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Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri notified his staff Nov. 11 of a new zero-tolerance DUI policy. The decision to drive impaired is a conscious decision that can easily be avoided, Gualtieri said.

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Pinellas rakes in record tourism

Tax collections soar as more visitors than ever visited in the third quarter

By SUZETTE PORTER

State and local officials are celebrating a banner year for tourism.

More people visited Florida during the third quarter of 2013 than ever before, according to preliminary estimates released Nov. 15 by Visit Florida, the state's tourism marketing corporation. About 22.9 million visitors came to Florida from July to September, an increase of 1.7 percent over the same time last year.

"Because every 85 visitors to our state supports one Florida job: a growing tourism industry equates to more jobs for Florida families and a stronger economy," Florida Gov. Rick Scott said in a press release.

Estimates show that 72.6 million visitors made Florida their destination through the first three quarters of 2013 - up 3.4 percent over last year. Visitor spending from January through August

statewide was \$51.8 billion, a year-over-year increase of 5.8 percent. Direct travel-related employment grew by 2.8 percent, providing an additional 29,700 jobs.

"So far this year, we're up nearly 2.5 million visitors who increased their spending by almost \$3 billion, led by a double digit increase in international visitors," said Tammy Gustafson, chair of Visit Florida's board of directors. "This continued momentum is a testament to the strength of Visit Florida's marketing efforts, the power of the Sunshine State brand and the dedication of the nearly 1.1 million Floridians who work in the state's tourism industry."

According to Visit Florida, 19.5 million domestic visitors came to Florida during the third quarter of 2013 - a 0.5 percent increase over 2012. About 2.9 million overseas visitors included Florida in

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Photo courtesy of VISIT ST. PETE/CLEARWATER
Come on down, the weather is fine. Visit St. Pete/Clearwater, the county's destination marketing organization, uses sun and fun to entice visitors to head to Pinellas during the winter months.

From Russia, with style

Largo fashion designer has a flair for the unique

By FRANK DROUZAS

LARGO - For Ioulia Svyatogor, dressing up her dolls became the first step toward a passion for imaginative fashion designing.

"I have been designing and creating since I was a little child," Svyatogor said. "I remember crafting dolls from hay and plants and then hand-sewing dresses for them."

Svyatogor was born and raised in Moscow, Russia. Her affinity for creativity - now apparent in her evening gowns, masquerade costumes, gothic garb, corsetry and even fetish wear - started with her family. Both of her parents and her grandmother were artistic people.

"I inherited a functional toy sewing machine that my mom used to play with when she was a child and started using it for my fashion projects. Then I learned how to knit and crochet from my grandmother," she explained. "I was making all sorts of wearable things for myself and my family. Even my macramé skills I applied to fashion, making and wearing dresses out of ropes, especially during my hippie years."

Svyatogor has lived in Largo for most of the 15 years she's been in the United States. Yet the fact that she hails from the land of caviar and Catherine the Great is apparent in some of Svyatogor's designs. Since she

"My goal is to create gowns in a way that when you put them on, you can't help but to want to start dancing and smiling."
- Ioulia Svyatogor



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Above, fashion designer Ioulia Svyatogor of Largo, shown here modeling one of her own creations, says she likes melding vastly different styles. At left, Tatiana Kuzmina models one of Ioulia Svyatogor's designs, made largely out of zippers and featured in the St. Petersburg show, Closet Artists: Art to Wear. Svyatogor calls the design "Red Venus Fly Trapp."

Sinkhole destroys two homes

By TOM GERMOND

DUNEDIN - A sinkhole that caused the loss of two homes in a subdivision off Pinehurst Road continued to expand Nov. 14, but nobody was hurt.

The sinkhole, which was 60 feet wide by 40 to 50 feet deep by the morning of Nov. 14, formed off Robmar Road, leading to the evacuation of seven homes, four on Robmar Road and three on Mary Jane Lane.

"It's increasing as we speak," said Dunedin Fire Chief Jeff Parks, who was at the scene along with firefighters, Pinellas Sheriff's Office personnel and other officials.

The fire department received a call at 5:40 a.m. Nov. 14.

"At the one home at 1112 Robmar, the daughter heard a noise that sounded like somebody breaking in the back. The father went out there. That's when he found the hole. He called us and the sheriff's department and we evacuated the buildings when we got here," Parks said.

Between 10 and 11 a.m., the numerous news reporters on the scene heard the sound of what appeared to be glass or tile shattering.

The hole was expanding somewhat to the north of the



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A sinkhole formed in the backyard of this home on Robmar Road.

homes on Robmar Road and further to the west, Parks said.

"The back roof on the back corner of the second structure within an hour will be in the hole," he said Nov. 14.

However, he said no other residents were expected to be evacuated. Emergency personnel had put up barricades, and work crews brought in a front-end loader to remove a boat that was in danger of falling into the sinkhole.

Demolition crews removed the two severely damaged homes Nov. 15.

Information on sink hole activity is available at 737 Loudon Ave. Call City Engineering at 298-3178 or email: tburke@dunedinfl.net with any concerns/questions.

A neighbor expressed concern about more sinkholes forming along her street.

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Largo commission considers possible noise ordinance

By JULIANA A. TORRES

LARGO - After debating the feasibility of defending a local noise ordinance in court, Largo commissioners decided to wait until legislators clarified a state statute that was declared unconstitutional.

Commissioners were hoping to give Largo police officers another tool to target drivers disturbing others with loud music. In particular, Commissioner Curtis Holmes said he had been waiting years for the chance to address the issue.

However, City Attorney Alan Zimmet advised caution, warning that the commissioners should not be surprised if the city got caught in a lengthy trial defending the ordinance.

"It's expensive to defend those; they are frequently appealed," he said.

Commissioner Michael Smith asked Police Chief Jeff Undestad how frequently officers were called to address noise from vehicles. Undestad said it depended on the season, which would dictate if more windows were rolled down, but it did happen all over the city.

"It's not, I would say, one of the biggest problems that we're facing right now," he said.

Undestad conceded that the standing state statute was tough to enforce, but said a local ordinance was more time consuming for officers, just in the extra paperwork required to cite a violator.

The police department does have a vehicle noise complaint form that residents can use to report disturbances. The traffic division tracks the complaints by license plates and sends a letter to offenders, warning them of the complaints.

"The problem usually resolves itself, because folks don't want to be a nuisance to their neighbors," said Sgt. George Edmiston of the traffic division.

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Lions Club names poster contest winner

LARGO – The Largo Lions Club sponsored a local version of the 26th annual Peace Poster Contest at the High Point Neighbor Family Center Nov. 9.

The first-place winner of the contest was Elizabeth Budd. More than 30 students participated in the contest, themed this year, "Our World, Our Future." Their entries were on display at the center.

Largo Mayor Pat Gerard and local Lions club members Christine Collinson and Ronald Tucker judged the contest.

The local contest was a part of the Lions International Clubs' worldwide effort, sharing children's vision for peace with the community.



Photos courtesy of LARGO LIONS CLUB

Elizabeth Budd, center, holds her creation that won Largo Lions Club's annual Peace Poster Contest. With her are, from left, club members Christine Collinson, Susan Housewright, Ronald Tucker, Carolyn Tinney, Mayor Pat Gerard and member Jeff Evans.

The winner of local contests goes on to compete at a multiple-district competition and then Lions international headquarters for final judging.

The Largo Lions recently installed new officers for the 2013-14 year. They are Past District Gov. Sara Randall, District Gov. Andrew Moos, Lion tamer Shane Woods, President Sarah Tucker, First Vice President Kim Feaster, Secretary Karen Douglas, Treasurer Christina Clemans, tail twister Jeffery Evans, membership director David St. Martin and board of directors Ryan Eckstein John Day, Anita McHenry, George Feaster, Christine Collinson and Bobby Crozier.



The new officers of the Largo Lions Club include, from left, Past District Gov. Sara Randall, District Gov. Andrew Moos, Lion tamer Shane Woods, President Sarah Tucker, First Vice President Kim Feaster, Secretary Karen Douglas, Treasurer Christina Clemans and member of the board Ryan Eckstein.

English Language Learning at library receives national accreditation

LARGO – Largo Public Library's English Language Learning Program was awarded accredited status by ProLiteracy last month.

Accreditation is designed to recognize literacy organizations that are distinguished by superior professional leadership, effective programs, committed governing boards, and outstanding volunteer support. Largo Public Library has been recognized for excellence in each of these areas.

The English Language Learning Program has served Largo for four years, helping adults improve their reading, listening, writing and speaking skills.

"We are proud to add Largo Public Library's English Language Learning Program to our growing list of accredited organizations," said Peter Waite, vice president of programs. "They have demonstrated that their program meets the highest national standards for volunteer literacy programs and that their services to the community are effective. We applaud the many volunteers, staff, and students who have devoted their time and effort to achieve this goal."

ProLiteracy's Accreditation provides literacy programs with a comprehensive process for conducting an organizational self-assessment, developing program improvement plans and demonstrating that their organization meets the highest standards for governance, program management, program operations, and volunteer development. ProLiteracy is a nonprofit educational organization that supports local literacy programs through a national network of approximately 130,000 volunteers and 1,000 local, state, and regional literacy providers in the United States.

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Kid inventors, designers awarded in recycling contests

LARGO – The city of Largo announced the winners of its fifth annual Recycled Innovations Contest on the CBS mid-day television program, Studio 10, in celebration of America Recycles Day Nov. 15.

Local “junk geniuses” were challenged to construct useful items consisting of at least 75 percent otherwise discarded material. Largo Recycles’ Facebook friends voted for their favorites by “liking” pictures of the inventions. The winners, in their respective age category, are as follows:

- **Tiny Inventor:** Nicolette Handza made an office supply organizer out of a tissue box, paper towel roll and a plastic container.
- **Junior Innovator:** Ian Miller’s bird feeder made branches, a milk carton and old shoelaces was declared the winner, and Grace Williams’ Halloween recycled T-shirt quilt was named the runner up.
- **Tween Innovator:** Carson Vescovi made a fishing cart with bait bucket out of PVC pipe, a rolling crate, water bottles, a plastic jug and zip ties.
- **Ingenious Innovator:** Meaghan Ryan made a purse out of magazines.

Carson’s invention received the most likes during the Nov. 1-12 voting period. The junior and tween age categories had the fiercest competition. Many of the contestants, and three of the winners, were from Amy Piper’s classes at Country Day School.

“This contest is such a valuable lesson to teach kids and adults about being responsible for their waste,” Largo recycling coordinator Marissa Segunda stated.

To see all of the entries, visit www.facebook.com/LargoRecycles.

The city’s recycling division announced the results of their Largo Recycles More billboard contest last month. Almost 200 students, grades kindergarten through fifth grade, entered the contest, creating a billboard design their passion for recycling and Largo’s new recycling program.

The winners were Jilene Bronto, 10, of Pinellas Primary Academy and Tiffany Zhou, 10, of Ridgecrest Elementary.

The eight-week billboard campaign will start in January and help promote Largo’s new expanded recycling program. Starting in February of 2014, recycling will be collected in a large wheeled cart instead of a recycling bin to make it easier for families to recycle. The city of Largo also will be adding more materials to its collection, including plastics numbered 1 through 7, paper cartons and colored glass.

For more information about Largo’s recycling efforts, visit LargoRecycles.com.



Photos courtesy of the CITY OF LARGO
The winning inventions are, at bottom left, Carson Vescovi’s fishing cart; top left, Nicolette Handza’s office supply organizer; above, Meaghan Ryan’s magazine purse; at right, Ian Miller’s bird feeder and below, Grace Williams’ Halloween recycled T-shirt quilt.



The city also announced the winners of the Largo Recycles More billboard contest. The winning designs belong to Tiffany Zhou, shown above, and Jilene Bronto, shown below.



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their travel plans – a 10 percent increase from last year, and 516,000 visited the state from Canada – a 2.9 percent increase.

Honeymoon Island State Park in Dunedin welcomed more visitors than any other state park in Florida for the seventh year in a row with more than 1 million visitors and more than \$46.3 million in direct economic impact.

“Record visitor numbers equate to record spending,” said Will Secombe, president and CEO of Visit Florida. “With taxable sales up, occupancy rates up, rental car collections up, bed taxes up and average daily room rates up, Florida’s tourism industry has never been stronger.”

Pinellas enjoys record-setting year

Pinellas County officials also are celebrating a new record. Bed tax collections topped \$31 million during fiscal year 2013 – the highest in the county’s history.

The Pinellas County Tax Collector’s Office reported Nov. 5 that over a three-year period, 2011 to 2013, bed tax collections have increased, 7.7 percent in 2011, 12.3 percent in 2012 and another 8 percent in 2013.

According to D.T. Minich, Visit St. Pete/Clearwater executive director, reaching the \$30 million level is a “significant milestone.” Collecting \$30,000 in bed tax allows Pinellas to meet the state’s criteria of a high impact tourism county. Local officials could add an additional penny to its bed tax, an increase from five cents to six cents.

Bed tax collections pay for tourism marketing, beach restoration, bonds on area sports stadiums and other tourism-related initiatives under the direction of the county’s Convention and Visitor’s Bureau. Fifty-three percent of the tax goes to marketing and operations, 20 percent to debt service, 16 percent to reserves, 9 percent to beach nourishment and 2 percent pays for the Tax Collector’s services.

Minich attributes marketing efforts by Visit St. Pete/Clearwater, the county’s destination marketing organization, for the record year.

“This is a result of aggressive marketing and very targeted messaging,” Minich said. “A lot has changed during the past several years, including our marketing approach. We’re not relying on print as much, which gives us the ability to better target online within our feeder markets.”

Visit St. Pete/Clearwater revealed its marketing plan for 2014 on Nov. 13.

The plan includes a “first-of-its-kind nationwide marketing partnership with Florida’s Natural, workplace elevator videos and snow-centric guerrilla marketing in cold-weather feeder markets and a

continued evolution of the St. Pete/Clearwater brand that encourages visitors to ‘Live Amplified,’ according to a press release.

Officials say the new direction “showcases the youthful vibrancy and diversity visitors experience in the St. Pete/Clearwater area, from soaking in the sunshine to rocking a kayak through mangroves to diving into the mind of Dali.”

“We’ve worked very hard to re-invent the St. Pete/Clearwater brand over the last six years,” said VSPC Deputy Director David Downing. “So this amped-up evolution is built upon a solid foundation, one based on market research and proven results of consistent tourism growth across our target markets.”

The plan also incorporates a “shot of adrenaline” for St. Pete/Clearwater logo, which will be “bursting into 3-D print, and pulsing and spinning via animation in video and online.” The logo will appear on 12 million Florida’s Natural orange juice cartons in supermarkets throughout the United States starting in January.

A St. Pete/Clearwater vacation sweepstakes teaser will appear on the front panel of the cartons, and a side panel ad will encourage people to enter for a chance to win a trip to “the natural choice for a beach getaway.”

St. Pete/Clearwater is ready to begin its winter marketing campaign in New York and Chicago. Street-level advertising in Toronto will entice visitors with slogans such as “We salt margaritas, not sidewalks.”

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studied fashion and design in her native Moscow and graduated from the International Academy of Design and Technology in Tampa, it’s natural that the Old and New Worlds collide in her fashions.

“I like integrating different cultures – for example, Victorian and futuristic cyber, or traditional classic with underground alternative. It makes for a unique and fun mixture,” she said.

Svyatogor’s avant-garde apparel includes everything from spiked corsets to dragon-patterned jackets in her arsenal. Her innovative wearable art has turned heads at shows and exhibitions such as Busch Garden’s House of Wayne Fashion Show, featured in the park’s 2009 Howl-O-Scream event. For a 2011 show Closet Artists: Art to Wear in St. Petersburg, she created several one-of-a-kind pieces including a dress made almost entirely out of red zippers.

As head designer at Designs to Shine, a Pinellas Park-based business which sells distinctive ballroom gowns and dancewear, Svyatogor secured a spot on a team, which created attire for national TV, shows “Dancing with the Stars” and “So You Think You Can Dance?”

“It is always exciting to see your creations on TV, but I feel the most satisfaction and fulfillment when I see people become instantly inspired and even empowered to dance and perform better while wearing my creations,” she said. “My goal is to create gowns in a way that when you put them on, you can’t help but to want to start dancing and smiling.”

Svyatogor also is quite adept at making leather crafts, elaborate masks, elegant jewelry and stained glass art objects, which are also functional.

“I make fused glass air plant or orchid holders that you hang in the garden, and the stained glass looks so beautiful sparkling in the sun and moonlight,” she said. “It has also proven to be very good for the plants as they have all blossomed ever since I placed them in these glass holders. They provide just the right support, air circulation and moisture access for the plants to feel happy in them. Plus, they look pretty.”

Svyatogor is the owner of the Purring Angels Cattery, a home-based labor of love where she specializes in raising tiny teacup and toy-sized cats. One of the breeds, the lambkin, almost no one else in the country has, she said.

“They are just starting to become known in big part thanks to my cattery,” Svyatogor said.

Animal Planet even filmed part of an episode of “Cats 101” on the Lambkin breed in her home.



Photo by BRETT BRANNING

Above, fashion designer Ioulia Svyatogor of Largo poses in one of her designs with two of her cats. She also owns a cat breed business. At right, Tara Lightfoot models one of Ioulia Svyatogor’s designs.



Photo by ANNA KOTLOVA PHOTOGRAPHY

“My kitties were the stars in it,” she said with a smile. The rare breed cats, like her art, are for sale, and Svyatogor has even shipped the kittens to such faraway places as Brazil and South Korea in order to find them good homes. To see them, visit purringangelscattery.com.

Even when she is not busy raising rare kittens, conceptualizing fashions or crafting collectibles, Svyatogor always seems to find herself

drawn to the world of art.

“I love visiting galleries, attending art shows and going to costumed and themed events and masquerades,” she said. “Pretty much anything creative is always of interest to me – anything I can learn from, anything that is beautiful, pure, unordinary, meaningful, artistic and inspiring.”

Contact Svyatogor at jsvyatogor@hotmail.com.

NOISE, from page 1A

Commissioner Jamie Robinson admitted to a potentially loud car stereo in the past, but argued that any driver playing loud music only disturbs residents for a few moments while he or she drives by, or for two or three minutes at a stoplight. He was against creating an ordinance when the state statute provided a better process.

“I have no interest in seeing anything like this at all. I don’t understand why we would want to burden the police,” he said.

Commissioner Robert Murray agreed on the same basis – any potential disturbance the ordinance could address would be temporary.

“I don’t think it’s worth proceeding on this case, for something that’s temporary,” he said.

Holmes disagreed.

“When you have 20 or 30 ‘temporary’ (disturbances) a day go by your house at 3 o’clock in the morning – change rattling on your dresser because some moron driving down the road with his blasters on so loud it’s unbelievable – you may think differently about this,” he said.

Government had an obligation to ensure domestic

tranquility, which was violated by drivers with loud music, he argued. Still, Holmes wasn’t in favor of attracting excess litigation and agreed that the issue could wait for state clarification.

“I think somewhere down the road, we really need to address this thing. I am not the Lone Ranger of this. There are plenty of folks that are really chapped about this deal,” he said. “I’m tired of hearing about this. I get calls in my office: ‘When are you going to do something about this?’”

Mayor Pat Gerard said she understood Holmes’ distress.

“It’s unfortunate that some people are jerks,” she said.

Mixed recycling moves forward

The city of Largo will be dropping off the wider range of recyclable materials it plans on collecting in February to the Progressive Waste Solutions facility in downtown St. Petersburg. The commission approved a five-year contract with the company that currently provides the same service to Hillsborough County.

“We’re excited about the partnership,” said Ian Boyle, government affairs manager for Progressive Waste Solutions.

The city estimates that its three recycle trucks will make the 28-minute trip to the facility at 1190 20th St. N. twice a day each. The company will charge the city a contractor fee of \$50 per ton of materials, subtracted from a calculated market value of the recyclables it collects each month.

Pending annexations studied

The commissioners also heard a report from St. Petersburg College public policy student Michele Gray, who conducted a survey to determine the impact of more than 300 impending annexations on city departments. Her findings will assist in next year’s citywide report on the departments’ ability to serve the new residents and businesses.

“She’s been very helpful and insightful,” said Teresa Brydon, economic development manager.

The city has been weighing how to best handle the excess of annexation agreements – properties that are receiving city services but don’t have to pay city taxes until an ordinance officially moves the city boundaries. Due to budget cuts, the city does not have a dedicated staff person to process the requests. The more than 300 agreements currently on file could take up to three years to process, and the

city receives new agreements every month.

Gray cautioned the city to not terminate any agreements, so as not to “tarnish any future relationships.” She recommended the city eliminate redundancies, particularly by creating a single spreadsheet that would contain all the necessary information for annexations and travel between departments, rather than each department maintaining their own spreadsheet.

Gray also agreed with a commissioner’s suggestion of a temporary hold on new voluntary annexation agreements. An unpaid intern position that would transition into a part-time job could begin the work of processing grouped annexations, she said.

Brydon said city staff would be presenting a new report on the progress of the annexations in January, at which time the commission could discuss potential new policies.

Correction

The story, “Traveling wall gives tribute to vets,” in the Largo Leader Nov. 14, incorrectly identified the hometown of David Knox, a casualty in the Vietnam War. It is Dolton, Ill.

Around town

Highland opens for holiday camps

LARGO – Largo Recreation will be offering Thanksgiving holiday camps from Nov. 25-27 at the new Highland Recreation Complex, 400 Highland Ave.

Students in kindergarten through fifth grade will be able to sign up for morning camps that run from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., afternoon camps that run from 1 to 5 p.m., or both.

Sports Fanatic camp will offer half-day programs consisting of a variety of indoor and outdoor sports and games to keep kids active.

Two specialty camps will be offered as well. Super Stars camp will be offered each day, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Activities will include gymnastics, cheer-leading and dance. Campers also will get to play in PlayWorld, ExerPlay and the Play Zone. Or, sign up for Hip Hip Hurray specialty camp, the afternoon session that runs from 1 to 5 p.m. Enjoy games, crafts and the other Highland Rec amenities.

Recreation cards and preregistration are required to participate. Supervised lunch is available for children participating in morning and afternoon camps.

For more information, call 518-3016.

Christmas parade held in Largo

LARGO – The third annual Old-Fashioned Christmas Parade will be held Saturday, Dec. 7, 2 to 4 p.m., through Largo's Old Northwest neighborhood.

Last year, more than 2,000 people came out to watch more than 60 floats in the parade. The Largo High School marching band will participate this year.

Participation in the parade is \$50 per decorated float. All proceeds go to the Suncoast Voices for Children Foundation. Sponsorship costs \$250 and includes a business logo on the parade banner at the front of the parade.

The parade is scheduled before the Holiday Stroll in Largo Central Park. For more information and to register, visit discoverlargo.com.

Death by Chocolate returns

LARGO – The Rotary Club of Largo will present the 18th annual Death by Chocolate fundraiser – bringing hundreds of people with a love for choco-

late together in the name of charity – Friday, Dec. 6, 7 to 9 p.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive.

The event will feature thousands of all-you-can-eat delectable, mouth watering chocolate creations by the local restaurants that will satisfy any sweet tooth. Enjoy complimentary champagne, a silent auction and entertainment encompassed by the holiday lights illuminating Largo Central Park.

Organized on Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self," the local club anticipates raising \$30,000 to serve the needs of our area's underprivileged youth this year alone. Founded more than 50 years ago, the club has donated more than \$300,000 to local youth initiatives.

To buy tickets and find information on sponsorship opportunities, visit www.largorotary.com.

Library Friends to sell gift baskets

LARGO – The Friends of the Largo Library will host a Holiday Gift Basket Sale from Saturday, Dec. 7 through Saturday, Dec. 21, in the lobby and the library bookstore, 120 Central Park Drive.

The baskets, featuring various themes, will be on display in the library. All proceeds benefit the library. Call the bookstore at 586-7392.

Lights in the Gardens to open

LARGO – The Florida Botanical Gardens Foundation's Holiday Lights in the Gardens will be open from Friday, Nov. 29, to Wednesday, Jan. 1, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Stroll through this year's display of more than 750,000 twinkling lights and holiday decorations. A donation of \$2 per person (13 years and older) is recommended. Events scheduled during the Holiday Lights include a Florida Botanical Gardens Foundation gift and plant sale on Sunday, Dec. 8, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and a dog parade on Sunday, Dec. 29, starting at 1 p.m.

The Florida Botanical Gardens is located at 12520 Ulmerton Road in Largo, with an alternate entrance at 12211 Walsingham Road. The gardens remain open from 7 a.m. until dusk every day, with free admission during daylight hours. For more information, visit www.flbg.org or call 582-2100.

New rides won at the rodeo



Photo courtesy of LARGO POLICE

Becca Kopcik, left, and Jacob Musgrove won the drawings for two bikes, donated by Walmart, at the Largo Police Department's Bike Safety Rodeo Nov. 9. Pictured with them are, from left, Largo Police Chief Jeff Undestad and Walmart employees Becky Snyder-Dunn of loss prevention and store manager Emmanuel Gilliam, both based at the 1111 Missouri Ave. Walmart. Silvana Musgrove, not pictured, won a third drawing for a Target gift card.

Annual floodplain report available

LARGO – The 2013 Annual Floodplain Management Plan Progress Report is available for the public to review at Largo City Hall, 201 Highland Ave., and also on at www.largo.com.

The City of Largo is a participating community in the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System, a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum requirements.

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Bay Pines renamed to honor Bill Young

WASHINGTON, D.C. – President Barack Obama signed legislation Nov. 13 by U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson and others to rename the Bay Pines Veterans Administration Medical Center in Florida after the late U.S. Rep. C.W. "Bill" Young.



Bill Young

Nelson, who serves as a senior member of the Senate's Armed Services Committee, was able to fast track the bill through the Senate, where it was approved Oct. 31 following House passage the week before. President Obama signed the bill Nov. 13.

"This is a fitting way to recognize Bill Young's extraordinary legacy of public service and his unwavering support of our veterans," Nelson said.

After 42 years in Congress, Young died Oct. 18 and was laid to rest in the Bay Pines National Cemetery Oct. 24 adjacent to the medical center that will now bear his name.

According to the legislation, the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Bay Pines is now known as the C.W. Bill Young Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Qualifying ends for District 13 House seat

Prospective candidates had only 30 hours to qualify with the state Division of Elections to run in the Jan. 14, 2014 special primary election to fill the position left vacant when Young died Oct. 18.

The qualifying period began at 8 a.m. Monday and ended at noon Tuesday, Nov. 19. According to information posted at election.do.state.fl.us, six candidates qualified by the deadline.

Alex Sink, who lists her address as a P.O. Box in Clearwater, is the sole candidate for the Democrats. She qualified by paying a fee of \$10,440. Lucas Overby of Clearwater, who represents the Libertarian Party of Florida, also qualified by paying a fee. Michael S. Levinson of St. Petersburg qualified as a write-in candidate.

Three candidates qualified on the Republican side by paying the fee. Candidates include Mark Bircher of Seminole, David Jolly of Indian Rocks Beach and Kathleen Peters of South Pasadena.

Tides re-zoning protest



Photo courtesy of RON STEPHENS
Members of Save the Tides protested the proposed re-zoning of the Tides Golf Course for residential use outside of Wells Fargo, 7700 Seminole Blvd., on Nov. 16. The group is fighting a re-zoning request submitted to the Pinellas County Commission by Wells Fargo and developer Taylor Morrison.

Republican candidate John-Michael Fleig of St. Pete Beach did not qualify, nor did Democrat Donald Warren Hackett Jr. of Largo.

Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections Deborah Clark announced that early voting is scheduled from Jan. 4-12, 2014. Florida is a closed primary state, meaning only voters registered with a political party can vote within their party's primary election. In other words, only registered Republicans can vote in the Republican primary.

Mail ballots are tentatively scheduled to go out beginning Nov. 27 for overseas and absent military with ballots for voters in Pinellas County scheduled for mailing on Dec. 13.

The deadline to register to vote in the primary election is Dec. 16. The last day to change party affiliations also is Dec. 16. The special general election is scheduled on March 11, 2014.

Endorsements coming in for Greenlight Pinellas

CLEARWATER – After working with partners and colleagues for months to help craft a comprehensive transportation plan for the future of Pinellas County, members of the Greenlight Council fully endorsed the transportation blueprint they helped create during a Nov. 6 meeting at Pinellas Realtors Association, 4590 Ulmerton Road.

The Greenlight Council, made up of local civic, business and government leaders, had asked for independent validation of financial assumptions for parts of the plan before granting approval. Those portions involve plans outlining proposed bus improvements and the implementation of a future light rail line.

"Scrubbing the numbers and being able to answer the public's question, 'If I give you my penny, can you do what you say you're going to do?' with a resounding 'yes' is very important and unusual," said Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority Chairman Ronnie Duncan. "It's unusual to do this kind of detailed analysis at this point in the process and for that I commend PSTA and its partners in this process."

After receiving validation of the Greenlight Pinellas financial assumptions from experts at Ernst and Young and HNTB Corporation, the council unanimously voted to endorse the plan. Members will now take the plan to Pinellas County Commissioners and request that a funding proposal be placed on the Nov. 4, 2014 ballot.

Over the next few weeks, county staff will work with PSTA to craft ballot language for the referendum asking voters to change transit funding in Pinellas County from its current .7305 mill property tax to a one percent sales tax. That process will include a Commission workshop on Dec. 3 and a public hearing tentatively scheduled for Dec. 10.

To learn more about the plan, along with supporting study documentation, visit www.greenlightpinellas.com.



PSTA ridership continues to grow

ST. PETERSBURG – On the heels of a new annual record for all-time ridership, the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority continues to post exceptionally strong ridership numbers as it starts its new fiscal year.

In October, the agency provided 1,278,051 rides making for the second highest total for October in agency history. October 2012 was highest ever.

PSTA officials said although ridership was up on their regular routes last month, the temporary closing of the Clearwater Marine Aquarium for a movie shoot dropped shuttle ridership between CMA and Winter's Dolphin Tale Adventure by more than 15,000 as compared to October 2012. "When you consider the probable impact the new movie will have on our economy, the short term dip in ridership is nothing compared to the increases that we're expecting after the movie opens," said PSTA spokesperson Bob Lasher.

PSTA leaders continue working to find ways to meet the growing demand for ridership and to ease overcrowding on many routes.

"Our Suncoast Beach Trolley vehicles have 30 seats on every bus. When I rode from Pier 60 to Clearwater on Oct. 26, there were 34 other people waiting at my stop," Lasher said. "And, all but three or four were commuters."

Agency leaders are also encouraged by the fact that the demand for service remains strong even though fuel prices have dropped precipitously over the past few weeks. They say that it's very common for riders to continue using transit when fuel prices drop, since monthly bus passes are still cheaper than the average fill-up and they enjoy the stress relief of not having to drive on crowded roads.

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"If it's here, it's there," said Debbie Beseth, who has lived on the street since 1991.

"Yesterday (Nov. 13) they were bringing cement trucks in and I didn't know what was going on down here," she said. "I didn't know it was construction."

The neighborhood is usually quiet, she said.

Tammy and Chris Ehmgig live two doors away from one of the homes that were evacuated.

Waking up at about 6 a.m., Chris saw "these red flashing lights all over the front yard. I thought, ah man, somebody's hurt, or something's bad happening. We came outside; there were helicopters, fire trucks all up and down the road," he said.

The Ehmgigs are concerned about their neighbors.

"They are friends. They are losing a lot. It's heartbreaking," Tammy said. "But thank God, everybody got out safe. One of the houses that's really crumbling on the back side – they were able to get their grandson out and everybody's OK."

Tammy said about 11 or 12 years ago, a large sinkhole formed at Pinehurst and Robmar roads.

"It swallowed up half of a neighbor's yard and the whole middle of the street," she said.

Despite the sinkholes, the Ehmgigs don't plan to relocate.

"It's part of living in Florida," Tammy said.

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Holiday fundraiser celebrates 20th anniversary

Ride & Run with the Stars, set for Dec. 7 this year, raises funds for the Sheriff's Christmas Sharing Project

By SUZETTE PORTER

For 20 years, the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office has done its part to make the holidays bright for children and families in need.

It's a tradition, and it's humbling, said Major Sean Jowell, with the Sheriff's Office Support Services, who has participated in Ride & Run with the Stars for more years than he can remember.

This year's event is Saturday, Dec. 7, 8 a.m. to noon, at Fort De Soto Park. Ride & Run with the Stars has taken place the first Saturday in December since 1983. The event was the brainchild of three former deputies, Michael Platt, Scott Stiner and Gary Herbine. Back in those days, employees of the Sheriff's Office would donate their own money to try to help families and children they knew needed help, especially during the holidays. But the need was too great. They couldn't do enough on their own.

So, Platt, who retired as a captain and now works at the Sheriff's Office as range master, Stiner, now a retired captain, and Herbine, a retired lieutenant, came up with the idea to have a bicycle riding event at Fort De Soto to raise money for the children.

"It was a very simple thing, but it really took off and grew," Jowell said. "Now, it's the 20th anniversary."

The event is the largest law enforcement organized holiday charity fundraiser in the Tampa Bay area. Over the years, more than \$500,000 in donations and proceeds have gone to the Sheriff's Christmas Sharing Project.

The money helps fulfill the wish lists of children, some known to the Sheriff's Office because they were involved with cases of violent crime. Others may come from families who were victims of economic crime. All have interacted with the sheriff's office for some reason. The families fill out an application and provide a wish list of needs.

Members of the Christmas Sharing Project closely vet each family to make sure they aren't getting help elsewhere and truly have a need.

"We spend hours going over the applications," Jowell said.

The children don't ask for anything big, he said. The wish lists don't include the latest gaming console or newest phone.

"It's humbling to see that," he said. "They ask for clothes, under-



Photo courtesy of PCSO

Bicyclists pass under the Ride & Run with the Stars banner as they participate in a past event at Fort De Soto Park.

wear, socks. We have teens asking for their very first bike. They ask for simple things."

For the past few years, Bechtel Financial has donated bicycles and others have donated helmets. Jowell said Bechtel would be donating bicycles again this year. Helmets will come from the sheriff's office.

No monetary goal has been set for this year's event, just "as much as we can possibly get," Jowell said. In recent years, the Ride & Run with the Stars has brought in between \$40,000 to \$50,000.

More than a 100 volunteers from the sheriff's agency and others will gather at the Target on Tyrone Boulevard, which will open two hours early Dec. 17, to shop for each child on their list. It is likely that some won't get everything they requested.

"We purchase as much as we can," he said. "It all depends on the number of children."

Any leftover money pays for food for a holiday meal. Jowell said the sheriff's office usually collaborates with a local grocery store. In past years it has been Publix. Families get a gift certificate they can use to buy a turkey and sides.

Prior to Christmas Day, Community Policing deputies play Santa and personally deliver the gifts to the families.

"They're all appreciative of what they receive," Jowell said. "These families don't have a sense of entitlement."

About the event

Jowell said planning for Ride & Run with the Stars is a year-round activity, which contributes to its success. The main events focus on bicycling, running and walking. All activities are within Fort De Soto Park.

Registration begins at 7 a.m. Dec. 7. Advance registration is available online at www.rideandrunwiththestars.com or pick up a form at the Sheriff's Office, 10750 Ulmerton Road, Largo.

Registration fee is \$35 a person, which includes the selected race, a long-sleeve logo T-shirt (for the first 750 registrants), food and giveaways.

For the \$35 fee, participants can choose between the 25 mile run, which begins at 8 a.m.; a 10K Family Bike Ride, which starts at 8:15 a.m.; 5K certified race, which begins at 8:30 a.m.; or the 1-mile fun walk/skate, with a start time of 8:45 a.m. Parking fees at Fort De Soto Park are waived for registered participants.

Jowell said the 5K chipped race was a first-time event. The electronic chips will accurately monitor each runner's time. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded in each age group. He said the new event was part of the effort to make the event better every year.

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The Chamber's Annual Holiday Luncheon will take place on Tuesday, December 10 from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at the Palms of Largo Royal Palms Theater, 200 Lake Avenue NE, Largo. Presented by the organization's Women in Business Council, it will feature an auction of specialty holiday gift baskets to benefit the Chamber Education Fund for scholarships. Other highlights will include musi-

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Cost is \$20 a person to attend with reserved tables of eight for \$160. To register, call 727-584-2321 or email events@CentralChamber.biz. This is a sell-out event, so no-shows will be billed.



Happy Anniversary to the great folks at Animal Care Clinic of Largo, 1100 Seminole Blvd., 33770 - www.animalcareclinic.com. Ambassadors/Board Members in attendance include Melody Hunter - Realtor, Christine Williams-Mancini of BB&T, Diana Robertson of All About Scrubs and Scott Lake of R.S. Williams & Associates.



The Chamber B2B Happy Hour event at SLYCE Pizza Bar, 3575 Gulf Boulevard, Indian Rocks Beach, was Sponsored by Dr. George Kamajianof Dr. K's Largo Clinic and Medspa at Largo Mall (left) and Debra Jones of Regions Bank. Dr. K and Debra thank SLYCE representative Brian Novak for serving up delicious pizza and appetizers.

Chamber Holiday Hours

The Chamber has announced the following hours of operation for the holiday season at its 151 3rd Street NW Largo office location. In observance of Thanksgiving, it will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29. For Christmas, it will be closed Tuesday,

Dec. 24 and Wednesday, Dec. 25. And for New Years, it will close at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31 and will be closed all day Wednesday, Jan. 1.

Businesses needing Chamber services including Certificates of Origin should plan accordingly.



Largo Grade Power Learning celebrates their grand opening at 12931 Walsingham Road in Largo. Ambassadors in attendance include Daniel Ruffner of BB&T, Christine Williams-Mancini of BB&T, Mea McManus Of Donald McManus & Company, Jerry Hoth of gWiz Personal Technology Services And Jeff Petracco of Wealth Builders.

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

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

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

Good news for Business!

Florida Workers' Compensation Rates to Remain Low

Statewide Chamber of Commerce efforts led by the Florida Chamber have resulted in a victory for Florida's business' workers' compensation rates!

After three years of steady increases - 6.1 percent, 8.9 percent and 7.8 percent, respectively - the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation (OIR) approved a meager 0.7 percent increase for the coming year. Several days ago, the Office of Insurance Regulation signaled they would only accept a 0.7 percent increase, and last week OIR approved the amended rate filing. Chambers of commerce have been a major force

helping lead the fight to reduce rates over the past few years.

Earlier this year, the Florida Legislature passed SB 662 designed to close a drug repackaging loophole. When signed into law by Governor Rick Scott, workers' compensation insurance rates declined by 0.7 percent, which is why rates will remain flat in 2014. The effort of the Florida Chamber on the drug repackaging bill alone meant savings for Florida's businesses of \$20 million per year in reduced workers' compensation insurance rates



Sue Osborne of Pincrest Place Retirement Community hosted the recent B2B Breakfast Over Easy event which featured guest speaker Agent Jim Robnett of the IRS Criminal Investigation Field Office who spoke on identity theft.



Joshua Mirabella, Nate Freeman and Edeline Joseph were the Spotlight Sponsors of the Chamber's recent B2B Breakfast Over Easy.

Chamber Ambassador of the Month

Mea McManus of Donald McManus & Company, Inc. is the Chamber's Ambassador of the Month. McManus & Company, Inc. CPA has been serving individuals and businesses in the Central Pinellas area for over 40 years. Their services include: tax return preparation (individual, corporation, partnership, not for profit, estate & trust), monthly and quarterly bookkeeping, and payroll. You work hard for your money; let McManus & Company help you hold on to it! For more information, please call (727) 586-3789.



Supporting Business & Community

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

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The Chamber welcomes NorthStar Bank to the neighborhood! 715 Indian Rocks Road, Belleair Bluffs; www.northstar-bank.com. Ambassadors/Board Members in attendance include Mea McManus of Donald McManus & Company, David Puckett of GTE Financial, Jason Pittman of Regions Bank, Scott Lake of R.S. Williams & Associates and Jeff Petracco of Wealth Builders.

Free SCORE Business Counseling

The Chamber hosts business counseling services provided by SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) at its offices by appointment every first and third Thursday monthly. SCORE counselors represent working and retired business executives who

volunteer their lifetime experience providing assistance for people looking to start a business and for owners/managers of existing businesses. There is no cost involved. Counseling appointments can be made only by calling 584-2321.



Chamber Chairman Dr. Jim Rivenbark of Diagnostic Clinic (left) Rick Donohue of Hampton Inn & Suites-Largo (to the right of the Chamber Cup) congratulate the winning team at the 10th Annual Chamber Cup Golf Tournament, headed by Dean Rosko of AXA-Advisors/Dean J. Rosko and Associates. Special thanks to the presenting sponsor, Clearwater Toyota, additional sponsors, all of our volunteers, golf committee members and participants!

Leads Network Teams Deliver!

Develop new business leads! Join more than 75 business leaders already engaged in one or more of the four Chamber Leads Network Groups. Members meet twice a month to share business leads and build business contacts. The success of the program is participation so regular meeting attendance is required.

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

Journey to a TRUSTED Brand Business Workshop

Chamber members are invited to attend a workshop entitled Journey to a Trusted Brand and receive a \$400 discount!

The program takes place Wednesday, Dec. 4 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the White Dove Professional Center,

13201 Walsingham Road, Largo. It's presented by Trust Business Systems, Inc.

The workshop will provide a guide to help establish a business plan that can be quickly and easily implemented. Participants will be provided the

opportunity to design their individual plan with the assistance of a team of professionals including marketing and public relations, accounting, human resources, business coaching and certified employee benefit specialists.

Cost is \$99 for Chamber members

and \$499 for non-members. Reservations must be made by Friday, Nov. 29. Please call 727-399-9454 or email Kadi Tubbs at ktubbs@trustbizonline.com. Registration is also available online through PayPal at www.trustbizonline.com.

Largo Cultural Center to host Holiday Happy Hour

The Chamber will hold a B2B Holiday Happy Hour on Thursday, December 19 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on the portico at the Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. There will be a variety of Chamber

member restaurants, caterers and food service providers at the event with samples and a cash bar will be in service. Spotlight Business Sponsor is Holiday Inn Express & Suites-Largo. The B2B Happy Hour is an infor-

mal program providing the opportunity for Chamber members and guests to exchange business cards and become acquainted. Attendees who provide a door prize of \$15 or more in value are provided a 60 second in-

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

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Dolcini's Gelato opens

LARGO – Dolcini's Gelato, a family-owned business in Largo, opened its doors in September.

Located at 325 West Bay Drive, Unit 4B, Dolcini's Gelato is on a mission to make "true artisan gelato" as popular and well-known as apple pie.

According to the owner, Gelato is a "healthy ice cream treat full of Italian passion and made out of fresh and natural ingredients."

Dolcini's Gelato is open Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 to 9 p.m.

Local company launches new product

CLEARWATER – Bowboard LLC., located in Clearwater, recently launched a unique product that introduces a completely new category of ride-on devices.

The Bowboard merges a bow, frame and spiral gearing mechanism that moves you forward when stepping on the bow. While it shares elements with bicycles, kick scooters and skateboards, its main method of propulsion is completely revolutionary.

"There's no pedals, no chains, no motor, no batteries, no sprockets," said Brian Gallagher in a press release. Gallagher is CEO of Bowboard. "It's just gravity and you."

When riding on the Bowboard its patented technology converts the rider's body weight and bouncing motion into forward movement.

According to the press release, the underlying idea behind the development of the Bowboard was to design a product that would be both fun and fast to ride, while also possessing that "cool factor" kids demand.

After seven years of hard-work and dedication, the team behind Bowboard is ready to reveal it to the public. Shying away from corporate America, the Bowboard project was launched on the crowd-funding site Kickstarter.com.

"We want to be backed by those who believe in Bowboard as a safe, fun and alternative way to travel," said Gallagher.

Salon West stylists attend Redken Exchange

Several Salon West stylists recently sharpened their skills at The

Redken Exchange in New York City.

Amy Lenhard, Heidi Turner, Felicia Gordon, Brittani Renzi, Kristina Weck and Doug Fitzpatrick recently upgraded their skills. These stylists were some of the dedicated salon professionals who attended The Redken Exchange overlooking Fifth Avenue in New York City. Along with other stylists from around the globe, they learned advanced techniques in hair design and hair color from leading experts in the salon industry, according to a press release.

Stylists from almost every country in the world attend The Redken Exchange, making it a great venue for exchanging tips, ideas and techniques with other stylists as well as for getting the latest information on Redken hair care, hair color and styling products.

Salon West has one location in Clearwater and two in Largo.



Salon West stylists attending The Redken Exchange include, from left, Amy Lenhard, Heidi Turner, Felicia Gordon, Brittani Renzi, Kristina Weck and Doug Fitzpatrick.

Art At The Plaza to host open house

BELLEAIR BLUFFS – Art At The Plaza, at 100 Indian Rocks Road N., will host an open house during the annual Christmas at the Plaza evening, set for Thursday, Dec. 5, 6 to 9 p.m.

This family business will make this year's Christmas At The Plaza

evening extra special by having internationally acclaimed fashion designer and artist Michael Vollbracht in the store presenting "A Few of My Favorite Things." Also featured will be works by premier artists such as Will Dexter, Rocky Bridges, Duncan McClellan, Glen Tarnowski and pieces from Interiors by Sharman.

Vollbracht's talents and career have spanned fashion, interior design, illustration and publishing – all with his unique talent and perspective. His artistic vision stands out among the best. From the earliest days of the famous Bloomingdale's shopping bag, to his glamorous Coty award winning fashion shows, the Vollbracht signature drew attention. He has designed and illustrated for such diversified entities such as the New Yorker, Neiman Marcus, Joan Crawford, Bill Blass, Laura Bush, Janet Jackson, Saks Fifth Avenue and Art At The Plaza.

For information, call 559-7767 or email tracy@artattheplaza.net.

Grand Central District elects new board

ST. PETERSBURG – The Grand Central District Association recently elected a new board of directors for 2013-14.

Jeff Danner, currently serving on St. Petersburg's City Council, was elected president. Upon completing his final term representing District 8, Danner will begin a new venture, Danner Consulting. He has extensive experience in planning and economic development, having served on several commissions and committees, and has been involved with the Grand Central District since its inception.

Other officers elected to the executive committee include the following:

- Vice president – Brian Longstreth of Your Neighborhood Realty, Gaystpete.com and Gay St. Pete House
- Secretary – Dave Hollowell of Insurance Underwriters & Associates
- Treasurer – Mitch Hernandez of Mitch Hernandez Accounting & Tax Services

In addition, four new Directors were appointed to the board, including Jason McNeil, Beak's St. Pete; Suzanne Golden, Nuance Galleries; Bill Hillman, property owner; and Andrew Lee, Roundhouse Creative.

The board also includes three returning directors, including Andrew Hayes, Hayes/Cumming Architects; Bob Jeffrey, Grand Central Lofts; Howard Dodge, The White Elephant Antiques & Collectables.

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Sheriff announces zero-tolerance for DUIs

By SUZETTE PORTER

Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri notified his staff Nov. 11 of a new zero-tolerance DUI policy.

"Driving while impaired by alcohol or controlled substances is not only illegal, it is dangerous and causes serious injury and death," Gualtieri said in his written notice. "As members of law enforcement we must set an example for our community and adhere personally to the laws we enforce. Moreover, we must do the right thing and driving while impaired is doing the wrong thing. Every person who drives while impaired makes the bad decision to do so - it is a conscious decision and a choice that disregards human life."

Before Gualtieri changed the policy, members of the sheriff's office charged with a DUI would receive a seven-day suspension - if they had no prior disciplines on their record.

The existing general orders allows a discipline range from a seven-day suspension to termination.

Gualtieri said, "We have experienced more member involved DUI's recently, this troubles me greatly and it is something that must stop. Again - the decision to drive impaired is a conscious decision and one that can easily be avoided."

Gualtieri said the new policy applied only to DUI charges after the new policy went into effect Nov. 11. He communicated the new policy so everyone was aware in advance of the consequences of their actions.

"Effective immediately I will no longer impose the minimum seven-day suspension for DUI's and the consequence for any member of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office who operates a vehicle while above the legal alcohol limit of .08 percent blood alcohol content, or is convicted of a DUI will be termination of

employment," Gualtieri said. "This will be automatic and exceptions will not be made for anyone regardless of rank or position within the agency."

Gualtieri said if a member of the sheriff's office refuses to blow during the criminal investigation, as is done now, a member of the Administrative Investigative Division would go to the jail and require an administrative blow. If the blow shows an alcohol level of .08 percent or higher, the employee would be terminated.

"I never want to be in the position of having to terminate anyone's employment; however, I also do not want to be the one knocking on the door of someone's home at 2 a.m. telling them that their loved one was killed by a DUI driver - especially one that works for PCSO. There is an easy solution to avoid any consequence of this new policy - don't drive while impaired."

Operation Safe Families concluded

LARGO - Sheriff Bob Gualtieri recently announced the results of "Operation Safe Families," a month-long Florida Sheriffs Task Force statewide operation targeting subjects wanted for domestic violence and writs of bodily attachment for non-support. "Operation Safe Families" began on Oct. 13 and ran through Saturday, Nov. 9.

According to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's 2012 Uniform Crime Report, 108,046 domestic violence offenses were reported to law enforcement agencies last year, and 202 individuals died as a result of domestic violence, which represents approximately 20 percent of all homicides in the state of Florida.

In an effort to create a renewed consciousness and make the public aware of the very serious problem of domestic violence, the Florida Sheriffs Task Force launched "Operation Safe Families." The initiative set out to target two classes of fugitives - outstanding warrants for domestic violence and writs of bodily attachment for non-payment of child support.

Across the state, 33 sheriff's offices joined the effort. The month-long operation resulted in more than 5,500 arrest charges, including service of 387 domestic violence warrants and 772 writs of bodily attachment. The unified effort also was successful in making 2,586 probable cause arrests for domestic violence and in placing 89 children into protective custody. Additional arrests stem from other domestic violence related charges, among them resisting arrest with violence and without violence.

"Domestic violence impacts the lives of countless families and innocent children. Besides the immediate physical pain and emotional trauma often caused by domestic violence, I am greatly concerned because it is a cyclical behavior that harms the growth and development of the next generation - our children. While the formal task force known as Operation Safe Families has ended, citizens should rest assured knowing that no matter what day it is, the sheriffs of Florida will continue working to combat domestic violence," Gualtieri said.

"The partnership between law enforcement agencies, certified domestic violence centers and the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence is critical in our collective efforts to ensure that perpetrators are held accountable for their violence. We always encourage anyone needing assistance to contact their local certified domestic violence center or the statewide Florida Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-500-1119," said Tiffany Carr, president and CEO for the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Crime reports

WKMJ 102.1 FM taken off the air

PINELLAS PARK - Officers with the Pinellas Park Police Department's Community Redevelopment Area Policing unit and investigators from the Federal Communications Commission wrapped up an investigation Nov. 15 of a pirate radio station operating within the city limits of Pinellas Park.

Investigators determined that Joseph Kervenson, 27, of Kenneth City was listed as the CEO of the pirate radio station using the call letters of WKMJ 102.1 FM.

According to a report from Pinellas Park police, the radio station was broadcasting over the FM airways without licensing from the FCC - a third degree felony in the state of Florida.

During the investigation, officers seized the radio transmitter and antenna used for the illegal broadcast. The business located at 6251 Park Blvd. Suite 9-F in Pinellas Park was secured and the radio broadcast was terminated.

Kervenson was charged with unauthorized transmissions to, or interference with, a public or commercial radio station licensed by the FCC. He was booked into the Pinellas County Jail. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Man arrested for molesting child

Pinellas County detectives arrested a Sumter County man Nov. 12 for Sexual Battery on a Child Under 12 at a private residence at an undisclosed location in Pinellas County.

Detectives began their investigation on Oct. 14, when a female disclosed that Charles Michael Willis II, 24, of Bushnell had molested her between the years of 2002 and 2003. The victim would have been age 6 and Willis age 13. The victim advised detectives that Willis molested

her on multiple occasions at a private residence in Pinellas County.

Detectives continued their investigation through the month of October and obtained a warrant for the suspect on Oct. 28. Detectives contacted Willis Tuesday, Nov. 12, in Sumter County. Willis denied the allegations. Willis was arrested and is currently being held at the Sumter County Jail.

Students hospitalized after taking drugs

SEMINOLE - Five students at Seminole Middle School ended up at a local hospital Monday afternoon after they ingested prescription medications illegally brought to school by a classmate.

Elizabeth Sauls, 14, of Madeira Beach, an eighth grade student at the middle school, 8701 131st St. N., brought the prescription medication hydroxyzine, which she took from her parents, to the school this morning. She distributed the medication to at least four other female eighth graders, and she took the drug herself.

Later in the afternoon, the five teens began to feel ill. They were taken to a local hospital about 2 p.m. as a precaution. The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office reported Monday evening that their condition was non-life-threatening.

Sauls will be charged with one felony count of dispensing medication without a license and a misdemeanor count of possession of a prescription medication without a prescription.

According to drugs.com, hydroxyzine reduces activity in the central nervous system. Hydroxyzine can cause side effects that may impair thinking or reactions, among other things.

Man arrested in accidental shooting

SEMINOLE - A Seminole man was arrested Nov. 18 after accidentally shooting a 17 year old under his care.

James Harrison Wolf, who has prior convictions of crimes in California, is being held on \$7,500 bond at the Pinellas County Jail. He is charged with one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm. Wolf also is a registered sex offender.

According to the Pinellas County Sheriff's detectives the shooting happened just before midnight Sunday, Nov. 17, at a private residence on Anchorage Circle in Seminole.

Detectives said Taylor Titus, 17, left his home about 9 p.m. without telling his caregivers, James Wolf, 55, and Nancy Wolf, 56, and returned home shortly before midnight. When Titus got home, Wolf was preparing to go to sleep and had turned off all the lights in the home. Wolf then heard a noise coming from the back of the home, grabbed his handgun and went to check his residence.

Wolf noticed a subject near the backdoor and ordered him to freeze. The subject began to walk toward Wolf. Wolf then fired one shot, hitting the subject. When the subject stumbled toward Wolf, he realized it was Titus. Titus was transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.



James Harrison Wolf

Firefighters prevent high-rise fire

CLEARWATER - Clearwater Fire and Rescue firefighters responded to a call at a high-rise condo, 1200 Gulf Blvd., on Nov. 12, according to a fire report. An HVAC unit was "minutes from extending and becoming a full-blown high-rise structure fire," the report said.

The fire alarm went off when it detected smoke, and responding units quickly located the source and contained it to the HVAC unit.

Firefighters respond to smoke at Crabby Bills

CLEARWATER - Numerous Clearwater Fire and Rescue workers responded to a structure fire at the Crabby Bills Restaurant on Clearwater Beach on Nov. 12. Units arrived to find smoke on the second floor of the structure, and after investigating, they determined that it was a burned-up motor on an air conditioning unit, which was the source, according to a fire report.



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Firefighters determined that a motor on an air conditioning unit was the cause of smoke at Crabby Bills Restaurant.

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HSVMA reports flu-like canine virus cases

After confirmation of two new flu-like canine viruses in the Tampa Bay region, The Humane Society of the United States and The Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association cautions dog owners in the area to avoid places where dogs socialize or congregate.

Last week, Hillsborough County Animal Services announced that several dogs at its shelter tested positive for respiratory coronavirus and pneumovirus. Dogs at the shelter were tested as part of a Cornell University research study.

"If you notice your dog has runny eyes, a runny nose, or is sneezing and/or coughing, you should immediately contact your veterinarian," said Barry Kellogg, VMD, in a press release. Kellogg is HSVMA's senior veterinary advisor.

Management of canine infectious respiratory disease in dogs housed in close proximity to one another remains a challenge, and it is critical that veterinarians working in and with animal shelters are familiar with its various causes. CIRDC is commonly known as "kennel cough." The pneumovirus and respiratory coronavirus are just two of the viruses that cause respiratory diseases.

Any of these upper respiratory infections cause an illness similar to when a human gets the flu; however, these are not the same disease as the Canine Flu. The viruses are not usually deadly, but infected animals should be given veterinary care, including antibiotics for secondary infections. While respiratory coronavirus and pneumovirus are not contagious to humans or cats, Hillsborough County Animal Services – the only shelter in the area – has taken steps to confine the viruses.

The shelter temporarily halted adoptions, and will only accept sick or injured dogs, dogs who have bitten someone and dogs deemed "dangerous."

There is no way to prevent outbreaks such as this, but animals vaccinated for the upper respiratory complex may fare better in such situations. Pet owners should make sure their animals are properly vaccinated.

Paw prints

Canine Delinquents Workshop set

LARGO – The Canine Delinquents Workshop will be offered Saturday, Nov. 23, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., at SPCA Tampa Bay, 9099 130th Ave. N.

This workshop is designed for owners of dogs that have not grown out of their puppy behaviors. The instructor will address individual concerns and needs and will cover such topics as inappropriate chewing, darting out the door, barking and elimination.

Cost is \$20 for SPCA Tampa Bay adopters and \$25 for the public. Preregistration and payment is required. To register, visit www.spcatampabay.org/site/c.70eJRPzGdIQF/b.8326857/k.B6B2/Canine_Delinquents.

SPCA to present Doga class

LARGO – Doga, yoga for dogs, will be presented Sunday, Nov. 24, 2 to 3 p.m., at SPCA Tampa Bay, 9099 130th Ave. N.

"Doga is a type of partner yoga that you do with your dog," said Lisa Recchione in a press release. Recchione is a Yoga4All.com yoga and meditation teacher. Several years ago she was asked by SPCA Tampa Bay to teach a Doga class at the facility. She

had been teaching yoga and meditation for many years and she also was a dog parent. So, she did some research and started practicing yoga with her dogs, Maggie and Ollie.

Doga class participants enjoy an hour of bonding time with their dog. Stretch, massage and meditate – the exercises are tailor-made for humans and their canines.

Cost is \$15. Preregistration and payment is required. To register, visit www.spcatampabay.org/site/c.70eJRPzGdIQF/b.8252325/k.68C1/DOGA_Yoga_with_Your_Dog.htm.

SOS seeks families to foster kittens

Save Our Strays is seeking volunteers to foster felines. Save Our Strays' phone requests this month are all about baby kittens that need to be rescued. All of the organization's foster homes are full.

SOS is looking for volunteers to temporarily help foster a cat or litter of kittens. Applicants must be able to drive, have their own transportation and be available for a home visit from a current volunteer prior to fostering. North county residents may call 481-5262 and south county residents may call 871-0888 for details. Prospective volunteers also may email SOS at sos@saveourstraysinc.com.

SPCA to host Puppy Social

LARGO – A Puppy Social will be presented Saturday, Dec. 7, 1 to 1:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 8, 1 to 1:30 p.m., at SPCA Tampa Bay, 9099 130th Ave. N.

The class offers a wonderful start to socializing a puppy. Puppies from 3 months to 1 year can come a meet other puppies to play and socialize. The training instructor will go over proper introductions and body language. Attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions and will learn what their puppy needs.

Cost is \$15. Call 388-0452 or visit www.spcatampabay.org/site/c.70eJRPzGdIQF/b.8782717/k.914E/Puppy_Social.htm.

Indoor Dog Park hours set

LARGO – An Indoor Dog Park will be presented Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., at SPCA Tampa Bay, 9099 130th Ave. N.

The SPCA will open its training room for this event. The facility boasts cool air conditioning, recycled rubber flooring and a very large play area with the ability to separate large dogs from small. For those who are not comfortable bringing their dog to a dog park, there will be a training instructor to help supervise. The owner must stay with their dog.

Cost is \$5. Spaces are limited and the event is first come, first served. Call 388-0452 or visit www.spcatampabay.org/site/c.70eJRPzGdIQF/b.8799059/k.8B42/Indoor_Dog_Park.htm.

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participate in one of the main events or not, Jowell said. The public can cheer on the racers, take part in a silent auction which is scheduled from 8 to 10 a.m. where bids will be taken on sports gear, get-aways and gift baskets. Everyone is invited to test his or her climbing skills on the 25-foot "Everest Challenge" or browse the wares at the arts and crafts booths.

A favorite event for many is a visit for Santa, Mrs. Claus and their elf, who are expected to arrive in a Sheriff's helicopter at 10 a.m. Jowell said the children always enjoy their visit with Santa, and they receive a small gift, such as a coloring book and Crayons or a stuffed animal. Special drawings and presentations are scheduled at 10:15 a.m. Grand prizes are high quality bicycles.

"It's definitely a good holiday event," Jowell said. "We play Christmas music and set up Christmas

trees. The surroundings are beautiful. It's a good time to interact with the community."

Registration fees help fund the Sheriff's Christmas Sharing Project and the public is welcome to pay a registration fee even if they can't attend the event. Other money comes from sponsors and private donations. Jowell said almost all the money is spent on children and their families because due to the work by so many volunteers, costs are very low.

For information about Ride & Run with the Stars sponsorship opportunities, registration and giveaways, call Jowell at 582-5959. For information about the Sheriff's Christmas Sharing Project or to adopt a family, call Sandra Garcia-Olivares at 582-6465.

Volunteers and sponsors can sign up and donations can be made online at www.rideandrunwiththestars.com.

"It's really a fun event," Jowell said. "I've been doing this for quite some time. It's a great time, a really incredible event."

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Class notes

St. Cecelia second-graders visit RCS

CLEARWATER - The second-grade students of St. Cecelia Catholic School in Clearwater recently took a field trip to Religious Community Services.

RCS helps many of the poor and homeless of Pinellas County by providing them with food and personal hygiene items. The second-graders working on a Pay it Forward project collected personal hygiene items and food to donate to RCS. A tour of the facility let students see first-hand what RCS does for the community, and opened the eyes of the students to the needs of others. During the tour students were surprised to see that the bins that held the hygiene items were completely empty. Thanks to the donations that the students had collected the bins were once again full of items at the conclusion of their tour.

Teachers of St. Cecelia School had talked about the word "altruism" and the difference between selfless versus selfish, and how the students were selfless for taking a field trip to help others instead of going on a field trip that would be about them.



Photo courtesy of ST. CECELIA SCHOOL

St. Cecelia second-graders visiting RCS include, from left, Jonathan Decker, Clearwater; Tyler Curinga, Clearwater; Jacob Noyes, Clearwater; Charlie Douglas, Belleair; Mahmoud Abed, Clearwater; Colin Witt, Dunedin; Kyle Maroney, Palm Harbor; and Victoria Dinoto, Clearwater.

Kiwanis honor students

SAFETY HARBOR - Every two months, the Safety Harbor Middle School awards students at a special presentation.

The Kiwanis of Safety Harbor recognizes two of these students with trophies. The most recent trophy recipients were Tabbi Robbins and Brandon Wynn of the seventh grade.

Tabbi's teacher, Allyce Avery, said Tabbi demonstrates the utmost respect, hard work, and responsibility. She works hard on her academics, and being an all around leader.

Brandon, nominated by teacher Nichole Karbon, said he is hard working and responsible, always volunteering to help others when needed. He has great character and is involved with the Civil Air Patrol as a member of the CAP's cadet program in Clearwater. He practices fine leadership skills.



Brandon Wynn



Tabbi Robbins

Forum honors Entrepreneurship Program co-founder, graduate

ST. PETERSBURG - The Tampa Bay Technology Forum has named Daniel James Scott, associate director of the USF St. Petersburg Entrepreneurship Program, Technology Leader of the Year; and Reuben Pressman, the program's first graduate, has been named Rising Star.

Walk to School Day



Photo courtesy of TAMMY CAPITANI

From left, Joseph Spinola, Brooke Swanson and Amanda Byrd participate in Bauder Elementary School's Oct. 9 Walk to School Day event.

The honors were announced recently during the forum's 10th annual Industry Achievement Awards Gala at the Hilton Tampa Downtown.

In addition, Sam Eslahani, a member of the College of Business Advisory Board and chief information officer of the financial services firm PSCU, was a finalist for CIO of the Year. Tim Curran, an adjunct faculty member in the USFSP College of Business and CEO of the Global Technology Distribution Council, was a finalist for the Technology Leader of the Year award won by Scott.

"It was a great night for everyone at the College of Business," said Maling Ebrahimpour, Ph.D., in a press release. Ebrahimpour is dean of the College of Business. "Quality is a hallmark of the college, and particularly among our faculty, students and community partners."

Scott founded the technology company Alorum and co-founded the seed-stage investment fund Gazelle Lab. Earlier this year he was named the Small Business Administration Florida Small Business Advocate of the Year and recently was named the Entrepreneurship Educator of the Year by the Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

In January the USFSP Entrepreneurship Program was named the Outstanding Emerging Entrepreneurship Program in the United States by the U.S. Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship. And in April, members of the student Entrepreneurship Club won the prestigious Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization Startup Simulation Challenge for the second year in a row.

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Jury duty proves interesting for newspaper editor

I have always felt it's our civic responsibility to serve on a jury. But when a letter recently came in the mail from the Pinellas County Clerk of the Court, requesting my presence for jury duty, I had mixed emotions. On one hand, I looked forward to the opportunity to serve but on the flip side of the coin, like so many of us, I didn't have the time.

After giving it some thought and discussing the matter with a colleague, I decided to postpone my day of duty to early November. The clerk agreed and I showed up on the day specified at the Pinellas County Justice Center on 49th Street.



Bob McClure

At 8 o'clock sharp, about 125 of us filed into a large room where the waiting began. After we all filled out a brief questionnaire, the waiting continued. About a half-hour later we watched a pair of fairly good orientation videos, which outlined the history of the justice system in the United States and explained just why we were there that day. Then there was more waiting.

Finally, about two hours into the process, a county employee informed us that there was a light docket that day and a good chance many of us would be excused early. I figured since I'm a newspaper editor, I would probably receive that distinction. But no.

About a half-hour later, a county employee read out a list of potential jurors who were excused. And, of course, I was not among them. OK, I thought, maybe today is the day I get selected. Time wore on before we were informed the remaining 50 or so of us needed to stay tuned. There might be a need for a jury panel involving some of us, they told us. And guess what, I got the call.

So about 30 of us were escorted up to a fourth floor courtroom where jury selection began in the courtroom of Judge Timothy Peters. We were asked a number of questions, including would we be available if the case extended into a second day. I thought, sure, I can do that. But not everybody was on the same page. One woman, for example, got excused because she had two dogs at home that needed to have their medication by 6 p.m. Another said she wouldn't be available because her son's youth football team was playing in a big game over on the east coast of Florida and she would be in transit on the second day.

Others had previous convictions, which basically eliminated them, and others had previous issues with being a victim of a crime. Others said they knew law enforcement members or had family members that were law enforcement officers. That pretty much eliminated them.

After all of this, we all filed out of the courtroom, had lunch and came back to find out if we were selected.

Juries in Florida have six members and an alternate. So seven of us were going to be selected.

As the names were being called out, I thought again I might be excused. But no. When it came down to the sixth and final person, I got the call. A woman behind me was selected as the alternate.

The jury of three men and three women was there to hear a felony case against a young Clearwater man charged with sale and possession of crack cocaine.

The state's case was based on the testimony of an undercover informant who said he purchased crack from the defendant in a Clearwater crack house about a year ago. The state reinforced the case with a video it claimed showed the transaction going down.

On the night of the alleged deal, the informant was wired with an audio/video system that was invisible to those around him. Unfortunately, the Clearwater Police detective that set the informant up to wear it had no previous experience with the equipment and the camera shot haphazardly in the wrong direction. The audio worked OK but it was unclear who was speaking. So, in essence, the video/audio was inconclusive. We had to toss it out.

Then there was the testimony of the informant and the police detective. The informant was doing this task only to keep himself out of jail from a previous drug conviction. He openly admitted he visited the crack house before the date of the alleged deal many times and continued to buy cocaine afterward, spending as much as \$200 to \$1,000 per week. His credibility was sketchy, at best.

The police detective's testimony was good. But since he didn't actually see the deal happen (he was outside driving around in an unmarked car), there was no way of proving the defendant was the person who actually made the sale or was actually in possession of crack cocaine. There were at least seven people in the crack house that evening. So it could have been any number of those people who were in possession of crack and actually sold the drugs to the informant.

After two hours of deliberation, we finally came to the conclusion that the defendant could not be found guilty on either charge. Was the defendant guilty? More than likely. But with the evidence the jury had to work with, a not guilty verdict was the only direction we could go.

I walked out of the Justice Center that evening with mixed emotions about what had happened. But I took solace in the fact that the justice system did what it is supposed to do.

As Judge Peters made clear to us on more than one occasion, we were to base our decision on the evidence. We did just that.

LETTERS

Young family touched by show of support

Editor:

I wanted to take the time to say thank you to all of those who came out to show their respects and honor my brother. Not only at the public viewing and the service. As my family and I drove from the Indian Rocks church to Bay Pines we couldn't help but to notice your presence. My heart was deeply touched by all those who stood on the side of the rode waving the flags, saluting and sharing a piece of history with families and friends. Thank you, to all those who were waiting at intersections and in parking lots while the funeral procession went past.

Thank you to all the businesses that have put signs out thanking and honoring Bill. My brother will be sorely missed not only locally and nationally but as well as in our family's hearts. As most of you know my brother and I came from humble beginnings together and I am proud of my brother and all that he has done for this country.

The Tom Young family,
Pinellas Park

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About the cartoonist

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Things you learn while trying to eat

A year ago I made the mistake of subscribing to a nutrition advice publication called "Eat right or die!" They gave my name to other health and nutrition magazines. Now I'm drowning in food-related advice and factoids. Here are some examples.

Did you know that if you try to cook a rabbit in your microwave oven, the rabbit will really not appreciate it? You should first boil the rabbit in a large pot; the way Glenn Close did in the film "Fatal Attraction."

Next time your mother-in-law gives you a box of grapefruit or grapefruit juice, she may be trying to kill you. That's because science has identified more than 85 common drugs that may interact poorly (i.e., explode) when brought in contact with grapefruit. Not actually explode. Just make you dizzy or cause gastrointestinal bleeding.

If you don't eat right and put on too much weight, chances are your brain will turn into oatmeal faster than if you ate properly and stayed slim. Furthermore, if you have a low level of vitamin C and beta-carotene, you may be inviting Alzheimer's disease into your life. So check with your doctor. Or at least have a beta-carotene discussion at your next bridge club or Elks meeting.

Nutrition newsletters can be disillusioning, even though helpful. For the past 23 years my Aunt Rachel has been giving me 10 pounds of sea salt at Christmas. "It's better for you than table salt," she said. And I believed her. So I spent the ensuing 12 months putting sea salt on everything I ate, including tapioca pudding. But Aunt Rachel was wrong. The experts now say that sea salt is "not viable" as a sodium-reduction measure. It contains almost as much sodium as table salt, and really doesn't taste that much better.

For years, scientists and the food industry



Driver's Seat
Bob Driver

have been removing transfat and gluten from our diets. Where does all that unwanted stuff go, once it's taken away? I have wondered that, and now I have an unconfirmed report: Nebraska. My sources tell me that two separate fields — each 5 miles square, 40 miles west of Lincoln — have been set aside for the gluten and transfat. Both substances will remain there for the next 20 years while the experts answer this question: "What are we gonna do with this stuff?"

Have you noticed that during the past few years TV programs about food and cooking have increased almost as much as Spanish-language channels? Along with whiter teeth, clear skin and trashy sit-coms, Americans love food. One result of that is that more babies are being given the names of food items. Don't be surprised if you hear about infants named Aspic, Watercress, Finocchio, Ratatouille, Cumin and Horehound.

Do you suffer from osteoarthritis? Are you easily confused by what you read? If so, forget about doing research on the various drugs and food supplements aimed at reducing arthritis pain. You'll end up not knowing whether to toss out or keep most of the contents of your bathroom shelf. A detailed report in "Nutrition Action" reported on studies of glucosamine, chondroitin, MSM, fish oil, krill oil, Vitamin D and SAM-e — all of which have been touted as

painkillers for arthritis patients. The verdict on the studies: you might as well flip a coin to decide whether to buy these medicines. Pain reduction was either absent or minimal. I've been popping glucosamine tablets for years, but now I'm quitting.

Alzheimer's and peanut butter? Those were main items in a University of Florida study, in which subjects were asked to sniff a spoonful of peanut butter as it was held several inches from their noses. Of 94 patients tested, 18 had already been diagnosed with early-stage Alzheimer's. All 18 were less able to smell the peanut butter with their left nostrils than their right nostrils. A degraded sense of smell is a recognized Alzheimer's symptom. Because Alzheimer's usually affects the left side of the brain first, researchers believe the sniffing test may help to better detect the onset of the affliction. But they warn the public that self-administered peanut butter tests be avoided, since odor sensitivity can be affected by many factors.

In your nutrition reading, you are sure to find a warning about your favorite food or drink. The experts have a knack for finding something dangerous in almost every food or beverage known. But don't be discouraged. The flip side is that, each week, scientists discover that a previously-banned item has been given the okay. Even as I finish writing this column, I see on the Web that moderate consumption of beer may help ward off cancer. And several times a year researchers change their minds about coffee — one month it will bring an early death, but a short time later we learn that caffeine may cure impetigo or constipation fits. So don't give up — just keep reading, and eating.

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D.C. immigration game on timeout

House Speaker John Boehner told reporters Wednesday that the GOP leadership has no intention of going to conference committee on the Senate's comprehensive immigration bill passed in June. House Majority Whip Kevin McCarthy told Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles Director Angelica Salas last week that the House would not pass its immigration package this year. Not enough time.

But in Washington, there's always time for the blame game. This week, The Hill ran a two-part autopsy on immigration reform and concluded: "Both parties are responsible for the effort's demise."

Boehner wouldn't commit. His rank-and-file didn't trust President Barack Obama to enforce a new law, given the president's 2012 executive order to flout immigration law and halt the deportation of DREAM Act-eligible residents.

The White House pressed House Democrats not to reach a deal before the Senate, even though the House is the linchpin. Rep. Luis Gutierrez, D-Ill., told The Hill: "It is clear to me that there was no strategy on the White House's part post-Senate victory. Because the Senate victory was the strategy."

That statement confirms the right's longstanding suspicion that the left doesn't really want immigration reform, not when Democrats can use the issue to lather up anti-GOP anger among Latino voters. Obama did not deliver on his 2008 promise to push an immigration bill during his first year in office, even though Democrats controlled the



Debra Saunders

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White House, Senate and House during the first two years of his presidency. Only after Democrats lost the House in 2010 did that lame-duck body pass the DREAM Act to offer citizenship to children brought into the country illegally by their parents. Because supporters couldn't deliver the 60 votes

needed in the Senate — five Democrats voted no — it tanked.

Salas told me Tuesday that both parties hold "equal responsibility" for the measure's failing. She insisted her group doesn't want to keep the issue alive to help one party bury the other.

There is a way forward. The GOP caucus has been working on piecemeal bills to address immigration reform, including its own version of the DREAM Act, the Kids Act.

The problem is, Salas noted, nothing is in writing yet. "At least show your cards," she challenged.

National Journal reported that Republicans are fighting over whether to allow DREAM "kids" to sponsor their undocumented parents for green cards. Understandably, Salas objects. "Every citizen has that right," she said.

If this Kids Act treats all citizens equally, her group would be wise to support it.

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I'd rather Americans hear the words of Kids Act supporter Eric Cantor. The House majority leader said in February, "One of the great founding principles of our country was that children would not be punished for the mistakes of their parents."

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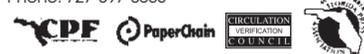
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Businesses encouraged to help employees to quit smoking

In time for the Great American Smoke Out on Thursday, Nov. 21, the Florida Department of Health's Tobacco Free Florida program and the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County are encouraging businesses across Pinellas to help their employees quit tobacco.

DOH-Pinellas offers employers free assistance in developing tobacco cessation programs, whether it's through the company's health insurance provider or the state's free cessation services. Nearly 70 percent of smokers want to quit and getting help through their employers can increase their chance of success while simultaneously benefiting the business.

Health care costs are one of the largest expenses facing Pinellas County's businesses. On average, health care costs for employees who smoke are up to 34 percent higher compared to non-smokers. Every employee who smokes can cost employers an extra \$2,056 a year in health care expenses.

Tobacco use is also the leading cause of productivity loss at work. In fact, each smoker can cost a business an average of \$4,056 every year in lost productivity including sick days, distraction at work and smoking breaks. Workers who smoke at least one pack a day experience 75 percent more productivity loss than non-smoking workers.

"Businesses who want to help their employees quit tobacco should also implement a tobacco free grounds policy at their workplace," said Tobacco Free Florida Bureau Chief Shannon Hughes. "These policies are one of the most effective ways to help employees quit and it creates a healthier environment for all."

Tobacco-free grounds policies nearly double the chance that employees will quit. For those that do not quit, the policy will reduce the number of cigarettes smoked by employees during the week.

Tobacco-free grounds policies are easy to enforce. More than 80 percent of Floridians do not smoke and research has shown compliance rates for tobacco free grounds policies to be more than 96 percent.

For more information, call Healthy Pinellas coordinator Rosie Bailey at 588-4040, ext. 3170 or email Rosie.Bailey@flhealth.gov.

The Department's Tobacco Free Florida campaign is a statewide cessation and prevention campaign funded by Florida's tobacco settlement fund.

Tobacco users interested in quitting are encouraged to use one of the state's three ways to quit. To learn about Tobacco Free Florida and the state's free quit resources, visit www.tobaccofreeflorida.com or follow the campaign at www.facebook.com/TobaccoFreeFlorida or www.twitter.com/tobaccofreefla.

Volunteers campaign for Obamacare

LARGO – Members of Organizing for Action in Pinellas County and the National Organization for Women in West Pinellas joined ranks to underline the benefits offered by "Obamacare" on 118th Avenue North, in front of Beckwith Electric Company, in Largo Nov. 13.

The action event was aimed at helping start family conversations about the facts of the Affordable Care Act. Women traditionally take lead roles in family health matters and taking advantage of the law's provisions is expected to be part of their efforts as uninsured Americans sign up for coverage in the next several months.

Another action event, an information session at the Dunedin Public Library, attracted two dozen people later in the day.

Organizing for Action is a non-profit grassroots organization not affiliated with any political party or candidate. In the face of opposing campaigns, Organizing for Action volunteers are working to make progress one conversation at a time.



Photo courtesy of ORGANIZING FOR ACTION
Members of OFA and NOW – including, from left, Lizz Goldin, Rich Piper, Ginny Nelson, Diane Lebedeff and Beth Fountain, all from Largo – display their support for Obamacare on 118th Avenue North in Largo Nov. 13.

Industry news

Tobacco Free Coalition to meet

LARGO – The Tobacco Free Coalition of Pinellas County meets first Tuesdays, 3 p.m., at the Department of Health Mid County, 8751 Ulmerton Road.

The public is invited to attend. Members promote tobacco-free environments for a healthier community. For information, call Kim Goldberg at 430-4727.

New OA group forms

LARGO – A new Overeaters Anonymous group recently formed and meets Thursdays, 10:30 a.m., at Aldersgate Methodist Church, 9350 Starkey Road.

Overeaters Anonymous is a program of recovery for eating disorders.

For information, call Jeanette at 392-3108. There are no dues and no fees and a list of meetings may be viewed at oapinellas.org

Florida Hospital reports robotic surgery firsts

TARPON SPRINGS – It was a day of exciting firsts in robotic surgery at Florida Hospital North Pinellas recently, with the first gynecological and single-site procedures performed at the facility using the da Vinci Surgical System.

Dr. Parveen Vahora, a board-certified OB/GYN, performed a robotic laparoscopic supracervical hysterectomy. Dr. Keith Gregory Chisholm, a board-certified general surgeon, performed a robotic laparoscopic single site cholecystectomy.

The da Vinci Surgical System robot allows sur-

geons the opportunity to perform cervix-sparing hysterectomies and single-incision gallbladder surgeries, like those performed today – which would have been impossible just a short time ago.

"The talent of our surgeons is supported by the range of motion and 3-D vision capabilities provided by the da Vinci robot," said Bruce Berghem, president and CEO of Florida Hospital North Pinellas. "Their passion and drive to provide the most advanced approaches to surgery to our patients is truly enhanced by this incredible technology."

With minimally invasive procedures like a single-site/incision gallbladder surgery, patients can expect shorter recovery times, less pain and dramatically lessened scarring. For example, with a single-site robotic laparoscopic cholecystectomy, the gallbladder is removed via an incision in the belly-button, rather than using a larger incision in the abdomen with traditional surgery, or multiple points of entry from a traditional laparoscopic procedure.

Morton Plant to offer CarFit

CLEARWATER – Morton Plant Mease Memory



Keith Chisholm



Parveen Vahora

Disorders Clinic and the Aging Well Center are teaming up to offer CarFit, a free, new safety program designed to help older adults learn how the "fit" of their vehicle affects their driving and how to use their vehicle's safety features.

The CarFit event will take place Friday, Dec. 13, 10 a.m. to noon, at the Aging Well Center at The Long Center, 1501 N. Belcher Road.

Older drivers are considered safer drivers because they are more likely to wear seatbelts and less apt to speed. However, they are more likely to be seriously injured or killed from a car accident due to their bodies' fragility and improper fit in their cars, CarFit program organizers say.

"As people get older, changes happen in vision, strength, range of motion, weight and height that can cause less comfort making it harder to have control behind the wheel," said Celisa Bonner in a press release. Bonner is clinic coordinator at Madonna Ptak Center for Alzheimer's and Memory Loss at Morton Plant Mease. "The CarFit program is a good opportunity for a driver to find their safest fit with their car and to increase the driver's safety on the road as well as the safety of others."

Drivers who attend the free community event will have a 12-point checklist done in about 20 minutes that includes checking if the driver: is sitting correctly and positioned at least 10 inches from the steering wheel; can reach the pedals easily with one's foot instead of toes causing slower reaction time; and has the flexibility to adjust mirrors and minimize blind spots.

Trained volunteers will recommend car and driver adjustments after the inspection.

Drivers interested in having a CarFit check are asked to preregister. Call 724-3070.

CarFit is an educational and safety program created by the American Society on Aging, and developed in collaboration with American Automobile Association, AARP and the American Occupational Therapy Association.

Morton Plant seeks volunteers

Morton Plant Mease Health Care provides a variety of volunteer opportunities at hospitals and facilities throughout Pinellas and Pasco counties.

Volunteers enrich the lives of patients and families by generously donating time and services. Among the volunteers opportunities available are:

- Offering inpatient/bedside support as a patient companion
- Providing retail support in retail shops or the hospital gift shops
- Assisting visitors at information or lobby guides

• Making community outreach through our free van service as dispatchers, drivers, and aides

Volunteers are needed at the following locations:

- Mease Countryside Hospital, Safety Harbor
- Mease Dunedin Hospital, Dunedin
- Morton Plant Hospital, Clearwater
- Morton Plant North Bay Hospital, New Port Richey
- Bardmoor Outpatient & Surgery Center, Largo
- Morton Plant Mease Outpatient Center, Trinity
- Turley Family Health Center, Clearwater

Volunteers with Morton Plant Mease Health Care meet critical community needs and enrich the lives of others. Volunteers learn new skills, meet new people, and remain active. Volunteer opportunities are available seven days a week for those 14 years old and older. Hours are flexible and can be scheduled during the day or on evenings or weekends. For information, call 734-6262.

Bilingual OA group meets Fridays

ST. PETERSBURG – Overeaters Anonymous Amigos, a program of recovery for eating disorders, meets Fridays, 11 a.m., at Beacon House, 2151 Central Ave.

The newest Pinellas OA group features a bilingual message.

For information, call Margie C. at 828-9711. There are no dues or fees and a list of meetings may be viewed at oapinellas.org

Local ostomy group to meet

ST. PETERSBURG – The United Ostomy Association's local support group will meet Sunday, Nov. 24, 2 p.m., at St. Anthony's Hospital, 1200 Seventh Ave. N.

Attendees have the opportunity to get needed information and education that will help them find the tools they need to get back to an active life. It is also the place to share triumphs and knowledge with those who are now facing the life-saving surgery.

The group meets last Sundays. Refreshments are served. There is no cost to attend. Anyone is invited who is either an ostomate or a health professional or family or friend.

Call Bill Schmidt at 657-0998 or Leslee Hall at 418-0820.

Program offers outreach to homebound LGBT seniors

ST. PETERSBURG – The Metro Friendly Visitors,

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Attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder: The unfocused mind

Today I jumped up from my chair, headed to the other room to get something, and half way there forgot what I was getting.



Your mind matters

Dina Meitner

It wasn't the first time that happened, but I've learned that if I go back to where I started from, retracing my steps, I tend to remember. Thankfully, this doesn't happen very often because when it does, I lose a little confidence in my memory. The truth is, this happens to most people every now and then and it's no big deal.

All of our brains have a chemical in them called Dopamine, which, among other things, helps to regulate attention, cognition, motivation, mood, learning and memory. The catch is that we don't all have the same amount. Some of our Dopamine tanks are full at all times while others are only half or one-quarter full. That makes a big difference in the way we think and behave.

Imagine your Dopamine tank is only half full or one-quarter full and when you go into the other room to get something, you often forget what it is.

And as hard as you try, you can't remember, so you lose confidence in yourself, especially about your memory and then you do something else. Imagine while you're doing that "something else," you get hungry and have lunch. After lunch, you don't remember what you were doing prior to that, but the television is on and you get interested in a show. Two hours later, you glance at your watch and are surprised to see how long you had been in the TV zone. You look at your dirty dishes with every intention of washing them but something outside the window catches your eye and it makes you think of getting the mail. As you walk outside to get the mail, you look over to the side yard and see your wheelbarrow still full of the junk you meant to put in the dumpster. You tell yourself you better tend to that junk now before you forget it because it looks unsightly on the lawn, so you head over there to take care of it.

I'm sure you get the idea by now that this is an example of the thinking process of a brain with less

than a full tank of Dopamine. This is only one possible scenario of many. Do you know someone who behaves this way? Do you behave this way? It's extremely uncomfortable and you would be surprised how many people don't have a clue that there may be help available. Many people have lived this way their entire lives, never having been diagnosed and always believing that this is just the way they are and there's nothing they can do about it. This is the "C" or "D" student, the one who doesn't understand the work and no matter how much help they get, it just doesn't seem to stick. This is the child or adult who has to work two or three times harder than the average person in order to get the same results. Unfortunately, this is also the kid or adult who is often belittled or made fun of due to their forgetfulness or inability to concentrate. It's also the person who can be "moody" sometimes or even seem defiant. Living with undiagnosed ADHD is harder than you may think. It's confusing, exhausting and even more, depressing. ADHD and depression go hand in hand. When ADHD is treated, very often depression improves. ADHD is lifelong, not something that will just get better with time, so it robs people of their optimism that it can get better. The good news is

that ADHD can be managed very well and many symptoms do greatly improve.

If you suspect you have ADHD, seek a good treatment program. While ADHD may have fueled your depression, the good news is that addressing the ADHD has the potential to really turn things around, in more ways than one. Remember that as your ADHD is treated, your life will improve and there are some good reasons for optimism about the future - something that depression often robs us of. Take action, even if you aren't motivated. Depression robs us of motivation and interest. Tell yourself that this will help you to feel better or at least take a chance that it might.

Symptoms are generally treated with medicine, but it's not just about taking a pill. There is much to learn about practical things like getting organized, and on other emotional issues that often come with ADHD. See my article next time on practical problem solving, learning organizational skills, setting goals, planning and time management.

Dina Meitner, LCSW, a staff member at the Bay Pines VA Hospital from 2006-2013 is currently in private practice at 2081 Indian Rocks Road.

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a group of LGBT seniors at Metro Community Center in the Kenwood area of St. Petersburg, is making a special outreach to homebound LGBT seniors throughout Pinellas County for communication and socialization.

Those who participate in the Metro Center senior activities enjoy the good fellowship of regular group discussions and outings. However, members realize that there many in the community who are shut-ins due to ill-health and injury. The Metro Friendly Visitors program targets shut-ins, those who may be residing alone or in a group care setting.

Metro Friendly Visitors needs help identifying those LGBT homebound seniors in Pinellas County who might welcome some companionship and regular visits from volunteers.

For information, email Adam Jahr at adamj@metrotampabay.org. The Metro Friendly Visitors will meet Wednesday, Dec. 11, 3 p.m., at the Metro Community Center, 3251 Third Ave. N.

Making Strides Pinellas raises \$230,000

ST. PETERSBURG - More than 4,000 Pinellas County residents joined together at the American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5K walk on Oct. 19.

This noncompetitive event raised \$230,000 and united the entire community to honor breast cancer survivors, educate people about how to reduce their breast cancer risk or find the disease early, and raise funds to end breast cancer. The event and the money raised help the society turn awareness into action and provide free resources and support to the one in two women newly diagnosed with breast cancer who turn to the Society for help and support. Money raised also fund groundbreaking research to find, prevent, treat and cure breast cancer, as well as help the society ensure access to mammograms for women who need them.

"Making Strides Against Breast Cancer unites us all to walk together as the most powerful force to end breast cancer," said Jay Coats in a press release. Coats is the Pinellas County Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event chair. "Making Strides walkers and supporters can be proud that their efforts are helping more than 2.9 million breast cancer survivors living in the U.S. celebrate another birthday this year."

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer is the largest network of breast cancer awareness events in the nation, uniting nearly 300 communities to finish the fight.

Center to sponsor Medicare sales seminar

PINELLAS PARK - A number of free Medicare sales seminars will be presented in the coming weeks at the Florida Blue Center, 3758 Park Blvd, No. 5.



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Following is a list of upcoming Medicare sales seminars:

- Thursday, Nov. 21, 2 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 23, 9 a.m.
- Monday, Nov. 25, 9 a.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 27, 9 a.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 30, 9 a.m.

The center also will present Health Care Reform Education seminars. Following is a list of scheduled seminars:

- Thursday, Nov. 21, 11 a.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 26, 11 a.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 27, 6 p.m.

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- Friday, Nov. 22, 2 p.m.
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Take a moment and reflect on what you may possibly do to fully express the meaning of Thanksgiving throughout the year. Can you think of a way to free-up a couple of hours each week so that you can give that time to someone you know who is in need of company? Everyone has a story and the longer you live, the more stories you have to share. Invite a senior you know who lives alone to your table on this special holiday. Listen to their stories and know in your heart that they will go home thankful for the memory you helped create for them.

The true meaning of Thanksgiving should not end after a prayer or a few shared moments of thanks. Thanksgiving consists of two special words, "thanks" and "giving". Thanksgiving 2014, let us all try to set some time aside for a senior who could use our attention. The joy and the caring you provide will leave a lasting touch on a heart yearning for someone to take an interest in them, and listen to their "stories" as each of us has a life story. Pull up a chair and just listen, then feel fulfilled with the gift you have given.

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Pinellas County comes together to share the holiday spirit

By SUZETTE PORTER

Every day there are people who go hungry in Pinellas. The sick, the lonely and the desperate need someone to care. Holidays are an especially difficult time for the poorest of the poor.

Fortunately, the holiday spirit burns bright in Tampa Bay. People from all lifestyles come together year after year to bring joy and hope to those in need. The sharing traditionally starts around Thanksgiving and continues through the New Year.

Share the Spirit serves as a clearinghouse of information received from businesses, churches and organizations who are working to make the holidays a good time for all. To add to this list, send an email to webmaster@tbweekly.com.

Thanksgiving

• Holiday food distribution

Sen. Jack Latvala is partnering with Farm Share to distribute free fresh Florida produce to citizens in need on Friday, Nov. 22, at three locations. This is the 11th year the senator has sponsored holiday food distributions.

Free produce will be available at all three locations while supplies last.

The first distribution is from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Willa Carson Health and Wellness Center, 1108 North MLK Jr. Blvd. in Clearwater. The second distribution is from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the headquarters of Citizens Alliance for Progress, 401 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Tarpon Springs. The third distribution is from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Highpoint Neighborhood Family Center, 5812 150th Ave. N. in Clearwater.

Farm Share is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the distribution of nutritious foods to those in need. It serves as a link between farmers with surplus produce and social service agencies in Florida and the southeastern United States. For more information, call Sen. Latvala's office at 793-2797.

• Volunteers needed

ST. PETERSBURG – The staff of the Suncoast Haven of Rest Rescue Mission is seeking volunteers to help serve a pre-Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings to the residents of Ar-

lington Arbor, 1035 Arlington Ave. N. The event will take place Friday, Nov. 22, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The mission's Happy Truck will be on site providing live music and face painting. The theme will be "clowning around" and children are welcome to attend. For information, call 545-8282.

• Food and toy drive

ST. PETERSBURG – The People That Love Church and Mission, 817 Fifth Ave. N., has started its annual drive for assistance for the winter holiday season. Basic needs are 10 to 12 pound turkeys, canned and non-perishable foods, new toys for children of all ages, cold weather clothing, blankets and hygiene items. Financial assistance is always in need. Donations can be brought to the mission 24/7. Financial gifts should be mailed to 817 Fifth Ave. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33701. For a list of needs, visit www.peoplethatlove.com or call Jeff Poresky at 727-480-2699.

The mission will provide take home turkey dinners to registered families beginning at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 25. Families will receive a free turkey and sides that can be cooked at home. Families in need can register through Friday, Nov. 22, Monday through Friday, beginning at 10:45 a.m., at 817 Fifth Ave. N., St. Petersburg.

• Thanksgiving buffet

ST. PETERSBURG – A Thanksgiving buffet will be served Thursday, Nov. 28, 3:30 p.m. The free traditional home-cooked meal is available to anyone in need.

• Thanksgiving Day of Caring

ST. PETERSBURG – The Salvation Army needs 40 volunteers for the Thanksgiving Day of Caring, Nov. 28. Come help prepare, set-up, serve and clean up after the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Partake in a hot meal with others at Thanksgiving. Meal times are 2 to 4 p.m. for our residents and the community. For more information, call Gail Stark at 727-550-8080, ext. 332, email Gail_Stark@uss.salvationarmy.org or visit www.sastpete.org.

• Thanksgiving food drive

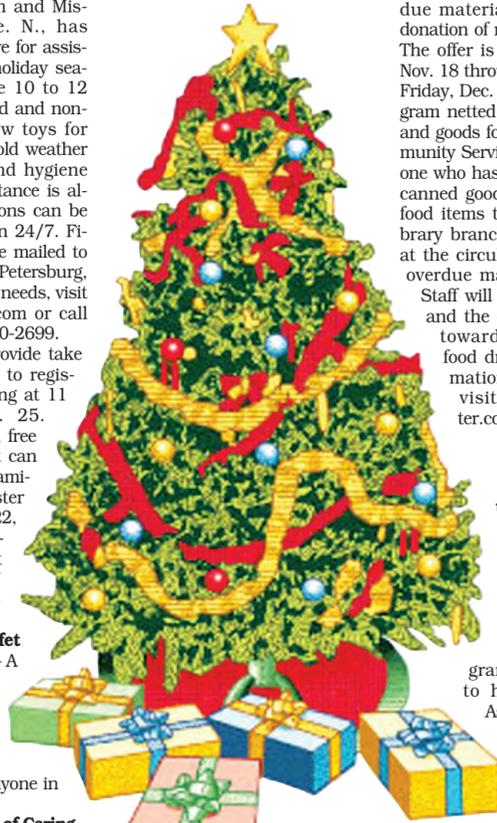
Here We Grow Foundation Inc. is seeking donations of items that will make great additions to Thanksgiving dinner for needy families. Donations will be accepted through Nov. 22. Thanksgiving blankets will be distributed to families Nov. 25-27. Donations can be taken to 1171 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. Call 1-888-958-2788 or email herewegrowfoundation@gmail.com.

• Food drive

CLEARWATER – Anytime Fitness, a 24-hour co-ed fitness club, located in the LaBelle Plaza at 1595 S Highland Ave., Clearwater, is collecting canned food during the month of November to donate to the RCS food pantry.

"The goal of this event is to help RCS maintain their inventory levels to ensure that they can serve everyone who comes to their doors equally during the busy holiday season," said Maggie Loving, owner of the Anytime Fitness and organizer of the event. "By involving our members, we show our united concern for the community that supports us. The importance of giving back is vital, and it is rewarding to make a difference for those faced with difficult times."

To participate in the food drive, bring donations the gym. As an added incentive, Loving is offering a free Anytime Fitness 14 day



salad dressing, peanut butter and jelly. Donations of seasonal foods also are needed, including cranberry sauce, stuffing, cake mix, frosting, instant potatoes or gravy mix. Grocery gift certificates are appreciated.

• Food for Fines

CLEARWATER – All Clearwater Public Library branches are offering an amnesty period for overdue materials in exchange for donation of non-perishable foods. The offer is valid from Monday, Nov. 18 through close of business Friday, Dec. 20. Last year the program netted literally tons of food and goods for the Religious Community Services Food Bank. Anyone who has fines due may bring canned goods or non-perishable food items to any Clearwater library branch and present them at the circulation desk with the overdue materials if available. Staff will waive any fines due and the donated food will go toward a holiday charity food drive. For more information, call 562-4970 or visit www.myclclearwater.com/cpl.

Toy drives

• Toy drives volunteers

CLEARWATER – The Marine Corps League's Morris F. Dixon Detachment 54 still seeks volunteers to help with its Toys for Tots program. Those who want to help may call Ron Ashley at 517-6508.

• Toys for Tykes

SEMINOLE – 10th annual Toys for Tykes children's benefit, Sunday, Dec. 8, 1 to 7 p.m., at Screwie Louie's Porpoise Pub, 8701 Seminole Blvd. Call 393-7616. Hosted by John Sullivan, TJ Sutton and Lou Falco. Three live bands, Diamond Gray, Sammy Davis Jr. and a special VIP guest appearance. Activities include raffles, games and auctions.

• Toys for Tots collection site

SEMINOLE – The Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate Bayou/Bardmoor office is an official drop site for Toys for Tots as announced by Manager Scott Humphries. The office is currently accepting donations. New, unwrapped toys may be brought to the office and placed in the Toys for Tots collection bin now through Monday, Dec. 16.

The Bayou/Bardmoor office is located at 10801 Starkey Road, Suite 21, in the Bardmoor Plaza (next to the Dollar Tree Store) at the corner of Starkey and Bryan Dairy.

• Toys for Tots collection site

SEMINOLE – Bellezza Tan & Spa, 8460 Seminole Blvd., is a drop-off location for the Toys for Tots program sponsored by The Marine Corps Reserve.

• Back N' Balance to host toy drive

Other ways to help

• Christmas tree auction

Saturday, Dec. 7, JD's Restaurant & Lounge will have a silent auction of fully decorated Christmas trees from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The trees, donated by local businesses and residents will be each valued at more than \$300. Proceeds of the auction will benefit the Indian Rocks Beach Homeowners Association and the VFW's toy drives.

• Salvation Army Angel Tree dinner

The Salvation Army is offering the community an opportunity to

help by hosting an Angel Tree in offices, lobbies, stores and churches. Decorate the Angel Tree with provided Angel Tags. Each tag contains helpful information about a child. Employees, staff, customers and church members then purchase Christmas gifts and return them to the tree for Salvation Army to collect and distribute.

Volunteers are needed at the Angel Tree Booth located inside Tyrone Square Mall (by JCPenney) to help members of the public select, register, and return gifts for Angels. Hours are flexible from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Minimum two-hour shift. For more information, call Gail Stark at 727-550-8080, ext. 332, email Gail_Stark@uss.salvationarmy.org or visit www.sastpete.org.

• Salvation Army Bell Ringing through Dec. 24

Be an ambassador to the community for The Salvation Army. Families, churches, clubs, groups or company employees can ring bells at a community location Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., to help us raise funds and give hope to families in our community throughout the year. Minimum shift two hours. Saturdays are especially reserved for volunteers. To register call Gail Stark 550-8080, ext. 332.

• Salvation Army volunteers

The Salvation Army needs volunteers at the Citadel Corps, 3800 Ninth Ave. N., St. Petersburg for the following activities. For more information, call Gail Stark at 727-550-8080, ext. 332, email Gail_Stark@uss.salvationarmy.org or visit www.sastpete.org.

• Christmas Food Sorting: Dec. 2-6.

Volunteers will sort food collected from the fall school food drives and prepare bags for needy families. Hours are flexible from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Lifting required.

• Christmas Toy Sorting: Dec. 9-13.

Volunteers will assist staff in sorting and packaging toys for needy children in the community. Hours are flexible from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Ten volunteers are needed each day.

• Christmas Distribution: Dec. 17-19.

Forty volunteers are needed each day to help with distribution of food, toys and other assistance to families from community. Volunteers will work as escorts, runners, loaders, checkers, toy movers and carolers. Relational volunteers are needed. Flexible hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. Clean-up in afternoon. Forty volunteers per day are needed.

Christmas meals, toy distributions

• Free Christmas buffet

ST. PETERSBURG – The People That Love Church and Mission, 817 Fifth Ave. N., St. Petersburg, is offering a free Christmas buffet on Dec. 21, 3:30 p.m. The mission offers its free toys for kids' day on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 11 a.m. All children accompanied by a parent or guardian will receive a new toy and other goodies. The Christmas Eve buffet begins at 8 p.m., offering a free evening of food and joy for homeless guests and lonely neighbors. The mission ends the holiday season with a New Year's Eve Buffet on Dec. 31, 8 p.m.

• Christmas Eve community dinner

ST. PETERSBURG – The Salvation Army needs 40 volunteers for the Christmas Eve Community Dinner on Dec. 24. Come help prepare, serve and clean up after the Community Christmas Dinner and sit down to enjoy a holiday meal with others. Meal times are from 2 to 4 p.m. for residents and the community. For more information, call Gail Stark at 727-550-8080, ext. 332, email Gail_Stark@uss.salvationarmy.org or visit www.sastpete.org.

After Christmas

• After Christmas assistance, Jan. 6-31

ST. PETERSBURG – The Salvation Army needs volunteers from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to check dates and stock food donated to the Social Services Department in the pantry at 340 14th Ave. S., St. Petersburg. For more information, call Gail Stark at 727-550-8080, ext. 332, email Gail_Stark@uss.salvationarmy.org or visit www.sastpete.org.

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Worship calendar

Church plans food drive

CLEARWATER - New Life Church of Pinellas plans a food drive Saturday, Nov. 23, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Sunnyside Inn, 1477 Fort Harrison Ave.

Folks are asked to drop off non-perishable foods and canned goods for the needy. The food will be distributed on Sunday, Nov. 24. For more information, contact Pastor Wallace at 712-7012.

Chabad Jewish Center

ST. PETERSBURG - SAK Comedy Lab will perform on Saturday, Nov. 23, 8 p.m., at the Chabad Jewish Center of Greater St. Petersburg, 4010 Park St. N.

For one night only, SAK Comedy Lab will appear at the Chabad Jewish Center of Greater St. Petersburg as part of the Latkes and Laughter comedy evening. SAK Comedy Lab, a Central Florida favorite for more than 20 years, specializes in spontaneous, audience-interactive, improvisational comedy, good for all ages.

SAK was voted Best Improv Troupe in the Orlando Weekly Reader's Poll and is currently ranked No. 1 for Orlando Nightlife by Trip Advisor. Current and past SAK performers have gone on to star in Hollywood, Las Vegas, Broadway, and beyond. Such cast members include Aaron Shure, executive producer of "Everybody Loves Raymond" and Wayne Brady of "Let's Make a Deal" and "Whose Line is it Anyway?"

The event will include a gourmet latke bar, desserts, cocktails and humor. Admission is \$25. For reservations, visit www.ChabadSP.com or call 344-4900.

Paradise Lutheran Church

TREASURE ISLAND - The annual Thanksgiving dinner will be presented Thursday, Nov. 26, noon, at Paradise Lutheran Church, 10255 Paradise Blvd.

The public is invited to the free dinner which will feature turkey with all the trimmings, including side dishes and homemade desserts.

Reservations are required. Call 360-5739 or 347-2272 before Nov. 22.

Pasadena Presbyterian

ST. PETERSBURG - A food drive is currently underway through December at Pasadena Presbyterian, 100 Pasadena Ave. N.

Donations of nonperishable food such as canned or boxed foods and "paper turkeys" (grocery store gift cards) are being accepted at a collection unit on the property. Donations may be dropped off weekdays from 3 to 7 p.m.

For information, call 388-4339 or visit www.pasadenapc.com.

Hope Presbyterian Church

CLEARWATER - Fall activities are well underway at Hope Presbyterian Church, 1698 S. Belcher Road.

The church hosts youth and younger youth groups, Wednesday Night Alive, traditional Sunday morning worship and newer alternative worship gathering every Sunday evening.

For information, call 531-3200 or visit www.HopeFamily.com.

Chapel-By-The-Sea

CLEARWATER - The Florida Suncoast Chorus, a chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, will perform on Sunday, Nov. 24, 4 p.m., in the sanctuary at Chapel-By-The-Sea, 54 Bay Esplanade, Clearwater Beach.

The all-male group of singers specializes in the tight harmonies of barbershop singing enhanced by their own special style. There is no charge for this concert and light refreshments will be served in Chapel Hall after the performance.

For information, visit www.chapelbythesea.net.

Military updates

Christopher "Ryan" Elder

SEMINOLE - Seminole High School and Pinellas Technical Education Center graduate Christopher "Ryan" Elder, serving as a member in the U.S. Navy Reservists, returned from an extended deployment in Afghanistan in May 2013.

Elder is the son of Largo residents Michael and Deborah (Elder) Maxemow.

In November 2009, Elder completed basic training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, Ill. In early 2010, Elder subsequently graduated with honors from CM "A" School at the Naval Construction Training Center in Port Hueneme, Calif. After completing training, Elder spent his weekends either in further military training or deploying on special short missions.

In July of 2012, Petty Officer 3rd Class Elder left for training for his deployment overseas to serve in Afghanistan. During training Elder was awarded medals for both Expert Pistol and

Expert Rifle for marksmanship. In September Elder joined a Logistic Task Force and was stationed at Bagram Airfield, the largest U.S. military base in Afghanistan. During his deployment Elder flew on numerous missions to different military bases in the country.

At the conclusion of Navy Seabee Elder's deployment to Afghanistan, along with marksmanship medals, he earned the Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Reserve Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

Elder has now resumed work at Jacksonville Transportation Authority, which employs a number of veterans and active Reservists. He currently serves as the shop steward with the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Union. In addition, Elder continues his duties with the U.S. Navy and has recently completed the E-5 advancement exam.

Arturo Zurbano

OLDSMAR - Army Pvt. Arturo Zurbano recently graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

He is a 2012 graduate of Oldsmar Christian School, Oldsmar.

Clearwater. He is a 2011 graduate of Doral Academy High School.

Drew Forbes

OLDSMAR - Air Force Airman Drew Forbes recently graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

Forbes is the daughter of Dara Bailey of Oldsmar, and sister of Dusty Forbes Jr. of Skiatook, Okla.

She is a 2009 graduate of Seminole High School.

Ryan Diaz

CLEARWATER - Air Force Airman Ryan Diaz recently graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

Diaz is the son of Ricardo Diaz of Doral and Elaine Lapsely of



Ryan Diaz



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Seminole High School graduate Christopher "Ryan" Elder, third from left, is pictured with fellow military personnel, from left, OS1 Padgett, CW02 Moa and Carlos Gomez.

Send a child to camp



Photo courtesy of MINDY GRADEN

Jackson Graden, 9, is raising money for scholarships to Camp Cedarbrook, a Christian camp in Summerfield, Fla. Camps cost \$399 for one week of summer camp and \$99 for one Winter Weekend camp. "This camp means a lot to me because I have met some really cool friends there and the staff is really helpful and nice," Graden said. "Please help me raise money for scholarships so kids who want to go to Camp Cedarbrook but can't afford it will get a chance to go. If we raise money, kids who wouldn't have the chance to go will get to experience God and play really fun games and meet new friends." Graden, center in orange, is pictured with his friends at Camp Cedarbrook.

A 238th birthday



Photo courtesy of MARINE CORPS LEAGUE DETACHMENT 54

More than 200 members of the Morris F. Dixon Jr., Marine Corps League's Detachment 54 of Largo/Clearwater and their guests celebrated the 238th birthday of the United States Marine Corps at the Belleair County Club Nov. 10. Pictured from left, are Colonel Mary Augustitus, the speaker at the event; Lance Corporal Jacqueline Fonseca, Detachment Commandant John Piazza Sr., and John Residence. As is Marine Corps tradition, Fonseca and Residence shared the cake as the youngest and oldest members of the detachment, respectively.

Obituaries



Frances D. (nee Gunter) GOLDBERG

age 71, passed away October 19, 2013 at her home in Largo, Florida after a long and courageous battle with cancer. She was the beloved wife of Donald M. Goldberg, loving mother to Lisa and mother-in-law to Michael, adoring grandmother to Christopher, Amy, Zion and Rebecca, and loving pet parent to her two dachshunds, Roxie and Bella. Frances was born January 1, 1942 in Albany, Kentucky, the only child of Grover and Olene Gunter. The family later relocated to Ohio, where she graduated from Princeton High School in Cincinnati, class of 1959, and went on to study at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. Her career spanned more than 40 years, with her time divided between two corporations. She spent 17 years at General Electric Aerospace, Cincinnati, in technical publications; and subsequently as senior electronics buyer for Smiths Industries, Clearwater, Fla., from which she retired after 28 years of service. After a long career, Frances embraced retirement. She was an avid reader, crochet enthusiast, played weekly mahjong with her adorable ladies, served as Treasurer of Coquina Cove Residents, volunteered as a Deputy Poll Worker, was a splendid homemaker and a long time member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Celestine Chapter #185 of Cincinnati, for more than 40 years. In lieu of flowers, please send memorial contributions to Suncoast Hospice, 5771 Roosevelt Boulevard, Clearwater, FL 33760. A memorial service will be held Sunday, November 24, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. in the Lakeside Chapel Mausoleum of Serenity Gardens Memorial Park, located at 13401 Indian Rocks Road, Largo, Fla. A gathering will follow the service at Randolph Farms Clubhouse on Indian Rocks Road, Largo, Fla.



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Still time to register for Turkey Trot races

By ALEXANDRA LUNDAHL

CLEARWATER - Before stuffing bellies full of turkey, cranberries, mashed potatoes and pumpkin pie, runners and walkers of all skill levels can participate in the annual Tampa Bay Times Turkey Trot and sister races.

The race options include the 10K Turkey Trot, the 5K Wingding, the 5K Fun Run, the 1-mile Gobbler, and the Clearwater Challenge, which is the 5K, 1-mile and 10K. The races all are on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, and all begin at Keene Road just south of Gulf-to-Bay Boulevard except for the 5K Fun Run, and they end in Jack White Stadium at Clearwater High School.

The Wingding begins at 7 a.m. and costs \$18 in advance or \$23 on race day; the 5K Fun Run begins at 7:30 a.m. and costs \$18 in advance or \$23 on race day; the 1-mile Gobbler begins at 8:30 a.m. and costs \$14 in advance or \$15 on race day. The 10K Turkey Trot starts at 8:45 a.m. and costs \$18 in advance or \$23 on race day, and the Clearwater Challenge begins at 7 a.m. and costs \$35 in advance or \$40 on race day. Competitors can register online at www.tampabay.com/turkeytrot, or at Fit 2 Run in either St. Petersburg or Tampa.

The cost of registration includes the race, a T-shirt and goodies at the end of the race, said Skip Rogers, race director. People can register early through Friday, Nov. 22, at 3 p.m. For a full list of on-site registration locations, see the website. Late registration is available at limited locations through Monday, Nov. 25, at 3 p.m.

Early T-shirt pickup and last-chance registration is available at the following times and locations:

- Monday, Nov. 25 - 5 to 7:30 p.m. at Bright House Networks, Westfield Countryside Mall on the second floor mall entrance near JC Penney, 27001 U.S. 19 N., Clearwater. Online registrants can pick up their race numbers with their confirmation number



Photo by JIM LAYFIELD
Briana Whaley of Clearwater took first place in the women's category of the Wingding 5K race in 2012.

and/or their T-shirt with race number and T-shirt tag.

- Tuesday, Nov. 26 - 5 to 7:30 p.m. at Fit 2 Run, 256 Second St. N., St. Petersburg. Online registrants can pick up their race numbers with their confirmation number and/or T-shirt with race number and T-shirt tag.

The Turkey Trot Kickoff Party is set for Wednesday, Nov. 27, 5 to 7:30 p.m. at Jack White Stadium at Clearwater High School, 540 S. Hercules Ave. Money needs to be the exact amount in cash or check format. The public is invited to enjoy a fun, free evening that includes live music, games, snacks, and the chance to buy official Turkey Trot merchandise in preparation for race day. Racers also will be able to pick up their T-shirts and race numbers.

"It's a community event," Rogers said. "Wednesday night is like Homecoming. We provide free food and drinks, and people come out and sign up for Turkey Trot. We get college kids who come home for the holidays and they meet either at Turkey Trot or the

day before. They can meet up with friends who they wouldn't otherwise have time to see."

The race began in 1978 at Howard Park in Tarpon Springs and was on a Saturday and run by the YMCA. The director was from Buffalo, N.Y.

"He said, 'We do it on Thanksgiving morning,'" Rogers said. "We kind of looked at him like he was nuts. But we moved it to Thanksgiving morning and we had 999 people who were at the race. And it's naturally grown from that. Last year we had a record of 17,678 who ran it."

The Clearwater Challenge is the newest addition to the race, which was added last year, Rogers said. A number of competitors already were doing it and nicknamed it the "Turk-Can-Do," he said, and they asked if it could be made official.

"I interviewed a lot of people last year who were doing the challenge, and their interpretation was that it was a challenge," Rogers said.

Those runners could easily do any one of the races, but doing all three is an extra challenge, especially since there is about a half mile from the finish line back to the start of the course and having to make it back there in time for the next race to begin. So in all, the runners are completing about 11.3 miles.

The proceeds from the race benefit local charities, including the West Florida Y Runners Club Scholarship programs, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Pinellas County and the Children's Heart Foundation. Last year, \$48,000 was given out in 24 \$2,000 scholarships, and about another \$100,000 was given to local charities, Rogers said. People are encouraged to also bring canned goods and nonperishable food items on race day to donate to the RCS Food Bank.

People are encouraged to arrive at least an hour before the race because parking gets tight. Spectators and racers should not stand or walk on neighbors' yards and

instead should use the sidewalks. Competitors should line up according to speed, with the fastest runners at the front, the slowest and walkers in the back. Noncompetitive wheelchair participants should also start at the back of the crowd, and animals, bicycles, wagons, roller blades and skates are not allowed on the course.

There will be one water station in the Wingding and three water stations in the Turkey Trot course. At the end, there will be free refreshments for all registered participants. Medical personnel at a medical tent also will be at the finish line.

The first three male and female finishers in the Wingding and Turkey Trot races in the Open, Master and Grand Master levels will receive trophies. The Master level is for people age 40 and older, and the Grand Master level is for people ages 50 and older. In the Gobbler race, the first-place male and female winners will receive trophies. Additionally, the first 125 male and 125 female finishers in the Wingding and Turkey Trot will receive top finisher awards. People must be present to collect their awards, as they will not be mailed.

"The city of Clearwater is one of the major sponsors, and they're very supportive of it and very happy," Rogers said. "As far as demographics, it brings anywhere from 6-month-old kids to 90-year-olds doing it. It's probably one of the biggest events in Clearwater."

At last count, Rogers said there are registered runners from everywhere, including Alaska, Washington, D.C., California, the United Kingdom, Sweden, and Canada.

On the run



Photo by JIM LAYFIELD
Largo High School running back John Clark (21) drags a few tacklers along the way for some extra yards Nov. 15 during a Class 6A playoff game with Jefferson at Largo. Despite Clark's efforts, the Packers lost 25-17 to finish the season 8-3.

St. Petersburg Power and Sailboat Show set

ST. PETERSBURG - Now entering its 36th year, the St. Petersburg Power and Sailboat Show, the largest in-water boat show on Florida's Gulf Coast, will be presented Thursday through Sunday, Dec. 5-8, at the Progress Energy Center for the Arts Mahaffey Theater Yacht Basin and Albert Whitted Park.

This year's show is bigger than ever before with expanded in-water displays featuring nearly 300 exhibitors and hundreds of boats displayed both in-water and on land, an extensive schedule of educational marine seminars from Sail America, kids fishing clinics presented by the nonprofit Hook The Future, refreshments and live musical entertainment along an expansive waterfront area.

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Top five diversions

• **"The Curious Savage,"** by John Patrick, through Sunday, Nov. 24, at Venue Ensemble Theatre, 9125 U.S. 19 N., Pinellas Park. Performances are Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; and Sunday, 2:30 p.m. For tickets information and reservations, call 822-6194, email venueactorstudio@gmail.com or visit www.venueactorstudio.org. Richard Rosen directs this comedic play about Ethel P. Savage, a woman whose husband recently died and left her approximately \$10 million dollars. Contrasting the kindness and loyalty of psychiatric patients with the avarice and vanity of respectable public figures, the play calls into question conventional definitions of sanity while lampooning celebrity culture.



Photo courtesy of VENUE ENSEMBLE THEATRE

Starring in Venue Ensemble Theatre's production of "The Curious Savage" are, standing, from left, Victor Carr, Al Tamalavich, Suzy Fritz, Steven Brodnick, Lindsay Miller and Donna Hubis; seated, David Mathias, Sue Dietz, Linda Hamrell and Mabel LaCola; and, on the floor, Susan Dearden.

• **Sanding Ovations.** Thursday through Sunday, Nov. 20-24, on the beach at 107th Avenue and Gulf Boulevard, Treasure Island. The 2013 Masters Cup Professional Sand Sculpting Competition and Music Festival will feature arts and crafts and performances from Applebutter Express, The Black Honkeys, Confused, Rocket Man, Come Back Alice and Sarasota Slim. There also will be a children's area and a fireworks display. For information and an event schedule, call 547-4575 or visit www.mytreasureisland.org.

• **The Suncoast Dixieland Jazz Classic,** Friday through Sunday, Nov. 22-24, at Sheraton Sand Key Resort, 1160 Gulf Blvd., Clearwater; and Marriott Suites on Sand Key, 1201 Gulf Blvd., Clearwater. The annual event will feature bands such as Bill Allred's Classic Jazz Band, Wally's Warehouse Waifs, Cornet Chop Suey, High Sierra, Dave Bennett and the Memphis Boys, Jubilee Jazz, Midiri Brothers, Red Garter Jazz, Tom Rigney and Flambeau and many more. A weekend badge costs \$100. Daily badges for Friday and Sunday are \$40. Daily badges for Saturday are \$50. Call Bette Marnell at 536-0064 or visit www.jazzclassic.net.

• **Dunedin Celtic Festival,** Saturday, Nov. 23, noon to 9:30 p.m., at Highlander Park, 1920 Pinehurst Road, Dunedin. This year's outdoor celebration will feature performances by Celica, The Fighting Jamesons, The Killdares, Juniper and Seven Nations. Also performing will be the City of Dunedin Pipe Band, Dunedin High School Scottish Highlander Marching Band, Dunedin High School Pipe Band, Dunedin Middle School Band, Dunedin Highland Middle School Pipe Band and the Highland Dancers. The festival serves as a fundraiser for Dunedin's Scottish bands and is promoted, organized and managed by the Dunedin Highland Games and Festival Committee Inc. Visit www.dunedinhighlandgames.com/CelticFestival.html.

• **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.



Photo by JOHN CHIASSON/SKYLINE MUSIC

Roger McGuinn shares his love of folk music and strives to keep songs of old from vanishing in the wind. McGuinn plays Largo Cultural Center Nov. 22.

LCC welcomes McGuinn

Byrds co-founder shares lifetime of music, love of folk songs Nov. 22

LARGO – Chicago native Roger McGuinn returns to the Tampa Bay area Friday, Nov. 22, 8 p.m., performing at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo.

Tickets start at \$29.50. Call 587-6793 or visit largoarts.com.
 McGuinn is best known for being the lead singer and lead guitarist of The Byrds, an American rock band that flourished from 1964 through 1973. He is a member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame for his work with The Byrds. The band boasted a signature sound featuring harmony singing mixed with McGuinn's innovated jangly 12-string Rickenbacker guitar.

Among the band's most enduring songs are their cover versions of Bob Dylan's "Mr. Tambourine Man" and Pete Seeger's "Turn! Turn! Turn!" along with the self-penned originals, "Eight Miles High," "I'll Feel a Whole Lot Better," "So You Want to Be a Rock 'n' Roll Star," "Ballad of Easy Rider" and "Chestnut Mare."

According to McGuinn's bio, provided by Skyline Music, the innovative guitarist was already a veteran of the New York and Los Angeles music scene when he co-founded The Byrds with Gene Clark and David Crosby in 1964.

Prior to forming the Byrds, McGuinn toured and performed folk music with the Limeriters, Chad Mitchell Trio and Bobby Darin as a guitarist and banjo player. He was also the musical director and guitarist on "Judy Collins #3."

McGuinn, a Chicago native, studied at the Old Town School of Folk Music and was active on Chicago's folk scene, where he was strongly influenced as a teenager by Bob Gibson. Within a few weeks of finishing high school, McGuinn was working with the Limeriters in California, playing guitar and banjo on their album "Tonight: In Person." McGuinn is also on the Chad Mitchell Trio's albums "Mighty Day on Campus" and "The Chad Mitchell Trio at the Bitter End."

After touring with singer Bobby Darin, McGuinn moved to New York at Darin's request to work for his publishing company, TM Music, in the fabled Brill Building as a songwriter. He and Frank Gari co wrote the song "Beach Ball" and performed it with Darin, as the City Surfers in July 1963. After hearing the Beatles for the first time at the Brill Building, McGuinn began playing folk songs to a rock beat in the coffee houses of Greenwich Village. His experiments in merging folk and



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Roger McGuinn is the co-founder, lead guitarist and lead vocalist of The Byrds.

rock didn't please the folk purist, so he moved to Los Angeles to work at the Troubadour. It was after an opening set for Hoyt Axton that Gene Clark approached McGuinn with appreciation for his new musical blend. They started writing songs together in the folk den of the Troubadour.

It wasn't long before David Crosby joined them and added his unique concepts of harmony to the duo, thereby completing the underpinnings for one of the most influential bands of the '60s. Within a few months, McGuinn, Clark & Crosby were looking to expand their group. Conga player Michael Clarke was recruited because he looked

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• **Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats**, Sunday, Dec. 1, 2 and 7 p.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets start at \$24.50. Call 587-6793 or visit largoarts.com. The Golden Dragon Acrobats represent the best of a time-honored tradition that began more than 25 centuries ago. This amazing group combines award-winning acrobatics, traditional dance, spectacular costumes, ancient and contemporary music and theatrical techniques to present a show of breathtaking skill and spellbinding beauty.

• **"Holiday Party of One,"** by Alison Burns with musical arrangements by Stan Collins; Dec. 5-20, 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. This Tampa Bay holiday traditional finds a home at New Stage Theatre after its highly acclaimed run in 2012. Written by local talents Alison Burns and Karla Hartley, this hilarious holiday treat follows three over-worked, out of touch, people as they, once again, get caught up in the mad rush of the holidays - that is until Lucky, a Christmas elf, comes to the rescue. The second half of the evening is a unique cabaret of holiday favorites. This production is fun for the whole family.

• **A Russian Christmas performed by the State Choir of Russia**, Tuesday, Dec. 17, 7 p.m., at the Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets start at \$29.50. Call 587-6793 or visit

largoarts.com. Celebrate the holiday season with this unique cultural experience. This company of 45 singers was founded from the merger of the USSR State Chamber Choir and State Symphony Orchestra of the USSR. Music critics have praised this spectacular group and rave of the flawless vocal technique and crystal-clear, precise intonation.

• **Victor Wooten** with special guest Stu Hamm, Friday, Jan. 3, 8 p.m., at the Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets start at \$29.50. Call 587-6793 or visit largoarts.com. Five-time Grammy award winner, Wooten is known for his solo recordings, tours and as a member of the Grammy-winning super group, Bela Fleck & The Flecktones. He has won most every major award given to a bass guitarist. Wooten was voted Bassist of the Year by Bass Player Magazine three times and is the only person to have won the award more than once. Hamm has firmly established himself as one of the most influential electric bassists of the past half-century. Hamm helped to reshape the contemporary concept of the bass guitar as an unaccompanied instrument with the utilization of polyphonic, two-handed tapping, slapping and popping techniques, chords, and harmonics.

Clearwater

• **"Sugar Babies,"** by Ralph G. Allen and Harry Rigby, with music by Jimmy McHugh and lyrics by Dorothy Fields and Al Dubin; through Nov. 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. 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.

• **Dave Koz and Friends Christmas Tour 2013**, Saturday, Nov. 30,

8 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Tickets start at \$35. Call 791-7400 or visit www.rutheckerdhall.com. Dave Koz and Friends Christmas Tour 2013 is an uplifting, high-energy show the whole family will love. Get into the holiday spirit as some of music's biggest names jam on fresh, lively arrangements of seasonal favorites, led by multi-Grammy nominee and saxophonist extraordinaire Dave Koz. Joining Koz this year are Japanese born pianist/composer/producer Keiko Matsui, who has shared the stage with everyone from Stevie Wonder to Miles Davis; world-renowned singer Oleta Adams, who first came to prominence when Tears for Fears asked her to appear on their "The Seeds of Love" album and who has released eight acclaimed CDs of her own, crossing effortlessly between R&B, jazz, popular and gospel music; and Jonathan Butler, who was the first black artist played on white stations in his native South Africa and has since earned accolades in the R&B, contemporary jazz and gospel fields.

• **"Our Town,"** by Thornton Wilder; Dec. 5-15, at Francis Wilson Playhouse, 302 Seminole St., Clearwater. Performances are Thursdays through Saturdays, 8 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$21 for adults and \$11 for students. Call 446-1360 or visit www.franciswilsonplayhouse.org. Wilder received the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1938. It is a play in three acts that explores the lives of the Gibbs and Webb families living in a small, quintessentially American town in New Hampshire. Wilder described it as a little play with all the big subjects in it. The Stage Manager is narrator throughout the play describing the locations (as scenery is sparse) and making key observations about the world the play creates.

• Sixth annual **Bowzer's Rock & Roll Holiday Party** hosted by Jon "Bowzer" Bauman, Saturday, Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Tickets start at \$35. Call 791-7400 or visit www.rutheckerdhall.com. The show will feature Lesley Gore, Lou Christie, Lenny Welch, Joey Dee, Bowzer & The Stingrays and Rocky & The Rollers with special guests Johnny Contardo and Henry Gross, formerly of Sha Na Na. While attending Columbia University in New York in 1969, student Jon Bauman along with his fellow classmates combined their love for the classics of Rock & Roll with a dynamic theatrical approach to form Sha Na Na. The a'50s legends eighth professional gig was opening for Jimi Hendrix 44 years ago this summer at The Woodstock Festival. Bauman went on to become a VJ on the music channel VH-1 during its first two years. He's appeared on several television series, such as "Miami Vice." He also hosted the Hollywood Squares half of the Match Game-Hollywood Squares Hour. Bauman has spoken on behalf of musicians and helped pass legislation, known as the Truth in Music Act, that compels any group using the name of a classic group have at least one of the original members.

Gulfport

• **USA Dance**, Monday, Nov. 26, 7 to 10:15 p.m., at Gulfport Casino, 5500 Shore Blvd., Gulfport. Admission is \$7 and includes a dance workshop, professional and amateur exhibitions, dance hosts and snacks. For information, call 397-5754.

Madeira Beach

• **Madeira Beach Thanksgiving Weekend Craft Festival**, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 30 through Dec. 1, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Madeira Way between Gulf Boulevard and 150th Avenue, Madeira Beach. American Craft Endeavors will host this festival, now in its second year. Madeira Way will be lined with fine crafters from all areas, displaying their works for sale at this community festival. Attendees will find a wide variety of ceramics, jewelry, stained glass, metal works and much more. Admission is free.

Pinellas Park

• **ArtZ Fair**, Saturday, Nov. 23, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Mainlands, Unit 1 Clubhouse, 9650 Mainlands Blvd., Pinellas Park. Admission is free. Call Jeanne at 569-0626 or Dawn at 498-7605. Sponsored by Women and Arts & Craft Clubs of Mainlands Unit 1, the fair will offer local artisans the opportunity to display and sell their everyday and holiday handmade accessories, clothing and household decor wares. The event will feature hourly basket raffles, food and a bake sale. A consignment wall art section will be included.

St. Petersburg

• **Mix 100.7's Acoustic Christmas** show, Friday, Dec. 13, 6:30 p.m., at The Mahaffey Theater, 400 First St. S., St. Petersburg. Tickets start at \$41.50. Call 893-7832 or visit themahaffey.com. Pop singer-songwriter Colbie Caillat will join the Goo Goo Dolls, The Fray, ZZ Ward and Michael Franti for the holiday show. Caillat, who was rejected twice by American Idol and became first known to fans through MySpace, debuted in 2007 with Coco, which included hit singles "Bubbly" and "Realize." A year later, she won a Grammy for "Lucky," a duet with Jason Mraz. In 2009, she was named Billboard magazine's 94th best-selling music artist of the 2000-2009 decade. Caillat has sold more than six million albums worldwide and more than 10 million singles. The Goo Goo Dolls made their mark 20 years ago and recently released their latest album, "Magnetic." Renowned for their commercially successful 1998 single "Iris," the band has released nine albums, had 14 top ten singles on various charts and sold more than 10 million albums worldwide. "Iris" was ranked No. 1 on Billboard's "Top 100 Pop Songs 1992-2012" chart last October. Magnetic has 11 new songs from the celebratory single "Rebel Beat" to the love-rediscovery ballad "Slow It Down" to the blue-collar anthem "Keep the Car Running." Band members are primary singer, songwriter and guitarist John Rzeznik, bassist Robby Takas and drummer Mike Malinin. The Fray, a rock band from Denver, achieved national success with their debut album, "How to Save a Life," in 2005. The single, "Over My Head (Cable Car)," became a Top 10 hit in the United States, and the release of their second single, "How to Save a Life," brought them worldwide fame. The song charted in the top three of the Billboard Hot 100 and was a top five single in Australia, Canada, Ireland, Italy, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

See LOOKING AHEAD, page 8B

Crossword

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Across

- Weather map curves
- Ring
- At once, esp. payments (3 wds)
- Accept
- Land bordering a lake
- Prefix with red
- Past
- "For shame!"
- Animal hides
- Corners of the eye
- "Act your ___!"
- Blood carrier
- Insect between molts
- Print media not controlled by government (2 wds)
- Delay
- "___ be a cold day in hell ..." (contraction)
- Anger
- Brain area
- "The Sweetheart of Sigma ___"
- Pleasing
- Plant and animal life of particular regions
- He took two tablets
- Chop (off)
- Victory hand gestures (2 wds)
- Anoint
- Ed.'s request (acronym)
- Doctor's order
- "M*A*S*H" role
- Cylindrical cells through which nutrients flow in flowering plants
- Decree
- Not mixed with water
- Piers
- Writers of literary works

Down

- "Field of Dreams" setting

- Catch
- "Beetle Bailey" dog
- Accordingly
- "Catch!"
- "Star Trek" rank; Abbr.
- Indian dish of yogurt, cucumbers and spices
- Cricket fielding position (hyphenated)
- Cold shower?
- Contribute money (2 wds)
- Better
- Parade balloon
- Persons to whom property is pledged as security for loans
- Desk item
- Ceiling
- ___ Master's Voice
- Buff
- Type of corrective shoe
- Kindled anew
- ___ el Amarna, Egypt
- Coarse, obnoxious people
- Fix, in a way
- "To ___ is human ..."
- "Comprende?"
- ___-tzu
- Balaam's mount
- Dash lengths
- Made a loud noise
- Heads off
- Any Time
- Increases, e.g. weight
- Demands
- Dearth
- Bank
- Small ornamental ladies' bag
- Makeshift shelters
- "Not on ___!" ("No way!") (2 wds)
- Resting places
- ___ Appia

Sudoku

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Sudoku answers from last week

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Crossword answers from last week

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Horoscopes

November 21, 2013

Capricorn

December 22 - January 19

Going green at home puts more green in your pocket. Use the surplus to keep the momentum going, Capricorn. Whispers at the office get louder.

Aquarius

January 20 - February 18

Dashes of yellow remind you of the importance of a positive outlook. Cheer up, Aquarius. Life will get better. A fitness goal is reached ahead of schedule.

Pisces

February 19 - March 20

You're back in the black, and it's time to celebrate, Pisces. Invite some pals over for a takeout feast. A relative meddles a little too much.

Aries

March 21 - April 19

Feeling blue, Aries? You won't be for long, as old friends and new drop by. Put out the welcome mat and prepare to have a ball. An email clues you in.

Taurus

April 20 - May 20

Life these days is like looking at the world through rose-colored glasses. Everything is good, Taurus, even the not-so-good. A project ends with a flourish.

Gemini

May 21 - June 21

Very few things in life are black and white. Usually there's some gray, particularly with an issue at the office. There is much work left to do, Gemini.

Cancer

June 22 - July 22

Red faces alert you to the frustration growing at work. Resolve it now, Cancer. Pops of scarlet here and there in the home decor lift spirits.

Leo

July 23 - August 22

Golden moments come only once, Leo. Make this one a memory for years to come. An idea has potential but requires more research in order to pan out.

Virgo

August 23 - September 22

Color you happy this week, Virgo, as old goals are reached and new ones are made. An orange gelatin dish brings back many fond memories.

Libra

September 23 - October 22

A senior makes remarkable strides. Take them out to lunch to celebrate, Libra. The moody blues lift at home with a gift of green.

Scorpio

October 23 - November 21

A youngster is pretty in pink, and it would pay for you to notice, Scorpio. Ties once thought broken are stronger than ever. A friend returns a favor.

Sagittarius

November 22 - December 21

A brief glance at the brown foliage outside reveals your inner state. You'll be feeling pretty blah until a blast from the past returns. Enjoy, Sagittarius.

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Opening this weekend

'Hunger Games: Catching Fire,' 'Delivery Man' hits the big screen

Compiled by LEE CLARK ZUMPE

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

'The Hunger Games: Catching Fire'

Genre: Action, drama and science fiction
 Cast: Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson, Liam Hemsworth, Lenny Kravitz, Elizabeth Banks, Stanley Tucci, Donald Sutherland, Toby Jones, Woody Harrelson, Jena Malone, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Amanda Plummer, Lynn Cohen, Patrick St. Esprit, Meta Golding, Bruno Gunn, Alan Ritchson, E. Roger Mitchell, Maria Howell, Stephanie Leigh Schlund, Sam Claflin and Jeffrey Wright
 Director: Francis Lawrence
 Rated: PG-13
 "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire" begins as Katniss Everdeen has returned home safe after winning the 74th annual Hunger Games along with fellow tribute Peeta Mellark.
 Winning means that they must turn around and leave their family and close friends, embarking on a Victor's Tour of the districts. Along the way Katniss senses that a rebellion is simmering, but the Capitol is still very much in control as President Snow prepares the 75th annual Hunger Games - a competition that could change Panem forever.

'Delivery Man'

Genre: Comedy
 Cast: Vince Vaughn, Chris Pratt, Cobie Smulders and Britt Robertson
 Director: Ken Scott
 Rated: PG-13
 An affable underachiever finds out he's fathered 533 children through anonymous donations to a fertility clinic 20 years ago. Now he must decide whether or not to come forward when 142 of them file a lawsuit to reveal his identity.

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

'Philomena'

Genre: Drama
 Cast: Judi Dench and Steve Coogan
 Director: Stephen Frears
 Rated: R
 Based on the 2009 investigative book by BBC correspondent Martin Sixsmith, "The Lost Child of Philomena Lee," "Philomena" focuses on the efforts of Philomena Lee (Dench), mother to a boy conceived out of wedlock - something her Irish-Catholic community didn't have the highest opinion of - and given away for adoption in the United States.
 In following church doctrine, she was forced to sign a contract that wouldn't allow for any sort of inquiry into the son's whereabouts. After starting a family years later in England and, for the most part, moving on with her life, Lee meets Sixsmith (Coogan), a BBC reporter with whom she decides to discover her long-lost son.

'Weekend of a Champion'

Genre: Documentary
 Cast: Sir Jackie Stewart and Roman Polanski
 Director: Frank Simon and Roman Polanski
 Not rated
 In 1971, motor racing fan Roman Polanski spent a weekend with world champion driver Jackie Stewart as he attempted to win the Monaco Grand Prix.
 Polanski was given intimate access to Stewart's world for three days, both on the track and off. The result is an extraordinarily rare glimpse into the life of a gifted athlete at the height of his powers. Some 40 years on, Polanski and Stewart meet once again. In a remarkable post-script, they discuss the sport, both past and present, with a unique and unmatched perspective.

For more movie news, visit www.TBNweekly.com.



Josh Hutcherson as Peeta Mellark and Jennifer Lawrence stars as Katniss Everdeen in "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire."

Museum names new executive director

ST. PETERSBURG - The St. Petersburg Museum of History hired Rui Farias as its executive director.
 Farias, a history teacher at St. Petersburg High School who teaches the only St. Petersburg history class offered in Pinellas County, also brings 15 years of experience in event marketing and facility management to the 91-year-old museum.
 Prior to joining the faculty at St. Petersburg High, Farias was instrumental in creating and marketing downtown events with the Festival of States and worked as the marketing director for the United Soccer Leagues and Global Spectrum's Pinellas Expo Center.
 "Rui's combination of business background, experience in working for nonprofit boards and experience as a Florida history teacher is a perfect fit for the Executive Director position," said Joseph Griner

in a press release. Griner is board president.
 The museum has recently unveiled Little Cooperstown - the Guinness World Records certified largest collection of autographed baseballs and is preparing for Flight 2014 - the 100th anniversary of the world's first commercial airline flight from St. Petersburg to Tampa.
 "This is an exciting time for the St. Petersburg Museum of History and it is an honor that the board chose me to lead it," Farias said. "This museum has been St. Petersburg's best kept secret - it is our goal and vision to transform this museum into a vibrant cultural center for the entire community."
 The St. Petersburg Museum of History - celebrating its 91st year - is at 335 Second Ave. NE on the approach to The Pier. For information, call 894-1052 or visit www.spmoh.org.



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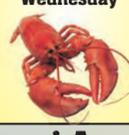
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Scene From the Road
Rick Saltarelli

buildings, churches, shops, museums, galleries, alleys, parks and gardens; all constructed on a beautiful natural harbor.

Gibbs Hill Lighthouse was built in 1844 and is the oldest cast iron lighthouse in the world.

The Navy Dockyards are a short ferry or bus ride from Hamilton and offers shopping, museums, dining and a historical perspective of the island. Built by the British Navy in 1809, it played a role in the war of 1812. During World War II the USA also had a navy base here and both bases were closed in 1995.

Discovered by Juan de Bermúdez in 1505, this uninhabited island became a British colony by accident. In 1609 the "Sea Venture" bound for Jamestown was shipwrecked in a storm off the eastern coast. Sir George Somers and his entire crew miraculously survived, making the shipwreck the first colony on the island. In 1612 the Virginia Company surrendered the island to the Crown, making it Britain's oldest colony.

Have no doubts; this is a British colony. The influence is everywhere. Come and see why some folks tell you that Bermuda is more British than Britain is.

Bermuda shorts are everyday wear. From policemen directing traffic, to businessmen dressed in business jackets and shorts, you soon are accustomed to seeing them everywhere.

St. Georges was the first capital of the island before it was moved to Hamilton in 1815. This UNESCO World Heritage Site boasts a protected harbor. Enjoy a taste of history with centuries old lanes, alleyways and unique cottages.

Nearby Tobacco Bay is popular for snorkeling and is a destination for many visitors. It is easily reached by bus or from the ferry terminal.

The Crystal and Fantasy Caves are a surprise and include a 55-foot deep lake in one of the chambers.

Hamilton was purpose-built to be central to most islanders. Thriving from day one it is Bermuda's hub of international and local business and is an offshore financial center. It is packed with historic

For golfers there are nine courses, offering stunning views and challenges. The most popular are Belmont Hills Golf & Country Club, Fairmont Southampton Golf Club and Port Royal Golf Course; one of the greatest public courses in the world.

Yes, the sand is pink. A combination of crushed coral, calcium carbonate and shells are what create the color. The most famous beaches are Horseshoe Bay and Elbow Beach although there are several more. The offshore waters are a paradise for snorkeling and diving.

You can visit Bermuda either by air or by cruise ship. Flights from Florida take six hours. Accommodation and food tend to be on the pricier side, so visiting by cruise ship makes a lot of sense.

You cannot rent a car but you can rent a scooter. Beware though, as driving on the left side of the road with traffic circles can be confusing. The public transit system is incredibly reliable.

Come visit any month of the year, although May through October is popular. The warmest time is July and August (86 degrees) and the coolest is January and February (58 degrees)

Scene from the Road is contributed by Enrico (Rick) Saltarelli the owner of Salty Breeze Cruise Planners. He can be reached at 290-4998 or esaltarelli@cruiseplanners.com.

Suncoast AIDS Theatre Project to present 'Longtime Companion'

ST. PETERSBURG – As a prelude to Worlds Aids Day, the Suncoast AIDS Theatre Project will present a staged play reading of Craig Lucas' screenplay "Longtime Companion" on Monday, Nov. 25, 7:30 p.m., at American Stage Theatre, 163 Third St. N.

Doors will open at 7 p.m. Admission is pay-what-you-will at the door. Advance purchase tickets are available for \$15 each. A cash bar will be available. For information, call 823-7529 or www.americanstage.org.

The production stars Katherine Michelle Tanner, Chris Crawford, Steve Garland, Brian Shea, Vincent Stalba, Drew DeCaro, Larry Alexander, Joey Panek, Jim Sorenson, Chris Jackson, Jonelle Marie Meyer and Daniel Harris.

"Longtime Companion" follows the lives of a small circle of friends from the first mention of the disease in the New York Times in 1981. First referred to as "Gay-Related-Immune-Disorder," the audience watches the effect of the disease as it devastates the lives of the protagonists.

Jumping between Manhattan and Fire Island, vignettes carry the audience from the it-couldn't-happen-to-me mentality of the early days of the disease to the invasive effect it has had on everyone's lives, today. The title of the film comes from the New York Times' refusal to acknowledge homosexual relationships in their obituary section during this period. Instead, survivors were referred to as "Longtime Companions" of the deceased.

By special permission from Craig Lucas, this one-night-only performance will benefit People with AIDS programs at Metropolitan Charities of Pinellas.

The Suncoast AIDS Theatre Project is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization whose mission is to raise awareness, provide assistance, and perpetuate a life of dignity for those affected and infected by HIV and AIDS.

To learn more about The Suncoast AIDS Theatre Project, call Gary Allan Breul at 941-758-6399 or garallan@msn.com.

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like two of the Rolling Stones. Mandolin player Chris Hillman was asked to join the group and to learn how to play the bass guitar. During a Thanksgiving dinner the band settled on the name "Byrds," and success was just around the corner.

Columbia Records signed the Byrds in January 1965 and they recorded their first No. 1 hit, "Mr. Tambourine Man." In 1968 McGuinn and Hillman hired Gram Parsons and headed for Nashville where they recorded the now critically acclaimed "Sweetheart of the Rodeo."

McGuinn disbanded the Byrds in 1973 to pursue his dream of a solo career. He made five solo albums on Columbia Records. McGuinn rejoined Gene Clark and Chris Hillman in 1978 on Capitol Records for three albums. In 1981 McGuinn decided it was time to return to his folk roots and began touring solo acoustic.

Arista records released "Back From Rio" in 1991, a rock album that included his friends, Tom Petty and The Heartbreakers, Elvis Costello, Chris Hillman, David Crosby, Michael Penn and John Jorgensen. After touring extensively to support the album he returned to his roots – folk music. In November 1995, McGuinn began recording and uploading to the Internet a series of traditional folk songs to his website. The recordings are available for free download at the FOLK DEN section of McGuinn's official website mcguinn.com.

The autobiographical one-man show, "Live from Mars," was released on Hollywood Records in November of 1996. The album includes two studio tracks, "May The Road Rise To Meet You," and "Fireworks," recorded in Minneapolis with members of the Jayhawks. McGuinn's next CD was recorded on Applesseed Recordings, titled "Treasures From The Folk Den." The CD offered favorite songs from the Folk Den with the added bonus of duets with Pete Seeger, Joan Baez, Judy Collins, Odetta, Jean Ritchie, Josh White Jr. and Frank and Mary Hamilton. It was nominated for a Grammy in 2002 in the category of Best Traditional Folk Album.

On April 1, 2004 McGuinn released a CD, which he called "Limited Edition" because he sold it only via the Internet and at his live performances. "Limited Edition" is an eclectic blend of rock and roll, traditional folk music, new compositions and hip-hop.

In 2011, McGuinn released "CCD." According to the album notes, "CCD" reflects

McGuinn's love of sea shanties. His intricate finger work on various stringed instruments and the haunting quality of his Irish heritage vocal style will take the listener back to the days when mighty sailing ships explored the seas from the Kamchatka Bay to the Greenland whaling fisheries.

The CD is wrapped in an eight-panel package that compliments the music. Along with photos of the ocean and three sailing ships, each song is briefly explained, enabling listeners to enjoy the intricate and historical lyrics as their feet tap to the rhyme of the waves.

McGuinn was reportedly honored to be able to do a small part in preserving these songs of the sea on this CD. Following the release of "CCD," McGuinn was asked what he thought his legacy would be. His response was not what one might expect – "The Byrds." Instead, McGuinn said he hoped to be remembered for using the modern age of technology to help keep the songs of old from vanishing in the wind.



Photo courtesy of SKYLINE MUSIC
Roger McGuinn performs Nov. 22 at Largo Cultural Center.

New Century presents Don Giovanni

TARPON SPRINGS – New Century Opera will present Mozart's Don Giovanni Friday through Sunday, Dec. 6-8, at Tarpon Springs Performing Arts Center, 324 Pine St.

Performances will be Friday, 7 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$24 and \$20 for students and members. Call 942-5605 or visit TarponArts.org. The opera is sung in English. Director Constantine Grame brings the New Century Opera production to the stage.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Don Giovanni explores the Spanish legend of Don Juan, the world's most notorious womanizer. Don Giovanni

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The cast features Christopher Holloway as Don Giovanni, Chris Romeo as Don Ottavio, Kevin Nickorick as Leporello, John Short as The Commandant and Masetto, Linda L. Hines as Donna Anna, Rachael Marino as Donna Elvira and Megan Schmidt as Zerlina.

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Movie review

'How I Live Now' explores love and loyalty against the backdrop of war

The trials and tribulations of young love are difficult enough to deal with in ordinary settings. "How I Live Now" takes a tale of teenage romance and plants in the middle of World War III.



Reel Time
Lee Clark Zumpe

"How I Live Now" blends themes of love, loss and familial accountability with a bleak dystopian near-future scenario.

Daisy, a neurotic American teenager, is sent to stay with relatives in the English countryside by a father who doesn't seem to want to deal with her. She is initially portrayed as highly unlikable: She is bratty, self-obsessed and impolite. Her attitude toward her cousins - Piper, Isaac and Eddie - ranges from indifferent to belligerent.

Gradually, however, she begins to let down her defenses. She discovers her deceased mother spent time at the home - and that she even slept in the same room where Daisy is staying. More importantly, she finds a kindred spirit in her cousin Eddie. The two fall in love.

That aspect of the story may be off-putting to some. Love stories between first cousins are controversial. In production notes provided by Magnolia Pictures, Saoirse Ronan makes the case that the relationship is more compelling.

"I think it's stronger and almost more romantic that they are cousins," Ronan says. "It makes their connection stronger. She tries to go against it because she knows it defies convention but it's a lot more interesting than, 'Daisy goes to summer camp and meets this dude.' Everything is against them but the fact that he understands her better than she does and figures her out straight away gives her such an attraction to him."

Even as the romance blossoms in "How I Live Now," the couple's idyllic summer days are punctuated with increasingly alarming news reports of an escalating conflict in Europe. The mood changes drastically when an unnamed enemy detonates a nuclear device in London, killing thousands and spreading fallout across the countryside. England is dragged into the conflict and martial law ensues.

The family is forcibly separated by the British military, with the boys, Eddie and Isaac, conscripted into the army and the girls, Daisy and Piper, recruited as farm laborers.

The remainder of the film depicts how Daisy takes

responsibility for her 10-year-old cousin Piper and struggles to survive and find a way back to the house in the English countryside where she hopes to find Eddie.

"How I Live Now" brings to mind some of the more notable World War III movies of the 1980s, including "World War III," "Testament," "The Day After," "Threads" and the animated "When the Wind Blows." Like these movies, "How I Live Now" delivers numerous sequences highlighting the brutality of war with startling realism. Most striking is a scene in which Daisy picks through a pile of corpses to see if either of her cousins is among the dead.

Unlike its predecessors, "How I Live Now" shrewdly keeps the identities of its combatants a mystery. In the 1980s, the backstory of such films generally pitted the United States against the Soviet Union. Since the end of the Cold War, the likelihood of that showdown has greatly diminished and the threat of a global conflict has shifted to other potential adversaries. Because "How I Live Now" is seen through the eyes of its teenage protagonist, it is fitting that the political elements are downplayed in the film.

Ronan gives a solid performance as Daisy. She has screen chemistry with her costar, George Mackay, but it is her rapport with Daisy's young cousin Piper that is truly transfixing. For Eddie, MacKay employs the strong-and-silent template, serving up an appealingly provincial persona. Harley Bird plays Piper with stunning depth and range. Tom Holland is equally gifted as Isaac, who seems the only well-adjusted member of the family from the onset.

The film is based on Meg Rosoff's novel of the same name, first published in 2004. It earned a number of prestigious literary awards, including the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize. The book is written entirely in the voice of its heroine. The filmmakers, including director Kevin Macdonald, manage to replicate Daisy's internal monologue in a series of well-placed scenes.

A tale of endurance and survival, "How I Live Now" is oddly mesmerizing. Featuring exceptional performances from its young cast, led by Ronan, and bolstered by striking cinematography and a vivid sense of dystopian anxiety, Macdonald's adaptation of Rosoff's novel is a modern coming-of-age story with emotional impact.



Above, Saoirse Ronan and George Mackay star in "How I Live Now," a Magnolia Pictures release. At left, Ronan and Harley Bird star in the film.

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LOOKING AHEAD, from page 2B

St. Pete Beach

• 19th annual St. Pete Beach Corey Area Craft Festival, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7-8, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Corey Avenue in downtown St. Pete Beach. The show will feature a wide variety of crafts such as finely handcrafted jewelry and pet and spa products. Visit www.artfestival.com.

Tampa

• Trans-Siberian Orchestra, Sunday, Dec. 1, 3 and 7:30 p.m., at Tampa Bay Times Forum, 401 Channelside Drive, Tampa. Tickets start at \$32.75. Call 813-301-2500 or visit www.tampabaytimesforum.com. TSO will celebrate their first 15 years of touring with an encore and final performance of their multi-platinum rock opera, "The

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Cranberry stuffing
Candied yams w/ toasted marshmallows
Yukon mashed potatoes
Sautéed green beans
Surf & turf fried rice garnished w/ 5 spice fried calamari
Sweet corn casserole
Spicy braised collard greens
Hand carved roast pork loin w/ cranberry chutney
Lobster mac and cheese
Coconut shrimp
Grilled salmon w/ spinach and artichoke crust
Blackened seared mahi w/ mandarin chutney
Chipotle braised short ribs
Cranberry stuffed chicken w/ mushroom gravy
Oysters Bienville
Pan roasted Cedar Key "clam chowder"
Thai green curry mussels
Cold Seafood Bar
Oysters on the half shell
Peel n' eat shrimp
Assorted sushi
Sashimi tuna

An array of salads and appetizers. Save room for the holiday dessert table!

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Offering three dinner entrée's from 11am. until close.

Roast Turkey \$14.95
Served with Green beans, cornbread stuffing mashed potato, yams & cranberry sauce

Baked Ham \$14.95
With rum raisin sauce. Served with green beans, cornbread stuffing mashed potato, yams & cranberry sauce

Turkey & Ham Combination \$17.95
Served with Green beans, cornbread stuffing mashed potato, yams & cranberry sauce

Entrée's include coffee & ice tea and your choice of Pumpkin or Apple Pie

Jimmy's Fish House waterfront restaurant is located in the Holiday Inn Clearwater Beach 521 South Gulfview Blvd. For reservations call 727.446.9720