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New development breaks ground

The corner of U.S. 19 and Roosevelt will see new apartments, Walmart

By JULIANA A. TORRES

LARGO - Developers of a new 342-unit luxury apartment complex called Gateway North broke ground on the project Oct. 10, at the southeast corner of U.S. 19 and East Bay Drive.

The redeveloped corner will include a Walmart Supercenter, currently under construction and due to open in January, as well as a new Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority station. Additionally, a 6,119-square-foot Wawa convenience store is in the middle of development review with the city of Largo.

Gateway North, at 2681 Roosevelt Blvd., is the first high-end apartment community in Largo in roughly 20 years, bringing a new residential character to the area, said Carol Stricklin, Largo's development director.

"This is an extremely important project for Largo Town Center," she said. "It's also a very important catalyst for redevelopment."

Developers of the apartment complex, Pollack

Shores Real Estate Group, worked with Walmart's development team to completely redo the infrastructure of the entire parcel, revamping shared roadways and the sewer system, explained Teresa Brydon, Largo economic development manager.

According to Pollack Shores, Gateway North's 16.25 acres will include a lake with a walking trail, a resort-style clubhouse with a "water-scaped" pool, cabanas, a fitness center, a business center and outdoor grilling and entertainment areas. The three-story apartments will have private patios or balconies, washer and dryer connections, walk-in closets, ceramic tile, microwaves and dishwashers.

"This project meets our goal of developing along high-visibility, high-traffic locations with access to a substantial and growing base of employers coupled with numerous retail/entertainment options," Steven Shores, company president stated.

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Photo courtesy of the CITY OF LARGO. An artist rendering shows the Gateway North luxury apartment complex, which broke ground Oct. 10 at the corner of U.S. 19 and Roosevelt Blvd.

Ulmer Park festival begins

By JULIANA A. TORRES

LARGO - Ulmer Park came alive with activity during the first monthly market and community festival Oct. 12.

Community groups joined artists, crafters and vendors selling their wares to the passing community while live music played from the gazebo. A food truck sold barbecue meals, and Largo's own Dolcini's Gelato provided frozen treats.

The market, organized by Tanya

Pistillo of Wandering Star Gallery, started as a monthly sidewalk sale outside the businesses along West Bay Drive. The market will be held second Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Ulmer Park, 301 W. Bay Drive.

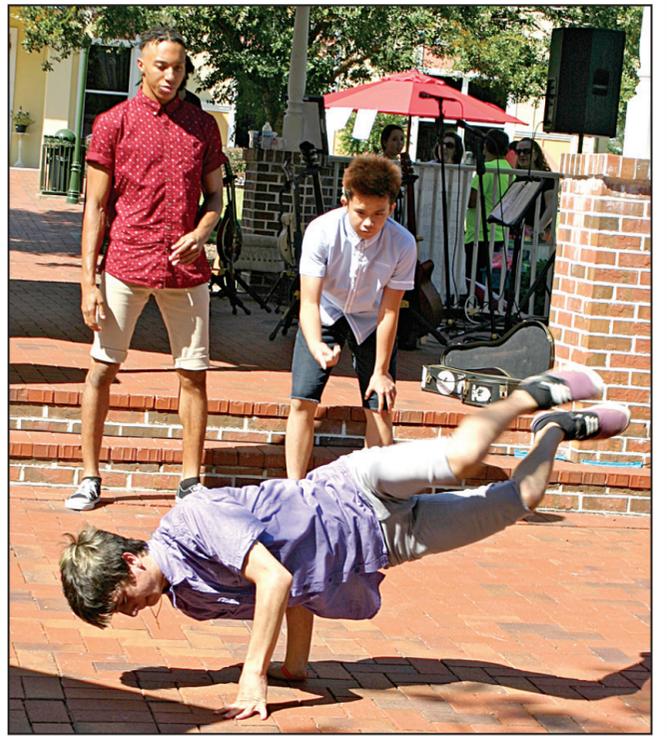
Pistillo said she already had vendors and entertainment lined up for next month's market. Based on the feedback she received from the community, she wants to make the market a weekly event. To participate, call Pistillo at 465-8558.



Above, Last Ghost Dance - made up of Ryan Ballogg on guitar and Kade Ballogg on mandolin - perform at the first Ulmer Park Market and Community Festival Oct. 12. At left, Marie Pellegini, left, and her grandniece Jerrica Workman learn about Largo's recycling initiatives from recycling coordinator Marissa Segundo. At right, Damien Miller spins on his hands at the encouragement of his fellow break dancers David Hector, left, and Tyler Nguyen. The Dance Stars group is based in St. Petersburg.



Photos by JULIANA A. TORRES. Local artist Brandon Scott works on a new painting at the Ulmer Park Market and Community Festival Oct. 12. Scott's paintings are for sale at Wandering Star Gallery, at 220 W. Bay Drive, or visit brandonscottartworks.weebly.com.



County staff takes on flood insurance issue

By SUZETTE PORTER

CLEARWATER - As local property owners and the real estate market struggle to cope with the backlash of federal flood insurance reform, Pinellas County staff is working on ways to help reduce the pain of rising rates.

Oct. 1 came and went, and the U.S. Senate failed to pass a bill delaying implementation of Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Act of 2012. The U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill in July delaying implementation of the act for one year.

Now, many property owners with subsidized policies from the National Flood Insurance Program are facing rate in-

creases of 25 percent annually until their rate reflects true risk. Those who are not currently dealing with increased costs are unable to sell their homes due to exorbitant rates new property owners would have to pay. The real estate market is reeling with reports of lost sales coming in from all over the county.

Larry Arrington, director of Strategic Planning and Initiatives, told Pinellas County Commissioners Oct. 8 that staff was exploring options and working to identify actions at the administrative level that could help mitigate the adverse effect of BW-12.

Congress passed BW-12 in an attempt to reduce the debt of the NFIP after

claims outpaced revenue following Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Ike, Tropical Storm Debby and super-storm Sandy. BW-12 affects all the major components of the FEMA administered program, including insurance rates, flood maps, grant programs and flood plain management plans.

Arrington explained that FEMA plays a critical role in assessing flood risk and creation of a flood plain map that reflects risk in geographical areas. That map directly affects insurance rates, he said.

"It's a very involved process," he said, which includes not only risk from flooding but protective measures taken in a community, type of land use and other factors.

Pinellas County uses FEMA's map when it considers zoning changes and regulations within a flood plain. The map plays a factor in economic development plans. It provides guidance with disaster and evacuation planning, among other things.

"Pinellas is ground zero for this problem with 50,000 subsidized policies, more than any other county in the nation," he said. "If we develop a first class flood plain management plan, we will have a better community rating with a direct bearing on rates."

Gordon Beardslee, administrator of Strategic Planning and Initiatives

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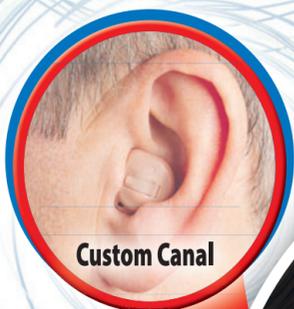


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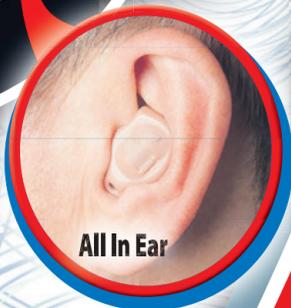


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City calendar

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

Halloween Spooktacular

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 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.

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. Upcoming classes in October will teach tips on how to use city directories, familysearch.org, courthouse records, England and Wales research and more.

For more information, contact Bob Bryan at 595-4521 or

BBryan84@gmail.com.

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.LargoPEvents.com.

Highland Rec

Highland Recreation Complex is at 400 Highland Ave. Visit HighlandRecreation.com or call 518-3016.

Monster Zumba

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

Join a team of Zumba instructors as they lead a fun and easy-to-follow dance class set to Latin and international music. All adults and children 8 and up are encouraged to come experience this great mix of music, fitness and fun. Comfortable clothing or costumes as well as dance shoes or sneakers are recommended. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes.

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.

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. Register by Oct. 30.

Southwest Rec

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 or 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 event will feature games, a craft, a snack and traditional holiday classic music. Don't forget to bring your camera.

An awesome surprise



Largo Firefighter Nick Rees poses with the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Oct. 9. The Nickelodeon characters surprised Rees at Station 39 in recognition of Hero Appreciation Month. His fellow firefighters nominated him for the surprise after Rees jumped to the rescue of a bartender when a disgruntled customer began stabbing her on July 2. The "heroes in a half shell" threw a pizza party for Rees, his friends, family and coworkers. Rees and his family also were awarded with a weekend stay at the Nickelodeon Suites Resort in Orlando. Rees, his brother Gordon Rees and Mike Arnold of Clearwater were bystanders when a man later identified as James Klingbeil, 50, attacked bartender Rebecca Schaefer with a knife. The three were later credited with saving Schaefer's life.

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Several new development projects underway in Largo

By JULIANA A. TORRES

LARGO – The Walmart, Gateway North apartment complex and potential Wawa planned for the corner of Roosevelt Boulevard and U.S. 19 could describe a representative sample of the many development projects in the works in Largo.

Along Missouri

On the opposite side of the city, the former Kmart at 990 Missouri Ave. is ready to be demolished. In its place, an 118,000-square-foot Walmart will be built to replace the existing store across the street. The company is securing a contractor for the project and will likely request demolition approval from the city of Largo in December, with construction to begin after that, said Teresa Brydon, Largo's economic development manager.

But that's just the beginning of projects announced for the corridor surrounding Missouri Avenue and Rosary Road.

"In the next two years, that whole area is going to be completely redeveloped, and it's kind of exciting," Brydon said. "It's going to look really nice."

On the north side of Rosary Road, L.A. Fitness is seeking approval of a new 41,000-square-foot building to replace the Publix at 1229 Missouri Ave. In fact, the entire plaza is set to get an updated facade designed to attract new tenants, with L.A. Fitness as the driver for the stores, Brydon said.

Kimco Realty, which owns the property Walmart is currently leasing on the south side of Rosary Road, has been talking with "a couple of new tenants" to fill the plaza and soon-to-be-vacant space.

On the northeast corner of Missouri Avenue and Rosary Road, Wawa is seeking approval for another location at 1215 Missouri Ave. The only unoccupied space in that corner will be the property behind the potential convenience store and gas station, a space which Brydon said won't remain vacant for long.

"They're going to have a very good chance of being able to put a tenant on the footprint ... with all the new retailers that are coming into that immediate area," Brydon said.

To facilitate development, the city has been working with Walmart to improve its side of Rosary Road with sidewalks and "serious landscaping," designed to make the roadway more pedestrian and bicycle friendly, Brydon said. The city will be encouraging developers on the centers on the other side of the road to do the same.

Ulmerton Crossings

The city of Largo is waiting to hear back from the developers of Ulmerton Crossings, a 12,510-square-foot retail plaza.

Brydon said Carlos Yepes of Belleair Development Group was working on developing the entire footprint of the block at the southwest corner of Ulmerton and Starkey roads. New tenants for the plaza have not been confirmed, but Yepes is "aggressively trying to pick up another restaurant," she said.

A 3,750-square-foot bank is slated for the corner of the plaza. Another Wawa has been approved within the block, at 9010 Ulmerton Road. An 118,000-square-foot Walmart Neighborhood Market will be built at 9020 Ulmerton Road.

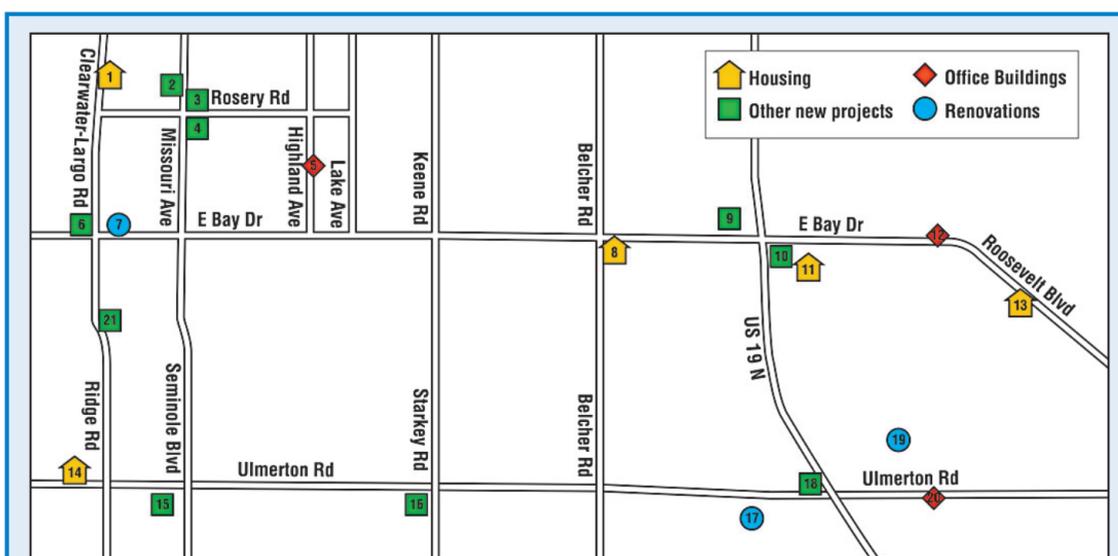
Brydon credited recent development in the area, including the new Thorton's at 8875 Ulmerton Road, to the road modifications of the major roadway.

"We do see that having that intersection completed and developed ... just helps with the rest of the community in that area," she said. "We're redeveloping the corners now. We'll continue to see the impact of those redevelopment projects in (the) future."

The owner of the parcel north of Thorton's, for example, is waiting for improvements to the sewer infrastructure, tied in with the road project, before redeveloping, she said.

The entire Ulmerton Road project won't be finished until 2015.

Another large factor in the development of the area will be the relocation of Great Bay Distributors, at the northwest corner of the intersection



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Development projects shown on the map include:

1. **Seasons of Belleair**, an 80-bed assisted living facility.
2. **L.A. Fitness**, pending approval.
3. **Wawa**, pending approval.
4. **Walmart**
5. **Highland Office Building**
6. **Chase Bank**, pending approval.
7. Office for **Barley Mow Brewing Company**
8. **Seasons of Largo**, an 80-bed assisted living facility
9. **TriCity Plaza**, reconstruction of 229,884 square feet of new retail space
10. **Crossroads**, redeveloped corner includes a Walmart, currently under construction, and a Wawa, pending approval
11. **Gateway North**, a 342-unit apartment complex
12. A new building at **Tech Data**, pending approval
13. **Bayside Townhomes**, pending approval
14. **Pinellas Heights**, a 154-unit senior housing complex
15. Construction of the new **Sheriff's Office** buildings
16. **Ulmerton Crossings**, includes a Walmart Neighborhood Market and a Wawa as well as a retail plaza and a bank, both pending approval
17. Site improvements at **Metro Storage**
18. Development of **7-Eleven**, pending approval
19. Site improvements at **Clearwater Ice Arena**
20. **Rubin Professional Offices**
21. **Family Dollar**

Other projects

Projects set for construction include the property at 12022 Indian Rocks Road, to be redeveloped into a new Publix and a Family Dollar at 705 Eighth Ave. SW. A new Chase Bank is being designed for the West Bay Drive redevelopment area.

A couple of businesses in the city are expanding their operations. Tech Data wants to build a new 46,800-square-foot office building on its existing campus.

"It's great to have their headquarters expanding in Largo," Brydon said. "They're kind of bursting at the seams."

The Clearwater Ice Arena, 13940 Icot Blvd., Barley Mow Brewing Company, at 140 Sixth St. NW., and Metro Storage at 13100 66th St. are all renovating their properties with small construction projects.

The Sheriff's Office administration building and emergency operations center, currently under construction at 10750 Ulmerton Road, is part of the redevelopment of the Seminole Boulevard corridor, south of the Ulmerton intersection.

"That's going to be a huge plus for us," Brydon said.

In fact, the sale of Twedt's Bowling Center was likely prompted by that project, she said. While the new owners of the property have yet to submit plans to the city for the new retail mall, Brydon said they have secured the interest of a few restaurants and stores.

For a list of the city's development projects, updated monthly, visit www.largo.com/projects.

of Starkey and Ulmerton roads. The company has outgrown the space and will be consolidating its Largo and north county locations to an industrial property in north St. Petersburg.

"Our expectation is in the next five to 10 years, that entire site will be available for redevelopment as well," Brydon said.

The city doesn't know if the company planned to sell or lease its property.

"It's unfortunate that they had to leave. At the same time, there was no place for them to grow in that location," Brydon said. "We look forward to working with them."

New housing to be built

A housing complex called Bayside Townhomes, to be built at 15400 Roosevelt Blvd., is seeking approval with the development review committee. The property, just off Bayside Bridge, used to be a mobile home park and has been vacant a long time, Brydon said. Largo recently annexed the property, to be developed into 93 townhomes.

Construction has already begun on three other housing projects. Two are very similar. The Seasons of Belleair, at 1704 Clearwater-Largo Road, and the Seasons of Largo, at 4175 East Bay Drive, will both be 80-bed assisted living facilities.

Construction on Pinellas Heights, a 154-unit senior housing complex, is ahead of schedule, Brydon said.

"Their exceptions are to be open probably in April," she said.



City Attorney Alan Zimmel, left, swears five members of the Largo Police Department into their new roles Oct. 16. New Police Chief Jeff Undestad, pictured at far right, announced the other promotions subsequent to his own: from left, Scott Gore, from officer to sergeant; Paul Amodeo, from sergeant to lieutenant; Mike Loux, from lieutenant to captain, and Brian Browne, from captain to deputy chief.

Photo by JULIANA A. TORRES

Largo to extend fee moratorium

By JULIANA A. TORRES

LARGO – The moratorium on Largo parkland impact and facility/capital improvement fees likely will be extended another two years, at the request of businesses planning new projects within the city because of the lower costs.

The decision was unofficial; Largo commissioners will vote on the issue in November after city staff prepare an ordinance outlining the terms. But the developers of the Gateway North and Briarwood apartment complexes – who both have experienced delays that endangered their ability to cash in on the moratorium – could breathe a sigh of relief as the city leaders spoke in favor of the program Oct. 16.

"I like the parks, but we've got all kinds of money to buy more of them ... We already have problems maintaining the parks that we have," said Commissioner Curtis Holmes. "I think we ought to really work with the developers and give them a little slack and a break."

The parkland impact fees are collected for the purchase of more land as it becomes available, allowing the city to offset development with more parks. But the fees can be significant, roughly \$2,000 per housing unit, said Community Development Director Carol Stricklin.

"The purpose of the moratorium was to take advantage of the increasing real estate market and to stimulate residential development. I think from the level of interest and activity ... it has certainly had that effect," she said.

Stricklin and her staff also proposed to extend the window within which projects must be completed from 12 months to 18 months, allowing developers more construction time.

Projects that are being built in the city of Largo because of the moratorium include: Pinellas Heights

senior housing; Gateway North apartments; the apartment complex slated at the former Briarwood RV Park, expected to start construction in November; Bay Isle Landing, a property that annexed into the city and is seeking approval for the construction of 96 townhouses; the restart of Whittington Court and Beacon Trace, both townhouse projects that began development in 2006, and finally Plantation, a 17-unit, single family residential project.

The commissioners all said they liked seeing so much development, arguing that more time was needed to allow projects to take root in Largo.

The parkland dedication fund is currently \$1.5 million, and the facility/capital improvement fund has about \$670,000, Stricklin said. While the moratorium continues, those funds cannot increase.

Commissioner Woody Brown asked if projects within the city's downtown redevelopment districts could be entirely exempt from the fees, given that the city's largest and most popular park, Largo Central Park, was so nearby. City Attorney Alan Zimmel said he would research that possibility.

Low income housing

Two projects proposing to build affordable senior housing within the city will be seeking federal funds to support their efforts. Commissioners agreed to support both projects, committing \$75,000 of the city's State Housing Initiatives Partnership, or SHIP, funds in hopes that at least one will receive the federal tax credits. No more than one project per county will be funded through the program.

The Palms of West Bay, at 1260 W. Bay Drive, would be an 80-unit apartment complex; 70 percent of those apartments would be affordable. All 64 units of the Ibis Point housing project, at Mehlenbacher Road and 10th Street NW., would be affordable housing. Both projects would develop vacant properties.

the county's rating and subsequently reduce flood insurance premiums. FEMA awards points toward an ISO rating based on a number of criteria including such things as the amount of open space and land set aside for preservation along with a community's land development code.

FEMA also awards points based on the quality of water drainage and conveyance systems. The county's recent undertaking to improve its stormwater system with a dedicated funding source via a surface water fee could prove very instrumental in ultimately lowering insurance rates.

Rahim Harji, senior engineer with the Department of Environment and Infrastructure, explained some of the work staff was doing, including assessing the minimum requirements needed to comply with FEMA's flood insurance program regulations. Staff also is working on a list of things that could be done to improve the county's rating and looking for

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The first apartments should be ready for residents in late spring 2014, with final completion scheduled for the fall. Matrix Residential will lease and manage the community, according to the press release.

The fee moratorium

The Pollack Shores praised the city for Largo's development team as well as its temporary waiver of city impact fees.

"The city's moratorium on park and facility impact fees is the reason this project is a reality," stated Anthony Everett, director of Central Florida for Pollack Shores.

Largo's moratorium is due to expire by June 2014. Developers of projects that won't be completed by that point have petitioned the city to extend the deadline. Meanwhile, the city's parks division and its community supporters have argued for the necessity of replenishing the fund that allows the city to purchase more parkland.

The new apartments will provide new housing for workers in Pinellas County's Gateway area, one of the state's largest employment areas, according to the press release.

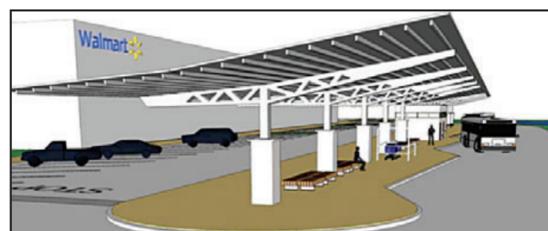
"We support high-quality projects of this kind because Largo believes that being business-friendly is extremely important to promoting economic development," stated Mayor Pat Gerard.

An incoming Walmart

Walmart recently opened a temporary hiring center to staff up to 300 full and part-time jobs at the supercenter, scheduled to open at the end of January.

"Everything just finally is all starting to unfold," said store manager Ron Frietas earlier this month. "I think it's a great site."

Frietas added that based on his interaction with neighbors so far,



Graphic courtesy of PSTA

This conceptual drawing shows the Largo Commons bus station, currently being designed.

the community is excited to see a Walmart coming to the area.

The company is looking to transfer only 10 percent of its existing employee base to the new store. Walmart was able to apply for state job creation tax credits with the promise of bringing 150 full-time jobs to the area. To that end, the city of Largo approved a brownfield designation to the property in March, acknowledging that the previous occupants – including a truck stop and an auto repair shop – potentially left behind contamination that would have to be cleaned up. At the time, only two commissioners voted against the designation, arguing that tax credits should reward higher paying jobs.

The Walmart hiring center is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., in suites 209 and 211 of Newport Square Office Park, 4625 E. Bay Drive. Applicants also can apply at careers.walmart.com. Through its Veterans Welcome Home Commitment, Walmart offers jobs to veterans who have been honorably discharged from active duty in the last 12 months.

The address of the new Walmart will be 2677 Roosevelt Blvd.

The transfer station

PSTA has an agreement with the site developers and the city to use a portion of the Crossroads parcel for a transfer facility. The station is slated for the east side of the Walmart, along a retention

pond. It would provide a safer place to transfer between four existing PSTA routes, replacing the current station along U.S. 19.

PSTA has allocated \$600,000 in its current budget for the design and construction of four bus bays, shelters, benches and "real time bus arrival information" display boards.

Reconstruction at Tri-City

Meanwhile, Tri-City Plaza across the street from East Bay Drive is set for a renovation.

Properties owners, Kimco Largo, have submitted plans for the construction of 229,884 square feet of new retail space, after the demolition of the existing plaza.

The redeveloped footprint will be built in two phases to allow some of the tenants to remain and relocate during construction.

"They're going to bring the (dis-jointed buildings) in line with one another, so it's not so dysfunctional," Brydon explained. "Right now, when you try to drive around it can get a little difficult. That's all getting changed."

The Publix will remain, but the buildings to the east of the store – including the AMC movie theater – will be redesigned. The two banks at the front of the property are independently owned and thus, along with the Wendy's and the Chili's, won't be part of the redevelopment. The Applebee's restaurant will be torn down and reconstructed.

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Department, said flood plain management was a voluntary program that most counties, including Pinellas, do that involves going above and beyond minimum requirements.

Pinellas County has participated in the program since the 1990s and has gone beyond the requirements to the point that the ISO rating for unincorporated areas is a seven. He said other jurisdictions within the county also participate. Ratings throughout Pinellas range from a six to an eight.

Flood insurance policy holders in communities that rate a 10 receive no discount. A rating of a seven, earns property owners a 15 percent discount on their flood insurance. A community that rates a six receives a 20 percent discount.

Beardslee said staff was looking at what is being done currently and what else could be done to lower

the items that would be most cost beneficial.

He said they were exploring leading practices in flood plain management and looking at what is being done in other communities. Staff is checking the consistency of county codes in relationship with flood plain management and development.

Harji said staff also recognized it was important to "embrace technology and merge data correctly."

"We're looking at a strategy to mitigate flood insurance rates and reduce the number of properties in the flood plain by land use and zoning planning," he said.

Arrington said part of the plan includes appointing a current employee as a flood plain management coordinator. He said having a dedicated employee would allow the county to "realize the best return on investment toward getting to a first class program."

"We see the stakes are high and we're giving the best response we can," Arrington said.



Screenshot by SUZETTE PORTER

Larry Arrington, director of Strategic Planning and Initiatives, tells Pinellas County Commissioners Oct. 8 what staff is doing to identify actions that could help mitigate the adverse effect of Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Act of 2012.

Crime beat

Gualtieri requests death investigations

LARGO – Pinellas Sheriff Bob Gualtieri has initiated internal affairs investigations involving two separate in-custody death incidents. “Based upon the results we have received from the initial inquiries into the deaths of Inmate Kelly Damon Harding (DOB 4/29/65) and detainee Thomas Morrow (DOB 10/4/53), I believe there are agency policy violations that require in-depth review by Internal Affairs,” Gualtieri said in a press release, “and I also see a possibility for discipline for some members involved in these cases.”

On July 6, Thomas Morrow was being transported to the Pinellas County Jail after being arrested by Treasure Island Police. Morrow was intoxicated and was severely injured by a second detainee, Leonard

Lanni, 36, during an altercation in the transport van. Lanni also was drunk and disorderly at the time.

According to Gualtieri, “We intend to determine whether our policies requiring inmate restraint and separation in the transport van were followed and to also review our training in this regard.”

The incident occurred shortly after the firm G4S was contracted by the Sheriff’s Office to provide the prisoner transport services.

On July 21, jail inmate Kelly Damon Harding was strangled by his cellmate Scott Alexander Greenberg, 27, when Greenberg forced wet toilet paper down Harding’s throat. Greenberg has been charged with murder in this case.

Along with the death investigation, Gualtieri ordered a review of jail booking and classification policies in late July.

“Based upon what we have learned, these two inmates should never have been housed together. We believe there was a serious lapse in classification policy compliance here. We intend to further investigate the actions of those responsible.”

All documentation from the two death investigations will be turned over to Administrative Investigations.

According to the Sheriff, once the internal investigations are complete, any disciplines that may result will be made public and posted on the agency’s website, where all agency disciplinary actions are currently posted.

22-year-old man arrested for child porn

PINELLAS PARK – Pinellas County Sheriff’s detectives arrested a 22-year-old man Oct. 9 on 11 counts of possession of child pornography and one count of promotion of child pornography.

Detectives assigned to the Special Victims Unit served a search warrant at the Pinellas Park residence of Aaron Ray Barnhart, after conducting an undercover internet investigation that ran from June 10 to Aug. 31.

Through their investigation, detectives identified Barnhart as a potential suspect, who was sharing child pornography videos via the Internet. Detectives obtained a search warrant, which was served at approximately 6:30 a.m.

Barnhart was interviewed by detectives and reportedly admitted to the allegations. Barnhart was arrested and transported to the Pinellas County Jail without further incident. Bond was set at \$130,000. Detectives said downloaded material that was found while serving the search warrant is currently under review and additional charges are pending.

The Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office is a member of the Central Florida Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.



Aaron Barnhart

Largo firefighters evacuate private school in drill

LARGO – Largo Fire Rescue evacuated about 50 children and six staff members from several classrooms at Anona Christian Preschool as part of Fire Prevention Week Oct. 10.

The drill involved using windows as a means of evacuating the building at 12301 Indian Rocks Road.

“These required windows are a secondary means of egress when the main door or hallway is compromised during a fire,” explained Largo Fire Marshal Timothy Wedin.

The goal of the drill was to better equip school staff and students to handle a real evacuation as well as demonstrate Largo Fire Rescue’s response to an evacuation incident.

Fire Inspector Ronald Kinsey, who runs egress drills at private schools on a regular basis, organized and ran the drill. Bringing firefighters to perform the drill was designed to be a promotional event for Fire Prevention Week.



Photo courtesy of LARGO FIRE RESCUE
Firefighters Robert Mills, left, and Robert Cook help a student out of a window during an evacuation drill at Anona Preschool Oct. 10.

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Congressman Bill Young won't seek re-election next year

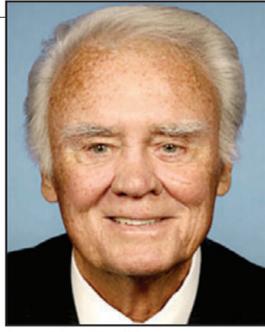
By SUZETTE PORTER

The longest-serving Republican member of the U.S. Congress, Rep. C.W. "Bill" Young announced Oct. 9 that he is not running for reelection in 2014.

Charles William Young, 82, of Indian Shores has served Florida's 13th Congressional District since 1971.

The 13th Congressional District is the only district in Florida contained entirely within one county, according to information on the Congressman's website. It includes all of Pinellas County south of Clearwater except for precincts in south St. Petersburg, which are part of the Tampa-based 14th District.

"As Florida's longest serving Congressman, we appreciate Congressman Bill Young's more than 50 years of service to Florida families," Gov. Rick Scott said in a press release. "Throughout his career, Congressman Young has fought to make sure Washington acted in the best interests of the brave men and women who serve in our military. His unwavering dedication to Pinellas County and the Sunshine State will be missing in Washington."



Rep. C.W. "Bill" Young

Young served 10 years in the Florida State Senate and 42 in the U.S. Congress.

Young has been a strong advocate for Pinellas County, taking on local issues, including the congestion on U.S. 19. His website points to his work to attract high-tech jobs to St. Petersburg; improve health care for low-income children and families; protect the neighboring MacDill Air Force Base; build a state-of-the-art medical center for veterans at Bay Pines; ensure a steady supply of water for the Tampa Bay area; and offset the effects of erosion on the area's beaches.

Young was born in Harmarville, Pa., and moved to Pinellas County at the age of 15. Congressman Young and his wife Beverly have three adult sons, Rob, Billy, and Patrick.

"Floridians owe Bill Young a debt of gratitude for his 53 years of service to our state and country," U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio said in a statement released shortly after Young's announcement. "Bill has fought tirelessly for the interests in Pinellas County, St. Pete and the Tampa Bay area in the state legislature and U.S. Congress by helping to strengthen the state's defense industry

and creating thousands of jobs. Additionally, no one has fought harder for the servicemen and women in this country and for returning veterans than Bill and his wife, Beverly. Bill is a true statesman whose wisdom, commitment and expertise will be sorely missed in Congress. Jeanette (Rubio's wife) and I wish Beverly and Bill all the best as they begin the next chapter of their life."

Speculation begins

Who will run to fill Young's position in Congress is the big question. Many names have been tossed around, including Pinellas County Commission Chair Ken Welch. Welch posted Oct. 11 on his Facebook page that he would not be running. Welch stated that he doesn't live within the district, but more importantly, he wants to continue his work as county commissioner and focus on his family. State Senators Jack Latvala and Jeff Brandes also have stated they don't intend to run.

Other names up for speculation include Alex Sink, even though she doesn't live in Pinellas, as well as County Commissioners Karen Seel, John Morroni, Charlie Justice and former commissioner Neil Brickfield. Even Young's son Billy and his wife Beverly have been mentioned.

Florida supports lawsuit against FEMA

TALLAHASSEE - Governor Rick Scott and Attorney General Pam Bondi announced Oct. 10 that they will be filing an amicus brief, or "friend of the court" brief, in Mississippi's lawsuit against the federal government's National Flood Insurance Program's rate hike.

Scott thanked Florida senators Bill Nelson and Marco Rubio for the work they were doing on behalf of the state's property owners. He said the unfair rate hike could devastate Florida's real estate market and homeowners.

Bondi said, "Due to Congress' failure to better protect consumers, Floridians are now facing increased flood insurance rates that could force them from their homes and hurt the economy. While we are in frequent communication with OIR to determine whether we can legally take additional action, we support Mississippi's lawsuit."

Briefs

West side of Wall Springs Park opens

PALM HARBOR - The west section of Wall Springs Park in Palm Harbor has reopened, after being closed Sept. 11 when a fire destroyed the observation tower.

Pinellas County Parks and Conservation Resources staff has cleared the area; but, the public is asked to stay away from the immediate area of the tower's foundation.

The tower, which cost \$315,000 to build, is expected to be rebuilt. The parks staff is currently working on the plans with engineers.

Roche meets with international delegates

CLEARWATER - Pinellas County Commissioner Norm Roche met with international delegates visiting from Afghanistan on Oct. 4. The delegates were taking part in World Partnerships Inc., which is a division of the U.S. State Department's International Visitor Leadership Program.

Accompanied by department interpreters, the visitors toured several regions in the United States starting in Washington, D.C., and ending their 22-day visit with their final stops at the Pinellas County Courthouse in Clearwater and Clearwater City Hall.



Pinellas County Commissioner Norm Roche meets with international delegates visiting from Afghanistan Oct. 4 at the Pinellas County Courthouse in Clearwater.

Roche spoke to the group, stressing the importance of the Florida Sunshine Law, which addresses accountability and transparency in county government and all government levels in the state of Florida.

"It was a great opportunity to share governance concepts with representatives from another country," said Roche.

"They asked insightful questions and I hope my responses added value to their experience," he added.

Officers finish leadership program

LARGO - The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office announced the graduation of Capt. Jim Main and Lt. Michael Holbrook Oct. 10 from the Senior Leadership Program at the Florida Department of Law Enforcement headquarters in Tallahassee.

The graduating class includes 35 senior managers representing criminal justice agencies from around the state. The goal of the

Senior Leadership Program is to help graduates continue to develop their leadership skills and to prepare Florida's criminal justice professionals for future challenges.

The Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institutwas established in 1990 by the Florida Legislature in recognition of the need for an innovative and multifaceted approach to the education of criminal justice professionals.

Main has been employed with PCSO since June 1988 and Holbrook since July 1987.

New trolley launched
CLEARWATER - The Jolley Trolley has launched a new trolley, No. 19, to meet its transportation demand. The trolley has been a Clearwater mainstay, providing reliable transportation to residents and tourists. The latest trolley has been running from Island Estates to North Beach since Sept. 25. It is air-conditioned and is an exact replica of Trolley No. 8. The Jolley Trolley now transports 600,000 passengers annually, compared to 68,000 in 2009. As part of its growth, the Jolley Trolley will expand its routes to include Westfield Mall and Safety Harbor in spring of 2014. Trolley No. 20 is in the manufacturing stage, with an anticipated delivery date in mid-February.

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St. Petersburg's CRA could become countywide model

By SUZETTE PORTER

CLEARWATER – Despite budget concerns, Pinellas County Commissioners unanimously agreed to continue to work with the city of St. Petersburg to create a Community Redevelopment Area to combat the problem of blight and poverty.

Commissioner Janet Long was absent. A study released last year identified five areas in the county that were most impoverished: south St. Petersburg, north Greenwood, east Tarpon Springs, Highpoint and Lealman.

County Administrator Bob LaSala told commissioners during an Oct. 8 meeting that the plan the city and staff were working on to address the problem made sense.

"It may well serve as a precursor or model for the other four areas," he said.

He recommended that the county approve conducting a blight study for the Southside St. Petersburg CRA and extend the deadline 120 days to come up with an interlocal agreement between the city and county to establish two tax increment financing districts and two redevelopment trust funds within the CRA.

The proposed redevelopment area is about 4,700 acres, about 12 percent of the city's land, with a population of about 34,000, or 14 percent of the city's total population.

Commissioner Susan Latvala asked why the county's wasn't considering work for all five identified areas.

"The volume of work is enormous," LaSala said.

He also said he didn't think any other city was ready to begin, adding that the county didn't have the capacity to undertake multiple blight studies at one time.

Latvala said she preferred to wait until the commission had a discussion to prioritize need and balance that need with county resources.

Commissioner Charlie Justice said he thought the county should prioritize the Lealman area to make sure it had the appropriate level of support.

"Four areas have city support and one doesn't. Lealman should have our focus," Justice said.

Commissioner Karen Seel assured Justice that Lealman was on the county's radar and she said the



Screenshot by SUZETTE PORTER
Pinellas County Administrator Bob LaSala recommends allowing staff to work with St. Petersburg on what could be a model for other areas in the county where poverty is most prevalent.

Juvenile Welfare Board would be working in that area. She also agreed with Latvala's concerns.

"If we do this for one city we have to be prepared to do for others," she said.

"St. Petersburg is the No. 1 city in our county," Commission John Morroni said. "Their CRA will be a great exercise for the others."

St. Petersburg Mayor Bill Foster urged the commission to approve continuing with the project.

"It is most important that we pass this and work together," he said.

He echoed LaSala's thinking that St. Petersburg could provide the model for other areas.

He said the plan allowed the resources necessary to go after grants and provide long-term service to the community.

"This is important. This is of countywide importance," he said. "It's all about change. It's all about people."

There are still many details to work out, but everyone agreed that it was time to move forward. Final approval of the CRA is not expected until sometime in 2014.

"Forty-five percent of our kids live in poverty," Commission Chair Ken Welch said. "This is just as important as the sea level rising or flood insurance. Our community is not stable with this level of poverty."

Local family's fundraiser pays for youth's eye treatment

By TOM GERMOND

SEMINOLE – A local family raised enough money at a garage sale to pay the costs of flying a 12-year-old St. Lucia girl to California Oct. 23 to meet with a specialist that will begin treating her for a left eye disease.

Jeanyth Richard, known as "Nicey," will have a procedure for keratoconus, which causes the cornea, the outer clear window of the eye, to progressively herniate outward and turn cone shape.

"We had people lined up when I opened the garage sale. The first person was an elderly woman on a walker who didn't even buy anything but handed me \$20 for Nicey," Diana Flory said.

Through other fundraising efforts the Florys collected enough money, \$7,400, to pay for the cost for the first procedure, which is expected to stop the progression of the disease and prevent her corneas from rupturing.

Richard has an appointment with Dr. Brian Boxer Wachler, in Beverly Hills, Calif. The specialist pioneered the Holcomb C3-R procedure that is named after Steve Holcomb, an Olympic bobsledder



Photo courtesy of DIANA FLORY
Jeanyth Richard, 11, suffers from keratoconus, an eye disorder that could cause her to lose her vision.

who was legally blind due to keratoconus until Wachler treated him.

As a member of the First Baptist Church of Indian Rocks Beach, Flory went to St. Lucia on a mission trip in 2007 and first met Richard at a church function. She and her husband, Edward, have made arrangements to have Richard stay with them while she is in the United States.

Richard's medical visa was finally approved Oct. 10. Her medical procedure is slated for Oct. 24. Other treatments are expected.

"She will go back in on the 25th early morning for a final examination and we will fly back to Seminole that same day. I was hoping she would have a couple of days rest between flying to the U.S. and California but it just isn't working out," Flory said.

Nevertheless, Flory is grateful for the support from the community and the turn of events.

"For a one and half day garage sale, we were able to make enough to pay for her flight to California," Flory said. "I've never doubted this day would come because I know that God has been in charge since day one when I first noticed that she had a very serious vision problem."

Mehlenbacher Road work to continue

By WAYNE AYERS

BELLEAIR BLUFFS – The completion of a massive road and sewer project shared by Belleair and Belleair Bluffs has been pushed back. The job involves Mehlenbacher Road, which runs along the boundary of the two communities.

A finish date of mid-August has not happened, and the project will not likely be done until mid-December. Public Works Director Robert David said at the Oct. 14 City Commission workshop. He said rainy weather has been the main cause.

"Belleair has been awarded quite a few rain days," David said.

Work on Mehlenbacher has been ongoing for weeks, resulting in road closures and inconvenience for residents living in the area. Electronic signs have been placed indicating detours needed and construction dates.

Resident Darlene Kavanagh had wanted to know when the work would be completed. She also had

concerns about losing some of the right of way in front of her house, where her trash containers and mailbox sat. The curbing on the Belleair and Belleair Bluffs sides of the road does not match, Kavanagh said.

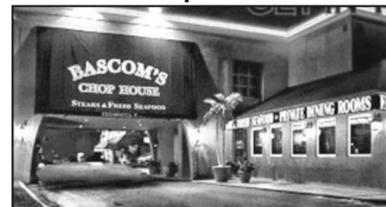
Most of the grass area bordering the road will be replaced when the sidewalks are done, David said. The trash cans and mailboxes will be placed where they were, he told Kavanagh, but added she should expect "a little less green area."

There are different types of curbing on each side of the road for a reason, David said. Belleair has Miami curbs, while Belleair Bluffs uses F-type curbing. He said the F-type is more costly but directs water better. They drain better too, a significant advantage in Belleair Bluffs with its flooding issues, David pointed out.

Commissioner Jack Nazario said the F-type curbs make Belleair Bluffs distinctive from Belleair "and are something to be proud of." They increase property values too, said David.

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There's a new bank in town! NORTHSTAR BANK Announces New Office Opening at 715 Indian Rocks Road North in Belleair Bluffs

NorthStar Bank has announced a new office opening located at 715 Indian Rocks Road North, Belleair Bluffs, Florida. NorthStar is targeting an October opening for the new Belleair Bluffs office. This location will be NorthStar's second office and its first in Pinellas County. NorthStar is a blend of the best aspects of a large regional bank, namely product line-up and electronic banking capabilities, and a community bank with its personal service and customer contact. In celebration of NorthStar's sixth year anniversary as well as the Belleair Bluffs grand opening, NorthStar is offering a Shine Bright Money Market Account with a 1.75% APY (Annual Percentage Yield) for 90 days. The promotion will run until December 31, 2013. NorthStar Bank opened in 2007. It is an independent community bank headquartered in Tampa, Florida with assets exceeding \$190 million. NorthStar Bank is rated Five-Stars by BauerFinancial (www.bauerfinancial.com), the nation's leading independent bank rating and research firm. Watch for NorthStar Bank's grand opening date or call 813-549-5000 and visit their website www.northstar-bank.com.



"The Belleair Bluffs market fits nicely with NorthStar's markets" said Monty Weigel, President & CEO of NorthStar.

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2013-2014 Chamber Leadership in Place

The Chamber's newly elected executive committee and board of directors officially began their terms on October 1. They 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 include Ernestine Bean of Morton Plant Mease Foundation; Marilyn Browne of WorkNet Pinellas; Laurie Bunce of Central Business Telephones; Anthony Degrina 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.

Free SCORE Business Counseling

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

Chamber Ambassador of the Month

Congratulations to Chamber Ambassador of the Month Jeff Petracco of REEA Wealth Builders, located at 13498 Walsingham Road in Largo. Wealth Builders is an active real estate association. For more Jeff information about the business, visit www.reea.com or call Jeff at (727) 593-3353 to discuss how to create wealth through real estate investing.



Jeff Petracco



Chamber Chairman Debra Jones of Regions Bank presents Dr. Woody Brown, owner of Main Street Chiropractic and Largo City Commissioner, with the Mac Norcross Small Business Leader of the Year award at the Chamber's Annual Meeting.

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

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Welcome

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

For the past 61 years, this volunteer-driven association has been empowering business by providing the necessary tools and resources to help them succeed. This includes networking leads groups, government advocacy and economic development initiatives in addition to programs and events focused on professional development.

Most importantly, the Chamber consists of people who realize they can accomplish collectively what they cannot individually. **If a Return on Investment (ROI) is your approach to business and life in general, then you'd be a welcome addition to the Chamber family.** To become a "Preferred Central Pinellas Business" please visit www.CentralChamber.biz or call us at 727-584-2321.

B2B Breakfast Over Easy to Address Identity Theft

"Identity Theft - What Everyone Needs to Know" is the topic of the Chamber's next B2B Breakfast Over Easy. It takes place on Thursday, Nov. 7 from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at Pinecrest Place Retirement Community, 1150 8th Avenue SW, Largo.

Featured speaker Jim Robnett, Special Agent-in-Charge of the IRS

Criminal Investigation's field office in Tampa, will address ways his agency is working to combat the rising cases of ID fraud. Just in time for the next tax season, he also will provide important tips to avoid becoming a victim.

Cost is \$15 a person. Call the Chamber at 584-2321 to register, or email events@CentralChamber.biz.

Slyce Pizza Bar to host Chamber Happy Hour

The Chamber will hold a B2B Happy Hour on Thursday, Oct. 24 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Slyce Pizza Bar, 3575 Gulf Boulevard, Indian Rocks Beach.

The B2B Happy Hour is an informal event allowing Chamber members and guests to exchange business cards and become acquainted. Atten-

dees who provide a door prize of \$15 or more in value are provided a 60 second infomercial to spotlight their business.

Cost is \$10 for members and \$20 for guests. Advance registration is strongly recommended. To register, call the Chamber at 584-2321 or email events@CentralChamber.biz.



Laurie Bunce of Central Business Telephones (left) congratulates the Chamber's Students of the Month at the recent B2B Luncheon at the Palms of Largo. Congratulations to Shelle Schrecongost of PTEC, Darbie Napieralski of Largo High School and Tristan Brockwell of Largo High School! Central Business Telephones is the 2013-2104 Student of the Month program presenting sponsor.



Congratulations to everyone at Peacock's Design and Consign, 200 Clearwater-Largo Road N., on their Grand Opening and ribbon-cutting.

Signs! Signs! Everywhere Signs! Understanding Largo's Changing Sign Code

"Planning for Largo Sign Code Success: What Every Business Needs to Know" is the topic of an informational business program being held on Thursday, Oct. 24 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Largo Public Library, 120 Central Park Drive. The program is presented by the

Chamber and the City of Largo. It will highlight what businesses must know and what action they must take before the monument sign compliance deadline ends on June 5, 2017. Topics will include the new sign code, permitting process, sign incentives and hiring a sign contrac-

tor. There will be an opportunity for one-on-one assistance following the formal presentations.

There is no cost to attend, but registration is requested. Contact the Chamber at 727-584-2321 or email tom@centralchamber.biz with name and company affiliation.



Special thanks to everyone at Pure Life Medi-Spa for their beautiful grand opening/ribbon-cutting. They're located at 12442 Indian Rocks Road in Largo.

Free Business & Community Guides Available

The Chamber's 2013-2014 Business & Community Go-To Guide is available free of charge, one per customer, at its 151 3rd Street N.W., Largo offices.

The full color publication features alphabetical and categorical listings of the organization's Preferred Central Pinellas Businesses.

Bulk copies of 25 or more are available at \$2 per guide. It's a great presentation resource for realtors and sales account representatives. Call the Chamber at 584-2321.

Supporting Business & Community

We salute the following businesses and organizations that joined or renewed their association with the Chamber during the past month. For a complete listing of Preferred Chamber Businesses, stop by the office for a free copy of the 2013 Central Pinellas Business & Community Go-To Guide or visit the Chamber website at www.CentralChamber.biz.

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- Bright House Networks
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- John Slaughter Plumbing Service, Inc.
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- Life Bridge Church of Pinellas
- Massage Envy of Largo
- McGee Auto Service & Tires
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- Montessori Preparatory of Belleair, Inc.
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- Professional Restoration Services of Tampa Bay, Inc.
- Publix Super Markets, Inc
- Recovery Resources of Florida
- Schiller International University
- St. Pete College (Seminole Campus)
- Sun Coast Osteopathic Foundation
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Largo Mayor Patricia Gerard accepts the 2013 Silver Hammer Award from Chamber Chairman Debra Jones for the new Highland Recreation Complex during the Chamber's Annual several weeks ago.



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LARGO – Brian and Kim Carew recently announced that they have joined Cruise Planners American Express Travel, as Infinity Cruise Planners.

Cruise Planners American Express Travel is an award-winning national cruise and travel franchise company. Affiliation means that the Carews can now offer customers exclusive pricing on a wide range of cruise and destination wedding packages, a choice of thousands of group departures, private cruise sales as well as cabin upgrades and special amenities such as shore excursions, discounted fares and travel gifts. As Cruise Planners travel advisers, the Carews also provide specialized land and tour packages to the most sought-after destinations around the world.

"Cruising has become one of the fastest growing methods of travel," said Kim in a press release. "More people are taking cruises every year. The cruising trend has changed and cruisers are more adventurous and youthful. There's also been the emergence of multi-generational cruisers – families that take their cruise vacations together. Cruises offer the most satisfying, convenient and value-oriented way to travel. Cruise Planners has 'Top Producer' status with virtually every cruise line which enables us to provide our customers with the best prices along with our expertise and personalized service."

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Valpak participates in Day of Caring

LARGO – Valpak Direct Marketing Systems Inc. had 90 employees participating in the United Way Suncoast's 2013 Day of Caring.

The 21st annual Day of Caring took place Oct. 3. The event brought together thousands of volunteers in one day to help organizations to provide important community services across Tampa Bay in the five counties of Pinellas, Hillsborough, Desoto, Sarasota and Manatee.

Valpak employees spent the day sprucing up the cultural arts center at PARC, 3100 75th St. N., St. Petersburg. Employees painted the interior of the gym, the exterior of the cultural arts center and the wooden fence, and stained wood benches. The project also included landscaping, such as weeding, trimming, mulching, cleaning out flower beds and relocating palm trees.

"Our employees look forward to the United Way Day of Caring every year and are genuinely excited to be a part of helping," said Michael Vivio in a press release. Vivio is president of Cox Target Media, provider of Valpak. "They make us very proud. We've done other projects with PARC in the past and it's a real favorite for our team."

Chamber events set

CLEARWATER – The Clearwater Beach Chamber of Commerce will

host two major events in the coming weeks.

The chamber's 18th annual Golf Tournament will be presented Monday, Oct. 21, at the Cove Cay Country Club. Registration will begin at 11 a.m. followed by a barbecue buffet luncheon. The excitement will continue with three hole-in-one grand prizes, including a 2014 Mercedes-Benz, Jet Ski and \$10,000; a silent auction, raffles, trophy presentation, putting contest with a twist, closest to the pin contest, long drive contest and special master of ceremonies.

Publix and Boar's Head will present the 19th Hole Party and Awards.

Hyatt Regency Clearwater Beach and the Clearwater Beach Chamber will host the second annual Chalk Art Festival, running Oct. 25-27 along Beach Walk on south Clearwater Beach.

More than 20 chalk artists will adorn the sidewalks and promenades with creative works of art as they compete for \$3,000 in cash prizes. The Chalk Art Festival is a free, family-friendly community event. The event also will feature a Kid's Chalk area so young aspiring artists can work alongside the chalk artists as masterpieces unfold. Artists begin work on Friday afternoon and work through the weekend on their compositions. Judging and awards will take place on Sunday, 1 p.m. More than \$3,000 in total prize money will be awarded in size category, awards of merit, and best in show.

Vendors are sought for the Chalk Art Festival. The chamber is seeking vendors selling art, crafts, jewelry and other family-friendly products. Cost is \$50 for the weekend.

For information on these events and to sign up, visit www.beachchamber.com or call Ann Locke at 447-7600.

Sky Hospitality receives national recognition

ST. PETERSBURG – Sky Hospitality, a leading hotel management company based in St. Petersburg, recently was featured in "Hotel Business Magazine," a leading publication in the hotel business industry.

Sky Hospitality manages hotels throughout the country, which include Microtel Inn & Suites, Hampton Inn & Suites and Days Inn & Suites properties.

Sky Hospitality has been recognized repeatedly for their success, the strong team of women behind that success, and their constant growth and expansion. As the recipients of numerous awards from many well-recognized brands such as TripAdvisor and Wyndham, Sky Hospitality is excited about their expansion and the opportunity to announce new contracts and developments. New contracts most recently include the Oct. 2 agreement to operate a Microtel Inn & Suites under development in Carrollton, Ohio.

"There is a large presence of males, so for young women in our

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Colorful exercise



Photo by JULIANA A. TORRES

Linda Bravo of Healthy Hoops demonstrates how her adult-sized, weighted hula-hoops can be a good source of exercise at Ulmer Park Market and Community Festival Oct. 12. Search for "Healthy Hoops, LLC" on Facebook.

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HCA Pinellas Market awards first responders

Partnering with community emergency medical services, HCA Pinellas Hospitals recently awarded the sixth annual 2013 EMS All Star Award to individuals who show dedication and expertise in their daily tasks while epitomizing HCA's core values of service.

HCA's core values of service include dignity, respect, honesty, fairness, loyalty, integrity, compassion and kindness.

The award winners were selected by their peers and co-workers. Bob Conroy Jr., CEO of St. Petersburg General Hospital; and Diane Conti, director of emergency services, visited fire and rescue stations at Treasure Island, St. Pete Beach, Madeira Beach and South Pasadena to personally congratulate the winners and their teams.

Winners included Joe White, Treasure Island Fire Department; Derek Perez-Piris and Ryan Holt, St. Pete Beach Fire Rescue; Steve Suranyi, Madeira Beach Fire Rescue; and Matt Wilson, South Pasadena Fire Department.



Above left, pictured at the Treasure Island Fire Department are Lt. Logsdon, left, and Joe White, EMS All Star. Above right, pictured at St. Pete Beach Fire Rescue are EMS All Stars Derek Perez-Piris, left, and Ryan Holt. Below right, pictured at Madeira Beach Fire Rescue are, from left, Fire Chief Derryl O'Neal; Lt. Steve Suranyi, EMS All Star, and Bob Conroy Jr., CEO of St. Petersburg General Hospital. Below left, pictured at South Pasadena Fire Department are, Fire Chief Dayton Saltsman, left, and Matt Wilson, EMS All Star.



Cooters to host annual Crab Fest

CLEARWATER - To celebrate the opening of stone crab season, Cooters Restaurant & Bar, 423 Poinsettia Ave., will host its 20th annual Crab Fest, running Thursday through Sunday, Oct. 24-27.

The four-day big tent party will kick off Thursday, 5 p.m., and will run throughout the weekend, while supplies last. Cooters' special Crab Fest menu will feature fresh off the boat Florida stone crab, king crab, snow crab and Dungeness crab all at special reduced prices, live music under the big tent, merchandise and drink specials.

For information, call 462-2668 or visit www.cooters.com.



Photo by WAYNE CATHEL

A serving of the crab feast at Cooters.

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business, it's important to be visible in leadership roles so they can see what they can aspire to," said Marian Goodman in a press release. Goodman is CEO of Sky Hospitality. "However, we look for nurturing, competitive, detailed and focused individuals, and I don't care what gender they are. Everyone's objective is the same: deliver guest service profitably."

Suzette's on the Rocks Boutique relocates

BELLEAIR BLUFFS - Suzette's on the Rocks Boutique recently moved into their new location

in Belleair Bluffs in the Plaza 400 building, 400 Indian Rocks Road.

"We are excited to add our unique blend of comfortable, on trend clothing and accessories to this ideal location in the heart of the Belleair Bluffs shopping district," said Laura Busch in a press release. Busch is owner of Suzette's on the Rocks. "We are adding exciting new lines like Custo

Barcelona, Art of Cloth and handbag and accessory line My Flat in London to our popular collection of Brighton accessories and Simpli clothing line."

GCDA to host Grand Central Flea

ST. PETERSBURG - The inaugural Grand Central Flea, an antiques and collectables market, will take place Saturday, Nov. 2, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on the 2500 block of Central Ave.

The Grand Central District Association and supporting antique merchants will host more than 40 dealers and vendors selling antiques, collectables, garage sale items, handmade crafts and other items from their vehicles. The day also will include music, food and drink vendors, and free antique appraisals from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Vendor applications are now being accepted, and are available at www.grandcentraldistrict.org.

For information, call Lauren Ruiz at 828-7006 or email lauren.ruiz@grandcentraldistrict.org.

Mitchell joins Synovus

PALM HARBOR - David J. Mitchell has joined the Synovus Bank of Florida's commercial banking team as senior vice president and senior manager of commercial banking.

Mitchell also serves as team leader for the bank's mid-commercial banking unit. He is based at the bank's Palm Harbor banking center.

Mitchell brings more than 23 years of experience to his role at Synovus. He has served in a number of key positions within the financial services industry, including executive management and business development. Most recently he served as commercial banking relationship manager for BB&T in Tampa. He earned a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Maryland. He also completed the Leadership Institute MBA program at Georgia State University. He currently serves on the board of directors of the Gasparilla International Film Festival in Tampa.



David J. Mitchell

Palm Harbor business changes name

PALM HARBOR - QuickBooks for Small Business, located in Palm Harbor, recently changed its name to SunCoast Accountants.

"While the majority of our clients utilize QuickBooks accounting software, clients also look to us for our expertise in tax preparation, construction accounting, and IRS representation," said Virginia Peña

in a press release. Peña is president of SunCoast Accountants.

SunCoast Accountants offers services to individuals, self-employed, small businesses and entrepreneurs, including contractor financial statements for bonding, QuickBooks consulting, tax preparation, tax planning, and IRS resolution in the event of an audit, late filers, and non-filers.

For information, visit www.SunCoastAccountants.com.

TradeWinds Island Resorts receives award

ST. PETE BEACH - TradeWinds Island Resorts recently received the 2013 MLT Vacations Quality Assurance Award presented at MLT University in Minneapolis, Minn.

"We are thrilled to recognize the TradeWinds Island Resorts for their ongoing commitment to quality, customer service and product delivery ensuring our customers receive the very best experience possible," said Elizabeth Moriarty in a press release. Moriarty is MLT Vacations vice president of product development. "TradeWinds has world-class operational consistency and unrivaled standards of quality for MLT Vacations and its Delta Vacations, AirFrance Holidays, Alitalia Vacations, United Vacations, Aeromexico Vacations, and Worry-Free Vacations customers."

The Quality Assurance Award recognizes qualifying hotels, destination management companies, and car rental companies in Europe, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America, and the United States. For the 2013 award, data was gathered from more than one million customers who traveled with MLT Vacations.

The award is earned by those achieving a 99 percent customer satisfaction index and 99 percent product delivery performance during the preceding 12 months. Of the more than 4,000 hotels, destination management companies, and car rental companies offered by MLT Vacations globally, an elite group of 245 hotels, 22 destination management companies, and two car rental companies qualified to receive the MLT Vacations Quality Assurance Award designation for 2013.

Patchington to host trade-in program

CLEARWATER - Almost every man and woman knows someone who has been a victim of domestic violence.

A woman is beaten every 15 seconds in the United States and four women die each day from abuse.

Patchington will help these women and families through its semi-annual trade-in program. For more than 15 years, fashionable women across Florida have joined Patchington boutiques to help victims of domestic violence during Patchington's trade-in events.

"The trade-in event is a simple way for our store associates, customers, and charity partners to develop relationships that strengthen their communities," said Michael Levich in a press release. Levich is Patchington CEO. "Over 100,000 articles of clothing have been donated since the first trade-in event was held. All items are donated to a local charity serving victims of domestic violence."

By bringing gently-used clothing to any of 21 Patchington locations, customers receive up to \$25 off their purchases. This season's event runs from Tuesday, Oct. 22, through Monday, Oct. 28.

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Life Planning Center opens

LARGO – Project GRACE, an affiliate of Suncoast Hospice and its family of programs, and Diagnostic Clinic recently established the Life Planning Center, located in Diagnostic Clinic's Largo office, 1301 Second Ave. SW.

The center is designed to encourage patients and families to consider having conversations about healthcare decisions and options, complete and sign advance directive forms and share them with family members and health care providers. Their doctors refer patients for consultations at the center.

For years, people have been advised to let their families and health care providers know what medical care and procedures they want or do not want, should they ever become unable to speak for themselves. Still, many individuals put off discussing advance care planning with their families and delay putting their preferences in writing. In today's changing health care climate, doctors are encouraged – even evaluated – regarding whether they discuss advance care planning with patients.

"We are so pleased to partner with Project GRACE in what I believe is the first such endeavor of its kind," said Dr. James Rivenbark in a press release. Rivenbark is chief medical and operations officer at Diagnostic Clinic. "The Life Planning Center benefits patients and families by encouraging open, frank discussions, providing advance care planning forms and helping to sort out care options. Our doctors appreciate being able to offer this service to our patients."

Diagnostic Clinic patients are invited to meet with Project GRACE representatives at the Life Planning Center, learn about advance care planning and take forms home with them as a basis for discussion.

"We offer information and guidance about living wills, choosing a healthcare surrogate and other considerations," said Rafael J. Sciuolo, president and CEO of Suncoast Hospice. "Advance care planning allows individuals to make their own decisions and provide a wonderful road map for families when questions about care options arise and patients may not be able to speak for themselves."

Industry updates

Tobacco Free Coalition to meet

LARGO – The Tobacco Free Coalition of Pinellas County will meet Tuesday, Nov. 5, 3 p.m., at Department of Health Mid County, 8751 Ulmerton Road.

The group meets first Tuesdays, 3 p.m. Members promote tobacco-free environments for a healthier community.

The American Cancer Society's 2013 Great American Smokeout is set for Thursday, Nov. 21. The event encourages smokers to commit to making a long-term plan to quit smoking for good. Attendees of the next Tobacco Free Coalition meeting can receive resources and ideas to assist in promoting the 38th year of this event at workplace.

Better Breather's Club meeting set

LARGO – The Better Breather's Club will meet Thursday, Oct. 24, 3 to 4 p.m., at the Largo Community Center, 400 Alt. Keene Road.

The club is a support group for people with lung disease and their loved ones.

Attendees have an opportunity to learn to manage their lung disease, such as COPD, as well as learn the skills that help improve quality of life. Meetings provide support, education and socialization for those affected by lung disease and their loved ones. Topics include how lungs work, understanding chronic lung disease, talking to a healthcare provider, understanding medications and treatment, tracking symptoms, exercise programs and emotional and social well-being. The club presents guest speakers each month.

The club also will meet Thursdays, Nov. 14 and Dec. 5. Beginning in January 2014, the group will meet second Thursdays.

For information, call JoAnn Pugh at 269-1282

Free fitness classes for new moms offered

LARGO – The Largo/Seminole Baby Boot Camp is celebrating its two-year anniversary and offering free fitness classes for the entire month of October.

Baby Boot Camp is a stroller-fitness class that combines strength-training exercises with cardiovascular drills in 60-minute sessions. Pilates, yoga and abdominal exercises are integrated to help improve core strength. The program involves innovative fitness and nutrition for moms of little ones.

The classes are designed to help moms lose pregnancy weight and help battle postpartum depression.

"My hope for this event is to spread the word in our community about the benefits of working out with your child," said owner Jennifer Sullivan in a press release. Sullivan is a Y of the USA certified group exercise instructor. "As a life-long recreational athlete I am passionate about health and fitness. I am also passionate about providing an example of a healthy and active lifestyle to my two toddler boys while helping other moms to do the same."

Baby Boot Camp allows moms to balance the fitness needs of new moms with their desire to spend time with their children. The exercises taught follow the guidelines set by the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the American Council on Exercise.

During October, classes are free. To register for the free classes, email Jennifer.Sullivan@BabyBootCamp.com.

For information, visit BabyBootCamp.com.

The classes are presented Mondays and Fridays, 9:15 a.m., at Bardmoor Golf and Tennis Club, 8001 Cumberland Road, Largo; and Wednesdays, 9:15 a.m., in Shelter 4, at Walsingham Park, 12615 102nd Ave. N.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer events are a celebration of survivorship and an occasion to express hope and the shared determination to make this breast cancer's last century.

It is the largest network of breast cancer awareness events in the nation. The network enlists nearly 300 communities annually to participate in the fight.

Making Strides of Pinellas will host its annual event Saturday, Oct. 19, 9 a.m., at Vinoy Park, 701 Bayshore Drive NE. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m.

This will be a noncompetitive, 3.2-mile walk that celebrates breast cancer survivors and saves lives by helping people stay well, helping people get well, by finding cures and by fighting back.

"Because of our advocacy, Florida developed two cancer research programs over the past decade," the group states on its Facebook page.

For information, call 904-654-4950 or visit www.makingstrideswalk.org/Pinellas.

Walk to End Alzheimer's set

CLEARWATER – The Alzheimer's Association's Walk to End Alzheimer's is a united movement to reclaim the future for millions.

Walk to End Alzheimer's will take place on Saturday, Oct. 19, at Bright House Field, 601 N. Old Coachman Road, Clearwater.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. The walk will start at 10 a.m.

Nearly 1,400 people from the Pinellas area are expected at this year's event to raise awareness and funds to fight Alzheimer's disease.

Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's participants will participate in a two-mile walk and will learn more about

Supporters of Obamacare rally

LARGO – Thirty mid-Pinellas members of Organizing for Action took to busy West Bay Drive in Largo Thursday afternoon to encourage Florida residents to enroll in the health insurance protection of the Affordable Care Act, otherwise known as Obamacare.

The rally site was near the entrance to the Largo Medical Center. The participants also distributed about 500 pamphlets to interested passersby.

Affordable Care Act enrollment, designed for an estimated 45 million Americans who do not have insurance coverage, began nationwide Oct. 1. The first insurance exchanges, established to help individuals and families sign up for the multiple healthcare options, will continue through March 31, 2014. However, for enrollees to be covered by Jan. 1, 2014, they must be enrolled by Dec. 15.

Organizing for Action is a non-profit grassroots organization begun early this year to help promote President Barack Obama's legislative initiatives. The group does not promote political candidates and is not affiliated with any political party. Members are organized into regional chapters that work on local as well as national priorities such as health care reform, comprehensive immigration reform, gun violence reduction, climate change impact abatement and pay parity for women. Visit www.barackobama.com.



Photo courtesy of ORGANIZING FOR ACTION
Organizing for Action members Frank and Julie DeLuca of Safety Harbor hold signs to encourage drivers along West Bay Drive Oct. 10 to enroll into the health insurance protection of the Affordable Care Act.

Alzheimer's disease, advocacy opportunities, clinical trial enrollment, and support programs and services of the Alzheimer's Association. Each walker also will join in a meaningful tribute ceremony to honor those affected by Alzheimer's disease.

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Mom provides classes for kids with special needs

I have always been amazed at the parents I meet who have kids with special needs. I am amazed at their involvement in their child's life and how much they do to make sure their child has as much of a normal life as possible as other kids their age.



Mom 2 Mom
Kadi Hendricks
Tubbs

I can only imagine how challenging it is, but also how rewarding it can be to raise a child with special needs. One of my friends Linda Duart has a daughter, Kendal, 17, who has cerebral palsy, epilepsy and autistic features. Kendal is the oldest of Linda and her husband Jeff's three children. The other two are Ryan, 15 and Zach, 9.

Linda is her daughter's caregiver almost 24/7. As you can imagine, not everywhere you go accommodates kids with special needs. I know we have come a long way, but if it weren't for moms like Linda taking part and helping provide services for special needs kids, children like Kendal and others wouldn't be able to experience what other kids their age get to do.

It melted my heart recently to see Kendal and some other special needs children be able to go in a bounce house during summer vacation bible school. You see, Kendal is confined to a wheelchair and to see her bouncing and laughing like the other kids was truly a blessing.

Until I saw Kendal in the bounce house, it didn't hit me how I take for granted even something as simple as my kids jumping - not to mention walking - putting on their clothes by themselves, feeding themselves, washing themselves and going to school by themselves.

Kendal does have a school that she goes to for kids with special needs. On Sunday, the family likes to be together and go to church together. Finding a church was a daunting experience for the Duarts.

Linda recalled a few instances at church.

"Kendal was unable to sit through a church service and behave," she said. "One time, she tossed her shoe and hit someone. She giggled at sounds she found amusing, like when someone went in and out of the door or even if someone coughed. One time, she got annoyed and just blurted out 'knock it off' during the sermon."

Even when the family found a church they all loved - Faith Presbyterian Church - there was no place for Kendal to learn and grow with

God in fellowship. Linda asked the church if she could start a special needs Sunday school class. They said yes, and she started God's Special Friends in 2008.

Kendal was the first student and her son Zach was Linda's assistant. It seemed to be a great fit for Linda because she was already a substitute teacher in the Pinellas County school system for kids with special needs, and she had run a Mom's Morning Out program.

The Sunday school class, offered at 9:20 a.m., has been good for Kendal, but Linda would love to see it grow. She knows there is a need, but people just don't know the class is available.

Another outreach program Linda started for special needs students is a class on Wednesdays, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., during the Faith Presbyterian's Pioneer Club. Pioneer Club is a learning and service club for kids. Linda's class involves not only a Bible study lesson, but praise music and even dancing.

It's important to Linda and her husband to give Kendal the joys of life her other kids have. You will see Linda, her family and other kids in her classes out bowling, cheering at Thrasher's games, line dancing and having parties for Christmas and Valentine's Day.

"I think I have learned more from these children than they have learned from me," she said. "They are such an inspiration and I love them. They are so accepting of everyone, no matter what. They don't put on any airs or worry about fashion or designer names. They dance and sing like no one is watching! We should be more like them."

And if more of us were like Linda, this world would definitely be a better place for everyone.

God's Special Friends will have a glow party Wednesday, Oct. 23, 6 to 7:30 p.m., at the Harvest Festival at Faith Presbyterian Church, 11501 Walker Ave. in Seminole.

If you would like to know more about God's Special Friends email Linda at jduart1@tampabay.rr.com.

Kadi Hendricks Tubbs, mother of two girls ages 7 and 9, lives in Seminole. Visit her blog at Mom2MomFamilyFun.blogspot.com.

Vaughans celebrate 50th anniversary

Quentin Michael and Rosemarie Valente Vaughan celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Oct. 12.

The couple was married on October 12, 1963, in Watervliet, N.Y., at St. Brigid's Catholic Church. The love they share for each other and their family continues to be an inspiration and source of great pride for their three children, Stephanie, Timothy and Veronica. They also have been blessed with four grandchildren.

Quentin was an agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which brought the couple to Seminole in 1974. Upon retiring from the FBI, Quentin was a major in the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department for 14 years.

The Vaughans now reside in Indian Shores.



Quentin Michael and Rosemarie Valente Vaughan

Briefs

St. Matthew Catholic Church

LARGO - The Women's Club of St. Matthew Catholic Church, 9111 90th Ave. N., will host a Boutique Gift Fair on Saturday, Nov. 9, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 10, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A variety of vendors will be selling unique gift items. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. For information, call Donna at 643-7027.

Chabad Jewish Center of Greater St. Petersburg

ST. PETERSBURG - Mind in Control, an interactive seminar aimed at training attendees in highly effective and unique techniques for stress and emotion control, will be presented Tuesday, Oct. 22, 7:30 p.m., at the Chabad Jewish Center, 4010 Park St. N.



Gill Heart

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For information or to RSVP, call 344-4900 or visit ChabadSP.com.

Grace Bible Fellowship Church

PINELLAS PARK - Saturday Night Alive In Christ will be presented Saturday, Oct. 26, 6:30 p.m., at Grace Bible Fellowship Church, 10999 60th St. N.

This will be a dramatic sermon based on Jesus' great parable, The Prodigal Son, inspired by Timothy Keller's bestselling book.

For information, call 545-2219, email gbfellowship@verizon.net or visit www.gbffellowship.org.

Sacred Heart to host fall festival

PINELLAS PARK - Sacred Heart Church, 7809 46th St. N., will host its annual fall festival Wednesday through Sunday, Oct. 16-20.

The festival runs from 6 to 11 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; noon to 11 p.m. on Saturday; and noon to 8 p.m. on Sunday.

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Time for a ban on texting while riding a bicycle

By 4 p.m. on the first day of Florida's new law banning texting while driving, one person in my neighborhood proved you can still take to the streets and text - on a bicycle. I checked Florida Statutes and that is not against the law.

The bicycle-riding texter appeared skilled in texting while bicycling and comfortable doing so. Her left hand steadied the handlebar, the thumb of the right hand moved across the face of the phone. She clearly had BNS (bent neck syndrome). A closer look, as we slowly passed by her, revealed that she was wearing headphones, too. She probably didn't hear us at all. She made me nervous. She was definitely distracted - a risk to herself and the rest of us sharing the street with her. Should texting while bicycling be banned, too?



Margo Pope

A search of the World Wide Web answered my second question, "Does any city ban texting while bicycling?" The Chicago Tribune reported on October 5, 2011, that the Chicago City Council adopted such an ordinance the night before. The Tribune also said: "Fines will start at \$20 for a first offense and go up to \$100 for a third or subsequent violation. If an accident is involved, the fine could shoot up to \$500."

Tough fines for bicycle riders for sure. These are tougher than the fines for Florida's new texting ban on drivers. First, the officer has to see the person breaking another law with its own set of fines before he issues a ticket for texting while driving. While the fine for the primary offense could break someone's bank, the texting ban fine is \$30 for the first offense and \$60 for the second and subsequent offenses, plus three points on your driver's license. Points against your driving record though can cause your insurance to go up, too.

Bicycles are all over my downtown, on the main highways and especially on State Road A1A to the South Beaches and the back roads of western St. Johns County. Bicycle rentals are popular in "Tourist Mecca" St. Augustine where narrow streets are fun to explore but not car-friendly. The expense of cars in big cities has put more bicycles on urban streets, too. Who says riders can't be distracted like drivers are? Maybe, it is time for the texting ban to apply to bicycle riders, too.

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Other views

Miami Herald, Oct. 9

Locked out of federal treasures

Among the many casualties of the federal government shutdown are the nation's 401 national parks, the people who work in them, the gateway communities that benefit from their existence and the millions of visitors left standing outside their locked gates.

The financial repercussions are deep. In the Florida Keys, fishing guides are locked out of some of the best catch areas in Biscayne and Florida Bays. Forget about the big Columbus Day weekend festivities at Biscayne National Park. The park is closed and visitors are warned to stay away.

The shutdown is depriving the public of many other vital services - for example, the operations of the National Institutes of Health. The House has passed a few bills to fund some of these programs as recalcitrant members of Congress awaken to the horrible consequences of the shutdown, but that's no solution.

The only way to provide relief is to reopen the government. All of it.

Pensacola News-Journal, Oct. 11

Insurance reform will harm Floridians

... The Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act, unnecessarily harms Floridians and poses a serious threat to our businesses, communities and our economy. While the intent of the act to stabilize the National Flood Insurance Program may appear practical, it in fact burdens Floridians with the lion's share of the program's financial responsibility, which is simply unfair and unreasonable.

Second only to Alaska in terms of shoreline, Florida has 37 percent of the nation's flood insurance policies. Florida's homeowners, however, have supported the NFIP with more than \$16 billion in payments during the past three decades, claiming only \$3.7 billion during the same timeframe. Now, Floridians face insurance rate increases that are simply unaffordable.

As our economy and real estate market begins to recover, now is not the time to create massive hikes for potential real estate buyers, businesses and home owners.

Sarasota Herald-Tribune, Oct. 13

Stolen ones: Our communities' dark secret

It is hard to ascertain exactly how many children and young women are entrapped in prostitution. But experts believe that at least 100,000 U.S. teenagers are prostitutes, against their will, and three times that many are at risk.

Helping these girls coerced into the sex trade is difficult and complex.

Research shows that an overwhelming percentage of them were sexually abused as children; that abuse often leads the victims to run away from home or drives them toward substance abuse. They often develop bonds with their pimps, despite the abuse they suffer; those so-called trauma bonds make it difficult to protect, isolate and stabilize victims for their own good.

Our region and state lack secure shelters, for both short- and long-term protection and rehabilitation of victims children and young women alike. This undermines the efforts of advocates to provide even modest help to those who seek to break the shackles of modern-day slavery.

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The godfather must be obeyed

I wonder if psychiatrists have a name for the mental condition whose victims are powerless to resist watching a favorite film when it comes on the TV movie channel. If there is such a recognized affliction, I have succumbed to it.

I lead a very busy life, with enormous time pressures on my schedule. I serve on eight different community organizations, and my phone rings incessantly with calls from the White House, the Heritage Foundation, the Pentagon, one or two United Nations committees and the Dr. Phil and Jerry Springer shows. I have almost no time to call my own, but I don't complain, because of the satisfaction I derive from serving humankind as a beacon of wisdom and learning.

Despite the need to ration my time like John D. Rockefeller handing out dimes to beggars, I am infected with an inability to switch off the TV set when I accidentally run across an old movie that captured my attention and love years ago, even as far back as the Spanish-American War when the film industry was just getting on its feet.

Three days ago I was about to leave my home to catch a plane for Singapore and a conference on the meaning of the expression "tsong ruk fui" in newly-discovered Buddhist writings from the 5th Century B.C. As the taxi outside my door tooted its horn at me, I noticed that my local movie channel was broadcasting "The Godfather" for the next four hours.

I have watched "The Godfather" roughly 75 times in the past 40 years. I have memorized most of the dialogue, including Marlon Brando's most galvanizing grunts. The movie has no surprises for me. And yet I can't turn



Driver's Seat
Bob Driver

it off, once it appears on my TV screen.

Once again my God-given volition vanished, and I sank helplessly into my easy chair until the movie finished. I got up only to toss another packet of extra-butter popcorn into my microwave. Soon my airport taxi drove off without me, and I realized that I will surely be kicked off the invitation list for all future Buddhist scripture conferences. But I don't care. "The Godfather" must be obeyed.

This morning, a similar attack on my sensibilities occurred. I was all set to scrub some stains off my living room carpet, to prepare for my hosting a gathering of fellow grammar Nazis who meet once a month to plan peaceful, yet forceful, vigilante assaults on writers, TV news readers and political figures who abuse the English language.

As I prepared to mix a bucket of hot water with Oxycontin - oops, Oxyclean - I glanced at my TV set. There on the movie channel was the beginning of "The Red Dragon," based on the chilling novel by Thomas Harris, and starring the brilliant Anthony Hopkins as the demented Dr. Hannibal Lecter. Once again I was mesmerized and stripped of my willpower.

Need I tell you the rest? My carpet stains were forgotten, as were several other impor-

tant items on my to-do list. Tonight as I write this I am filled with self-loathing, wondering what I must do to outwit my obsession to watch beloved old movies.

I have become afraid to turn on my TV set, for fear of encountering re-runs of "My Fair Lady," "The Music Man" or "Young Frankenstein" at the very moment that I receive a conference phone call from the White House situation room. If I were given a reserved seat on the last rocket to heaven and had only 20 minutes to boarding time just as a re-run of "Heaven Can Wait" came on the movie channel, I'm not sure what my decision would be.

I live in hope that someone will form a self-help therapy organization, perhaps titled "Film Freaks Anonymous," that can help weak-willed persons like me to overcome our addiction. Or perhaps there really aren't that many fellow sufferers out there, whose self-control vanishes at the sound and sight of the MGM lion announcing the start of another immortal 1954 Oscar-winning blockbuster.

After all, most Americans are not addicts. Because our ideal citizen is a Presbyterian Rotarian, I'm certain all will be well.

(Full disclosure: The stuff I wrote in the second paragraph, above, is pure fiction. I am actually a near-recluse living in obscure contentment on the fringes of society. I just thought I'd jazz up this column in an innocent attempt to keep you reading. Please forgive me if my fraudulence caused you to look for my name on the recent list of Nobel Prize recipients.)

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Health care act full of headaches

The founts of wisdom on the Affordable Care Act spent the past year anguishing over whether "young invincibles" - young adults with low medical costs and no health coverage - would buy policies under the act. If young adults instead chose to pay the \$95 fine, experts predicted, Obamacare would falter.

Since the Oct. 1 rollout, however, I'm hearing from a different group - healthy middle-aged, middle-class adults whose individual policies lapse at year's end. They qualify for comparable coverage through an Affordable Care Act exchange. There's just one catch: Their premiums are going up a lot. For some, they may double.

Obamacare's first big headache in California isn't the "young invincibles"; it's the "mature vulnerables."

Some tell me they didn't expect to see \$2,500 in premium savings promised for a typical family by candidate Obama. They knew that providing care for those with pre-existing conditions would drive up costs. Ditto the extra benefits.

But they didn't know that they'd carry the burden because they earn more than 400 percent of the poverty rate - \$45,960 for a single adult, \$94,200 for a family of four - and hence do not qualify for federal subsidies.

How representative are these jacked-up insureds?

Providers aren't talking, and state officials say they don't know.

Probably these readers represent a very small but very vocal minority. They feel



Debra Saunders

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betrayed, and many of them were staunch Obama voters who feel doubly betrayed because they have to pay much higher premiums that go to not a single-payer model but the vaults of private insurers.

These over-squeezed, middle-aged consumers are having discussions rarely anticipated by the experts. Who knew the real rub might lie with a 60-something San Francisco couple who don't want to pay \$13,000 for a bare-bones plan?

Like other readers, the wife of that cou-

ple tells me she is considering dropping family health coverage. Maybe she'll cut the cord, or maybe she's just talking and, in the end, she'll put up because she doesn't want to risk hard-earned assets. The couple also are considering not dipping into the husband's individual retirement account - he's retired - so that they can earn less and qualify for subsidies.

An Alamo, Calif., father who earns \$95,000 tells me the platinum plan he likes for his family of four costs \$2,500 per month. But if he made \$94,000 a year, subsidies would reduce his premiums to \$1,500. "That last lousy \$1,000 of income will cost me \$11,532!"

He tells me he won't try to game the system by earning less, but how many other fathers will think otherwise when they can pay less by succeeding less?

And how many healthy families will decide to opt out and bank the difference? Oregon health care consultant Tim Breaux wrote me that for healthy families, it's a smart choice.

I don't think that's a responsible choice - especially if you have assets. But that's what you get when the president promises something for nothing.

The higher Obamacare premiums are the less likely healthy adults will be to enroll. That means more chumps and people with health problems will sign on, and they'll drive costs even higher. It's the classic insurance death spiral.

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Artist applies her talents to fight against childhood cancer

By BRIAN GOFF

BELLEAIR – Penrhyn “Penny” Young of Belleair can remember the pain of losing her son Joey to leukemia back in 1971 as though it were yesterday.

Young is determined to do what she can so others won't have to experience what she did back then. She is spearheading Paintings for a Cause, an auction and fundraiser, which will be held at the Belleair Country Club Tuesday, Oct. 29, 6:30 p.m.

Young's memory of having her son diagnosed, and his battle to the end, just won't fade.

“After a routine checkup our doctor noticed Joey's spleen was swollen and together with some other questionable things, he determined that it was leukemia. He actually came to my house in Clearwater at the time, and broke to news to us,” she said. “Right away we made plans to go to St. Jude's Hospital in Memphis. I ended up staying there for eight weeks. The whole purpose was to get him into remission right away, which we did.”

But the testing and treatments continued, and Young said it wasn't easy.

“Our trips were pretty grueling. There was bone marrow testing and whatever new drugs they would try on him,” she said. “That was the toughest part. I developed a real strength that came from this. It was important to learn everything about the disease and keep him happy.”

Between the year Joey was diagnosed, 1969, and his death in 1971, Young said her son lived a fairly normal life.

“Joey was very much a trooper,” she said. “We treated him like any other child. He was a good swimmer and he loved to go to the beach and get involved in everything. He loved going to church and school and he had lots of friends. We just had to make sure that he didn't come in contact with anyone who had shingles or chicken pox because that would bring him out of remission immediately.”

Young is a painter so her role in the fundraiser is a natural. It is to support the work of the Pediatric Cancer Foundation. The executive director of the Foundation, Nancy



Belleair artist Penny Young is helping a young art student learn to paint.

Crane, said the event is a significant one for the organization.

“We have been active for the past 22 years and we must find new therapies; we must find a cure,” she said. “We're a nonprofit organization dedicated to funding research to eliminate childhood cancers.”

Crane said childhood cancer is different from adult cancer and often people are unaware of the differences.

“People have to understand that funding for cancer is not funding for all cancers. Childhood and adult cancers are different,” Crane said.

She said the drive now is to find less toxic therapies for children who are battling cancer.

“In years past adult cancer drugs have been used on children. They are very harsh and very rough,” she said. “We have to find less toxic drugs with fewer side effects for children.”

The Pediatric Cancer Foundation is now funding for phase one trials in hospitals across the country. That means that new drugs or combinations of drugs will soon be tested for use in children.

“There are not a lot of drugs out there. Recently a 16-year-old young woman relapsed for the fourth time; there isn't anything else for her. That is devastating and it is not right,” said Crane.

“We think there is a light at the end of the tunnel,” she said. “I ask doctors all the time whether we will ever find a cure and they always say yes. It will take a lot of money for that. We run our own trials with the hospitals. They are

our trials; we call it our Sunshine Project. Last year we were able to give \$750,000 to the Sunshine Project. This year we hope to give \$1 million.”

Crane said she is often amazed at the way the children handle the disease and the treatment.

“Children are good at it,” she said. “It is rough, it is rigorous and many times it is a very long treatment cycle for kids, but they seem to take it in stride.”

She said families are deeply affected when a child is diagnosed with cancer.

“The entire family is affected, not just the child. Parents, siblings, grandparents. People lose their jobs over it because somebody has to be with the child during all the treatments,” she said.

Paintings from a dozen local artists are being auctioned off and calendars will be for sale at \$20 each at the Paintings for a Cause fundraiser. Cost of admission to the event is \$75. The event's main sponsor is DEX Imaging of Belleair. Other sponsors include The Thorn Collection, Coldwell Banker. More information can be found at www.fastercure.org.

Young is more than familiar with the toll a child with cancer can have on the family. She said her family, unlike many others who have to deal with a cancer-stricken child, managed to stay together.

“His Dad, Joe, who has since passed away, was very supportive. We were together the whole time and he was very compassionate. We went to Memphis together often,” she said. “Joey's sister Heather, who was a year and a half older, was a trooper as well. She knew when he was going for treatment and helped him tremendously. Keeping the faith and making every day count was my philosophy. We have a big family and he may have experienced more love in his short life than many children have in a lifetime.”

The fight for a cure continues and until a cure is found many parents are going to have to deal with childhood cancer. Young said she would be happy to help

Help libraries, invest in the future

When I was 12, the only place I knew I could escape to was my local library.

This was before the days of “teen sections,” “kids play sessions” and computers. One day, I was forced – along with everyone else that was under 18 and alone in the library – to listen to a man talk.

Turns out, this was the day that would change my life.

My friend had died that day – shot in the chest. From my two-step front porch a block away, I could see the dark red spot where he was killed. The police found him with the car running, all of the pizzas in the back seat, two pockets full of money, a cellphone and dead. The only reason he was killed was because it was fun.

My mother had a terminal illness, and the doctors said she might be gone in a year or five. My mom's boyfriend broke things, screamed at us, hit us and caused fights that went on for hours and hours. I listened to my mom yell for him to stop, but it's like he didn't hear her.

Thursday through Sunday, I spent my evenings at a neighbor's until the porch light at my own house went on. That was the signal that her boyfriend had gone to bed, and I could go home. As I lay in my bed, listening for him to wake up and trying to sleep, I counted the gunshots. The only peace that existed in my house or neighborhood was when no one was there.

But going to the library was like going to a foreign land. Inside, silence was mandatory and I welcomed it. When you are around yelling, shooting, banging, roaring and slamming all the time, silence is amazing!

The library became my sanctuary and my haven. It was where all my questions about life and the world were answered, and where many adventures were waiting for me through the research as I strove for knowledge and understanding. These books, manuals, and volumes reached out to me to help me, inspire me, motivate me and direct me.

I don't know who the man was who spoke on the day my friend was shot. He explained how we all have choices in life. We can choose to be like everyone else, or we can choose to be our own self. We can choose violence, or we can choose nonviolence and acceptance and peace.

He explained that we could be whoever we want to be. We just have to decide to do it. He showed us how violence solves nothing, and the



Inspiring Change
Chad Herman

world is not as violent as we think it is.

When that man stopped talking, I was a changed person.

This story happened many years ago, but the situations haven't changed for many kids.

The library is still a safe place, a haven of quiet, and a place where they can take a vacation from the violence and anger of their normal life.

Back in the '80s, when this story began, libraries were given a lot more money. Since then, I have watched the library budget get cut more and more each year. I've watched the library staff accept lower and lower wages for doing the things they love: helping people find knowledge as the caretakers of this sanctuary for so many young people. So what can you do – it's not like you have the time or money to help, right?

Wrong! Helping the library is a lot easier than you know. All libraries have a store run by the “friends of the library” association. This store sells donated books for a very cheap price and all of the money goes directly to library services such as the kids and teens programs. To help, you can collect all of the books you aren't using and ask others to donate their books. You can start a book drive in your community, your neighborhood, and church or even in your place of business. Each book you donate will help the library.

Donations of time and money help as well. During that hour you spend flipping channels, you could be volunteering at your local library: stacking, collecting or simply reading to kids. You can become the change you want to see. Kids and teens see you will see that you not only care about the library, but you also care about them.

Every penny you donate, every book you drop off and every minute you volunteer to your local library, you are helping change the youth of the world. You are teaching a young inventor that they have the ability to use their mind in amazing ways. You are showing a young entrepreneur that donating time and money is a great idea.

Or, you could be helping hire a speaker who will inspire teens, perhaps prompting one of them to write a column like this in hopes of changing the world.

Chad Herman, a Largo resident, is a motivational speaker dedicated to inspiring his audiences toward social change, ending violence and affirming others' ability to create a better future. Visit his website at www.motivatingforpositivechange.com.

100 Women Who Care to meet Nov. 19

PINELLAS PARK – The 100 Women Who Care, a group uniting Pinellas County women to make a collective monetary impact on community charities, will meet Tuesday, Nov. 19, 7 to 8 p.m., with a social time at 6:30 p.m., at Ready for Life, 4000 Gateway Centre Blvd., Suite 200, Pinellas Park.

Patterned after a similar group in Michigan, this concept has been very effective in other communities around the United States. The local group seeks to encourage 100 women or more to attend four meetings a year and pledge \$100 per meeting, totaling \$400 for the year.

At each meeting, any member wishing to request donations for a local charity or nonprofit will place her name into a basket. Three names will be drawn from the basket. These three members will have the opportunity to present a five-minute explanation of the local organization they nominated.

After an opportunity for questions, members vote for one of the three charities. Each of the participating women then writes a check directly to the winning organization.

It is powerful, simple and can make a tremendous impact on local charities and neighbors in need. So far, the organization has donated to Community Action Stops Abuse or CASA, Ready for Life and Girls Inc. of Pinellas.

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Briefs

Short story competition held

LARGO – The deadline for the 30th annual Stanley Shalit Short Story Competition is Saturday, Oct. 19.

This year's competition, sponsored by the Friends of the Largo Library, is "The Other Side of the World." It is open to students in grades 4 and 5.

For information, call Iris Shalit at 595-8307.

USF St. Petersburg names regional vice chancellor

ST. PETERSBURG – Sophia Wisniewska, USF St. Petersburg regional chancellor, recently named Joseph Trubacz as regional vice chancellor for administrative and financial services.

Trubacz has more than 23 years of financial and administrative experience, including the past two years as senior vice president of finance and administration at the Colorado School of Mines. He previously spent more than two decades with the University of Alaska and the Alaska Higher Education System.



Joseph Trubacz

"These are exciting times for USF St. Petersburg," Wisniewska said in a press release. "I am confident Joe's breadth of knowledge and experience will serve us well as we continue to move this institution forward."

Trubacz will begin his new duties Oct. 18. He will oversee budgets, facilities operations and maintenance, facilities planning and construction, human resources, parking, police and purchasing. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of New Hampshire and an MBA in accounting from Southern New Hampshire University.

District Application Programs sessions set

A series of sessions regarding Pinellas County Schools' District Application Programs will be presented in November.

The district has scheduled three sessions to help parents understand the annual application process for District Application Programs. These sessions will concentrate on the overall process and timeline for applying to application programs. Separate information fairs will be held to provide specific information regarding individual magnet, fundamental or career-themed programs.

All parent information sessions on the application process will be presented in school auditoriums from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on the following dates at the following locations:

- Nov. 7, at Boca Ciega High School, 924 58th St. S., Gulfport
- Nov. 12, at Pinellas Park High School, 6305 118th Ave. N., Largo
- Nov. 14, at Countryside High School, 3000 State Road 580, Clearwater

Pinellas County Schools has scheduled two District Application Program Information Fairs in November to give parents and prospective students a chance to talk with school representatives about specific aspects of various application programs. Scheduled fairs are as follows:

- Nov. 16, 9 a.m. to noon, at Pinellas Park High School, 6305 118th Ave. N., Largo
- Nov. 19, 6 to 8 p.m., at Gibbs High School, 850 34th St. S.

Families interested in District Application Programs also will want to mark their calendars for Discovery Nights. Schools that offer application programs will host their own individual Discovery Nights between Nov. 18 and Jan. 9. Discovery Night

dates will be posted on the district website.

These sessions provide opportunities to learn valuable information. The district's application period for these programs will be Jan. 8-17, 2014.

For information about District Application Programs, contact individual schools or call the Office of Advanced Studies at 588-6466. For information about the application process, call 588-6210.

Informed Families launches resource guide, hosts contest

Informed Families, Florida's resource on positive parenting, is offering a helping hand to parents across the state on how to talk to their kids about drugs and alcohol just in time for the 28th annual Red Ribbon Week.

Informed Families' new Parent Guide provides several useful tips on getting the conversation started, including sitting down together for family meals and getting kids engaged in after school activities.

Families can visit FLRedRibbon.com to download the free Parent Guide. The website also offers an Ambassador Toolkit for educators who are interested in promoting the upcoming Red Ribbon Week in their schools and communities. In addition, Informed Families is encouraging everyone to show their enthusiasm for Red Ribbon Week through social media. Members of the community are invited to "wear red this month and use the hashtags, #LiveRed and #FLRedRibbon, in photos posted on social media networks.

As the Florida sponsor of Red Ribbon Week, Informed Families is also calling for entries to participate in this year's national Red Ribbon Week contest. Here's how to enter to win \$1,000 for your K-12 school and an iPad for the home.

First, students bring the Red Ribbon Week message home by working alongside parents to decorate their front door, mailbox or fence with a red ribbon and this year's theme, "A Healthy Me Is Drug Free."

Next, take a photo with the family and your Red Ribbon Week decoration, then upload to redribbon.org/contest by Nov. 4 (must be 18 or older to upload photos).

Finally, the voting begins. Ask family and friends to vote for your entry at redribbon.org/vote, Nov. 5-19.

Ten lucky winners from regions across the United States will win. Winners will be announced at redribbon.org on Dec. 6 and will be recognized at winning schools throughout December.

"Students will once again take Red Ribbon Week's message of prevention home to their neighborhoods with this national contest," said Peggy Sapp in a press release. Sapp is president of Informed Families. "By decorating their homes together with this year's Red Ribbon theme, families carry the message to their communities."

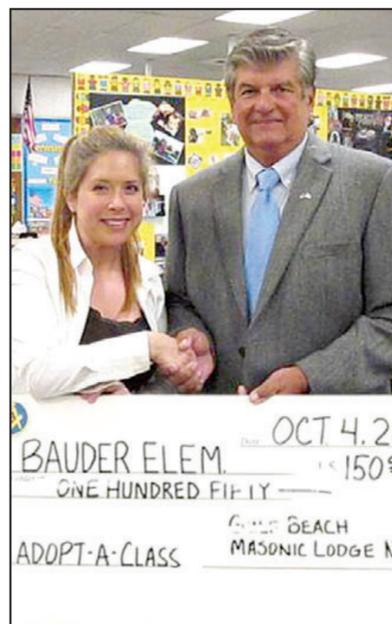
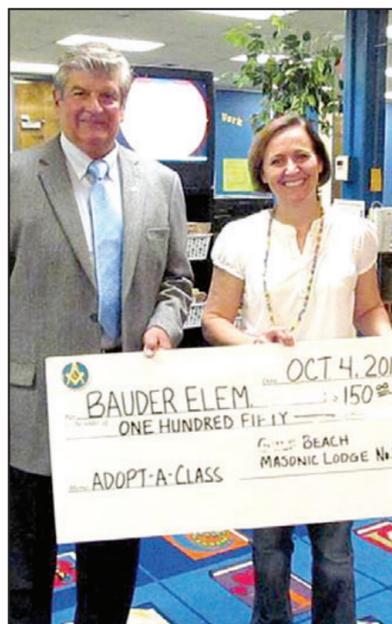
Red Ribbon Week, the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention campaign reaches more than 80 million people nationwide.

The Drug Enforcement Administration is co-sponsoring this year's national contest.

"The DEA is proud to help sponsor this contest and other initiatives that spread the drug prevention message throughout our local communities," said Michele M. Leonhart, DEA administrator. "Wearing red ribbons in October represents our pledge to be drug free and honors the sacrifice of DEA Special Agent Enrique 'Kiki' Camarena and all who have lost their lives in the fight against drugs."

Informed Families is Florida's major universal education provider of positive parenting skills. Affiliated with the National Family Partnership, Informed Families believes that parenting skills and support are the change agents that create healthy social norms in communities. The organization is recognized by the Department of Children and Families as the most effective prevention program in the state. For information, visit informedfamilies.org.

Adopt-A-Class donation



At left, John Anthony of Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge in Madeira Beach presents a check for \$150 to Bauder Elementary School fourth-grade teacher Christine Steimer in support of the school's Adopt-A-Class program, which was formed to help, aid and assist with their classroom expenses. At right, Anthony presents another check to Bauder Elementary School first-grade teacher Alicia Suttrick.

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Celebrity game to benefit renowned sports artist

LARGO – Florida Sports Charities will host a celebrity flag football game to benefit Tampa Bay-based renowned sports artist Greg Crumbly on Saturday, Nov. 9, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Whitesell Softball Complex, 12555 119th St.

Come watch the game or play with celebrities such as James Jones, Chidi Ahanotu, Jerry Wunsch, Cosey Coleman and Reginald Roundtree to name a few. Admission is \$2. Registration to play is \$25 in advance or \$35 on the day of the event.

The event will include a silent auction, a 50/50 raffle and an opportunity to get a few autographs for \$10.

Crumbly is a husband, a father, an Army veteran and an ex-Pittsburgh police officer, who has been diagnosed with various medical concerns. As a child, a glass spike impaled his right hand. As the tendons healed, his doctor recommended that he either draw or write as physical therapy to regain the use of his hand. As a result of this therapy, Crumbly discovered his talent.

He retired early from the Pittsburgh Police Department in 1990 due to gunshot wounds and began a career as a portrait artist. To view his art, visit www.GregCrumbly.com

All proceeds from the flag football game will go to Crumbly and his family. To donate or become a sponsor, email floridaflagfootballcharities@gmail.com or call 776-6371.

For a complete lineup of celebrities at the event and more about Crumbly, visit www.threefc.com.



Photo courtesy of FLORIDA SPORTS CHARITIES
Sports artist Greg Crumbly stands in front of one of his paintings.

Kingfish are arriving in big numbers

Conditions are approaching ideal for some fantastic fall king fishing.

Near perfect weather conditions over the last several days has the bait firmly settled into our area. With the water temperature just over 80 degrees we're not quite where we need to be to have the fishing just explode, but it's only a matter of a few days.

Areas of bait, birds and hard-bottom are what you want to look for when scouting for kingfish. Traditional top-spots would be the many artificial reefs that lie anywhere from 3 to 12 miles offshore, the channel markers along the shipping channel just west of Egmont Key, and all along the beach if Spanish mackerel can be seen working schools of bait close to shore.

Rig your live baits on stinger rigs, place them out behind the boat and troll at a very slow speed, often bumping the engines in and out of gear to keep those baits looking natural behind the boat. Best live baits for trolling include; blue runners, threadfin herring, and cigar minnows.

When the tide is running real good anchoring and chumming can bring the fish right to you. Rig your baits on those same stinger rigs and attach a small balloon 8 to 10 feet above your bait. This helps you monitor where your baits are at and allows you to fish multiple baits. Next and most importantly is to constantly chum. Cut small pieces of threadfins off the side of the boat, meanwhile always have a fresh chum block out.

Land based anglers can get into the action too. The Redington Long Pier and the Skyway piers attract plenty of kings each fall. Watch and observe how pier veterans fish for the kings and ask local tackle shops for any information that will help you better target this great gamefish.

Tyson Wallerstein can be reached at capt.tyson@hotmail.com. To get a fish photo in the paper, send the photo along with your name, when and where it was caught to editorial@TBNweekly.com or mail it to Tampa Bay Newspapers, 9911 Seminole Blvd., Seminole, FL 33772.



Fish Tales
Capt. Tyson Wallerstein

Upcoming events

Volleyball nationals set

CLEARWATER – The Spalding Volley America Nationals are returning to Clearwater Beach on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 26 and 27, co-sponsored by Rider Sandals. The tournament will be the largest amateur tournament ever held on Clearwater Beach and may be outgrowing this site for future years.

The tournament will be the national championship tournament for Volley America, the largest grassroots program in the country. It will attract players from throughout the United States as well as teams from Canada and Sweden. They will all come to the Clearwater beaches across from the Magnuson Hotel near Pier 60. The tournaments will be the final tournament in a series promoted by East End Volleyball throughout the east coast.

Tournament play will begin at 9 a.m. on Oct. 26 and 10 a.m. on Oct. 27. Player check-in is one hour prior to start time. Men's and Women's Open, AA, A and B Divisions will play on Saturday. Coed Open, A and B teams will play on Sunday. Admission is free for all spectators, who are encouraged to come early for a front-row seat. A players' party is open to the public and is set for Saturday evening at Shephard's.

Top male players competing include Florida players, Adrian Carambula, the best player on the East Coast, according to an East End press release; and Matt Henderson, the top Tampa Bay area player. Also playing will be Volley America Midwest Champions, Bryan McDermand and Joe Baker from Chicago; Southeast Champions, Jake Elliott and Hudson Bates; New York City Metro Champions, Ihor Akinshyn and Adam Niemcynowicz; and New England Champions, Kyle O'Neil and Matty Ferreira.

Top female players will include local star NYC Metro Champions, Svetlana Simic and Roberta Holehouse; Southeast Champions Caley Redden and Brangan Fuller; and Midwest Champions, Jitka Stehnova and Erin Personen.

Players of all skill levels will be eligible for play in the tournament, sponsored by Rider Sandals. There will be divisions for intermediate and novice level events, with players competing for merchandise prizes from 4C Totally Light 2Go, Spalding, Rider Sandals, Reflekt Polarized Sunglasses, SOB Vacations, Rox Volleyball, Bally's Casino, ZEMgear, Sprout Watches, 1st Place Volleyball, Park & Sun net systems, Dig Magazine, Sportime, Horry County, and Spike Key.

The schedule is as follows:

Saturday, Oct. 26:

- 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. – Men's and Women's Open, AA, A and B Divisions
- 4 to 6 p.m. – playoffs

Sunday, Oct. 27

- 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Coed Open, A and B Divisions
- 4 to 6 p.m. – playoffs

Cost for teams is \$60 per team.

Call East End Volleyball at 631-728-9397 or visit www.eevb.net.

King of the Beach registration starts

MADEIRA BEACH – Registration is underway for the 20th annual King of the Beach Fishing Tournament, Nov. 7-9 in Madeira Beach.

The three-day event is the largest kingfish and Spanish mackerel tournament on the West Coast.

This year's event will feature five divisions and over 50 paid places. The top prize will be \$20,000 out of a total payout of \$100,000.

Competition will be held in overall, single engine, ladies, youth and Spanish mackerel divisions.

Nov. 1 is the deadline to preregister.

For further details, visit www.oldsaltfishing.org/2013-tournaments/fall-king-of-the-beach.

Chamber to host trap shoot

PINELLAS PARK – The Pinellas Park/Gateway Chamber of Commerce will host its Shoot for Success Trap Shoot Saturday, Nov. 2, 9 a.m., at Skyway Trap and Skeet, 3200 74th Ave.

Cost is \$50 for individuals; \$100 for patrons (two shooters); \$250 for a five-member team; and \$350 for a corporate sponsor. Price includes shells and clay pigeons.

Call 544-4777 for more information.

Registration for golf classic underway

SEMINOLE – Registration has begun for the Greater Seminole Area Chamber of Commerce's 28th annual Golf Tournament to be held Thursday, Oct. 24, at Seminole Lake Country Club, 6100 Augusta Blvd.

The cost of the four-person scramble is \$125 per person and includes lunch, a goody bag, beverages, super tickets, cart, greens fee and dinner. Check-in and cookout begin at 11:30 a.m., shotgun start at 1 p.m., and the awards dinner will take place at approximately 6 p.m.

Participants could win \$10,000 for making a hole-in-one on the 10th hole. Other contests that day include closest to pin, longest drive, straightest drive, putting and chipping.

Sponsors are needed at levels beginning at \$50 for golf hole signs, \$100 for contest sponsorships, \$1,500 for dinner sponsorships and \$3,000 for a Silver Sponsor.

Major sponsors (\$1,500 or more) will receive entries for four play-

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.

First place winners



Photo courtesy of GEORGE KLIMIS

Seminole Youth Athletic Association's U12 Lady Santos brought home the 22nd annual Largo Halloween Soccer Tournament trophy with a four-game clean sweep through the White Division. Katelyn Lordahl and Riley Burke led the team with four goals each, while Monique Gray added two. Katelyn DeSantis, Courtney Franckowiak, Shaina Jackson, Riley Moore, and Anastasia Klimis scored one each. Goalkeeper Megan Levine finished with three clean sheets, and Lexi McClendon, Caitlyn Lewis, Abigail Walsky, Ellyce Hamel and Grace Michner shut down opposing offenses, allowing only one goal in four games. Pictured front row, from left, Moore, Gray, Franckowiak, Klimis, Burke and DeSantis. Second row, from left, Levine, Jackson, Lordahl, Michner, Lewis, Walsky, Hamel and McClendon. Back row, from left, head coach George Klimis, coach Brad Hinchy and coach Patrick Burke.

ers, hole sponsor sign, emphasis in all chamber tournament promotions and recognition at the tournament awards dinner. In-kind sponsors who donate food, beverages, gift bag items and prizes for the drawing also are needed, and will be acknowledged at the tournament awards dinner.

Register for the golf tournament online at www.seminolechamber.net or at the Seminole Chamber office, 7985 113th St. N., Suite 208. For more information, call 392-3245.

SHS baseball team to host golf tournament

GULFPORT – The Seminole High School baseball team is hosting a fundraising golf tournament Saturday, Nov. 2, at Pasadena Yacht & Country Club, 6300 Pasadena Point Blvd. S.

The deadline to sign up as a golfer or sponsor for the event is Thursday, Oct. 31. The hole-in-one prize is a trip to Hawaii or \$10,000.

For more information, call Kari Koser as 504-9867.

Golf tournament to raise funds for food pantries, Alpha House

SEMINOLE – The St. Nicholas fifth annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 9, 1 p.m., at the Seminole Lake Country

Club, 6100 Augusta Blvd. N.

Cost is \$80 per player and includes green fees, dinner, awards, door prizes, contests and more. Dinner tickets are available for \$20 per person. Sponsorship opportunities are available. All funds will support local food pantry distribution programs and will contribute supplies to Alpha House, a pregnancy shelter.

Call 391-6255 for more information.

PARC plans 39th Golf Weekend

ST. PETERSBURG – PARC's 39th annual Golf Weekend event is planned Friday, Nov. 22 and Saturday, Nov. 23.

The weekend kicks off with the Harvest Hoedown Nov. 22 at the St. Pete Coliseum, featuring food, entertainment and live and silent auctions.

The golf tournament and awards banquet is Nov. 23 at The Bayou Club in Largo with a 12:30 p.m. tee off. Dinner and awards will follow.

For more information, contact Michelle King at 341-6962 or email events@parc-fl.org.

PARC is a nonprofit organization that provides opportunities for children and adults with developmental disabilities.

Obituaries

Renee (nee DeFlo) CAMINIS



Renee (nee DeFlo) Caminis, died peacefully at the age of 87 at the Washington Home & Community Hospices in Washington, D.C., on September 29, 2013, and was interred on October 4th at Mt. St. Mary's Cemetery in Flushing, N.Y. She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Christofer Caminis, who died in 1992 after 45 years of marriage, and

by her parents, three sisters and two brothers. Survivors include her daughters, Jane DeFlo Caminis of New York City and Asimina Caminis of Washington, D.C., and Asimina's husband, Henri Bretauadeau; nephews and nieces and their children and grandchildren in the United States, France, and Greece; two step-granddaughters and five step-great-grandchildren in France; and many friends. Born in Louvroil, France, Renée met Christofer during World War II in northern France, where he was stationed while serving in the U.S. Army. She moved to New York City in 1947 to marry Christofer and taught herself English and Greek—Christofer was born in Greece—and became a U.S. citizen. An intelligent and creative woman who had won a prestigious national educational award in France while still a teenager, she had to abandon her plan to become a teacher because of the war. Nonetheless, she made the most of other opportunities to apply her talents. Always good with numbers, she worked at the French bank Crédit du Nord before moving to the U.S. After her marriage, she managed Christofer's painting-contracting business and worked as a sales associate at Bloomingdale's. She helped many friends and family members navigate their way through a variety of bureaucratic mazes. She was a fabulous cook and baker—her grand-nephews and -nieces still rave about her cookies—and was skilled at crochet, embroidery, and knitting. She loved listening to classical music and going to museums. When Christofer retired, they moved to Belleair, Fla. After nursing Christofer through his long battle with cancer, which ended with his death, she worked for several years as a hostess in the restaurant of long-time friends in Largo, Fla. She served as a volunteer in the gift shop at Morton Plant Hospital in Clearwater until she moved to the Washington, D.C. area in 2011 to be near her daughter, Asimina. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Washington Home & Community Hospices in Washington, D.C.; Suncoast Hospice Foundation in Clearwater, Fla.; or the New York Times' Neediest Cases Fund. A memorial mass will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2013, at 10:30 a.m., at St. Cecelia Church, 820 Jasmine Way, Clearwater, Fla.

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Animal abuse workshop set

LARGO – In recognition of October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Pinellas County Domestic Violence Task Force and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Tampa Bay will host a workshop on the human factors in animal abuse.

The workshop will be presented Thursday, Oct. 24, 6 to 9 p.m., at the Ike & Libby Einherst Education Center, at SPCA Tampa Bay, 9099 130th Ave. N.

The workshop is open to the public and offers continuing education credits to law enforcement, guidance counselors and social workers. To register visit www.SPCATampaBay.org.

Animal cruelty is an indicator crime that points to a pattern of escalating violence aimed at family members who are less able to defend themselves: children, the elderly and others. Studies have repeatedly proven this link between cruel acts toward animals and human violence.

Workshop speakers include Sgt. Laura Spelman, Clearwater police department; Joan Rueben and Denise Thornton, Pinellas County School Board; Suzanne Horn, CASA; Denise Hughes-Conlon, Pinellas County Domestic Violence Task Force/PERC; Martha Boden, SPCA Tampa Bay; Doug Brightwell, Pinellas County Animal Services; William H. Burgess III, Circuit Judge 6th Judicial Court; and, Jim Helinger, Esquire.

Topics covered to include patterns of abuse in animal cruelty and human violence; how to be a better bystander for animals and people; SPCA Tampa Bay and Pinellas County Animal Services' roles in investigation and the judicial process.

Several notable animal cruelty cases in Pinellas' history will be presented, including Eldred/Pettyjohn. This case broke in October 2001 and is best known in Pinellas County as "the llama case." It is considered the most horrendous animal cruelty case in recent history.

SPCA Tampa Bay was founded as a nonprofit organization in 1940. Services for the community include animal cruelty investigation, lost/found pet assistance, animal admission and pet cremation assistance, pet adoption, ambulance transport for sick/injured strays and estate planning with pets in mind.

For information, visit www.SPCATampaBay.org.

Email information and notices to Largo Leader Editor Juliana Torres at jtortes@TBNweekly.com. You also can send mail to 9911 Seminole Blvd., Seminole, FL 33772 or call 397-5563, ext. 324.



Cleopatra

Cleopatra is an 8-year-old, beautiful tortoiseshell girl with stunning green eyes. She has been with one owner all her life, though unfortunately her owner had to travel a lot and could not give her the attention she deserves. She lived with other cats and a dog, so she could fit into any home setting and would also do well as an only pet. She is friendly and affectionate and is waiting for her forever home. She is spayed, and current on her vaccinations. Meet her at the Clearwater Petsmart on U.S. 19 and Gulf-to-Bay Boulevard. Call Pat with Second Chance for Strays at 535-9154 or visit www.secondchanceforstrays.com.

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Top five diversions

• **"Encounters,"** by Gil Perloth, Oct. 18-24, at Venue Theatre, 9125 U.S. 19 N., in the Hudson's Furniture Plaza at Mainlands Blvd., in Pinellas Park. Performances will be Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; and Sunday, 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20. For reservations, call 822-6194 or email VenueActorStudio@gmail.com. Venue Theatre will present the world premiere of this new musical. "Encounters" is one woman's reflection of her life basically in song – from when she was a young girl, through her marriage and divorce, to the present as she turns a new page as once again a single woman. The production features 16 new songs, such as "Boobs," "Mr. Almost Right," "My Affair," "Dating Again," "My Tattoo" and "Sturgeon my Plastic Surgeon." Susan Taylor stars in "Encounters."

• **Jeremy Thomas,** Friday, Oct. 18, 6 to 9 p.m., at Horan Park, at the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive, St. Pete Beach. As part of the Concert in the Park series, the Thomas will perform a mix of classic hits and modern rockers. Activities start at 6 p.m. Thomas will take the stage at 7 p.m. There also will be beer, wine and food available for purchase. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets to relax outdoors under the stars. For information, call 363-9245 or visit www.spbrec.com.

• **"Marriage is Murder,"** a comedy by Nick Hall, directed by George Hook; Oct. 18-27, at Tarpon Springs Cultural Center, 101 S. Pinellas Ave. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$14 for members and students. On opening night, all seats are \$10 a person. Ex-spouses Paul and Polly Butler write murder mysteries together, acting out the crimes in Paul's apartment – poisoned chocolates, lethal martinis, alibis and fingerprints, bodies in a trunk, daggers, guns and even an ax contribute to the fast-paced hilarity. As they strive to outdo each other, in the wake of comic twists and turns, they learn that marriage, like murder, is in the details. Surprises are in store and it is murderously funny. Call 942-5605 or visit TarponArts.org.

• **"Picking Up Sticks,"** by Lil Barcaski, Friday, Oct. 18, at Largo Community Center, 400 Alt. Keene Road, Largo. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 each in advance. A full bar will be available. Call 518-3131 or visit LargoCommunityCenter.com. The Gypsy Stage Repertory will perform this original play by Lil Barcaski. It's 7 a.m. on a Saturday in Hazlet, N.J. A detective sits with a young married couple whose 4-year-old daughter is missing. Don't miss this fast-paced, touching and very funny play about family, loss, love and commitment. Barcaski, the local playwright who brought audiences the hilarious comedy "Dinner for Six" last season, directs this new full-length comedic drama.

• **Nitty Gritty Dirt Band's John McEuen and jazz master David Amram,** Friday, Oct. 18, 8 p.m., at the Palladium at St. Petersburg College, 253 Fifth Ave. N., St. Petersburg. General admission tickets cost \$30. VIP seating, which includes light refreshments and a private reception with the artists, is \$50. There are only 50 VIP seats available. Call 822-3590 or visit www.mypalladium.org. In this rare performance in the intimate Palladium Side Door setting, McEuen, a multiple Grammy winner, and Amram, who has amassed quite a collection of Lifetime Achievement awards, will flawlessly define Americana as they take their audience from jazz to classical, folk to country, blues to bluegrass. Both stage-loving musical raconteurs will each play their solo selections that spotlight their distinctive virtuosity. Then, McEuen and Amram will take the stage together for the second half of the show and their individually-inspired worlds will collide. McEuen will bring his eclectic side of the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band and some of their known hits to the stage for Amram to join in on. McEuen will then accompany Amram on select old jazz songs.

Director seeks actors for upcoming show

LARGO – Director Dick Budin is seeking men for his show now in rehearsal.

Candidates must sing on key. Men are sought for smaller roles in the production "The Greatest Christmas Villain," to be presented Nov. 15-24 at Largo Community Center, 400 Alt. Keene Road. Call Budin at 461-3897 or email dickbudin@juno.com.



From left, Alison Burns, Chris Crawford and John Lombardi star in New Stage Theatre's production of "Little Shop of Horrors," playing now through Nov. 3. Photos courtesy of NEW STAGE THEATRE

Theater review

New Stage delivers dreadfully delightful 'Little Shop of Horrors'

It's October, and Halloween is just around the corner – what better way to celebrate the spookiest holiday of the year than with a helping of macabre musical merriment?

The New Stage Theatre production of "Little Shop of Horrors," the comic rock musical that pays tribute to classic B-movie horror flicks of the 1950s and '60s, is a rollicking good time.

The show runs through Nov. 3 at New Stage Theatre, 11650 131st St. N., Largo. Performances are Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; and Sunday, 3 p.m. Tickets are \$25.88. Call 813-817-2585 or visit newstagelargo.org.

New Stage Theatre, a new professional theater company located at Country Day World School in Largo, put a great deal of time and effort into making this production a success. Being a fledgling company, the theater space is small and a bit rough around the edges. It's a challenge to get comfy in the utilitarian chairs; the wooden floorboards beneath the audience seem to amplify the scuffling of shifting feet. All in all, it is still a bare bones affair – exactly as it should be at this point.

The fully functioning black box theater space was just built, its doors opening in March – just in time to host a series of summer camp programs.

Time will bring about material improvements. In the meantime, the real reason to visit New Stage Theatre is what's happening on its stage.

For the second show in its 2013-14 season, New Stage chose "Little Shop of Horrors" by composer Alan Menken and writer Howard Ashman. For those unfamiliar with the musical, it was inspired by the cheesy 1960 Roger Corman black comedy "The Little Shop of Horrors." Ashman adapted the story and Menken composed the music in the style of early 1960s Motown and doo-wop. The show features a number of recognizable songs, such as "Suddenly, Seymour" and "Somewhere That's Green."

As for the story: Seymour, a lowly assistant in a floral shop on skid row, discovers an exotic plant. He names the plant after his coworker, a young woman with poor taste in men. Soon, Seymour realizes that his plant will only flourish if he provides it with a specific diet: Audrey II likes fresh blood.

The New Stage Theatre production is directed by Chris Jackson.

Curtain Call
Lee Clark Zumpe



Chris Crawford portrays Seymour and Alison Burns the hapless Audrey in New Stage Theatre's second production of the season.

Choreography is provided by Scott Daniel with musical direction by J.P. Kavanaugh. Daniel also handled costume design, while Ty Fickes oversaw scenic design and construction. Thaddeus Engle is tasked with lighting design. Miriam Rochford serves as stage manager.

The casting is truly inspired. If New Stage Theatre continues to attract this kind of talent, it is sure to be an ongoing success.

Chris Crawford portrays Seymour. Crawford depicts Seymour's most endearing traits perfectly, making him sweetly awkward and

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St. Petersburg Science Festival expands

ST. PETERSBURG – The third annual St. Petersburg Science Festival, featuring more than 30 new hands-on interactive exhibits for people of all ages, will be presented Saturday, Oct. 19, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., along Bayboro Harbor at USF St. Petersburg and Poynter Park.

Presented in conjunction with MarineQuest, the free community celebration will kick off with an explosive science experiment on stage in Poynter Park at 10 a.m., led by St. Petersburg Mayor Bill Foster, USF St. Petersburg Regional Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska and USF College of Marine Science Dean Jacqueline Dixon, under the expert guidance of Mad Science Tampa Bay. New events this year will include a sneak peek exclusively for school children on Friday, Oct. 18, 9 a.m.

Along with a full day of science shows and music, this year's festival will feature more than 100 engaging, hands-on activities ranging from crazy chemistry experiments to fighting robot competitions. Visitors of all ages can board a research vessel, build a fire, run an underwater remotely operated vehicle, peer into a microscope at aquatic animals and archaeological artifacts, escape fishing nets, test an artificial limb, create art from science and launch a rocket.

Visitors looking to learn more about careers in science, technology, engineering and math will have the opportunity to interact with scientists and engineers and explore the diverse array of expertise located around Tampa Bay and beyond.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase from USF St. Petersburg restaurants including The Reef, World of Wings, The Tavern at Bayboro, and the Campus Grind. A food truck rally returns for the second year in a row, featuring a variety of gourmet vendors parked along Third Street South.

Now in its third year, the St. Petersburg Science Festival is expanding with additional special events for 2013, including the following:

- St. Petersburg SciCafé at the Dali Museum, Tuesday, Oct. 15, 6 p.m. Festival exhibitor The Dali Museum will host a special SciCafé – Extreme Extremities: Arms, Legs, and Tails, on Oct. 15, in partnership with Secrets of the Sea Marine Exploration Center and Aquarium. This

panel discussion will focus on prosthetic limbs and rehabilitation. Speakers will include festival exhibitor Arlene Gillis, program director of the Orthotic & Prosthetic Program at St. Petersburg College Health, and Abby Stone, senior trainer at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium. St. Petersburg SciCafé is an informal discussion series for adults to raise awareness and satisfy curiosity about things scientific.

- Sneak Peek for Schools, Friday, Oct. 18, 9 a.m. This year, the St. Petersburg Science Festival added a sneak peek for schools. More than 1,250 students and teachers who preregistered from across West Central Florida will get an early opportunity to interact with a select group of exhibits. This registration is now full. Saturday, Oct. 19, 2013 will be open to the public.

- Festival Pep Rally, Friday, Oct. 18, 5 p.m. Official Science Cheerleader Alexa Schmidt will appear at Witches BBQ Den, 111 Second Ave. NE, No. 209, in downtown St. Petersburg for a SciFest kick-off celebration. Schmidt is a former professional cheerleader with the Orlando Magic and is a neurotherapist and director of athletics for Advanced Health and Performance Institute. Pep rally participants can assist with Project Mercury – a research study in which cell phones are swabbed to compare microbes on Earth with microbes sent to the International Space Station.

The St. Petersburg Science Festival is the largest community celebration of science in the Southeast, and was developed to increase public awareness of the importance of science and to encourage youth to develop a passion for science and engineering by celebrating science as we celebrate sports, music and the arts. The St. Petersburg Science Festival is a grassroots collaboration of more than 60 leading university departments, government agencies, and private partners, many of whom are part of the St. Petersburg Ocean Team, a consortium of research organizations that employ more than 1,600 marine scientists in St. Petersburg, Florida.

For information, call Howard Rutherford at 803-9799, ext. 202, email hrutherford@thesecretsofthesea.org or visit www.stpetescifest.org.

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.

- **George Houff Band,** Saturday, Nov. 2, 1 p.m., at Largo Central Park, 101 Central Park Drive, Largo. The event is free. For information, call 392-4054.

- **"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 Limelights, 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.

Clearwater

- **"Arsenic and Old Lace,"** by Joseph Kesselring; through Oct. 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. 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.

- **The second annual Chalk Art Festival,** Friday through Sunday, Oct. 25-27, along Beach Walk on Clearwater Beach, just south of Pier 60. More than 20 chalk artists will adorn the sidewalks and promenades with creative works of art as they compete for \$3,000 in cash prizes. Hosted by the Clearwater Beach Chamber of Commerce, this free, family-friendly, community event will kick off Friday as artists begin working on their compositions. Judging and the award ceremony will take place on Sunday afternoon. The festival boasts \$3,000 in total prize money, with prizes awarded in size category, awards of merit, and Best in Show. Participating artists include Roni Francis, Julie Ann Graden, Dorothy Sabean, Cassie Frank, Laurie Pinna, Dave Conley, Clarence "Ace" Robst Jr., Beth Shistle, Michelle Hawkins, Cass Womack, Lexi Fulmer, Sandy Snider, Dave Snider, Dave Warmath, Maureen Greif, Lee Mobley, Art Jervis. For information, visit www.beachwalkchalkwalk.com.

Madeira Beach

- **The 32nd annual John's Pass Seafood Festival,** Oct. 25-27, at historic John's Pass Village, Madeira Beach. Hours will be Friday, 3 to 11 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. This year's Halloween Block Party is set for Friday, 7 to 11 p.m. Admission to the event is free. The festival will feature free concerts, an art and craft show with 60 local and regional artists selling their work, tons of fresh local seafood, more than 100 unique retail shops, live music throughout the pass and children's activities. For more than 30 years, John's Pass Village and Boardwalk has offered festivities for the whole family at this annual event. This year, the food area has been expanded onto Village Boulevard and will include more seafood than ever before, healthier menu selections as well as specialty samples at more than a dozen different food stands. On Saturday, a children's Halloween costume contest will take place at Windworks at 3: p.m. and trick-or-treating will take place throughout the village from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Complimentary trick-or-treat bags can be picked up at the Bubba Gump Seafood Co. tent near Delosa's Pizza. Children's costume contest prizes are sponsored by Windworks and Kiwanis Club of Gulf Beaches. The event will also host an oyster eating contest at Hub's Tavern at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Saturday's free concert will feature headliners Tom Gribbin and the Salt Water Band at 5:30 p.m. and The Mad Beach Band at 7 p.m. Live music throughout the day will include performances by Tony Arnone, 10 a.m.; Jon Moffitt, 11 a.m.; The Ordeal, noon; Nervous Energy Band at 1 p.m.; The Ries Brothers, 2 p.m.; Scotty Lee Rexroat, 3 p.m.; and The Fabulous Deltonas, 4 p.m. Sunday's concert will close with The Black Honkeys from 4 to 6 p.m. The day's lineup includes Ed Carter & Alan Whitman, 11 a.m.; Tapped In, noon; Joe Bonfiglio, 1 p.m.; and The Hanging Chads, 2:15 p.m. A second stage will host favorite local musicians near the Bamboo Beach

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Crossword

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Across

- Ponzi scheme, e.g.
- Gorillalike
- "Wheel of Fortune" choice
- Word before and after "against"
- Social
- Cheat, slangily
- Boot
- Void
- "Cast Away" setting
- "La Boheme," e.g.
- One billionth of a meter
- Supplement
- Came down
- Cascades peak
- Tyrolean dress or skirt
- Small European bird with cobalt blue wings
- Lentil, e.g.
- Delay
- Peacock tail marking
- Piquantly
- Blanched
- "Iliad" warrior
- Flowering
- Covet
- Biases
- "Out of the question" (contraction)
- Expert
- Ami James, e.g.
- Kind of rug
- Aroma
- Part of "the works"
- Canceled (2 wds)
- Arid
- Man with a mission
- Brio
- Eye affliction
- Cold shower?

Down

- "Beat it!"
- Masterstroke
- ___ line (major axis of an elliptical orbit)
- Poets skilled in rhythm
- Make sense, with "up"
- "Common Sense" pamphleteer
- Guts
- Very brief underpants
- "My ___!"
- Guard
- Coach horse rider
- ___ of Langerhans
- At no time, poetically
- Italian appetizer
- Jawbones
- Zen enlightenment
- Hasenpfeffer, e.g.
- Georgetown athlete
- Corrective
- Buffet
- "Thanks ___"
- Athletic facilities
- End of the line
- Orchestra member
- Beach resort
- Main course
- Citadel student
- Abundance
- Chuck
- "My bad!"
- Aria, e.g.
- Biology lab supply
- "The ___ Ranger"
- After expenses

Sudoku

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Sudoku answers from last week

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

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Horoscopes

October 17, 2013

Capricorn

December 22 – January 19

Feel like a psychiatrist? You will this week, as people lean on you left and right. Be sympathetic, but honest, Capricorn. It's the only way to make a real difference.

Aquarius

January 20 – February 18

Volunteer work brings satisfaction along with opportunity. Don't miss out, Aquarius. Progress on a home improvement project wanes. Call in the pros.

Pisces

February 19 – March 20

Call it quits? Never, Pisces! You've got the goods to get the job done. Believe in yourself and your crew, and there is no way you'll fail. A shopping jaunt uncovers a real find.

Aries

March 21 – April 19

Anxiety on the rise? Not with you in charge, Aries. You know just what to say to alleviate concerns and keep everyone on task. A promotion could be in order.

Taurus

April 20 – May 20

Trusty Taurus. People look to you for assistance in good times and bad, and you do not disappoint. Many blessings are sure to follow.

Gemini

May 21 – June 21

Jeepers, Gemini. You've got everything you need and then some. Someone near and dear to your heart, on the other hand, does not.

Cancer

June 22 – July 22

Health issues plague a senior. Be supportive, Cancer, but don't coddle them. They need to know the extent of the damage in order to get serious about the treatment.

Leo

July 23 – August 22

Money woes ease with a windfall, and personal issues are resolved. Hooray, Leo. A shakeup at work proves beneficial to the bottom line.

Virgo

August 23 – September 22

Your managerial skills are requested for the planning of an event. Don't say no, Virgo. Work it into your schedule, as it could lead to a more lucrative opportunity.

Libra

September 23 – October 22

Hobbies are calling your name, Libra. You need a break, and you need one now. Grab that paintbrush or knitting needle, and put your frustrations to work.

Scorpio

October 23 – November 21

Adopting the viewpoint of an acquaintance could prove troublesome. Do your own research and form your own opinion, Scorpio. A financial review turns out well.

Sagittarius

November 22 – December 21

Passion ignites with a gift, and the flames of romance burn bright. A newcomer gets the ball rolling on an account. Celebrate with a night on the town, Sagittarius.

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Heritage Village's Country Jubilee to feature musical talents

LARGO – The 35th annual Country Jubilee will bring a variety of musical talents to Pinellas County's Heritage Village on Saturday, Oct. 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Heritage Village is at 11909 125th St. N. Local country and bluegrass artist Charlie Morris, a talented singer-songwriter and guitarist, will entertain with stories of the environment and characters that blend in with his songs. Joining him on this year's music lineup will be Evergreen, a three-piece band playing Irish, English and Scottish folk songs; Leigh and Steve Humes playing folk as well; Key of Life with Teresa Arruza, featuring soundscapes inspired by nature. The Rose Island Band playing electric American and folk rock music and A Dynamic Duo.

Morris is a singer-songwriter and guitarist from St. Petersburg. He plays original roots music that draws on a range of styles, from folk to bluegrass to blues. His sophisticated guitar artistry complements the stories he's telling with his songs.

Evergreen plays Irish, English and Scottish folk songs. The three-piece band has guitar, flute, mandolin, penny whistles and vocals. Evergreen has played at a number of folk festivals and at pubs in the Tampa Bay area. All band members are originally from Liverpool, England.

Leigh and Steve Humes have been performing together throughout Florida for more than 20 years. They are respected singers-songwriters, and they play solo, duo and together with the Leigh Humes Band.

Key of Life creates soundscapes inspired by nature with flavors of different cultures. They blend a variety of world instruments with eclectic improvisations.

The Rose Island Band plays electric Americana and folk rock music. The four-person band plays acoustic guitar, electric guitar, keyboards/bass and

drums while singing three-part harmonies. The band is comprised of a mix of ages and genders and is popular with all age groups.

When Kevin Bittle and Dave Lau of Dynamic Duo met two years ago, they both were buying Fender Telecaster B-Bender from a specific music store in the area. Since then, this dynamic duo has performed over 100 times at more than 40 venues. With a set list database of more than 300 songs, they are really looking forward to performing their original music.

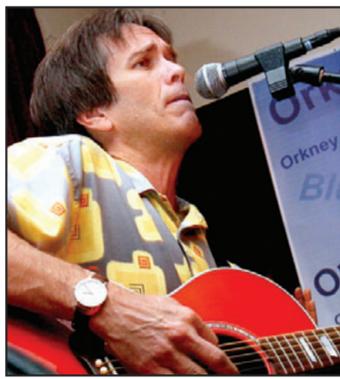
Each featured band will play 45-minute sets. The Pinellas County Historical Society sponsors this year's Country Jubilee. All proceeds will go to support the operation of Heritage Village.

Free event parking and shuttle are located at 119th Street between Ulmerton and Walsingham roads. A \$2 per person donation is suggested.

The 35th Heritage Village Country Jubilee isn't just about music. The annual event provides attendees with an opportunity to search for gifts for the upcoming holiday season. The event boasts a giant flea market and book sale as well as handmade holiday crafts, paintings, jewelry, stained glass and wooden treasures. During the event, visitors may enjoy tours of historical homes and demonstrations of traditional crafts.

Heritage Village, a living history museum, brings more than 150 years of local history to life. The village is home to 28 authentic buildings and structures. Visitors can experience historic Pinellas County through hands-on exploration. Paths wind through 21 acres and connect with the Florida Botanical Gardens and the Pinewood Cultural Park campus.

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



Top left, Charlie Morris is a singer-songwriter and guitarist from St. Petersburg. Above, Evergreen plays Irish, English and Scottish folk songs. The three-piece band has guitar, flute, mandolin, penny whistles and vocals. At left, the Rose Island Band plays electric Americana and folk rock music. The band is comprised of a mix of ages and genders and is popular with all age groups. All three groups will be performing at the 35th annual Country Jubilee, Oct. 26, at Heritage Village.

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A night of jazz



The crowd at the Largo Community Center listens to Elisha "Atlas" Parris and his band during the Night of Jazz, part of the Sun Down Music Series Oct. 11.

Photo by JULIANA A. TORRES

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wonderfully lovesick – not to mention hopelessly nerdy.

Crawford, the 2007 National Winner of the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival Irene Ryan Award for Acting, makes his debut at New Stage Theatre in the role. Crawford also earned the Mark Twain Award for Outstanding Comedic Performance. He worked with the Tony Award winning Shakespeare Theatre Company in Washington, D.C., before moving to Tulsa, Okla., to found Playhouse Tulsa. He served there as artistic director until April 2013.

Starring as Audrey is the talented Alison Burns.

Burns appeared in New Stage Theatre's season opener, "Maybe Baby, It's You!" She has a long list of Tampa Bay area credits, including roles in "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" and "RENT" at American Stage Theatre; and "Bernard Alba," "Comedy of Errors" and "Man of La Mancha" at freeFall Theatre.

As Audrey, Burns is charmingly sweet, convincingly naïve and hopelessly hapless. She delivers a flawless rendition of "Somewhere That's Green" that will have audience members wishing for their own Betty Crocker kitchens and well-manicured lawns enclosed by a fence "of real chain link."

John Lombardi takes on the role of Mr. Mushnick, Seymour's boss and owner of the flower shop. Lombardi colors Mushnick with a tender shade of crotchiness. Even when the shop starts making money, Lombardi maintains the character's chronic exasperation. Lombardi has appeared locally in productions staged by freeFall Theatre, American Stage Theatre and Show Palace Theatre.

Calvin C. Jones provides the voice of Audrey II. His vocals are solid and melodious.

Jones joined the singing group Men of Note at age 13, traveling the world for 25 years as one of the lead singers. He is currently a singer in Let's Get Loud at Busch Gardens, lead singer for SouthTown Fever and a sub for Rockapella.

Jones may provide the voice, but someone has to make Audrey II come to life on stage. That job belongs to puppeteer Jerid Fox of

Bluefox Arts and Entertainment.

Scott Daniel plays Orin as well as a number of other characters.

This isn't Daniel's first experience with this show. He has been a part of four other productions of "Little Shop of Horrors" over the years, serving in every imaginable capacity, from director and choreographer to designer and, more than once, starring as Seymour. He has never played the part of Orin – until now.

Daniel's Orin is riotously over the top. He breaks the fourth wall on several occasions, startling audience members and scoring big laughs. It is memorable performance, particularly for the front row.

As outstanding as the rest of the cast is, there are three individuals who really make this production exceptional: Ericka Womack-Brown, Eileen B. Lymus Sanders and Whitney Drake.

It is evident from the first few moments of the prologue, as the three 1960s street urchins begin singing "Little Shop of Horrors," that New Stage Theatre was very selective in casting these three characters. The street urchins serve as a musical chorus to guide the story. These three talented women have powerful voices and, more importantly, they seamlessly shift back and forth between the background and the spotlight depending on the scene.

Womack-Brown, who plays Crystal, is a singer, dancer and choreographer. She's been seen in shows at Stageworks in Tampa, American Stage Theatre in St. Petersburg and Show Palace Theatre in Hudson. Womack-Brown also performs and choreographs for shows at Busch Gardens.

Lymus Sanders, who plays Chiffon, also performs at Busch Gardens. She's also appeared in the Blues Brothers R&B Revue at Universal Studios Orlando and in a number of regional theater productions, such as "RESPECT – A Musical Journey of Women" at Jaeb Theatre.

Drake, who plays Ronette, graduated from New World School of the Arts before taking the stage onboard Royal Caribbean International Cruise Line.

The talented cast of New Stage Theatre's wickedly fun "Little Shop of Horrors" proves this new theater company has a bright future in Pinellas.

Briefs

Jazz & Jambalaya set

CLEARWATER – The ninth annual Jazz & Jambalaya fundraiser event is set for Saturday, Oct. 19, 7 to 11 p.m., at the Main Library's West Terrace and Roof Top Terrace to raise money for the Clearwater Library Foundation.

Guests will enjoy the sounds of smooth jazz from Clearwater's Jazz Holiday, along with spectacular views from the Roof Top Terrace or relax surrounded by cool breezes on the library's West Terrace. Admission includes New Orleans style fare with a full open bar and valet parking.

A live feed from the stage in Coachman Park to flat screen TVs on the West Terrace of the Main Library will be available, and the grand finale is the fireworks show at 10:45 p.m.

For reservations or information, call 562-4970, ext. 5189.

Times Festival of Reading set

ST. PETERSBURG – The 21st annual Tampa Bay Times Festival of Reading will take place Saturday, Oct. 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg, 140 Seventh Ave. S.

This free festival is a celebration of literacy featuring nationally renowned authors, book signings, panel discussions and a variety of entertainment. The USF St. Petersburg campus is located in downtown St. Petersburg, and attendees may utilize campus and downtown parking, giving easy access to all events throughout the day.

The Times Festival of Reading has drawn an annual attendance of approximately 5,000 book lovers through the course of its history. To date, more than 40 authors are confirmed to appear at the 2013 festival. The featured authors include bestsellers such as Gilbert King, Edwidge Danticat, David Finkel, Marcia Clark, Ridley Pearson and Jayne Anne Phillips. In addition to the author appearances, there will be an extensive Book Market featuring local merchants and entertainment, plus food and drink concessions.

The complete lineup of authors and activities will be posted on www.festivalofreading.com. The information also will be published in a special section in the Tampa Bay Times on Thursday, Oct. 24.

At this time, organizers are seeking booksellers and vendors of literacy-related merchandise to be part of the Book Market.

Applications are available for download at www.festivalofreading.com. Interested parties also may call 893-8025 and leave a name, address and phone number. Sponsorships also are available.

Run for the Arts to benefit Suntan Art Center

ST. PETE BEACH – Run for the Arts will be presented Saturday, Nov. 30, 7:30 a.m., at the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive.

The Suntan Art Center has been keeping the arts alive in St. Pete Beach for more than 50 years, continually striving to expand its programs and offerings to the people of the greater Tampa Bay area. In conjunction with the third annual 100 Artist Show, the center will host its inaugural Run for the Arts event. This family-friendly race will include a 5K run, a Fun Run for kids and an action-packed Stiletto Sprint (co-ed).

Registration for the 5K is \$30, \$10 for the Fun Run and \$25 for the Stiletto Sprint. To register, visit www.active.com or www.suntanart.org.

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Necronomicon 2013 welcomes 'Eragon' author Christopher Paolini

By LEE CLARK ZUMPE

TAMPA – The Stone Hill Science Fiction Association will host Necronomicon 2013 – Florida's science fiction, fantasy and horror convention – Friday through Sunday, Oct. 18-20, at the Embassy Suites USF, 3705 Spectrum Blvd., Tampa.

This year's guest of honor will be Christopher Paolini, author of "Eragon" and the other novels in the Inheritance Cycle.

The convention will feature informative panels and a full schedule of events and programs including the annual Cthulhu Memorial Eye Scream Social, the Ygor Party, ongoing video and anime rooms, a masquerade, costume contest, trivia contests and an art show.

Attendees also will enjoy plenty of workshops and demonstrations as well as filking. For those unfamiliar with this convention tradition, filk songs, as explained on Stone Hill's Necronomicon website, "are parodies of real songs, and originals, too, all with a 'fanish' bent." Filk songs may be about a favorite book, film, television show, game, comic book or other science fiction or fantasy content. Filkers can participate in song sessions throughout the weekend.

Convention organizers have selected dozens of panel topics for Necronomicon 2013 covering subjects as diverse as "Firefly," how to write a mystery, costuming, social media and the author, game design, how to build a flying saucer and self-publishing.

For space buffs, Jeff Mitchell will host a presentation on what's new in astronomy and Ed Wysocki will host a panel discussion on exoplanets.

Guest of honor

Born in Southern California, Christopher Paolini was raised in Montana. According to his website, the tall, jagged Beartooth Mountains that tower on one side of Paradise Valley provided Paolini with creative inspiration: Those mountains stirred his imagination and gave rise to the fantastic scenery depicted in his debut novel, "Eragon."

"Eragon," initially self-published in 2001, was novel in Paolini's Inheritance Cycle, a young adult tetralogy of epic fantasy novels. He was only 15 when he wrote the first draft of the book. Paolini was homeschooled by his parents. In his spare time, he wrote short stories and poems, made frequent trips to the library, and read widely.

After Paolini's family published "Eragon," he traveled to promote it, visiting high schools and doing book signings. Author Carl Hiaasen is credited with discovering the book: The story goes, Hiaasen found his stepson reading "Eragon" one day. He was so impressed with it, he brought it to the attention of his publisher, Alfred A. Knopf. The publisher bought the rights and reprinted it 2003.

The book suddenly found a worldwide audience.

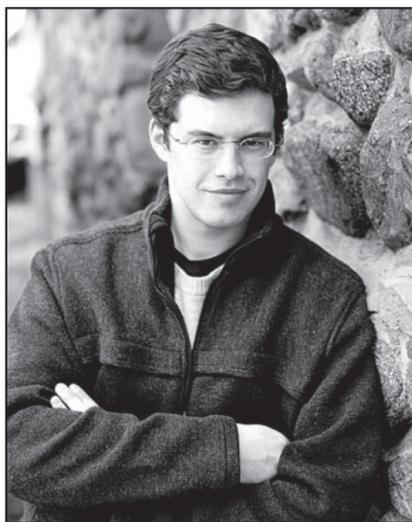


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Above, Christopher Paolini is this year's guest of honor at Stone Hill's Necronomicon convention. At right, a new special edition of Christopher Paolini's debut novel, "Eragon," is due out Oct. 22.

Paolini followed "Eragon" with the second novel in the cycle, "Eldest," published in 2005. "Brisinger" followed in 2008. "Inheritance," published in 2011, is the fourth and final book in the cycle.

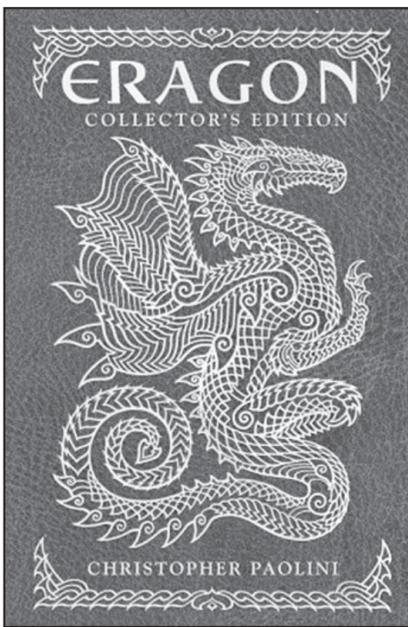
In honor of the 10th anniversary of "Eragon," Knopf Books for Young Readers will publish a special edition of the runaway bestseller with a blue faux leather cover, six pieces of exclusive artwork from award-winning artists and the author and a new essay from Paolini about how art has inspired his work. The new edition will be released Oct. 22.

On her Facebook page, Ann Morris provided Paolini's schedule during the three-day event. One of the convention organizers, Morris is in charge of panel scheduling, guest relations and the masquerade.

Paolini's schedule is as follows:

- Friday, 1 p.m. – Salon A: Writing Basics – Creating Fantasy Worlds
- Friday, 4 p.m. – Salon C: Autograph Session
- Friday, 7 p.m. – Salon A: Guest of Honor Speech
- Saturday, 1 p.m. – Salon A: Guest of Honor Q & A
- Saturday, 5 p.m. – Salon C: Autograph Session
- Sunday, 10 a.m. – Salon B: Wait Wait Don't Tell Me
- Sunday, 11 a.m. – Salon C: Dress for Success: What Your Fantasy Characters Wear

The schedule is subject to change. In addition to Paolini, several other authors will be in attendance, taking part in various panels.



Writers currently listed on the Necronomicon website include Richard Lee Byers, Tampa Bay area resident and author of more than 30 fantasy and horror novels, including a number set in the Forgotten Realms universe; Rick Wilber, Tampa Bay area resident and author of more than 35 short stories in magazines such as "Aboriginal SF," "Analog," "Asimov's Science Fiction" and "Fantasy & Science Fiction"; Timothy Zahn, author of more than 40 science fiction novels including works in the Dragonback series and the bestselling Star Wars novel "Heir to the Empire"; Eric Beebe, author, editor and founder of Post Mortem Press; and Johanna M. Bolton, author of several science fiction novels as well as textbooks for Barron's Education Series and features for newspapers.

Art show

Necronomicon's annual art show features works in many genres such as science fiction, fantasy, horror, astronomical, comedy, Celtic and anime. Attendees will find work in a variety of media, such as jewelry, sculpture, wall hangings, armor, wood carvings, etched glass and pottery.

The convention's longtime art show director is unable to participate in the event this year. In order to streamline work for the volunteer staff running this year's show, bidding has been eliminated. All artwork will be tagged with a set sale price, unless

notated as "not for sale." Organizers hope to return to the standard process next year, when we have some experience under our belt.

The art show is split into two distinct areas:

- The Art Gallery – Here, visitors will find 2,500 square feet of space in which artwork is exhibited and is available for purchase. The gallery features six-foot tables for 3-D work, as well as vertical panels for hanging space. There is a 10 percent commission charged on all artwork sold. The commission goes entirely to the convention's chosen charitable organization.

- The Print Shop – This area, located inside the Art Gallery, is used to display multiple copies of fixed price prints and 3-D works. There is a 10 percent commission charged on all artwork sold here, with the commission benefiting the charity.

Necronomicon offers ribbons for first, second and third place in color, black and white and 3-D, as well as an award for Best in Show. The attendees do judging and winners will be announced during the costume contest on Saturday night.

Gaming at the con

Necronomicon 2013 will present a wide variety of gaming opportunities for attendees.

For information on role playing games, board and miniature games and collectible card games, visit www.rjritchie.com/necro/index.htm. There more than 151 games run by 43 GMs on the convention schedule. Programs are planned using a variety of gaming systems such as Steve Jackson's Munchkin, AD&D 2.0 Ravenloft, Star Wars Saga Edition, Avalon Hill, Pandemic and Mansions of Madness.

For information on Live Action Role Playing, visit www.rjritchie.com/necro/larp/index.cfm. The LARP games will be run by Jack and Marna Faber.

For information on Computer LAN gaming, visit www.stonehill.org/gaming/netro.htm.

History of Necronomicon

Now in its 31st year, Necronomicon began back in 1982 and, over the years, has drawn a number of distinguished guests in the field of speculative literature. Past guests of honor have including Larry Niven, Andre Norton, Piers Anthony, Alan Dean Foster, Robert Bloch, Roger Zelazny, Fred Pohl, Orson Scott Card and Terry Prachett.

A three-day membership costs \$50. Cost for Friday or Saturday only is \$25. Cost for Sunday only is \$20.

The Stone Hill Science Fiction Association is a nonprofit organization. All workers at the convention are volunteers. Proceeds from the event will benefit a charity organization. In the past, Stone Hill has raised funds for organizations such as the Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary, Wildlife Rescue, Francis House and Kids and Canines.

Visit www.stonehill.org/necro.htm.

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Bar & Grill throughout the weekend. Parking for the festival is available both in John's Pass Village and off-site. Visit www.JohnsPassVillage.net.

St. Petersburg

- **Sacred Lands Music and a Meal** featuring folk troubadour Doug Spears, Friday, Oct. 18, 7 p.m., at Sacred Lands, 1700 Park St. N., St. Petersburg. Admission is \$10. Food will be sold separately. Call 367-3592. Attendees will enjoy live music. A home-made meal will be available for purchase. The featured act will be folk troubadour Doug Spears. The opening act will be Stephens and Worrall, an acoustic duo.
- **Cristian Castro**, Wednesday, Oct. 23, 7:30

p.m., at The Mahaffey Theater, 400 First St. S., St. Petersburg. Tickets start at \$29. Call 893-7832 or visit www.themahaffey.com. Castro, a perennial chart presence since the early '90s, is a Grammy Award nominated Mexican pop star and sex symbol. The son of renowned actress and singer Verónica Castro and comedian Manuel Valdes, Castro started as a child actor appearing alongside his mother on the telenovela "El Derecho de Nacer." He branched out with the release of his first album, "Agua Nueva," in 1992. His music career was launched a year later with the song, "Nunca Voy a Olvidarte" ("I Will Never Forget You") which became a No. 1 hit on the Hot Latin Tracks chart. Touring catapulted him into the limelight. Castro was nominated for Pop New Artist of the Year at the Lo Nuestro Awards (best of Latin music) in 1993 and Male

Pop Artist of the Year in 1993. His biggest hit to date is "Amor Eterno," a Hot Latin Tracks topper that cracked the Billboard Hot 100 climbing all the way to No. 78 despite its Spanish-language vocals. He continues to record romantic love ballads in Spanish. Earlier this year Castro released a live album, "Primera Fila," that features well-known favorites and original songs.

- **"Over the Tavern,"** by Tom Dudzick, Oct. 25 through Nov. 10, at St. Petersburg City Theatre, 4025 31st St. S., St. Petersburg. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$22 for adults and \$10 for students. Call 866-1973 or visit www.spacitytheatre.org. The story follows precocious 12-year-old Rudy, who fears no one and leaves no question unasked. He believes God put us on this earth to have fun. So why doesn't anyone seem to be having any? And why is Sister Clarissa so concerned for his immortal soul when there are 1,300 other religions to choose from? Sometimes a play comes along that creates a special magic that allows us to see how all of us question that "Normal family," long to kick down that white picket fence, and question perfect faith.

Pinellas Park

- **Movies in the Park**, Saturday, Oct. 19, at dusk, at England Brothers Park, 5010 81st Ave. N., Pinellas Park. Hosted by the Pinellas Park Firefighters, this month's movie will be "Oz: The Great and Powerful." Attendees may bring a chair or blanket for outdoor seating. Hot dogs, hamburgers, popcorn, drinks and nachos will be sold. All proceeds benefit the Benevolent Fund. Call 687-4494 or visit www.facebook.com/PPFDMoviesinthePark for additional information.

St. Pete Beach

- **The Impacs**, Friday, Oct. 25, 6 to 9 p.m., at Horan Park, at the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive, St. Pete Beach. As part of the Concert in the Park series, the The Impacs – described as an old-fashioned street dance band – will perform. Activities start at 6 p.m. The band will take the stage at 7 p.m. There also will be beer, wine and food available for purchase. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets to relax outdoors under the stars. For information, call 363-9245 or visit www.spbrec.com.

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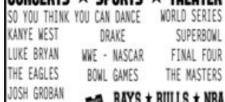
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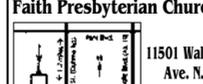
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Opening this week

New 'Carrie' adaptation hits big screen; Cumberbatch stars in 'The Fifth Estate'

Compiled by LEE CLARK ZUMPE

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

'Carrie'

Genre: Horror and thriller
Cast: Chloë Grace Moretz, Judy Greer, Portia Doubleday, Alex Russell, Gabriella Wilde, Ansel Elgort and Julianne Moore
Director: Kimberly Peirce
Rated: R

A reimagining of the classic horror tale about Carrie White (Chloë Grace Moretz), a shy girl outcast by her peers and sheltered by her deeply religious mother (Julianne Moore), who unleashes telekinetic terror on her small town after being pushed too far at her senior prom.

Based on the best-selling novel by Stephen King, "Carrie" is directed by Kimberly Peirce with a screenplay by Lawrence D. Cohen and Roberto Aguirre-Sacasa.

'Escape Plan'

Genre: Thriller
Cast: Sylvester Stallone, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jim Caviezel, Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson, Vinnie Jones, Vincent D'Onofrio and Amy Ryan
Director: Mikael Hafstrom
Rated: R

One of the world's foremost authorities on structural security agrees to take on one last job: breaking out of an ultra-secret, high-tech facility called "The Tomb."

Deceived and wrongly imprisoned, Ray Breslin (Sylvester Stallone) must recruit fellow inmate Emil Rottmayer (Arnold Schwarzenegger) to help devise a daring, nearly impossible plan to escape from the most protected and fortified prison ever built.

"Escape Plan" is the first pairing of action legends Sylvester Stallone and Arnold Schwarzenegger in leading roles, and co-stars Jim Caviezel, Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson, Vinnie Jones, Vincent D'Onofrio and Amy Ryan.

'The Fifth Estate'

Genre: Drama and thriller
Cast: Benedict Cumberbatch, Daniel Brühl, Anthony Mackie, David Thewlis, Alicia Vikander, Peter Capaldi, Carice van Houten, Dan Stevens, with Stanley Tucci and Laura Linney
Director: Bill Condon
Rated: R

Triggering our age of high-stakes secrecy, explosive news leaks and the trafficking of classified information, WikiLeaks forever changed the game.

Now, in a dramatic thriller based on real events, "The Fifth Estate" reveals the quest to expose the deceptions and corruptions of power that turned an Internet upstart into the 21st century's most fiercely debated organization. The story begins as WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange (Benedict Cumberbatch) and his colleague Daniel Domscheit-Berg (Daniel Brühl) team up to become underground watchdogs of the privileged and powerful.

On a shoestring, they create a platform that allows whistleblowers to anonymously leak covert

data, shining a light on the dark recesses of government secrets and corporate crimes. Soon, they are breaking more hard news than the world's most legendary media organizations combined. But when Assange and Berg gain access to the biggest trove of confidential intelligence documents in U.S. history, they battle each other and a defining question of our time: what are the costs of keeping secrets in a free society – and what are the costs of exposing them?

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

'12 Years a Slave'

Genre: Drama
Cast: Chiwetel Ejiofor, Michael Fassbender, Benedict Cumberbatch, Paul Dano, Garret Dillahunt, Paul Giamatti, Scoot McNairy, Lupita Nyong'o, Adepero Oduye, Sarah Paulson, Brad Pitt, Michael Kenneth Williams, Alfre Woodard, Chris Chalk, Taran Killam and Bill Camp
Director: Steve McQueen
Rated: R

"12 Years a Slave" is based on an incredible true story of one man's fight for survival and freedom.

In the pre-Civil War United States, Solomon Northup (Chiwetel Ejiofor), a free black man from upstate New York, is abducted and sold into slavery. Facing cruelty personified by a malevolent slave owner (Michael Fassbender), as well as unexpected kindnesses, Solomon struggles not only to stay alive, but to retain his dignity. In the 12th year of his unforgettable odyssey, Solomon's chance meeting with a Canadian abolitionist (Brad Pitt) will forever alter his life.

'All Is Lost'

Genre: Drama
Cast: Robert Redford
Director: J.C. Chandor
Rated: PG-13

Academy Award winner Robert Redford stars in "All Is Lost," an open-water thriller about one man's battle for survival against the elements after his sailboat is destroyed at sea.

Deep into a solo voyage in the Indian Ocean, an unnamed man (Redford) wakes to find his 39-foot yacht taking on water after a collision with a shipping container left floating on the high seas. With his navigation equipment and radio disabled, the man sails unknowingly into the path of a violent storm. Despite his success in patching the breached hull, his mariner's intuition and a strength that belies his age, the man barely survives the tempest.

Using only a sextant and nautical maps to chart his progress, he is forced to rely on ocean currents to carry him into a shipping lane in hopes of hailing a passing vessel. But with the sun unrelenting, sharks circling and his meager supplies dwindling, the ever-resourceful sailor soon finds himself staring his mortality in the face.

'Haunter'

Genre: Horror
Cast: Abigail Breslin, Stephen McHattie, Peter Outerbridge, Michelle Nolden and David Hewlett



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Pictured above, Benedict Cumberbatch, left, stars as Julian Assange and Daniel Brühl as Daniel Domscheit-Berg in the DreamWorks Pictures drama "The Fifth Estate." At left, Benedict Cumberbatch, left, stars as William Ford and Chiwetel Ejiofor as Solomon Northup in Steve McQueen's "Twelve Years a Slave."

Director: Vincenzo Natali
Not rated

In this reverse ghost story, teenage Lisa Johnson (Breslin) and her family died in 1986 under sinister circumstances but remain trapped in their house, unable to move on.

Over a period of six "days," Lisa must reach out from beyond the grave to help her present-day, living counterpart, Olivia, avoid the same fate Lisa and her family suffered.

'Hellbenders'

Genre: Horror and thriller
Cast: Clancy Brown, Dan Fogler, Clifton Collins Jr., Andrew Royo and Samantha Buck
Director: J.T. Petty
Rated: R

There are demons so terrible that no mortal man of God could successfully drive them back to Hell.

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ounce of their debauchery to battle the demon and save the planet from eternal damnation.

'Paradise'

Genre: Comedy and drama
Cast: Julianne Hough, Russell Brand, Octavia Spencer, Nick Offerman and Holly Hunter
Director: Diablo Cody
Rated: PG-13

Lamb Mannerheim was as close to perfect as a young girl could be, at least in the eyes of her fellow churchgoers in the small town of Blakesley, Montana. Home-schooled, talented and unusually beautiful, Lamb had a great relationship with life – until a freak accident left her scarred and questioning the very tenets of the religious upbringing she had so completely trusted.

Despite the protests of her straight-laced parents, Lamb decides a bold move is in order. She will test the boundaries of her faith and seek the truth, no matter where that takes her. Packing her suitcase and boarding an airplane for the very first time, she sets out to experience the real world with all of its reputed sin, hardship and degradation. Her destination: Las Vegas, Nevada.

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