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## Get ready for the Clearwater Jazz Holiday next weekend

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### SPORTS



## Largo High defeats Clearwater 35-7

Osceola scored on its first possession to tie the game 7-7 but Largo's defense took over and Osceola never made it to the end zone again. The Packers improve to 5-1 overall and 1-0 in the district. ... Page 16A.

### LARGO

## Ulmer Park Festival begins

The Downtown Largo Merchants Association's Ulmer Park Market and Community Festival pm Oct. 12 will feature live music, food trucks, arts and crafts, games, face painting and more. Look for that and other events happening this week in Largo. ... Page 3A.

### POLICE

## Largo police look for bank robber

The Largo Police Department asks for help identifying the suspect who robbed the Fifth Third Bank at 1698 S. Missouri Ave., Oct. 8.



Suspect

The suspect is described as a white male, about 5 feet 11 inches tall and between 175 and 200 pounds. ... Page 5A.

### BUSINESS

## Chamber elects new committee

The Central Pinellas Chamber of Commerce recently announced its newly elected executive committee and board of directors for the term Oct. 1, 2013 to Sept. 30, 2014. ... Page 8A.

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# City to tackle stormwater system

## Largo officials explain first steps in vital infrastructure rehabilitation

By JULIANA A. TORRES

LARGO – Asking for just a few more minutes before Largo commissioners left the workshop Oct. 8 to catch the Rays game, City Manager Mac Craig emphasized the importance of the stormwater presentation they had just heard.

"Your action on that in the future will probably be the most important thing that you do for the city of Largo," he said. "Some day, we're going to be drinking that stormwater."

The city's entire stormwater system – which is designed to carry rain and the ensuing runoff pollution off of streets and lawns and out to major bodies of water – is getting old.

"What we are seeing more and more of is localized flooding: street flooding and yard flooding. And while the localized flooding is

not a risk of major public safety and property damage, it is a nuisance to our residents," said city engineer Leland Dicus.

The problem has been compounded over the last year due to higher rainfall. But that's not the only reason why localized flooding has increased. Much of the stormwater infrastructure was built 30 and 50 years ago, when most of the city was developed.

"It's reaching the end of its service life," Dicus said. "It's not that we just need to mow a ditch, or mow a swale or clean out a driveway culvert. It's that the culvert is crushed. And that the ditch and the swale is completely silted in, and it's going to require major rehab to return it to good condition."

The increasing infrastructure failures have diverted the attention of staff away

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Photo courtesy of the CITY OF LARGO

Sunset Manor ditch rehabilitation project, part of the overall goal to retrofit the McKay Creek stormwater system, was completed this year, fixing a ditch that was extremely difficult for Largo's public works department to maintain "and in some cases, extremely dangerous to even access," said Stormwater Administrator Sean VanDerGracht. The city will begin a comprehensive assessment of the stormwater system in order to tackle more projects like this one.

## A new tee time



Photo by JORDAN OSTER

Clearwater resident Wesley Andrews kicks his soccer ball into the hole as his competitor watches during the Tampa Bay FootGolf Open held at the Largo Golf Course Oct. 6. For more photos from the open, see page 16A.

## New sport, FootGolf, opens at Largo Golf Course

LARGO – A new sport, combining the rules of golf with a regulation soccer ball, debuted in Largo over the weekend.

The Largo Golf Course hosted an open house featuring the sport Oct. 5, followed by the Tampa Bay FootGolf Open Oct. 6. The event was a joint venture of the Florida FootGolf Association and the American FootGolf League.

FootGolf is played on shortened holes with players kicking a soccer ball toward 21-inch diameter cups.

The Largo FootGolf course, a par-71 course with a 2,447-yard layout, is the eighth certified course in the nation to offer the new sport and one of only two such courses in Florida.

Regular tee times for FootGolf will be available Saturdays and Sundays, noon to close beginning Saturday, Oct. 12. Rates are, for 18 holes: \$20 to ride and \$15 to walk or for nine holes: \$15 to ride and \$10 to walk. A \$5 discount is available for groups of 12 or more.

Largo Golf Course is at 12500 Vonn Road. For more information or to book a tee time, call the Pro Shop at 518-3024.

An electronic FootGolf tee time system is still in the works, but more details about the sport and the course are available at [www.largofootgolf.com](http://www.largofootgolf.com).

# County readies navigator program

By SUZETTE PORTER

National media sources reported a huge surge in interest when the federal Health Insurance Marketplace opened Oct. 1. But, the same wasn't true at Pinellas County Health and Community Services.

Natalie D. Jackson, program administrator, at the county's H&CS, said Oct. 3 that only about 20 to 25 calls had come in from people asking about the marketplace.

"As of yesterday, we've had seven people come in," she said.

She wasn't concerned about the low numbers since the agency is still working to get its Navigator program up and running. Pinellas County received a \$600,000 grant from the federal government to fund the hiring and support of navigators, who will assist residents with the new health insurance exchange.

Jackson said all navigators hired by H&CS had not yet completed the certification process required to do their jobs. She said the shutdown of the federal government had reduced the number of project officers available to certify navigators. Still, she is confident that everyone will be certified and the county's program would be up and running by the target date of Oct. 14.

October 1 marked the beginning of the period when people could begin exploring the program to find out about the different plans and their eligibility for tax relief.

"This is the time to understand what it is and whether it is beneficial to you," Jackson said. "It's a time to pick

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# Man extradited from Uruguay faces homicide charges

By JULIANA A. TORRES

LARGO – An intoxicated driver of a vehicle that crashed on Christmas night 2011, killing two of its passengers, was extradited from Uruguay to face two charges of vehicular homicide Oct. 4.

Diego Cavalieri, now 24, was driving with alcohol and THC in his system when he attempted to pass another vehicle on Indian Rocks Road, lost control and crashed, according to the Largo Police Department.

Witnesses saw the 2007 Ford Fusion driving recklessly that night. It was later determined he was driving 70 mph in a 35 mph zone.

At around 10:55 p.m., in front of the Indian Rocks Road campus of the Largo Medical Center, Cavalieri tried to pass a 2000 Buick Century. He lost control and drove off the road.

He attempted to correct the swerving, but instead, crossed in front of the Buick and was T-boned.

The resulting crash killed two of his passengers – Thomas Williams, 25, and Sean Wilson, 22, – and seriously injured another, Timothy Talbot, 23. Cavalieri fled the country days after the crash and before the investigation of the crash was completed.

Largo Police Department charged him with two counts of vehicular homicide

and two counts of reckless driving causing serious injuries. With the help of the State Attorney's Office and the State Department, a warrant for his arrest was served and an international warrant was entered via Interpol.

U.S. Marshals arrested Diego in Uruguay, and the Uruguayan Supreme Court signed off on his extradition; the first extradition from Uruguay since the 1950s, according to U.S. Marshals Service.

Largo police booked Cavalieri into the Pinellas County Jail the evening of Oct. 4, after the U.S. Marshals escorted him from Uruguay. He remains in jail awaiting trial.



Diego Cavalieri

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## This week in Largo

### Enjoy jazz at the Community Center

LARGO – Sun Down Music Series presents “A Night of Jazz” Friday, Oct. 11, 6 to 8:30 p.m., at Largo Community Center, 400 Alt. Keene Road.

Enjoy the soulful sounds of jazz as live music fills the back park of the Community Center. The cost is \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door.

Call 518-3131 or visit LargoCommunityCenter.com.

### Ulmer Park Festival begins

LARGO – The Ulmer Park Market and Community Festival will be held second Saturdays starting Oct. 12, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 301 W. Bay Drive.

The community festival, organized by the Downtown Largo Merchants Association, will feature live music, food trucks, gourmet coffee, arts and crafts, games, face painting and raffle prizes.

Join the community and support local businesses. Vendor booths are available as well as sponsorship opportunities. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Youth Fire Explorers in honor of Fire Safety Month.

For information, call Tanya Pistillo at 465-8558.

### Buddy Walk is Oct. 12

LARGO – The Down Syndrome Network of Tampa Bay will present the 10th annual Tampa Bay Area Buddy Walk Saturday, Oct. 12, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Largo Central Park, 101 Central Park Drive.

Registration is \$5 and will include drinks, snow cones, an armband and raffle ticket. The first 2,000 people who preregister by Oct. 10 are guaranteed a T-shirt and lunch from Carrabba's. On-site registration starts at 9 a.m.

The 1-mile walk begins with opening ceremonies at 11 a.m. Lunch starts at noon.

A variety of activities will be available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., including face painting, clowns, balloon art, arts and crafts, train rides, character artists, pony rides, games, bounce houses, entertainment on the stage, music, a silent auction and concessions.

Call Shirley Lawyer at 462-2274. Visit [www.ndss.org](http://www.ndss.org).

### Cross-stitchers hold event

LARGO – The Crafty Framer, a custom framing and full service cross-stitch store, invites cross-stitchers to its next Friends All Stitchin' Together, or FAST, event Saturday, Oct. 12, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 9204 Ulmerton Road.

Tickets are \$20 and include lunch. Enjoy lots and lots of stitchin as well as goodie bags and door prizes during this quarterly event.

The October FAST also will celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness Month with a decorated bra contest. Participants can decorate a bra and wear it on the outside of their clothes. The bras will be judged for Best of the Best, Second Best and Third Best with prizes awarded.

For more information, contact Peggy Wittlake at 518-1400 or email [craftyframer@aol.com](mailto:craftyframer@aol.com).

### Kiwanis Club presents fashion show

LARGO – The Kiwanis Club of Largo/Mid-Pinellas will present its third annual Enchanted Fashion Show and Brunch Saturday, Oct. 12, 10:30 a.m., at the Belleview Biltmore Golf Club, 1501 Indian Rocks Road in Belleair.

Tickets are \$20 advance or \$25 at the door. Enjoy the latest fall fashions presented by Karen

Toutant, door prizes, local celebrity models and a fall gourmet brunch. Seating is limited.

All proceeds go to Kiwanis Club of Largo/Mid-Pinellas, serving children of the community and the world. Make checks payable to the club and send to P.O. Box 2043, Largo, FL 33779, along with a self-addressed stamped envelope to receive tickets.

For information, call Debbie Taphouse at 288-3768.

### City hosts outdoor movie

LARGO – Join the city of Largo for Movie in Highland Park on Saturday, Oct. 12, 5 p.m., 400 Highland Ave.

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to enjoy a free movie on the Highland field. Concessions will be available for purchase.

Visit [HighlandRecreation.com](http://HighlandRecreation.com) or call 518-3016.

### Complex hosts Pumpkin Patch

LARGO – The Southwest Recreation Complex will host the Pint-Sized Pumpkin Patch, a family-friendly preschool Halloween event, Monday, Oct. 14, 6 to 7:30 p.m., at 13120 Vonn Road.

The cost is \$8 at the door. This fall event will feature games, food and crafts. Enjoy a visit from a scarecrow and come dressed in costume for a trick-or-treat parade.

Call 518-3125 or visit [PlayLargo.com](http://PlayLargo.com).

## FootGolf fishing



Photo by JORDAN OSTER  
Michael Bellmore, 12, of Largo scoops his soccer ball out of the water after it accidentally landed there during the Tampa Bay FootGolf Open held at the Largo Golf Course Oct. 6.

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# Mixson named new deputy fire chief

LARGO – Former Division Chief David Mixson was promoted to deputy fire chief of Largo Fire Rescue, Chief Shelby Willis announced Oct. 3.

Mixson's new roles and responsibilities include administrative oversight of the department as well as assuming the role of emergency management coordinator for the city.

Mixson has been with Largo Fire Rescue for almost 20 years. He began his career in January 1994 as a firefighter/paramedic. He was promoted to lieutenant in January 2003 then district chief in December 2006.

In April 2009, Mixson was promoted to the rank of division chief and has served in both the operations and logistics divisions for the department. In addition, Mixson was a SWAT medic and was asked to lead the Pinellas County Hazmat Team as the

team's commander from January 2007 through April 2011.

Mixson has a bachelor's degree in business administration from St. Leo University and is currently pursuing a masters of science in safety, security, and emergency management from Eastern Kentucky University.

"Chief Mixson's leadership and commitment to our city and our organization is without reproach," Willis stated in her citywide announcement.

Willis served as deputy chief until she was named interim chief in April, after Mike Wallace retired from the post amidst an internal investigation into his leadership.

Willis was named permanent fire chief last month and stated then her intentions to make successive promotions to fill her place.



Deputy Fire Chief David Mixson

## Around town

### Marching bands to compete at Largo High

LARGO – Watch the thrill of Florida marching bands at the Largo High Marching Competition Saturday, Oct. 26, 5 p.m., at the school, 410 Missouri Ave.

The cost is \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors. Parking is free. The Largo High Band Boosters will sell concessions and spirit items. Call 585-4653.

### Junk geniuses to compete

LARGO – The city of Largo's fifth annual Recycled Innovations Contest challenges "junk geniuses" to show off their repurposed rubbish to win prizes now through Oct. 31.

Children of all ages are invited to participate in this online contest that challenges participants to construct useful items consisting of at least 75 percent otherwise discarded material. Innovators will be competing for prizes such as a solar-powered charger, a solar-powered backpack and a paper-recycling machine.

Largo Recycles' Facebook friends will determine the winners. Prizes will be awarded to

the participants receiving the most online votes in multiple age categories.

For more information and to submit your entry form, visit LargoRecycles.com or call 586-7424. All entries must be received by Oct. 31. Facebook voting runs from Nov. 1-12 at Facebook.com/LargoRecycles. On Friday, Nov. 15, America Recycles Day, winners will be invited to join the city of Largo's Recycling Coordinator on CBS's mid-day television program, Studio 10, to receive their prizes.

### Caregiver support group meets at Arbor Terrace

LARGO – A caregiver support group meets the last Thursday of the month from 10 to 11 a.m. at Arbor Terrace Assisted Living and Memory Care Center, 333 16th Ave. S.E.

The group is facilitated by Linda Burhans of Harmony Home Health, a caregiver advocate and author of the book "Good Night and God Bless." The purpose of the meetings is to provide emotional support and discuss creative solutions to current challenges.

Visit [www.at-largo.com](http://www.at-largo.com) or call 588-0020.

### Join the ombudsman program

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

The local council meets to discuss the program's current activities and give the public a chance to provide comments about long-term care facility issues on the third Thursdays at the Mary Grizzle Building, 11351 Ulmertown Road, Room 136, in Largo. The open session of these meetings begins at 1 p.m.

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

All interested individuals who care about protecting the health, safety, welfare and rights of long-term care facility residents – who often have no one else to advocate for them – are encouraged to call 888-831-0404 or visit the program's website at [ombudsman.myflorida.com](http://ombudsman.myflorida.com).

## City calendar

### Highland Recreation Complex

Highland Recreation Complex is at 400 Highland Ave. Visit [HighlandRecreation.com](http://HighlandRecreation.com) or call 518-3016.

#### Fishing class and excursion offered

LARGO – Take a four-week fishing class at Highland Recreation Complex followed by a deep sea excursion starting Oct. 16, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Families will learn fish identification, angler etiquette, knot tying, casting, rules, regulations, types of equipment, lures and bait. After this four-week class, jump aboard the Double Eagle for a deep sea fishing trip.

The cost is \$56 for residents or \$70 for nonresidents per person. Bait, poles and tackle are included. Participants must have a valid recreation card and register by Oct. 13.

The class is open to children ages 8 and older. A legal guardian must accompany minors during class and excursion.

For more details, call 587-6740, ext. 5008.

#### Highland to host monster-themed Zumba

LARGO – Join the Monster Mash Zumba Bash Saturday, Oct. 19, 6 to 8 p.m., at Highland Recreation Complex.

The event includes raffle prizes, healthy snacks, home goods and beauty vendors.

The cost is \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. On-site childcare will be available for \$5 for potty-trained children, 3 to 10 years old.

#### Sign up for 5K and half-marathon training

LARGO – Highland Recreation Center is hosting running training programs to help residents prepare for the Tampa Bay Times Annual Turkey Trot 5K or the Women's Running Half-Marathon.

The training will equip participants with group runs, tips on proper stretching and training plans to take home and follow for the remainder of each week. Classes are open to runners, ages 16 and older. A city of Largo recreation card is required.

Training for the women's half-marathon meets through Nov. 23 on Tuesdays, 6 p.m., and Saturdays, 7:30 a.m. The half-marathon race will be held Sunday, Nov. 24. The cost is \$99 for residents and \$123.75 for nonresidents.

Train for the Turkey Trot class meets though Nov. 27 on Wednesdays,

6 p.m. The class will conclude with the race held on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28. The cost is \$50 for residents and \$62.50 for nonresidents.

### Largo Central Park

The Largo Central Park is at 101 Central Park Drive. Within the park are the Largo Public Library, at 120 Central Park Drive; Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, and the historic Largo Feed Store, at 295 Central Park Drive. For information about events, call 587-6740, ext. 5014 or visit [LargoEvents.com](http://LargoEvents.com).

#### Halloween Spooktacular to come to Largo park

LARGO – The 19th annual Halloween Spooktacular in Largo Central Park will be held Oct. 26, noon to 6 p.m.

The free trick-or-treat trail will run until 4 p.m. Games, music, concessions and more will be offered throughout the event. Bounce houses, ropes course, a petting zoo and strolling entertainment are just a few of the activities that make this a great event for the whole family.

Wristbands go on sale beginning Oct 1 and will cost \$5 in advance for recreation cardholders, \$6 without a card or \$7 on day of event. Wristbands are for children 14 and younger that want to participate in the activities outside of the trick or treat path. Parents do not need wristbands. Children must meet height requirements for bounce houses and rides.

Limited on-site parking will be available for \$5. Park for free and walk from Everest University and Largo Middle School.

#### Ride the train

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 Nov. 2-3. Rides are free, though donations are accepted.

For more information, visit the "Train Weekend" link at [www.Largo-Events.com](http://www.Largo-Events.com).

#### Genealogy classes offered

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

For a complete list of classes, visit [www.flpgs.org/classes.aspx](http://www.flpgs.org/classes.aspx). Up-

## Big Brothers Big Sisters calls all couples to action

LARGO – To increase the number of mentors for young boys in Pinellas County, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Pinellas launched The Next BIG Thing on Oct. 1 – the very first Big Couples campaign in its history.

Statistically, one in five African-American boys in the county will graduate from high school this year. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Pinellas will run a 50-day campaign with the goal of recruiting 50 new Big Couples to remove 50 boys from the agency's waiting list. There currently are more than 200 children ready to be matched.

As a Big Couple, you and your long-term significant other become adult mentors – otherwise known as "Bigs" – to a young boy waiting for someone to guide him down the path to success.

The three of you can do things together or spend time with your "Little" individually, from simple activities like playing catch in the park to eating a hot dog at a Tampa Bay Rays game. Your presence has the power to enrich a child's life by exposing him to things he would otherwise never get to experience.

There are 744 hours in the average month; it only takes four to eight hours to be a Big Couple.

To get started, contact Big Brothers Big Sisters by calling 518-8860 or visiting [www.bbbspc.org](http://www.bbbspc.org). Volunteers then must pick one of three programs:

- **Community-based:** meeting with the child for four hours each month to spend quality time together in the community.

- **Sports Buddies:** an extension of Community Based, this program stems from building an instant friendship from the common interest of sports.

- **School-based:** meeting with the child on school grounds for one hour per week; your visit will typically range from playing on the playground to helping with academic work or simply talking about your day. You are not responsible for seeing the child when school is not in session.

Volunteers then would meet with a degreed Match Manager for an interview and training session before meeting a new Little Brother.

Big Brothers Big Sisters provides a system of ongoing evaluation and support, which is proven by independent studies to help families by improving the odds that "Littles" will perform better in school and avoid violence and illegal activities, and have stronger relationships with their parents and others. The organization has been in existence for more than 100 years at a national level, and more than 45 years locally.

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your plan, do your research to make sure the plan meets your needs."

Open enrollment continues until March 31, 2014, so there is no rush to get signed up right away, she said. People who have health insurance through their employer don't have to worry about a penalty come tax time. People without insurance, however, should be looking into the new program to learn what they need to do.

She recommends visiting [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov), which has information on many health insurance topics and provides specific plans and prices per state. Health insurance coverage can start as soon as Jan. 1, 2014. County residents also can call 464-8411 to set up an appointment with a counselor.

Maggie Hall, spokesperson for the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County, said due to a state edict, the health department is not allowed to participate in the navigator program. Instead, the agency is directing people who come in to their clinics to the county.

#### Scammers are geared up and ready

While the government continues to fine tune and ready programs to respond to people interested in the health insurance marketplace, scam artists are already on the prowl.

"There are three aspects of the Affordable Health Care Act that make

it easy for scams to thrive," said a press release from Pinellas County Communications. "First, the law affects nearly every American in some way, so consumers across the U.S. are vulnerable to getting scammed. Second, the act is not standardized nationwide, allowing each state to administer the law in different ways. Third, the complexity of the law leaves consumers confused."

The county's Department of Justice and Consumer Services offers some tips to help protect against becoming a victim.

Most important is to protect personal information. Individuals should never give out information such as credit card, bank account or social security numbers over the phone, by email or in person outside an official government office, especially when unsolicited. When meeting in person, ask to see the representative's credentials.

Government agencies usually communicate via the United States Postal Service and their employees would never ask for personal information over the phone or by email. Be aware that scammers can spoof caller IDs and display fake names and phone numbers.

Lastly, remember there is no rush to get signed up for health insurance right away. Anyone who phones or emails and pressures you into an immediate decision is likely a scammer. The best advice is to hang up the phone and don't answer the email. If you think you're a victim of a scam, call Justice and Consumer Services at 464-6200 or visit [www.pinellascounty.org/consumer](http://www.pinellascounty.org/consumer).

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from routine maintenance, such as ditch mowing schedules and preventative measures.

"We're being pulled more and more into these urgent emergency repairs. They're very time-consuming for in-house maintenance staff and often require long-term planning," Dicus said.

Since 2008, urgent, unplanned repairs have cost the city \$2 million. Those don't include capital projects that have been completed. Most recently, the Sunset Manor ditch rehabilitation project, part of the overall goal to retrofit the McKay Creek stormwater system, was completed this year.

"That particular ditch was both extremely difficult for our public works crews to maintain and in some cases, extremely dangerous to even access," said Sean VanDerGracht, the city's stormwater administrator. "With working with our public works crews, our engineering division was able to turn it into what you see there today."

If not addressed, localized flooding will turn into structure flooding that will cause widespread damage to city residences and businesses.

On top of the age of the infrastructure, much of it never achieved what the system needs to be now. Many of state environmental regulations and development standards were not in place before the 1980s, VanDerGracht said.

"The majority of the city was already developed at that time," he explained.

The infrastructure needs to be upgraded not only because it's old, but because it was never designed to clean the stormwater of pollutants that can harm Gulf waters and ecosystem.

"Stormwater runoff is public enemy No. 1," VanDerGracht said. "The

reason the stormwater runoff can be so bad for the environment ... is unlike our sanitary sewer system, it's not connected to any sort of treatment plant."

The city plans to retrofit much of its stormwater system for water treatment as its first initiative in confronting the problem. On Jan. 1, the city completed its state-required "total maximum daily living" plan, which identifies which water bodies are exceeding pollution limits and how the city plans to clean the water that flows into it.

"Despite many of water quality improvements that the city as well as the county have implemented the past 10 years, the vast majority of the water bodies in Pinellas County are currently classified as impaired (meaning they are) not meeting one or more state water quality standards," Dicus said.

The city is waiting for state approval of its prioritized list of water bodies that need to be addressed.

The city also is looking at developing a comprehensive stormwater infrastructure maintenance rehabilitation program. To do this, it will need to completely assess the entire system to determine the condition of different components.

"Then we can start predicting where we need to invest in replacing infrastructure," Dicus said. "This plan that we are proposing is to identify where are these areas, what will be the cost to rehab them, when do we want to rehab them, what will that mean to our fund."

Finally, city staff will continue to look for opportunities to tackle multiple infrastructure improvements at one time.

"A local roadway and community street infrastructure project also provides an opportunity to retrofit some of the urban stormwater treatment practices we've been talking about," Dicus said.

In the coming months as city staff seeks to upgrade the entire system,

coming classes in October will teach tips on how to use city directories, [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org), courthouse records, England and Wales research and more.

For more information, contact Bob Bryan at 595-4521 or [BBryan84@gmail.com](mailto:BBryan84@gmail.com).

### Largo Community Center

The Largo Community Center is at 400 Alt. Keene Road. Visit [LargoCommunityCenter.com](http://LargoCommunityCenter.com) or call 518-3131.

#### Weekly events

- **Bridge games:** Mondays and Wednesdays, 12:30 to 4 p.m. All players are welcome to join the American Contract Bridge League-sanctioned games. The cost is \$4 with membership or \$5, with snacks included. Call Joan Waff at 895-9073.

- **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 offered 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 and Couples 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.

### 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](http://PlayLargo.com) or [LargoPools.com](http://LargoPools.com).

#### Meet Tom the Turkey

LARGO – Meet Tom the Turkey at his party, Gobble Gobble Games Galore, on Monday, Nov. 11, 1 to 2 p.m., at the Southwest Recreation Complex.

Early registration is \$5; the cost is \$8 at the door. Space is limited.

The family-friendly Thanksgiving event will feature games, a craft, a snack and traditional holiday classic music. Bring your camera.

The screenshot shows the HealthCare.gov website. At the top, there are navigation links for "Learn", "Get Insurance", and "Login". Below that, there are categories for "Individuals & Families", "Small Businesses", and "All Topics". The main banner reads "The Health Insurance Marketplace is Open!" with a sub-headline "Enroll now in a plan that covers essential benefits, pre-existing conditions, and more." and a button "APPLY NOW". Below the banner, there are four smaller boxes: "Get covered. A one-page guide", "Find the Marketplace in your state", "Get lower costs on health insurance", and "See what Marketplace insurance covers". On the right side of the banner, there is a photo of a smiling woman.

Screenshot by SUZETTE PORTER

The federal governments Health Insurance Marketplace website is a good place to find information.



Photo courtesy of the CITY OF LARGO

Largo public works employees clean out a catch basin, designed to catch organic and inorganic pollutants in the stormwater system. City staff emphasize that mechanisms like this aren't doing enough to clean the stormwater before it goes into the Gulf.

commissioners will be considering raising the stormwater fee charged to residents and businesses. City staff couldn't hazard a guess on the total cost of the rehabilitation, but Craig said, "it's going to take millions."

"We've got a lot of work to do," Craig said. "The system is old, and it's in terrible shape – we're seeing it every day. And we can't keep up with it."

City commissioners will be updated on the progress of the plan at a later meeting.

## Police beat

### FHP identifies woman struck by car

PINELLAS PARK – A Pinellas Park woman remains in critical condition at Bayfront Medical Center Oct. 6 after she was struck by a car about 6:17 a.m. Oct. 4 on Bryan Dairy Road near Belcher Road in Pinellas Park.

Florida Highway Patrol released the woman's identity Oct. 6 after notifying her next of kin. The woman is Fay Renee Giaimo, 69.

Samuel Lee Chapman, 33, of Largo struck Giaimo, who was walking in a pedestrian crosswalk on Bryan Dairy Road in violation of the "Do Not Walk" pedestrian signal. FHP said Giaimo walked into the path of Chapman's 2000 Ford Focus. Neither Chapman nor his 2-year-old son was injured. The Focus sustained estimated damages of \$4,000. Charges are pending.

### PCSO seeks car theft suspect

CLEARWATER – Pinellas County sheriff's detectives are asking for the public's help to locate a grand theft auto suspect who stole a car from a Clearwater dealership.

According to the detectives assigned to the Arson/Auto Theft Unit, the theft occurred Tuesday, Oct. 1, at about 12:52 p.m. at the Lokey Nissan Service Center, 27758 U.S. 19 N. in Clearwater.

The suspect stole a 2005 white Nissan Altima 4 door with FL tag J57WCG. The vehicle was in for service at the time of the theft. It is unknown which direction the suspect left the parking lot.

The suspect is described as a bald, white male who was last seen wearing black sunglasses, jeans and a white T-shirt with writing on the front left chest and a star on the back.

Anyone with information on this theft is asked to contact Cpl. Johnson of the Arson/Auto Unit at 582-6200 or to remain anonymous and be eligible for a reward contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-873-TIPS or www.crimestoppersofpinellas.org.

### Pinellas Park PD investigating shooting

PINELLAS PARK – A Pinellas Park residence on 83rd Terrace North has been the target of two separate shooting incidents currently under investigation.

According to a news release from Pinellas Park police, officers responded to 4647 83rd Terrace N. on Oct. 2 at 1:27 a.m. and 5:21 a.m. in reference to a report of gunshots being fired in the area.

Both times, officers determined that bullets had been fired from unknown individuals into the residence at that location. No injuries were reported and the investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information related to the identities of the individual(s) responsible for these shootings is asked to contact the Criminal Investigation Section of the Pinellas Park Police Department at 541-0758. Those wishing to remain anonymous or who would like to be eligible for a cash reward are asked to call Crime Stoppers of Pinellas County at 1-800-873-TIPS (8477) or visit www.crimestoppersofpinellas.org.

### School bus driver deemed at fault in crash

CLEARWATER – The driver of a Pinellas County school bus, Rogenia Flowers, was determined to be at fault in a traffic crash on the morning of Oct. 4, according to a Clearwater police report.

Clearwater police and Clearwater Fire & Rescue personnel were called to Palmetto Street and Highland Avenue when the bus collided with a car around 8:23 a.m., the release said. The bus, driven by Flowers, 53, of Clearwater, was traveling west on Palmetto and the car was traveling south on Highland. The front of the bus struck the driver's side of the Chrysler LeBaron. The driver of the car, Carolyn Brumsfield, 57, of Clearwater, was taken to Bayfront Health St. Petersburg via Baylite for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries. She was later in stable condition with serious injuries.

None of the four special needs students on the bus was injured. The students were on their way to Curlew Creek Elementary. They were put on another school bus and taken to school.

Charges against Flowers are pending further investigation, according to the police report.



Photo courtesy of CLEARWATER POLICE  
A school bus driver was deemed at fault in a crash involving the bus and a car on Oct. 4.

## Largo police look for bank robber

LARGO – The Largo Police Department asks for help identifying the suspect who robbed the Fifth Third Bank at 1698 S. Missouri Ave., Oct. 8.

At around 1:34 p.m., the suspect entered the bank with a note demanding money. He fled the area on foot with the cash.

The suspect is described as a white male, about 5 feet 11 inches tall and between 175 and 200 pounds. He was seen wearing a blue work shirt and dark baseball hat with visible writing on it.

In the photographs, the suspect has what appears to be a beard. However, witnesses describe it as some type of paint used to obscure the suspect's identity, police report.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Largo Police Department at 587-6730.



Police are looking for this suspect in connection to a bank robbery.

## Oops



Photo courtesy of CLEARWATER FIRE & RESCUE  
Clearwater Fire & Rescue responded to a call involving a vehicle crashing into a house on Oak Lake Drive on Oct. 2. Two people were treated on the scene for minor injuries that did not require a trip to the hospital.

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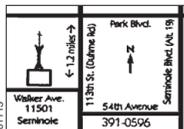
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# Clearwater's Pier 60 walk-on rates double

By BRIAN GOFF

CLEARWATER – For years it has cost 50 cents to walk out to the end of Pier 60 on Clearwater Beach. As of Oct. 1, that price has doubled to \$1. Clearwater officials say the increase was long overdue.

"The rates haven't changed in the 14 years I have been here," said Harbormaster Bill Morris. "It has been something of a loss leader if you will, it was just something that we hadn't raised."

Morris, who is also the director of Clearwater's Marine and Aviation Department, said costs dictated the increase.

"We just try to remain competitive with the market to be able to provide the revenue back to the city that we can," he said. "We don't cover the cost of what it might take to rebuild that, but we do our best to remain competitive with the other piers up and down the coast. We have to keep prices such that people will use it. We watch what everybody else's rates are."

Morris said he hasn't heard much feedback from residents about the fee increase. He said he expects that to change once the rates go into effect.

"I expect to get some complaints when it becomes a reality," he said. "Some people have grumbled but until they have to reach into their pockets I don't anticipate hearing a whole lot."

Who will likely complain the most? Morris said the casual visitor is likely to bear the brunt of the new rate.

"The local folks who go out there on a regular basis probably have a weekly or monthly pass," he said. "However, somebody who has a number of out of town guests and wants to bring them for a walk on



Tim and Annie Wilson of Chicago celebrate Tim's birthday on the pier on Clearwater Beach.

Photo by BRIAN GOFF

the pier will be hit for sure. They will complain then I'm sure."

On a bright, sunny afternoon recently a couple from Chicago was strolling on the beach, enjoying the first day of their vacation. Tim and Annie Wilson were on a five-day stay. It was Tim's birthday and one of their plans was to take a walk on the pier. That is until they discovered it was going to cost them 50 cents to do so.

"The pier was definitely on our to-do list," said Annie Wilson. "But now we're not going; we don't have any change. Who carries money on them when they go for a walk on the beach?"

Tom Wilson wondered why there had to be a charge at all.

"In Chicago we have a pier and there is lots to do on it and it is free," he said. "It would be nice if it were free here, too."

When told about the pending increase to a dollar, Annie Wilson was quick to say what effect that would have on their plans.

"We wouldn't go out there at all in that case," she said.

Not far away Karl Artt and Victoria Justin, visitors from Northern Ireland, had just come back from a short walk on the pier. They hadn't gone out far enough to have to pay and in fact were surprised when told they would have had to pay 50 cents to go all the way. They didn't seem to mind, even when told of the pending increase.

"We loved it out there," said Justin. "We didn't go far enough to have to pay but we would if we come back again."

"A dollar would be OK," said Artt. "Mind you it would be quite costly for someone coming here every day."

The increase in rates was approved by the Clearwater City Commission, as does every financial increase over 10 percent. Morris said the ongoing maintenance of the pier has to be paid for somehow.

"Right now the pier is undergoing a midlife extension," he said. "The entire railing all the way around the pier is being replaced.

Right now it is pressure treated lumber which has deteriorated and it is being replaced with new plastic railings."

Morris said the state-of-the-art in plastic "lumber" has matured and improved significantly in recent years. He says the railing replacement should be finished in two weeks in time for the Super Boat races.

He said the replacement of the decking on the pier also was done with a hybrid form of lumber, which has lasted longer than wood ever did.

"Original lumber had to be replaced every five years or so," he said. "Fifteen years ago we replaced the decking with this new composite and it has lasted this long and we feel it has another 15 years left in it. When it first went in it was brown, since then it has turned gray but that is the only change. It has paid for itself many times over."

The new walk-on rate of 1 dollar went into effect on Oct. 1. The other rates remain unchanged.

The daily fishing fee is \$8 or \$6.75 for seniors. The weekly rate is \$30 or \$25 for seniors and the annual pass is \$250 or \$200 for seniors. Those rates will remain the same at least for the year ahead.

## Briefs

### Elections Office offers sample ballots by email

LARGO – Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections Deborah Clark announced that voters now have the opportunity to receive sample ballots for countywide elections by email.

House Bill 247, effective Oct. 1, provides that the statewide voter registration application include a space for an email address and the option for voters to request that their sample ballots be emailed to them.

"We are pleased to give voters a new option for receiving sample ballots," Clark said. "Many people prefer electronic communication, and we welcome the technology to accommodate them."

Voters who request sample ballots for countywide elections by email will no longer receive sample ballots for countywide elections by regular mail. Voters will also need to need to keep their email addresses current with the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections Office.

Please note that sample ballot email information provided by the voter is not exempt from public record under Florida law.

To request sample ballots by email:

- Visit [www.voteinpinellas.com](http://www.voteinpinellas.com)
- Email [sampleballot@voteinpinellas.com](mailto:sampleballot@voteinpinellas.com) (include date of birth)
- Call 464-VOTE (8683)

New registration applications are being revised by the Division of Elections by Administrative Rule and are expected to be available by mid-October in all Supervisor of Elections Offices as well as voter registration agencies such as public libraries, tax collector offices, public assistance offices and military recruitment offices.

### Elections Office receives \$1.8 million grant

LARGO – Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections Deborah Clark announced the award of a \$1.8 million grant to enhance the absentee voting process for military and overseas citizens.

The award is an expansion on an original grant to a coalition of supervisors of elections, which includes Pinellas County.

The coalition, named Our Mission: Your Vote, originally included 13 counties, and this grant will help expand the project and bring 21 additional Florida counties into its consortium as part of the Electronic Absentee Systems for Elections grant funded by the Federal Voting Assistance Program.

Using the system, voters can request, mark and track their absentee ballots electronically. The system is designed to provide greater online access, automate absentee requests and expedite ballot delivery, making the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act voting process more seamless. Speeding up ballot delivery is expected to increase ballot request and return rates of military and overseas voters.

"Providing ballot access to our men and women serving our country overseas is of the utmost importance," Clark said. "We will continue to do everything we can to protect their right to vote, just as they are defending our freedoms. We are excited that this project was funded once again to provide this electronic system for ballot delivery to our voters who are stationed overseas."

Original members of the Our Mission: Your Vote coalition include Baker, Bay, Bradford, Clay, Duval, Escambia, Leon, Nassau, Okaloosa, Pinellas, Putnam, Sarasota, and Wakulla counties. Joining the coalition include Alachua, Charlotte, Citrus, Collier, Hernando, Highlands, Indian River, Jackson, Levy, Madison, Manatee, Martin, Miami-Dade, Okeechobee, Osceola, St. Johns, Santa Rosa, Sumter, Suwannee, Walton and Washington counties.

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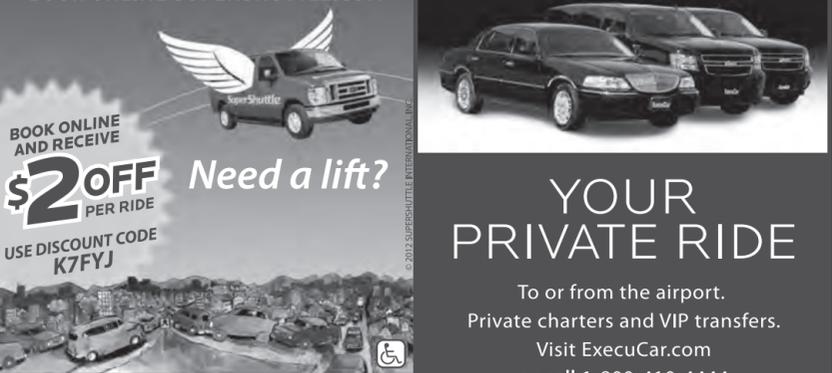
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# Hurricane season not over yet Community calendar

By SUZETTE PORTER

Pinellas County Emergency Management recently reminded residents to stay prepared for possible tropical weather in October, which is the third busiest month for hurricane development.

More than 16 percent of all storms historically have formed in October.

"When cold fronts blow out of Canada, bringing cooler air to our neighbors up north, the winds they generate tend to pick gulf storms up and push them from west to east making Florida's West Coast particularly vulnerable," Tom Iovino, public information specialist with Pinellas County Communications, said in a press release.

The last time Pinellas County took a direct hit from a hurricane was Oct. 25, 1921. On Oct. 7, 1996, Tropical Storm Josephine caused flooding along the county's beaches and swept a "tremendous amount of sand onto Gulf Boulevard," Iovino said.

Hurricane Wilma, which made landfall on Oct. 24, 2005, broke several records, eventually becoming the most intense hurricane recorded in the Atlantic Basin.

Iovino said that since October storms form much closer to the county, the warning time could be considerably shorter than storms forming in August and September. Residents should visit [www.pinellascounty.org/emergency](http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency) to verify evacuation levels and get information on disaster planning.

Renowned hurricane forecasters Phillip Klotzbach and William Gray, professors with the Department of Atmospheric Science at Colorado State University, released their forecast for activity in October and November. The forecast, released Oct. 1, calls for above-average hurricane activity in the Caribbean basin.

However, in a report issued Sept. 27, the two Colorado professors agreed that the season might not

be as active as earlier predictions indicated.

"The most recent seasonal forecast called for an above-normal season," the Colorado experts said. "Obviously, at this point, we realize that the seasonal forecast was a significant over-prediction, and we therefore do not expect to see the levels of activity this year that we earlier anticipated."

But, it only takes one - that's the anthem emergency management personnel and meteorologists sing every hurricane season, which runs June 1 through Nov. 30 in the Atlantic basin. Residents who live in areas vulnerable to hurricanes should be ready to put emergency plans into action if necessary.

The Atlantic basin includes the Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea and Gulf of Mexico.

## Season summary

It was Sept. 11 before the first hurricane of the 2013 Atlantic hurricane season formed. Three days later, a second hurricane formed about 195 miles east of Tuxpan, Mexico.

According to NHC records, 2013 is the first year since 2002 that no hurricane formed through the month of August. Records show that on average at least one hurricane forms in a season by Aug. 10.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's climate experts have predicted that as many as six to nine hurricanes could form during the 2013 Atlantic hurricane season. As of Oct. 6, 11 named storms have formed. NOAA's forecast calls for 13 to 19. No major hurricanes have formed.

Pinellas County is offering information on hurricanes and ways to prepare through its eSeries: Prepare to Survive. The 15-minute programs are available at [www.youtube.com/PCCTV1](http://www.youtube.com/PCCTV1) and [www.pinellascounty.org/eseries](http://www.pinellascounty.org/eseries).

Additional information is available at [www.tbnweekly.com/special\\_section/hurricane\\_guide](http://www.tbnweekly.com/special_section/hurricane_guide).

## Obedience classes offered

LARGO - A new series of dog obedience classes offered by Pinellas County Animal Services starts Oct. 16 with subsequent sessions offered beginning Jan. 8, Feb. 26 and March 19.

The lessons, taught by professional trainers, offer help with basic dog behavior, such as primary commands (sit, stay, heel), walking on a leash, waiting and door manners among others. The class is open to all dog owners whether the pet was adopted from Pinellas County Animal Services or elsewhere.

The classes, for dog owners and their canines, are held at Pinellas County Animal Services on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m. The six-week course is limited to 10 registrants. Tuition is \$100 for all six weeks.

Interested parties must submit their class registration and tuition payment in advance of the start of each class session. Registration forms are available at the Pinellas County Animal Services facility or online at [www.pinellascounty.org/animalservices](http://www.pinellascounty.org/animalservices).

Pinellas County Animal Services is at 12450 Ulmerton Road in Largo. Normal hours of operation are Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., with the adoption center closing at 5:30 p.m. Saturday

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## Sci-fi movie marathon set

CLEARWATER - The Clearwater Main Library, 100 N. Osceola Ave., will host a sci-fi film marathon on Saturday, Oct. 12, noon to 5 p.m.

This free, family event will include screenings of two films made in 2009 and 2013 respectively, featuring the starship Enterprise.

The event also includes a costume contest, vintage clips, bloopers, trivia and prizes. Call 562-4970 or visit [www.myclearwater.com/cpl](http://www.myclearwater.com/cpl).

## Young Eagles set to fly

CLEARWATER - Area young people ages 8 to 17 will be able to fly on Saturday, Oct. 12, as the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 282 hosts a Young Eagles Flight Rally at Clearwater Airpark, 1000 N. Hercules Ave., 8 a.m. to noon.

The annual rally is part of the EAA Young Eagles Program, created to interest young people in aviation. Since the program was launched in 1992, volunteer EAA pilots have flown more than 1.8 million young people in more than 90 countries.

"Free airplane rides are just part of the Flight Rally," said Bob Flynn, spokesman for the event.

Pilots at the event also will explain more about their airplanes,

allowing the young people to discover how airplanes work and how pilots ensure safety is the prime concern before every flight.

Those attending are asked to be at the Clearwater Airpark starting at 8 a.m. to register for their flight. Registration is first come, first served, and will continue until 11 a.m. unless the maximum of 50 people is reached, at which time registration will close. Flights begin at 9 a.m. and continue until noon.

The weather will be monitored. Check [eaa282.org](http://eaa282.org) for information and cancellation notice if necessary, which will be posted by 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 11. If the weather is too poor to fly that day, then the rain date is set for Sunday, Oct. 13, weather permitting.

Contact Bob Flynn at 458-4420 or [yecoordinator@eaa282.org](mailto:yecoordinator@eaa282.org).

## Democrats to meet

PINELLAS PARK - The Greater Pinellas Democratic Club will meet on Thursday, Oct. 10, 6 p.m., at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd.

The meeting will feature Rick Edmons, Poynter Institute researcher and writer on business, journalism and the media.

The club also will mourn the loss of its gifted and beloved president and long-time friend, Harvey Morgenstein, who died on Sept. 20 after a long illness.

The meeting will begin with a cash cocktails bar and social time at 6 p.m., followed by a buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$15; reservations are required. Call Betty at 360-3971.

## TBARTA Board endorses Greenlight Pinellas

TAMPA - Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority Board of Directors formally added its endorsement of the Greenlight Pinellas transportation improvement plan.

At its monthly meeting Sept. 27, the board, which includes elected officials from Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas and Sarasota counties unanimously endorsed a resolution to support the new transit improvement plan for Pinellas County.

Greenlight Pinellas is a multimodal comprehensive transit improvement plan incorporating feedback from the public, the business community, planning agencies, the Pinellas Alternatives Analysis and the Community Bus Plan. The goal of the plan is to help the county develop the most efficient and economically viable transit service possible. It features a significantly expanded bus network with buses running more frequently

and throughout greater portions of the day.

The countywide bus service improvements will then build a foundation for a future light rail line connecting St. Petersburg, the Gateway/Carillon area and Clearwater.

Voters will on funding for the Greenlight Pinellas plan in November of 2014 through a referendum that will switch PSTA's funding from property taxes to a 1 percent sales tax. Visit [www.GreenlightPinellas.com](http://www.GreenlightPinellas.com).

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# Industry updates

## Chamber elects executive committee, directors

LARGO – The Central Pinellas Chamber of Commerce recently announced its newly elected executive committee and board of directors for the term Oct. 1, 2013 to Sept. 30, 2014.

The new executive committee and board of directors are James Rivenbark, M.D., of Diagnostic Clinic, as chairman of the board; Rick Donohue, general manager of Hampton Inn & Suites-Largo, as chairman-elect; Debra Jones, of Regions Bank, as immediate past chairman; Chris Johnson, president of Piper Fire Protection, treasurer; and as vice chairmen, Rob England of England Brothers Construction, Joe Falanga of Proxity Electronic Commerce and Melody Hunter, Realtor, Charles Rutenberg Realty.

This term's board of directors includes Ernestine Bean of Morton Plant Mease Foundation; Marilyn Browne of WorkNet Pinellas; Laurie Bunce of Central Business Telephones; Anthony Degina of Largo Medical Center; Lynne Hebert of Senior Home Care; Debbie Jackson of Jackson & Associates, CPAs; Scott Lake of R.S. Williams & Associates; Danny Maguire of WOW! Business; Ryan Oldendick of Walgreens; Sue Osborne of Pinecrest Place Retirement Community; Elaine Renner of Publix Super Markets; John Rutan of Florida Blue, and Tripp Smith of Health South Rehabilitation Hospital.

The Central Pinellas Chamber of Commerce represents more than 460 businesses and organizations. Its mission is to assist its members to be successful through innovative programs and services; strengthen partnerships between the business community and local, state and federal government; create, inspire and facilitate community leadership; and foster a business climate that promotes integrity and excellence.

## Rayzor Cuts grand opening set

LARGO – Rayzor Cuts Barbershop will celebrate its grand opening Sunday, Oct. 13, 1 to 4 p.m., at 12990 Walsingham Road.

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Michael Raymond, owner of Rayzor Cuts Barbershop, has lived in Largo for 20 years and went to school in Seminole. He went to school at American Institute of Beauty. Since graduating, he has worked at several barbershops, building a clientele. He recently decided it was time to open his own business.

Rayzor Cuts Barbershop does all types of cuts, serving everyone from kids to seniors.

"We do fades, edges, shaves, scissor cuts and we are a multicultural barbershop," Raymond said in a press release.

The grand opening event will feature snacks, music and raffles.

## BPW St. Petersburg-Pinellas to host forum

ST. PETERSBURG – The St. Petersburg-Pinellas chapter of Business and Professional Women will celebrate National Business Women's Week with its annual working women's forum Tuesday, Oct. 22, 5:30 to 8 p.m., at The Studio@620, 620 First Ave. S.

The forum, Women's Success Stories: Shaping Your Career or Letting It Shape You, will feature an all-female panel representing the diverse voices found among different work environments, multigenerational workplaces and professional career stages. A reception with light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will precede the discussion.

Forum panelists will include Margaret Cooley, director of the Leadership Development Institute at Eckerd College; Gypsy Gallardo, publisher of "The Power Broker" and "Grapevine" magazines; Marty Petty, president of MAP & Associates and former executive for the Tampa Bay Times and CL Inc.; and Sara Stonecipher, clothing designer and owner of MISRED Outfitters.

BPW member Tami Simms, a local real estate professional and president of the St. Petersburg Downtown Business Association, will moderate the forum.

Advance tickets are \$15 for BPW members and \$20 for nonmembers. Admission at the door is \$25.

For information and to purchase tickets, visit [www.bpwstpetepinellas.org/forum](http://www.bpwstpetepinellas.org/forum).

## Swanky Swine caters lunch

BELLEAIR BLUFFS – The Swanky Swine "chefs" recently catered a lunch for the board of directors of AchieveHERS at Codys in Belleair Bluffs.

The Swanky Swine exists to educate, empower and employ young adults with developmental disabilities. Jennifer Tollefson is the director of transition services at Woodlawn Community Academy in Clearwater. She founded the Swanky Swine school store where about 10 special needs students work during lunchtime on Wednesdays and Fridays. They make and sell drinks and snacks and 100 percent of the profits are used to develop the program. Proceeds directly benefit the students.

AchieveHERS was established under the auspices of the Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce to help businesswomen reach their full potential by providing camaraderie, support, success stories and inspiration.

## PJ's to host car show

INDIAN ROCKS BEACH – PJ's Oyster Bar, 500 First St., will host a car show Sunday, Oct. 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The show will feature classics, exotics, muscle and choppers. There is no entry fee. The show will include a best of show contest, with the first place winner receiving a \$100 gift certificate. Second place will receive a \$50 gift certificate and third place will get a PJ's logo towel.

For information, call 596-5898.

## Chamber to host casino night

TREASURE ISLAND – The Treasure Island and Madeira Beach Chamber of Commerce will present the second annual Monte Carlo

## Roll out the fun



Photo by JORDAN OSTER  
Harrison McGrath, 13, of Seminole, pushes Daniel Caillouet, 8, of Clearwater in their homemade box car at the fourth annual Achieva Box Car Rally fundraiser, held in Clearwater's downtown Cleveland Street District on Oct. 5.

Casino Night on Saturday, Oct. 19, 6 p.m., at The Club at Treasure Island, 400 Treasure Island Causeway.

Chairman Bill Edwards has opened the doors of the club to the public for an evening of entertainment and fun.

"This is the first fundraising event of the newly merged Treasure Island and Madeira Beach Chamber of Commerce," said Jo Massaro, chamber president.

Tickets are on sale at the chamber office for \$50 a person. The ticket price includes hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and \$3,500 in play money. A cash bar also will be available. Cameron Decker will provide music.

More than 25 different gaming tables and slot machines will be available. Opportunity drawings, a silent and live auction and a 50/50 jackpot also will be included in the evening.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. For tickets, call 360-4121.

## Salon GW, LOX Extensions partner for benefit

DUNEDIN – Salon GW and LOX Extensions will partner at the Paint the Town Pink event Friday, Oct. 11, 5 to 9 p.m., in downtown Dunedin.

Paint the Town Pink will coincide with Dunedin's 2nd Friday Art and Wine Walk.

Located at 351 Main Street in Downtown Dunedin, Gregory Brady, owner of Salon GW and southeast key accounts manager for LOX Extensions, along with a team of local stylists from Salon GW as well as La Posh Salon in Clearwater, will be applying LOX Single Strands in Pink for \$10 and donating 100 percent back to the program. These strands will be available for the entire month of October or until supplies last.

Paint the Town Pink was organized to raise funds and awareness for the Mammography Voucher Program for BayCare's Mease Dunedin and Morton Plant Hospitals.

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# Promise Time program links in-school and after-school learning

By ALEXANDRA LUNDAHL

CLEARWATER – The students are glued to their computer screens, their faces full of concentration. One student has a hard time tearing himself away from clicking and the brightly colored images on the monitor long enough to answer a reporter's questions. To the kids, it's like they're playing a computer game, even though they are actually taking a placement test for reading and math.

Belcher Elementary in Clearwater is one of 22 elementary and six middle schools in Pinellas County that were selected for the inaugural year of the Promise Time program with the i-Ready curriculum. These all are Title I schools, which means they have a high amount of students from low-income households. Promise Time is a partnership between the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County and Pinellas County Schools.

PCS Superintendent Dr. Michael A. Grego approached JWB last spring to design an out-of-school time program to help raise reading and math scores, and out of that, Promise Time emerged. What makes Promise Time different than past programs is that now instead of having a totally separate school day and after school program, they are connected through a "facilitator" position.

"They're a person who during the school day is an employee during Pinellas County Schools and after school they shift to being an employee of the after school provider, whether that's the city or the YMCA," said Matt Spence, early learning project manager for JWB. "Research says is really important is connecting the academic portions of the school day with whatever the academic portions of



Photo by ALEXANDRA LUNDAHL  
Andres Cortes, left, and Jacobi Jackson, both of Largo focus intently on the i-Ready program.

the after school program are." The facilitator can talk to the students' teachers to find out if they want their student to work on anything in particular during Promise Time, and both teachers, parents and the after-school program provider can come to the facilitator with any questions, concerns or ideas, and the facilitator can organize it all and help make a seamless connection all around.

The school system was able to fund 50 hours over the course of the school year for the facilitator position, and JWB is able to pick up funds for additional hours. The participating schools are divided into "moderate" or "intensive" intervention schools. For the moderate ones, JWB added funds to total 130 hours for the position, or an average of five hours a week. In the intensive intervention schools, JWB added funds for the facilitator position to total 360 hours of facilitator

times, or about 10 hours each week.

"So that really gives the opportunity for that facilitator to individualize instruction," Spence said. "To make sure students are being met on level, where they are, and with the support that they need from where they are and not where they should be. If a student is reading at a second-grade level, handing them a fourth-grade level text doesn't help."

Twenty schools were deemed a "moderate intervention" level. Eight others are "intensive intervention."

For about the first two weeks of school, all of the participating students took a placement test – innovatively designed to feel more like a computer game than a test – that then gives instant feedback to the facilitator and tutors exactly where the students are in their studies.

The program is also adaptive, Spence said. If a student gets a question right, the next one will be a little harder. If they get one wrong, the next will be a little easier, so it can find exactly what they do and do not know. But along with all of the reports the teachers get is one that shows if a student is spending less than 11 seconds on each question. If that is the case, then the teacher will know that he or she is just clicking through without trying, so the teacher can instruct the student to go back and spend more time actually working through the questions.

After the initial diagnostic is complete, the program itself divides the students into groups by level. For instance, Spence said, if five students are struggling with vocabulary, they will be grouped together to work on that skill, and the program automatically provides the teacher with curriculum and lesson plans that they can use or modify that will directly address these specific areas the students need to work on.

Kristen Cross, age 8, of Largo is a third-grade student at Belcher Elementary. While on one of the last days of the diagnostic placement testing, she said she enjoyed the program and likes that she gets to learn new things, like math and reading.

"It helps you with things that you're stuck on," Cross added.

Jacobi Jackson, also an 8-year-old third-grader from Belcher Elementary who lives in Largo, hardly even noticed he was taking a placement test. His eyes kept drifting back to the monitor, wanting to keep going on it. He did stop long enough, however, to explain what he likes about the i-Ready program. "It lets you play games," Jackson said.

Parts of the actual test – and later, the learning tools – feel like games, even though the kids are ac-

**The 20 schools that were deemed a "moderate intervention" level are the following:**

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- Sandy Lane Elementary in Clearwater
- Lakewood Elementary in St. Petersburg
- Lealman Avenue Elementary in St. Petersburg
- Seventy-Fourth Street Elementary in St. Petersburg

**The eight "intensive intervention" schools are the following:**

- Dunedin Elementary in Dunedin
- Belleair Elementary in Clearwater
- Ponce de Leon Elementary in Clearwater
- High Point Elementary in Clearwater
- Pinellas Park Elementary in Pinellas Park
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tually learning. Though the program does actually reward kids' progress with actual games. If they answer enough questions correctly, a game will pop up that is purely a reward, though the game will be activated only for a limited amount of time, then it's back to learning again.

Raylee Fleisch of Clearwater is the library, media and technology specialist at Belcher Elementary and also the facilitator for Promise Time. Belcher Elementary was the pilot program for a version of the connected school day/after-school program last year, but that was before the i-Ready program. Back then, they had to wait for their fall FAIR testing to be completed so they would have an idea of what they need to work on. However with this new program, even though the students weren't even done with their diagnostic test, Fleisch had already been

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## Briefs

### USFSP to offer food writing program

ST. PETERSBURG – USF St. Petersburg is developing the nation's first graduate certificate in food writing and photography and has gathered an advisory board to help guide the program.

Janet Keeler, the award-winning food editor of the Tampa Bay Times and an adjunct journalism professor at USFSP, is coordinating the program, which is overseen by Deni Elliott, Ph.D., chair of the Journalism and Media Studies.

The program, which will offer its first classes next fall, is designed for graduate students, mid-career culinary professionals and professional communicators. The 15-credit program can be completed fully online or through a combination of traditional short and semester-long classes.

"Public interest in all things food has exploded in recent years, whether on television, in print or on the Web," said Elliott in a press release. Elliott is the USF St. Petersburg Eleanor Poynter Jamison chair in media ethics and press policy. "Food is more than sustenance. It defines cultures, provides jobs, and brings people together. We are excited to be able to offer cutting-edge knowledge and skills to harness the passion so many have for food."

The program includes four required courses in multimedia reporting, digital law and ethics, special topics in food communication, and a final three-credit project. The remaining class can be earned by taking elective courses in literary food writing, science food writing, blogging/entrepreneurship, Web publishing, social media, photojournalism, or visual communications design and theory.

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can be applied to a master's degree in journalism and media studies or digital journalism and design.

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The program is aimed at graduate degree and non-degree seeking students interested in improving their food communication skills, including food service professionals using digital media to promote their business and engage with customers, and writers and photographers looking to build an audience for online ventures and traditional media.

The advisory board includes media and food industry representatives such as Kay Clark, publisher, "Edible Tampa Bay;" Gail Eggeman, manager, St. Petersburg Saturday Morning Market; Jeff Hearn, founder/host, "Eat Cheap, Drink Rich;" William T. Jackson, Ph.D., USF St. Petersburg entrepreneurship program director; Scott Keeler, photographer, Tampa Bay Times; Cathie Koch, vice president of corporate communications, Bloomin' Brands Inc.; Steven Kovich, photographer; Isabel Laessig, founder and editor, "Family Foodie;" Pamela Lunn, owner, Dancing Goat; David Snyder, First Amendment lawyer; Terry Tomalin, outdoors editor, Tampa Bay Times; and Brian West, media and community relations manager, Publix.

For information, visit [foodwriting.usfsp.edu](http://foodwriting.usfsp.edu).

### Ballew attending Plymouth State

LARGO – Jared Ballew of Largo is a first-year student at Plymouth State University, N.H.

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## Industry news

### American Woman Fitness Center to host health fair

ST. PETERSBURG – A health fair will be presented Saturday, Oct. 12, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at American Woman Fitness Center, 9699 Bay Pines Blvd. American Woman Fitness Center, a ladies-only gym, will host the event. Walgreens will be on site to administer flu or pneumonia shots. Most insurance coverage pays for these shots. To make an appointment for a vaccination, call 322-4600.

The local SilverSneakers representative also will attend the event to answer questions about the program. A Peeling Concepts, a holistic spa, will have a representative present with chair massages. The representative will explain holistic equipment.

The Premier Vein Institute will be available to discuss varicose veins and leg circulation. Visit [www.AmericanWomanFitnessCenter.com](http://www.AmericanWomanFitnessCenter.com).

### Affordable Care Act program set

ST. PETERSBURG – A free Affordable Care Act public information session will be offered on Tuesday, Oct. 15, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at North Branch Library, 861 70th Ave. N.

Another session will be offered Wednesday, Oct. 16, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the St. Petersburg Main Library, 3745 Ninth Ave. N.

Attendees will learn about the Affordable Care Act and will have the opportunity to ask questions following the presentations. Denise Campis, patient ACCESS coordinator, will present the information. For information, call 893-7928.

### SHINE offers free Medicare option counseling

The Florida Department of Elder Affairs' SHINE – Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders – program is available to provide free, unbiased help for Florida Medicare beneficiaries as they carefully evaluate their health care options during the Medicare Annual Enrollment Period.

During the annual enrollment period, from Oct. 15 through Dec. 7, Medicare beneficiaries have the opportunity to make changes to their Medicare Prescription Drug or Medicare Advantage plans. SHINE encourages beneficiaries to review their benefits each year for a variety of reasons. Individuals often experience subtle changes in their health over the course of the year, and these changes may alter the kind of care they need. This could directly affect their need for more or less health insurance, the types of prescription drugs they require or their access to particular doctors or pharmacies. Health changes also can increase costs, which can be particularly critical for Medicare beneficiaries on fixed incomes.

SHINE volunteer counselors through the Area Agency on Aging, Pasco/Pinellas, provide free, unbiased one-on-one insurance counseling and information on Medicare options and prescription drug assistance for elders, their families and caregivers. Beneficiaries are encouraged to act quickly to assure a smooth transition into the 2014 benefit year.

To receive help from SHINE to review and enroll in a plan, individuals may visit designated SHINE counseling sites, attend enrollment events in their local communities, or contact trained SHINE volunteer counselors at 1-800-963-5337.

For a listing of SHINE counseling sites and enrollment events, visit [www.floridashine.org](http://www.floridashine.org).

### Ghost Run to benefit Huntington's Disease Society

ST. PETERSBURG – The fourth annual Huntington's 5K Twilight Ghost Run & Walk will be presented Saturday, Oct. 19, 5:30 p.m., at Fit2Run, 256 Second St.

This fun-filled healthy multi event for the entire family will involve a chip-timed 5K run for runners with or without strollers; a chip-timed 5K for doggies with their owners on a leash; a one mile Team Hope fitness walk with or without pets and the Kid's Ghost Monster Dashes.

There will be Ghost Monster Dashes for children of all ages starting at 4:45 p.m. The 3- to 4-year-olds will run 100 meters; 5- to 6-year-olds will run 200 meters; the 7- to 9-year-olds will run 400 meters; and the 10- to 12-year-olds will run 800 meters. All of the children receive a Ghost Monster T-shirt, finishers' medal, running bib, and goodie bag, plus winners who place first, second and third, will receive engraved trophies.

The 1-mile pet friendly Team Hope Ghost walk starts at 5:35 p.m. after the 5K Run start. All walkers with or without their pets will receive a unique Huntington's Ghost shirt and finishers medal. Doggies receive their own performance doggie bandana.

The feature 5K run event for adults and kids commences at 5:30 p.m. The 5K run is chip timed and proceeds from Fit2Run on paved roadway to Downtown St. Petersburg, up and down the Pier then south on Bayshore Drive to Dan Weldon Way, and back to the finish on Second Street North and Third Avenue North to a post race spooky party. There is a second start at 5:35 p.m. for the doggies with their owners on a leash. The doggies wear the timing chip, which is unique for the region.

Proceeds will benefit the Huntington's Disease Society of America, a nonprofit volunteer organization dedicated to improving the lives of everyone affected by this disease. The society works tirelessly to provide family services, education, advocacy and research to provide help for the more than 30,000 people diagnosed with HD and the 250,000 at-risk in the United States. Visit [CureForHD.com](http://CureForHD.com).

### Totes for Ta-Tas set

CLEARWATER – The inaugural Totes for Ta-Tas event will be Thursday, Oct. 24, 6 to 9 p.m., at Clearwater Yacht Club, 830 Bayway Blvd.

The event will benefit Morton Plant Mease Foundation's Campaign to Transform Cancer Care and will feature heavy hors d'oeuvres, drink tickets, door prize entry and silent auction.

Admission is \$25. Through Oct. 17, new or gently used purses, totes or wallets may be dropped off at Clearwater Yacht Club, Sharmaine's Salon and Day Spa, the Law Office of Kinnear K. Smith, Morton Plant Mease Foundation and Sydney & Co.

For information, email [totesfortatasFL@gmail.com](mailto:totesfortatasFL@gmail.com).

### SGirl Talk program set

TARPON SPRINGS – The Florida Hospital North Pinellas Healthy Happenings Women of Wellness program will present Girl Talk – Everything You Wanted to Know But Were Afraid to Ask, a free event, on Wednesday, Oct. 30, 5 p.m., in Inverness Hall at Innisbrook Golf and Spa Resort, 36750 U.S.

## Weiland named new Largo Medical Center CMO

LARGO – David Weiland Jr., M.D., was recently named Largo Medical Center's new Chief Medical Officer.

Weiland is board certified in internal medicine and palliative medicine and joins Largo Medical Center with more than two decades of healthcare experience. Weiland served as vice president of medical affairs at Bayfront Medical Center, medical director for Suncoast Hospice and ER physician at the Bay Pines VA Health System and the James A. Haley Veteran's Hospital in Tampa. He was in private practice at the Downtown Medical and Diagnostic Center in St. Petersburg.

"Largo Medical Center is fortunate to have the knowledge and expertise that Dr. Weiland brings to our leadership team," said Anthony Degina in a press release. Degina is CEO of Largo Medical

Center. "He will be an asset in assisting the hospital and its medical staff to expand services and continue to improve quality outcomes."

Weiland received his undergraduate degree from Amherst College in Massachusetts. He earned his medical degree and completed residency at the University of South Florida College of Medicine. Through the years, he has served on numerous boards and committees including the Pinellas County Medical Association, the Florida Medical Association and the Alliance for Continuing Medical Education.

"With Largo Medical Center being one of the most-well respected healthcare providers in the community, I look forward to working with the physicians and staff at the hospital to continue to ensure a great patient experience," said Weiland.

19 N., Palm Harbor.

Girl Talk is open to the public. Men are welcome to attend. Reservations are required. Space is limited. For reservations, call 943-3600.

Attendees will have an opportunity to meet area vendors and organizations specializing in health and wellness. Attendees will have the option to receive several free screenings including blood pressure, foot and ankle screenings, and glucose testing. Ladies can also enjoy some free pampering provided by vendors before they sit down to enjoy a delicious dinner. Attendees will be able to partake in a question-and-answer panel discussion led by four local physicians with questions from the audience.

The panel of physicians will feature Rosemary Giuliano, ARNP, MSN, Florida Hospital North Pinellas' director of oncology and cancer initiatives and moderator; Dr. David Marler, OB/GYN; Dr. Cynthia Roever, internist and geriatrician; Dr. Effie Pappas Politis, plastic and reconstructive surgeon; and Dr. Lourdes Santiago, colorectal and general surgeon.

Doors will open at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Girl Talk with the Doctors will start at 7 p.m.

### My Hope Chest receives grant

ST. PETERSBURG – My Hope Chest is receiving a \$5,000 grant thanks to Sandi Geller, who was chosen out of more than 60,000 entries from across the United States as a winner of Mary Kay Inc.'s One Woman Can Global Makeover Contest.

Geller submitted before and after photos of her makeover, as well as a brief statement about her passion for funding breast cancer reconstruction for under insured mastectomy survivors to enter the contest. In honor of Mary Kay Inc.'s 50th anniversary, 50 contest winners will each receive a \$5,000 grant as a tribute to company founder Mary Kay Ash who started the company with only \$5,000 and a dream to enrich the lives of women around the world.

My Hope Chest will use its \$5,000 grant from Mary Kay Inc. to fund their new advocacy campaign, Creating Butterflies, a movement of support for breast cancer survivors unable to receive their final rest in treatment.

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# DOH-Pinellas offers no-cost mammograms

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and many facilities are offering mammograms at reduced rates to encourage women to be screened.

Should a reduced-rate mammogram detect an issue in a woman who is uninsured, there may not be low-cost alternatives for further testing or treatment.

At the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County, the Florida Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program and Mammography Voucher Program offer these screenings all year at no cost to eligible low-income women who are uninsured and between the ages of 40 and 64. If a woman has her screening through these programs and a problem is found, she can get further testing at no cost and can receive treatment if she is diagnosed with breast cancer.

DOH-Pinellas provides initial appointments at several locations throughout the county. To see if you qualify, call the number that corresponds with your age. If 40 to 49 years old, call 820-4117; women 50 to 64 years old should call 824-6917.

For information online, go to [www.PinellasHealth.com](http://www.PinellasHealth.com) and click on the Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program link.

Breast cancer is the second most common cancer in the U.S., and the third leading cause of cancer deaths. When to start mammogram screenings, and how often to repeat them, is a decision for a woman and her doctor, based on her health history, her risk factors and the current recommendations of professional medical organizations.

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cause and to Mary Kay Inc. for providing us with this fabulous opportunity," Alisa Savoretti said in a press release. Savoretti is founder of My Hope Chest said. "My vision continues to see My Hope Chest change lives in America and to eliminate our wait list once and for all. Your contribution will help My Hope Chest grow to assist women all over the globe."

Founded in 2003, My Hope Chest strives to assist breast cancer survivors in need of their final step of treatment. For information, call 488-0320 or visit [www.myhopechest.org](http://www.myhopechest.org).

**Hospital joins clinical research trial**

CLEARWATER – Morton Plant Hospital recently enrolled a patient in a clinical research trial for Absorb, a small mesh tube that is designed to open a clogged heart vessel, restore blood flow to the heart, and then dissolve into the blood vessel over time.

The clinical research trial is called ABSORB III, which is enrolling patients in the United States.

Absorb, manufactured by the global health care company, Abbott, is an investigational bioresorbable vascular scaffold that is the focus of ABSORB III, the first U.S. clinical trial to evaluate the potential benefits of Absorb in comparison to a medicated metallic heart stent, also called a drug eluting stent, in patients with coronary artery disease, a form of heart disease.

Morton Plant Hospital is among the few hospitals in the Tampa Bay area to be selected to participate in the ABSORB III trial, which is a double-blind research study which means neither the patient nor the

doctor know if the research scaffold will be used.

"Normally, we have relied on metallic and drug eluting stents, to keep blocked arteries clear, which allowed many patients to avoid open heart surgery, but required patients to have a permanent metallic implant," said Patrick Cambier, M.D., in a press release. Cambier is a Morton Plant Mease interventional cardiologist and co-principal investigator. "The hope of this research is that the Absorb device will allow us to use a similar procedure, but implant a device that will eventually dissolve after it has opened the artery and restored blood flow to the heart."

Unlike a metallic stent that remains permanently in the body, Absorb is referred to as a scaffold to indicate that it is a temporary structure. The Absorb BVS is made of a naturally dissolvable material that is commonly used in medical implants such as dissolving sutures.

"Research indicates that the support provided to the coronary artery by a metal stent may only be necessary for a few months after the stent is implanted," said Bernardo Stein, M.D., Morton Plant Mease interventional cardiologist and co-principal investigator. "In theory, the most significant potential advantage to an absorbable scaffold is that it not only provides the necessary support when needed after restoring blood flow, similar to a metallic stent, but also once the scaffolding is absorbed by the body, motion could return to the artery. Once the scaffold is implanted, it releases a medication intended to prevent restenosis (narrowing of the artery)."

The procedure is similar to angioplasty or stent placement. Absorb is placed into the artery on a balloon at the end of a thin, flexible tube. Absorb is expanded by inflating the balloon, pushing the plaque against the artery wall to enable greater blood flow. The balloon is removed, leaving Absorb to slowly release medication to the diseased

# Breath of Life center offers nitrous oxide/oxygen analgesia

LARGO – Breath of Life Women's Health & Birth Center is the first in the Tampa Bay area to begin offering nitrous oxide/oxygen analgesia for laboring women with their Nitronox System. This system delivers a fixed mixture of 50 percent oxygen and 50 percent nitrous oxide (better known as laughing gas) that is safe, effective, simple and popular with many laboring women.

"It is a primary aim of Breath of Life to allow clients free choice and autonomy in selecting the best form of labor pain management for each particular situation," said Chris Hilderbrandt, CNM, in a press release. Hilderbrandt is director of the center. "In the interest of allowing clients this process of choice, we now offer nitrous oxide analgesia which has been, and is currently, used extensively worldwide as a primary form of analgesia for labor and birth."

area. With blood flow restored, Absorb begins dissolving.

Coronary artery disease, a narrowing of one or more arteries that supply blood to the heart, is a leading cause of death for men and women in the United States. Patients with CAD can experience symptoms such as chest pain and shortness of breath when the demand for blood to the heart is more than the heart's ability to supply blood due to blockages in the vessels that supply blood to the heart. These blockages are caused by the buildup of fat and cholesterol inside the vessel.

**Hancock joins dental practice**

ST. PETERSBURG – Dr. Wade W. Hancock recently joined Dr. Paul A. Mevoli's dental practice in St. Petersburg.

Hancock is a graduate of the University of Florida College of Dentistry. He was handpicked because of his dedication to serve the community, offering all phases of exceptional dentistry with an individual approach. He has been an active member of various community service, church, and dental mission trip organizations.

**Daire receives community award**

ST. PETERSBURG – Barbara Daire, president and CEO of Suncoast Center Inc. of St. Petersburg, recently was named the recipient of the 2013 Lois Potter Hill Community Health Partnership Award presented by the Florida Association of Community Health Centers.

During Daire's tenure as CEO and president of Suncoast Center Inc., the agency has grown to serving more than 25,000 children, adults, families and seniors in Pinellas, Pasco, Manatee, and Hillsborough counties. For the past 11 years Daire has been a steadfast collaborator and partner in assuring access to behavioral health services for the patients of Community Health Centers of Pinellas, embodying the mission to ensure access to everyone regardless of ability to pay. This is a unique partnership in which both are willing to take financial risks that ultimately benefit the individual and the community.

Pat Mabe of Community Health Centers of Pinellas nominated Daire. The Lois Potter Hill Community Health Partnership Award recognizes individuals, civic, or religious groups who have advanced health services to the underserved by financial, material, or voluntary services to a community or migrant health organization and created public awareness and support for private participation in community health care.

Suncoast Center's mission is to strengthen, protect and restore lives for a healthy community. The center's programs and services include Pinellas County's Children's Advocacy Center, Pinellas County's only accredited Rape Crisis Center, and the Child Protection Team.

**Florida Hospital donates school supplies**

TARPON SPRINGS – As part of a yearly promise to assist the needs of Tarpon Springs Elementary School's more than 500 elementary students, Florida Hospital North Pinellas employees recently donated a truckload of backpacks and school supplies for the school's teachers and students.

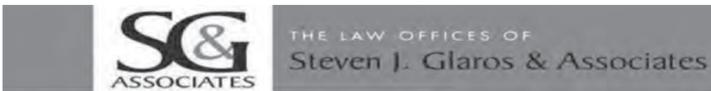


From left, Tarpon Springs Elementary School principal Lakisha Falana, and team members, Debbie Willoughby and Dorothy Freeman (second from right), accept school supply donations from Julie Lewandowski and Vernon Elarbee (far left) from Florida Hospital.

The hospital delivered the supplies on Aug. 16, prior to the start of the new school year this week.

"We are thrilled to be able to help provide much needed school supplies and backpacks to our local school," said Vernon Elarbee in a press release. Elarbee is the hospital's human resources director, and coordinator of the project. "Every school year our employees are very generous and donate to our School Supplies Fund so that our community's kids can benefit. We made a promise to the school a long time ago that we will continue this effort every year – I'm hoping we can keep increasing our donations year by year."

Florida Hospital North Pinellas, in Tarpon Springs, is a member of The Florida Hospital network of the Adventist Health System.



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**Purelli**

Purelli is a 3-month-old female domestic shorthair cat. She is a laid back girl with a bit of "cattitude." Purelli was rescued by a few of Pet Pal Veterinary Clinic's staff members when they saw something fall from the bottom of a car onto U.S. 19. They turned their car around and saw Purelli standing in the middle of the street, terrified. She was just a kitten at the time and most likely was living under the hood of the car. She was put into foster care until she was old enough to get spayed, vaccinated and microchipped. Visit heart Pet Pal Animal Shelter Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 405 22nd St. S., St. Petersburg. Call 328-7738 or visit [www.petpalanimalshelter.com](http://www.petpalanimalshelter.com).



**Magic**

Meet Magic, a funny little black male kitten with a wisp of white on his chest. Magic has a cute personality and he loves to play in running water from the faucet. He is a sweet boy who could play for hours but will also sit nicely on your lap and show lots of love. Magic is neutered, microchipped, current on his vaccinations and ready for his forever home. Visit him at the Clearwater Petsmart at U.S. 19 and Gulf to Bay Boulevard. Call Pat from Second Chance for Strays at 535-9154. Visit [www.secondchanceforstrays.com](http://www.secondchanceforstrays.com).

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**Rachel**

Rachel is an 8-year-old, gorgeous lady who is sweet and gentle. She is waiting for the perfect lap to call home. Will you be her forever home that she deserves? Adopt Rachel at the Humane Society of Pinellas at 3040 S.R. 590, Clearwater. Call 797-7722 or visit [www.humanesocietyofpinellas.org](http://www.humanesocietyofpinellas.org).

**Can you stop Craigslist from stealing your dog?**

Nothing is sadder than a handwritten lost dog sign. Missing pets are always heartbreaking, but a new modern twist has made the lost dog or cat sign even more disturbing. "Pet flipping" is becoming a common occurrence, of which all pet owners need to be cautious.

"Pet flipping" occurs when unscrupulous people find a lost pet, and instead of looking for the rightful owner, they will attempt to sell it on Craigslist or similar websites. Craigslist is an online, and free local classified ad website. Some villains have gone so far as to steal a pet from someone's back yard to try and sell it on Craigslist.

While this may seem far-fetched, more and more stories are coming out about this practice. In Seminole, Danielle, a veterinarian nurse, had her Boston terrier, "Misfit," run out the front door. Within 45 minutes, it was listed for sale on Craigslist. As is usually the case, the "sellers" ar-

**Speaking of Pets**

Michael J. Rumore, DVM



gued that it was not her dog and that they were "rescuing it." This is where the great difficulty comes. Often times the police, or even the court system, must become involved to prove who the rightful owner is.

Many people rely on a collar, a tag and their dog or cat's appearance for identification. Collar and tags can be easily removed, and many times purebred pets can be

very similar in appearance. Even if you think you've found your lost pet on Craigslist, proving it can be much more difficult.

Luckily, protection is readily available in the form of a microchip. Microchips, which are the size of a grain of rice and implanted beneath the skin, are the best way to have permanent, unalterable identification of your pet. When the microchips are appropriately registered to the owner, the proof is certain. Registering the microchip, which pairs the owner's information with the individual microchip number, is vital. A pet owner should always register their pet's microchip with the database held by the individual microchip's manufacturer. An Avid microchip should be registered in the Avid database, while an AKC microchip should be registered in the AKC database. In the United States, there is no centralized database registry, so registering with the manufacturer is the best way to ensure your

name and information is attached with your pet.

Lastly, if you buy (or "adopt for a fee") from a stranger online or on Craigslist, please immediately take the pet to an animal hospital, animal shelter or animal services to be scanned. You do not want to be an accomplice in the theft of someone's four-legged family member.

Microchips have always been important in hurricane-prone Florida. We all remember the horrible stories of pets lost forever after Katrina and Charlie. Now with "Pet Flipping," danger can occur on a clear day in your own backyard. Get your pets microchipped, and register the microchips, as soon as possible.

Michael Rumore practices at Lake Seminole Animal Hospital in Seminole, and at online at [www.LakeSeminoleAH.com](http://www.LakeSeminoleAH.com). His podcast about pet care can be found at free online at [PetAnswers.com](http://PetAnswers.com) as well as on iTunes.

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**Chillin' with a cold one**

Congratulations to Baxter, TBN's October Pet Photo of the Month winner. Now 5 months old, this photo was taken when he was just 6 weeks old and only four pounds. His human family - Glenn, Renee and their son, Michael Cohen, all of Indian Rocks Beach - wanted to always remember how small he was when he was a puppy, so they snapped this photo next to a beer can to use as size comparison. The Cohens got Baxter from a breeder in Tallahassee. Baxter loves to chase sticks and cuddle and is especially fond of belly rubs. He accompanies his human parents to work, so he gets plenty of playtime throughout the day and loves visiting with everyone. He is now learning basic tricks and commands, with Glenn's favorite being "high five." But the biggest reason his family thinks Baxter is so special is how lovable he is. He sleeps in his parents' bed and has to always be leaning against them or resting his head on their pillow. Baxter also has a Siamese kitty sibling, Kasey. As our pet photo winner, Baxter wins a \$25 gift certificate to either Largo Feed or Park Feed in Pinellas Park. Send your pet photos to Alexandra Lundahl at [alundahl@TBNweekly.com](mailto:alundahl@TBNweekly.com).

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# Maps can provide valuable direction

Sooner or later in your genealogical research you will probably develop an interest in maps. It seems a natural progression to move from an interest in recording dates and places of birth, marriage, and death, to having an active interest in exactly where those places are located on the ground and perhaps even what they look like today. Maps can go a long way in satisfying that interest.



## Genealogy exposed

Peter Summers

The variety of maps available also contributes to that interest. We have all seen the familiar road map, of course, but the list goes on to plat maps, insurance maps, migration maps, battle maps, topographical maps, railroad maps, and more. Each of them has been constructed to serve a definite purpose, and as a byproduct, each serves to give us genealogists information about our ancestors and their lives that is often available nowhere else.

Some maps, such as plat maps, give use information specific to our ancestors. Those maps will show outlines of actual plots of land owned by individuals. We can see where they lived in relation to neighboring towns, as well as places of worship, burial, and education. We can see who their neighbors were – neighbors who possibly became extended families through marriage, or life-long enemies because of property disputes.

Other maps are of a more general nature, and rather than tell us about our specific ancestors, instead help us gain an understanding of their lives in a general sense. Migration maps are a good example of that. They will show routes that families followed as they moved west into the frontier. If an ancestor was located at one place for one census and then showed up in another place on the following census, knowledge of migration routes may give us clues about how that distance was covered and what life was like during the trip.

As realization of the value of map research increases, we see an accompanying increase in access to maps on the Internet. Ancestry.com has a large collection of county land ownership maps covering the period 1860 to 1918, and early land ownership and township plats from 1785 to 1898. These are only a few of the many map collections on that website. The site FamilySearch.org also has many map collections in its holdings, as does the Library of Congress site at LOC.gov.

Libraries are a good source of maps also. The Genealogy Center at the Largo Public Library has an extensive map collection. It is located in four locations in the Genealogy Center. The most obvious place is the Atlas stand located near the computers. Here you will find historic atlases such as for Warren County, N.Y. in 1874, Niagara County, N.Y. in 1875, and Green County, Ohio in 1896. A modern day atlas of Great Britain is also found there. One of the more valuable collections in the Atlas stand is that of Civil War maps.

Another location for maps is the map case located in the print collection. Here you will find individually protected maps covering many places the world over. On top of the case is an index to help locate the specific drawer for the map you are interested in.

The third location is on the bookshelves for call numbers ranging

from 311 to 314. There you will find mostly gazetteers and items like the Atlas of U.S. townships in 1991, dictionaries of English and French place names, and an Atlas of historic Poland.

The fourth and final location for maps is two drawers of vertical files at the opposite end of the Genealogy Center from the map case. The first drawer contains historical maps kept in binders arranged alphabetically first by states of the U.S. and then foreign countries. The second drawer contains road maps, again arranged alphabetically by state and then by foreign country. Although in genealogy we find ourselves mostly involved in searching through historical maps, modern-day maps also can be useful. In fact, to beneficially use old maps, we often have to start with modern versions and work backward. In this approach, the modern map tools found online at Google and other websites are extremely valuable.

Some unique websites actually help us visualize how county and state boundaries have changed over time, especially helpful if you are trying to track down a courthouse that may house your ancestor's vital records. Two sites that do this especially well are [www.mapofus.org](http://www.mapofus.org) and [publications.newberry.org/ahcbp](http://publications.newberry.org/ahcbp).

The websites I have mentioned in this column are, of course, only a few examples of the many sites available today. If you are interested, a simple Internet search will reveal many, many more.

If you are at a place in your research where maps can be of value, you might find classes offered by Pinellas Genealogy Society to be helpful. Since there are so many different types of maps to make use of, the topic is divided up between two classes, free and open to the public. Keep an eye on the class schedule at the PGS website [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flpgs/index.htm](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flpgs/index.htm) to see when they will be offered. The class list is updated frequently, so keep checking back if you at first don't see it on the schedule.

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## Blessing of Pets



Photos courtesy of PASTOR ROBERT WIERENGA

Above, Eva Horsch and her dog Ruby after being blessed by Pastor Robert Wierenga at Lake Seminole Presbyterian Church's fourth annual Blessing of Pets on Oct. 5. Below, Wierenga blesses Linda Novack's dog Holly.



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## Faith briefs

### First Baptist Church of Indian Rocks

LARGO – Every year, the Indian Rocks Jamboree fall festival brings thousands of people from around the community onto the church campus at First Baptist Church of Indian Rocks, 12685 Ulmerton Road.

This year's festival will run Nov. 7-10. Last year, the church debuted a new element to the Jamboree, introducing the Christmas Market. Last year's market was a rousing success and the church is currently seeking vendors. Booth space is \$25. The church is looking for beauti-

fully designed craft items, gift ideas for Christmas, or health and wellness products. Visit [www.indianrocks.org](http://www.indianrocks.org).

### Chapel on the Hill

SEMINOLE – Jeffrey Belyea, Ph.D., recently joined the staff of Chapel on the Hill, 12601 Park Blvd.

Belyea will be the new youth director and brings years of experience to the position. He was a pastor at an interdenominational church, a spiritually-based life/career coach and director of marketing for a 10-store chain of fine jewelry. He has published

many books and magazine articles. In addition, he has been a speaker for mavto 1 p.m., at Unity of Clearwater's Peace Cottage, 2465 Nursery Road.

Presented by the New Thought Center for Creative Living, the workshop is designed for individuals or couples, and applies to all relationships, whether intimate, family, business or social. It will show how need interferes with love and what can be done about it.

Gregg and Marla Sanderson who have led relationship workshops and seminars for many years throughout North America will lead the workshop. Gregg is the author of "What Ever Hap-

pened to 'Happily Ever After?'" as well as "Split Happens – Easing The Pain of Divorce," and "Spirit With A Smile – The World According To BOB." Marla is minister at the New Thought Center for Creative Living in Clearwater.

"There's a lot of confusion between need and love," said the Rev. Marla. "Need is a declaration of lack ... while love celebrates fulfillment. This workshop will explain how conditioned emotional needs can be changed to simple preferences that give more options and allow love to flow more freely."

The fee for the workshop is \$45 with a money-back guarantee. There is a \$20 discount if paid before Oct. 12. To register and for information, call 475-8991.

### Good Samaritan Church

PINELLAS PARK – Rafael Catala will resume his weekly exploration of spirituality in the 21st century on Thursday, Oct. 10, 7 p.m., at Good Samaritan Church, 6085 Park Blvd.

All seekers are welcome to attend this group meeting that reads and discusses the Gnostic Gospels found in the Nag Hammadi as well as the Bible and other spiritual writings. Catala is a writer, lecturer and internationally recognized speaker. He is author of nine books and an ordained Presbyterian elder.

In addition to the weekly Thursday programs, there will be a discussion of the book, "Zealot," by Reza Aslan led by Catala, Tuesday, Oct. 22, 7 p.m.

Visit [www.goodsam-church.org](http://www.goodsam-church.org).

### Good Samaritan Episcopal Church

CLEARWATER – The Trunk or Treat Fall Festival will take place Sunday, Oct. 27, 4 p.m., at Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, 2165 NE Coachman Road.

Parishioners will decorate their car trunks and fill them with treats to give to children wearing costumes. There will be slides, games and prizes. The Christian Rock Band Captive will perform. Hot dogs and soda will be provided. Attendees may wear costumes.

There is no fee and no tickets are required, however, organizers encourage donations to the band. For information, call 461-1717 or visit [goodsamaritan-swfl.org](http://goodsamaritan-swfl.org).

### Faith

**Presbyterian Church**  
SEMINOLE – The Fall Flea Market will be presented Wednesday through Saturday, Oct. 16-19, at Faith Presbyterian Church, 11501 Walker Ave.

Wednesday will be preview night, from 6 to 8 p.m. A donation of \$5 will be collected at the door. There is no entry fee after Wednesday. Sales hours will be Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon.

The flea market features a wide variety of items including clothing, collectibles, jewelry, toys, books, household articles, plants, Christmas and other holiday decorations, small appliances, tools and sporting goods. Food will be available to purchase on Thursday and Friday.

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# GOP lemmings – in suicide vests

When you write a column, you hear from people who think they have a clever magic-wand solution to intractable political issues. Washington has run up \$17 trillion of debt? Pass term limits. Throw the bums out. Take away their pensions.



Debra Saunders

Sure, these ideas sound as if they might help, and it must feel good to propose something, but they ignore the entrenched forces that created these morasses in the first place. In a swamp that requires hard-nosed solutions, these folks instead have faith in what is known in political parlance as “shiny objects.”

The shiny-object-mongers have taken over the House GOP caucus. They think that gimmicks can overcome basic math and that with the right tactic, they can win a political battle without controlling either the White House or the Senate.

They repeatedly have tried to defund Obamacare: they repeatedly haven't had the votes in the Senate. Then they added defunding Obamacare to a bill to keep the government running; they still didn't have the votes in the Senate. Then they stuck a one-year delay of Obamacare's individual mandate on the spending continuing resolution. Guess what. They didn't have the votes in the Senate.

These antics did win House Republicans a government shutdown. Too bad; the “Republican shutdown” is what President Barack Obama and Democratic leaders wanted all along. GOP dysfunction is their shiny object that distracts voters from their inability to fix the U.S. economy.

Now, for the GOP House, it's all about face saving and stunts. House Speaker John Boehner keeps tossing out piecemeal funding bills to garner headlines, for example, about Democrats rejecting funding for veterans.

Some GOP solons are urging party leaders to hang on for a face-saving win. Get Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid to agree on a spending bill that includes a provision to delay the individual mandate or Obamacare's ill-conceived medical device tax.

There are two problems with that approach. First, though Democrats should be interested in compromise, they're not. “For years, the president has said that in a divided government, no one gets 100 percent of what they want,” Boehner complained in USA Today. “But when will his words match his actions?” The answer: not when he's getting what he wants.

But also, delaying the worst parts of Obamacare only helps Obamacare. That's why the president delayed the employer mandate and other provisions in his signature legislation. Republicans shouldn't help the Affordable Care Act by kicking its shortcomings down the road.

There's no covering up the fact that the tea party already has lost. When solid conservatives such as Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Calif., say the shutdown is suicidal – he called the shutdown crowd “lemmings with suicide vests” – it's over.

Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., warned that the shutdown would lead GOP acolytes into a “box canyon.” Republicans know what happened and who led them into a trap.

Savvy Republicans know that the best way to defeat the Affordable Care Act is to leave it alone and let it fall from its own weight.

Smart partisans know when to pick their battles.  
Email Debra J. Saunders at [dsaunders@schronicle.com](mailto:dsaunders@schronicle.com).

## Other views

### Lakeland Ledger, Oct. 4

*National Flood Insurance: Open government to fix rates*

The United States must get its deficit-riddled flood-insurance program onto a fiscally sustainable, fair and affordable track. But it appears that reforms – approved last year by Congress – may make things much worse, in unexpected and unintended ways.

To avoid disrupting lives, businesses, markets and government, Congress could – and should – have suspended the flood-insurance rate hikes.

### Miami Herald, Oct. 3

*Texting and driving ban not tough enough*

It took a frustrating five years, but, finally, texting while driving is officially banned in the Sunshine State. The ban, along with several other new laws, went on the books Tuesday, Oct. 1 and while critics say it is too weak to become an effective public-safety tool, its supporters say that at least it is a good start. Maybe so, but we'll only know how good this new ban is after it's been enforced for a while.

The major weakness is that the Legislature made texting while driving a secondary offense, meaning texting drivers can only be ticketed if they are pulled over for another traffic violation.

### The Tallahassee Democrat

*Our opinion: This is greatness?*

It's time to assign some blame in this government shutdown mess. So, let's place it squarely where it belongs: on everybody.

This is not a disagreement about government funding, or even about the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare. No, this is a battle that has been brewing for years, with our nation's capital slowly breaking into factions that each seem to have only one goal – wiping out the opposition.

It's the Bloods and the Crips in business suits, and we the citizens are caught in the crossfire.

## LETTERS

### About unsubstantiated allegations

**Editor:**

Re: “Cartoon Inaccurate,” letter by Arthur Herman, Oct. 3

The writer's interesting to the cartoon was interesting. While pointing out the suggested letter writers guidelines of “refrain from making unsubstantiated allegations,” he follows in the very next paragraph with veiled “unsubstantiated allegations.”

I just don't get it.

I did get the cartoon though.

**Carl Muller**

Indian Rocks Beach

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# Of guns, New Zealand and a savior

I'm starting this column on Oct. 1, the first day of the federal government shutdown. So by the time the column appears, Oct. 10, the impasse in Washington may have been patched up. Also, the thoughts I'm about to write may have even less validity than they do as I write them today. But I'm still going to record what's on my mind at this juncture.

**FIREARM PURCHASE.** I don't own a gun, and never have. I haven't harbored strong feelings on either side of the gun ownership debate, because I know too many gun and anti-gun advocates who are equally intelligent and trustworthy. But today I feel myself tilting toward buying a handgun, learning how to use it, and keeping it handy in my home and as I go about my outside errands.

My feelings stem from a growing – and, I hope, unjustified – suspicion that the day may come when huge numbers of Americans, of all persuasions, take to the streets in search of someone (and maybe anyone) to shoot. They would shoot out of rage, out of fear, or just out of the hope that the shootings would somehow mow down some of the scoundrels who have brought this proud nation to its knees, or close to it.

If or when such anarchy arrives, I think I'll want to have a firearm close at hand to defend myself against whoever breaks down my door. One handgun, or even several, probably won't be enough to turn back the enraged, bloodthirsty marauders who will fill our streets. But at least I'll have the short-lived satisfaction that I went down fighting, instead of passively awaiting my fate.

This morning, within hours of the shutdown's beginnings, angry veterans broke open the fences that prevented them from visiting a



Driver's Seat  
Bob Driver

WWII memorial site in Washington.

Could this be a harbinger of what may happen on a grander scale if our alleged leaders in Washington don't soon stop the national disintegration that is taking place? I hope not, because violence has seldom been a solution to any major problem.

A final argument for my buying a firearm is this admittedly superficial reason: If most of my friends and neighbors are packing heat, why shouldn't I?

**MOVING TO NEW ZEALAND.** As much as I love my country, I can't help asking myself, at times, where on earth I could go that would be a refuge from the turmoil that keeps spilling out of Wolf Blitzer's yap every time I switch on CNN. I've heard that Fiji and Bora Bora, in the South Pacific, are idyllic spots. Someone once told me that Sweden is a lovely place to live if you like blonde women and don't mind the cold. Costa Rica has attracted many American retirees in recent years. The nation that sticks in my mind, however, is New Zealand. I'm not sure why, unless it's the location of the place, far away from much of civilization's troubles.

The flaw in all of those getaway fantasies, of course, is that there's nowhere on earth in 2013 where you completely escape from today's looming threats. Over the past 50

years, or less, the finances and economics of the 194 nations of the globe have become more closely tied up with each other. To a frightening degree, we are all co-dependent for food, energy sources, scarce metals for computer products, military support, consumer spending and other important things. We are in the grip of globalism, and now there's no safe place to run to.

**THE SAVIOR ON A WHITE HORSE.** In the history of nations, governments have occasionally fallen into such confusion and disrepair that the panic-stricken citizenry has cried out for salvation from any direction. Such times are tailor-made for someone on a white horse who promises to ride to the rescue and set things straight, even at the risk of eventually making things worse. Napoleon Bonaparte comes to mind, as does Adolph Hitler. They saved the day, but led their countrymen down the road to ruin. In the 1950s Sen. Joseph McCarthy's anti-communist crusade caused millions of frightened Americans to cry out, “Save us, Joe!”

I don't think the USA is ripe today for a white-horse savior, but that could quickly change. Later this month, if our geniuses in Washington manage to default on paying the bills the government owes, it could trigger the collapse of our economic system and that of many other nations. If that should happen, neither a handgun nor a plane ticket to New Zealand will save any of us.

A centuries-old Chinese curse says, “May you live in interesting times.” Let's hope we soon see the arrival of worldwide boredom.

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# Keg tossing: Good ergonomics?

I have an elbow problem.

And it has nothing to do with drinking.

For some reason, my left arm stopped working. Until I met with my doctor, I wasn't sure if I needed to take pills or spray it with WD-40.

I know what you are thinking: Germond's writing about one of his silly maladies again. Why doesn't he write about somebody else's serious health problems? Point taken. How about Sen. Ted Cruz. What type of affliction would cause anybody to blabber for more than 21 straight hours? I'd rather listen to the Turtleman on Animal Planet all day – or one of the snarling critters he traps in somebody's barn.

Hope I never run into Sen. Cruz in a bar. He's not the kind of person I'd care to bend an elbow with. Especially not my aching left elbow.

Funny what goes through your mind when an extremity fails to function for a few days. Made me appreciate even more the challenges people face coping with the loss of a limb.

For two days, I didn't floss with my left hand because I couldn't bend my elbow. So I bought a package of disposable miniature dental floss holders. After a 15-minute odyssey using my right hand to control the device, I was struggling to yank the string out of my mouth. The damn package didn't come with a tutorial.

Coincidentally, I had a dental appointment a few days later, and I asked my hygienist for specific advice.

“Just do the best you can,” she said.



Tom Germond

**How about Sen. Ted Cruz. What type of affliction would cause anybody to blabber for more than 21 straight hours? I'd rather listen to the Turtleman on Animal Planet all day or one of the snarling critters he traps in somebody's barn.**

She gave me high marks for at least trying to fight the good fight against gum disease, saying she's heard it all when it comes to people not flossing, such as a patient's excuse that she didn't bring floss with her when she flew to Atlanta.

“They don't have dental floss in Atlanta?” the hygienist said.

And, as far as I know, it's still legal to put dental floss in your suitcase, although the airlines might charge you for flossing on the

plane.

Not sure how I suddenly came down with a case of tendonitis, arthritis or whatever 18-letter medical term describes my condition, but I suspect it was caused by the cumulative effect of years of brandishing a racquetball racket and pounding computer keyboards.

Participating in keg throwing at the Oktoberfest at Indian Rocks Beach a few years ago probably wasn't a good idea, either. Won't be doing it this year. Goliath, I ain't.

I also vow to refrain from pounding my fist on my furniture and speaking in the pejorative about long-winded politicians in D.C.

For a couple of days, since I control my electronic mouse with my right hand, I was able to read email and perform some computer tasks with one notable exception. Typing with one hand leaves a lot to be desired.

So I apologize to my readers who received some rather terse replies to their emails last week, such as “yes” and “no.”

Finally, after receiving some pills from my doctor and icing down my elbow for 21 straight hours, the pain subsided. I'm also studying ergonomics, which is kind of vague on whether keg throwing is a risk factor for muscular-skeletal disorders.

Though I'm feeling better, all the antics of our elected senators and representatives in Washington continue to leave a bad taste in my mouth.

Yet another reason to floss. Try spearmint. You don't have to go to Atlanta to find it.

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**Largo rolls**



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Above, Largo's Jarvis Stewart (20) scores from 35 yards out against Osceola in a high school football game Oct. 4 at Largo. Osceola scored on its first possession to tie the game 7-7 but Largo's defense took over from there and Osceola never made it to the end zone again. The Packers won 35-7, improving to 5-1 overall and 1-0 in the district. Osceola fell to 3-3 and 0-1. At left, Largo's John Clark (9) sacks Osceola quarterback Ryan Allan (16).

**Events and news**

**Soccer leagues hosts family picnic**

LARGO – Celtic FC Florida invites the community to its second annual family picnic Sunday, Oct. 20, 3 to 7 p.m., at the Largo field, 11500 125th St. The event will feature a bounce house, photo booth with props, cake walk, DJ with contests, prizes, a 50/50 cash raffle, hotdogs, hamburgers and concessions and other activities. Wristbands are \$5. The Spirit Wear tent will be on site with many new items. For more information and to be counted to ensure enough food, email janis.mauro@celticfl.net.

**Children invited to compete in sports fest**

LARGO – The city of Largo's annual Pee Wee Sports Fest will be Saturday, Nov. 2, at the Highland Recreation Complex, 400 Highland Ave. Little athletes, ages 4 to 11, will compete in events including a football throw, basketball hot shot, a soccer shoot out, track and obstacle challenges. All children are welcome to compete. Athletes ages 8 to 11 will start at 9 a.m. and athletes ages 4 to 7 will start at 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$10 per participant, which includes a medal and a T-shirt. Spaces are limited; register by Oct. 30. For more information, visit HighlandRecreation.com or call 518-3016.

**Crime Stoppers plans golf event**

GULFPORT – Crime Stoppers of Pinellas County plans its 12th annual Crime Stoppers Classic Golf Tournament Friday, Oct. 25, at Pasadena Yacht and Country Club, 6300 Pasadena Point Blvd. Registration starts at 11 a.m. with a 1 p.m. shot-

gun start. Awards, dinner and drawings will follow at 5 p.m. Various corporate sponsorships are still available as well as individual golfer rates starting at \$125 per player. The tournament includes lunch, a putting contest and a hole-in-one challenge, prize drawings, a silent auction, awards and a dinner buffet in the clubhouse. For more information on registration or sponsorships, go to [www.pinellascrimestoppersgolf.com](http://www.pinellascrimestoppersgolf.com) or call Bayshore Marketing Group at 744-5992.

**FSF opening satellite location**

CLEARWATER – The Florida Sports Foundation, a division of Enterprise Florida, Inc., is opening a satellite office in Clearwater's Long Center in an effort for its amateur sports staff to better serve the athletes of Florida and be more centrally located to the facilities used in its amateur sports events held throughout the year. In a collaborative effort between the city's parks and recreation department and the St. Petersburg/Clearwater Sports Commission, the FSF amateur sports staff will make the relocation from Tallahassee to Clearwater after Jan. 1. "The geographics of this satellite office will produce a cost savings by giving us better access to venues and participants," said FSF President John Webb. "The savings will only help with the day-to-day effectiveness for our annual Sunshine State Games and Florida International Senior Games & State Championships and help these annual events grow." Florida's Sunshine State Games is the longest running consecutive years state games in the U.S., dating back to 1980. The 2014 games will be the 35th annual Sunshine State Games.

**FootGolf debuts in Largo**



Above, participants in the Tampa Bay FootGolf Open raise their glasses for a toast led by American FootGolf League Founder, Roberto Balestrini of Palm Springs, Calif., Oct. 6. At left, from left, Paul Rizzo of Tampa, Jorge Molli of Miami, Alejandro Araias of Miami and Nick Avren of St. Petersburg pose for a photo together. Below, Araias, originally from Argentina, gets a running kick at a soccer ball during the open.

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**On the water**

**Stone crab season opens Oct. 15**

Florida's recreational and commercial stone crab claw harvest season opens Oct. 15 in state and federal waters. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission suggests when removing crab claws follow all protective regulations for stone crab harvest. To be harvested, stone crab claws must be at least 23/4 inches in length when measured from the elbow to the tip of the lower immovable portion of the claw. To see how to properly remove the claw, view a video at [youtu.be/YTgXTS8gJjU](http://youtu.be/YTgXTS8gJjU).

**Gulf red snapper season has begun**

The recreational harvest of red snapper opened Oct. 1 in state and federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico. In state waters, which are from shore to 9 nautical miles in the Gulf, the season will remain open through Oct. 21, closing on Oct. 22. In federal waters, which are from 9 nautical miles out to 200 nautical miles, the season will remain open through Oct. 14, closing on Oct. 15. These supplemental recreational red snapper seasons are for 2013 only. The minimum size limit in state and federal waters is 16 inches, and the daily bag limit is two per harvester, per day. There is a zero daily bag and possession limit for captain and crew on for-hire vessels. Anglers are required to use circle hooks and use devices to take hooks out when fishing for any reef species, including red snapper, in Gulf of Mexico state and federal waters. The requirement to use venting tools in federal waters was removed on Sept. 3. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will consider adopting similar changes at a future meeting. The intent of these rules is to help conserve fishery resources by increasing the chances for a fish to survive after being caught and released. Learn more about red snapper by visiting [MyFWC.com/Fishing](http://MyFWC.com/Fishing).

# Columnist reveals identify of mother, calf killed by a boat propeller

Well, at least they came over and said hi before blowing us off completely.

Capt. John Heidemann and I had arrived at the southern end of our study area, a quietly notorious bay for its general lack of dolphin sightings. What with the mackerel running offshore, there had been few dolphins in the estuary that day.

But conditions also made it hard to spot them. Utterly blue skies blending with peat-colored seas from recent rains created an unexpected (and unwelcome) camouflage for gray animals. Nonetheless, we spotted a small group of dolphins at the far end of the notorious bay and headed over.

Each of the five dolphins surfaced near the boat in turn. Two of them, Bet and her 2-year-old calf Ballou, surfaced a second time. Bet is particularly likely to greet the boat with a close encounter like this. I leaned over the gunwale eagerly to see how they were doing, especially Ballou, who had recovered from a particularly tough early childhood physically. But they did not surface again.

In the marvelous cooperation among wild dolphins, the quintet somehow communicated to one another that the plan was to duck underwater and zip to a little bridge as fast as they could without breathing. We next spied them in distant tea-colored waters, their vaporous exhalations creating gossamer columns against the dark shadows of the little bridge.

We needed to secure a few more photos for the federal record before they went under the little bridge and approached a little faster than normal. But as Capt. Heidemann skillfully applied what passes for boat brakes, Bet and Ballou launched over the water in the gesture dolphins use to ask to surf.

Consequently, instead of stopping, Capt. Heidemann swung past at modest speed. Indeed, Bet and Ballou vanished into our wake. They mostly surfed underwater upside-down, their gleaming bellies skyward. This was no simple surfing moment, though: It was the first time I have seen little Ballou surf! Considering that some dolphins outside your doorstep have surfed by the tender age of two weeks, it was good to see this undaunted 2-year-old catch up on lost time. Her leap in today's picture was spectacularly reinforcing.

Then, as a team, Bet and Ballou leapt out of the wake together and headed back to their schoolmates.



**Dolphin Watch**  
Ann Weaver



Photo by ANN WEAVER

Two-year-old Ballou leaps out of a wake wave like a normal wild dolphin, catching up on playtime she missed during a sickly childhood.

As they left I thought, "I have some bad news for you, Bet."

The risks of living in nature have nothing to do with human superstitions. It was just coincidence that it was Friday the 13th, when that speeding boat zoomed over a local female bottlenose dolphin, Face, and her delightful yearling son, Facet, in a fatal encounter.

In the two weeks since that grizzly incident, Bet and Ballou were the only new dolphins to appear in the study area. Bottlenose dolphins are very intelligent in general, and our local dolphins have shown some startlingly profound timing at times.

YouTube videos of emotional reunions assure us that lions, gorillas and elephants have long-term memories of their friends, human and animal. I had to wonder if there was anything notable about the timing of Bet and Ballou's return.

There were lots of other good reasons to go into our database to see what kind of relationship Bet had with Face before she died.

One - when Bet was wounded by a shark in 2007, it was Face who accompanied her through the first tenuous days of her recovery. By

doing so, Face may have put herself and yearling Babyface in danger. As such, Face's behavior raised questions about the basis of the famous dolphin reputation for empathy for the injured and dying. For a species to get credit for empathy, that empathy must start by appearing in individuals. Face may have been one of those exceptional individuals.

Two - Face had been very friendly with Bet's mom Tanks. That meant that when Bet was a baby at her mother's side, she saw Face often. After Tanks passed on in 2011, Bet and Face quadrupled their time together.

Three - in 2012, Bet's calf Ballou was struck by a singular body condition that made her very sick for many months. When she was almost fully recovered, she still could not quite get away and a shark bit off part of her dorsal fin. During those months, Face and Bet doubled their time together. This year in 2013, before Friday the 13th, they were spending almost half of their time together.

How can I say that Bet and Face began to spend more time together than before? Data.

The technical scientific term for animal friendship is an association. Associations between animals are measured with the coefficient of association or COA. There are a couple of formulas for calculating COAs.

Generally, the coefficient is a ratio calculated by doubling the number of times a pair of animals was seen together and dividing it by the combined number of times they were seen at all. Mother-calf pairs have a COA of 1.00, indicating that they are together 100 percent of the time. COAs of .30 to .50 are often used to indicate true friendship.

I generated COAs for Face and Bet across the years of our study and found evidence of what we might call, in human terms, a growing friendship. Their COAs for the last two years are .35 and .45, respectively.

As Dolphin Watch has reported, Face had many associations. Bet mainly had Face.

Dr. Weaver studies wild dolphins under federal permit 16299, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Send her an email at [annstats54@gmail.com](mailto:annstats54@gmail.com) or visit her website [www.goodnatureddstatistics.com](http://www.goodnatureddstatistics.com). NOAA advises anyone who sees a stranded dolphin in the Gulf of Mexico to call 877-942-5343 or 877-433-8299.

## Briefs

### Garden forum set

LARGO - A free community and school garden forum will be presented Saturday, Oct. 19, 10 a.m. to noon, at Pinellas County Extension, 12520 Ulmerton Road.

Urban Horticulture Extension Agent Theresa Badurek will host this quarterly forum on community or school gardening. The resources provided would be ideal for those interested in starting a community garden or those who wish to expand or improve an existing community garden. Food security will be this session's special topic.

Advance registration is required. Call 582-2501 or visit [www.eventbrite.com/event/7791888749/eorg](http://www.eventbrite.com/event/7791888749/eorg).

### Rainwater harvesting workshop set

ST. PETERSBURG - A free rainwater harvesting workshop will be presented Saturday, Oct. 12, 10 to 11:30 a.m., at Weedon Island Preserve, 1800 Weedon Drive NE.

Attendees will learn how to save that water in this workshop, then save that water in a recycled plastic drum to be used later in landscapes. Each attendee will receive instructions and reference booklet, and will have the option of purchasing a rain barrel. The workshop is best for ages 10 and older.

Registration is required. Rain barrels will be available for purchase at time of registration. For information or to register, call 453-6500 or visit [www.weedonislandpreserve.org](http://www.weedonislandpreserve.org).

### Garden club to host native fern program

ST. PETERSBURG - A program on native ferns will be presented Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2 to 3 p.m., at the Garden Club of St. Petersburg, 500 Sunset Drive S.

James Stevenson, Pinellas County Extension Specialist, will discuss identifying the native ferns found in Brooker Creek Preserve and once found throughout much of central Florida. The program is recommended for adults.

Call 582-2501 or visit [www.eventbrite.com/event/5260418052/eorg](http://www.eventbrite.com/event/5260418052/eorg).

## Old Pinellas Bayway Bridge becomes artificial reef

The old Pinellas Bayway Bridge became part of the Pinellas County's artificial reef system in the Gulf of Mexico over the summer.

About 12,500 tons of bridge material from the demolition of the old Bayway Bridge went to the South County Reef. The deployments began in May and were completed by mid-September.

Orion Marine Group Inc., who was contracted by the Florida Department of Transportation to demolish the old Bayway Bridge and construct a new four-lane high-level bridge, donated the bridge material.

The Indian Shores and Treasure Island II Reefs also received some new material; each received 50 large reef balls. The project was funded in part through a grant from Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to provide new fishing and diving opportunities.

The reefs provide valuable underwater habitats for marine life. There are 43 reef sites along the Gulf Coast of Pinellas County from Tarpon Springs to St. Pete Beach, located from 200 yards to 38 miles offshore, and one in Tampa Bay located northeast of the St. Petersburg Municipal Pier.

Pinellas County Solid Waste manages the Pinellas County Artificial Reef Program in coordination with state and federal agencies. Visit [www.youtube.com/watch?v=ADMQKcQhPZo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ADMQKcQhPZo) to see how the old Pinellas Bayway Bridge became part of Pinellas County's artificial reef.

For more information, visit [www.pinellascounty.org/reef](http://www.pinellascounty.org/reef) or call 464-7500.

## In Loving Memory

Robert "Bob" Lee TROUT



Robert "Bob" Lee Trout, age 92, passed away September 26, 2013, in Sedro-Woolley, Washington, of a lung infection. He was born to Helen and Howard Trout on October 18, 1920, in Pontiac, Michigan. Bob moved to Marion, Indiana in 1960 and worked for General Motors until he retired in 1976 after 34 years of service. Prior to working at General Motors, Bob served his country in the Navy as an Aviation Machinist Mate Second Class during WW II. Bob's time in the Navy gave him a love for world travel and other cultures. He loved sharing his many photo albums that journal his travels abroad. He was never short on stories and always eager to show the foreign currency collection he had accumulated. In addition to his love for travel, early in life Bob loved to ride his motorcycles, spend time hunting, and was a very accomplished golfer. For his retirement, he relocated to Largo, Florida. Bob was an avid fisherman and loved spending time on the Pier in Indian Rocks Beach or dancing at the supper club with his friends at Villa Capri. He is survived by his two sons, Lewis Robert Trout and his wife, Susan, and Kevin Bex Trout and his wife, Deborah; grandchildren, Adam Trout and his wife, Aimee, and Cody, Bex, David and Rachel Trout; and great-grandchildren, Savannah and Caleb. Bob lived a long, full life; he was a loving, supportive friend, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He will be missed and remembered fondly by the many people he touched. An Interment Ceremony will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, October 26, 2013, at Sylvan Abbey, Clearwater, Florida. Share your memories of Bob and sign the online guest register at [www.lemleychapel.com](http://www.lemleychapel.com).

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• **"Arsenic and Old Lace,"** by Joseph Kesselring; Oct. 10-20, at Francis Wilson Playhouse, 302 Seminole St., Clearwater. Performances are Thursdays through Saturdays, 8 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$21 for adults and \$11 for students. Call 446-1360 or visit [www.franciswilsonplayhouse.org](http://www.franciswilsonplayhouse.org). The comedy revolves around the Brewster family, an eccentric, disturbed and frequently murderous bunch. Mix two spinsters with lonely old men, stir in a lethal concoction and you have the recipe for a funny plot.

• **Oktoberfest.** Saturday, Oct. 12, at Kolb Park, on Bay Palm Boulevard between 15th and 16th avenues. The event attracts more than 6,000 people annually and features live music, food, beverages, beer vendors, exhibitors with arts and crafts for sale and a silent auction. For the children, there will be free activities at Kinderfest. Proceeds help raise money for Action 2000. The funds that are raised from this event are returned to the community through various charitable projects and contributions. For information, visit [www.oktoberfestonthebeach.com](http://www.oktoberfestonthebeach.com) or call Rebecca Sacra at 953-7857 or Diane Flagg at 612-9454.

• **Larry the Cable Guy.**

Saturday, Oct. 12, 5 and 8 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Tickets start at \$49.75. Call 791-7400 or visit [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com). One of top comedians in the country, Larry the Cable Guy brings his latest stand-up tour to Ruth Eckerd Hall for two shows. Larry the Cable Guy is a multiplatinum recording artist, Grammy nominee, Billboard award winner and the current host of "Only in America with Larry the Cable Guy" for the History Channel. Larry's road to stardom included the Blue Collar Comedy Tour, which grossed more than \$15 million. Larry's first comedy album release "Lord, I Apologize" has reached gold status, selling more than 500,000 copies. The CD was No. 1 on the Billboard Comedy Charts for 15 weeks in a row. His DVD special "Git-R-Done" has sold more than one million copies and has been certified platinum. Reno Collier will open the show.

• **Ambrosia.** Sunday, Oct. 13, 7 p.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets start at \$29.50. Call 587-6793 or visit [largoarts.com](http://largoarts.com). Ambrosia, five-time Grammy nominee in 1970s and early 1980s, had five Top 40 hit singles including "Biggest Part of Me," "How Much I Feel" and "You're the Only Woman." Opening the show will be Twinkle Schasle and her band. Twinkle is an international singer-songwriter who released her first debut album, "Haunted By Real Life," through Warner Brothers and was produced by songwriter Patrick Leonard. The album garnered much attention on the pop and jazz charts. Her music video, "Can't Get Love With Money" was featured on VH1 where she was a guest VJ on the Top 21 countdown.



Photo courtesy of RUTH ECKERD HALL  
Larry the Cable Guy comes to Ruth Eckerd Hall on Oct. 12.

## Clearwater Jazz Holiday

Festival headliners include Chicago, Tower of Power, Carlile

By LEE CLARK ZUMPE

One of Pinellas County's signature music events is just around the corner: This year's **Clearwater Jazz Holiday** will run Thursday through Sunday, Oct. 17-20, at Coachman Park on the waterfront in downtown Clearwater.

Daily general admission tickets are \$10 in advance and \$20 the day of the show. Children 12 and younger will be admitted free but must be accompanied by a paying adult. Four-day tickets also are available. Reserved seating prices start at \$30 a day in advance.

For more information, visit [www.clearwaterjazz.com](http://www.clearwaterjazz.com) or call Clearwater Jazz Holiday office at 461-5200.

The four-day festival will feature performances by some of the hottest names in the genre as well as emerging talent.

The 2013 lineup is as follows:

**Thursday, Oct. 17**

- Gates open at 4 p.m.
- Lisa Casalino - 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- The Ries Brothers with Special Guest Vini Lopez - 6 to 7 p.m.
- Chicago - 7:30 to 10 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 18**

- Gates open at 4 p.m.
- Gumbi Ortiz and New Groove City - 4:30 to 6 p.m.
- Jane Monheit - 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- An Evening with Paul Brown and Larry Carlton - 8:30 to 11 p.m.

**Saturday, Oct. 19**

- Gates open at 1:30 p.m.
  - Chris Godber - 2 to 3:15 p.m.
  - Acme Jazz Garage with Belinda Womack - 3:45 to 5 p.m.
  - Level 10 - 5:30 to 6:45 p.m.
  - Average White Band - 7:15 to 8:45 p.m.
  - Tower of Power - 9:15 to 10:45 p.m.
- A fireworks show will begin at 10:45 p.m.

**Sunday, Oct. 20**

- Gates open at 1:30 p.m.
- Ruth Eckerd Hall Clearwater Jazz Holiday Youth Jazz Band - 2 to 3 p.m.
- Have Gun, Will Travel - 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- Lake Street Dive - 5 to 6 p.m.
- Amos Lee - 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Brandi Carlile - 8 to 9:30 p.m.

### Ries Brothers

The Ries Brothers - a local teenage musical duo - are set to open for Chicago on Oct. 17, at the 2013 Clearwater Jazz Holiday.



Photo courtesy of THE RIES BROTHERS  
Above, local musicians The Ries Brothers open for Chicago, Oct. 17 at the Clearwater Jazz Holiday. Below, Average White Band takes the stage Oct. 19 at the Clearwater Jazz Holiday. AWB are widely regarded as one of the best soul and funk bands in the history of music. Clockwise from left are Clyde Jones, Freddy V, Rocky Bryant, Alan Gorrie and Onnie McIntyre.

The Ries Brothers will be the youngest lead-in act to the headliner in the 34-year history of the Clearwater Jazz Holiday. This local band from Clearwater consists of Charlie, 18, and Kevin, 14. They will be joined on stage by Vini Lopez, Bruce Springsteen's original drummer and founding member of the E Street Band. It was 40 years ago when Lopez along with Springsteen and the E Street Band opened up for Chicago on a 36-venue tour, which included Madison Square Garden.

The Ries Brothers play extensively around the Tampa Bay area and have played in Los Angeles and the Midwest. Older brother Charlie has a very unique talent of playing multiple instruments at once. He is the lead singer for the band, plays drums with his right hand and simultaneously plays keyboard base with his left. Kevin is an extremely talented guitar player who also helps out with the background vocals and songwriting for the duo.

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. "Listening to the radio, I wanted to be able to produce those sounds and figure out what they were doing."



Photo courtesy of AWB

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.

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Movie review

Like all tasty treats, 'Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2' is fun, but filling

Noisy, bright, flashy, colorful, frenzied, frantic and fun – these adjectives describe what most kids like to see in an animated family film.



Reel Time  
Lee Clark Zumpe

If those elements make up the recipe for a successful flick, the chefs in charge of preparing "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2" doubled – no, tripled – most of the ingredients. Seriously, the filmmakers must have been binging on sugar cubes from preproduction through postproduction. Kids will find the shiny packaging irresistible: The visuals are surprisingly stunning, the pacing extraordinarily brisk and the cuteness level – well, it's as cute as a button on a kitten in a tutu with a pink polka-dot bow.

Fortunately, there is a respectable story to buttress all that glittery surface material.

"Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2" picks up where the first film in Sony Pictures Animation's franchise left off.

At the end of the first film, inventor Flint Lockwood and his friends believed they had saved the world. They thought they had destroyed his most infamous invention – the Flint Lockwood Diatomic Super Mutating Dynamic Food Replicator, or FLDSMDFR for short. The FLDSMDFR turned water into food causing cheeseburger rain and spaghetti tornadoes.

In the sequel, Flint discovers his invention actually survived and that it is now creating food-animals. These "foodimals" soon take over Swallow Falls, the island home of Flint and his friends.

In charge of a clean-up operation, super-inventor Chester V, Flint's childhood idol and CEO of Live Corp., taps Flint to locate FLDSMDFR before the foodimals have a chance to leave the island and take over the world.

Flint and his friends travel back to Swallow Falls and face hungry taodiles, shrimpanzees, hippotatomuses, cheespiders and other foodimals.

"Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2" borrows the sense of wonder expressed in the early scenes of "Jurassic Park" when revealing the world of the foodimals. Audiences also will find a similar theme at work: Science, unchecked by a moral compass, often leads to bad things. In this film, it is Chester V who lacks principles. Though his friends are quick to spot Chester V's duplicity, Flint, blinded by his adoration, is easily manipulated and gradually finds himself estranged from his comrades.

The voice cast includes Bill Hader as Flint, Anna Faris as Samantha "Sam" Sparks, James Caan as Tim Lockwood, Will Forte as Chester V, Andy Samberg as



Photo courtesy of SONY PICTURES ANIMATION

From left, Manny (Benjamin Bratt), Earl (Terry Crews), Flint (Bill Hader), Brent (Andy Samberg), Steve the Monkey (Neil Patrick Harris) and Samantha (Anna Faris) react to one of the foodimals on Swallow Falls in Sony Pictures Animations "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2."

Crossword

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Across

- Desk item
- "Yadda, yadda, yadda"
- Basic monetary unit of Romania
- File menu option
- Scarab beetles
- Tramples
- Thick cereal made with oatmeal
- Big \_\_\_ Conference
- Furniture polish fragrance (2 wds)
- Spud leaf eater (2 wds)
- Cafeteria carrier
- Cap
- Appropriate
- Hot-air blower
- End
- "\_\_\_ we having fun yet?"
- Human-centered
- Same old, same old
- Elmer, to Bugs
- Fix, as leftovers
- Close-fitting tartan trousers
- When doubled, a dance
- After-dinner drink
- The Boston Strangler, e.g.
- First-place winner
- \_\_\_ power
- Some Bach pieces
- Clothing
- One who curses
- Argument
- Dash
- "Raiders of the Lost \_\_\_"
- Sun god

Down

- At a previous time
- Network of veins

3. Soon, to a bard

- "Casablanca" pianist
- Boss
- Change, as a clock
- Relating to finance
- Beat
- Dental decay
- Certain digital watch face, for short
- .0000001 joule
- "It's no \_\_\_!"
- Seafood entree
- Party bowlful (2 wds)
- "Welcome" site
- Approach
- One who pulls something apart
- Rodeo ring?
- Bumper sticker word
- Staying power?
- Rodent-catching dog or cat
- Mature male red deer
- Pistol, slangily
- The "p" in m.p.g.
- Acne scar
- Drug to remedy grief
- God with a hammer
- Benevolent, nature-oriented witchcraft
- "The English Patient" setting
- "Aladdin" prince
- "Ciao!"
- Disinclined
- Not yet final, at law
- Beethoven's "Archduke \_\_\_"
- Amerada \_\_\_ (Fortune 500 company)
- Cooking meas.
- "I \_\_\_ you one"
- Brown-capped mushroom
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Sudoku

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Sudoku answers

from last week

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Crossword answers

from last week

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Horoscopes

October 10, 2013

Capricorn

December 22 – January 19

The tiniest of gestures often have the most impact. Let that loved one know how you feel, and you won't believe what happens next, Capricorn.

Aquarius

January 20 – February 18

Angling for a position, Aquarius? So are many others. In order to succeed, you will have to set yourself apart from the competition.

Pisces

February 19 – March 20

Some promises were meant to be broken, Pisces. Go ahead and divulge what you know. Your friend needs to be aware of what is going on. A procedure is reworked.

Aries

March 21 – April 19

Music inspires you to reach out to a friend. Treat them with kid gloves, Aries. They have been through quite the ordeal. An email offer is enticing.

Taurus

April 20 – May 20

Pretense is your best defense in a situation at home. Feign ignorance, Taurus, and others will follow suit. The mood will change before you know it, and calm will be restored.

Gemini

May 21 – June 21

Your credibility is called into question. Stand your ground, Gemini. A conflict continues to simmer at home. Someone you least expect comes to the rescue.

Cancer

June 22 – July 22

You, Cancer, and only you have the answer. Look deep within. A run-in with a pal starts the walk down memory lane. Could a reunion be in store?

Leo

July 23 – August 22

Fire up the grill, Leo. People are coming over. Be a gracious host, and you will be blessed in more ways than one. A late-night call settles a matter.

Virgo

August 23 – September 22

Finances shape up and family conflicts come to an end. Celebrate with loved ones, Virgo, in particular the apple of your eye. A book inspires change.

Libra

September 23 – October 22

Love has been put on the back burner for long enough. Focus on the people who matter most and work to strengthen your bonds with them, Libra.

Scorpio

October 23 – November 21

You've placated a coworker long enough. Time to get real with them, Scorpio. They messed up, and the sooner you call them on it, the more progress you will make.

Sagittarius

November 22 – December 21

Uh-uh-uh, Sagittarius. You cannot sweep the issue under the rug. You must deal with it, and you must deal with it now. A youngster needs some advice.

Looking Ahead

Largo

• "La Cage aux Folles," with book by Harvey Fierstein and music and lyrics by Jerry Herman; presented by Eight O'Clock Theatre, Nov. 1-17, at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Performances are Thursdays through Saturdays, 8 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25.50 for adults and \$12.50 for children 19 and younger with identification. A city of Largo handling charge of \$3.50 will be added to each ticket. Call 587-6793 or visit largoarts.com. After 20 years of un-wedded bliss, Georges and Albin, two men partnered for better-or-worse get a bit of both when Georges' son (fathered during a one-night fling) announces his impending marriage to the daughter of a bigoted, right-wing politician. Further complicating the situation is the family business: Albin and Georges run a drag nightclub in St. Tropez, where Albin is the star performer Zaza. Georges reluctantly agrees to masquerade as straight when he meets the family of the bride-to-be. But Albin has other plans, with hilarious results. The production features Michael Newton-Brown as director, Emi Stefanov as music director and James Grenelle as choreographer.

• "Freckleface Strawberry," presented by Stages Productions, Saturday, Nov. 9, 11 a.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults and \$6.50 for children. Call 587-6793 or visit largoarts.com. Based on the beloved New York Times bestselling book by celebrated actress Julianne Moore, "Freckleface Strawberry" teaches kids to learn and love the skin they are in.

• Roger McGuinn, Friday, Nov. 22, 8 p.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets start at \$29.50. Call 587-6793 or visit largoarts.com. McGuinn, one of the founding members of The Byrds, is known as an innovator for merging folk and rock music in the 1960s. Prior to forming The Byrds, Roger toured and performed folk music with the Limelites, Chad Mitchell Trio and Bobby Darin as a guitarist and banjo player. His music has been a staple on the music charts as well as many movie soundtracks. Some hits singles include "Turn! Turn! Turn!," "Eight Miles High" and "Mr. Tambourine Man."

• Diane Schuur, Sunday, Nov. 24, 7 p.m., at the Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets start at \$34.50. Call 587-6793 or visit largoarts.com. Schuur is a two-time Grammy winner for Best Jazz Vocal Performance – Female and has a total of five Grammy nominations to her name. She has performed at some of the world's most prestigious venues including the Carnegie Hall and the White House. She has also toured the world performing with greats such as Quincy Jones, Stan Getz, B.B. King, Dizzy Gillespie, Maynard Ferguson, Ray Charles, Joe Williams and Stevie Wonder.

St. Petersburg

• India.Arie, Saturday, Oct. 12, 7:30 p.m., at the Palladium at St. Petersburg College, 253 Fifth Ave. N., St. Petersburg. Tickets start at \$45. Call 791-7400 or visit www.rutheckerdhall.com. In support of her latest album, "SongVernation," India.Arie makes a stop at the Palladium at St. Petersburg College. Sometimes you have to step back to move forward. Coming to that realization, let alone taking that crucial first step, can be a daunting endeavor. Now on the other side of a self-imposed four-year hiatus, India.Arie returns with the most illuminating album of her career. Born in Denver and having relocated to Atlanta as a teen, India.Arie went from singing under a tree in the park to the Grammy Awards stage in five years, earning seven nominations for her 2001 double-platinum debut Acoustic Soul, which features her first hit single, "Video." That was followed in 2002 by the platinum-selling "Voyage to India," 2006's gold-certified "Testimony: Vol. 1, Life & Relationship," and its 2009 sequel "Testimony: Vol. 2, Love & Politics." "SongVernation" reunites the Grammy-winning singer/songwriter/producer with longtime writing partner/co-producer Shannon Sanders. Recorded in Atlanta and Los Angeles, India.Arie's fifth studio album features additional production from singer/songwriter David Ryan Harris and songwriter Michael Ruff. The result is a compelling snapshot of her hard-won breakthrough to simultaneous personal and artistic growth.

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## Opening this week

# 'Captain Phillips' features Hanks, Abdi; Trejo returns in 'Machete Kills'

Compiled by LEE CLARK ZUMPE

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

### 'Captain Phillips'

Genre: Action, drama and thriller  
 Cast: Tom Hanks, Catherine Keener, Barkhad Abdi, Max Martini, Yul Vazquez, Michael Chernus, Chris Mulkey, Corey Johnson, David Warshofsky, John Magaro and Angus MacInnes  
 Director: Paul Greengrass  
 Rated: PG-13

Captain Phillips is a multi-layered examination of the 2009 hijacking of the U.S. container ship Maersk Alabama by a crew of Somali pirates.

It is - through director Paul Greengrass's distinctive lens - simultaneously a pulse-pounding thriller, and a complex portrait of the myriad effects of globalization. The film focuses on the relationship between the Alabama's commanding officer, Captain Richard Phillips (Tom Hanks), and the Somali pirate captain, Muse (Barkhad Abdi), who takes him hostage. Phillips and Muse are set on an unstoppable collision course when Muse and his crew target Phillips' unarmed ship; in the ensuing standoff, 145 miles off the Somali coast, both men will find themselves at the mercy of forces beyond their control.

### 'Machete Kills'

Genre: Action  
 Cast: Danny Trejo, Michelle Rodriguez, Sofia Vergara, Amber Heard, Antonio Banderas, Cuba Gooding Jr., Walt Goggins, William Sadler, Demian Bichir and Mel Gibson  
 Director: Robert Rodriguez  
 Rated: R

Machete Kills is an action-packed thrill ride about the adventures of legendary secret agent Machete Cortez (Danny Trejo).

In his latest mission, Machete is recruited by the U.S. President (Carlos Estevez) to stop a crazed global terrorist (Mel Gibson) from starting a nuclear war. With a bounty on his head, Machete faces

death at every turn from an all-star cast of deadly assassins. Breaking all the rules, visionary director Robert Rodriguez leads this star-studded ensemble on one of the wildest adventures to save the world ever captured on film!

### 'Romeo & Juliet'

Genre: Drama  
 Cast: Hailee Steinfeld, Douglas Booth, Paul Giamatti and Stellan Skarsgård  
 Director: Carlo Carlei  
 Rated: PG-13

The families of Montague and Capulet use any excuse to publicly fight in the streets of Verona, drawing a strict rebuke from the Prince (Stellan Skarsgård).

But young Romeo (Douglas Booth) of the Montagues is not interested - he is far too in love with Rosaline, a cousin to the Capulets, a romance which his cousin Benvolio (Kodi Smit-McPhee) urges him not to pursue. But that night, there is to be a masked celebration at the Capulet estate, and Romeo manages to secure an invitation. The Capulet household prepares for the event, where Lord and Lady Capulet (Damian Lewis, Natascha McElhone) hope that their daughter Juliet (Hailee Steinfeld) will accept the advances of young Count Paris (Tom Wisdom). A free spirit little interested in romance, Juliet seems more interested in bantering with her nurse (Lesley Manville) than listening to her parents.

At the ball, Romeo instantly forgets his feelings for Rosaline when he spies Juliet; she is likewise struck dumb when she sees Romeo. They dance briefly, noted by Juliet's cousin Tybalt (Ed Westwick), who is told by Lord Capulet to let them be and not start trouble. Later, Romeo and Juliet are dismayed to learn that their new loves are of the rival family; undaunted, Romeo spies Juliet on her balcony and boldly declares his love for her.

Will their boldness and bravery in love result in eternal happiness or tragedy?

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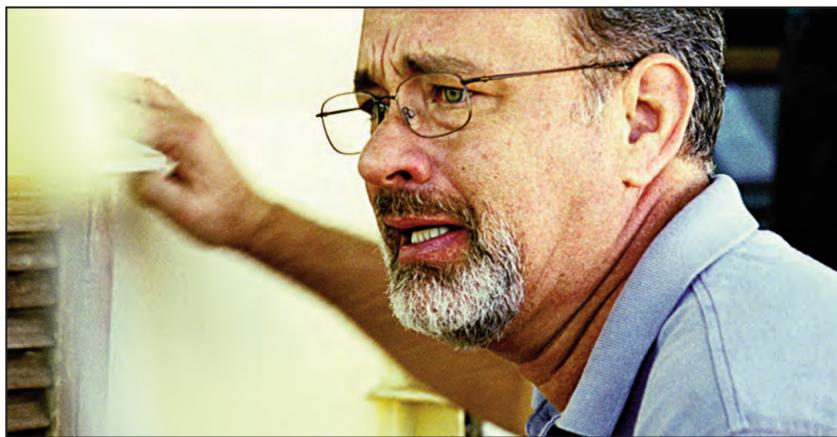


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Above, Tom Hanks stars in Columbia Pictures' "Captain Phillips." At left, Hailee Steinfeld and Douglas Booth star in "Romeo & Juliet."

### REVIEW, from page 2B

Brent McHale, Neil Patrick Harris as Steve the Monkey, Benjamin Bratt as Manny, Terry Crews as Officer Earl Devereaux and Kristen Schaal as Barb.

The film showcases two relationships as it develops its narrative.

Flint continues to have issues with his widowed father, unable to connect fully with him despite his father's newfound confidence in his son. Interestingly, it is Tim who finds greater purpose and, in doing so, bridges the father-son gap.

Equally important is the evolution of the relationship between Chester V and Barb, the super-inventor's talking and lipstick-wearing orangutan with a human brain. Barb plays the role of obedient assistant, mistaking Chester V's endless mandates and demands for signs of friendship. Barb is eventually forced to recognize his bullying demeanor as tyrannical oppression.

Visually, the animation in Sony's franchise differs from Disney's animated features. "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2" features larger-than-life character designs, sometimes wildly exaggerated facial expressions and radiantly outlandish landscapes. The foodimals gradually become the heart of the film, and the filmmakers went to great lengths to



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Kids will love the look of the film as well as the comic wordplay. "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2" is full of fun foodie puns that keep younger audiences laughing, from the leek in the boat to a necessary cutting of the cheese ... web. What else would a cheespider weave?

Adults will appreciate the stunning visuals and cultural references, although overindulging in

the endless puns may lead to an upset tummy for some. The key ingredients in the narrative keep the film interesting for adults and serve as subtle lesson for younger

viewers. Overall, the second course in the franchise is as appetizing as the first, even though watching it is likely to lead to brief episodes of hyperactivity.

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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."

This summer, the brothers were two of only 25 musicians ages 14 to 21 in the state of Florida to be selected for the LA Grammy Museum Music Revolution Project in conjunction with Ruth Eckerd Hall. Following that honor, the brothers learned that they would be performing at the Clearwater Jazz Holiday.

"It's hard to describe how it feels," The Ries Brothers said in a recent email interview. "It's been our dream for as long as we remember, to play on a huge stage like that. The fact that we're playing before Chicago makes it even more amazing."

Finding out that they would be opening for an iconic group like Chicago delighted the brothers.

"They're music legends," the brothers said. "We really couldn't believe it when we heard the news. I know there was a lot of jumping up and down. We're just really pumped and excited now."

The Ries Brothers also are looking forward to being part of the audience at this year's festival.

"Really, we are looking forward to seeing all of the acts," they said. "Chicago, of course, is our

No. 1, but there are going to be so many amazing bands that we really want to watch and learn from them all."

For information on The Ries Brothers, visit [www.riesbrothers.com](http://www.riesbrothers.com).

**Festival headliners**

**Chicago** headlines the first day of the festival, taking the stage at 7:30 p.m.

The legendary rock band with horns, Chicago's wealth of lifetime achievements include a Grammy Award, multiple American Music Awards, a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, a Chicago street dedi-

cated in their honor and keys to and proclamations from an impressive list of U.S. cities.

According to Chicago's official Facebook page, the band's record sales top the 100,000,000 mark, and include 21 Top 10 singles, five consecutive No. 1 albums, 11 No. 1 singles and five Gold singles. An incredible 25 of their 32 albums have been certified platinum, and the band has a total of 47 gold and platinum awards.

Chicago is the first American rock band to chart Top 40 albums in five decades.

The lineup on tour will include original band members Robert Lamm on keyboards and vocals, Lee Loughnane on trumpet, James Pankow on trombone and Walt Parazaider on woodwinds, as well as Jason Scheff on bass, vocals, Tris Imboden on drums, Keith Howland on guitar, Lou Pardini on keyboards, vocals and Drew Hester on percussion.

The second day of the festival will present an evening performance featuring **Paul Brown** and **Larry Carlton**.

Brown - a two-time Grammy Award winning jazz producer, engineer, and guitarist - started off as a sound engineer at the age of 15. He has since expanded his career into producing hit jazz albums, such as Boney James' "Trust" in 1992, and releasing four of his own albums since his debut release "Up Front" in 2004.

The 2011 Canadian Smooth Jazz Best Vocalist nominee currently has more than 40 No. 1 hits on the Radio & Records' smooth jazz chart, and is considered to be the genre's top producer.

Carlton is an American jazz guitarist, dividing his recording time between solo recordings and session appearances with popular bands. He has won four Grammys for his performances and compositions as well as 19 nominations.

**Tower of Power** headlines Saturday's lineup. According to a press release from Webster & Associates LLC, Tower's musical odyssey actually began in 1968 when Emilio Castillo met Stephen "Doc" Kupka in July of that year.

When Doc auditioned during a band rehearsal at Emilio's house, Emilio's father called him into the kitchen and offered the following advice: "Hire that guy, he's got something." Doc and his signature baritone sax sound were now in the band, and on



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**Tower of Power performs Oct. 19 at the Clearwater Jazz Holiday.**

Aug. 13, 1968, Tower of Power, as they are known today, began playing gigs and soon became very well known in the area. Many other bands came out of the San Francisco Bay area in the late '60s - bands like The Grateful Dead, Jefferson Airplane, Santana, Big Brother, Journey, Cold Blood and others all helped to define the "San Francisco Sound."

Tower of Power's big break came after playing at a Tuesday night audition at the Fillmore in 1970, when the band was signed to Bill Graham's San Francisco records and their first album, "East Bay Grease," was recorded. All of the compositions were original tunes written by Castillo and Kupka. Their next album, "Bump City," was recorded on the Warner Bros. label, and this led to a string of hits and memorable albums that include many of the songs that fans come out in force to hear, even to this day.

Tower of Power celebrated their 40th anniversary in 2008 at a very special reunion show at the Fillmore Auditorium in San Francisco. In addition to the 10 current members of the band, another 20 musicians and vocalists that at one time held a position with the band appeared with them. The show was filmed and is available on DVD. Of the 10 current members, Emilio Castillo, Rocco Prestia, Stephen Kupka, and David Garibaldi are four of the band's founding members.

**Brandi Carlile** takes the stage Sunday evening, closing out the festival.

In her early 20s, Carlile landed a record deal with Columbia Records and - with the guidance of producer Rick Rubin - recorded and released her debut album in early 2005. She recorded the album with her twin brothers and initially reluctant band members Phil and Tim Hanseroth.

T-Bone Burnett produced Carlile's second effort, the 2007 album "The Story." The album reached No. 58 on the Billboard 200 and features her brothers along with drummer Matt Chamberlain, cellist Josh Neumann and backing vocals by the Indigo Girls on the "Cannonball" track.

The song "The Story" received significant television exposure, helping to broaden Carlile's audience base. The song was used in an episode of "Grey's Anatomy" and later in advertisements for the Travel Channel

series "Anthony Bourdain: No Reservations." Her most recent album, "Bear Creek," was released in 2012.

**Safety measures**

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# Country music legend to play Palladium

ST. PETERSBURG – In support of his latest album "Feeling Mortal," country music icon Kris Kristofferson will make his only Tampa Bay appearance Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m., at the Palladium at St. Petersburg College, 253 Fifth Ave. N.

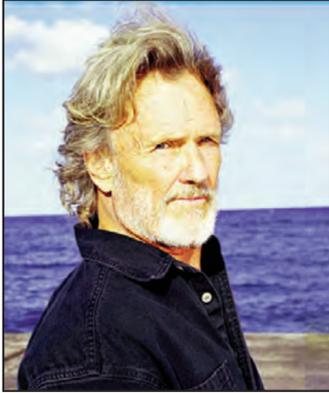


Photo by MARY ELLEN MARK

**Kris Kristofferson is touring in support of his new album "Feeling Mortal." He will play the Palladium at St. Petersburg College Oct. 16.**

Presented as part of the Ruth Eckerd Hall on the Road series, tickets start at \$45. Call 791-7400 or visit [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com).

Kristofferson is a Country Music Hall of Famer who ranks among the most versatile of American talents. He's been a Golden Gloves boxer, a Rhodes scholar, a college football player, an acclaimed actor, a military officer, a helicopter pilot, a Grammy-winner, a screw-up and an icon, and now he finds himself releasing the third Don Was-produced album in a twilight years trilogy. "Feeling Mortal" follows 2009's "Closer To The Bone" and 2006's "This Old Road" in examining hard-won grace.

Born in 1936, Kristofferson took a tortuous path toward country stardom. An award-winning short story writer as well as a Golden Gloves boxer, he graduated from Pomona College in 1958 with a degree in creative writing. From there, he attended Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar. While in England, he began performing as Kris Carson, playing country and folk music.

In 1960, Kristofferson joined the United States Army, serving as a helicopter pilot in Germany. He was offered a teaching position at West Point. He turned it down in order to pursue his dream of becoming a successful songwriter.

At first, Kristofferson struggled. He took whatever work he could find to pay the bills, including working as a janitor at Columbia Records.

Dave Dudley – best remembered for his country hit "Six Days on the Road" – recorded Kristofferson's "Viet Nam Blues" in 1966. This single helped establish Kristofferson as an emerging songwriter and, over the next few years, more of his original songs reached the charts, recorded by musicians such as Billy Walker & the Tennessee Walkers, Ray Stevens, Jerry Lee Lewis and Faron Young.

In 1969, Roger Miller recorded Kristofferson's song "Me and Bobby McGee." The song reached No. 12 on the U.S. Country chart. Gordon Lightfoot also had success with the song in 1970. Janis Joplin covered the song on her 1971 album "Pearl." Her version reached No. 1 on the U.S. Hot 100 chart.

Kristofferson released his own debut album on Monument Records

in 1970. "Kristofferson" featured both new songs and previous hits. His second album, "The Silver Tongued Devil and I," reached No. 4 on the U.S. Country charts in 1971 and was followed by "Border Lord" in 1972. Kristofferson's fourth album, "Jesus Was a Capricorn," was released in 1972 and featured the No. 1 hit "Why Me."

Kristofferson also spends part of his time focusing on an acting career which began in 1971 in "The Last Movie," directed by Dennis Hopper. Over the years, he has appeared in dozens of films, including roles in "Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore," "Convoy," "Heaven's Gate," "Blade" and "Payback." He won a Golden Globe Award for Best Actor – Musical or Comedy for his role in "A Star Is Born" in 1976. More recently, he portrayed Reed Haskett, father of Clay Haskett, in the film "Dolphin Tale" about Clearwater Marine Aquarium's best-known dolphin resident, Winter.

### Limited immortality

Kris Kristofferson remembers immortality.

"Nothing could kill me," he says, recalling his 1960s days in Nashville, when he roared for years on end, somehow finding time amidst the chaos to change the language of country music. In a biography provided by his publicist, he reflects on his wild days. "I was rolling cars and wrecking motorcycles, drinking and doing everything I could to die early. But it didn't work."

In fact, Kristofferson is 76 now and on his 28th album – the aptly titled "Feeling Mortal."

"Going back to the beginning, the songs have been reflections of where I was at that point in my life," he says. "I always try to be as honest as I can in the songwriting, otherwise there's no point in doing it: I might as well be doing an advertising job or something. And what I'm finding, to my pleasant surprise at this age, is that I'm more inclined to laughter than tears. I hope I'll feel this creative and this grateful until they throw dirt over me."

Kristofferson and Was spent three days recording "Feeling Mortal," cutting 20 songs and picking 10, then bolstering the basic tracks with stellar instrumental work from guitarist Mark Goldenberg, pedal steel master Greg Leisz, keyboardist Matt Rollins, violinist and vocalist Sara Watkins, bassist Sean Hurley and drummer Aaron Sterling.

Above all, Kristofferson is happy to be happy, grateful to be grateful, and wholly unwilling to take the credit for the wondrous way it's all worked out. In the end, "Feeling Mortal" is a melodic note of gratitude.

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### Clearwater

• **Kellie Pickler**, Friday, Oct. 11, 8 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Tickets start at \$29. Call 791-7400 or visit [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com). Known for her restless small-town dream to reach for the stars of the music world, Pickler was first recognized as one of the six finalists in the fifth season of the popular reality TV show "American Idol," where it was evident to all she was a star. While on tour with Idol, she recorded her debut album, "Small Town Girl," which has gone on to sell more than 800,000 copies worldwide and produce three hit singles, "Red High Heels," "I Wonder" and "Things That Never Cross a Man's Mind," which firmly established her in the Country Music industry. Her 2008 follow-up album featured country radio hits "Don't You Know You're Beautiful," "Best Days of Your Life" and "Didn't You Know How Much I Loved You." Having established herself as not only a powerful vocalist but also a songwriter, Pickler released her third studio album, "100 Proof," with famed producer Frank Liddell and Luke Wooten.

### Seminole

• **Rus "Rocket Man" Anderson**, Friday, Oct. 11, 7 p.m., at Seminole City Park, 7464 Ridge Road, Seminole. As part of Seminole's Music in the Park series, Anderson will present his Elton John tribute show. The show will feature all live vocals and instrumentation as Rocket Man performs Elton John's greatest hits – everything from touching ballads to blazing rock songs. With exact replica costumes, Anderson gives audience members an energetic and memorable night filled with nostalgia, singing, laughing and participation. The two-hour concert will conclude this year's Music in the Park series at the park. The performance will run 7 to 9 p.m. Admission is free. Parking, also free, is available in the park and in a larger lot west of the park between Old Oakhurst Road and the Pinellas Trail. Attendees are invited to bring chairs and blankets. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. For information, visit [www.myseminole.com](http://www.myseminole.com).

### Tampa

• **Jimmy Fallon's Clean Cut Comedy Tour**, Wednesday, Oct. 16, 8 p.m., at the historic Tampa Theatre, 711 N. Franklin St., Tampa. Tickets start at \$45. Call 791-7400 or visit [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com). In 1998 Jimmy Fallon joined the cast of "Saturday Night Live" and with his knack for musical impressions and parody songs quickly became one of the stand-out comedians on the show. Movie roles, including "Fever Pitch" with Drew Barrymore, followed, and in 2009 Fallon took over the reins of NBC's "Late Night." In less than two years on the air, "Late Night with Jimmy Fallon" ruled the time period in ratings, was praised by the critics and began collecting awards. Joining Fallon will be Julian McCullough, Nate Bargatze And Nick Thune.

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