuart Society," Mills said in a press release. "The Stuart Society continues to fulfill its mission of supporting Museum activities and educational programming. We are particularly thrilled with The Society's gift this year and are in awe of the group's ability to generate funds through their successful production of the 2013 Wine Weekend. Once again, we thank The Stuart Society for their fundraising efforts on behalf of the Museum of Fine Arts."



Photo by THOMAS U. GESSLER

Stuart Society President Charlotte Kendall, left, presents a check to President of the Board Howard Mills and Curator of Public Programs Anna Alexander May 16.

"I have been honored to serve as Stuart Society President," Kendall said. "I cannot say enough about the commitment of the officers, event and committee chairs, and members. They devote countless hours to our programs and fundraisers

and provide generous financial support to the museum we love. What a year it has been for all of us."

Even at this meeting The Stuart Society was looking ahead. Kendall passed the gavel to Margaret Amley, the 50th president. Provisionals became members and event chairs requested support. Tickets were already being sold for the Smartly Dressed Fashion Show on Nov. 8. The Stuart Society never takes a summer vacation.

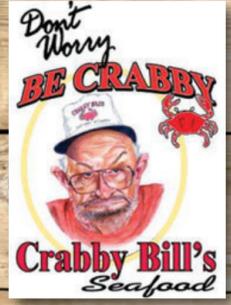
In addition to Amley, the new officers include Gail Phares, president-elect; Maggi McQueen, vice president; Jane Beam, recording secretary; Sue Froid, corresponding secretary; Ginger Grimes, treasurer; and Elise Minkoff, parliamentarian.

The standing committee chairs are Glenn Mosby, ways and means; Chris Hilton, volunteer activities; Carol Piper and Lynn Cox, provisionals 2013-14 and 2014-15 respectively; Susan Lahey, The Scene editor; Carol Russell, programs; Mary Evertz, publicity; and Parsla Mason, nominating.

The event and project chairs are Carol Fisher and Elise Minkoff, Smartly Dressed Fashion Show; Dimity Carlson, with Patricia Rossignol and John William Barger III as the contributing chairs, Wine Week; Kathy Whittemore and Jane Schaumberg, Affaires d'Art; and Lorraine Danna, the Brick Project.

Dale Wybrow and Elizabeth Walters-Alison are the coordinating chairs of Art in Bloom 2014, and Betty Shamas will oversee the installation of the floral designs. Becky Wells, Gail Pyhel, and Whitney Shoupe are chairing "Flowers After Hours," the preview party, and Glenn Mosby and Martha Butner, the luncheon.

The schedule features Smartly Dressed Fashion Show, Nov. 8, 2013; and Wine Week, Feb. 2-9, 2014; as well as a wide variety of Affaires d'Art throughout the season. Art in Bloom is set for March 7-11. The luncheon will begin the spring celebration on Friday, March 7, and "Flowers After Hours" will be on Saturday, March 8.



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