

# LARGO LEADER

## 'The Counselor,' 'The Square' among films opening this week

Also, the 35th annual Country Jubilee comes to Heritage Village this Saturday ... Page 1B.



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### LARGO NOPE vigil held

The Narcotics Overdose Prevention and Education Task Force will host the fifth annual NOPE Candlelight Vigil Thursday, Oct. 24, 7 to 8 p.m., at Largo Central Park. ... Page 3A.

### POLICE BEAT Suspect sought

Pinellas County Sheriff's detectives are seeking the public's help to locate a burglary suspect who stole from a home in Clearwater. The burglary occurred about 5:34 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, at a private residence in Clearwater. ... Page 5A.



Suspect

### COUNTY Board votes to end reservoir case

Tampa Bay Water's board of directors voted, 8-0, Oct. 21 to pay HDR Engineering's legal fees and costs, totaling about \$21 million. The costs will be paid through funds on hand and they will not directly affect water rates. ... Page 7A.

### BUSINESS Bed tax may hit new high mark

Pinellas County's tourist development tax, aka the bed tax, is on point to break an all-time record. With August revenue totaled, the 5 percent tax collected on accommodations rented for less than six months for 2013 is up to \$28.8 million. ... Page 9A.

### COMMUNITY



### Filmmaker kicks off second season

"Travel Thru History," an educational travel show created by Seminole High School grad and Red 5 Creative co-founder John DeMaio, kicked off its second season earlier this month. ... Page 11A.

### VIEWPOINTS Bob Driver

Columnist discusses ways to start the day. ... Page 10A



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# Bill Young dies at age 82

## Public funeral to be held at First Baptist Indian Rocks in Largo

By SUZETTE PORTER

Pinellas County lost a powerful ally Friday night. Charles William "Bill" Young, 82, of Indian Shores, the nation's longest serving Republican member of the U.S. Congress, died Oct. 18, 2013. Young served more than 50 years in public office - 10 in the Florida State Senate and 42 in the United States Congress. Young's family was with him when he passed away about 6:50 p.m. at The Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. Young died from complications related to a chronic injury, according to a statement from his family. The Congressman had been hospitalized for the past two weeks for treatment of chronic back pain, the result of injuries from a 1970 small plane crash. A public visitation was held Oct. 23, at Bill Young Armed Forces Reserve Center, 2801 Grand Ave. in Pinellas Park. A public funeral is Thursday, Oct. 24, 1 p.m., at First Baptist Indian Rocks, 12685 Ulmerton Road, Largo. A private burial will follow.

### Local reaction

In these days of social media and email, reaction to Young's death came quick. Pinellas County Commission Chair Ken Welch posted on his Facebook page shortly after the announcement of Young's passing. "Thoughts and prayers to Congressman C.W. Bill Young and his family. Congressman Young was a great leader and representative. Faith and family will carry you through," Welch wrote. Welch and his family are still recovering from the recent death of the commissioner's father, Dr. David Welch, who died Sept. 16. Welch posted photos of himself and his father with Congressman Young. Bill Mischler, former longtime mayor of Pinellas Park also expressed his thoughts on Facebook. "I didn't lose my Congressman this evening," Mischler wrote. "I lost my friend and mentor. Congressman C.W. Bill Young passed away at 6:50 p.m. this evening. See YOUNG, page 4A



Photo courtesy of YOUNG'S OFFICE  
Rep. C.W. "Bill" Young talks to Clearwater Mayor George Cretekos on Feb. 20, 2010. On Jan. 3, 1971, Cretekos began his career as a legislative staff assistant for Pinellas County's newly elected U.S. Representative C.W. Bill Young.

### Good strokes



Above, more than 1,000 swimmers competed in West Florida Lightning Aquatics' Halloween Open, Oct. 18-20 at Southwest Pool, 13120 Vonn Road. Shown are boys competing in the 50 backstroke, 8 and younger. At left, swimming meets at Southwest Pool typically draw large crowds who park their vehicles along Vonn and Wilcox roads. Some motorists received tickets from Largo police during the Halloween Open because their vehicles' wheels rested on or across the sidewalk.

Photos by TOM GERMOND

## MPO focuses on multi-named roadways

By SUZETTE PORTER

CLEARWATER - The Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization is working on a plan to reduce or eliminate multi-named roadways. Residents and tourists often have difficulty traveling through the county due to roadways changing names. Many times these name changes occur when crossing municipal boundaries. "With over 6 million tourists per year, it is confusing to give directions throughout Pinellas County with the inconsistent roadway naming," a Sept. 13 report from the MPO's Multi-named Roads Working Group said. The MPO discussed the findings of its subgroup at its Oct. 8 meeting. The past few years, the focus has been on Bryan Dairy Road, aka County Road 296. Motorists traveling through the county also will find that the C.R. 296 corridor changes to 102nd Avenue North and 118th Avenue. Most municipalities have favored the use of one name - Bryan Dairy Road - from Hamlin to the Interstate, but the city of St. Petersburg opposed using the name east of U.S. 19 (State Road 55). St. Petersburg prefers a unique name that shows the roads function as a connector from the north to the south and east. In 2012, the state legislature approved designating the section of 118th Avenue North (C.R. 298) east of U.S. 19 as the St. Pete Crosstown. The state's action was not an "official renaming" of the corridor. An official name change would require approval of the county and the city of Pinellas Park, which has not occurred. Plans for the future call for the section of C.R. 296 east of U.S. 19 to be reconfigured "significantly" with the addition of the Roosevelt Connector, the S.R. 690 Corridor extension, and a potential exchange of roadways jurisdictions in the area. The Multi-named Roads Working Group recommends

See MPO, page 4A

# Confronting addiction in Pinellas

## New specialized practice in Largo targets pain medication abuse and other addictions

By JULIANA A. TORRES

LARGO - Doctors Charles Friedman and Philip Bagenski opened Recovery Resources of Florida at the epicenter of an epidemic. The new outpatient substance abuse treatment facility is designed to diagnose and treat patients in a holistic and comprehensive way, reversing the county's worsening trend of addiction due to illicit drugs, alcohol and - most recently - prescription drugs. "The substance abuse in Pinellas County is of epic proportions," Friedman said. The doctors come from different backgrounds. Bagenski has practiced internal medicine for more than a decade and, earlier in his career, had a personal struggle with addiction. Friedman has practiced pain management since opening his practice in 1992 and saw firsthand how the proliferation of pain clinics and pharmaceutical companies turned pain medicine into an addiction for many patients. Friedman and Bagenski met while training in addiction medicine through a unique, year-long fellowship at the University of Florida's College of Medicine. During that fellowship, they recognized a shared goal to return to Pinellas and have an impact on a community struggling with addiction. "There's a lot of tragedy and sadness that goes

along with addiction," Bagenski said. "A lot of people die. Kids end up in situations they should not be in. We hope to be able to change some of that."

### The new pain patient

When Friedman began his practice, Pain Relief Centers, in 1992, pain medication had just become a sub-specialty. In the 1990s, it was controversial to prescribe opiates such as morphine and methadone, and doctors were hesitant to approve pain medications for long-term use for anything other than cancer pain, Friedman explained. But in the early 2000s, there was a significant increase in the use of opioids, which include semi-synthetic drugs such as oxycodone. The medical community "essentially turned the tables and decided to have a war on pain," Friedman said. This coincided with an explosion of pharmaceutical companies marketing long-acting pain medications to physicians, he added. Education on these medications was often limited to the information the drug representatives provided. "We had a proliferation of doctors who were writing for pain medications that were not trained in pain management, resulting in a huge increase in deaths and inappropriate prescribing," Friedman said.

See ADDICTION, page 13A



Photo by JULIANA A. TORRES  
Doctor Philip Bagenski of Recovery Resources of Florida stands outside the Bardmore Outpatient Center, where his new practice is located. He and Dr. Charles Friedman want to reverse the epidemic of addiction in Pinellas County.

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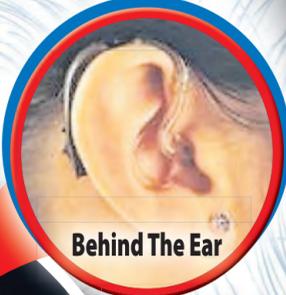


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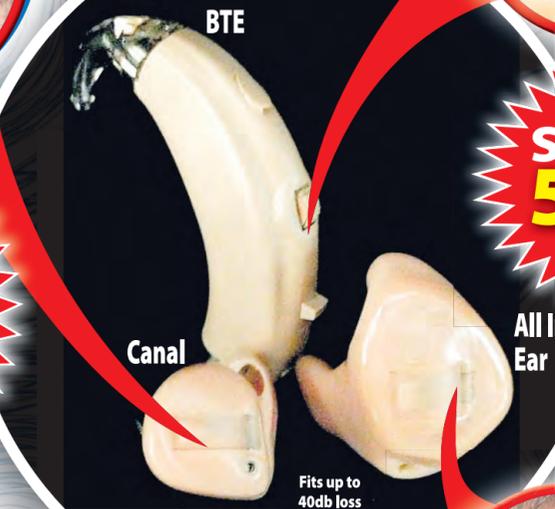


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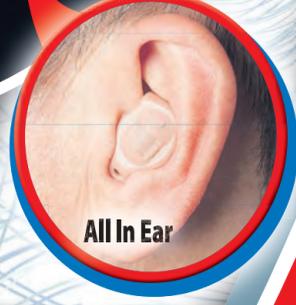


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## City calendar

### Largo Community Center

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

#### Indoor garage sale held

LARGO – The city of Largo's senior advisory board will hold a garage sale Saturday, Nov. 2, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Largo Community Center. More than 30 tables will be available at the annual indoor garage sale.

#### Movie to be shown

LARGO – The next Movies of the Silver Screen will be held Thursday, Nov. 7, noon to 3 p.m., at the Largo Community Center. View a classic movie at this free event, sponsored by the Imperial Palms. Refreshments will be sold.

#### Enjoy dinner and a matinee

LARGO – The Tampa Bay Golden Strings Orchestra will present "A Potpourri of Musical Gemstones" at the next Sunday Matinee Music Program Nov. 10, 2 to 4 p.m., at the Largo Community Center. Tickets are \$14 for dinner and the show and must be purchased by Wednesday, Nov. 6, at the Largo Community Center. Tickets for just the show can be purchased at the door for \$10.

#### Weekly events

- **Bridge games:** Mondays and Wednesdays, 12:30 to 4 p.m. All players are welcome to join the American Contract Bridge League-sanctioned games. The cost is \$4 with membership or \$5, with snacks included. Call Joan Waff at 895-9073.
- **Square dancing:** Fridays, 7:30 to 9:45 p.m. Spend the evening dancing country-style to professional caller Allen Snell. The cost is \$6.
- **Swing dancing:** Saturdays, 7 to 11 p.m. Enjoy an evening of dancing and socializing on a 5,600-square-foot sprung hardwood floor. Free lessons offered from 7 to 8 p.m., followed by a dance with music by DJ Savoy Swing. The cost is \$6 with a recreation card and \$7 without a recreation card.
- **Bay Area Singles and Couples Dance:** Sundays, 6 to 10 p.m. Dress to impress, and join about 150 singles and friends of all ages to dance to an extensive music library to fit every taste. Cost is \$8.

### Largo Central Park

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

#### Halloween Spooktacular to come to Largo park

LARGO – The 19th annual Halloween Spooktacular in Largo Central Park will be held Oct. 26, noon to 6 p.m. The free trick-or-treat trail will run until 4 p.m. Games, music, concessions and more will be offered throughout the event. Bounce houses, ropes course, a petting zoo and strolling entertainment are just a few of the activities that make this a great event for the whole family. Wristbands are being sold in advance for \$5 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.

#### Create at the library's monthly crafting event

LARGO – Attend a free evening of crafting while taking inspiration from non-fiction books at the Largo Public Library on second Wednesdays, 6 p.m., in the Jenkins Community Wing of the library. Use a variety of materials to create a fun and unique project during this adult program. Families are welcome. The Nov. 13 craft will be a cross-stitch leather cuff. No registration is required. All materials will be provided. Call 587-6715.



The craft for the Nov. 13 event at the Largo library will be a leather cuff.

#### NOPE Candle Vigil held

LARGO – The Narcotics Overdose Prevention and Education Task Force will host the fifth annual NOPE Candlelight Vigil Thursday, Oct. 24, 7 to 8 p.m., at Largo Central Park. Superintendent Michael Grego will speak about the dangers of prescription pill abuse.

#### Shredfest comes back to Largo

LARGO – Residents can bring their personal documents to be securely shredded and recycled during the Shredfest on Saturday, Nov. 9, 9 a.m. to noon, at the Largo drop-off recycling center, 1551 Starkey Road. Attendees can bring up to five file boxes of paper per car to be shredded and recycled. There is no need to remove staples, tape, paper clips or rubber bands. In celebration of America Recycles Day, ProShred will recycle all shredded data. File boxes will be collected by the city of Largo and recycled. For more information or directions to the event, visit LargoRecycles.com or call 587-6760.

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### City to honor veterans

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Join the Veterans Day Committee honoring America's military veterans. The ceremony will include special music, honorable presentations, guest speakers and more. Call 587-6740, ext. 5014

### Veterans invited to ceremony

LARGO – The Forestbrook Condo Association and Grand Villas Assisted Living Facility will sponsor a Veterans Day celebration Monday, Nov. 11, 6:45 to 7:30 p.m., in the parking lot of the Grand Villas, 700 Starkey Road.

All veterans of any service branch and any time period served are invited, along with their spouses, significant others and the general public, to commend their service to the country. Bring folding chairs.

The program will include a presentation of the colors by the Pinellas County Veterans Council, the national anthem sung by the Largo High School Madrigal Singers, a welcome by emcee Ernie Bach, introduction of World War II Marine veteran John Residence, the reading of the honor roll of veterans present, a keynote speaker and an honor guard rifle salute.

All veterans who will attend this event are requested to contact the Forestbrook News for inclusion on the honor roll. Call 585-1111 or email your name, service branch and years of service to ForestbrookNews@aol.com

### Marching bands to compete at Largo High

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

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

### Barbershop chorus seeks members

LARGO – The Florida Suncoast Barbershop Chorus is currently seeking men, women and children to participate in this year's Christmas Spectacular Show Sunday, Dec. 15, at the Largo Community Center, 400 Alt. Keene Road.

All singers must attend four rehearsals prior to the show and be prepared to sing three songs on the program. Sheet music and learning CDs will be provided at no cost.

Rehearsals will be Mondays, Nov. 25, Dec. 2 and Dec. 9. All interested singers should call Lance at 410-5696.

The holiday show is part of the Largo Community Center's Sunday Matinee Music Series, featuring dinner, live entertainment and dancing. For a listing of additional show dates and times, call 518-3131 or visit LargoCommunityCenter.com.

### Celebrity game to benefit 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, Cozey 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](http://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](mailto:floridaflagfootballcharities@gmail.com) or call 776-6371. Visit [www.threef.com](http://www.threef.com)

### Join the campfire sing-along

LARGO – The city of Largo presents a campfire sing-along Friday, Nov. 22, 7 to 9 p.m., at the Largo Community Center, 400 Alt. Keene Road.

The cost is \$3. Come sit around the campfire, make s'mores and listen to great music. Bring your chairs and blankets. Refreshments will be served. Call 518-3131.

### The holidays come to Largo Park

LARGO – Celebrate the holidays with a weekend of talented crafters and artists offering original and unique items Saturday, Nov. 30, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 1, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Largo Central Park, 101 Central Park Drive.

The weekend will include specialty food vendors, Christmas carolers and spectacular holiday lights in the park. Santa Claus will visit, so bring the kids.

For more information, visit [loganjadepromotions.com](http://loganjadepromotions.com) or call 321-300-4509.

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that the Florida Department of Transportation be consulted before any immediate decisions are made.

Municipalities that favored a complete name change years ago may no longer be agreeable, the working group reported. The city of Pinellas Park "would likely recommend a delay" due to the possibility of changes creating "financial issues for the affected properties," the report said.

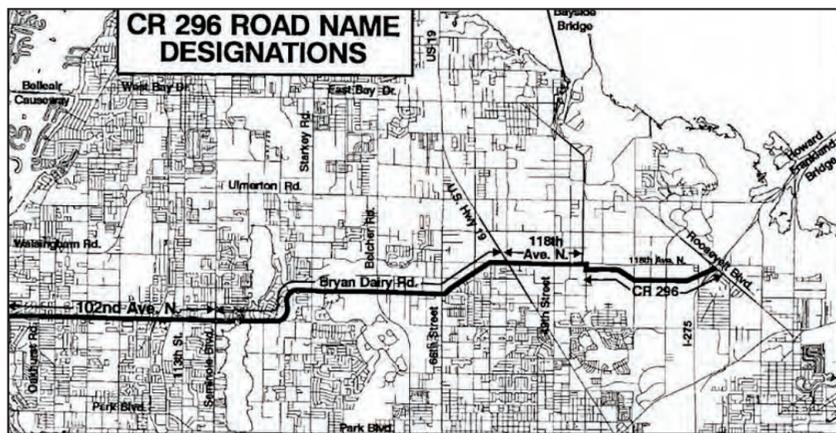
However, the working group did agree that the 102nd Avenue North segment would be the best place to start the renaming to Bryan Dairy Road. The renaming would take place on 102nd Avenue North from Hamlin Boulevard to Lake Seminole Bridge, just west of Starkey Road (C.R. 1).

The area is mostly residential and most homes have addresses of "interior roadways" – not 102nd Avenue North.

"This would initiate the consistent roadway naming effort and provide a test case on proceeding to the rest of this corridor and potentially to other corridors," the working group's report said. "This would also provide the uniform name of Bryan Dairy Road for the corridor to the west of U.S. 19 (S.R. 55)."

Sarah Ward, interim MPO executive director, informed MPO members Oct. 8 of the working group's recommendations. She said the cities of Seminole and Pinellas Park supported changing the name to Bryan Dairy Road on 102nd Avenue North from west of Starkey Road to Hamlin Boulevard. The MPO unanimously accepted that recommendation. MPO members also unanimously agreed to hold off on additional renaming at this time.

The MPO subgroup also reviewed a list of other multi-named roadways, including the Alt. U.S. 19 corridor, which has 14 different names, as well as C.R. 321 corridor, aka Clearwater-Largo Road, Ridge Road, 113th Street and Duhme Road; and



Map courtesy of MPO

**Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization recommends renaming 102nd Avenue North as Bryan Dairy Road to eliminate name changes along the County Road 296 Corridor, which also is known as 118th Avenue.**

C.R. 1 corridor, aka Omaha Street, Keene Road, Starkey Road and Park Street. These roadways traverse many jurisdictions and communities identify with the roadway names, the subgroup reported.

The consensus was to ask municipalities to modify roadway signs to show the county or state road number along with the road name. One example was C.R. 611 – East Lake Road.

"The road number would provide the consistency along the corridor while the name would still provide the community identity and not necessitate a road name change for property owners and residents," the working group reported.

about changing the big signs, such as the ones over the interstate.

"Tourists look for the big signs," she said. Seel said the MPO did not have the authority to require municipalities to make sign changes. She pointed out that it would cost more to change big signs.

"The MPO would just encourage them to do this as they replace signs – unless they want to do it sooner," she said.

The MPO agreed unanimously to go forward to work with the municipalities on the plan.

"This has been one of my pet peeves for many years," Seel said. "I'm glad to put my peeve to rest."

### Daytime-only truck route

The MPO also unanimously approved a request from the city of Clearwater to amend the county's truck route plan to add daytime-only truck routes to a section of Keene Road from Gulf-to-Bay Boulevard (State Road 60) to Sunset Point Road and Sunset Point Road from Keene Road to Hercules Avenue.

MPO maintains a truck route plan that identifies roadways that heavy trucks are required to travel and any time-of-day restrictions. Municipalities and the county work in conjunction to maintain consistency across jurisdictional boundaries. Trucks are required to use designated truck routes up to the point closest to their destination.

Amending the truck route to provide the new daytime-only route would provide more efficiency for city of Clearwater vehicles. The MPO's Technical Coordinating Committee, which recommended approval of the change, noted that the route would provide "easier and more efficient circulation" of all truck traffic in the area. The city of Dunedin reviewed the truck routes and agreed with the recommendation.

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Please keep his wife Beverly and the rest of his family in your prayers at this time."

The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office posted "Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Congressman C.W. "Bill" Young – a great friend to our agency and our community for the past 53 years."

Many posted condolences and photos throughout the weekend on their Facebook page and messages were frequent on Twitter.

Young announced Oct. 9 that he would not be seeking re-election in 2014. Some news sources falsely reported Oct. 17 that he had died. His family released a statement shortly thereafter.

"Rep. C.W. Bill Young's condition turned for the worse overnight and he is gravely ill," the statement said. "His doctors say his prognosis is guarded."

Calls to the Congressman's office the afternoon of Oct. 18 revealed nothing new on his condition. That night, his family announced that the Congressman had died.

### Pinellas County's representative

Young served 10 years in the Florida State Senate, 1960 to 1970. He served Florida's 13th Congressional District in the House of Representatives from 1971 to 2013. The 13th Congressional District is the only one in the state contained within one county. It includes all of Pinellas except for precincts in south St. Petersburg.

Young has been a strong advocate for Pinellas County. Despite his poor health, he fought for Pinellas County as long as he could. Only a month ago, he testified during a Sept. 18 hearing of the U.S. Senate's Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs and Subcommittee on Economic Policy about the problems the implementation of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Act of 2012 was causing for his constituents.

Young relayed the "concern, outrage and fear" of his constituents, many from Pinellas, about the "devastating effect" of premium increases. He urged the Senate to delay implementation.

Young took on many local issues, including congestion on U.S. 19. He worked tirelessly to attract high-tech jobs to St. Petersburg. He took steps to improve health care for low-income children and families in this county. He was instrumental in the creation of Tampa Bay Water to ensure the area's drinking water supply. The reservoir bears his name. He has been a strong ally in getting funding for nourishment of the county's beaches.

### Long history of service

Young's tenure in the U.S. House of Representatives lasted through eight presidential administrations, including Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George Bush, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama.

At the time of his death, he was serving as Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, which he also chaired from 1995 to 1998 and 2005 to 2006. He was a member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and the Appropriations Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch.

Young served as chair of the House Appropriations Committee from 1999 to 2005. The last time the United States had a balanced federal budget was when he was chair, according to his website.

He was a strong advocate for biomedical research. He secured federal funding for increased immunizations for preschoolers, improved public health programs, and cures for Parkinson's and Alzheimer's diseases.

One of his hallmark achievements is creation of a national registry for bone marrow donors established in 1986. Congress named the program the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program in 2005. The Department of Defense also established the C.W. Bill Young Marrow Donor Center, which is one of 79 centers in the United States. The DOD's program focuses on recruiting marrow donors from active military personnel.

The C.W. Bill Young Marrow Donor Recruitment and Research Program has registered more than 6 million Americans, including more than 400,000 service members, as marrow donors. More than 9 million volunteer donors are currently registered. The registry has provided matches for life-saving transplants for more than 50,000 individuals.

A nine-year veteran of the Army National Guard, 1948 to 1957, and six more as a reservist, Young is known for his work for veterans, including the expansion of the Bay Pines VA Medical Center in Seminole. Young's website talks about his work to better the lives of veterans and active military personnel through his position on the Appropriations Committee.

He met with enlisted personnel and officers to assess their needs and advocated improved base housing, better medical care, increased pay and better equipment. A number of photos on his website show the Congressman meeting with veterans, most recently those participating in Honor Flights from Pinellas County.

### Humble beginnings

Young was born in Harmarville, Pa., Dec. 16, 1930. He spent the first 14 years of his life in the small coal-mining town located in Harmar Township in Allegheny County, current population 1,200. The Allegheny River Lock and Dam No. 3, built in 1932, was named the C.W. Bill Young Lock and Dam in his honor.

When Young was age 6, his father left the family after a flood washed away their home. At age 15, his family moved to Pinellas County to live with an uncle. Young later dropped out of St. Petersburg High School to take care of his sick mother. He joined the Army National Guard at age 18. At age 25, he began a career as an insurance salesman, eventually opening his own agency. He was elected to the Florida Senate in 1960.

Young divorced his first wife in 1985, which whom he had three children, and married his current wife, Beverly the same year. They had two children together, Billy, and Patrick, and raised Beverly's son, Rob, from her first marriage.

Florida Gov. Rick Scott released a statement on Young's death.

"Ann and I join all Floridians as we mourn the passing of Rep. Bill Young. As Florida's longest serving member of Congress, Bill will be remembered as a true statesman and champion for the Tampa Bay area," Scott said. He served with eight U.S. Presidents throughout his career, always putting the families of Florida first, and working across the aisle to find solutions.

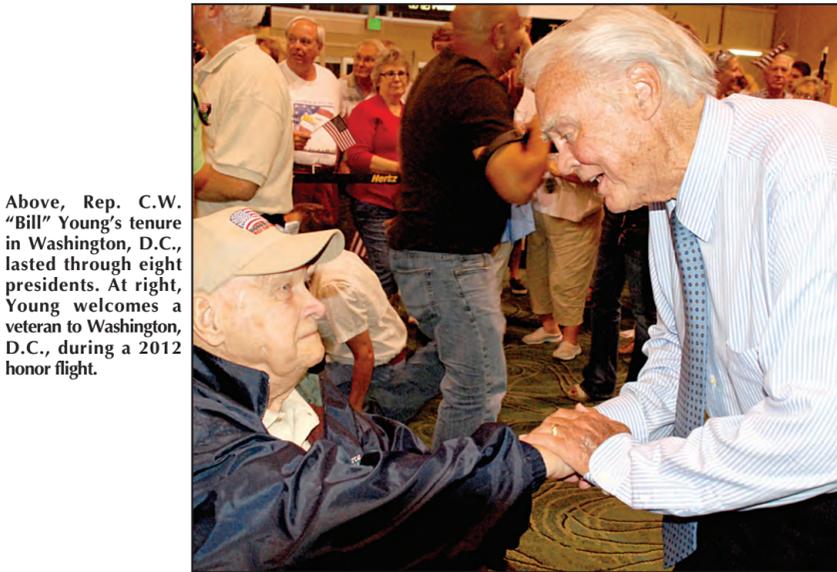
"His work to support military family, our veterans, and his own service with the Army National Guard and as a reservist, will leave a lasting legacy. Rep. Young will be missed by his constituents and our entire nation."

U.S. Senator Marco Rubio also released a statement Friday night.

"Floridians have lost one of the greatest public servants we've ever had in our state's history," Rubio said. "For over a half century, Bill fought tirelessly for the Tampa Bay region and to strengthen Florida's role as a critical part of our national de-



**U.S. Rep. C.W. "Bill" Young served with eight U.S. Presidents, including Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama (not shown).**



**Above, Rep. C.W. "Bill" Young's tenure in Washington, D.C., lasted through eight presidents. At right, Young welcomes a veteran to Washington, D.C., during a 2012 honor flight.**

Photos courtesy of YOUNG'S OFFICE

fense. Largely because of Bill Young, many of our nation's brave men and women in uniform have called Florida home at some point in their careers, with many of them spending their golden retirement years here. Throughout Bill's career, our military and veterans have had no greater champion than him. My thoughts and prayers are with Bill's wife, Beverly, and their entire family."

### Filling the void

The U.S. Constitution mandates that members of the House of Representatives be replaced only by an election held in the congressional district of the for-

mer representative. It is the responsibility of the state governor to call for a special election to replace the vacant House seat. As of Sunday night, Scott has made no announcement of an election.

According to federal law, the office of the former representative remains open until a replacement is elected. Staff operates under the supervision of the Clerk of the House of Representatives. The congressional district no longer has a voting representative; however, constituents can continue to contact the interim office for assistance with a limited range of services.

## Police beat

### Phone scam targets Pinellas County residents

Pinellas County Sheriff's detectives are encouraging the public to be on alert to a recent phone scam occurring in Pinellas County. The suspects are using a phone spoofing technique to make it appear they are calling from the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.

Detectives were first notified of the phone scam Tuesday, Oct. 15. The suspects are calling businesses and residents located in Pinellas County.

According to detectives, three cases have been identified this week where local businesses and residences have been targeted by the phone scam. The suspects call and tell victims they are detectives with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office. They state the victim on the line has an outstanding warrant with the Department of Justice or the U.S. Department of Treasury and if their fines are not paid, they will be arrested. They request the money to be sent via prepaid credit cards, MoneyGram or Western Union.

The suspects are using a spoofing technique to link their phone number to the Sheriff's Office non-emergency line. The spoofing technique allows the suspects to use a specialized computer program or phone app to fraudulently display the Sheriff's Office phone number on the victim's caller ID.

The suspects making the phone calls are male and appear to have foreign accents.

The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office will never call citizens requesting money over the telephone. Detectives advise citizens that they should not give personal information or account information over the phone unless you are initiating the phone call.

Anyone with information on these scams or has become a victim to these scams are asked to call Sgt. Tim Kelly with the Economic Crimes Unit at 582-6200.

tives are seeking the public's help to locate a burglary suspect who stole from a home in Clearwater.

According to detectives with the Burglary/Pawn Unit, the burglary occurred about 5:34 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, at a private residence in Clearwater.

Detectives said that the suspect drove into the driveway of a private residence in a white regular cab truck. The suspect was observed exiting the truck and walking to the side garage door. It is unknown when the suspect left the residence or which direction she was headed.

The suspect is a white female about 30 years old with brown hair and a medium build. She was last seen wearing a light blue T-shirt, black Capri-style pants and white shoes. Her hair was pulled back in a ponytail.

Anyone with information on this burglary is asked to contact Detective C. Parkins of the Burglary/Pawn Unit at 582-6976 or to remain anonymous and be eligible for a reward contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-873-TIPS or www.crimestoppers.org.



Photo courtesy of PCSO

Pinellas County Sheriff's detectives are looking for this woman in connection with an Oct. 6 burglary at a Clearwater residence.

### DUI checkpoint yields results

CLEARWATER – On Oct. 18, Clearwater police officers helped the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office with a DUI checkpoint in Palm Harbor. Of the 1,899 vehicles that passed the checkpoint, 376 were diverted in for evaluation. The results are as follows:

- 5 DUIs
- 2 driving with suspended or revoked license
- 1 possession of marijuana
- 1 providing false name to a law enforcement officer
- 1 no valid driver's license
- 1 fleeing and eluding a police officer
- 21 citations

### Police warn of scam

CLEARWATER – The Clearwater Police Department warns the public that a man by the name of Richard Hamilton has been calling people saying he is from the Florida State Police in Clearwater.

He tells them that there is a warrant for their arrest and can call Robert Bradley at the following number to rectify it: 202-241-5084. The caller ID shows either "911 emergency only" or 727-464-6415, which is the main number for the Pinellas County Jail.

This is a scam, and the number is being spoofed, Clearwater police say. When you call the number, they answer, stating they are the Federal Crimes Network and supposedly look up your information by your phone number. They go on to tell you they are IRS agents and have multiple federal charges against you, as well as you owing money for back

tax returns. They give you the opportunity to make a payment using Green Dot money vouchers to settle the matter before it goes to court. They even go so far as to wait on the line while you get the Green Dot cards.

If you have been exposed to anything like this, call Clearwater Police at 562-4424.

### Crossing guards sought

CLEARWATER – The Clearwater Police Department is searching for crossing guards to help children get to and from school safely.

Crossing guards earn \$10.41 an hour, and applicants must meet and maintain certain requirements for health and physical condition, which includes basic vision and hearing screenings. People must be at least 19 years old and have a valid driver's license and high school diploma or GED.

Applications are accepted at the police department or municipal services building or online at www.myclearwater.com.

### The Largo Leader welcomes your news!

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### Help needed to ID burglary suspect

CLEARWATER – Pinellas County Sheriff's detec-

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# Mail ballots arrive in Belleair Beach

By SUZETTE PORTER

BELLEAIR BEACH - Registered voters in Belleair Beach have an important decision to make regarding the use of a magistrate when there's not enough members at the monthly board of adjustment's meeting to make a quorum.

The Supervisor of Elections Office has mailed 1,353 ballots to residents for the Nov. 5 election, which is being conducted by mail ballot only. Twenty-one ballots went out Sept. 20 to military personnel and residents overseas. Another 1,332 were mailed Oct. 16. As of Oct. 18, only one ballot had been returned.

Belleair Beach City Manager Nancy Gonzalez took some of the mystery out of the legalese of the single referendum question that appears on the ballot. Residents are asked to vote yes or no to approve a charter amendment to appoint a special magistrate for board of adjustment variances as needed.

The specific question reads, "Shall section 6.03 of the Belleair Beach City Charter pertaining to the board of adjustment be amended by adding the ap-

pointment of a special magistrate by the city council to adjudicate requests for variances and other duties assigned by the city code to the board of adjustment under certain circumstances?"

Gonzalez explained that the special circumstance would only come into play during times that Board of Adjustment didn't have enough members at its monthly meeting to form a quorum.

Belleair Beach has a seven-member board of adjustments that meets once a month. Applications for variances must be submitted to the city by noon on the second Tuesday of the month to be heard the next month.

"In the summer, it is often difficult to get a quorum when many of the members are away," Gonzalez said. "Sometimes decisions get put off for three or four months."

The city believes that having a special magistrate would solve the problem.

"We would use the special magistrate only when we couldn't get a quorum," Gonzalez said. "It's not

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# Operation Medicine Cabinet is Oct. 26

The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Unit and Countywide Diversion Taskforce 10th installment of "Operation Medicine Cabinet" on Saturday, Oct. 26, coincides with the federal Drug Enforcement Administration's National Take Back Day.

Operation Medicine Cabinet is an opportunity for citizens to discard unused or expired prescription medications. The event is part of a multi-agency effort aimed at addressing the problem of prescription drug abuse. An added bonus is the benefit to helping keep a clean environment.

Citizens are invited to stop by any one of eight locations from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to drop off their unused and expired prescription medications for safe collection and disposal - no questions asked.

South County Locations:

- Lobby of the St. Petersburg Police Department, 1300 First Ave. N., St. Petersburg
- Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S., Gulfport
- St. Pete Beach Rec Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive, St. Pete Beach
- Mid County Locations:
- Pinellas Park Police Department, 7700 59th St. N., Pinellas Park
- Front lot of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Administration Building, 10750 Ulmerton Road, Largo
- Sweetbay Supermarket, 2460 East Bay Drive, Largo

North County Locations:

- Westfield Countryside Mall, between LA Fitness & JC Penney's, 27001 U.S. 19 N., Clearwater
  - Front parking lot of the Pinellas County Sheriff's North District Station, 737 Loudon Ave., Dunedin
- Operation Medicine Cabinet is designed to educate the public and raise awareness about the problem of prescription drugs abuse. The problem has



Graphic courtesy of PCSO

Operation Medicine Cabinet is Saturday, Oct. 26, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

reached epidemic proportions, with prescription drugs as the number one abused drug in the United States, surpassing all other illicit drugs.

Please be aware that no bio-hazards or needles will be accepted and that the program is intended for private citizens of Pinellas County and not for commercial use.

As a reminder, drop off sites are not located inside the stores but in the parking lot areas. Residents should look for a law enforcement presence at each of the selected drop-off sites.

Also, be aware that the drop-off containers inside the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Central Station (Largo) and North District Station (Dunedin) will be temporarily closed during the countywide event.

Operation Medicine Cabinet began in May 2009. The events are scheduled semi-annually. The OMC events, along with OMC's permanent drop-off containers within the community, have collected nearly 13,625 pounds of medications as of May of 2013.

For more information, call the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Public Information Office at 582-6221.

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# Board votes to end reservoir case

By SUZETTE PORTER

CLEARWATER – Tampa Bay Water's board of directors voted, 8-0, Oct. 21 to pay HDR Engineering's legal fees and costs, totaling about \$21 million.

The vote signals the end of litigation against HDR Engineering over the failed soil-cement liner in the C.W. Bill Young Regional Reservoir. The fees include costs for the trial, post-trial proceedings and the appeal. The costs will be paid through funds on hand and they will not directly affect water rates, according to a press release.

"While the outcome has fallen well short of our expectations and was not favorable for the agency, we firmly believe that trying to recoup the public's investment through legal action was the right decision," said Pinellas County Commissioner Susan Latvala, board chair for Tampa Bay Water. "We fought hard for what is right, and now we have to do what is in the best interest of the agency and the community to bring this chapter to a close."

The United States Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals issued an opinion Sept. 23 agreeing with the judgment of the trial court in the case of the cracked soil-cement at the reservoir.

Tampa Bay Water filed a federal lawsuit in December 2008 against HDR, as well as the contractor Barnard Construction and the construction manager CDG after cracks were discovered in the reservoir's interior soil-cement lining.

Tampa Bay Water's board rejected a \$30 million settlement offer from HDR after the board's advisers estimated the agency could get as much as \$97 if they won the lawsuit.

A federal jury ruled against Tampa Bay Water April 10, saying that HDR "did not breach its standard of care" when designing the C.W. Bill Young Regional Reservoir.

The reservoir began operation in 2005 and provides water storage for Tampa Bay Water's regional system during the dry season, at which time water is pumped from the reservoir to the surface water treatment plant and then on to the customer.

Cracks were found in the flat-plate, soil-cement, erosion-control layer lining of the reservoir's interior during an inspection in December 2006. After studies and data analysis of the problem by consulting engineers, Tampa Bay Water's system engineer said in a June 2009 report that the reservoir was safe



Photo courtesy of TAMPA BAY WATER

**This alligator doesn't mind the cracks in the cement lining of the C.W. Bill Young Regional Reservoir. Repairs to fix the problem should be complete by the end of 2014.**

and could be fixed.

Tampa Bay Water spent the next two years looking for the right solution and the right firm to do the work. A \$162 million contract was awarded to design-builder Kiewit Infrastructure South in August 2011 to renovate the reservoir and, upon staff's recommendation, increase its storage capacity by 3 billion gallons.

Of the \$162 million, officials said \$42 million would be used to increase the storage capacity, and \$120 million was allocated to the reservoir's renovation. About \$6 billion was set aside for unforeseen costs.

Work is scheduled to occur in two phases. Tampa Bay Water funded the \$15 million needed for the first phase through existing bond proceeds, resulting in no rate impact for customers in the near-term. The reservoir is currently closed as repairs continue. The facility expected to be fully operational by the end of 2014.

"This long-term fix ensures that the region's reservoir, a key component of our surface water system, is reliable and serving the region for the long-term," Tampa Bay Water said in the press release.

Tampa Bay Water provides wholesale water to the public utility systems of Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas counties, as well as the cities of New Port Richey, St. Petersburg and Tampa. More information about Tampa Bay Water is available at [www.tampabaywater.org](http://www.tampabaywater.org).

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fair to the applicant to have to wait."

A quorum is four members, she said, and even if four members can make it to a meeting, decisions have to be unanimous. She said applicants are given the option to table the matter until more members can attend.

"But it is a hardship on the applicants and contractors trying to keep a schedule," she said.

Variations are required anytime someone wants to build something that does not comply with the city's code. Residents apply for building permits from the county, but the county won't grant them if they see something in the plans that violate code. Residents have to go to the board of adjustment for permission via a variance.

Gonzalez said variances could be needed because a project encroaches on setbacks or perhaps plans for a fence call for it to be higher than the code allows. She gave an example of a recent project where residents living in a two-story home wanted to build a staircase from the second story down to the garage. City code didn't allow them to build as planned, so they had to go before the board of adjustments.

If resident says yes to the referendum, many problems would be solved, she said.

"We owe our residents the courtesy of being able to do this (grant variances) in a timely manner," she said.

## All mail ballot elections

The Belleair Beach Nov. 5 election marks the fourth all-mail ballot election conducted by Pinellas County's Election Office. All registered voters within the city should have received their ballot. Anyone who has not received a ballot should call the Elections Office at 464-vote (8683).

Mail-only election ballots are the same as those used for a regular election. However, voters must add their address of their home to the envelope they are required to sign. Ballots must be returned by mail or in person to a Supervisor of Elections Office by 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5.

The last date a ballot can be mailed is Nov. 1; however, residents, who are registered to vote and have not received a ballot, can pick one up at an Elections Office. Ballots must be returned by 7 p.m. Nov. 5.

For more information, call Patti Gentry, Belleair Beach city clerk, at 595-4646, ext. 124, or visit [VotePinellas.com](http://VotePinellas.com).

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As Halloween nears, pumpkin patches materialize in vacant lots and devilish decorations appear in front yards. Those busily preparing for a zombie apocalypse have added bushels of candy to their acquisition list: On Oct. 31, dispersing the ghouls and goblins congregating on the front porch will require the distribution of candy bars and similar goodies. During this creepy season, communities throughout Pinellas and around the Tampa Bay area play host to horrifying haunted houses, fiendishly fun festivals and tantalizing trick-or-treating.

Following is a list of community events around the area:

### Belleair

The Belleair Parks and Recreation Department and the Belleair Civic Association will host the town's spook-tacular Halloween Party and Haunted House on Saturday, Oct. 26, 5 to 8:30 p.m., at the Dimmitt Community Center, 918 Osceola Road.

The event will feature a free pizza dinner, costume contest, Trick-or-Treat Trail, Not-So-Scary Maze, Haunted House, Haunted Trolley Ride, Bounce Houses and prizes. For information, call 518-3728.

### Belleair Bluffs

The Thorn Collection and Petal & Vine will host the Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze Pumpkin Carving Contest Thursday, Oct. 24, 6 to 8 p.m., at 598 Indian Rocks Road N.

Participants should bring their own carved pumpkin for judging. No artificial pumpkins will be allowed. Costumes are encouraged - the scarier the better, though cute is perfect, too. Prizes of \$100 will be awarded in four age groups, including 4 to 7; 8 to 11; 12 to 15; and adult. A panel of frightfully fantastic witches, warlocks and other creepy characters will begin the pumpkin-judging competition promptly at 6:30 p.m. Pumpkins must be in place by 6 p.m.

Pumpkin carving contestants should register by Sunday, Oct. 20. To register, call 432-9019. Hair Factor Salon and Day Spa of Dunedin also will be on hand to give temporary pink hair streaks as part of their Streak for the Cure campaign to benefit the Morton Plant Mease Foundation's Mammogram Voucher Program. Streaks will cost \$20 apiece.

This spook-tacular and spine-chilling family event is presented by The Thorn Collection of Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate and Petal & Vine Garden Shop and Market.

### Clearwater

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

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

There is no admission fee and no tickets are necessary; however, the church suggests attendees make a free will donation to Captive.

For information, call 461-1717 or visit goodsamaritan-swfl.org.

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A Halloween party will be presented Saturday, Oct. 26, 8 p.m. to 3 a.m., at the Sage Supper Club, 22 N. Fort Harrison Ave.

Best costume will win \$500 cash. There will be a DJ on hand spinning favorite tunes and there will be drink specials all night.

For information, call 442-6100.

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The Magic Tree House Halloween Party will be presented Friday, Oct. 25, 2 to 3:30 p.m., at Clearwater Main Library, 100 N. Osceola Ave.

Children up to age 12 are invited to enjoy activities associated with Mary Pope Osborne's "Magic Tree House" book series featuring titles such as "Mummies in the Morning," "Ghost Town at Sundown," "Haunted Castle on Halloween's Eve" and "Good Night for Ghosts." Costumes are encouraged but not required.

Participants are invited to stay after this free event and join in the library's annual in-house Halloween story and costume parade.

For information, call 562-4970 or visit www.myclearwater.com/cpl.

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Boo Bash is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 31, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Bright House Field, 601 N. Old Coachman Road.

This free event is a safe community Halloween celebration, featuring many interactive areas for kids, including games, hayrides, a Haunted House, and plenty of candy.

For information, call 467-4457 or visit www.thresherbaseball.com.

### Dunedin

The 16th annual Halloween in the Park will take place Friday and Saturday, Oct. 25-26, 6 to 10 p.m., in the picnic area at Honeymoon Island State Park.

Honeymoon Island State Park is located at the extreme west end of State Road 586, north of Dunedin.

The event provides a safe alternative to trick-or-treating sponsored by the Friends of the Island Parks and the Florida Park Service. There will be face painting for the kids, fortune telling for the parents, games, storytelling with the Dunedin Library on Saturday night, food and fun. There is a scary trail for the older children and adults complete with a haunted house. Attendees should bring a flashlight, a bag for collecting candy and insect repellent.

Cost is \$10, which includes 10 free game tickets. Annual passes are not valid for this after-hours event.

Volunteers are needed. To volunteer, call Karen Malo at 462-6187 or email karen.malo@dep.state.fl.us.

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### Gulfport

The City of Imagination will host Poe's House of Horrors: 10 Aspects of Death, running Oct. 24 through Nov. 2, at the Gulfport Arts Center, 2726 54th St. S.

The event will be presented nightly, except for Monday, Oct. 28, 7 to 10 p.m.

The experience offers a self-guided walking tour of three-dimensional scenic art addressing various fears and questions about death. The exhibit also illustrates how Edgar Allan Poe exploited these fears in creating his classic tales of horror.

Suggested admission is \$10. For information, call 259-8734.

### Indian Rocks Beach

The city will host its annual pumpkin carving Saturday, Oct. 26, 11

a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Kolb Park, 1507 Bay Palm Blvd. Registration for the event, which is for ages 4 to 12, will be at the Indian Rocks Beach Library and City Hall.

In the event of rain, the pumpkin carving will take place in Pilgrim Hall at the Church of the Isles.

For information, call Joan Johnstone at 517-0404 Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. or Randy Schwab at 595-6889 Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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JD's Restaurant and Lounge will host its Big Halloween Party on Friday, Oct. 25, at 125 Gulf Blvd.

The event will feature door prizes and a costume contest with more than \$175 in prizes. There also will be live music and drink specials.

On Halloween night, Thursday, Oct. 31, kids in costume will eat free off the restaurant's "goblin menu."

For information, call 595-1320 or visit JdsRestaurant.com.

### Largo

Halloween Spooktacular for Kids will be presented Saturday, Oct. 26, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Armed Forces History Museum, 2050 34th Way N.

Specifically geared for the little ones, children will make their own trick or treat bags, go on a scavenger hunt throughout the museum for treats, play games, participate in arts and crafts take home projects, a costume contest, prizes, and decorate their own cookies and cupcakes.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for youths age 4 to 12.

For tickets, call 539-8371 or visit armedforcesmuseum.com.

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Owl-O-Ween will be presented Tuesday, Oct. 29, 6 to 8 p.m., at George C. McGough Nature Park, 11901 146th St. N.

Attendees will trick-or-treat along the park's haunted trail in search of bats, owls, ghosts and ghouls. The event will feature crafts, games, live animals programs, and s'mores by the campfire. This event is fun for the whole family. Cost is \$5 a person. Children age 2 and younger are free.

For information, call 518-3047.

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The Monster Mash Zumba Bash will be offered Saturday, Oct. 19, 6 p.m., at Highland Recreation Complex, 400 Highland Ave.

Attendees will enjoy nonstop Zumba in a super-fun atmosphere with health and beauty vendors, healthy snacks and raffle prizes.

Cost is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Child care will be available for potty-trained 3- to 10-year-olds for an additional \$5.

Call 518-3016.

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The 19th annual Halloween Spooktacular will take place Saturday, Oct. 26, noon to 6 p.m., at Largo Central Park, 101 Central Park Drive.

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. Attendees also may park for free and walk from Everest University and Largo Middle School.

### Madeira Beach

A Ghost Tour of John's Pass is offered Saturdays and Sundays, 8 p.m. The tour departs from Hubbard's Marina Information Booth under the boardwalk,

150 Boardwalk Place W.

Visitors will venture on a tour of the boardwalk and village, hearing tales of buried treasure, pirates, eerie tragedies, and modern day hauntings.

Cost is \$15 a person for adults and \$10 a person for children ages 4 to 12. For reservations and other tour locations, call 894-4678 or visit www.ghosttour.com.

The ghost stories shared on the tour are all based on research and interviews. Some of the stories stem from recent firsthand experiences; others date back hundreds of years. The tours are based on the book "Ghost Stories of St. Petersburg, FL" by Tim Reeser, available in bookstores and at www.ghostlore.com.

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The 32nd annual John's Pass Seafood Festival and Arts & Craft Show is set Friday, Oct. 25 through Sunday, Oct. 27, at John's Pass Village.

Hours are Friday, 3 to 11 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Admission is free. The annual Halloween Ball will be Friday from 7 to 11 p.m.

For vendor information, call SIK Promotions at 322-5217.

### Seminole

The Descent Into Darkness Haunted House will be presented Friday and Saturday, Oct. 25-26, 6 to 10 p.m., at Holland G. Mangum Recreation Center, 9100 113th St. N., Seminole.

The Seminole Recreation Division will present Descent Into Darkness, Seminole's premier haunted attraction for six years running. Cost is \$5. On Saturday, guests will enjoy two-for-one entry. The attraction may not be appropriate for small children.

For information, call 391-8345 or visit www.myseminole.com.

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Seminole Recreation will present the ninth annual Field of Screams on Friday, Oct. 25, 6 to 9 p.m., at the Holland G. Mangum Recreation Complex, 9100 113th St., Seminole.

This Seminole community Halloween event will include Seminole's unique "Spook Zone" which includes bounce houses, inflatable slides and obstacle courses, costume contest, family photo area, and free Halloween candy. This festive event will appeal to all ages and will be fun for the entire family. Attendees may come dressed in costume.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Cost of participation in the spook zone is \$5 and includes unlimited play in bounce houses and carnival games.



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# Pinellas County bed tax collections may hit new high mark

By SUZETTE PORTER

CLEARWATER – Pinellas County's tourist development tax, aka the bed tax, is on point to break an all-time record.

With August revenue totaled, the 5 percent tax collected on accommodations rented for less than six months for 2013 is up to \$28.8 million. And there's one more month to go.

"We're right on track to break \$30 million," D.T. Minich, Convention & Visitors Bureau director, reported at the Tourist Development Council's Oct. 16 meeting.

If the \$30 million mark is reached, Pinellas will become a high impact tax county – one of only six in the state.

"Then we'll move into a whole new realm," he said. Qualifying as a high impact tax county would allow the TDC to collect a 6 percent tourist tax, providing more money to pay for the cost of maintaining a high quality destination.

TDC tax funds the Tourist Development Council and Convention & Visitors Bureau. Currently 54 percent of the money collected goes to pay for marketing and operations, 19 percent for debt service, 9

percent for beach nourishment, 2 percent goes to the tax collector and 16 percent is set aside for reserves.

Dennis Long with the county attorney's office explained that once the county qualifies it would remain a high impact tax county even if collections fall short of \$30 million in subsequent years.

"You don't have to re-qualify each year," he said. "\$30 million is a big benchmark," Minich added.

## Tampa Bay's beaches

Mary Delong with BVK Advertising reported on results of a survey done to find out the effect of Visit Tampa Bay's new name on local tourism.

"St. Petersburg-Clearwater combined to make a better destination by a large margin," she said.

The only exception was dining. "All the most important attributes for a warm-weather destination except for dining, (St. Petersburg-Clearwater) was considered best," she said.

First time and potential visitors as well as returning visitors were asked a set of questions to determine perception between the two markets. Pinellas was the clear winner for its beaches with a brand personality that says fun, friendly, clean, family, fresh, vibrant



Screenshot by SUZETTE PORTER  
D.T. Minich, Convention & Visitors Bureau director, tells the Tourist Development Council that the county is close to reaching the \$30 million mark in bed tax collections Oct. 16. If the \$30 million mark is reached, Pinellas will become a high impact tax county – one of only six in the state.

and exciting, Delong said. Tampa didn't have a clear brand, but people identified with Busch Gardens, modern, urban and business-oriented.

Tampa complemented Pinellas with its profession-

al sports offerings, its city-urban vibe and the airport, she said. However, St. Petersburg-Clearwater was "better in every way," according to those surveyed.

The only misconception noted in the report is that visitors don't discern that Tampa Bay's beaches aren't located in Tampa, but instead are across the bridge in Pinellas County.

Minich pointed to a couple of events that could boost the area's rating for dining, thanks to two \$500,000 grants from BP and a partnership with the Home Shopping Network.

The St. Pete & the Bay Area Festival of Food, Wine and the Arts, Friday through Sunday, Nov. 15-17, will bring in 18 celebrity chefs for three days of culinary delights, featuring Gulf seafood.

"This is going to change the perception," he said. Another festival in Clearwater planned for 2014 will center on the same theme, making it clear that Pinellas does have fine dining to offer its visitors.

David Downing, CVB assistant director, said BP's grants were very specific in their requirements.

Events paid for with BP money has to have a seafood component, Minich said.

"They have to promote the quality of Gulf seafood," he said.

## Briefs

### Shop and Stroll set

ST. PETERSBURG – Shop and Stroll, a free monthly event, will be offered Tuesday, Nov. 5, 9:30 a.m., at The Posh Tot, 7232 Central Ave.

The Posh Tot, an infant and toddler boutique, and Baby Boot Camp, a mom and child fitness program, will come together to host Shop and Stroll on first Tuesdays.

Moms will come to The Posh Tot with their strollers and children. Soon-to-be moms also are welcome to attend. Attendees will then make the walk to the end of the block to Sunset Park, on the corner of Central Avenue and Park Street, for a one-hour workout. The workout is a stroller fitness program that helps moms regain or enhance pre-pregnancy fitness levels and meet the physical challenges of parenting by emphasizing strength training in a supportive environment. After our workout, a special guest will provide a fun activity for parent and child. On Nov. 5, the program will be You and Me & Music Together.

For information, call Breanna Fuino at 498-8659 or visit [www.theposhtotboutique.com](http://www.theposhtotboutique.com).

### HEP Thrift Store to reopen

CLEARWATER – A grand reopening event will take place Saturday, Nov. 2, 9 a.m., at the Homeless Emergency Project Thrift Store, at 1212 North Betty Lane.

The store boasts 13,000 square feet of gently used clothing, furniture, antiques and collectables.

The store recently underwent a rebranding initiative to generate awareness and to create a more pleasant shopping environment. Initially, the rebranding was designed to bring awareness to the store's tie-in with the Homeless Emergency Project, located one block from the store.

"There was a definite disconnect between the public and our mission," said Jannie Dupre in a press release. Dupre is the HEP Thrift Store manager. "I don't think our customers realized how much they were helping our community by shopping here,

and we wanted to inform them."

During the grand reopening event, the entire store will be marked 50 percent off, with no exceptions. The event also will include food and drink vendors throughout the day. To make donations or contact the HEP Thrift Store for more information, call 442-9041, ext. 330, or email [ashleyc@ethep.org](mailto:ashleyc@ethep.org).

In addition to the new look, the store has incorporated a new tagline throughout its materials and messaging: "Changing lives with every purchase."

"It helps our customers to realize that we're not just a typical thrift store," Jannie said. "We have a mission to better our community by helping others."

A welcome side-effect from the efforts to create more awareness about the HEP Thrift Store and the organization's mission, the space became a more pleasant shopping environment for store patrons. Signs now direct shoppers to different departments,

a TV donated by a local Wal-Mart provides a rotating stream of information about HEP and the population it serves, and the store has an overall more organized and welcoming feel.

HEP is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization providing homeless individuals and families with housing, food, clothing and supportive services necessary to obtain self-sufficiency and improved quality of life.

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# VA employees are dedicated to quality healthcare

As the State of Florida officially observes Healthcare Quality Week Oct. 20-26, I recognize our dedicated VA health care professionals for the work they do to provide the very best health care to our nation's heroes.



**As I See It**  
Suzanne Klinker

At Bay Pines, our dedicated employees – many of whom are veterans themselves – come to work every day at our medical center located in Bay Pines and clinics across southwest Florida to deliver high quality health care that is personalized, proactive and patient-driven. They pride themselves for the work they do not only in their own profession, but also for the personalized attention they are able to provide to each Veteran, each family, while honoring service and empowering health.

It is by no coincidence that our health care quality achievements are reflective of this unique and personalized model of health care delivery; a model recognized nationally as a best performer.

Just this year, our organization celebrated several successful accreditations. Most notably, we were accredited by The Joint Commission in several program areas to include hospital, behavioral health, long-term care and home care. The Joint Commission accreditation and certification is recognized nationwide as a true symbol of health care quality. It is reflective of an organization's commitment to delivering safe, high quality health care. In addition, we received accreditation or certifications from the Long Term Care Institute, Food and Drug Administration, American Association of Blood Banks, Nuclear Regulatory Commission – National Health Physics Program, and American College of Radiology.

At Bay Pines, as we celebrate Healthcare Quality Week, I extend personal appreciation to our dedicated professionals as they continue to deliver the very best health care our nation has to offer. I would be remiss if I did not thank the men and women – our nation's heroes – for whom we have the privilege and honor to serve. Thank you for entrusting us with your health care, and most importantly, thank you for your courage, sacrifice, and service to this great nation. You are the reason why we are all here and why we strive to provide the best care anywhere.

*Suzanne Klinker is director of Bay Pines VA Healthcare System.*

## LETTERS

### Put Congress on a diet

**Editor:**

If Obama wants to get a positive response from Congress, he should start targeting their pork barrel projects for shutdown. Watch how fast they fall in line.

For example, instead of cutting off school children's meals, how about cutting off Congress's free meals, along with their thousands of aides?

The cost of feeding one congressman would easily feed 25 to 50 children.

**Les Milewski**  
Seminole

### Vote no on aquarium proposal

**Editor:**

Clearwater voters should be alert to a very serious flaw in the proposed long-term lease of our valuable City Hall property before our Nov. 5 referendum vote. We should note carefully that the \$250,000 annual fee to be paid by the CMA has no inflation clause. Many of us are old enough to remember 60 years ago when a new sedan cost about \$3,000 rather than \$25,000, when gasoline sold for 29 cents a gallon rather than \$3.25, and when a postage stamp cost 3 cents rather than 45 cents. Like it or not, inflation is a way of life, and we can only imagine how much the purchasing power of \$250,000 will shrivel over the next 60 years. So, to avoid leaving an unfair legacy to future Clearwater citizens, I urge you to vote no on the referendum ballot.

**Bioll Schwob,**  
Clearwater

### Kudos to Belleair police

**Editor:**

Several weeks ago, my wife and I drove to North Carolina. Several hours into the trip we stopped at a rest stop only to discover I had left the tailgate of the truck open and almost everything we had packed was gone. One of the missing items was a small suitcase containing my Apple laptop and a mini I-pad. After arriving in Charlotte, using the "Find my Device" app on my I-phone, I could see where these devices were located on the map. Obviously someone had found them because they were no longer along our route and they were still within a few miles of our home. After contacting the Belleair Police Dept., Officer Jeff Clark went to that location and managed to locate the specific individuals that had our suitcase.

While their attitude was apparently one of "finders – keepers," Officer Clark was able to retrieve our suitcase along with the majority of its contents, including all my electronic devices. So thank you to the Belleair Police Department, and especially to Officer Clark, who went way above the call of duty to retrieve our lost suitcase. We love having our own Police Department in Belleair.

**Landon Roach**  
Belleair

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## Election letters

The deadline to submit letters pertaining to the Nov. 5 election has passed. Tampa Bay Newspapers will not print any more letters pertaining to the election unless they are in rebuttal to letters that ran in previous editions.

# Tips on kick-starting the new day

At last count, scientists have described 413 different ways to start the day. The great variation is due to the many circumstances people find themselves in, as well as the personalities of the people themselves. In this column I will list only a few of the methods people employ to get underway each morning.

**THE PERSON WITH A JOB.** Many persons are employed, although today many others are not. If I am lucky enough to have a paying job and need the income, an effective way to get going each day is to picture myself living beneath a bridge with no food, no coffee, no TV and no cellphone.

In other words, none of life's essentials. This will be my fate if I don't stir my stumps. So I stir them.

**THE WOMAN.** Unlike men, most women care how they look. Whether they're 18 or 80, they usually disapprove of their appearance when they wake up each day. Their initial move is to go into the bathroom, peer into the mirror, and groan. "Oh, God." Then they begin to transform their faces, their bodies and their clothing.

The steps they often take to achieve this are too numerous to list. Whatever the result, these women deserve our applause and great credit for their efforts.

**THE PERSON WITH SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN.** The opening activity of such a person (let's call her Lois) is screaming. She may begin softly, but as the little tykes fail to respond, Lois has no choice but to raise the volume and the threat level. "If you're not up and moving in three minutes, I'll feed you castor oil. Here, take a sniff of the bottle!" That often does the trick.

**CURSING THE KITCHEN.** The first action



**Driver's Seat**  
Bob Driver

of thousands of Americans, usually single men, is to stagger into the kitchen to make coffee. Upon viewing the disgusting wreckage from last night's TV or alcohol binge, the guy stands there and curses the dirty pots and pans, the dishware, the odors, himself, Jimmy Kimmel, his ex-wife, and anything else he can think of. This is not a good way to start the day. A better idea is to spend 10 minutes of cleanup duty the night before.

**THE ATTACKING WARRIOR.** As you roll out of bed each day, do you often feel as if fate, circumstance and people are against you, determined to cause you misery and make you fail? Of course you do. We all do. The reason: we are indeed at war with life. The solution: we fight back. As our feet hit the floor, we assume the attitude of the warrior, the soldier, and the knight who will not be defeated. As the day wears on, we view every problem and opponent as an enemy to be slaughtered. This technique for starting the day can be stimulating and helpful. Of course, it also can get you fired or put in jail.

**THE PASSIVIST.** This is the polar opposite to the attacking warrior. The passivist's default attitude as he/she wakes up is "Whatever. Let it happen. What – me worry?" Passivists don't exactly surrender to life; they just ignore it. They relax. They accept life

and the universe in its entirety. They practice the philosophy of New England Patriots head coach Bill Belichick: "It is what it is."

**MEDITATION.** This ancient practice usually requires a person to sit quietly for two or 20 minutes, chant "Ommm" or "Punx-sutawney," and – if possible – stay awake. During this time the blood starts to circulate.

Nighttime dreams fade. Yesterday's stock market quotes return. The lyrics to "Bye, Bye, Miss American Pie" enter your mind. If these things happen to you while you meditate, you're doing it wrong. You should start over. But at least you've got your day underway. Sort of.

**PRAYER.** Even if you're not religious in the conventional sense, prayer is an excellent thing to do as each day begins.

You can pray to whomever or whatever you wish – God, fate, the universe, Ted Cruz, Buddha, Deepok Chopra, the spirit of your dead spaniel, or your IRS adjuster. I know at least one man (an avowed agnostic) whose morning prayer is "Baby Jesus, stick with me." (He says he does this "just in case.") I've heard that the most effective prayers are those that ask for the petitioner's mind and outlook to be altered, rather than for the world to be changed.

**TUNE IN TO MORNING TV TALKS SHOW.** After 10 minutes of watching peppy, cheerful panelists chuckling and interrupting each other, you'll either be bored silly or consumed with rage that such consummate rubbish is allowed to pollute America's homes. But at least you'll have begun your day.

*Bob Driver is a former columnist for the Clearwater Sun.*



# Be safe; avoid walking into danger

October brings coolness to the air and the desire to enjoy the outdoors. But while walking in Pinellas County can be fun and practical, it also can be dangerous.

The Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater area has been named the nation's second most dangerous place for pedestrians (only the Orlando metro area is more dangerous). As a whole, Florida has the highest rate of pedestrian deaths in the entire United States.

Agencies and citizens' groups at the local and state level are working to increase pedestrian safety by adding sidewalks and improving street lighting and signs. Those changes help, but changes you can make will help even more.

Whether you walk for exercise, as a way to commute to work or school, or simply to marvel at the local wildlife, here are a few tips to help you stay alert and stay alive:

- Never assume that a car will stop for you
- You cannot be certain that a car will avoid you or stop for you if you are in the roadway. Maybe his or her cell phone distracts the driver. Maybe the driver is eating a cheeseburger with one hand and tuning the radio with the other. Maybe the driver simply cannot see you because of darkness, weather conditions, or your position in relation to the driver's car. You cannot avoid what you cannot see.

A special note for our area: Tourists flock to Pinellas County beaches every year by the thousands. Because these drivers are generally unfamiliar with the local roads, some may end up focusing too much on directions, maps, or simply wondering "are we there yet?"



**As I See It**  
Charlene Cobb

to notice you.

- Obey traffic signals
- Crosswalks, "walk" and "don't walk" signals, and traffic lights exist for your safety. Always cross at crosswalks, and always wait for the walk signal. Never hurry across a road with the idea that you can "beat" the car heading toward you. The consequences can be deadly.

- Use the sidewalk
- Whenever possible, walk on sidewalks. You may want to plan ahead and choose the route that provides the most sidewalks. If you must walk on a road without a sidewalk, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration recommends that you walk facing oncoming traffic. That way, you will have a clear view of approaching cars.

- Be aware of your surroundings
- "Distracted walking" can be just as dangerous as distracted driving. Pay attention to your route, the cars around you, and all traffic signs. If you have ear buds or headphones on, take them off and look both ways before crossing the street. You can't hear a car if your music is blocking the sound around you.

Although your mobile phone can be an asset in an emergency, it can be a dangerous

distraction while you walk. If you are looking at your phone screen, you are not paying attention to your surroundings. Texting, Web surfing, or updating your Facebook status can wait until you arrive at your destination.

- Be extra careful walking at night
- Nights tend to be more dangerous for pedestrians because the darkness limits sight distance and clarity for walkers and drivers alike. Stay in well-lit areas whenever possible and wear light-colored reflective clothing.

In particular, Halloween brings out more children walking in your neighborhoods. According to Safe Kids Worldwide, children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car and killed on Halloween than any other day of the year. Children old enough to walk alone should carry a light stick or flashlight to be more noticeable to drivers. Also, decorate costumes with reflective tape.

- Avoid alcohol and drugs
- Alcohol or drug use – on the part of a driver or a pedestrian – makes it more likely that the pedestrian will be seriously injured or killed in an accident. If you are intoxicated, your safest option is to use a designated driver, call a cab, or take public transportation. This could save your life and the lives of others.

*Charlene Cobb, community outreach coordinator for Sunstar Paramedics, has been a paramedic, training officer, education coordinator and community education specialist in her career. Sunstar has launched a new initiative designed to promote safety in Pinellas called "Stay Alert, Stay Alive." Visit [www.SunstarEMS.com/public-safety](http://www.SunstarEMS.com/public-safety) for more information.*

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# Local filmmaker kicks off second season of travel show

By TIFFANY RAZZANO

SEMINOLE - "Travel Thru History," an educational travel show created by Seminole High School grad and Red 5 Creative co-founder John DeMaio, kicked off its second season earlier this month with a trip to Miami.

Geared toward a teenage audience and their families, each episode visits and explores a diverse destination around the globe. The goal is to teach its viewers about each city's roots, history and heritage.

"It's an educational show intended for teens, but has a larger audience," DeMaio said. "Older viewers can take away something from it as well. The idea was we didn't want to talk down to kids."

Locales from the upcoming season include Louisville, New Orleans, Belize and even St. Petersburg.

"We've been to a lot of really cool places, but it was really cool to film the show at home," DeMaio said.

The St. Petersburg episode airs Jan. 11, 2014 and visit a variety of familiar locations including The Dali Museum, The Holocaust Museum, The St. Petersburg Museum of History, Fort De Soto Park, and the Ted Williams Museum at Tropicana Field.

The show was nominated for a Daytime Emmy Award for Outstanding Achievement in Single Camera Video this past June. While DeMaio and his business partner, Joe Dorsey, didn't win, DeMaio said simply

being nominated for the award was enough. The pair traveled to Los Angeles for the awards ceremony and luncheon, and got to brush elbows with the creative minds behind popular soap operas, "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" and other giants of daytime TV.

"For our little show, it was kind of a big deal for us," DeMaio said. "It was weird being part of it."

"It is extremely rare for an educational show with a small crew like ours to be recognized with a national Daytime Emmy award nomination, but our team endeavored to make it a reality, and we couldn't be more thrilled," said Dorsey in a press release.

DeMaio graduated from Seminole High School in 1994 and went on to attend the University of Central Florida, where he majored in communications with a focus on radio and television.

After graduation, he stayed in Orlando, doing some work for Skyline Teleproductions and Fox 35. He began focusing on freelance work in 2001 and eventually formed Red 5 Creative with Dorsey. For the past five years, he's worked as director of photography and an editor for Walt Disney World Creative Entertainment.

Travel Thru History airs on both weekend days - the current season on Saturdays and first season episodes on Sundays - on the MeTV network. Visit [metvnetwork.com/wherewatch.php](http://metvnetwork.com/wherewatch.php) for more information on where to view the show. For more information about the show, visit [www.travelthruhistory.tv](http://www.travelthruhistory.tv) or [www.facebook.com/travelthruhistory](http://www.facebook.com/travelthruhistory).



John DeMaio, left, with Joe Dorsey, his business partner and co-founder of Red 5 Creative, while filming the Las Vegas episode of "Travel Thru History."

## Volunteers needed for 'Make a Difference Day' Oct. 26

Volunteers will be making a difference throughout Pinellas County Saturday, Oct. 26.

The Juvenile Welfare Board is coordinating a countywide initiative to commemorate the 23rd annual Make a Difference Day, the nation's largest day of community service.

JWB has partnered with many of its neighborhood family centers and well-established community events to identify volunteer opportunities for its employees, board members, community council members, supporters, partners and "family of" as Pinellas unites together to strengthen children, families and communities, according to Joseph Gallina, JWP public information officer.

The opportunities for support vary per project, but all provide a service that organizers say will truly make a difference in Pinellas County's communities. Space may be limited at project locations, so volunteers are urged to sign up fast.

JWB created an event page on the national Make a Difference Day website [makeadifference.com](http://makeadifference.com)

day.com/event/44311. Anyone interested in signing up for one of the events, should email [communications@jwbpinellas.org](mailto:communications@jwbpinellas.org) with the following information:

- Project site of choice
- Full name and contact phone number
- Full names of friends/family members volunteering with you
- Preferred volunteer shift (if applicable)

Volunteer opportunities are scheduled at seven different locations.

• Six volunteers are needed at the Lealman/Asian Neighborhood Family Center, 4255 56th Ave. N., St. Petersburg, from 8 a.m. to noon, to wash windows.

• Twelve volunteers are requested for a communitywide cleanup from 9 a.m. to noon at the High-

point Neighborhood Family Center, 5812 150th Ave. N., Clearwater.

• Twelve people are needed from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Mattie Williams/Safety Harbor Neighborhood Family Center, 1003 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St. N., Safety Harbor. Scheduled tasks include organization of the Clothing Closet, mulching of the playground and cleanup of the property.

• Five volunteers are needed to help with garden improvements, weeding and planting from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Greater Ridgecrest Area Youth Development Initiatives, 12601 130th Ave. N., Largo.

• A playground cleanup at the Intercultural Advocacy Institute, 612 Franklin St., Clearwater, needs eight volunteers to work from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

• Citizens Alliance for Progress, Union Academy Family Center, 401 East MLK Drive, Tarpon Springs, needs 12 volunteers from 8 a.m. to noon, to help with a cleanup of the property as well as the historic cemetery grounds.

• Last but not least, 12 volunteers, six per shift, is needed to hand out candy and help with children's arts and crafts projects from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the 19th annual Halloween Spook-tacular at Largo Central Park, 101 Central Park Drive, Largo. Volunteer shifts are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

### Drop (off) Your Drawers drive set

CLEARWATER - The third annual Drop (off) Your Drawers underwear drive is underway at Clothes to Kids.

Each needy school-aged child who shops at Clothes to Kids receives five pairs of new underwear as part of his or her wardrobe. This year, the nonprofit organization will give out more than 67,500 pairs of underwear, and at about \$1.75 per pair, that is an enormous expense. Companies, civic groups, places of worship, schools, and all kinds of organizations and individuals are encouraged to sign up to collect new, unopened packages of underwear until the end of October. After the collection, bring them to a Clothes to Kids store any time in October, either at 1059 N. Hercules Ave., Clearwater, or 3251 Third Ave. N., St. Petersburg.

To sign up and receive flyers, contact Jennifer Jacobs at [jennifer@clothestokids.org](mailto:jennifer@clothestokids.org) or 441-5050, ext. 22. The official collection day is Friday, Oct. 25.

Sizes especially needed are girls sizes 4-16, boys 4-16 (boxers or briefs,) junior girls size 5 and up (bikinis,) and young men, sizes 30 and up (boxers.) Boxers are the most-needed item.

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# DOH-Pinellas offers help with obesity, oral health

As part of its effort to achieve Public Health Accreditation, the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County (DOH-Pinellas) is providing its residents with profiles of obesity and oral health in Pinellas. Other topics exploring the county's health will follow as part of accreditation. The first two areas profiled were selected because obesity and the lack of accessible dental care are priorities in Florida. Pinellas County's health picture in obesity and dental health suggests that more work is needed to meet the state's goal of becoming the healthiest state in the nation. For example, 2010 obesity figures show that 41.6 percent of Pinellas adults were overweight and 24 percent were obese. About 28 percent of middle-school students weren't getting enough vigorous physical ac-

tivity; the figure jumped to 37 percent for those in high school. Among adults, 60 percent did not eat the recommended fruit and vegetable servings and 22.4 percent were sedentary. The dental health profile shows a need for more dentists who accept Medicaid. Of the 1,667 licensed dentists in Pinellas, 25 accepted Medicaid. Only 6.7 percent of Medicaid-eligible adults received dental services in 2011. More than 4,800 Pinellas residents resorted to visiting the emergency room for treatment of dental conditions that preventive, regular dental care could have alleviated, but which Medicaid doesn't cover. The Oral Health and Healthy Weight profiles are posted at [www.PinellasHealth.com](http://www.PinellasHealth.com), with more information and annotated data at [www.pinellashealth.com/HlthProfileRpts.asp](http://www.pinellashealth.com/HlthProfileRpts.asp).

## Health news, events

### Support group to meet

LARGO – A support group for people with lung disease and their loved ones will meet Thursday, Oct. 24, 3 to 4 p.m., at the Largo Community Center, 400 Alt. Keene Road. Attendees will learn to manage their lung disease, such as COPD, and learn skills that help improve their quality of life. The group provides support, education and socialization for those affected by lung disease and their loved ones. Topics include how the lungs work, understanding chronic lung disease, talking to a healthcare provider, tracking symptoms, understanding medications and treatments, exercise programs and emotional and social well-being. Different guest speakers address the group each month. The support group also will meet Thursday, Nov. 14 and Thursday, Dec. 5. Beginning in January, the group will meet second Thursdays, 3 to 4 p.m., at the center. For information, call JoAnn Pugh at 269-1282.

### Interventional Vascular Lab opens

LARGO – A new Interventional Vascular Lab recently opened at Largo Medical Center, 201 14th St. NW. In this lab, physicians can treat their patients who have vascular conditions ranging from diseases of the veins, arteries and lymph vessels to blood disorders that affect a person's circulation. "Largo Medical Center continues to recognize the need for and implement the use of diagnostic techniques, using state-of-the-art, lead-

ing-edge technology," said Anthony Degina in a press release. Degina is CEO of Largo Medical Center. "Some of this lab's incredible technology includes tools specifically developed for the treatment of peripheral vascular disease and for use in interventional procedures that are ancillary to the heart." Some of the area's most well-respected cardiologists, cardiovascular thoracic surgeons, vascular surgeons, interventional radiologists, electrophysiologists and other specialists will be using this lab. "A highlight of all the new high-tech imaging is that it includes a low dose radiation viewing system with 3-D capabilities," said Brenda Simpson, chief nursing officer at Largo Medical Center. "It will minimize risks for our patients by giving surgeons access to the vascular system of veins, arteries and capillaries like never before." Largo Medical Center is a Joint Commission accredited, 425-bed statutory teaching hospital serving the community from two campuses. Visit [www.LargoMedical.com](http://www.LargoMedical.com).

### Breast cancer fundraiser gala set

CLEARWATER – A "Celebrate the TaTas" fundraiser gala is set for Sunday, Oct. 27, 5 p.m., at the St. Petersburg Marriott Clearwater, 12600 Roosevelt Blvd., St. Petersburg. Cost is \$136 per person. The gala will raise funds for breast cancer research at Hadassah Medical Center in Israel, which is the premier medical center in the Middle East known for groundbreaking cancer treatment and research, which is shared throughout the world, according to the event's press release. The gala honoree is Dr. Peter Blumenkrantz, medical di-

### Starkey Parkies meet for first time

LARGO – A new Parkinson's support group called the Starkey Parkies will meet for the first time Thursday, Nov. 7, 1:30 to 3 p.m., in the second floor café at the Grand Villa, 750 Starkey Road in Largo. Due to a growing need in Pinellas County for this type of group to support people with Parkinson's disease, their care partners and special friends, Marcy McCall has taken on this opportunity to facilitate the group. McCall has more than 15 years of experience working with Parkinson's disease, and now works as a patient advocate, educator and research writer for Parkinson's Research Foundation. McCall also co-authored the first edition of the book, "One Hundred Questions and Answers about Parkinson's," with Dr. Abraham Lieberman. All ages are welcome to help establish group goals and enjoy new friends in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. The location is handicap-accessible with good parking. For questions, contact McCall at 813-985-6874 or [mccall.marcy@gmail.com](mailto:mccall.marcy@gmail.com).

rector of comprehensive breast program and cancer services for Morton Plant Mease Health Care. An advance event, Celebrate the TaTas Paint Day, was held recently in Clearwater, where more than 50 models of all shapes and sizes had their torsos painted by female artists. The models were cancer survivors, loved ones of cancer patients and caring members of the community. Female photographers took photographs of the painted models, from the chin to the naval, and the photographs will be exhibited at local galleries prior to being offered for sale at the Oct. 27 event. For information on sponsorship levels or to request an event invitation, email [celebratethetatas@gmail.com](mailto:celebratethetatas@gmail.com) or call Monica at 430-6517.

### Curves to raise Breast Cancer Awareness funds

SEMINOLE – In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Curves for Women in Seminole is offering a contribution opportunity for new members. Through the end of October, Curves for Women in Seminole is providing one package of 10 free workouts for a \$10 contribution to the American Cancer Society for new members. Some restrictions apply. Curves for Women is at 8992 Seminole Blvd. For information, call 320-9737.

### ADDITION, from page 1A

Between 2000 and 2006, retail sales of oxycodone increased 732 percent and sales of methadone increased 1,200 percent. From 1990 to 2001, the diagnosis of substance abuse rose from 628,000 to more than 2.4 million while emergency room visits for adverse reactions to controlled substances increased 152 percent. "This is when we started to become very aware that our efforts to control pain with higher doses was becoming a huge problem," Friedman said.

Especially in Pinellas, Hillsborough, Dade and Broward counties, more and more pain clinics were prescribing high doses of oxycodone and alprazolam, or Xanax. In 2009, death rates in Florida for prescription medication was four times higher than illicit drugs, making it the No. 1 cause of death after car crashes. The face of pain patients Friedman was seeing in his practice dramatically changed. They were younger, and their reasons for pain were more convoluted than the patients he had been seeing. "We were the epicenter of inappropriate prescriptions," he said. "It was at that point that I decided that I lacked enough education to be able to handle this change of environment and patients."

Eight university medical centers across the country began offering an addiction medical fellowship in 2012. Friedman jumped at the chance. "A personal struggle Bagenski came to the fellowship six months after Friedman. They met on Bagenski's first day working in detox unit. For Bagenski, the reasons for wanting specialized training came from his personal experiences with the damaging effects of addiction. Though he knew better as a practicing doctor, Bagenski turned to a habit of drinking amidst a pending divorce and family problems. The disease of addiction eventually involved cocaine. With the help of friends and family, Bagenski went into treatment in 2007 to sober up. When he returned to the practice of medicine, he was inspired to share his own experiences with those who were struggling as he had. "I just felt like there was this area that I needed to explore," he said. "It was ... why I had gone into medicine for in the first place, in a way that had a much deeper meaning to me now because of my own history."

During the fellowship, Bagenski said he saw how addiction affected people from every walk of life, from movie stars, professional athletes and Fortune 500 company executives to "mom and pop and grandma and little kids." "There's no difference in the devastation that's caused," he said. "People can buy more time ... when they have money, but ultimately, the end result is the same: devastation, ruined relationships, ruined lives, death, destruction, horrific disease, illness. It's horrible."

**Comprehensive recovery** Bagenski said treatment at Recovery Resources begins with getting a good history by collecting as much information on the patient as possible. It's this approach that allows the practice to provide more support than Bagenski said he could do in "five-minute meetings" as a family doctor. Patients who will be most suc-



Dr. Charles Friedman

cessful with the outpatient services that Recovery Resources provides are those who can be accountable for their actions as the staff seeks to add better structure and coping skills to their lives. "Ongoing success and ongoing recovery is directly proportional to the effort they put into the program," Bagenski said. "It's a fragile time, early in the recovery. It's our goal to hang on to folks long enough to get them the recovery



Dr. Philip Bagenski

tools that they need." The doctors treat patients through detoxification, counseling, motivational interviews and cognitive behavioral therapy. They also are able to recognize patients who need a higher level of care and refer them accordingly. Patients at Recovery Resources benefit from Friedman's long experience in pain management as well as Bagenski's experience treating chronic diseases that are caused or exacerbated by long-

term abuse of alcohol or drugs. The vision the doctors have for their new practice is ambitious. They want to reverse the epidemic of abuse in Pinellas by helping patients toward abstinence instead of more drugs to treat their addiction. "We see a need for more clinics, but clinics manned by doctors with the appropriate training," Friedman said. They've reached out to local drug courts, to offer their expertise in evaluating those struggling with addiction and in suggesting alternative treatments that don't involve medicines with an abuse or an addiction potential to them. "Many people in the court system are prescribed the very same drugs that they're addicted to," Bagenski said.

For now, their goal is to treat one patient at a time and fight for the miracles that are possible in spite of the widespread tragedy. "It'd be nice to have a clean county. We want to reach as many patients as we can," Friedman said. His colleague agreed.

"I think in my own life, I've been blessed in so many ways," he said. "I'm happy to try to pay this forward, and I plan to spend the rest of my career doing this." Recovery Resources of Florida

is in Suite 215 of the Bardmoor Outpatient Center, at 8839 Bryan Dairy Road in Largo. For more information, visit [www.recoveryresourcesoffl.com](http://www.recoveryresourcesoffl.com) or call 851-9528.



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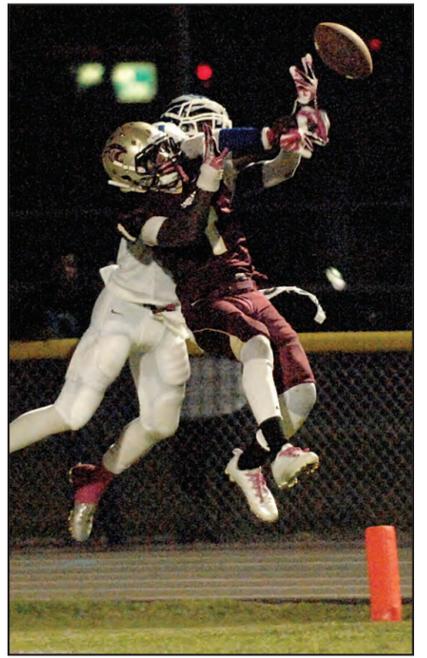
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# East Lake beats Countryside High



Photos by  
**JIM LAYFIELD**

Above, Countryside quarterback Robby Hicks looks for some running room on a keeper pass against East Lake in a high school football game Oct. 18 at Countryside. East Lake traveled to Countryside with a chip on its shoulder, having not beaten the Cougars since 2007. East Lake took control from the start and never let up, scoring on its first three possessions and most possessions afterward. The Eagles defeated Countryside 47-3. At left, Dillon Zettwuch grabs a pass for an East Lake first down. Above right, Countryside's Michael Johnson, (1), breaks up a touchdown pass intended for East Lake's George Campbell. At right, East Lake's Carson Lydon goes airborne in an attempt to tackle Countryside's Johnson (1).



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## Briefs

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Baseball through the church's Recreation Outreach Ministry is open to players ages 5 to 14 and, based on age, these players will either be placed in coed T-Ball, coed coach pitch, boy's baseball, or girl's softball.

The season is 10 games long, including an end of season tournament for players ages 7 and older. All players receive a uniform including a hat, shirt, pants and socks. Medals are given out based on season play standings and trophies for the tournament champs. A multiple child discount is available and should be inquired about upon registration.

Preregistration, coaching, sponsoring and volunteering information is available now at www.reoutreach.com. Questions can be sent to Sherry.Chandler@indianrocks.org or by calling 593-8708.

### Children to compete in sports fest

LARGO - The city of Largo's annual Pee Wee Sports Fest will be Saturday, Nov. 2, at the Highland Recreation Complex, 400 Highland Ave.

Little athletes, ages 4 to 11, will compete in events including a football throw, basketball hot shot, a soccer shoot out, track and obstacle challenges. All children are welcome to compete.

Athletes ages 8 to 11 will start at 9 a.m. and athletes ages 4 to 7 will start at 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$10

per participant, which includes a medal and a T-shirt. Spaces are limited; register by Oct. 30. Visit HighlandRecreation.com or call 518-3016.

### Boot camps offered

LARGO - Tone muscles, build core strength, lose weight and increase overall fitness through weekly boot camps with certified instructors at Largo's Highland Recreation Complex and Largo Central Park.

Beginners are welcome to try out the cardio-focused exercises and drills. Join instructor Kevin Scibbe for boot camp at the park on Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:15 a.m., 101 Central Park Drive. Boot Camp with Instructor Darrell Philip is available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 6 a.m. and 9 a.m., at the Highland complex, 400 Highland Ave.

### Beef'O'Brady's names

#### Student-Athlete of the Week

Maddie Stubs was recently named Beef'O'Brady's Student-Athlete of the Week.



Maddie Stubs

Stubs is captain of the cross-country team. In addition to being a four-time varsity letter winner, she is also a two-time Donut Challenge champion. Her best time for the 5K is 21:15. She also has a 3.95 GPA. Coach Michael Homme said, "Maddie is an extraordinary competitor who always goes above and beyond. As team captain, she leads the team in practice and never shies away from responsibility."

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# Little bubbles of blubber in different shades of gray

The autumn seas are a time of transition the way afternoon is the shift from noon to night. On land, the weather changes leisurely; you have to pay attention. At sea, dolphins also transition leisurely. Again, you have to pay attention because some obvious clues are only obvious in retrospect.



## Dolphin Watch

Ann Weaver

A huge gray dolphin ascended from the sea floor. Exhaling heavily as he cleared the surface, he created a small geyser of water and showered in it. A smaller dolphin rose next to him, breathing the silent breath of a new mother. Her teeny 6-weeks-old baby squirted up between them.

Schnoz, Stick and her baby ambled through jade-colored waters between islands. When Stick's baby blurted to the surface, Schnoz surfaced with it simultaneously.

Experienced adult dolphins do this for newborns. It gives newborns a rhythm to follow and perhaps a wave of water to ride like an invisible magic carpet. The big bull's dorsal fin was enormous compared to the teeny dorsal fin that surfaced in its shadow.

Swimming with newborns is a rare pastime for bottlenose bulls. But Schnoz is a singular bull in many ways. He confirmed this clearly over the dozen times Capt. John Heidemann and I have seen him this year. What Schnoz did not clearly confirm were the many obvious clues he left. It took us all summer to see them. Finally, though, we discovered another of Schnoz' idiosyncrasies. Maybe.

Schnoz' idiosyncrasy pertains to his massive dorsal fin. The dorsal fin is the fin that sticks out of the water when a dolphin surfaces to breathe. What does he do with his fin?

The dolphin dorsal fin is a target for toothraking. Sometimes toothrakes also scrape the narrow front of the dorsal fin. More rarely the front of the fin is scraped but there are no other marks. In a watery world where dolphins avoid docks and other things that could scrape the front of the fin, the front of the fin is difficult to scrape. Thus I note every episode and wonder how they manage it.

One recent September day, Schnoz zinged past like a Ping-Pong ball. I glimpsed the scrape on the front of his fin and wrote: "leading edge wound from this spring is taking a long time to heal. It is as if there is a bulge of blubber pushed out from bottom of wound. Wound is still flesh colored. It will leave a big dent in his dorsal fin."

Remembering that Schnoz had scrapes on the front of his fin last April, I added, "This is an example of how long it can take to heal a

dolphin appendage."

Does it really take six months for a little scrape to heal? When I got home, I looked up that April date. A mystery was at hand. It was soon solved, which is why data are such fun!

The punch line: Schnoz had four consecutive injuries to the front of his fin that looked like one wound that took 6 months to heal!

Wound 1 appeared by April 2013. Squiggly little flesh-colored cuts looked like strands of vermicelli stuck on the fin. Two weeks later, the "vermicelli" had widened into "fettuccine," forming fleshy cracks through the surrounding gray skin. A month later in May, the fleshy fettuccine had faded (healed) to light gray.

Wound 2 soon appeared. By June 2013, Schnoz was toothraked again with a jagged notch on the front of his fin as well. Was it another spring battle of the bulls? By July, the notch was bigger, deeper and more jagged. Oddly, it also bulged with a bit of blubber the size of a wad of chewing gum.

Sixty-five years ago, John Lilly demonstrated that dolphin blubber bulges into and seals any breach of the skin. Lilly did this by punching metal straws of various diameters into captive dolphins (ouch). Blubber bulging prevents bleeding at sea. This is good because bleeding at sea attracts the wrong company.

It is very rare to see blubber bulging into John's Pass dolphin wounds at sea. I wondered if the blubber we saw bulging out of Schnoz' wound was related to his own machinations. Did he rub the scrape the way I rub a healing bruise?

Like an assembly line, wound 3 appeared by August 2013. Though Schnoz' scrape was "still bulging" with blubber, careful comparisons of photographic data showed that Schnoz had a new scrape right below the one he got in June. But this scrape was clean, as if from a knife. The June scrape was jagged, perhaps from serrated teeth.

Wound 3 soon bulged with blubber, which lasted a whole month but also changed shape over time. It waxed, waned, and then doubled in size. A curious thread arose from it like a poised Lilliputian rocket. The changes made me wonder if Schnoz has been itching or rubbing his wound, or if his own activities has created the wound.

Each of the scrapes on the front of Schnoz' fin healed to a little bump of light gray. The line of tiny moguls from Schnoz' previous wounds grew again in October when wound 4 appeared. This new one



Photo by ANN WEAVER

Schnoz surfaces with a scrape on the front of his dorsal fin, the third of four wounds this summer. Like the kid who skins her knee repeatedly all summer long, are its scrapes due to outside circumstances, the kid's own habits, or a little of both?

was just below the previous wound.

Oh, Schnoz! What happens that the front of your fin keeps taking a hit? Is it in battle, like the guy who keeps getting a black eye? Are you a rare local dolphin who goes under docks but miscalculates and clips the front of your fin every other month?

Your repeated "skinned knee" could be an idiosyncrasy. Or is it an eccentricity?

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

## Gopher Weedon Trail Run set Oct. 26

ST. PETERSBURG – On Saturday, Oct. 26, at 9 a.m., the Friends of Weedon Island will host the third annual Gopher Weedon Trail Run at the Weedon Island Preserve.

The event will take runners and walkers along well-maintained dirt and boardwalk trails journeying through native Florida habitats, which include views of Tampa Bay.

All proceeds from the race will benefit the Friends of Weedon Island's mission to support the environmental preservation and education at the Weedon Island Preserve.

All registered runners/walkers will receive:

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Spaces are limited. Register at [www.fowi.org](http://www.fowi.org). For more information, visit [gopher\\_run@fowi.org](mailto:gopher_run@fowi.org).

Weedon Island Preserve protects more than 3,700 acres of natural ecosystems and is located at 1800 Weedon Drive NE in St. Petersburg. The preserve is operated under the Pinellas County Parks and Conservation Resources Department and is open to the public seven days a week, including holidays, from 7 a.m. to 15 minutes before sunset. Its many outdoor activities include walking trails, a fishing pier and a canoe/kayak launch.

To learn more about Weedon Island Preserve and its upcoming programs and events, call 453-6500. To register for programs and events visit [www.weedonislandpreserve.org](http://www.weedonislandpreserve.org). Videos featuring Weedon Island Preserve can be viewed at [www.youtube.com/pccvt1](http://www.youtube.com/pccvt1).

For information, call 582-2562 or visit [www.eventbrite.com/event/6343392257/eorg](http://www.eventbrite.com/event/6343392257/eorg).

### Garden forum set

LARGO – A community and school garden forum will be presented Saturday, Nov. 2, 2 to 4 p.m., at Pinellas County Extension, 12520 Ulmertown Road.

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

The program is free but advance registration is required. To register, call 453-6966 or visit [www.schoolgardens.eventbrite.com](http://www.schoolgardens.eventbrite.com).

### Extension to offer garden tours

LARGO – Vegetable, herb and tropical fruit garden tours will be offered Thursday, Nov. 7, 9 to 11 a.m., at Pinellas County Extension, 12520 Ulmertown Road.

Participants will learn more about growing their own food and marvel at the eye-catching array of culinary, medicinal and aromatic herbs, trees and flowers in the extension's Florida Botanical Herb Garden. Guests will wander the brick paths between the Egyptian, Mediterranean, Asian and beverage plantings and learn how the featured plants can be used in the home. They also will learn more about the tropical fruits that do well in our Florida

## End of some perfect fishing weather

Fishing has been outstanding over the last week. Perfect weather and light seas allowed many to take advantage of early season kingfish and Spanish mackerel fishing as well as great bottom fishing for grouper and mangrove snapper.

Hard bottom areas in 40- to 50-foot are holding plenty of keeper grouper.

When the conditions are right drift fishing can be more productive than anchoring, accounting for plenty of red grouper and the occasional gag. Keeping a flat-line out during the drift will pick up kingfish, some of which have been over 20 pounds and plenty of Spanish mackerel.

Mangrove snapper have been chummed up on this full moon phase. Artificial reefs as well as big ledges are holding huge numbers of snapper. Chumming them with cut pilchards will bring them right behind the boat at times. Free-line or lightly weight one of the pieces you're chumming within a natural drag free presentation, and it won't take long to secure a limit of these scrappy fighters.

Inshore, redfish action has been picking up as of late.

Target morning low tides for best fishing; as the water finishes falling off your favorite flat right around sunrise so should the redfish. Target flats



### Fish Tales

Capt. Tyson Wallerstein

that have a distinct drop-off often indicated by a slightly shallower sand bar along the edge.

The deep side of the sand bar will often be made up of sparse grass, perfect bottom for bouncing soft-plastic jigs. Darker colors will typically produce better as they more accurately represent the shrimp and crabs the redfish are used to seeing.

Clear blue skies. Were going to see are first real cold front this week, and when all the clouds finally move out and high pressure builds back in on the backside of the front, the sky is often bright blue and completely cloudless.

This might look pretty enough but can make for some tough fishing. Shallow water fish become very wary under these conditions and will often lay on the bottom motionless and wait for more favorable conditions.

Slow down your presentation when casting artificial lures, or switch to cut-bait instead of live bait. This will give the fish a better opportunity to find your bait.

Tyson Wallerstein can be reached at [capt.tyson@hotmail.com](mailto:capt.tyson@hotmail.com). To get a fish photo in the paper, send the photo to [editorial@TBNweekly.com](mailto:editorial@TBNweekly.com) or mail it to Tampa Bay Newspapers, 9911 Seminole Blvd., Seminole, FL 33772.

## Briefs

### Hydroponics program set

LARGO – A program on starting a small hydroponic farm will be presented Friday, Nov. 1, 1 to 5 p.m., at Pinellas County Extension, 12520 Ulmertown Road.

Bob Hochmuth, multi-county extension agent, will present the state of hydroponics in Florida by introducing the group to the advantages and disadvantages of various hydroponic production systems. He will discuss how to select crops and varieties for hydroponics, starting transplants, crop culture for common vegetable and herb crops, irrigation systems and nutrient solutions. Cost is \$15. The program is free to county government and school board employees, and master gardeners.

For information, call 582-2562 or visit [www.smallfarmhydroponics-eorg.eventbrite.com](http://www.smallfarmhydroponics-eorg.eventbrite.com).

### Hydroponic program set

LARGO – A program on hydroponics will be presented Saturday, Nov. 2, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Pinellas County Extension, 12520 Ulmertown Road.

Bob Hochmuth, multi-county extension agent, will present the state of hydroponics in Florida by introducing the group to the advantages and disadvantages of various hydroponic production systems. He will discuss how to select crops and varieties for hydroponics, starting transplants, crop culture for common vegetable and herb crops, irrigation systems and nutrient solutions. Cost is \$15. The program is free to county government and school board employees, and master gardeners.

climate including many varieties of bananas, figs, papayas, mangoes, avocados, sugar cane and citrus as well as little-known fruits that are not usually considered by the home gardener including jackfruit, carambola, Buddha's hand and pomegranate.

A variety of plantings will be on display including a number of ground covers, bromeliads, palms and power-line friendly trees that can be used in home landscape. These free tours are recommended for adults and are limited to groups of 14 to 16 people. Advance registration is required.

Call 582-2501 or visit [www.eventbrite.com/event/6241882639/eorg](http://www.eventbrite.com/event/6241882639/eorg).

### Extension agents to discuss planting strategies

LARGO – A free class on planting strategies will be offered Thursday, Nov. 7, 2 to 4 p.m., at Pinellas County Extension, 12520 Ulmertown Road.

Attendees will learn to put plants in the right place to ensure their survival and health in the

landscape. The class will offer tips on how to reduce the need for water, fertilizer, pesticides and pruning by using Florida-friendly plants. Extension agents Jane Morse and Theresa Badurek will provide plenty about planting in the right place in the right place, right from the start.

Advance registration is required. Call 528-2501 or visit [www.hortrightplantrightplace-eorg.eventbrite.com](http://www.hortrightplantrightplace-eorg.eventbrite.com).

### McGough to host Owl-O-Ween

LARGO – Owl-O-Ween will be presented Tuesday, Oct. 29, 6 to 8 p.m., at George C. McGough Nature Park, 11901 146th N. St., Largo.

Attendees will trick-or-treat along the park's haunted trail in search of bats, owls, ghosts, and ghouls. The event will feature crafts, games, live animals programs, and s'mores by the campfire. This is event is fun for the whole family.

Cost is \$5 per person. There is no charge for children 2 and younger. Call 518-3047.

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School notes

**PCSB launches website for extended learning**

Pinellas County Schools recently launched Beyond the Classroom, an online initiative available to students 24 hours a day, seven days a week, that is aimed at providing extended learning programs and digital learning opportunities for all students.

Beyond the Classroom is an online round-up of several free educational resources, including FCAT Explorer, ST Math and InSync Education that are all geared toward boosting student achievement.

"The exciting software programs included in this virtual world will challenge every student in the district," said Pinellas Schools Superintendent Michael A. Grego in a press release. "Students who need that extra bit of support to reach grade level will be motivated and students who are ready to move beyond grade level will be challenged."

The resources featured on the Beyond the Classroom site, accessible from the homepage of the district's website provide opportunities outside of the classroom for students to build their skills in various subjects, including reading, language arts, math, science and social studies. While these resources are aimed primarily at elementary students, the district plans to roll out additional educational resources for all grade levels in coming weeks.

Included in this initiative is an opportunity specifically for students who qualify for free and reduced-price lunch. Connect for Success - A Title I Digital Enterprise will provide economically disadvantaged students with equal access to technology that supports their learning outside of the classroom.

In coming weeks, Pinellas County Schools plans through the Connect for Success initiative to distribute thousands of laptops to third- and fourth-graders at all Title I elementary schools in keeping with its commitment to provide access to technology and opportunities to succeed for all students. Additional classes of third-graders will benefit from the initiative in subsequent years.

Visit [www.pcsb.org](http://www.pcsb.org).

**CSB, Sheriff's Office partner for PSA**

In an effort to educate the public on Florida's new texting while driving ban that went into effect Oct. 1, Pinellas County Schools and the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office partnered to create a one-minute Public Service Announcement.

"Our driver education program already focuses on teaching our students about the dangers of distracted driving, but this collaboration with the Sheriff's Office will help us further spread awareness about the intent of the law, which really is about saving lives," said Michael A. Grego in a press release. Grego is superintendent of Pinellas County Schools. "Educating the public as a whole can help protect our students, whether they are behind the wheel, riding as a passenger, walking or bicycling."

Officials with the two public agencies collaborated to create the PSA to help spread awareness about the new law. The new law makes texting or emailing while driving a secondary offense. This means that you must be pulled over for a primary offense such as not wearing your seat belt or speeding before you can be issued a citation for texting while driving. The first offense is a nonmoving violation with a fine of \$116. The second or subsequent violation within five years is a moving violation with increased fines and points added to your driving record.

The PSA features a Pinellas County Schools student, who is pulled over by a Sheriff's Deputy who witnessed the driver swerving across the road, as she was texting while driving. Because the PSA is educational, the deputy explains the law to the driver before giving her a verbal warning.

"We are pleased to partner with Pinellas County Schools in the development of this Public Service Announcement," said Sheriff Bob Gualtieri. "Our aim is to educate students and all drivers about the new law and to remind them that no text is important enough to risk

their life or that of others on the roadways. Remember, it can wait."

The students in the PSA are in the drama program at Osceola Fundamental High School. The student driver is played by senior Zena Griffin, and the student friend is junior Lauren Quinn. Senior Micaela Ensey, an executive intern for the Office of Strategic Communications Multimedia Department, helped edit the video. PCSO Public Information Officer Sgt. David DiSano, an 11-year veteran of the Sheriff's Office, played the deputy in the PSA.

**Swierk wins poster contest**

CLEARWATER - The Clearwater Bar Association has awarded Nikolas Swierk, a student at Cypress Woods Elementary School, as the first-place winner for the third grade in North Pinellas County in the 2013 Law Day Poster Contest.

He received \$50 and a blue ribbon for his poster based on this year's theme, "Realizing the Dream: Equality for All."

The president of the Clearwater Bar Association and two judges from the Pinellas County Court system reviewed more than 400 posters to select the top winners.

Nikolas lives in East Lake Woodlands and is an educational success, having sustained a subdural hematoma and fractured skull in 2009.



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Nikolas Swierk won the 2013 Law Day Poster Contest for his poster about equality

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# Looking Ahead

## Largo

• **"Little Shop of Horrors,"** by Howard Ashman and Alan Menken: through Nov. 3, at New Stage Theatre, inside Country Day World School, 11650 131st St. N., Largo. For performance times and ticket information, call 813-817-2585 or visit [newstagelargo.org](http://newstagelargo.org). A down-and-out skid row floral assistant becomes an overnight sensation when he discovers an exotic plant with a mysterious craving for fresh blood. Soon "Audrey II" grows into an ill-tempered, foul-mouthed, R&B-singing carnivore who offers him fame and fortune in exchange for feeding its growing appetite, finally revealing itself to be an alien creature poised for global domination.

• **"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](http://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, Sat-

urday, 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](http://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](http://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 Limelitters, 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](http://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

• **Harry Connick Jr.,** Tuesday, Nov. 5, 8 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Tickets start at \$50. Call 791-7400 or visit [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com). Connick is touring in support of this a critically acclaimed album release. The range of the CD's songs is vast, touching upon love and loss, celebration and sorrow, tragedy and hope. With "Every Man Should Know," Connick triumphs once again, with a depth of feeling that signals another milestone for

one of the music world's most multi-faceted artists. Critics have been quick to agree with "People Magazine" calling it "impressive." Connick also will be returning to "American Idol." During the upcoming 13th season of popular show on the Fox network, he will sit on the judges's panel along with Jennifer Lopez and Keith Urban.

• **"Sugar Babies,"** by Ralph G. Allen and Harry Rigby, with music by Jimmy McHugh and lyrics by Dorothy Fields and Al Dubin; Nov. 7-24, at Francis Wilson Playhouse, 302 Seminole St., Clearwater. Performances are Thursdays through Saturdays, 8 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$26 for adults and \$13 for students. Call 446-1360 or visit [www.franciswilsonplayhouse.org](http://www.franciswilsonplayhouse.org). This show boasts a riotously funny, nostalgic trip to burlesque: chorus girls, tap dancing, fan dancing and double and quadruple takes. Song numbers include "I Can't Give You Anything But Love Baby" and "Don't Blame Me." A sizeable Broadway show, "Sugar Babies" is glitzy, fabulous, fun with a very patriotic finale.

• **"Musical of Musicals (The Musical!),"** a comedic musical by Joanne Bogart and Eric Rockwell, presented by West Coast Players, Nov. 8-24, at West Coast Players Theatre, 21905 U.S. 19 N., Clearwater. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Call 437-2363 or visit [www.wcplayers.org](http://www.wcplayers.org). "The Musical of Musicals (The Musical!)" is a musical about musicals. In this hilarious satire of musical theater, one story becomes five delightful musicals, each written in the distinctive style of a different master of the form, from Rodgers and Hammerstein to Stephen Sondheim. Where else can you see one musical with an opera, rock music, a homicidal artistic genius and a dream ballet? This comic valentine to musical theater was the longest running show in the York Theatre Company's 35-year history.

• **Christmas Under The Oaks,** Sunday, Nov. 10, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Coachman Park, 301 Drew St., Clearwater. Cost is \$2. Children age 11 and younger will be admitted for free. Call 725-1414. This will mark the 37th annual Christmas Under the Oaks Arts and Crafts Show sponsored by the GFWC North Pinellas Woman's Club and the City of Clearwater. This fundraising event will feature more than 150 artists, crafters and food vendors in a scenic waterfront venue. Proceeds from the show will benefit the scholarships, grants, and community service projects of the GFWC North Pinellas Woman's Club.

## Pinellas Park

• **"Encounters,"** by Gil Perloth, through Oct. 27, 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](mailto: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."

## St. Petersburg

• **"Fiddler on the Roof,"** through Nov. 3, at freeFall Theatre, 6099 Central Ave., St. Petersburg. Tickets range from \$16 to \$44. Call 498-5205 or visit [www.freefall.com](http://www.freefall.com). The Tony Award-winning musical that has captured the hearts of people all over the world with its universal story of life, love and tradition will kick off freeFall Theatre Company's "Season of Outcasts." "Fiddler on the Roof" features a music by Jerry Bock and lyrics by Sheldon Harnick, with a book by Joseph Stein, based on the stories of Sholom Aleichem. One of the beloved musical scores in the history of the American theater includes "Tradition," "Matchmaker, Matchmaker," "If I Were a Rich Man," and "Sunrise, Sunset." "Fiddler on the Roof" stars David Mann as Tevye, Meghan Colleen Moroney in the role of Golde, and Lucas Wells as Perchik.

• **Laura Shepherd,** Sunday, Nov. 10, 3:30 p.m., at The Studio@620, 620 First Ave. S., St. Petersburg. Admission is \$10. Call 895-6620 or visit [www.studio620.org](http://www.studio620.org). Shepherd will present an afternoon of uplifting musical entertainment. She will sing and play along with two guest musicians in the intimate acoustic setting of The Studio. Shepherd's songwriting combines a down to earth spirit with an international worldview. Born in Paris, she's traveled the world from diplomatic circles in Geneva, to the dirt roads of South America. With her hands in the earth, she has worked 20 years in Fredericksburg, Va. founding an organic nonprofit.

• **Bret Michaels,** Friday, Nov. 15, 8 p.m., at The Palladium at St. Petersburg College, 253 Fifth Ave. N., St. Petersburg. Tickets start at \$59. Call 791-7400 or visit [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com). Michaels has turned his passion for music into a multi-faceted brand that encompasses

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- Tower and spire
- Native of Italy's "la Superba"
- One of a pair of pack animal baskets
- Heavy downpour (4 wds)
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- "Encore!"
- Max \_\_. German surrealist artist
- Toll
- Australian runner
- Is frugal
- Norsemen
- Fifth canonical hour
- Renaissance fiddle
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- A chip, maybe
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- "Eh" (hyphenated)
- The "p" in m.p.g.
- High school formal dances
- Even if, briefly
- Promising
- Drooping of the upper eyelid
- Bunk
- To be carried along by currents
- The individual soul (Hinduism)
- Native New Zealander
- Freon (abbrev.)
- Military operation involving nerve gas (2 wds)
- Harvesting machines
- Stores in a silo
- Joins the military
- Flusters

### Down

- City on the Yamuna River
- Economical

- Condo, e.g.
- "Smoking or \_\_?"
- Pours from one container to another
- Conventions
- Nickel, e.g.
- Attention \_\_
- "The Joy Luck Club" author
- Native
- Football play (2 wds)
- Subatomic particle
- Endurance
- At a previous time
- Second-place award (2 wds)
- "Trick" joint
- Barely gets, with "out"
- Become unhinged
- Contents of some cartridges
- Foreword, for short
- Storklike wading bird
- Small caves
- Bar offering
- Carrot, e.g.
- Shouts of disapproval
- No angel
- Coin opening
- State flowers of Indiana
- Initially (2 wds)
- Seafood dish
- Carnivorous fish
- Crew member
- "God's Little \_\_"
- Accordingly
- Breakfast, lunch or dinner
- Come together
- Poker action
- At liberty
- British tax
- Computer monitor, for short
- Hale

## Sudoku

7	9	1		4	3			
6	5			1	8	3		
		4						
	8	6						5
4				9				2
5						9	7	
							5	
		8	4	5		9	3	
			2	6		4	8	1

## Sudoku answers from last week

7	4	1	6	5	8	9	3	2
9	3	6	4	7	2	8	5	1
8	2	5	9	3	1	6	7	4
3	1	4	5	9	6	2	8	7
6	8	7	2	4	3	1	9	5
5	9	2	1	8	7	3	4	6
2	5	3	7	6	9	4	1	8
4	6	8	3	1	5	7	2	9
1	7	9	8	2	4	5	6	3

## Crossword answers from last week

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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## Horoscopes

October 24, 2013

### Capricorn

December 22 - January 19

You're haunted by images of the past. Perhaps it's time you took a trip home, Capricorn. An achievement at the office is quite the feat and deserves a just reward.

### Aquarius

January 20 - February 18

Time to clear the skeletons from the closet, Aquarius. Anyone involved no longer cares. An amazing offer comes your way. Take it for all it's worth.

### Pisces

February 19 - March 20

Nightmares of long ago plague a friend once more. You are the key to wiping the slate clean, Pisces. Fitness takes a back seat to nutrition goals.

### Aries

March 21 - April 19

Evidence against a loved one mounts. Search your heart, and you will know what's true. Your financial picture begins to shape up. Good job, Aries.

### Taurus

April 20 - May 20

Introspection uncovers some areas to work on, Taurus. Baby steps will lead to the right results. Green habits become even greener with a new addition.

### Gemini

May 21 - June 21

Assignments creep up on you, and you're in over your head. Someone you least expect comes to your rescue. Thank them with bag of treats, Gemini.

### Cancer

June 22 - July 22

Homecooked goodies get a party rockin'. Enjoy, Cancer. The debate sizzles at the office until your bare-bones response shuts it all down.

### Leo

July 23 - August 22

Riskier endeavors on your part have never been taken. Relax, Leo. All will pan out. Financial records must be reviewed for the missing piece of the puzzle.

### Virgo

August 23 - September 22

Guests arrive unexpectedly. Relax, Virgo, and leave it to that special someone to get everything under control. A small gift from afar causes quite the stir.

### Libra

September 23 - October 22

Bare-bones buys send shivers up your spine. Remember your bottom line, Libra, and resist the urge to shop 'til you drop. Your pocketbook will thank you.

### Scorpio

October 23 - November 21

Panic attacks are not your style. You're cool, calm and collected in a crisis, and that lands you in good stead with a supervisor, Scorpio.

### Sagittarius

November 22 - December 21

The cat is out of the bag. You can breathe a sigh of relief now, Sagittarius. Experimentation in the kitchen leads to many tantalizing party dishes.

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# JJ Grey & Mofro to celebrate new release at Jannus Live

Singer/songwriter/musician JJ Grey and his band Mofro will celebrate the release of their new CD, "This River," with a live performance Friday, Nov. 1, at Jannus Live, 200 First Ave. N., St. Petersburg.

Doors will open at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$30. Call 565-0550 or visit jannuslive.com.

This is Grey's seventh album - his fifth for Alligator Records - and his first studio album since 2010's acclaimed "Georgia Warhorse."

"This River," like his previous releases, was produced by Grey and Dan Prothero, and recorded at Retrophonics Studio in St. Augustine, with additional recording done in Grey's home studio, known as "The Egg Room."

As proven by his previous albums, Grey is a meticulous storyteller.

"Many of the new songs," said Grey in a press release from Alligator Records, "are about being your own worst enemy, and about normal folks pushing themselves over the edge." Grey's lyrics and slice-of-life scenarios are filled with honest detail, helping to bring his emotionally complex characters to life in songs including "Somebody Else," "99 Shades Of Crazy," "The Ballad Of Larry Webb" and "This River."

"I see a little bit of myself in these songs," Grey said. "The difference is in the choices people make."

His gritty vocals and punchy horn arrangements add even more depth to the lyrical album. Grey's fervent delivery and the expert musicianship of the band pull the listener deep inside each track, making "This River" a deeply moving and engaging musical statement.

"I took my time and I'm happy for it," said Grey. For "This River," Grey brought the whole band in to the studio and cut most of the tracks live. To Grey, the result was a bit more like their live show.

"It adds so much more to the dynamic of a recording. It's so different when you get to play off each other rather than overdub each track," said Grey.

From his early days playing cover music behind chicken wire at a Westside Jacksonville juke joint to playing sold-out shows and some of the largest music festivals in the world, it's been a long road. But Grey has no illusions about where he's headed or where he's been. When prompted with questions about his past accomplishments or future plans, Grey lays down a little backwoods wisdom:



Photo courtesy of NEIL O'BRIEN ENTERTAINMENT  
Touring in support of the new album "This River," JJ Grey takes the stage at Jannus Live on Nov. 1.

"I'm just a salmon swimming upstream," Grey said. "Going back home, I reckon. I don't know why and I quit caring why a long time ago. I guess there is no 'why' that my mind could understand anyway. All I do know is that I've enjoyed and I'm still enjoying every second of just being here and doing whatever it is I'm doing."

JJ Grey is from Jacksonville. He made his recording debut in 2001 with "Blackwater," following up in 2004 with "Lochloosa." Alligator has reissued both albums.

In 2007 Grey released his Alligator debut, "Country Ghetto," followed by 2008's "Orange Blossoms."

With the release of 2010's "Georgia Warhorse," Grey stepped further into the mainstream view with the AAA radio breakout single "The Sweetest Thing." In 2011 the full fury of the band's live show was captured on the live CD/DVD "Brighter Days."

Grey has played countless festivals, including Lollapalooza, Bonnaroo, Wakarusa, Austin City Limits Festival, the Byron Bay Blues Festival in Australia, Montreal Jazz Festival and Fuji Rock in Japan. Over the course of his career, Grey has shared stages with the likes of Lenny Kravitz, B.B. King, The Allman Brothers Band, The Black Crowes, Los Lobos, Jeff Beck, Ben Harper, Booker T. Jones, Mavis Sta-

ples and many others. In 2011 the band extensively toured the UK. That same year, back in the United States, Grey embarked on his first-ever solo tour, playing packed-to-capacity clubs.

The band returned to Europe in 2012, playing multiple dates in the UK, Germany and The Netherlands. Grey and his band, who continue to play over 125 shows a year, will return to Europe in 2013.

Grey's songs have appeared in film and network television including "House," "Flashpoint," "Crash," "Friday Night Lights," "The Glades," "The Deadliest Catch" and the film "The Hoot."

In November 2009, Grey wrote his first film score for the critically-acclaimed, Emmy Award-winning documentary "The Good Soldier," that appeared in theatres and on Bill Moyers Journal on PBS. In 2010, Grey played piano, sang and contributed the song "The Wrong Side" to Buckwheat Zydeco's Grammy-winning Alligator Records album "Lay Your Burden Down." He also appears on Shemekia Copeland's Grammy-nominated 2012 CD "33 1/3."

## Grey to debut custom craft beer

JJ Grey, leader of JJ Grey & Mofro, has teamed with Florida's Rock Brothers Brewery to create a custom craft beer.

Grey, a Florida native, worked with the brewery to develop JJ Grey's Nare Sugar Brown. The beer will make its debut on Nov. 1 at the JJ Grey & Mofro concert in St. Petersburg at Jannus Live.

The beer, an ale named after Grey's grandfather's preferred way to drink his coffee - "nare sugar" - will only be available in Florida at the present time.

Grey was actively involved in the beer's creation.

"We sat down and talked about it for a while," said Grey in a press release from Alligator Records. "And during that conversation I was educated on how artful brew mastering really is. We all put our heads together and then these guys went out and created the beer from scratch. The whole process was amazing and I feel really lucky to have been a part of it. In the end I think they made a beer that somehow matches my music sip for sip (or chug) and note for note."

Grey and Rock Brothers Brewery will donate 5 percent of net proceeds of Nare Sugar Brown sales to The Snook and Gamefish Foundation, a not-for-profit 501(c)3 corporation that serves as a platform for anglers and conservationists to preserve, protect and enhance game fish populations.

# Born to Ride comes to England Brothers Park

By TIFFANY RAZZANO

PINELLAS PARK - Are you ready to rock? Born to Ride Day of the Dead jam, a biker and music festival, will bring some of classic rock's heavy hitters to England Brothers Park, Saturday, Nov. 2.

The main stage features co-headliners Joan Jett and the Blackhearts, and Paul Rodgers (Bad Company, Queen, Free, The Firm), as well as Foghat, Molly Hatchet, Blackberry Smoke, David Allan Coe, and Soul Circus Cowboys. A second stage will feature a bevy of bands as well, including Mojo Gurus, The Stone City, Bobby Lee Rodgers, The Sting Police and Owen Campbell.

As if that weren't enough, stars from the "Sons of Anarchy" TV show - Katey Segal, Kim Coates and Theo Rossi - will be on hand for a meet and greet. Plus, Danny "The Count" Koker and Kevin Mack from "Counting Cars," and pool champion Jeanette Lee, better known as "The Black Widow," will be there as well.

"It's not only for bikers. It's so much bigger than a biker festival," said Ron Galletti, owner of Born to Ride cable TV show and magazine, and co-sponsor of the Nov. 2 event. "It's like an old-school concert. Most people would come out to just see one of these bands. We have some real power coming to Pinellas Park."

Tom Nestor, the event's marketing director, added, "Whether you're a biker, a classic rocker, a Southern rebel, an indie kid, part of the LGBT community, there's something for you."

The festival came about thanks to the vision of Frank Giglio, president of Born to Ride Jam LLC. Last year, he helped bring major acts Blondie and Sublime to England Brothers Park.

So when he envisioned the large-scale biker and music event that would become Born to Ride Day of the Dead Jam, he immediately thought of Pinellas Park.

"It's the perfect place for this," Giglio said. "It's a central location in the heart of Tampa Bay. And it's an awesome park."

He also immediately reached out to Galletti, who in addition to his cable show and magazine also organizes monthly bike night events at Quaker Steak & Lube.

"It just made so much sense," Galletti said. "I couldn't do this without him. We have a great partnership."

Pinellas Park residents should also keep their eyes out for a special coupon mailed with their water bill. The coupon will allow them to purchase up to eight two-for-one tickets.

"It's our special thank you to the people that live in Pinellas Park," Giglio said.

General admission tickets are \$25; general admission with VIP access is \$79; gold seating is \$119; platinum seating is \$159; and access to the platinum VIP tent is \$250.

The festival takes place on Saturday, Nov. 2, at England Brothers Park, 5010 81st Ave. N. Gates open at 11 a.m. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.borntoridejam.com](http://www.borntoridejam.com).

## OPENING, from page 1B

Acuña, Chris Pontius, Preston Lacy, Dave England and Ehren McGehegy  
Director: Jeff Tremaine

Rated: R  
86-year-old Irving Zisman is on a journey across America with the most unlikely companion, his 8-year-old Grandson Billy in "Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa."

This October, the signature Jackass character Irving Zisman (Johnny Knoxville) and Billy (Jackson Nicoll) will take movie audiences along for the most insane hidden camera road trip ever captured on film.

Along the way Irving will introduce the young and impressionable Billy to people, places and situations that give new meaning to the term childrearing. The duo will encounter male strippers, disgruntled child beauty pageant contestants (and their equally disgruntled mothers), funeral home mourners, biker bar patrons and a whole lot of unsuspecting citizens.

Real people in unreal situations, making for one really messed up comedy.

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

## 'The Square'

Genre: Documentary  
Director: Jehane Noujaim  
Not rated

The Egyptian Revolution has been an ongoing rollercoaster over the past two and a half years. Through the news, we only get a glimpse of

the bloodiest battle, an election, or a million man march. At the beginning of July 2013, we witnessed the second president deposed within the space of three years.

"The Square" is an immersive experience, transporting the viewer deeply into the intense emotional drama and personal stories behind the news. It is the inspirational story of young people claiming their rights, struggling through multiple forces: from a brutal army dictatorship willing to crush protesters with military tanks, to a corrupt Muslim Brotherhood using mosques to manipulate voters.

## 'The Pin'

Genre: Drama  
Cast: Milda Gecaite, Grisha Pasternak, Paskal Vaklev and David Fox  
Director: Naomi Jaye  
Rated: R

An embittered elderly Shomer, a religious watchman responsible for guarding the souls of the dead before their burial, comes face-to-face with his long lost first love Leah when her dead body is wheeled into the morgue one fateful night.

Time melts as he relives their days and nights spent hiding in a barn in Lithuania, fighting for survival as World War Two rages around them. Brought together in these extreme circumstances, what starts as mistrust develops into love, marriage and ultimately murder.

In the end, the Shomer is able to find peace after a lifetime of regret by fulfilling a promise he made to the young Leah on their last night together.

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# John's Pass Seafood Festival dishes up tasty food, good music

MADEIRA BEACH – Some of the area's tastiest seafood will be up for grabs when the 32nd annual John's Pass Seafood Festival takes place Friday through Sunday, Oct. 25-27, at John's Pass Village and Boardwalk.

The two-and-a-half day outdoor festival features continuous musical entertainment, an art and craft show and more local seafood vendors than ever, according to organizers.

Hours this year are Friday, Oct. 25, 3 to 11 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 26, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, Oct. 27, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is free.

This year's amenities include a Halloween block party Oct. 25, 7 to 11 p.m. The event, sponsored by Vino Florida, will include music by DJ Infinite Skillz and an adult costume contest offering \$1,000 in cash prizes.

The food area has been expanded onto Village Boulevard and will include more seafood and healthier menu selections as well as specialty

samples at more than a dozen different food stands. A "Best Grouper Entree" contest will be judged Friday at 5 p.m. People's Choice awards will be given over the weekend for "Best \$5 Sample".

At 6 p.m. Friday, festival organizers will hold a Blessing of the Fleet, honoring the fishermen who risk their lives every day in order to bring our favorite dishes to our tables.

A children's Halloween costume contest will take place Saturday at 3 p.m. at Windworks. Trick or treating will take place throughout the Village from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. Complimentary trick or treat bags can be picked up at the Bubba Gump Seafood Co. tent near Delosa's Pizza.

Saturday's music headliners include Tom Gribbin and the Salt Water Cowboys at 5:30 p.m. and The Mad Beach Band at 7 p.m. Live music throughout the day will include Tony Arnone, 10 a.m.; Jon Moffitt, 11 a.m.; The Ordeal, noon; Nervous Energy Band, 1 p.m.; Ries Brothers, 2 p.m.; Scotty Lee Rexroat, 3 p.m.; and The Fabulous Deltonas, 4 p.m.

Sunday's festivities include an oyster eating contest at Hub's Tavern at 3 p.m.

Sunday's concert lineup will close with The Black Honkeys from 4 to 6 p.m. The day's schedule includes Ed Carter and 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 Bar and Grill throughout the weekend.

Parking for the festival is available both in John's Pass Village and off-site. \$15 parking within John's Pass Village is accessible from the 129th and 131st Avenue entrances to the Village. Free parking is available at Madeira Beach Fundamental School with complimentary shuttle service to and from John's Pass Village.

For more information or to become a participant, contact Suzanne King at 322-5217 or email SuzFest@gmail.com. Visit www.JohnsPassVillage.net.

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record-breaking touring sales, Reality TV stardom, legendary songs that have sold over 32 million records, product endorsements as well as being a devoted philanthropist, all supported and followed by three generations of loyal fans. Rising to fame as the front man of Poison, one of rock's most iconic and enduring bands, he helped define the rock and roll scene on the Sunset Strip. Their massive success includes selling over 30 million records worldwide and numerous hit singles. Equally as successful, Bret's solo career has charted its own course with multiple solo albums. His new CD, "Bret Michaels: Good Songs and Great Friends," was released in June of this year. Opening the show will be Pitbull Toddler.

**St. Pete Beach**

• **The Impacts**, 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 Impacts – 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.

**Seminole**

• **Seminole Craft & Jazz Blast 2**, Saturday, Nov. 9, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 12611 86th Ave., Seminole. Hosted by Career Academies of Seminole, the concert will feature The Voices of Jazz, a 21-piece jazz band. There will also be arts and crafts vendors, a petting zoo, hayrides and more. Proceeds will benefit CAS. For directions or vendor information, visit www.mysvec.com or call 545-6405.

**Tampa**

• **"Ti-Jean and His Brothers,"** by Derek Walcott, Oct. 24 through Nov. 3, at USF School of Theatre and Dance, Theatre 2, USF Tampa campus, 4202 East Fowler Ave., TAR 230, Tampa. Performances will be Oct. 24-26 and Oct. 30 through Nov. 2, 8 p.m.; and Oct. 27 and Nov. 3, 3 p.m. Advance tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for students. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students the day of the show. Directed by Macy's guest artist Henry Muttoo, the show is based on a West Indian fable. Nobel Prize winning author Derek Walcott explores the power of good versus evil, poor versus wealthy and the search for what defines human-ness. This folk tale, told by the animals of the rainforest through dialogue, dance and song, tells the tale of a poor widowed mother, her three sons, and their bargain with the devil. For information, visit theatreadance.arts.usf.edu.

**Sesame Street Live: "Can't Stop Singing,"**

Friday and Saturday, Nov. 1-2, at the USF Sun Dome, 4202 E. Fowler Ave., Sun130, Tampa. Tickets start at \$18.50. Call 800-745-3000 or visit Ticketmaster.com. Shows will be Friday, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; and Saturday, 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. When Elmo casts a spell with Abby Cadabby's magic wand, there's something in the air – and Sesame Street becomes a nonstop, all-singing, all-dancing musical montage! Grover and Baby Bear sing their highs and lows, Cookie Monster sings fast and slow, Bert and Ernie converse in song and Murray makes mouth music for all to sing along. Learn why it feels good to sing a song, but why it feels good to stop, too. What will Elmo learn about the power of musical magic? Join the conga line of fun to find out.

• **Coastline Festival**, Saturday, Nov. 9, noon, at the Mid Florida Credit Union Amphitheatre at the Florida State Fairgrounds, 4802 U.S. 301 N., Tampa. Tickets start at \$20. Call 813-740-2446 or visit www.livenation.com. The lineup will feature Passion Pit, Two Door Cinema Club, Matt & Kim, Fitz and the Tantrums and The Joy Formidable, among other bands. The festival will feature all-day music on two stages, 11 bands, a wide array of food trucks, more than 25 craft beers with a heavy tilt toward Florida's own wildly popular hand craft brewers, and regionally renowned artists.

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Hawkins, Cass Womack, Lexi Fulmer, Sandy Snider, Dave Snider, Beth Warmath, Maureen Greif, Lee Mobley, Art Jervis. For information, visit www.beachwalkchalkwalk.com.

• **Blast Friday**, featuring a performance by Poco, Friday, Oct. 25, on the 400 block of the Cleveland Street district. Blast Friday, a free street festival, features a variety of vendors, as well as food, beer, wine and nonalcoholic beverages. Festivities kick off with a street at 5:30 p.m. Entertainment continues outside until 10 p.m. Poco will take the stage at 8:30 p.m. A limited number of VIP tickets are available priced at \$25. The VIP package includes a general admission ticket in the reserved seating section directly in front of the stage, one free beer and a free slice of pepperoni or cheese pizza from Tony's Pizzeria. VIP tickets are available at the Ruth Eckerd Hall ticket office, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater; or, call 791-7400 or visit ww.atthecap.com. For 45 years, Poco has been making music in the realm of the classic country rock sound that they helped found in the late '60s, one that inspired other acts to follow suit – bands such as The Eagles, Firefall, The Little River Band and Pure Prairie League.

• **"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.



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# Country-rock musicians Poco to perform at Clearwater's Blast Friday

CLEARWATER - Featuring a performance by Poco, pioneers of the country-rock sound, Bright House Networks will present Clearwater's Blast Friday on Friday, Oct. 25, on the 400 block of the Cleveland Street district.

Blast Friday, a free street festival, features a variety of vendors, as well as food, beer, wine and nonalcoholic beverages. Festivities kick off with a street at 5:30 p.m. Entertainment continues outside until 10 p.m. Poco will take the stage at 8:30 p.m.

A limited number of VIP tickets are available priced at \$25. The VIP package includes a general admission ticket in the reserved seating section directly in front of the stage, one free beer and a free slice of pepperoni or cheese pizza from Tony's Pizzeria. VIP tickets are available at the Ruth Eckerd Hall ticket office, 1111 McMullen Booth Road. Call 791-7400 or visit [www.atthecap.com](http://www.atthecap.com).

For 45 years, Poco has been making music in the realm of the classic country rock sound that they helped found in the late '60's, one that inspired other acts to follow suit - bands such as The Eagles, Firefall, The Little River Band and Pure Prairie League.

To endure across six decades, the band knew long ago they needed to attract a rabid fan base that considers their music to be a soundtrack to their lives. At the same time, Poco continued to evolve and refine their sound while staying true to their roots. Over the years, Poco has succeeded at achieving both of these goals. "All Fired Up," their new studio album - their first in 11 years - is a celebration of longevity and unparalleled songwriting.

Still led by singer and songwriter Rusty Young, the addition of two more excellent songwriters in bassist Jack Sundrud and keyboardist Michael Webb as well as drummer George Lawrence over the past decade, helped to reshape Poco for another generation.

"The music has evolved over the years," said Young in a press release from Michael J. Media. "Different band members bring different voices to the sound and in many ways keep the music fresh. History shows that Poco has always had great musicians in the band and it's no different today. We're growing musically, challenging ourselves and moving ahead to create the best music we've ever made."

Released this March, "All Fired Up" was self-produced and recorded at several studios including Sixteen Tons in Nashville, the home studios of Sundrud and Webb, Wildwood Lodge in Missouri and Sound Emporium in Nashville. The album shows a band that has no problem celebrating its storied past while enjoying every minute of the present. And Young explains the diversity of the material that also manages to stay cohesive.



Poco is touring in support of their new album, "All Fired Up."

"Most of the songs were written in the last year or so," he said. "It took me two years to get 'Regret' to the point I was happy with it and 'A Little Rain' is a song we've been doing in concert for the last three years. Jack's 'Hard Country' is a concert favorite we've been playing for a number of years too. The title track was a song that was written just for the CD. We wanted to give a nod to the classic Poco sound that everyone loves from the early days and we think 'All Fired Up' nails it. Michael (Webb) has Bobby Keys playing sax on one of his songs, 'That's What Rock

'n Roll Will Do,' which is very cool. Jack's 'Hard Country' is destined to be a Poco classic. I'm especially excited about a song called 'Rockin' Horse' for a couple of reasons."

There is also the tongue-in-cheek "Neil Young," which talks about Rusty not being Neil's brother.

"I don't think Neil has heard it yet," Young joked. "I would hope he'd get a kick out of it and I wonder how many times people have asked him about his brother Rusty."

Young is also celebrating his induction into the Steel Guitar Hall of Fame in St. Louis alongside other steel players that helped influence him. In addition, Young is in Guitar Player Magazine's Gallery of Greats along with the likes of Jimi Hendrix, Eric Clapton and Stevie Ray Vaughn. In addition Poco boasts a Grammy nomination for 'Instrumental of the Year' and fans can find the band's memorabilia on display at the Rock And Roll Hall of Fame and the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Poco, which has never stopped touring over the years despite lineup changes, will tour a bit more vigorously in support of "All Fired Up."

"We're anxious to show everyone that we're excited about the future for Poco and we're fired up and ready to go," said Young. "We're hoping to reintroduce Poco to the fans that may have drifted away over the years, and to remind them of why they were fans in the first place. And it would of course be great if the CD captures new fans. We're always trying to attract new Poco nuts."

Of course, it's inevitable that the longer a band stays together, the more it often has to change in order to adapt and stick around - and also has to love what they do. That's the takeaway from a poignant narrative written by Lawrence for the album.

"There is no manual for a 45-year-old rock band," he said.

"Long time Poco fans will find plenty of nods to the earlier sound, while new-found fans will hear the new energy and direction," said Sundrud. "All Fired Up" is aptly titled, relevant to the band's musical roots and blazing a new trail into the future. The songs are rocking, thought-provoking, fun



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Poco plays Clearwater's Blast Friday event Oct. 25 in the Cleveland Street district.

and most of all, pure Poco."

Known as pioneers of the country-rock sound that soared out of California in the late '60 and early '70s, Poco was founded by Richie Furay, Jim Messina, and Rusty Young, a trio whose lifetime musical journey began while working on the Buffalo Springfield's final album, "The Last Time Around."

With the addition of George Grantham and Randy Meisner, the initial Poco lineup was set.

Following the Poco's 1969 debut, "Pickin' Up The Pieces," the band went through several personnel changes including the departure of Jim Messina and Richie Furay, as well as when bassist Randy Meisner left to join The Eagles.

Poco went on to chart several times with hits like "Crazy Love" and "Heart of the Night," both from the critically acclaimed "Legend" album, as well as "Rose of Cimarron," "Good Feeling To Know" and "You'd Better Think Twice."

In 1989, the band brought back Messina, Furay and Meisner to record "Legacy," which spawned a

few more of the band's Top 40 hits, "Call It Love" and "Nothing To Hide."

Poco's new millennium releases - 2002's "Running Horse," 2005's "Bareback At Big Sky," the 2004 live CD/DVD "Keeping The Legend Alive" and 2013's "All Fired Up" - are among the best of their career. With 45 years, more than 25 albums and thousands of fans behind them, Poco was, is and forever will be the defining voice of country/rock.

Blast Friday was established in 2009 as downtown Clearwater's free, family-friendly street festival. Supported by the city of Clearwater, the Cleveland Street District and the Downtown Development Board and produced by Ruth Eckerd Hall On The Road, Blast Friday hosts 10 events a year bringing more than 40,000 people to downtown Clearwater.

Upcoming Blast Friday featured performers include Little River Band, Dec. 27; Pure Prairie League, Jan. 31; Gregg Rolie, Feb. 28; Firefall, March 28; Mark Farner with Stormbringer, April 25; and the Edgar Winter Band, May 30. Visit [www.atthecap.com](http://www.atthecap.com).

## Ybor City Chamber plans Guavaween costume contest

TAMPA - The Ybor City Chamber of Commerce will continue its long-standing Guavaween costume contest on Saturday, Oct. 26.

Guavaween, now in its 28th year, is the traditional Ybor-based Halloween special event. The Centro Ybor stage in the south courtyard will feature live music from 7 to 8:45 p.m. The original Mama Guava, Kathi Grau, will host the costume contest at 9 p.m.

Again this year, there will be a cash prize of \$1,000 for the best costume. Gift certificates will be provided for runners-up and best group. This year's theme is "Monster Mash," which celebrates classic monsters from the golden age of horror films.

Centro Ybor is sponsoring the Costume Contest Stage. Guava sponsors include GTE Finan-

cial, C.H. Robinson, Hilton Garden Inn and Tre Amici @ the Bunker. Promotional partners, such as J.J.'s Café and Crowbar, will have Guavaween specials throughout the evening.

"Come down to Ybor City to celebrate All-Hallows day," said Marc Hamburg, chairman of the Guavaween 2013 Committee. "There is something for everyone, from mummies and vampires to werewolves and zombies."

Daytime activities in the historic district include the Little Monsters Pumpkin Patch at Centro Ybor and the Big Monsters Bed Race down Seventh Avenue.

For information on the costume contest, contact the chamber's Visitor Information Center at 813-241-8838 or check on-line at [www.ybor.org](http://www.ybor.org).

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