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Tiffanea Zhou waves from the bucket of the Largo-Fire Rescue truck as she and Jiliene Bronto "sign" the billboard featuring Jiliene’s winning contest Dec. 18. Tiffany’s drawing is on a billboard at Starkey Road.

From left, Largo Fire 13 Laron Michael and recycling coordinator Martha Segunda pose with contest winner Elise Bronto and Tiffany Zhou.

I’m so proud,” said Julia M. Rogers, related to his new role.

It’s all about the recycling and resource management and the importance of recycling,” he said.

Largo - Two-year-old Elise Bronto and Tiffany Zhou were smiling Dec. 18 as they sign a billboard featuring a new recycling program. City officials said the city’s current recycling program was not as successful as some parts of the St. Petersburg program.

The billboard with the recycling logo, surrounded by pictures of people representing the recycling efforts, went up today in an M-1 zoning district. A report from the LPA states that allowing dispensing for on-premises and off-premises consumption could “enlarge market potential and offer commercial opportunities.”

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POLICE BEAT

Police arrest two men for two thefts

Large police officers arrested two Largo men Dec. 17, after reportedly finding a large amount of narcotics, cash and crack pipes where they encountered them at a rental.

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Collectors help bring holiday cheer to Pinecrest residents

By JULIANA A. TORRES

LARGO — The Christmas season is a special time for the Tampa Bay 56ers.

The group of about 60 members, who share the common interest of collecting Department 56 figurines and displaying Department 56 villages, buildings and accessories, meet throughout the year. Many residents take on the task of setting up a display in their backyards, from Christmas in the City, to the Original Snow Village.

The club often accepts donations of buildings and accessories from the community, sometimes when they own as a club. The club rents storage to house the miniature trees, tables and plexiglass at the cost of $1,700 to $1,800 annually.

“The display is designed to represent the oldtime streets of New York City,” Joyce Gillen said. “This is our charity work for the community — to come to communities like this and give back to the people who can’t get out.”

Many residents of Pinecrest set up their own display and come to watch the progress each day.

This year, the club’s members took on the task of setting up a village in Hillsborough, one in Sarasota and setting up villages throughout Tampa Bay.

“Most people that are in this club are very excited when Christmas time comes around,” said Marcia Pagnotta. “When we start to put it up, we get nothing but positive feedback from all the people who come in here.”

“We decided we could put our efforts into this and pay for storage,” Denis Gillen said. “We had to think of ways to give back several years ago, they played Santa Claus for a family of children whose parents were in jail and who were being cared for by their grandmother. Another time, they collected donations for Toy for Tots, giving 5,100 toys one year and $1,000 the cost.

While more than the club members who go back and find what they already did best are excited to be part of the display, many residents of Pinecrest are also excited to have their childhood brought to life.

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Largo Lions set January meetings

LARGO — The Largo Lion Club will begin meeting on a new loca-

The club meets Wednesdays, Jan. 8 and 22, 6:30 p.m., at Shuck’s Bistro, 1720 Clearwater Rd., Largo.

The club usually meets on first and third Wednesdays, but had a special Meeting, Jan. 8, 3:00 p.m., at the Pinellas Park Senior Center, 5025 59th St. N. Bring a dish to share and F.R.I. to this potluck dinner.

For more information, email Lee Jelley at Ljelley@tcom or call 727-533-3538.

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CLEARWATER — The holidays are a season for giving but we often end up giving too much to the landfill. Several stores and community groups add up to truckloads of extra garbage. Pinellas County Utilities urges residents to start “reduce, reuse and recycle” traditions to trim holiday waste.

“Since holiday tips are not environmentally present such as a gift card, you can purchase a gift card, fishing license instead of disposable items. Replace these items with something recyclable such as a gift bag, zoo pass, event ticket instead of disposable items.

“Reduce holiday wrappings such as gift bags, ribbons and bows. Reuse packing materials such as boxes, tissue paper, bubble wrap instead of disposables. Cut out greeting cards and use them as holiday party invitations or a picnic at the beach.

“Buy rechargeable batteries, instead of disposable items.

“Look for recycled content in gift wrap, plastic wrap, or drop-off. For a list of local recycling programs, visit www.pinelascounty.org/recycle.

“Use dimmable Christmas lights or other LED lights. To experience a real difference in care call today!

“Purchase a Christmas tree from Pinellas County and recycle. Best in Pinellas County.

“Find a new home for clothing, shoes, or drop off. For a list of clothing donation locations, visit www.pinelascounty.org/recycle.

“Entertain with reusable dishes and gift-wrapped presents such as boxes or plastic containers.

“Cutting the waste on New Year’s Eve can add up to truckloads of waste. The holidays are a season for giving but we often end up giving too much to the landfill. Sometimes the simplest actions can add up to a big impact; reducing, reusing and recycling is one way to do just that. Pinellas County Utilities urges residents to get Creative and pervasive problem.”

“Ken Welch, written on behalf of the Pinellas County Commission, he states that the group effort is to develop an accurate portrayal of the nature and magnitude of the problem. The pilot Wi-Fi vehicles are running along six different routes and will be expanded to add more riders to the system. The Wi-Fi service is just one of many improvements planned for the transit system to help give the community a better, more convenient and more enjoyable riding experience. To demonstrate the Wi-Fi service, officials downloaded a video of a children’s show and played it as a big screen TV in the back of an actual vehicle. With the addition of the eight new hybrid buses, PSTA now has 46 of the most efficient buses out of a fleet of 199. The combination of the new hybrid buses and the current electric hybrid buses will be replacing older non-hybrid vehicles that have reached the end of their 12-year life spans.

“Riders climb aboard a diesel-electric hybrid bus.
Palm Harbor — Largo police arrested 19-year-old Joseph Ramos after an alleged incident on Dec. 16. Police said finding a large amount of methamphetamine in his vehicle during a traffic stop. Detectives moved the man's vehicle into the jail on drug-related charges dating back to 2003.

Lower East Side — According to the police report, the officers were responding to a report of a suspicious person near the Walmart at 9501 Ulmerton Road (U.S. 19) on Dec. 15. A woman had reported seeing a suspicious vehicle in the area, and the officers found the vehicle with a large amount of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. The suspect continued to flee while officers gave chase. The suspect fled into a wooded area, and police located him. He was arrested on a warrant for escape and possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Detectives investigate West Largo fire

LEAFAM — Detectives assigned to the Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office were investigating a fire in a home in Largo on Dec. 13. According to reports, the fire began on the outside of the house and appeared to be suspicious. The fire caused damage to the home, and detectives are currently investigating the cause.

WOL inmate returned to jail

CLEARWATER — Pinellas County Sheriff’s deputies were able to locate an inmate who had escaped from the jail on Dec. 13. The suspect was located in a nearby wooded area and was taken into custody after a brief struggle.

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Largo man arrested for child molestation

A Largo man has been arrested after an alleged incident on Dec. 15. According to reports, the suspect was charged with one count of child molestation and one count of sexual abuse of a child. He is scheduled to appear in court on Jan. 2.

Burglary suspect swallows evidence

CLEARWATER — A Clearwater man was arrested on Dec. 15 after a warrant was issued for the theft of an Xbox game console. Police said the suspect swallowed evidence and refused to let go of the console. He was later arrested and charged with burglary.

Police arrest two men for meth

Police arrested two men for possession of methamphetamine after a traffic stop on Dec. 15 in Largo. The suspects were found with a large amount of methamphetamine in their vehicle. The men were arrested and transported to the Pinellas County Jail.

Seminole Hair & Nails

There’s a Comfort Keeper Close By

Seniors who have lost spouses or beloved friends may experience loneliness during the holidays. A local organization, Comfort Keepers, offers services to seniors in need of light housekeeping and companionship, as well as help with shopping and cooking. The organization provides services to seniors in Pinellas County, and they offer a free consultation to potential clients.

Police beat

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and lascivious molestation of a 6-year-old female. Pipe, which he admitted to using for meth.

Hiskey and Nevel were booked into the Pinellas County Jail.

Of-49, of Largo is accused of a felony charge of possession of controlled sub-

The man's injuries were not life threat- ening, according to reports. She started at him, embedding a knife into the wooden bed-

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Indian Rocks Beach roundabouts spark debate

By BRIAN GOFF

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Hallie Morgan said she heard about the roundabout from a friend, and said that will likely be on the roads outside the town. "I haven't heard more accidents at that intersection," she said.

There have been four public meetings on the roundabout item on the board. That didn't drive other residents who were living in all those three issues. "I don't think there is any reason the roundabout needs to be continued," she said.

Hallie Morgan said she had a petition signed by 20 people and was prepared to fight to stop the roundabout at Ponce De Leon Boulevard. The signature was not available to her.

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Andriola said he wasn't aware of any residents who knew about it. I called all the commissioners and I was told there were no more accidents at that intersection," he said.

Several other residents spoke out against the roundabout but not all. Resident Sandy Wise, who lives near the corner of Ponce De Leon and Indian Rocks, spoke out against the roundabout. "That is not a safe intersection," she said. "We need to get across Indian Rocks Road and we need to turn around the roundabout." Wise added that he did not believe the roundabout would affect property values.

"It might be stopped if the contract is not signed," he said. "It is all about the future. We ought to delay the project at all."

Andriola said he was concerned that the chamber of commerce and fire engines would not be able to get in and out of the roundabout. "I am impressed with the way the residents with this roundabout. From the roundabout were concerned that the project at all.

"I don't understand how it will affect the world's view," she said. "I am not sure of the future. It is all about the future. We ought to delay the project at all."

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Tampa Bay area information and insights on foreign affairs issues that can be delayed. The Public is urgently asked to attend the three-day conference free of charge. Hundreds of local residents and students attended each of the 2012, where he served less than two years for grand theft. Pinellas Park Police Department K-9 unit and Scott Allan Lyelee, 30, of Pinellas Park was arrested on charges of resisting an officer without violence. Lyelee was transported to Pinellas County Jail and Scott Allan Lyelee, 30, of Pinellas Park was arrested on charges of resisting an officer without violence. Lyelee was transported to Pinellas County Jail.

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yacht designers: Island Packet founder, owner and yacht between two of the country's most notable the builder, the Cruising World judges were also performance that have always been associated with the past 12 months.
sailboat models introduced in the United States over awards from Cruising World magazine.

The builder won the awards for its new Blue LARGO – Traditional Watercraft Inc., the Largo-

The Carusos also are in the process of refurbishing the Havana Inn on Gulf Way.

Maggie and Joe Caruso use the big scissors to officially open the Coconut Inn at 113 11th Ave. in Pass-

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Grand opening
Prudential Tropical opens new office

BELLEAIR BLUFFS – Prudential Tropical Realty recently hosted an open house at its new office at 404 N. Indian Rocks Road, Belleair Bluffs.

The office was previously located on S. Fort Harrison Avenue. The new facility features approximately 3,300 square feet of additional office space which accommodates a team of highly skilled and experienced real estate professionals.

The new office location, together with the company’s continued growth and increased clientele, will enable the company to more conveniently serve the needs of clients in Belleair, Belleair Beach, and neighboring local communities, said Lisa Lamas in charge of the Belleair office.

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ST. PETERSBURG – Mayfair Real Estate recently celebrated the opening of its new office and its new partnership with Prudential Tropical Realty.

Guests were treated to British delights such as fish and chips and shepherd pie as they mingled with Mayfair’s newest friends through an already existing global marketing plan. The new office is located at 100 N. Indian Rocks Blvd., St. Petersburg.

Suncoast Realty receives award

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Various sources of information were gathered and analyzed to choose the winners in each category. The 2013 Clearwater Beach Chamber Award Program focuses on small businesses, those companies owned and operated by individuals who have contributed on a community or national level.

Sponsorship Agreement

Announcing the grand opening of Prudential’s new office at 604 N. Indian Rocks Road, Belleair Bluffs, are, from left, Ginger McGinnings, vice president of residential sales; Danielle Black, Captain, Lisa Lamas, manager of the Belleair office; and Arlene Quinn, owner.

Real estate professionals.

RE/MAX announces new office

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Dolphin Watcher: ‘Nice seeing you again, Stick ... sorta’

People who have lived in the same town for a long time are on an acting way to acknowledge their long-term friends and acquaintances. While some may make a point of not seeking them out, others have been known to watch out for them, taking care to notice their presence and acknowledge their presence. After all, the city is quite small.

Some may argue that it’s more fun to go about one’s business and let the other person initiate a conversation. After all, if the other person approaches you, it’s clear that they want to see you. But isn’t it just as important to know when it’s time to make the first move? This is where the Dolphin Watcher comes in. Their job is to keep an eye out for the city’s most prominent citizens and make sure they are seen and appreciated.

The Dolphin Watcher has a keen eye for spotting dolphins, porpoising into the harbor to delight passersby. They are known to keep a close eye on localfigure, tracking their movements and ensuring they are seen and appreciated. Their presence is a sign of good things to come, and they are always ready to lend a helping hand when needed.

Perhaps one of the most significant events of the year is the annual dolphin parade, where dolphins gather to pay tribute to their most loyal supporters. This year, the Dolphin Watcher was thrilled to see Stick, the local dolphin, leading the parade. Stick is known for her playful nature and her ability to make people laugh.

“Stick is such a joy to watch!” says the Dolphin Watcher. “She’s always up for a good time and is never afraid to show off her skills. She’s a true crowd pleaser.”

While the Dolphin Watcher may be known for their love of dolphins, they are also known for their generosity and their willingness to help others. “We’re always looking for ways to make the city a better place,” says the Dolphin Watcher. “Whether it’s helping out at a local festival or simply lending a listening ear, we’re always here to support those in need.”

For those interested in learning more about the Dolphin Watcher and their work in the community, visit www.dolphinwatcher.com. You can also follow them on Twitter @DolphinsWatch.

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Garden Briefs

**Florida native plant program set**

The College of Forest Resources and Conservation at the University of Florida will sponsor a program Wednesday, Jan. 8, at 7 p.m., at the University Center, Room 102. The program will be facilitated by George R. Kish, co-author of “Native Florida Plants for Drought and Salt-Tolerant Landscaping.” Kish will share the descriptions and photographs of 72 Florida plants that are native to Florida and have been selected for their tolerance to drought and salt. For information, call 867-9149.

**Manatee**

Watching manatees is a great way to relax and enjoy the beauty of nature. Manatees are gentle creatures that are often seen swimming near the surface of the water. They are known for their large size and their love of warm water. In the fall, manatees migrate to the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico to escape the cold.

**Owls**

Owls are nocturnal birds that are often seen perched on branches or perched on posts. They are known for their ability to swoop down and catch their prey with their sharp talons. Owls are often associated with the Halloween season and are seen as symbols of mystery and magic.

**Rabbits**

Rabbits are small mammals that are often seen hopping around in fields or in gardens. They are known for their floppy ears and their love of carrots. Rabbits are often seen as symbols of playfulness and freedom.

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Luz
This beautiful tabby girl needs attention. Luz rules against her human friends, too, saying “Pet me! Call Carolyn at 727-400-6870 or 727-400-9038 zip code to find the franchise serving your area. Go to www.budgetblinds.com and enter your address to find the franchise serving your area. Carolyn Tricoli, owner of Budget Blinds of Clearwater, and Tommy have joined forces to offer you “the best service at the best price.”

Astro
This handsome 7-month-old boy has been at the SPCA since September. Astro is looking for a home to keep his safe and warm this holiday season. Consider adopting an elder kitten. Older cats are often overlooked while still having cuteness and character. Adopt him this month at the SPCA Tampa Bay, 5001 36th Ave. N., Tampa. The fees include his neuter surgery, microchip, vaccinations, and free 30 days of pet insurance. Call 284-3591 or visit www.spcatampa.org.

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presented by Pat Kosiba, RN
Florida Knee & Orthopedic Pavilion – Largo Medical Center
Thursday, January 2 – 11:00 a.m.
Gulf Public Beaches Library – 200 Municipal Drive, Madeira Beach

Wednesday, January 8 – 11:00 a.m.
Florida Orthopedic Pavilion, 4150 47th Street Drive, Clearwater

Wednesday, January 15 – 11:00 a.m.
Largo Medical Center – 2500 2nd St SW, Largo

Wednesday, January 22 – 11:00 a.m.
Hampton Inn – 1202 4th Street N, St. Petersburg

Spine Care You Can Trust!

presented by Paul Jester
Florida Spine & Neuro Center – Largo Medical Center
Friday, January 3 – 10:00 a.m.
Largo Medical Center, 2500 2nd Street SW, Largo

Friday, January 17 – 10:00 a.m.
Hampton Inn – 1204 4th Street N, St. Petersburg

Thursday, January 23 – 11:00 a.m.
Gulf Public Beaches Library – 200 Municipal Drive, Madeira Beach

Friday, January 24 – 10:00 a.m.
Inns of Europe – 7910 34th Street N, St. Petersburg

Solutions for Difficult Hearing Situations: Your Time to Ask the Expert

Tuesday, January 7 – 11:30 a.m.
presented by Mary Burton, Au.D, FAA, CCC-A – Doctor of Audiology
Northwest Senior Living Community – The Community Room
2600 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

presented by Peds of Pasadena Hospital

Injections to Surgery: Know Your Options for Joint Pain

Tuesday, January 7 – 12:00 Noon
presented by Anthony Alber, MD – Orthopedic Surgeon
Northside Hospital Auditorium
Located in the Medical Office Plaza on the North side of campus, 6000 4th St SW, Suite 210, St. Petersburg

Shingles: Treatment, Causes, Symptoms, Vaccine

Wednesday, January 8 – 10:30 a.m.
presented by Suzanne Johnson, DO – Family Practitioner
Freedom Square – 3601 Liberty Ave, Seminole

presented by St. Petersburg General Hospital

A New Year, A New You – Healthy Living & Weight Management

Wednesday, January 8 – 12:00 Noon
presented by Giovanni Balse, MD – Internal Medicine Specialist
Northside Hospital Auditorium
Located in the Medical Office Plaza on the North side of campus, 6000 4th St SW, Suite 210, St. Petersburg

Sports & Nutrition: The Winning Connection

Wednesday, January 8 – 6:00 p.m.
presented by Andrea Sprinkle, MS, KTR, LCFC – Certified Athletic Trainer
Florida Orthopaedic Medicine Center at Largo Medical Center
Largo Medical Center – 201 14th St NW, Largo

The Skinny On Cholesterol

Monday, January 13 – 12:00 Noon
presented by Jeffrey Monhoff, MD – Cardiologist
Largo Medical Center – 201 14th St NW, Largo

Cholesterol and Peripheral Artery Disease

Wednesday, January 15 – 11:30 a.m.
presented by Obinna Nwobani, MD, MPH – General Surgeon
St. Petersburg Episcopal Church, 5615 34th Avenue N, St. Petersburg

presented by Peds of Pasadena Hospital

Atrial Fibrillation

Wednesday, January 15 – 12:00 Noon
presented by Dennis Cassidy, MD – Cardiologist
Northside Hospital Auditorium – 600 4th St SW, Suite 210, St. Petersburg

located in the Medical Office Plaza on the North side of campus

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Solutions for Common Sports Injuries

Wednesday, January 15 – 12:00 Noon
presented by David Reiner, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon & Sports Medicine Specialist
Edward White Hospital Auditorium
Located in the Medical Office Plaza on the North side of campus, 6000 4th St SW, Suite 210, St. Petersburg

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Stroke Series V: Speech Therapy After Stroke

Tuesday, January 21 – 12:00 Noon
presented by Andi Hrinic, MA, CCC-SLP – Speech Language Pathologist
Wendy Creswell, MS, CCC-SLP – Speech Language Pathologist
Amir Yezdchi, MD, CCC-SLP – Speech Language Pathologist
Peds of Pasadena Hospital

presented by Peds of Pasadena Hospital Professional Building

Boca Ciego Room – 1090 Pasadena Ave, South, St. Petersburg

Arthritis, Knee or Hip Problems

Wednesday, January 22 – 5:00 p.m.
presented by Stephen B. Warren, MD – Orthopedic Surgeon
Partners of Pasadena Hospital Professional Building
Boca Ciego Room – 1090 Pasadena Ave, South, St. Petersburg

Stroke 101

Thursday, January 23 – 12:00 Noon
presented by Creed Rudler, MD – Interventional Neuroradiologist
Hospitalist Hospital Associates

located in the Medical Office Plaza on the North side of campus, 6000 4th St SW, Suite 210, St. Petersburg

Relief from Chronic Sinus & Allergy Sufferers

Thursday, January 23 – 12:00 Noon
presented by Patricia Givens, MD, FAAP, FASHP – Pharmacist
Gulfport Senior Center – 5211 7th Avenue S, Gulfport

presented by St. Petersburg General Hospital

Chat With A Pharmacist – Frequently Asked Drug Questions

Monday, January 27 – 2:30 p.m.
presented by Carla Evans, PharmD – Pharmacist
Gulfport Senior Center – 5211 7th Avenue S, Gulfport

presented by St. Petersburg General Hospital

What To Do If A Family Member Is Affected By Dependence/Addiction

Monday, January 27 – 6:00 p.m.
presented by Cradell Williams, MD, Internal Medicine Specialist and Christine Nichols, Retired RN & Sober life Coach
St Petersburg General Hospital Auditorium
6000 4th Avenue North, St. Petersburg

Surgical Weight Loss: Getting Back To A Healthier, Happier You!

presented by Ernestine Bell, MD – Bariatric & Vascular Surgeon
Florida Bariatric Centers at Palms of Pasadena Hospital

Wednesday, January 27 – 12:30 p.m.
Palm of Pasadena Hospital Professional Building
Boca Ciego Room – 1090 Pasadena Ave, South, St. Petersburg

Saturday, January 18 – 9:30 a.m.
Palm of Pasadena Hospital Professional Building
Boca Ciego Room – 1090 Pasadena Ave, South, St. Petersburg

Monday, January 27 – 6:30 p.m.
Holiday Inn Express – 5371 14th Ave, North, St. Petersburg

presented by Robin Ache, DO – Bariatric & General Surgeon
Florida Bariatric Centers at Largo Medical Center & Palms of Pasadena Hospital

Saturday, January 11 – 10:00 a.m.
Quality Inn & Suites – 3267 US 19 N, Tarpon Springs

Thursdby, January 30 – 6:00 p.m.
Safeway Harbor Inn & Spa – 105 N Broadway Ct, Safety Harbor

presented by Richard Gordon, MD – Bariatric & General Surgeon
Florida Bariatric Centers at Largo Medical Center & Palms of Pasadena Hospital

Tuesday, January 14 – 6:00 p.m.
Largo Medical Center – 201 14th St NW, Largo

presented by Tiffany Jesse, DO – Bariatric & General Surgeon
Florida Bariatric Centers at Largo Medical Center & Palms of Pasadena Hospital

Wednesday, January 15 – 6:00 p.m.
Hampton Inn – 1200 34th St SW, St. Petersburg

Thursday, January 28 – 6:00 p.m.
Kennedy-Saxman Annex – 3500 University Road, Clearwater

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USF nursing students, alums, bring bears, cheer to hospitals

By Maureen White

Countryside Mease, St. Joseph’s, Morton Plant Mease, St. Joseph’s Children’s Hospital (Tampa General), Florida Hospital (Tampa), and Sarasota Memorial.

“We hope that the little teddy bears will go a long way in bringing comfort to these children and their families,” said Mitzi Hernandez, USF director of external relations for the USF College of Nursing. “They’re not just an opportunity for us to reach out and show our community and give the chance for our alumni and students to participate in something that we think helps those families in need.”

Hernandez said that USF College of Nursing students who are about to start their internships at Morton Plant Mease were able to bring teddy bears to give to new moms, and to the many babies born in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU). The proceeds go toward research and nursing programs that help improve the lives of families in neonatal intensive care units and NICUs, and children in the pediatric wards of local hospitals.

In the first week of the new year, the college gave out 800 bears, and plan to give out 400 more, Hernandez said. They delivered bears to six hospitals: Morton Plant Mease, Largo; St. Joseph’s Children’s Hospital (Tampa General), Tampa; Florida Hospital (Tampa); and Sarasota Memorial.

“The little teddy bears are a reminder that we care about those families in neonatal intensive care units, and those families in the pediatric wards of local hospitals,” Hernandez said. “It’s something that hopefully will bring a little bit of comfort throughout the holiday season for kids who are stuck in the hospital to kind of cheer them up a little bit.”

Witte and Williamson are in their fifth and final semester. Each of them had also volunteered at previous hospitals in the Tampa Bay area, where they said it was a happy experience.

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Rays announce improvements to The Trop

ST. PETERSBURG – The Tampa Bay Rays recently announced plans for upgrades to Tropicana Field that club officials say will significantly enhance the fan experience during the 2014 season.

The upgrades will involve improvements throughout a variety of areas across the facility. Elevating cross-aisles in the lower bowl will allow fans to enter the field-level seating area with wider walkways built with drink rails as it winds toward center field.

“These mirrors reflect our commitment to providing to a first-class game-day experience at Tropicana Field,” said Rays principal owner Stuart Sternberg. “A visit to the ballpark will be even more enjoyable because of these new features and additions.”

The improvements also make a more efficient use of the existing space by creating a covered rooftop deck. The project will create 360-degree pedestrian circulation around the stadium, as well as the addition of the Ted Williams Museum and Hitters Hall of Fame located in Center Field Street.

Rays sign Molina to 2-year deal

ST. PETERSBURG – The Tampa Bay Rays recently signed catcher Jose Molina to a two-year, $4 million major league contract. He will be tied to the Rays for the 2014 and 2015 seasons and eligible for arbitration after the 2015 season but did not pitch while recovering from Tommy John surgery.

The 38-year-old is a 11-year major league veteran including the last two seasons with the Rays. Molina had declared free agency before re-signing with the Rays.

In using the Rays Cards, flex pack purchasers also will earn blue rewards for every dollar spent throughout Tropicana Field.

Registration begins for Pinellas Park Pony Baseball

By TIFFANY RAGAZZO

PINEY ISLAND – Pinellas Park Pony Baseball has kicked off registration for its upcoming 2014 season, with registration available at 6700 Hulley Blvd., suite 2. Registration will take place every Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (through 4.

This upcoming season represents a brand new start for FIVPS and Chuck Lawrence, new president of the board. A brand new board was recently elected, and many of the previous board members “tagged out” in their children get old. The club’s members have also dropped by 40 percent, to 150 in annual, and the hope is new board members will help to rejuvenate the organization.

The new board members – vice president Justin Taylor, secretary spokesman Tim Bozeman, treasurer Tony DeGree, and Sabrina Lemanova – have all been involved with the organization for the last nine to three years.

Rays sign Oviedo to 1-year deal

ST. PETERSBURG – The Tampa Bay Rays recently signed right-handed relief pitcher Juan Carlos Oviedo to a one-year major league contract worth $2.9 million if performance bonuses are reached. Oviedo had declared free agency before re-signing with the Rays.

He said the board will focus on distributing the talent among the several leagues and local Father’s.

Registration is open to players for the Pre-Teen Division (5- and 6-year-olds), Boys 9- and 10-year-old Division, and 11- and 12-year-old Division. Registration ends May 31 for ages 7- and 8-year-olds, Division, and June 1 for 9- and 10-year-olds. Team caps are $25 per person.

For more information or to register, call 518-3026 or visit LargoSports.com.
Diversions

Top five diversions

1. "Saturday Night Live" became a NBC late night comedy show featuring many famous comedians, including David Sedaris, who has won the award more than once. According to his bio provided by ComEd, Sedaris three times and is the only person to be named "Bassist of the Year" by Bass Player Magazine three times. He was only 2 when he began learning to play the instruments, and by the age of 12, he was already performing in local clubs and theaters as the bassist in his family's band. The following year saw him hired by a record producer to work on a project that would eventually expanded into Victor Wooten's career as a bassist and performer.

2. The Flecktones also tours extensively, performing initially for a one-time performance on the PBS series "Lonesome Pine Speaks," then for a couple of shows in Largo, and then for the 2004-2005 tour. As if he wasn't busy enough with that project, Wooten also pursued a solo career, released three albums, and performed with several other musicians, including John Scofield and the Power of Knowledge. Wooten's unique style and elusive techniques began seeking him out for lessons, and he has won the award more than once.

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Looking Ahead

**Largo**

**Monday Monday**
Monday, Jan. 13 and 27, at 7 p.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 150 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets are $20-$26. Call 757-6793 or visit largoarts.com. "The Man and the Magician" will be an evening of magic and illusion. "The Man and the Magician" is a magic show packed with fun and entertainment. It's a show that has been a hit for years, and it continues to amaze and delight audiences of all ages. The show features a variety of illusions, including card tricks, coin tricks, and sleight-of-hand. The表演者 will also challenge the audience with mind-reading and hypnosis.

**Wednesday Wednesday**
Wednesday, Jan. 15, 1 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall. Call 727-286-7000 or visit www.ruth Eckerd.org. "Just Thinking Out Loud," a long-running PBS series "Cyberchase." The show features two six-year-olds, Cabana and Harry, as they solve problems in their own classroom, in other classrooms, or in the city. The series uses animation, music, and puzzles to help children develop critical thinking skills.

**Thursday Thursday**
Thursday, Jan. 16, 7:30 p.m., at the Capitol Theatre. Call 727-715-3000 or visit www.aticap.com. The Starship Thad is a 2009 science fiction film directed by John Carpenter. The film stars Ben Afleck as Captain Kirk and J.K. Simmons as Commander Spock. The story follows the crew of the Starship Thad as they attempt to recover a stolen artifact from a hostile alien civilization.

**Friday Friday**
Friday, Jan. 17, 7:30 p.m., at the Capitol Theatre. Call 727-715-3000 or visit www.aticap.com. "Grease," with music and lyrics by Jim Steinman and Warren Zevon, is a musical that tells the story of Danny and Sandy. The musical opens with a high school dance and then follows Danny and Sandy as they navigate their high school years. The music is filled with classic rock songs, and the story is full of romance and friendship.

**Saturday Saturday**
Saturday, Jan. 18, 7:30 p.m., at the Capitol Theatre. Call 727-715-3000 or visit www.aticap.com. "The Wizard of Oz," with music and lyrics by Andrew Lloyd Webber, is a musical that tells the story of a young girl named Dorothy who is swept away by a tornado to a magical land of Oz. The musical is filled with classic songs and iconic characters.

**Sunday Sunday**
Sunday, Jan. 19, 7:30 p.m., at the Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center. Call 727-498-6192 or visit www.pppac.org. "Cinderella," with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Timothy Fyfe, is a musical based on the fairy tale. The story follows Cinderella as she meets a prince and is transformed into a beautiful princess. The musical is filled with classic songs and beautiful costumes.

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