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# Largo won't host candidate forum

New rules adhere to state law on spending public funds for an election

By JULIANA A. TORRES

LARGO - The slate of seven declared candidates running in the Largo election this November will get a little less support from the city government, per a new interpretation of a state law that governs how public funds are spent. The city will no longer provide a candidate forum, broadcast time for candidate statements and space for candidate profiles on the city website. Commissioners approved the second reading to delete those parts of the city election ordinance July 1.

"Basically, the statute now is being interpreted, and I think it's a reasonable interpretation, is that the city cannot spend any funds in any way with regard to a campaign for the election of a candidate," explained City Attorney Alan Zimmet during the first reading of the ordinance June 17.

In prior elections, the five-minute statements broadcast on local government access channel and online profiles on the city website were provided to all candidates equally. But now the Florida Division of Elections determined in an opinion that any use of city resources or staff time, even if it's provided equally to all candi-

dates, is in violation of state law. The candidate forum, previously held in Largo City Hall, also won't happen this year.

The city still will provide space for campaign materials in city facilities, such as the library and recreation centers. It doesn't take any staff time to make room for a stack of brochures on a table, City Clerk Diane Bruner said. Candidates will be responsible for replenishing the brochures as needed.

Commissioner Curtis Holmes voted against the

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## End of an era



Heavy construction equipment begins the demolition of the administration building at Largo High School, at 410 Missouri Ave., June 27. Construction of a new school is expected to take about two years. The current building for the nearly 100-year-old high school was constructed in 1957.

Photo by TOM GERMOND

## Gas prices highest since 2008

By SUZETTE PORTER

Violence in Iraq can be blamed on the rising cost at the fuel pumps. Americans will likely pay the highest price per gallon this Independence Day since 2008.

But that's not stopping travelers. AAA Travel projects that 41 million Americans - an increase of 1.9 percent over last year - will take a trip to at least 50 miles from home during the Independence Day holiday travel period, July 2-6. About 1.8 million will be Floridians.

"With school out for summer, the Fourth of July holiday is typically the busiest summer travel holiday," Mark Jenkins, spokesman, AAA - The Auto Club Group, said in a press release. "About five million more Americans travel for this holiday compared to Memorial or Labor Day weekends. Traditionally, the majority of those celebrating our nation's independence take a road trip."

In fact, more than eight in 10 travelers, about 34.8 million, will travel by automobile, the most since 2007. "Consumers are still mindful of their personal finances," Jenkins said. "Auto travel is the best option for controlling expenses. It allows travelers the most flexibility in trip length and the option of making last minute changes."

Gas prices are on the rise. AAA says that in recent years, gas prices have gone down prior to Independence Day, but this year the violence in Iraq is driving up the cost of crude oil.

"Current gas prices are still cheaper than this year's peak price and unlikely to deter people from traveling," Jenkins

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## Parking free July 4 at 3 county parks

By SUZETTE PORTER

CLEARWATER - Parking will be free at three Pinellas County parks on Fourth of July. Commissioners unanimously approved waiving the fees during a June 24 meeting.

Free parking will be offered at Fort De Soto, Sand Key and Fred Howard parks.

Commissioner Norm Roche made the motion for free parking, which was quickly seconded by Commissioner Janet Long.

Roche wanted the free parking extended only to veterans. Since it isn't possible to segregate one segment of the population due to the way parking fees are collected he suggested that Independence Day parking be free for all.

Long agreed free parking was a good way to honor veterans

and suggested the measure be extended to include Memorial Day as well.

"I don't want to play Scrooge, and I understand the concept, but I would be more comfortable if this was an agenda item," Commissioner Ken Welch said.

He asked about the cost.

Interim County Administrator Mark Woodard said Fourth of July would be a high-attendance day with parking fee collections coming in at \$80,000 to \$100,000 at Fort De Soto alone.

No decision was made about parking fees on Memorial Day.

Parking fees at the county's other beach access parks, including Indian Rocks Beach, Indian Shores/Tiki Gardens, Madeira Beach, Redington Shores and St. Pete Beach, will still be in effect.

## Family to bring Culver's franchise, philosophy to Largo

By JULIANA A. TORRES

LARGO - Parrish and Alicia Sandefur have never run a restaurant before.

In a bold new start last year, they sold their lake house in Wisconsin, moved with their two teenagers to Pinellas County and invested \$3.2 million of their own money to purchase the property at 3500 E. Bay Drive in Largo and turn it into Culver's.

The realization of their efforts opens Monday, July 14. It's the seventh location in Florida so far for the franchise, which is known for its frozen custard and Butter Burgers.

"But it's a lot more than just that," Alicia Sandefur explained. "Culver's has such a wonderful feeling."

Alicia sat in the Dunkin Donuts across West Bay Drive from the restaurant as a construction crew paved the driveway June 25. Her friendly smile and open demeanor, along with a bag of plastic coins granting free scoops of frozen custard, prompted more than one conversation with customers eager for the opening of the new restaurant.

"I'll be there opening day," said one such future customer, Colleen Noyes of Clearwater. "I'll be there every day."

Noyes said her friend from Wisconsin spoke highly of the restaurant. She and her friends live close by and were looking forward to making the place a frequent stop.

"We have a group. We're all going to be over there," she said.

Alicia said she hoped that such gatherings will flourish in the "good family feel" of Culver's.

"You'll have people that come in every day, every couple of days. You get to know them by name," she said, explaining that the philosophy starts at the top, with CEO, whom she's come to know by name. "Craig Culver has a way about that. He wants it to be like you're welcoming somebody into your home."

The Sandefurs are an extension of the family-centered model, though the restaurant business is a new experience for them. Until recently, Parrish Sandefur was an executive at Briggs & Stratton, often traveling internationally to help set up

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Photo by JULIANA A. TORRES

Alicia Sandefur stands in front of the counter of the new Culver's, still under construction when the photo was taken June 25. The restaurant is set to open July 14.

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The Middle Ear At the entrance to the middle ear, sound waves hit the eardrum. A damaged eardrum can not only be painful, but it can muffle natural sounds and make it extremely difficult to hear clearly. If you're experiencing hearing loss, it's important to find out if it is a correctable condition involving the middle ear.

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Problems with the inner ear often require surgery or medication. If the damage is irreparable, you'll want to ask about the new cochlea implants that can help restore your ability to hear again.

There is also new scientific and medical research with stem cell transplants that can regrow damaged inner ear hair follicles (known as cilia) that send electronic signals to your brain allowing you to translate sounds into language. Researchers at Stanford University say that they are 5-10 years away from a breakthrough that could possibly correct human deafness.

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What Hearing Tests Show Hearing tests can determine whether a hearing impairment exists and what the cause may be.

Your hearing examination will also let you know the degree of hearing loss you are experiencing, from mild to profound, and what technologies are available to help correct your hearing loss.

The results of your hearing exam will provide you with the road map to what you should do next to regain and restore your ability to hear clearly again.

Why Do People Delay Addressing Hearing Loss?

In America, the average person with hearing loss delays dealing with it for 5 to 7 years. The big question is, "Why do people wait so long before confronting the obvious problems that come with an inability to hear clearly?"

Accepting & Correcting Your Hearing Loss Researchers estimate that over 30 million people in the United States suffer from hearing loss, but almost 75% avoid scheduling a hearing test to determine the cause and how to remedy this condition. As the baby boomer generation ages, more people are going to experience hearing loss.

Many people with hearing loss do not take the steps needed to correct the problem. The first step starts with getting a hearing exam when you first notice you are experiencing symptoms. A hearing test can determine the cause of your hearing loss, and which state-of-the-art hearing devices can improve your quality of life. There is often a period of denial or hesitation that must be overcome before the appointment for the hearing test is made.

At first it may seem like you only have very mild hearing loss, if any, because you can hear someone talking to you, or you can hear the TV, radio, or a movie, you just can't catch every word. Or you may have trouble following conversations, but you always come up with a reason why it's too noisy, people are speaking too fast, or there are too many people talking at once.

The truth is that when you have early, mild hearing loss, you will start to have trouble hearing certain higher frequency sounds. Consonant sounds are in the higher range and are the first to go. While you may hear voices, you may find yourself mistaking similar-sounding words, like "rent" and "sent" or "time" and "lime".

If you believe you have mild hearing loss, begin by getting a hearing exam. You can use the results of the hearing test to rule out or fix any correctable conditions, and then you can assess if any of the new and advanced hearing technologies can help you hear more clearly.

After your hearing test you will be able to make a more educated decision about what your options are to prevent further hearing loss



Thomas Edison Suffered From Hearing Loss! One of the most famous people with hearing loss in history is the inventor Thomas Edison (1847-1931), who is credited with inventing the phonograph, light bulb, and movie camera. What many people are not aware of is that Edison became technically deaf in his early teens. It could have been from a childhood illness or the result of a "boxing" of his ears by a train conductor.

and hear more clearly immediately, improving your overall quality of life.

Purchasing a hearing aid is not a decision made lightly. It's important that the person you are working with listens to you and works together with you to address your specific hearing needs. You need to be able to trust their guidance in choosing a solution to match your lifestyle.

Advances In Hearing Care! A hearing specialist with Audibel Hearing Centers will be available to answer all your questions and discuss the latest advances in hearing care. Even with the new technology, your brain still needs time to readjust to hearing sounds it may not have been hearing for years. You will be amazed at your own ability to reconnect with your life with the help of this advanced technology.

In addition, technology is constantly changing. A hearing test can now determine if you have even very mild hearing loss, and the new generation of digital hearing aids has nearly eliminated the problems of feedback, and extraneous noise that was bothersome with earlier models.

Most hearing losses don't require expensive hearing aids to help you with sounds you were missing, including those lost consonants, without introducing additional, distracting noises. Personalized programming adjustments ensure your hearing aid is set to your specific loss and unique needs.

No One Will Know It is true that hearing aids of past years did have a stigma attached to them. They were large and bulky, and usually they were visible to anyone who walked by. But just as the internal technology has changed, so have the external characteristics of digital hearing aids. New models are virtually invisible when worn making your Audibel hearing aid far less noticeable than your hearing loss. With advanced digital technology and miniaturization, nobody else has to know that you're wearing a hearing device.

In addition, hearing aids technology has an exciting future. Even now you can have your hearing aid connected to different external devices, such as an MP3 player, a cell phone, radio, or your TV. As microchips continue to get smaller, the amount of data processing power continues to increase at astronomical rates, allowing for hearing aids to be made smaller while continuing to improve sound quality. If you checked out hearing aids five years ago, you should take a look at the new models - you might be surprised at how far things have come and how easily hearing loss may be corrected.

Hearing loss can affect people of all ages. If you were in the military, law enforcement, or simply exposed to the loud noises of machinery in a factory, you could have developed hearing loss at an early age. Don't be embarrassed by your inability to hear clearly - take action now and get a hearing test to find out what you can do to enhance your ability to hear clearly and prevent continued deterioration.

Start by having a hearing test and then take steps to decide if you feel comfortable with the new technologies. Think about it - how much time and energy are you spending apologizing because you misheard something, or asking someone to speak louder or to repeat themselves? Having a hearing test and wearing a hearing device can alleviate many problems caused by hearing loss - and that is priceless!

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# For the dogs



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Above, cutting the ribbon to celebrate the opening of Dog Bone Run in Bayhead Park June 30 are, from left, Parks, Arts and Recreation Director Joan Byrne; Assistant City Manager Henry Schubert; City Manager Mac Craig; Commissioners Woody Brown, Jamie Robinson and Michael Smith and Parks Supervisor Greg Brown. The dog park, at 375 Seminole Blvd., is a quarter acre area surrounded by a 4-foot fence. Hours of the new park will be sunrise to sunset. At left, a dog enjoys the fire hydrant drinking fountain during the grand opening. The city welcomes small dogs and well-behaved large dogs to the open field.



To complement the paw-shaped picnic table at the park, K9 agility items are in the works, along with a bone-shaped plaza where residents can purchase an engraved paver in honor of their pup pal. For more information about the park, purchasing a paver and sponsorship levels, visit LargoParks.com or call the parks division at 586-7415.

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# Around town

## Gulf Coast Giving announces new summer camp

LARGO - Love4Action Youth Leadership Camp - designed to empower young girls through leadership, teamwork, promoting friendship, service, and giving - will begin Monday, July 21, 9 a.m., at 13272 Park Blvd. N. in Seminole.

Campers will learn leadership skills through art, music, prevention activities, role-playing and skits, outside play, games and more.

The camp is open to all girls 6 to 12 years old who have completed kindergarten. Registration is open until July 3. The camp fee is only \$50 for the entire week per child. Additional siblings cost \$20 for the entire week. Register online at bit.ly/1nxqKle.

For registration packets and questions, contact Jessica Moody-Shafer at Jessica@gulfcoastgiving.org or 410-7013.

Gulf Coast Giving's main mission is to provide underserved schools and nonprofits with updated technology and training to maximize their efforts and to provide cyberbullying awareness, prevention and intervention programs to secure a brighter future for our community's youth. For more information visit www.GulfCoastGiving.org.

## Celtic FC to offer summer camps

LARGO - Celtic FC Florida will present its 2014 Celtic International soccer camp for all skill levels ages 6 to 15 Monday through Friday, July 7-11, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Seminole Warhawks Complex, 125th St. in Largo.

The camp is a unique opportunity for young players to receive instruction from trainers and coaches of the Glasgow, Scotland youth academy. Campers will advance their proficiency through technical skills development, small-sided games, skills testing and feedback and advice from the international instructors.

Registration is \$274. Each camper will receive a Celtic training jersey. Lunch will be available.

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## City calendar

### Largo Central Park

The Largo Central Park is at 101 Central Park Drive. Within the park are the Largo Public Library, at 120 Central Park Drive and Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive.

#### Celebrate July Fourth at Largo

LARGO – Celebrate Independence Day and enjoy one of the best fireworks shows in Pinellas County at Largo Central Park, Friday, July 4, 6 to 9:30 p.m.

Entry is free. Enjoy a DJ, activities and food starting at 6 p.m. Fireworks will take place about 9 p.m. For the safety of everyone, no alcohol, coolers, pets or personal fireworks – not even sparklers – will be permitted.

Limited on-site parking will be available for \$5. Attendees can park for free at Largo Middle School and Largo High School.

Hospital Corporation of America will present the celebration, sponsored by Hampton Inn Largo, Holiday Inn Largo Central Park, Pinch-a-Penny and Biltmore Construction. Call 587-6740, ext. 5014.

#### Learn about citizen science

LARGO – Enjoy a 45-minute presentation on the relatively new concept of citizen science Wednesday, July 9, 3 p.m., at the library, 120 Central Park Drive.

Learn from local UP/IFAS Extension Natural Resources Agent Lara Miller. If you are into nature or science or both, a passion for natural resources can help scientists throughout the country. The presentation will target an adult audience. Call 587-6715.

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

LARGO – Attend a free evening of crafting while taking inspiration from non-fiction books with Crafter Dark at the Largo Public Library on second Wednesdays, 6 p.m., in the Jenkins wing of the library.

For the July 9 craft, participants will decorate sunglasses in the Japanese style *dekoden* using rhinestones and charms. Stay stylish in your car or at the beach with these self-designed sunglasses!

No registration is required. All materials will be provided. Call 587-6715.

#### Library to turn into mini-golf course

LARGO – The Largo Public Library is accepting donations, sponsorships and vendors for Book Maniacs' Mini Golf, an inaugural fundraising event Saturday, Aug. 9, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the library.

The event, designed by the library's teen volunteers to raise money for the Teen Room, will feature two courses. The Family Fairway Course will be an 18-hole family putt-putt course spread throughout the library. The Toddler Tee-Off Course will be a nine-hole toddler course in the children's program room.

The event also will feature a vendor shopping area and snacks.

To help with the event, contact Julie Gonser at 587-6715, ext. 2560 or jgonser@largo.com.

### Highland Recreation Complex

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

#### Come out for Midnight Madness

LARGO – The city of Largo will host 12 hours of fun and recreation at Midnight Madness starting Friday, July 11, 8 p.m., until Saturday, July 12, 8 a.m., at Highland Recreation Complex.

The cost is \$50. Children will be supervised while they play sports, make crafts, play games and enjoy time with their friends.

#### 'Glo' at Highland pool

LARGO – Join Highland Recreation Complex for "Here We Glo" on Friday, July 18, 8:45 to 11:45 p.m., at the aquatic center.

Bring the whole family for black lights, disco lights and strobe lights as you splash your way down the slides. Dance with the lifeguards to the DJ's music. The first 100 people will receive free Glo necklaces.

Entry is \$5 for residents and \$8 for nonresidents. Splash's Snack bar will be open and free hot dogs will be available. Door prizes and activities are planned.

#### Toddlers to enjoy an Itty Bitty Pool Party

LARGO – The Highland Family Aquatic Center will host an Itty Bitty

Pool Party Friday, July 18, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

The cost is \$2.50. Enjoy companionship of other parents and caregivers while children play together in a safe aquatic environment or at surrounding games and activities. Mom's clubs are welcome.

Children who are not potty-trained must wear a vinyl swim diaper under their bathing suit. Vinyl reusable diapers are available for \$3 at the facility.

#### Teens invited to open basketball

LARGO – Highland Recreation Complex will host Teen Basketball Night Saturday, July 19, 7 to 11 p.m., at 400 Highland Ave.

The cost is \$5 resident and \$6.25 nonresidents with a recreation ID or \$9.25 without one. Enjoy four hours of open play with games and prizes. Concessions will be available. Re-entry is not allowed.

#### Try a free Les Mills workout

LARGO – Work out during a free session of Les Mills Body Pump Launch Saturday, July 19, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., at Highland complex.

Learn new Body Pump moves to new music. Raffle prizes will be given away.

#### Join the Zumba Bash

LARGO – Dance your heart out with the Summer-Loving Zumba Bash Saturday, July 26, 6 to 8 p.m., at Highland Recreation Complex.

The cost is \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. The event includes favorite songs, guest instructors, free healthy snacks and raffle prizes. Nature's Food Patch is a sponsor.

### Southwest Recreation Complex

Southwest Recreation Complex, which includes an aquatic complex, is at 13120 Vonn Road. Call 518-3125 for recreation or 518-3126 for the pool. Visit [PlayLargo.com](http://PlayLargo.com) or [LargoPools.com](http://LargoPools.com).

#### Food trucks come to Southwest

LARGO – Local food truck vendors will converge on Southwest Pool for Food Truck Family Friday, July 11, 7 to 9 p.m.

Find out what all the hype is about. Enjoy an array of food along with a swim in the pool with fun, games, rafts and music.

Entry is \$3 for residents, \$4 for nonresidents or \$6 guests. Prices for foods vary per food truck vendor.

#### Tennis social held

LARGO – The Southwest Tennis Center will host a tennis social for ages 16 and older Friday, July 11, 5 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$5.

#### Search for treasures at Southwest

LARGO – Search for treasures all over the aquatic facility during Splash's Treasure Hunt Saturday, July 26, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Southwest Pool.

The cost is \$3 for residents and \$5 for nonresidents. Hunts will be divided by age group: 2 to 4 years old, 5 to 7 years old, 8 to 10 years old and 11 to 12 years old.

Hot dogs will be free while supplies last. Door prizes will be offered. Come aboard the pirate ship, but beware of the plank!

### Largo Community Center

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

#### 'Chocolat' to play

LARGO – Grab blankets and chairs and join the city of Largo for a showing of the movie "Chocolat" on the big screen Friday, July 18, 7 p.m., at Largo Community Center.

#### Meditation class offered

LARGO – The Parbawatiya Center will teach classes on meditation on Mondays, 6 to 7:15 p.m., at the Largo Community Center.

Reduce your stress and gain peace of mind by learning to meditate. All levels are welcome. The suggested donation for the class is \$10. The Parbawatiya Kadampa Buddhist Center is a nonprofit organization based in Safety Harbor.

For more information, call Maria Erickson at 813-431-7372 or visit [MeditationInTampaBay.org](http://MeditationInTampaBay.org).

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change to the election ordinance July 1, as he did during the previous reading. He opposed a portion of the ordinance, which did not change, that states that the city will notify candidates after removing illegally posted campaign signs only once per election cycle. Candidates are able to retrieve 10 signs from the city.

"What I'd rather see us do (is) if there's an illegal sign, just have code enforcement pick it up, put it

by the dumpster," Holmes said last month.

He added that he didn't think the city should have to notify the candidates after removing signs at all, nor penalize campaigns whose opponents might move signs on purpose.

"I don't know why we're getting in the middle of this thing here, because this can really get nasty. Those signs are expensive," he said.

Commissioner Woody Brown said he didn't think dueling volunteers really maliciously moved their opponents' signs to places the signs are not

allowed, knowing code enforcement would discard them.

"But if there are people putting signs in the right-of-way, clearly in the right-of-way, knowing that they just come get them in the dumpster next week, that happens," he said, explaining that allowing candidates to retrieve only 10 of their signs helped enforce consequences for continual violations.

Mayor Pat Gerard pointed out that it usually wasn't the Largo candidates who were guilty of illegally placed signs anyway, but rather volunteers for

bigger campaigns.

"It's a courtesy to call them one time and say, 'You know, your volunteers are putting these signs in the wrong place. You might want to talk to them,'" she said. "I don't have any problem, if the staff doesn't, with giving them one phone call."

No one else was in favor of changing that rule, which the mayor said had been debated contentiously several times before.

The change passed with a vote of 6-1, with Holmes dissenting.

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said. "Many travel plans have already been made, and budgets set aside. In some cases, consumers will reallocate their budgets and cut back on dining, shopping or other trip activities."

On June 29, according to AAA's Fuel Gauge Report, the average price of a gallon of unleaded gasoline in the United States was \$3.67. The same day last year, the price was \$3.50. Floridians were paying an average of \$3.62. On the same day last year, the price was \$3.46.

The price is a little lower closer to home. Motorists in the Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater Metro Area are paying an average of about \$3.56. Last year, the cost was \$3.39.

AAA says current gas prices are the highest since 2008, but they

still haven't reached that same level. On July 5, 2008, the average price of a gallon of unleaded gas in Pinellas set a new record of \$3.996. The highest price ever reported was \$4 on July 16, 2008.

Air travel is expected to increase about 1 percent this year. Holiday air travel has slowly increased since 2011, AAA reports. Airfares are down about 5 percent with the average round-trip, discounted fare for the top 40 U.S. routes costing \$215, down from \$228 last year. Car rentals still average about \$58.

Regardless of the mode of travel, hotels will likely cost more than last year. AAA says hotels at Two Diamond hotels are 15 percent higher to about \$137 a night, and prices are up 9 percent at Three Diamond hotels to about \$178 a night.

AAA's experts say people are willing to pay a little extra to take a

holiday trip.

"Steady improvement in the economy along with increased consumer spending and confidence are the main factors driving more Americans to take a trip, Jenkins said. "Consumer spending is expected to rise 4.2 percent, because of increasing credit not rising incomes. Consumers have been hesitant to add to their credit card balances the past several years, but continued improvements in the employment picture and rising home values means they are starting to feel more comfortable taking on debt."

AAA's projections are based on economic forecasting and research by IHS Global Insight. AAA has been reporting on holiday travel trends for more than two decades.

For more information, visit [autoclubsouth.aaa.com](http://autoclubsouth.aaa.com).

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and oversee engine-manufacturing plants. When the company offered to buy out his contract, Parrish had a chance to consider what else he might want to do with his life.

The Sanderfurs, who met at a high school in Michigan, didn't encounter the Culver's brand until the 1990s, after they moved to Wisconsin and were married.

"There's one on every corner in every neighborhood in Wisconsin," Alicia explained. "My husband just absolutely fell in love with it."

Parrish even wrote a small business plan based on the concept of Culver's while he was earning his MBA. But he had a good job at Briggs & Stratton, one that he might have kept until retirement. The buy-out offer gave him a new opportunity.

"I knew his back of the mind had always thought about this Culver's thing," his wife explained. "When you're in a corporate environment, you don't really even give yourself a chance to explore that, because you're so busy."

The couple wanted to retire in Florida and found out that the company had decided to open new franchises in the Florida market. They wanted to include their children in the decision. Evan, now 17, was still in high school and Leah, now 19, was graduating and planned to go to college in Wisconsin.

"We had a family meeting. We just decided, yep, we're going to move our whole family down here to Florida," Alicia said. "It was a big adjustment."

Leah decided instead to follow her parents south and attend the University of Central Florida. Despite his mother's worry, Evan has flourished at Shorecrest Preparatory School.

The move has been only part of the process. There were various stages of testing and training before Parrish was approved as a Culver's franchise owner, including 16 weeks training at the corporate headquarters in Sauk City, Wisconsin. But at every

step of the way, the Sandefurs got a green light to keep moving forward. The lake house sold quickly. Culver's approved of the couple's background and financials.

"It was all falling into place. I guess if one of those things wouldn't have worked, this wouldn't have worked. We're a working family; we didn't necessarily have the money," Alicia said. "Who would have ever thought?"

The family moved to Florida last August. They rented a townhouse in Clearwater Beach and began the process of looking for a suitable restaurant property in the area. They needed enough land to support 52 parking spaces because drive-through customers park and wait with a number on the dashboard for their food to be prepared fresh and delivered to their car.

They considered property on Gulf-to-Bay Boulevard, a plot near Bay Pines and another on Ulmerton Road before they settled on the site of the former Farmer's Kitchen on East Bay Drive. The building was demolished and rebuilt to the exact specifications of a medium-sized Culver's model the Sandefurs chose.

As construction continued, the Sandefurs hired 72 part-time and full-time employees to work at the new restaurant. The managers are already trained and working in Port Charlotte, where the first Culver's in Florida was built and opened. Parrish has been working alongside his employees, whom he's paying to work despite construction delays at his own franchise.

The Sandefurs will begin training the rest of the their crew on site starting July 7. Then, they will open the restaurant for a "family day," inviting only employees and their families to a welcoming party on July 12.

The restaurant is set to open to the public July 14. Alicia said she knows that there are several residents from Wisconsin and the Midwest who are excited for the opening. Many wave her down when they see the Culver's logo on her vehicle or white polo shirt and ask for an update.

"When you believe in a product, and see how excited it makes people, it makes all this construction worry overshadowed," she said.

Alicia said Culver's has a policy of hiring inclusively. She's looking forward to reaching out to senior communities and asking residents if they'd like to work for just a few hours a day, filling coffee and chatting with customers. One of her current hires is an 18 year old with Down's syndrome.

"His mom called me and said, 'I saw Culver's is coming and I know Culver's hired people with disability,'" Alicia said. "You give everybody a chance to work."

She said she can't wait until the community understands and embraces Culver's family-friendly philosophy. She wants the place to be welcoming like a similar franchise was to her daughter's cheerleading squad, whose owner kept the place open late so the squad could gather after games. She's ready for customers to come in just for the custard flavor of the day. She is excited to welcome them into the homey dining room that is a big part of the restaurant.

"It's not like any other fast food," she said.

Eventually, the Sandefurs hope to expand and open more than one Culver's in Pinellas County. The company allows a couple to open as many as five total, but emphasize that expansion should be very controlled.

"They want the owner to be very present," Alicia explained. "My husband will be working in that restaurant, overseeing everything for a very, very long time, till you feel very comfortable that you have a wonderful (general manager). And then we'll probably start our second."

But so far, the Sandefurs are absorbing the many life changes that have come with opening their first restaurant over the past year, which coincides with their 25th wedding anniversary.

"This is a big year for us," Alicia said. "I can't tell you enough how happy I am, how proud I am to be a part of this company."

Pinellas County's first Culver's, at 3500 E. Bay Drive, will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. starting July 14.

A Culver's in Tampa, to be opened by different franchise owners, also is in the works.

## Largo extends temporary signs

By JULIANA A. TORRES

LARGO – A program designed to stimulate the economy by allowing Largo businesses to use temporary signs was extended another year July 1.

The provision, first enacted in July 2010, allows businesses to put up banner signs smaller than 32 square feet and 12-foot "feather signs." The temporary signs can be displayed for no more than 45 days once every three months.

Two new rules were added to the ordinance this year, to help city staff enforce the program. First, if businesses are caught displaying their temporary signs beyond the 45 days, their permit will be revoked for the remainder of the yearlong term. Second, the city now is able to remove signs that are not "in a safe and neat condition," allowing the city to enforce "professional and uncluttered signage," according to city documents.

Largo commissioners expressed concern with lack of enforcement of the ordinance, given a reduced staff to check on businesses with permits. The new rules helped allay those concerns, but Commissioner Woody Brown said they didn't go far enough. Brown was the sole vote against the ordinance change, which passed its second reading July 1.

"We've seen a lot of signs that go up and stay up until they basically fall down on the ground," he explained after the meeting. "As they proliferate, more and more of them up and down the right-of-ways, they're not that effective either, I don't think."

To date, the city has issued 294 permits since the start of the program in 2010: 75 in the first year, 77 in the second, 80 in the 2012-2013 year term and 62 in the most recent period, which started July 2013. The city gives an average of six permits per month.

Code enforcement visited a random sample of businesses with active sign permits in May, according to city documentation. Only one of the 14 signs was determined to be in poor condition. However, code enforcement discovered and removed five signs without permits.

Brown pointed out that the program was meant to be a temporary stimulus to the economy.

"If it's temporary, it should end at some point," he said.

A focus group charged with updating the comprehensive development code has recommended keeping the temporary sign program as a permanent option for businesses. Brown said he hoped that commissioners wouldn't agree to that measure, explaining that residents who responded to the Community Values survey this year said they wanted an attractive community.

"I don't think these feather signs, especially when they're in disrepair after a while, are real attractive," Brown said.

Instead, he suggested giving businesses more latitude for creative signs during a shorter amount of time.

"If it's really important for businesses to draw some attention to themselves, they should have, like a couple weeks a year, or some period of time a year where they can do whatever the heck they want," he said. "And then the rest of the time, comply by our sign code."

The commissioners voted 6-1 to extend the temporary sign program for one more year.

#### Weekly events

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

• **Swing dancing:** Fridays, 7 to 11 p.m. Enjoy an evening of dancing and socializing on a 5,600-square-foot sprung hardwood floor. Free lessons offered from 7 to 8 p.m., followed by a dance with music by DJ Savoy Swing. The cost is \$6 for students, \$7 with a recreation card and \$8 without a recreation card.

• **Bay Area Singles Dance:** Sundays, 6 to 10 p.m. Dress to impress, and join about 150 singles and friends of all ages to dance to an extensive music library to fit every taste. Cost is \$8.

• **Ballroom and square dancing:** Reduced for the summer. Call 518-3131 for the schedule.



Photo by JULIANA A. TORRES

Alicia Sandefur stands outside the Culver's franchise, which she and her husband, Parrish will own and operate at 3500 E. Bay Drive. The sidewalk behind her will boast outdoor seating when it opens July 14.

# Police beat

## Man arrested for attempted murder

LARGO – Pinellas County Sheriff's detectives arrested a Largo man Monday night for attempted murder after he shot his daughter's fiancée in the neck following a verbal dispute.

According to investigators, Matthew Burrows, 46, and his fiancée Patricia Groves, 34, both of Largo became involved in a verbal dispute regarding Burrows' drinking about 6:53 p.m. June 23. At some point, William Chalmers Jr., 55, told them to stop, and subsequently became engaged in a verbal exchange with Burrows.

During the exchange, Chalmers made threatening remarks to Burrows and pulled out a gun. Burrows retreated into a bedroom of the mobile home and shut the door. Chalmers followed him to just outside the room.

In an effort to calm things down, Groves stood in front of the door between Chalmers and Burrows, who was inside the room.

Chalmers then fired a shot through the door, striking Burrows in the neck, investigators said. Burrows was transported by air to Bayfront Medical Center for treatment of non-life threatening injuries.

## Armed man arrested for battery

ST. PETE BEACH – A man armed with a screwdriver injured a patron at MacNasty's Sports Bar & Grill in St. Pete Beach about 2:20 a.m. June 23.

Pinellas County Sheriff's deputies arrested Christopher J. Forrester, 29, of St. Petersburg for aggravated assault.

Deputies responded to a call about an armed subject at MacNasty's Sports Bar & Grill, 6295 Gulf Blvd. in St. Pete Beach and was told that Forrester had fled the area after a physical altercation with Jason Sefick, 36, also of St. Petersburg.

Sefick told deputies that he and Forrester were in a fight when he realized he was bleeding from his head. He then noticed Forrester had a screwdriver in his hand. Sefick was able to break away, return to the bar and call for assistance. Forrester fled the scene leaving behind his sandals and sunglasses. Deputies also located the screwdriver that Forrester used to attack Sefick.

Deputies requested a K9 unit and set up a perimeter. K-9 Deputy Matt Aitken, 31, and K9 Bosco arrived on scene and initiated a track, which led them through several parking lots and then north along the beach. They continued a quarter

mile north along the beach jumping several fences.

Bosco, the K9, then alerted to the bushes where they successfully located Forrester. He was taken into custody and treated at the scene for punctures to his left thigh and left calf, which resulted from the "police K9 apprehension," according to the sheriff's report.

Forrester was transported to the Pinellas County Jail. Bond was set at \$10,000. Sefick was treated by paramedics at the scene.

## Man drowns off beach

INDIAN ROCKS BEACH – A Massachusetts man died at an area hospital Tuesday night after he was found unresponsive in the water offshore Indian Rocks Beach.

Pinellas County sheriff's deputies responded to the call about 6:58 p.m. June 24 from 1308 Gulf Blvd.

According to deputies, George Baletsa, 45, of Byfield had been playing with his kids at the beach, when he decided to go for a swim. A fisherman located him unresponsive in the water and pulled him out. Deputies responded and initiated CPR.

Baletsa was transported to Largo Medical Center. He was pronounced dead at the hospital at 8:11 p.m. Deputies said Baletsa and his family were in Pinellas County on vacation from Massachusetts.

An autopsy will be conducted to determine cause and manner of death.

## Man arrested for DUI after crashing into Walmart

SOUTH PASADENA – A St. Petersburg man was arrested for DUI after crashing into a Walmart store in South Pasadena at midnight Thursday, June 26.

According to a report from Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, Frank J. Lucero, 32, drove his 2001 Chevrolet Suburban into the front of the Walmart at 6850 Gulfport Blvd.

According to deputies, Lucero was in the parking lot at a stop sign directly facing the front of the store. A witness who was in a vehicle behind Lucero told deputies they noticed Lucero was not moving. The witness blew the horn, flashed lights and when the vehicle still did not move, drove around it. The witness then parked. As the witness walked towards the store, they saw Lucero accelerate suddenly and crash directly into the building.

Deputies said the front of Lucero's vehicle went into the structure all the way to the windshield. Lucero stepped out of the vehicle uninjured.

The vehicle crashed into the produce section, causing thousands of dollars in damage to the structure and to several cooler units in the store. No persons in the store were injured. A wrecker assisted in pulling the vehicle from the structure.

## Man charged with DUI after crash

CLEARWATER – A Clearwater man was charged with DUI after his car was struck by a marked Pinellas County sheriff's cruiser about 12:40 a.m. June 29 at the intersection of Belcher Road and Bell Cheer Drive in Clearwater.

According to investigators with the sheriff's Major Accident Investigation Team, Deputy Steven Wolcott, 41, was headed home from an off-duty detail in his 2011 Crown Victoria marked cruiser. The deputy was traveling northbound on Belcher Road, attempting a westbound (or left) turn onto Bell Cheer Drive just before the crash.

Christian Brinsko, 22, was traveling southbound on Belcher Road in the median lane in his 2005 Saturn Ion. Deputies said Brinsko was traveling with no headlights and that only parking lights were on. Wolcott did not see the vehicle, started his left hand turn and struck the driver's side rear wheel area of the vehicle.

Brinsko was transported to Morton Plant Hospital where he was treated for minor injuries and released. Following release from the hospital, deputies determined that Brinsko was impaired and he was arrested for DUI and DUI property damage. He was booked into the Pinellas County Jail. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Wolcott was not injured. The cruiser sustained damage to the left front area.

Deputies said narcotics appear to be a factor. According to jail records, Brinsko has two prior arrests this year for marijuana possession.

## Two arrested in high dollar theft

PINELLAS PARK – Pinellas Park police wrapped up an investigation of a high dollar employee theft scheme with two arrests on June 25.

According to a police report, Walmart Asset Protection notified Pinellas Park Police Department of the scheme involving one of its employees on June 25. Kevin Rious, 24, of Pinellas Park, is accused of selling high dollar electronics at a "substantial unlawful discount" to various persons, as well as to James Lall, 26, of St. Petersburg, the second suspect in the case.

Police said that Rious began the scheme on May 7 and continued on 24 separate occasions. Walmart reports losses of \$23,264. Lall's participation amounted to \$13,066.

Rious and Lall were apprehended "in the commission of this scheme" June 25. Pinellas Park police public information officer Adam Geissenberger explained how the scheme worked. In a statement, Geissenberger related the June 25 incident.

"Lall sent a text message to Rious with a shopping list of items he wanted Rious to set aside," Geissenberger said. "Lall would arrive and pick up the items at the electronics department register where Rious was assigned. Rious would complete a sale of items that were not being purchased at a substantial reduction in the cost of the actual items being given to Lall."

"Lall then walked out with electronics valued in excess of \$3,000. Lall paid \$500. Lall would later pay Rious for his assistance in the crime."

When police arrested Lall, he was in possession of a firearm, stun gun and narcotics.

Lall was charged with possession of oxycodone, possession of heroin, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of a concealed firearm and scheme to defraud. Bond was set at \$24,000.

Rious was charged with grand theft. Bond was set at \$20,000.



Kevin Rious



James Lall

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There are different types of dementia afflicting over 7 million people today. In the early stages of dementia, many seniors show less interest in the activities they once enjoyed which can be hard on the family and loved ones who want to help them. There is one thing that all of us can do over and over again and that is simply to hug that person! This one gesture reassures them that they are not alone, they are loved. It is an emotional lift that speaks from the heart expressing, "I care, I am here for you." Hugging, holding a hand, or smiling when talking can convey more than any words.

We all need some TLC, and the person with dementia is no exception. While she/he might not be able to express their need for touch in words or, in late stages of dementia, the initiation, that touch is important. Also, be aware of your body language and facial expressions. Portraying respect and patience will allow for a positive conversation as it is painful to be talked about as if one isn't present.

Routine activity, carefully planned, can enrich the lives of those affected with dementia and support them in many ways by helping them stay focused, maintaining proper blood pressure, blood sugar, keeping their minds sharp, slowing down the decline of dementia and building confidence.

A few activities that prove beneficial for seniors and help keep them engaged include the following:

- Talk about past loves and relationships. Most people with dementia can recall events

from the past compared to the present. Bring out old photos to help keep the discussion going. Talk about those romantic memories from the early years.

- Listen to music.
- Create art. Use construction paper, felt, doilies, paints, markers and stickers to create a work of art. Their artwork will make great gifts for grandkids, friends and neighbors.

- Bake something sweet. Make and decorate cookies. Just like music, the smells of baking treats may bring back thoughtful memories.

- Create with fresh flowers. Buy vases and an assortment of fresh flowers, possibly flowers from their own garden, for the senior to assemble.

Remember to keep it fun! Following these few guidelines can offer stimulation and enjoyment for the person affected by dementia and their loved ones.

Interacting with the senior with dementia and addressing his or her daily needs can not only provide relief for the senior but also peace of mind and reduced stress for the family.

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# ELYSA celebrates new tax levy; county opens door to fund others

By SUZETTE PORTER

CLEARWATER – An overflow crowd got what they asked for June 24 when Pinellas County Commissioners unanimously approved a one-quarter mill tax levy to fund a newly created East Lake Recreation Services District.

After the vote, the day's final item of business, the large audience rose to its feet and cheered. Many shouted out, thank you!

The only East Lake resident to speak against the new tax was Roger Johnson. He pointed out that residents were already dealing with the stormwater tax, which started last year and cost him an extra \$267. Property values also are going up, which drives up property taxes.

"In November, you'll have the tax for light rail," he continued. "And the fourth and final is East Lake Youth, and they want a quarter mill."

He said the county should only provide essential services – life and death services that we have to have.

"Kids playing soccer ball is not essential," he said.

He wanted residents to get a chance to vote on the tax. He said a lot of East Lake residents had already raised their kids and paid the higher fees for them to play sports.

"Voters should decide if they want an extra tax," he said.

The notion of a second quarter mill in taxes for residents of the East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District to pay for youth sports began last year when the commission approved a one-quarter mill

to fund East Lake Library. In previous years, East Lake residents had paid a half mill in ad valorem taxes to piggyback onto Palm Harbor's Library, as part of the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative.

Volunteers who operate the East Lake Youth Sports Association requested that the remaining quarter mill be levied to fund its operations, but the request came too late. This year, they made their request early, presenting commissioners with evidence of their need.

It is estimated that as much as \$550,000 would flow in from a new municipal service taxing unit funding East Lake Recreation Services District. The money would pay for field maintenance, which is now paid with fees paid by participants. It would be enough to make needed repairs and fund capital improvement projects, including new lacrosse fields as well. ELYSA would become an advisory organization to the Palm Harbor Community Services Agency, which would govern the use of the new tax.

For 30 years, ELYSA, a nonprofit organization, has been funded with limited help from county government and more from user fees. Due to the lack of funding, football, Little League and soccer programs



Screenshots by SUZETTE PORTER  
**Rob Prosavec, vice president of East Lake Youth Sports Association, left, and Rick Watson, ELYSA president, go over the details June 24 of how the money would be spent if Pinellas County Commissioners approved a quarter mill in ad valorem taxes to fund youth sports.**

were forced to charge higher fees than surrounding municipalities. The high price of youth sports in East Lake placed a burden on parents and created a need for a lot of fundraisers over the years. A quarter mill of dedicated tax revenue would solve many problems and allow for lower fees.

About 19 residents spoke in favor of the new tax. They spoke of the value of providing a place for kids to play, as well as the benefits of character building from playing team sports. Volunteer Mitch Wright, who coaches Little League, talked about the importance to the community.

"Having a safe place to play sports is paramount, to help build character for the kids and the adults and help bring the community together," he said.

Ann Duncan, wife of former commissioner Ronnie Duncan, talked about the "good investment" youth sports would be to the community. As a real estate consultant and baseball mom, Duncan recognizes the value of having facilities that add to the quality of life.

Gene Davis said it had been 10 years since he had been active in ELYSA and he recalled the early years of the program when people who came to play in East Lake "made fun of us." He said over the years, they had built and improved their facilities. But it wasn't enough.

The people voted down a tax to fund youth sports in 1995 and 2000, he said. Then the county provided \$500,000 in grant money, which the association turned into \$750,000 worth of improvements thanks to donated time by the contractor, he said.

Davis is now an "empty-nester," so he understands why the people voted down a tax to pay for youth sports in the past. But he supports the tax.

"I want to see my grandkids play on good stuff," he said.

others areas weren't as defined as Palm Harbor and East Lake, so she advocated approving the tax for East Lake and then discussing what could be done in other areas. She said the commission had been working on doing something for youth in unincorporated areas of northern Pinellas since she became a commissioner in 2000.

"I want to leave office with that no longer being the case," she said.

"It's about quality of life and what we value," Commissioner Janet Long said. "When the going gets tough and the money gets tight, it is the little kids and elderly on the wrong side of the stick."

Long questioned how the commission could provide the same opportunity to all. She said parents from Seminole had already reached out for funding. She said kids in Lealman and other areas needed a place to play.

Commission Chair Karen Seel said before the recession hit, the county had used a specific portion of taxes paid by unincorporated residents to provide grants for projects, such as lighting the sports fields in East Lake. The money also was used to reimburse residents for higher fees paid to municipalities to use their recreational facilities. The commission agreed a new plan might be needed going forward.

Seel questioned whether it was time to increase the millage to unincorporated residents.

"This is a good conversation," she said. "This (East Lake millage) is a precedent. If we do this, we need to do for the rest."

"This is an investment in the quality of our communities," Commissioner John Morroni said. "It's an investment in our kids."

"Athletics and arts make a difference," Commissioner Ken Welch agreed. "My only concern is we're not taking a holistic approach."

Long asked if something could be done for the coming year.

Interim County Administrator Mark Woodard said he would look at the MSTU contingency fund.

Commissioner Norm Roche suggested delaying the decision on East Lake until the holistic approach could be considered.

Latvala pointed out that the average value of a home in East Lake is \$260,000 compared to \$150,000 for the rest of the county.

"Other parts of the county can't pay that kind of money," she said. "A different kind of program is needed. Seminole may be able to do it, but Lealman and Highpoint is whole different animal."

### Holistic approach

Commissioners recognize that approving a separate millage for youth sports in East Lake would open the door for other unincorporated areas to request the same.

Commissioner Susan Latvala pointed out that

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# Bridge closure targeted for September

By BOB McCLURE

ST. PETE BEACH – County officials told members of the Barrier Islands Government Council June 25 they would do their best to begin repairs to the Park Boulevard Bridge in early September.

The project, which has been proposed since last fall, would close the bridge for 30 days. The entire project would take 120 days.

A contract for \$834,685 was awarded June 24 to Seacoast Inc. of Oldsmar.

Initially, Richard Coates, director of transportation and stormwater for Pinellas County Department of Environment and Infrastructure, said County Commissioner John Morroni suggested a time between November and December but beach leaders didn't agree.

"Traditionally, September is our most quiet month," said Indian Shores Mayor Jim Lawrence. "Is it possible for construction to start by then?"

"I agree with Mayor Lawrence," said Redington Shores Mayor Bert Adams. "If we could get it started at the first of September that would be the best."

Project Manager Tom Menke said it is feasible for a September start but everything would have to fall into place perfectly.

"All of the pieces have to fit together and some of it is out of our hands as far as the contractor, who now has to produce bonds and insurance to the county," he said. "That sometimes takes time."

Menke said he would begin immediately to set the September date in motion.

"We'll definitely leave this meeting and go talk to our purchasing dept and see what we can do to accelerate the process," he said. "Hopefully we'll be able to achieve that."

In the event of a hurricane evacuation, the bridge would reopen and it would be used to help residents get safely to higher ground.

Other emergency management plans call for a Sunstar ambulance to be stationed on the beach during the closure to better handle paramedic emergencies.

According to county officials, the project is necessary because the bridge machinery is undersized, which has resulted in past closings.

The work will consist of installation of primary reducers and brakes, trunnion hub reinforcement, buffer repair, live load shoe and nose lock shimming, bridge balancing and maintenance painting.

During the 30-day closure, motorists can use alternative routes to the beaches via the Walsingham Road and Tom Stuart Causeway bridges in Indian Rocks Beach and Madeira Beach.

The Park Boulevard Bridge was built in 1979, connecting Park Boulevard with the barrier islands.



Photo by BOB McCLURE

County officials are targeting a September closing of the Park Boulevard Bridge to make needed repairs. The closing would last 30 days.

## Briefs

### Reclaimed water conservation needed

Pinellas County reminds residents that restrictions continue on the use of reclaimed water. Water is unavailable on Monday, Thursday and Friday while the system is shut down for maintenance and storage level recovery.

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- Addresses with mixed or no addresses, such as common areas associated with a residential subdivision: Wednesday and/or Sunday
- Prohibited lawn irrigation between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Prohibited lawn irrigation on Monday, Thursday and Friday

During the past several months, storage levels of reclaimed water declined to the point of exhausting the water in storage and potentially damaging pump equipment. As the return of seasonal rainfall helps stabilize reclaimed water supplies, the reclaimed water system's capacity will be re-evaluated.

The reduced schedule is anticipated to remain in effect until storage levels recover, at which time the reclaimed water system will be returned to full operation. For more information, call Customer Service at 464-4000 or visit [www.pinellascounty.org/utilities](http://www.pinellascounty.org/utilities).

### County honored with technology awards

CLEARWATER – Projects from Pinellas County Business and Tech-

nology Services were honored in five categories of the Public Technology Institute's 2013-2014 Technology Solutions Awards.

The county's Enterprise Wi-Fi was a winner in the IT and Telecommunications category. Wi-Fi access is available in approximately 800 access points across 99 Pinellas County government buildings.

The county's eGIS Maps and Apps and its hurricane preparedness Know Your Zone evacuation level lookup were honored as significant achievements in the Geospatial Information Systems and Public Safety Technology categories.

Receiving honorable mention were the Spending in the Sunshine government transparency dashboard in the Data and Performance Metrics category and the Pinellas Mobile App, a new mobile reporting tool for nonemergency issues, in the Web Management and E-Government category.

### Pinellas County earns health awards

CLEARWATER – Pinellas County's commitment to promoting a healthy lifestyle to its employees earned it the Well Deserved and Golden Apple awards from UnitedHealthcare.

The annual Well Deserved award is presented to a select group of employers across the country that demonstrate effective worksite wellness programs. Thirteen organizations received a Well Deserved award this year with four multi-year recipients, including Pinellas County, also honored with a Golden Apple award.

"A healthy workforce is a more productive workforce. As public servants, we are obligated to not only serve our residents effectively, but also responsibly by setting the right examples. I'm proud of how our employees have responded," said Peggy Rowe, director of Human Resources.

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# Florida condo laws – Q and A

Peter Hofstra of the law firm of DeLoach & Hofstra, 8640 Seminole Blvd., Seminole provided this article.



Peter Hofstra

**Q:** I recently purchased a condominium unit. The purchase included a covered parking space. However, my deed did not include the parking space. Should I ask for my deed to be corrected to include the parking space?

**A:** I must assume that your covered parking space is a limited common element. A limited common element is a common element, which is reserved for the use of a certain unit to the exclusion of all other units, as specified in the Declaration of Condominium. Since your covered parking space is a limited common element, you do not own same; you only have the exclusive right to use same. Therefore, the covered parking space should not appear on your deed and should not appear in your title insurance policy. Limited common elements are initially assigned by the developer or the condominium association, and then subsequently assigned from seller to buyer. The assignment is typically accomplished through a separate document.

**Q:** My condominium consists of 40 units. Twenty of the units are three bedroom/two bathroom units and 20 of the units are two bedroom/two bathroom units. Each unit owner pays the same maintenance fee. This does not seem fair to me.

**A:** Unfortunately, life is not always fair. The Florida Condominium Act provides that a unit owner's liability for common expenses must be the same as the unit owner's undivided share of ownership in the common elements and common surplus. For residential condominiums created after April 1,

1992, the ownership share of the common elements assigned to each unit must be based either upon the total square footage of each unit in relation to the total square footage of all units in the condominium or on an equal fractional basis. Your developer obviously chose to have all unit owners equally own the common elements and common surplus and to equally share in the costs of maintaining and operating the condominium. To change this method of assessment, an amendment to your Declaration of Condominium would be required. Said amendment would have to be approved by 100 percent of the unit owners and 100 percent of the holders of liens upon units within the condominium. It is most unlikely that such an amendment can be obtained.

**Q:** My condominium association is demanding that I provide it with a key to my unit. For security reasons, I am reluctant to comply with the request. Do I have to provide my association with a key to my unit?

**A:** Section 718.111(5) provides that the association has the irrevocable right of access to each unit during reasonable hours, when necessary for the maintenance, repair, or replacement of any common elements or of any portion of the unit to be maintained by the association, or as necessary to prevent damage to the common elements or to a unit or units. In my opinion, the association has the right to have each unit owner within the condominium provide it with a key to their respective unit. You should request the association to establish safeguards relative to the access to said keys.

## Briefs

### Foodies opens

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### Yacht Sensation arrives in Clearwater

**CLEARWATER** – Yacht StarShip Dining Cruises dedicated its new addition to its fleet of dining yachts serving the Tampa Bay region at a recent ceremony at the Clearwater Municipal Marina. The 92-foot-long Yacht Sensation, which can accommo-

date 128 passengers, will be based out of the Clearwater Municipal Marina.

Yacht Sensation is the latest addition to Yacht StarShip Dining Cruises, making it the largest fleet of luxury dining yachts in Florida according to a press release. The new vessel arrived in Tampa in May 2014 after a 12-day river cruise that originated in La Crosse, Wisconsin. Yacht Sensation was greeted and escorted into its new homeport with a traditional water cannon display from Tampa's premier tugboat, Patriot.

"We're excited to have the opportunity to expand our business with the addition of the Yacht Sensation, allowing us to serve our guests in Clearwater Beach and Pinellas County with luxury yacht charters for private parties on a full-time basis," said owner Troy Manthey in the press release.

Joining Manthey and the StarShip leadership for the dedication were Clearwater Mayor George Cretekos, Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce vice president Brooke Boccacino, Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce President Robin Sollie and Liz Lajoy of the Clearwater Beach Chamber of Commerce.

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LETTERS

**Lands are valuable asset for drinking water**

**Editor:**  
Our forward-thinking county leaders purchased the Cross Bar land in 1976 and the Al Bar land in 1990 to ensure that the residents of Pinellas County would always and forever have an independent source of drinking water. These lands are located in Pasco County on top of the very rich Floridan aquifer. Recently some have suggested selling these lands in exchange for capital that would go into our general fund. I strongly reject the notion that we should sell such a valuable asset for a one-time injection of cash into our budget.

As most of you know I have voted twice to keep these lands in the hands of their rightful owners, the Pinellas County taxpayers. The land is paid for and makes a profit from the sale of pine needle and timber harvested on site. We simply do not know what the future will bring in regards to water availability. As leaders, it is imperative that we prioritize our community's needs, and fresh drinking water must be looked at with the upmost importance.

My office has, and continues to, receive telephone calls, letters and emails urging us to keep these important lands. I intend to do everything in my power to protect this most valuable asset. I would appreciate your readers emailing all the county commissioners and letting them know they do not want to sell this land!

**John Morroni**  
Pinellas County commissioner  
Treasure Island

**Park drives 'bigger wedge' between Belleair residents**

**Editor:**  
Your Belleair Bee article on Belleair's Hunter Memorial Park implied the project is being funded with private money. The article does not say that taxpayer money, \$108,625, is being spent by the town. It does not say that more town money will be spent to maintain Hunter Memorial Park.

A quote in the article said, "I hope the park will bring the town together." In fact, the park has driven a bigger wedge between those who believe when Belleair borrowed \$10 million it should be careful how it spends money, concentrating on needs, not wants, and those who believe we should keep spending, borrowing, raising fees, and possibly raising taxes.

**Steve Johnson**  
Belleair

**Seminole city manager will be sorely missed**

**Editor:**  
I was saddened to learn of the upcoming resignation of Frank Edmunds as city manager of the city of Seminole. While serving on the City Council, I had the distinct pleasure of working closely with Mr. Edmunds. Mr. Edmunds has provided the city with many years of wise counsel and his professionalism will be sorely missed. Frank, on behalf of the residents of Seminole, I thank you for your service and wish you well in your future endeavors.

**Peter Hofstra**  
Seminole

**Don't give up the search for aircraft**

**Editor:**  
Malaysia Flight 370 - March 8, 2014. It's a bird ... it's a plane ... it's Superman in quest of the mysterious disappearance of the huge aircraft with 239 aboard as the man of steel combed the vast expanse of the Indian Ocean with super X-ray vision - to no avail, even for this cape crusader.

It's not my intention here to disparage the gravity of this horrific and watery descent into this huge ocean, but rather an expression of hope - as remotely more slim as time slips away in search of 370's location, just three months ago this June 8.

It's gut-wrenching that family and friends continue to anguish in not knowing where the final disposition of the passengers. The search should not be abandoned, at least for now. Malaysian Air should share in the brunt of the bill.

**Art Bailey**  
Seminole

**Referendum all about St. Petersburg**

**Editor:**  
The November 1 percent transportation sales tax referendum for Pinellas County will raise Pinellas sales tax to 8 percent, the highest in the state of Florida, and if you think that this 14 percent tax hike spending increase will stop here, "I will sell you the Brooklyn Bridge."

Other cities' rail systems have had cost overruns and future tax increases scheduled, and further, if approved, and light rail begins, but for some reason like low ridership, light rail fails to operate, then Pinellas County taxpayers must repay the government for their investment.

Yes, there is a place for light rail in large metropolitan cities like New York City where there is little parking available for automobiles and many of the residents live in large, high-rise apartments, near the rail stations, whereas, in Pinellas County most residents live in homes or condos and we have sufficient parking for automobiles. Further, DOT is spending \$4.8 million to speed work on U.S. 19 and will complete the project nine months early.

Something else that has not been considered is the fact that after the winter residents have left the area for six months and the year-round residents have left for the mountains or other cooler climates, who will be riding that train from Clearwater to downtown St Petersburg? The answer is nobody, but who do you think will pay for the empty train? Right, you will.

Former St. Petersburg Mayor Bill Foster had it right when he stated "any talk of light rail must include Hillsborough County." Hillsborough County residents defeated this 1 percent transportation sales tax referendum in 2010 and it will not be considered anytime soon.

This is all about downtown St. Petersburg and keeping the Rays downtown, at the cost to all Pinellas County residents. Hopefully, North Pinellas County residents will remember this when they vote in November and will vote accordingly.

**Chuck Graham**  
Pinellas Park

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**Grandparents and global warming**

I'm aiming this column mostly at grandparents, let's say people aged 60 and older with grandchildren who are 10 to 20 years old. This week, as we celebrate the 238th birthday of our beloved country, I'd like you to roll the calendar forward 50 years.

You won't be hanging around at that time, of course. Nor will I. But our grandchildren will still be on deck (or so we hope). Today I want you to picture your grandkids standing at your gravesite or thumbing through a family photo album. Imagine, as they think of you, that they ask this question: "I wonder what Grandpa or Grandma did, or even thought, about global warming way back then, when there was still time to do something about it?"

I won't attempt to imagine the answers to that question. Instead, I'll list some possible situations our grandchildren may face at that time, a half-century from now. For example, if they'll be living in Florida, odds are strong their homes will be inland, far from what you and I today regard as the Florida coastline. Much of the coast will have been diminished, washed away by steadily rising tides.

Likewise with New York City, Boston, Los Angeles, Seattle and other coastal communities. "But by then, won't the engineers have learned how to build dikes and coastal walls to hold back the sea?" Let's be hopeful, and say yes. But do you know how much those seawalls will cost to design, build and be maintained? Guess who will foot the bills for all that? Not you and me. Our grandchildren, that's who.

They may need every nickel they've got left, just to stay alive. Basic food costs may have skyrocketed because of the droughts and flooding that have become increasingly common as climate change batters our country's agricultural production. Home insurance prices may go through the roof, as a result of the floods and tornadoes that, even in 2014, have grown in number.



**Driver's Seat**  
Bob Driver

**On this Fourth of July, if you'd like to do something really patriotic, try this: Go to your computer; boot up "climate change" and start to read. Become a GWN - a global warming nut.**

Hundreds of reputable scientists have warned that global warming will bring increased air pollution, insect-borne diseases and longer allergy seasons. The growth in the number and severity of heat waves will result in more savage wildfires. Greater reliance on air conditioning may further strain our already burdened electric power system.

And so on. Before I go further, I'll acknowledge that strong counter-claims exist, disputing many of the global-warming threats. Added to the argument is the knowledge that even if the United States today abruptly reduced its carbon-dioxide emissions, the worldwide benefits would be limited unless major polluters such as China and India also join in the effort.

So what shall we do? Nothing? Wring our hands, sit and hope? For many persons, the clinching argument against taking action is the enormous economic pain it will cause to all participants. Coal mines will be shut

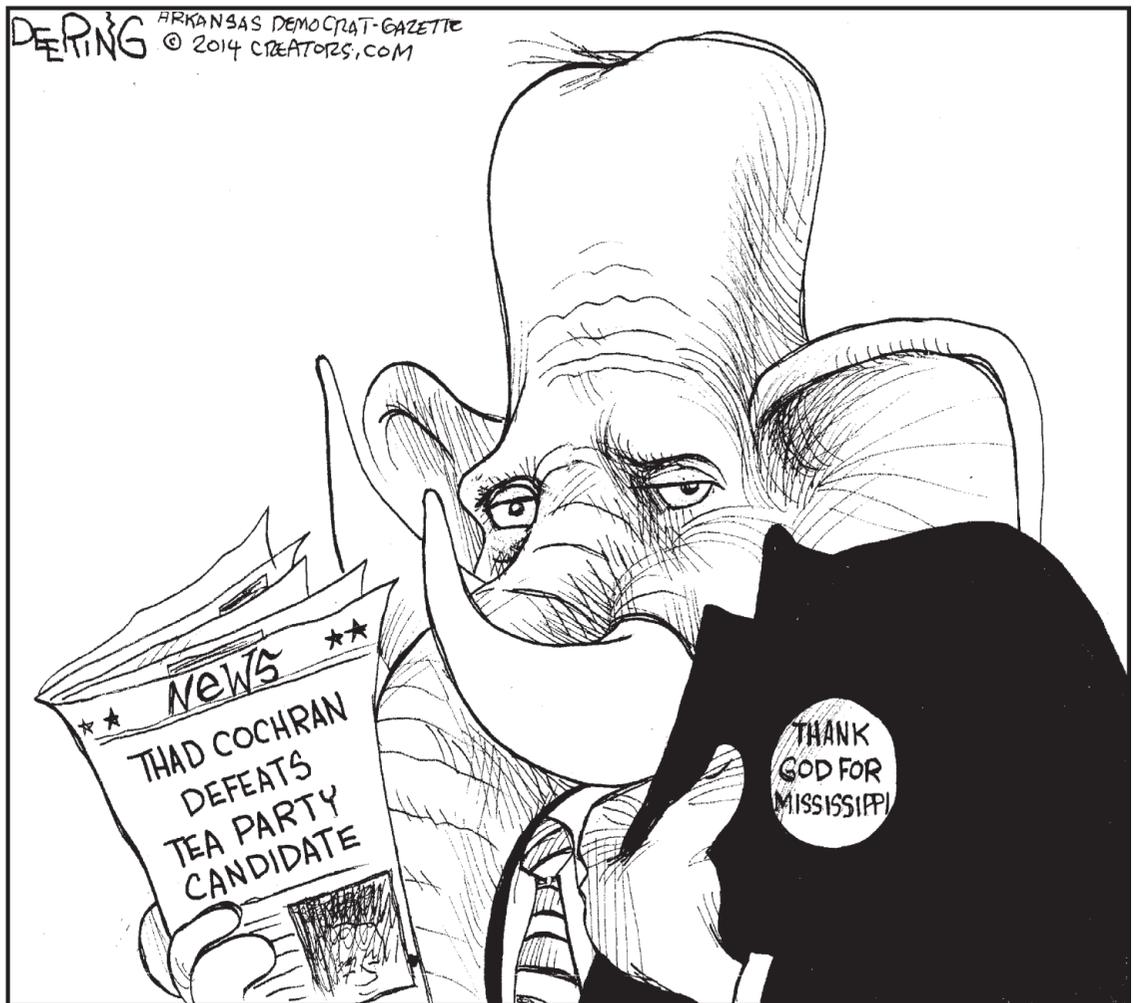
down. Industries will howl at the cost of installing CO2-reduction measures in their factories. Politicians from all parties will quake in their boots and then dig in their heels as anti-pollution measures are viewed, correctly, as threats to their constituents' job security.

To all of these objections, the climate-change activists reply, "We agree with you. The cost of saving the planet will be enormous. But the price of inaction, of waiting too long, may well be the end of civilization as we know it, or hope to know it. We realize that anti-pollution efforts by the USA alone cannot be the full solution to global warming, but until or unless the United States leads the way, how likely will it be that other industrial nations will also join the fight?"

Today, I'm not saying that every American should immediately choose up sides on the climate change controversy. Our country is already divided on too many other issues. What I'm urging is that every thinking American resolve to learn as much about climate change as he or she can. If you own a computer or live near a library, you have access to hundreds of books and articles about our globe and its environment. If we keep an open mind and study until our eyeballs start to ache, we can become a self-appointed expert on this all-important topic. At that point, we can then decide what is the truth, and which policies (public and private) deserve our support. Then we can be fully confident about which wheels we should put our shoulders to.

On this Fourth of July, if you'd like to do something really patriotic, try this: Go to your computer; boot up "climate change" and start to read. Become a GWN - a global warming nut. Your grandchildren may not be watching you today, but in 2064 they may be asking the question I posed in my second paragraph (above).

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**On keeping up with the Clintons**

It's time to pass the hat for Hillary Clinton. The former secretary of state has tried to distance herself from her weeks-ago assertion that after husband Bill left the White House, the couple were "dead broke." She told PBS that the line was "inartful," but only after she told a British paper that she does not count herself among the "truly well-off." Nobody knows the troubles she's seen.

In the United Kingdom pushing her latest book - for which she received a reported eight-figure advance - Clinton told The Guardian that the Clintons should not be seen as out-of-touch swells: "We pay ordinary income tax, unlike a lot of people who are truly well-off, not to name names; and we've done it through dint of hard work."

Let us check the boxes of that quote. The Democrat essentially asserted that U.S. income taxes are cleaning out the family coffers. Expect her to call for tax reform a la Mitt Romney, as she believes that paying taxes has kept the Clintons - who, according to Politico, reported earnings of \$109 million in the eight years preceding 2008 - from being truly well-off.

"Through dint of hard work"? Surely, Clinton worked harder as first lady and secretary of state than now. Ergo, she sees the speak-



**Debra Saunders**

ing fees and book advances as just reward for what she often refers to as the call to public service. Now we know what "public service" means: Run for office; collect a top-2-percent paycheck; then cash in. If you engaged in "public service," you're entitled to it. With such an attitude, it should come as no surprise that Clinton will be paid \$225,000 to speak at a University of Nevada, Las Vegas fundraiser in October. A private foundation will pay her fee - so who cares if the money goes not to students but to a speaker who excels at self-serving spin?

I don't begrudge the Clintons their wealth. It's just that every time I hear or read Hillary Clinton confess that she's a gal who just can't say no to public service, I reach for my wallet.

Say this for Romney: He made his fortune in the private marketplace.

Likely 2016 presidential rival Joe Biden knows a good opening when he sees it. On Monday, the veep told the White House Summit on Working Families not to hold it against him that he doesn't "own a single stock or bond" and has "no savings accounts." He said, "But I got a great pension, and I got a good salary."

PolitiFact rated Biden's statement as "half true," as the Bidens own five bank accounts. Also, wife Jill owns stocks. That said, it is refreshing to see a politician who recognizes that a six-figure salary and generous benefits are a fair reward for elective office. He even described his \$230,700 salary as "a lot of money."

Biden seems to understand the fact that fundraising, which puts politicians in an orbit with the super-rich, doesn't mean they are entitled to a private-plane lifestyle.

Let the reader beware. Democrats who crusade against income inequality oftentimes are counting the days until they, too, can rake in many times more than the median earner they claim to champion. Worse, in their case, they think they're so selfless that they deserve it.

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# Officials ask the public for help to reduce mosquito population

By SUZETTE PORTER

State and local officials are asking the public to help control the mosquito population.

"A simple and easy way to prevent mosquito-borne illnesses is to follow the "Drain and Cover" method," said Dr. Celeste Philip, deputy secretary for health and deputy state health officer for Children's Medical Services. "Drain water from any containers around your home, cover your skin with clothing and mosquito repellent and cover doors and windows with screen to keep mosquitoes out of your home or business."

The rainy season is especially challenging for Pinellas County Mosquito Control. Technicians have been aggressively treating known breeding grounds by ground and by air. They have also been busy lately responding to calls for help from county residents.

Mosquitos can breed in as little as a quarter to a half inch of standing water. One of the best ways to slow down the growth of the mosquito population is to drain all standing water. The state DOH offers the following suggestions.

- Drain water from garbage cans, house gutters, buckets, pool covers, coolers, toys, flowerpots or any other containers where sprinkler or rainwater has collected.
- Discard old tires, drums, bottles, cans, pots and pans, broken appliances and other items that aren't being used.
- Empty and clean birdbaths and pets' water bowls at least once or twice a week.
- Protect boats and vehicles from rain with tarps that don't accumulate water.
- Maintain swimming pools in good condition and appropriately chlorinated. Empty plastic swimming pools when not in use.

It is important to protect against being bitten to prevent the spread of mosquito-borne diseases. When outside, especially at dusk and dawn, it is important to wear shoes, socks, long pants and long-sleeves. Apply mosquito repellent to bare skin and clothing. Always



Graphic courtesy FLORIDA DOH

The Florida Department of Health urges residents to drain and cover to help reduce the mosquito population and prevent bites.

use repellents according to the label. Repeat applications according to directions. Repellents with DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, and IR3535 are effective. Use mosquito netting to protect children younger than 2 months old.

Repair broken screening on windows, doors, porches and patios to keep mosquitos out of the home.

## Mosquito-borne illnesses

The Department of Health in Pinellas County is cautioning residents about a viral mosquito-borne disease called chikungunya fever that has made its way to the Caribbean from Africa, Asia and islands in the

Indian Ocean and Western Pacific. Travelers to those countries can carry the virus back to the United States and infect local mosquito populations.

The state DOH reported six cases of chikungunya fever during the week of June 21 in persons that had international travel. The cases were reported in Broward, Leon, Miami-Dade, Orange, Osceola, and Polk counties. So far this year, 48 travel-associated cases have been reported in residents from 20 counties. No cases have been reported in Pinellas.

Symptoms of chikungunya fever include sudden high fever, severe joint pain and swelling, back pain, rash as well as headache, body ache, nausea, vomiting and redness around the eyes. Rarer symptoms involve the brain, eyes, heart, kidney or other organs.

Health officials say fatal infections are rare, but chronic joint pain, arthritis, loss of energy and depression lasting weeks to years has been reported.

Other mosquito-borne illnesses include West Nile Virus, Eastern Equine Encephalitis, St. Louis Encephalitis, Dengue Fever, Malaria, Yellow Fever and Rift Valley Fever.

Pinellas County participates in a sentinel program that alerts officials when mosquito-borne illness may be in the area. Technicians monitor the mosquito population through traps located around the county.

Mosquito Control also monitors viruses through "sentinel" chickens caged in eight locations. Routine blood tests on these chickens detect virus antibodies, which serves as an early alert that a virus is present locally. If a virus is detected, the state DOH will issue an advisory.

For more information or to report a mosquito problem, call 464-7503 or visit [www.pinellascounty.org/publicworks/mosquito/default.htm](http://www.pinellascounty.org/publicworks/mosquito/default.htm).

## Industry news

### Lighthouse receives national accreditation

LARGO - Lighthouse of Pinellas has been reaccredited by the National Accreditation Council for Blind and Low Vision Services.

Reaccreditation is a significant milestone in Lighthouse of Pinellas' ongoing process of seeking to employ best practices and deliver services that focus on positive outcomes for consumers of blind and low vision services.

The National Accreditation Council for Blind and Low Vision Services is the only accrediting body that focuses solely on organizations serving blind and low vision consumers. Accreditation involves a recognized process of assessing organizational structure, process and outcome. Structure encompasses the setting in which services are delivered. Process encompasses the delivery of services. Outcome denotes changes in the consumer's behavior, knowledge and function.

NAC accreditation embraces structure, process and outcome by engaging the subject organization in a detailed self-assessment using NAC developed evidence-informed standards as well as an on-site peer review.

Lighthouse of Pinellas has maintained its NAC accreditation since 2004 and for more than 58 years has been advancing the independence and quality of life for individuals in Pinellas County who are blind or visually impaired.

For more about Lighthouse of Pinellas, visit [www.lhpl.org](http://www.lhpl.org).

### Spinal centers to host barbecue

LARGO - A Back 2 School Barbecue will be presented Saturday, Aug. 16, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Spinal Correction Centers, 515 Missouri Ave., Largo.

The free event will feature fun, games, raffles, pony rides, vendors, food, live music, waterslide, One Blood donation bus and car wash. For more, call 587-6667.

### HCA earns accreditation

ST. PETERSBURG - Palms of Pasadena Hospital earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval for accreditation by demonstrating compliance with the Commission's national standards for healthcare quality and safety.

Palms of Pasadena Hospital is a 307-bed facility in St. Petersburg. The hospital underwent a rigorous on-site survey for compliance with standards of hospital management and patient care - including infection prevention and control, leadership and medication management.

### Outback to host blood drive

Select Tampa Bay area Outback Steakhouse restaurants will host a blood drive Monday, July 7, 4 to 8 p.m.

Those who donate at the Spice Up Your Night & Save Lives event will enjoy a \$10 Outback gift card. In addition, all lifesaving donors will receive a wellness check-up of blood pressure, pulse, temperature and iron count, including a cholesterol screening.

Following is a listing of participating Outback Steakhouse locations in Pinellas:

- 3690 East Bay Drive, Largo
- 31988 U.S. 19, Palm Harbor
- 4088 Park St., St. Petersburg
- 1900 Fourth St. N., St. Petersburg

Generally healthy people age 16 or older who weigh at least 110 pounds can donate blood. To learn more about the importance of blood donation and how donors can target the power of their blood type, visit [oneblood.org](http://oneblood.org). Call 800-682-5663.

### La Leche League to host event

PINELLAS PARK - The World Breastfeeding Week Family Picnic & Big Latch On 2014 will be Saturday, Aug. 2, 9 a.m. to noon, at Girls Inc. of Pinellas, 7700 61st St. N., Pinellas Park.

La Leche League of Pinellas County will sponsor the free event. The celebration will include a silent auction and raffles. Proceeds will help raise funds for annual LLL leader dues, books and print materials used to help mothers.

La Leche League is a nonprofit organization and all of its leaders are volunteers. The organization's mission is to provide support, information and education to mothers who want to breastfeed their babies.

For more information, call 692-7009.

### Jacobs leads health mission in Jamaica

ST. PETERSBURG - All Children's Hospital pediatric cardiovascular surgeon Jeffrey Jacobs, M.D., led a team of 60 physicians, nurses and other healthcare professionals from throughout the United States and world on a special medical mission to Kingston, Jamaica, to treat children for a variety of cardiac related medical conditions.

Jacobs, as well as other physicians from All Children's and healthcare organizations, spent one week in May partnering with Kingston's Bustamante Hospital for Children. They performed 11 cardiac surgeries, provided cardiac catheterizations and interventional cardiology procedures for several other children, and made sure dozens of others received medical management in an outpatient clinic.

Under Jacobs' leadership, the team has operated on more than 90 children since the first trip in 2006.

"In addition to doing surgery, we are also doing training," said Jacobs, director of the Andrews/Daicoff Cardiovascular Program at The Johns Hopkins All Children's Heart Institute and professor of Cardiac Surgery at Johns Hopkins University. "Education is a big part of our objective. While we want to operate on as many children as we can and save as many lives as we can, we also want to partner with the Jamaican team and empower them so they have the skill set to do more and more of this on their own."

Money to fund the annual mission comes from the Cardiac Kids of Florida Foundation, which Jacobs founded. In addition to donated equipment, the mission has received support from Larry King Cardiac Foundation, St. Jude Medical, Edwards Life Sciences, Chain of Hope, Gift of Life, and Rotary International. All the doctors and nurses who make the trip donate their time. It takes a year to raise the money needed to ship equipment, arrange for transportation, housing and food to feed the team.

### Northside earns quality award

ST. PETERSBURG - Northside Hospital recently received the Mission: Lifeline Gold Receiving Quality Achievement Award for implementing specific quality improvement measures outlined by the American Heart Association for the treatment of patients who suffer severe heart attacks.

Northside Hospital earned the

award by meeting specific criteria and standards of performance for the quick and appropriate treatment of STEMI patients to open the blocked artery.

Each year in the United States, approximately 250,000 people have a STEMI, or ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction, caused by a complete blockage of blood flow to the heart that requires timely treatment.

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**Alona Dishy**  
Realty Executives - Adamo & Associates

**Seminole**

3 Bedrooms 3 Baths

\$346,000

**SOLD**

Canterbury Chase GOLF COURSE FRONT home! Features 3 bedrooms including 2 master suites, 3 baths, family room, living room and office. The office is large enough to be a 4th bedroom and has a separate entrance. All 3 bathrooms have gorgeous designer vanities and modern fixtures. The kitchen has gleaming countertops, bonus prep area, double oven and a breakfast bar.

**Sandy Hartmann**  
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**Largo**

4 Bedrooms 3.5 Baths

\$415,000

**SOLD**

Harbor Bluffs Beauty! Beautifully cared for and remodeled pool home on corner lot. Open floor plan with wood flooring and tile, fireplace in family room, and elegant dining room. Large tropical pool with private patio area.

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## PSTA, AARP host town hall

DUNEDIN - The Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority and AARP presented a town hall June 25 to discuss how transportation and mobility options can help Pinellas seniors live on their own terms.

More than 50 seniors and residents attended the open forum at the Hale Senior Activity Center in Dunedin to hear from several speakers about how current PSTA services and potential future services through the Greenlight Pinellas plan would benefit the region's seniors.

In addition to an overall 65 percent increase in PSTA bus service, 80 percent more weekend service and extended early morning and late night transit service, seniors would benefit under Greenlight Pinellas from increased evening and weekend DART door-to-door transit for those unable to use traditional bus service. There also would be an increase in frequency of connector community circulator buses for easier access to shopping, medical appointments and community services.

"Transportation is a key component of livable communities, because by 2025, one in five drivers will be over age 65," said Laura Cantwell, associate state director of AARP. "When you don't have transportation options, it impacts your physical and social isolation, it impairs your physical and mental wellbeing, and it increases healthcare costs and compromises seniors' ability to age in place."



Photo courtesy GREENLIGHT PINELLAS  
**Seniors listen as Laura Cantwell of AARP discusses transportation options at a town hall meeting June 25 at Hale Senior Activity Center in Dunedin.**

"Seniors over age 65 who no longer drive make 15 percent fewer trips to the doctor - that's something that PSTA, our connector buses and our DART paratransit service can help with," said Brad Miller, CEO of PSTA. "But mobility options for seniors means more than just going to the doctor, it means being able to spend time with family and friends, it means being able to be a part of our community, and it means freedom and independence."

"The transit system we have now isn't adequate for those over 65, but it isn't adequate for the rest of our community either. We have a lot of college students and younger people who could be riding, so Greenlight Pinellas is really about the future," said Pinellas County Commissioner Susan Latvala. "One of the first things businesses looking to relocate to this area ask us is, 'what's your public transportation like?' And Greenlight Pinellas will give us a great answer to that question."

An AARP study found that 85 percent of seniors are extremely/very concerned about fuel prices, leading many to seek other transportation options such as public transit. The number one reason seniors in the Pinellas area move into assisted living facilities is the inability to drive anymore and lack of transportation options.

## Rays provide grant



Photo courtesy of the EARLY LEARNING COALITION  
**The Rays Baseball Foundation recently awarded the Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas County a \$5,000 community fund grant to help support the coalition's School Readiness Child Care Scholarship Program. The coalition is one of 20 local nonprofit organizations to receive a grant totaling \$100,000 from the Rays Baseball Foundation Community Grant Fund Program. The School Readiness Scholarship program funds pay a portion of the child care cost for economically disadvantaged families. From left are Lindsay Carson, ELC chief executive officer; Rays mascot Raymond and Julie Daniels, ELC board chair.**

## News from Tallahassee

### Bill increases penalty for leaving crash scene

TALLAHASSEE - Gov. Rick Scott signed Senate Bill 102 June 24, which creates the Aaron Cohen Life Protection Act relating to leaving the scene of an accident.

This bill increases the punishment for leaving the scene of a crash resulting in serious injury to a person. It imposes a mandatory minimum term for imprisonment of four years for a driver convicted of leaving the scene of a crash resulting in the death of a person. It increases the mandatory minimum term of imprisonment from two to four years for a driver convicted of leaving the scene of a crash resulting in the death of a person while driving under the influence. Finally, the bill imposes a minimum driver license revocation period of at least three years.

"The hearts and prayers of Ann and I go out to the Cohen family, and it's in Aaron's name that we hope to further protect Florida families with Senate Bill 102, which will create the Aaron Cohen Life Protection Act," Scott said a news release. "No one should have to suffer the loss of a loved one due to reckless driving, and with this important law, we'll be more effective in protecting families."

Patty Cohen, widow of Aaron Cohen, said, "The entire Cohen family and I are extremely thankful that Governor Scott will be signing the Aaron Cohen Life Protection Act into law. We are hopeful that out of our family's tragedy, we have made a big step towards safer roads and a safer community for our children. While nothing will bring Aaron back, it gives us comfort to know that the change we have made may prevent other families from suffering as ours did. We are incredibly honored to have this very important law in his name."

Aaron Cohen died after a hit-and-run crash in 2012 on Rickenbacker Causeway, which connects Miami to nearby barrier islands.

Sen. Jeff Brandes, R-St. Petersburg, said, "As we share the road with bike riders and runners they deserve to feel safe. This bill eliminates the incentive for motorists to leave the scene of an accident, and I thank Governor Scott for his support in helping to protect victims of this terrible crime."

Cohen was riding a bike at the time of the crash. Tim Bustos, executive director of the Florida Bicycle Association said, "For too long now, Florida has had one of the highest bicycle and pedestrian crash rates in the nation, and an inordinate number of these crashes involve motorists that leave the scene of a crash without rendering aid or assistance. We are hopeful this new legislation will act as a deterrent for motorists who may otherwise leave the scene after causing a crash, and will act as an incentive to stay at the scene."

### Bill requires safety seat for 4- and 5-year-olds

TALLAHASSEE - Gov. Rick Scott signed HB 225 June 24, which revises child restraint requirements to increase the safety of children passengers in motor vehicles.

Current law requires every motor vehicle operator in Florida use a crash-tested, federally approved child restraint device for children 3 years or younger. HB 225 extends current requirements to include children 4 and 5 years old.

"As a father and grandfather, I know how important it is to make the safety of Florida's children a top priority," Scott said in a press release. "With this initiative, we are working to ensure our children travel safely and remain protected on the road. We will continue to do all we can to

## Summer swim team has quite a few benefits for kids

This summer, my girls, age 8 and 9, decided they wanted to participate in the recreation center's swim team.



**Mom 2 Mom**  
Kadi Hendricks Tubbs

Actually, my older daughter asked to do it, so my husband and I decided our younger daughter would do it too. The swimmers on the team are boys and girls ranging in age from about 5 to 15 years old. The two coaches are swimmers from the local high school.

So far it has been a wonderful experience. We weren't sure what we were getting into, but after several weeks of practice and a few fun competitions, our kids are hooked and so are we. The swim team lasts all summer long and is a non-competitive, which means the kids don't have to compete if they don't want to and the kids aren't timed on their swim strokes.

If the swimmers do want to compete, there is a fun type of competition on the weekends that is fast-paced, and everyone gets a ribbon. Each weekend, one of the recreation centers in the county holds a swim meet. The kids compete with other swimmers from the different recreation centers. The competition includes races from the four swim strokes: free-style, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly. The coaches line up six kids and say, "go," and the kids do one lap. As soon as the child finishes the race and gets out of the pool, they receive a ribbon for whatever place they came in.

It's quick and so far the meets have lasted just a few hours. Each week, the kids have improved in their strokes and their self-esteem has improved. The first meet my kids did, they didn't want to do all the strokes because they were just learning them. By the second week, they decided they would give it a try and compete doing all the strokes, even the ones they didn't think they were as good at. The two of them ended up winning a first and second place ribbon in those events. They were really excited, and it was a great lesson for them to try something new.

It is exciting to watch the other boys and girls competing. Most of the kids are pretty happy because no matter what, they get a ribbon. What's nice too is that the parents of the other swimmers are encouraging all the kids, not just their own. Maybe it's because we aren't at a real competitive level right now, but it is very refreshing to not have parents being nasty when the kids are racing.

My husband really gets into the meets. He videos the girls' races and is so excited to share the videos with their grandparents.

I did some research on the benefits of swimming and found there are quite a few. I knew that it was good exercise and easy on your body. You can lose weight doing it, and it's great for your muscle tone and strength. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention says that two and a half hours a week can reduce the risk of chronic illness, and it can also improve a person's mental health.

With all these great benefits, and the fact that my kids actually like to go to swim practice, I think we made the right choice for this summer's activity.

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

## Find a summer swim team near you

Register at the following locations for the next session July 7-12:

- **North Greenwood**, 900 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., Clearwater. Call 642-6025.
- **Long Center**, 1501 N. Belcher Road, Clearwater. Call 793-2320
- **Clearwater Beach Family Aquatic Center**, 51 Bay Esplanade, Clearwater. Call 462-6020
- **Morningside Pool**, 2400 Harn Blvd., Clearwater. Call 507-4064

Register any time during the summer at **Ross Norton Pool**, 1426 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., Clearwater. Call 642-6025.

Visit **Southwest Pool** in person to inquire about any openings at 13120 Vonn Road. Call 518-3126.

Seminole Recreation Center, at 9100 113th St. N., and Skyview Pool, 9040 54th Way N. in Pinellas Park, also have swim teams but there are no openings left this summer.

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# A walk through Largo's nature preserve

Photos by JIM LAYFIELD

Largo Central Park Nature Preserve, at 150 Highland Ave., is a well-kept secret that Largo residents can reach in minutes.

The 31-acre park features a boardwalk around a three-acre pond and through "old Florida" woods. A biking and walking trail surrounds its perimeter.

A visitor taking an early morning or late afternoon stroll through the preserve - with a discerning eye - may see a variety of wildlife including amphibians, reptiles, mammals, birds, and plant life.

The following is such a journey, captured by local photographer Jim Layfield June 25.



Above, rabbits are often seen eating grass that grows along the walking path. Top right, a dragonfly, one of many darting through the air, rests on a reed. At right, newly hatched moorhens walk amongst the safety of tall grasses and plants that grow along the pond's edge. Below right, a red-eared slider lays eggs. Below, an American alligator lies still along the edge of the pond.



## Weedon Island highlights wildlife in July

ST. PETERSBURG - The wildlife in Pinellas County is extremely varied. In July, visitors of Weedon Island Preserve, at 1800 Weedon Drive NE., can learn how to create more sustainable habitats for the creatures that call this county home.

Florida has a diverse wildlife population, but rapid growth throughout Florida is destroying native wildlife habitat. On Saturday, July 12, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., participants can learn some basic changes to create a yard that will provide habitat for a variety of birds, butterflies and beneficial insects.

The Weedon Island Cultural and Natural History Center has a plethora of events to learn about nature and history throughout July. Most programs are free, however registration is required. Visit [www.weedonislandpreserve.org](http://www.weedonislandpreserve.org) for information.

Every Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m., visitors can learn about the ecosystems and the early residents of Weedon Island Preserve while hiking the coastal uplands and the boardwalks through mangrove forests. Best for ages 6 and older.

Every second and fourth Thursday of the month from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., Wee-time at Weedon treats children to a variety of stories and hands-on activities that connect them to their environment. This program is designed to introduce preschool children to the wonders of the natural and cultural world. This activity is recommended for ages 3 to 5. Advance registration requested.

Aspiring and master gardeners alike can come and get solutions for all types of questions concerning garden, lawn, and landscape care on Friday, July 11 and Friday, July 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On Friday, July 11, enthusiasts can assist in an annual checklist of Weedon Island's bird population and learn the identifying marks and behaviors of the year-round feathered residents and seasonal visitors while enjoying a hike at Weedon Island Preserve from 8 to 10 a.m.

What is that bug? Does it bite? A Pinellas County

extension specialist will provide an introduction to the wonderful world of bugs and butterflies found at Weedon Island Preserve. This program will be offered on Saturday, July 19, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

On Saturday, July 19, from 8 to 10 a.m., participants can grab a camera and hike the preserve in search of that perfect photo. After a brief classroom session, preserve volunteers highlight seasonal features of the preserve, as well as specific wildlife behaviors that help participants capture the natural beauty of Weedon Island Preserve.

Connecting People and Place is an art-inspired, permanent hands-on educational exhibit of the area's history, ecology and people at the Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center. The center is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday through Saturday. It is closed all Pinellas County holidays.

To learn more about Weedon Island Preserve and its upcoming programs and events, call 453-6500. To register for programs and events visit [www.weedonislandpreserve.org](http://www.weedonislandpreserve.org).

Videos featuring Weedon Island Preserve can be viewed at [www.youtube.com/pccvt1](http://www.youtube.com/pccvt1).

### Master Gardener Clinic set

PALM HARBOR - A Master Gardener Clinic will be offered Wednesdays in July, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Palm Harbor Library, 2330 Nebraska Ave.

Residents looking for solutions for all types of questions concerning garden, lawn, and landscape care can consult with Master Gardener volunteers during the clinic. The clinic is free.

For more information on Pinellas County services and programs, visit [www.pinellascounty.org](http://www.pinellascounty.org).

## Summer bait numbers are on the rise

Gathering enough bait for the day is key, as most anglers know. However, finding enough pilchards to make a difference has been a real challenge lately. Fortunately for us, it appears we now may be on the verge of a major change.



**Fish Tales**  
Capt. Tyson Wallerstein

Masses of juvenile pilchards have flooded our bays and beaches. These tiny baits will grow quickly and soon they'll be big enough to tempt most any game fish.

These smaller baits can be used in a couple of situations. Mackerel, jack crevalle and ladyfish numbers have increased with the arrival of the fry bait and can often be seen busting through the pods of bait. Using a quarter inch mesh cast net will allow you to net the baits without getting a bunch hung up in the net. Anchor up in the area that the bait is the thickest and toss out handfuls of freebies. This should bring the fish right behind the boat.

Gag grouper opened this week and given the long closure fishing for them should be excellent for a while. Target ledges and artificial reefs for best action. Ledges as shallow as 20 feet are holding keeper gags as we've found out on recent mangrove snapper trips.

Use live pinfish or grass grunts and be ready to turn the fish away from the structure. These shallower spots demand your full attention.

Blacktip sharks are thick in certain areas through out the Intra-coastal Waterway. Deeper cuts and channels are prime holding spots for these 3- to 5-foot sharks.

Using a chum block and frisky pinfish, we've been able to find non-stop action on these hard fighters as long as the tide is moving. Using monofilament leaders and a large circle hook has made a big difference in the amount of bites versus using a steel leader.

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

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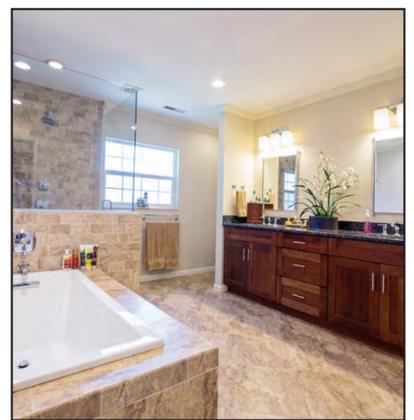
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• **Clearwater Celebrates America**, Friday, July 4, 4 to 10 p.m., at Coachman Park, 301 Drew St., Clearwater. Sponsored by Bright House Networks, the city of Clearwater and Clearwater Gas, the free event will feature the largest fireworks show in Tampa Bay along with a concert featuring the Mostly Pops Orchestra and the Wilsons. Food and beverage vendors and exhibitors will be on hand. Gates will open at 4 p.m. and music will begin at 7:30 p.m. Children's activities will run 5 to 9 p.m. and will include games, face painting and a mascot parade. The night will end with the Clearwater Gas Spark the Sky fireworks show starting at 9:30 p.m. For parking information, visit [myclearwater.com/parking](http://myclearwater.com/parking). For more information on Clearwater Celebrates America, call 562-4700 or visit [facebook.com/cityofclearwater](http://facebook.com/cityofclearwater).

• **Independence Day celebration**, Friday, July 4. The spectacular fireworks display, sponsored by HCA Hospitals of West Florida, is scheduled to begin at 9 p.m., weather permitting. Fireworks start as early as 8:30 p.m. or as late as 10 p.m., depending on weather conditions. The fireworks display is visible all along the St. Petersburg waterfront with prime viewing from Vinoy, Albert Whitted, North Straub, Spa Beach and South Straub parks, which are all on Bayshore Drive. For more information, call 893-7441 or visit [www.stpeteparksrec.org](http://www.stpeteparksrec.org).

• **Replay America**, Saturday, July 5, 7:30 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Tickets start at \$52.75. Call 791-7400 or visit [www.rutheckerdhal.com](http://www.rutheckerdhal.com). This summer, '80s music fans will get a very special gift, the very first Replay America tour, celebrating the biggest stars and hits from the '80s. The tour kicks off at Ruth Eckerd Hall on July 5. Replay America 2014 will feature performances by The Go-Go's, Patty Smyth of Scandal, Martha Davis & The Motels and Naked Eyes. This is the first time in the United States that these revered artists will share a stage and perform the biggest hits of the iconic era.

• **The second annual Madeira Beach Craft Festival**, Saturday and Sunday, July 5-6, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Madeira Way between Gulf Boulevard and 150th Avenue, Madeira Beach. American Craft Endeavors will present this show which will have Madeira Way lined with fine crafters from all areas displaying their works for sale. Attendees may browse and purchase a wide variety of ceramics, jewelry, stained glass and metal works. Admission is free. Visit [www.artfestival.com](http://www.artfestival.com).

## Dali screens cult classics

ST. PETERSBURG - The second annual Cult Classics Summer Movie Series is underway at the Dali Museum, One Dali Blvd., St. Petersburg.

This year's series kicked off June 17 with a screening of the 1984 hit "Ghostbusters," starring Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd, Sigourney Weaver, Harold Ramis, Rick Moranis and Ernie Hudson.

Movies are shown on the patio of the museum's Avant-garden. The series will continue through September. Doors open at 7 p.m. and movies begin at sunset. Admission is free and

the screenings are open to the public. A cash bar is available along with food trucks and games. Pets, coolers, outside food and beverages are not permitted. Attendees are invited to bring a lawn chair.

The remainder of Dali's 2014 Summer Cult Classics Movie Series lineup is as follows:

- "Wayne's World" - Tuesday, July 15
- "Airplane" - Tuesday, Aug. 19
- "Fight Club" - Tuesday, Sept. 23

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Photo by NICOLAS ZURCHER/LARGO CULTURAL CENTER

Touring in support of her new album "Second Chances," Jessy J takes the stage at Largo Cultural Center on July 16.

## Jazz, Latin rhythms and R&B

Contemporary jazz artist Jessy J to perform at Largo Cultural Center

LARGO - With her sizzling mix of hot beats, Latin and samba rhythms and instantly captivating melodies, Jessy J will visit the Tampa Bay area for a one-night only performance on Wednesday, July 16, 7:30 p.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets start at \$16.50. Call 587-6793 or visit [largoarts.com](http://largoarts.com).

Jessy J and her band will perform songs from her latest No. 1 Billboard charting jazz album as well as many other hits. The Mexican-American saxophonist/singer/songwriter was recently featured on the cover of Jazziz Magazine and on the cover of Saxophone Journal Magazine and Latina Style Magazine. Her song "Tequila Moon" hit the No. 1 spot on the Billboard Jazz chart and received the Contemporary Jazz Song of the Year award from Billboard Magazine. Her song "Tropical Rain," from her 2009 release, reached the top of the Groove Jazz Music chart and she soon followed with the No. 1 spot on the Smooth Jazz Top 20 Countdown, as well as the Billboard Jazz charts.

All this success resulted in Jessy J being named Radio and Records Debut Artist of the Year in 2008.

### Musical prodigy

The artist known today as Jessy J was named Jessica Arellano when she was born in Portland, Oregon in 1982.

Her father hails from Mexico and her mother is a native Texan. As a child, she experienced festive, live Latin music frequently: Her parents often hosted parties at which La Banda music of her father's home country would flow all night long.

It was apparent early on that Jessy was a true musical prodigy.

According to her biography provided by Monterey International, she began playing piano at age 4 and spent most of her childhood as a competitive artist, performing at major conferences, competitions and festivals. These childhood experiences and the discipline and work ethic she gained from them would prove to be a great testing ground for her future career in the industry.

In addition to her family's cultural heritage, Jessy also sought inspiration from other musical wellsprings. She was a huge fan of Cannonball Adderley and John Coltrane, but also enjoyed listening to pop.

She graduated from USC with a degree in jazz studies where she was named Most Outstanding Jazz Student of her class. After graduation, she didn't waste any time contemplating career decisions: She



Photo courtesy of JESSY J

Jessy J performs July 16 at Largo Cultural Center.

jumped straight into recording sessions with artists like Michael Buble and she toured with The Temptations (2005-6) and Jessica Simpson. Jessy also joined the cast of the off-Broadway show "Blast!" in 2004. She drew on her range of skills as an actress, singer, dancer and sax player as she performed in the U.S., London and Japan.

While the stage appealed to her, it was during this time that she felt compelled to write and perform more of her own music.

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# Looking Ahead

## Largo

• **Train Weekend**, Saturday and Sunday, July 5-6, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Largo Central Park, 101 Central Park Drive, Largo. Call 587-6740, ext. 5014. Attendees will have an opportunity to ride the miniature trains of Largo Central Railroad on the first full weekend every month in sunny Largo Central Park. There is no cost but donations are accepted. Visit largoparks.com.

• **"Hair,"** with book and lyrics by James Rado and Gerome Ragni, and music by Galt MacDermot; presented by Eight O'Clock Theatre, July 11-20, at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Performances are Thursdays through Saturdays, 8 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25.50 for adults and \$12.50 for children 19 and younger with identification. A city of Largo handling charge of \$3.50 will be added to each ticket. Call 587-6793 or visit largoparks.com. "Hair" - the Broadway musical live on stage - is at once both a joyous celebration of youth and a poignant journey through a tumultuous 1960s America. This exuberant musical about a group of teenagers searching for truth, peace and love in a Vietnam War era America has struck a resonant chord with audiences of all ages. "Hair" features a long list of chart-topping hit songs such as "Aquarius," "Let the Sun Shine In," "Good Morning," "Starshine" and "Easy To Be Hard." The themes and struggles in "Hair," although from another era, seem vital and relevant to modern times. This performance contains strong language, adult content and nudity and is recommended for mature audiences. This production will feature Michael Newton-Brown as director and James Grenelle as choreographer.

• **Jessy J**, Wednesday, July 16, 7:30 p.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets start at \$16.50. Call 587-6793. Jessy J and her band will perform songs from her latest No. 1 Billboard Charting Jazz Album as well as many other hits. Jessy J was recently featured on the cover of Jazzy Magazine and on the cover of Saxophone Journal Magazine and Latina Style Magazine. Her song

"Tequila Moon" hit the No. 1 spot on the Billboard Jazz chart and received the Contemporary Jazz Song of the Year as well as an award from Billboard Magazine. Her song "Tropical Rain," from her 2009 release, reached the top of the Groove Jazz Music chart and she soon followed with the #1 spot on the Smooth Jazz Top 20 Countdown, as well as the Billboard Jazz charts. All this success has resulted in Jessy J being named Radio and Records Debut Artist of the Year.

• **Terry Bozzio**, Friday, Sept. 5, 8 p.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets start at \$14.95. Call 587-6793 or visit largoparks.com. Bozzio will perform solo drum music on the world's largest tuned drum and percussion set. Drawing from jazz, classical and ethnic percussion styles from around the world, Bozzio is a storyteller, able to weave a hypnotic spell over audiences and enthrall them with an eclectic experience filled with contrast, variety, intimacy, excitement and passion. His live performance will be filled with classical forms and structures, ambient electronic loops, and atmospheric percussion effects, as well as some exciting and fiery drumming that will bring audiences to their feet.

• **Zebra**, Thursday, Sept. 25, 7:30 p.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets are \$24.50. Call 587-6793 or visit largoparks.com. In 1982, Zebra's self-titled debut album went platinum and was the fastest selling debut album in Atlantic Records' history outselling other Atlantic Artists such as Led Zeppelin, Yes and AC/DC. A total of five music videos aired on MTV and gave the band combined album sales of nearly 2 million worldwide with "Who's Behind the Door?", "Tell Me What You Want," "Wait Until the Summer's Gone," "Bears" and "One More Chance." Zebra has been inducted into the Louisiana Music Hall of Fame and is acknowledged as Louisiana's No. 1 Rock and Roll band by the Louisiana Music Commission and they were inducted into the Long Island Music Hall of Fame on October of 2012. Attendees will have an opportunity to see all three original members for a one-night only performance in Largo.

## Clearwater

• **"A Day in Hollywood/A Night in the Ukraine,"** with book and lyrics by Dick Vosburgh and music by Frank Lazarus; July 10-20, at Francis Wilson Playhouse, 302 Seminole St., Clearwater. Tickets are \$22. Call 446-1360 or visit www.franciswilsonplayhouse.org.

• **One Acts Weekend 2014**, July 11-20, at West Coast Players Theatre, 21905 U.S. 19 N., Clearwater. Check with West Coast Players for performance times and ticket prices. Call 437-2363 or visit www.wcplayers.org.

• **Summer Family Festival**, Saturday July 19, 4 p.m., at 1011 Engman St., Clearwater. Sponsored by the Springtime Club, the event will provide an opportunity to celebrate culture, support the family structure and promote neighborhood unity and cohesiveness. Throughout the day, the Springtime Club will introduce its cultural projects, programs and services designed to maximize public benefit, advance the environment and improve the care and maintenance of the community. The Springtime Club creates arts and cultural strategies to help reveal and enhance the underlying identity of our neighborhoods. By taking into consideration all community interests in our projects, programs and services, the club strives to balance the inherent conflicting nature of past, present, and future social values to improve the quality of life in the neighborhood. Call 906-5299.

• **The Fray**, Monday, July 21, 7 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Tickets start at \$43.25. Call 791-7400 or visit www.rutheckerdhal.com. To celebrate the release of their fourth album "Helios," The Fray are planning a national tour that includes a stop at Ruth Eckerd Hall. This will be the band's first concert appearance at Ruth Eckerd Hall since their sold-out date in 2007. Formed in 2002 by schoolmates Issac (Slade) and Joe King, The Fray achieved success with the release of their debut album, "How To Save A Life" in 2005, which was certified double platinum in the United States and platinum in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the UK. Their first single, "Over My Head (Cable Car)" became a top ten hit in the United States and their second single, "How to Save a Life" brought the band worldwide fame.

• **Classic Albums Live performs "Creedence Clearwater Revival: Chronicle,"** Sunday, July 27, 7:30 p.m., at The Capitol, 405 Cleveland St., Clearwater. Tickets start at \$35. Call 791-7400 or visit www.atthe.cap.com. Few bands of the 1960s retained as much a sense of the roots of rock and roll as did Creedence Clearwater Revival. Their music is rife with country, rockabilly and R&B influences, a combination that produced several hit singles including "I Heard It Through the Grapevine," "Lodi," "Susie Q," "Who'll Stop the Rain," "Travelin' Band," "Fortunate Son," "Down On The Corner," "Bad Moon Rising" and "Proud Mary." Anything but a cover band, like a symphony orchestra performing the works of Mozart, Classic Albums Live forgoes the gimmicky of costumes and impersonations, putting the music first. These world-class musicians tackle iconic music, concentrating solely on recreating it faithfully from the original recording.

• **Under The Sun**, Sunday, Aug. 3, 7 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Tickets start at \$49.50. Call 791-7400 or visit www.rutheckerdhal.com. Under The Sun, the annual festival tour celebrating the golden age of alternative pop rock and roll, will return for another summer run, this time starring a spectacular lineup that includes Blues Traveler, Sugar Ray, Uncle Kracker and Smash Mouth. In 2013, the inaugural Under The Sun tour was among the most popular and acclaimed events, earning ecstatic media attention with each stop along the way. Critical applause also came from all corners, with Entertainment Weekly officially declaring UTS13 to be "the coolest tour of the summer."

• **Crosby, Stills & Nash**, Saturday, Aug. 9, 7:30 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Tickets start at \$54.75. Call 791-7400 or visit www.rutheckerdhal.com. On the heels of their sold out March 2014 tour, Crosby, Stills & Nash have announced additional U.S. summer tour dates which includes a stop at Ruth Eckerd Hall. The group will perform songs from their extensive catalogue, as well as new material from each member. Once again, CSN will be accompanied by its backing band featuring Shane Fontayne (guitar), Steve DiStanislaw (drums), Kevin McCormick (bass), James Raymond (keyboards), and Todd Caldwell (organ). More than four decades since CSN first harmonized in Laurel Canyon, and played its first-ever concert as a trio at the legendary Woodstock festival, its members continue a creative partnership that is one of the most influential and enduring in music. David Crosby, Stephen Stills, and Graham Nash have each been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame two times - with Crosby, Stills & Nash, and a second time with The Byrds, Buffalo Springfield and The Hollies, respectively. They are also in the Songwriter's Hall of Fame, honored both for CSN as a group, and as individual solo artists.

## Gulfport

• **USA Dance**, Monday, July 28, 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.

## Indian Rocks Beach

• **Art Teachers' Art Show**, through Aug. 1, at the Beach Art Center, 1515 Bay Palm Blvd., Indian Rocks Beach. The center will present artwork by members of the Pinellas Art Education Association. This exclusive exhibit features more than 60 pieces of mixed medium artwork created by artists who teach art at Pinellas County's elementary, middle and high schools. Summer hours are Monday through Friday, 8:45 a.m. to 4:15 a.m. For information, call 596-4331 or visit www.beachartcenter.org.

## Pinellas Park

• **Bobby Tess and the Dixie Chaps**, Thursday, July 17, 7 to 9:30 p.m., at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park. Sponsored by the Suncoast Dixieland Jazz Society, admission to the event is \$10 for adults and free for students and military members. Visit www.sdjs.org.

• **Regal Railways Train Show**, Saturday, Aug. 23, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Lopez Inc. Hall, 7177 58th St. N., Pinellas Park. Admission is \$5 for adults and free for children 11 and younger. The show will feature plenty of vendors with various train items from N to G Scale models. There is usually a small train layout on display for the children to watch as well as videos playing of trains. For information, call 244-1341 or visit www.regalrailways.com.

## St. Petersburg

• **St. Petersburg Second Saturday Full Moon ArtWalk**, Saturday, July 12, 5 to 9 p.m., in the Waterfront Arts District, Central Arts District, the Edge District, Grand Central District, and the Warehouse Arts District. The studios and galleries will provide an informal, engaging social evening to drop in and meet the community's artists. Many will have demonstrations and refreshments. Some are only open on ArtWalk. Free parking can be found on First Avenue North and First Avenue South from 15th Street to 30th Street. Parking also will be available in large lots at Soft Water Studios, St. Pete Clay Company, the Florida Holocaust Museum and the Clay Center of St. Petersburg. Visit www.stpeteartsalliance.org for a map with parking areas and list of participants.

• The seventh annual **Art in the PARC**, Friday, July 18, 4 to 7 p.m., at Duke Energy, 299 First Ave. N., St. Petersburg. Admission is free. Call 341-6903. This free indoor event will feature more than 1,000 pieces of artwork and jewelry created by PARC artists with developmental disabilities. Attendees also will find food, refreshments and music. All artwork and jewelry sold that evening directly benefits PARC Art Programs as well as the artists. Guests will be able to stroll through the Duke Energy lobby which will be filled with custom paintings, jewelry, pottery, fabric sculptures, and art prints which were all created by PARC Artists with assistance from trained instructors and community volunteers. PARC Artists will be on hand to meet guests and discuss their work.

• **The Marly Music Series featuring Scott Kluksdahl**, cello, Sunday, July 20, 2 p.m., in the Marly Room at the Museum of Fine Arts, 255 Beach Drive NE, St. Petersburg. Tickets cost \$20 for adults and \$10 for students 22 and younger with current ID. Visit www.finearts.org. Admission to the entire museum is included in the ticket price. For information, call 896-2667. One of the area's most gifted musicians, Kluksdahl made his debut with the San Francisco Symphony and has been heard since as an orchestral soloist, recitalist, and chamber musician in music centers around the globe. At the MFA, he will play Brahms' Cello Sonata, Op. 38; two chorale preludes by J.S. Bach (arranged by Kodaly); Robert Schumann's Adagio and

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## Crossword

1	2	3	4	5	6	7		8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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- Across**
- Converts scrambled message
  - Corpse
  - Complacently foolish
  - Ape
  - Runs aground
  - Replaces shoe bottom
  - Circle
  - Bolted
  - 100%
  - Dam
  - King Julien in "Madagascar" movies
  - "\_\_ Ng" (They Might Be Giants song)
  - Masefield play "The Tragedy of \_\_"
  - Derelict
  - And others, for short
  - "Hurry up!" (3 wds)
  - Asian weight units
  - Reduced instruction set computer (acronym)
  - "\_\_ next?" (contraction)
  - Gibberish
  - Breaks into pieces
  - The "O" in S.R.O.
  - Enumerate
  - Chop (off)
  - "Seinfeld" uncle
  - Carry away, in a way
  - Obi, e.g.
  - Flightless flock
  - Blood's partner
  - "Socrate" composer
  - Rose plant fruit
  - Coal miner
  - Erstwhile
  - Fatty
  - Cracker and bun seeds
  - Scholastics

- Down**
- Refuses to acknowledge
  - Besech
  - Light automatic rifle
  - Broadcasting (2 wds)
  - Mar, in a way
  - Antiquity, in antiquity
  - Affecting the entire body
  - Thin, wispy cloud
  - Foreign heads of state
  - Criticize, slangily
  - Above
  - Appraise
  - Without beginning or end
  - Closes securely again
  - Bypass
  - Contact, e.g.
  - Aggravate
  - "\_\_ of Eden"
  - Hunted
  - \_\_ bag
  - Wave with a crest of foam
  - "Unimaginable as \_\_ in Heav'n": Milton
  - Spanish waist-length jackets
  - Buttercup family member
  - Women's shirt-like garments
  - Cicatrix
  - Jubilance
  - Most flushed
  - Globes
  - Time in power
  - Runs off (with)
  - Minute marine animal with a transparent body
  - "La Scala di \_\_" (Rossini opera)
  - Tried to get home, maybe
  - "Get \_\_!"
  - "\_\_ to Billie Joe"

## Sudoku

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

Place a Number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

## Sudoku answers

### from last week

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

### Crossword answers

#### from last week

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N	E	S	T	A	T	O	N	E	F	L	O	N

## Horoscopes

### July 3, 2014

## Capricorn

December 22 - January 19

Patience, Capricorn. All will be revealed in good time. A series of memos kicks off a project. Gather your team and start divvying up the tasks.

## Aquarius

January 20 - February 18

A mission in organization comes to a grinding halt. Do what you can to rally the troops, Aquarius. A health crisis passes for a friend. Invite them over for a little celebration.

## Pisces

February 19 - March 20

Push-pull, push-pull, push-pull. You will be yanked in many directions this week, Pisces. Do what you can, but don't be afraid to say no.

## Aries

March 21 - April 19

Rats, Aries. Just when you thought you were making progress, you encounter a bump in the road. Lucky for you, it's a small bump.

## Taurus

April 20 - May 20

Easy does it, Taurus. Push too hard, and things are sure to come undone very quickly. A special occasion ends with quite the bang!

## Gemini

May 21 - June 21

Good friends and good food are on tap this week. Enjoy every minute, Gemini. Busy times are ahead. Renovations begin. Scheduling is of the essence.

## Cancer

June 22 - July 22

Privacy is of the utmost importance. Be discreet in everything you do, Cancer. A financial review uncovers a surplus. Put it to good use.

## Leo

July 23 - August 22

Kindness and tact will go a long way toward bringing about a satisfactory resolution at work, Leo. An idea is not as crazy as it seems.

## Virgo

August 23 - September 22

Hold on, Virgo. Help is on the way. It takes courage to uphold your convictions. Be brave and others will follow. A recipe stands the test of time.

## Libra

September 23 - October 22

Waste not, want not, Libra. Look for ways to implement the three Rs in and around your home, and your pocketbook will thank you. A date is set.

## Scorpio

October 23 - November 21

Geez, Scorpio. You've done everything possible in your power. You can't help someone who does not want to be helped. Give it a rest.

## Sagittarius

November 22 - December 21

At last, Sagittarius. You finally reach a goal. Celebrate with a small purchase. It's time to play catch-up at home. You won't believe what you've missed.

Opening this weekend

'Tammy' pairs McCarthy, Sarandon; family film 'Earth to Echo' opens

Compiled by LEE CLARK ZUMPE

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

**'Tammy'**

Genre: Comedy  
 Cast: Melissa McCarthy, Susan Sarandon, Allison Janney, Gary Cole, Mark Duplass, Toni Collette, Nat Faxon, Dan Aykroyd and Kathy Bates  
 Director: Ben Falcone  
 Rated: R  
 Melissa McCarthy and Susan Sarandon star in New Line Cinema's comedy "Tammy," marking Ben Falcone's directorial debut. Tammy (McCarthy) is having a bad day. She's totaled her clunker car, gotten fired from her thankless job at a greasy burger joint, and instead of finding comfort at home, finds her husband getting comfortable with the neighbor in her own house.

It's time to take her boom box and book it. The bad news is she's broke and without wheels. The worse news is her grandma, Pearl (Sarandon), is her only option - with a car, cash, and an itch to see Niagara Falls. Not exactly the escape Tammy had in mind. But on the road, with grandma riding shotgun, it may be just what Tammy needs.

**'Earth to Echo'**

Genre: Animation, adventure and science fiction  
 Cast: Teo Halm, Brian "Astro" Bradley, Reese Hartwig and Ella Linnea Wahlstedt  
 Director: Dave Green  
 Rated: PG  
 In Relativity's PG summer family adventure movie, Tuck, Munch and Alex are a trio of inseparable friends whose lives are about to change. Their neighborhood is being



Above, Susan Sarandon stars as Pearl and Melissa McCarthy as Tammy in New Line Cinema's comedy "Tammy," a Warner Bros. Pictures release. At right, from left, Ella Linnea Wahlstedt, Reese Hartwig, Teo Halm and Astro star in Relativity Media's "Earth to Echo."

destroyed by a highway construction project that is forcing their families to move away. But just two days before they must part ways, the boys begin receiving a strange series of signals on their phones. Convinced something bigger is going on, they team up with another school friend, Emma, and set out to look for the source of their phone signals. What they discover is something beyond their wildest imaginations: a small alien who has become stranded on Earth. In need of their help, the four friends come together to protect the alien and help him find his way home.

This journey, full of wonder and adventure, is their story, and their secret.

**'Deliver Us From Evil'**

Genre: Supernatural thriller  
 Cast: Eric Bana, Edgar Ramirez, Olivia Munn, Sean Harris and Joel McHale  
 Director: Scott Derrickson  
 Rated: R  
 In "Deliver Us From Evil," New York police officer Ralph Sarchie (Eric Bana), struggling with his own personal issues, begins investigating a series of disturbing and inexplicable crimes. He joins forces with an unconventional priest (Edgar Ramirez), schooled in the rituals of exorcism, to combat the frightening and demonic possessions that are terrorizing their city. The film is inspired by the book, which details Sarchie's bone-chilling real-life cases.

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

**'School Dance'**

Genre: Comedy  
 Cast: Bobb'e J. Thompson, Luenell, Mike Epps, George Lopez, Katt Williams, Wilmer Valderrama, Dashawn Omar Blanks, Langston Alexander Higgins, Julian Alexander Goins, Kristinia DeBarge, Melissa Molinaro, Jasmine Sanders, Amber Rose, Jim Breuer, Jessica Kirson, Efrén Ramirez, Lil Duval, Anthony "Scruncho" McKinley, Earl Benjamin and Dominic Anthony Thomas  
 Director: Nick Cannon  
 Rated: R

**'Life Itself'**

Genre: Documentary  
 Cast: Roger Ebert and Chaz Ebert  
 Director: Steve James  
 Rated: R  
 Acclaimed director Steve James



Photo by PATRICK WYMORE/RML ECHO FILMS

High school student Jason has found his dream girl - the gorgeous Anastacia. There's just one problem: She doesn't know he exists. If he can win a spot on the school's hottest dance crew, Jason might have a shot. But before he does, he'll have to overcome his battle-ax of a mother, survive Anastacia's gangsta brother, and pass the crew's initiation - in this fresh, sexy, and outrageously funny comedy.

Based on his bestselling memoir of the same name, "Life Itself" explores the legacy of Roger Ebert's life, from his Pulitzer Prize-winning film criticism at the Chicago Sun-Times to becoming one of the most influential cultural voices in America.

For more movie news, visit www.TBNweekly.com. Click on the "Movie News & Reviews" link on the left-side menu.

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Allegro, Op. 70; "Nimrod" from Elgar's Enigma Variations, Op. 36; three pieces by Nadia Boulanger; and Astor Piazzolla's "The Grand Tango."

• **Vans Warped Tour.** Friday, July 25, 11 a.m., Vinoy Park, 500 Bay Shore Drive, St. Petersburg. Tickets start at \$58.50. Visit www.vanswarpedtour.com. This summer's diverse tour lineup will feature For Today, Stray From the Path, Air Dubai, Mixtapes, Teenage Bottlerocket, Mayday Parade, Attila, The Protomen, Tear Out the Heart, Plague Vendor, Saves the Day, A Skylit Drive, I the Mighty, Beartooth, The Devil Wears Prada, The Ready Set, Chunk! No, Captain Chunk!, NF, GriT, The Color Morale, Enter Shikari, Anberlin, Issues, Cute Is What We Aim For, Survive This!, Crown the Empire, The Maine, Volumes and many more.

• **"One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest,"** by Dale Wasserman, adapted from the novel by Ken Kesey; Aug. 1-31, at freeFall Theatre, 6099 Central Ave., St. Petersburg. Performances are Thursday, 7 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. Matinees are Saturday and Sunday, 2 p.m. Call 498-5205 or visit www.freefalltheatre.com.

• **Yes,** Saturday, Aug. 2, 8 p.m., at The Mahaffey Theater, 400 First St. S., St. Petersburg. Tick-

ets start at \$49.50. Call 893-7832 or visit www.themahaffey.com. Yes, the iconic British progressive rock band from the 1970s, comes to The Mahaffey Theater for its 2014 summer tour. They will perform their first two classic albums in their entirety and more. It will be a first-time ever event when Yes performs every song on Fragile, the 1971 groundbreaking album. Following "Fragile," the group will perform a run-through of 1972's "Close to the Edge" and an encore of the band's greatest hits. During the night's encore, the group - bassist Chris Squire, guitarist Steve Howe, drummer Alan White, keyboardist Geoff Downes and singer Jon Davison - will offer a sneak listen and perform material from their upcoming July 8 release "Heaven and Earth." Chris Squire and Jon Anderson founded Yes in 1968 and created some of the most important and influential music in rock history. "Fragile," which sold more than two million copies, peaked at No. 4 on the Billboard Album charts in the United States. "Close to the Edge," a gold-certified album, charted in the U.S. for 32 weeks, peaking at No. 3. It was named one of the "100 Greatest Guitar Albums of All Time" by Guitar World in 2006 and is widely regarded as one of the greatest progressive rock albums ever recorded. Yes has sold more than 50 million

records during its 46-year career. Iconic songs include "Roundabout," "Close to the Edge," "I've Seen All Good People" and "Owner of a Lonely Heart."

• **The Marly Music Series featuring Gary Schocker,** flute, and Jason Vieaux, guitar; Sunday, Aug. 3, 2 p.m., in the Marly Room at the Museum of Fine Arts, 255 Beach Drive NE, St. Petersburg. Tickets cost \$20 for adults and \$10 for students 22 and younger with current ID. Visit www.fine-arts.org. Admission to the entire museum is included in the ticket price. For information, call 896-2667. These two museum favorites demonstrate extraordinary rapport. Both have pursued exciting solo careers and bring the very best of their talent and their eclectic musical interests to their joint concerts. Their inventive program includes Vivaldi's Sonata in G Minor, Op. 13, No. 6 ("The Faithful Shepherd"), "Café 1930" and "Bordel 1900" from Astor Piazzolla's L'histoire du Tango, Antônio Carlos Jobim's A Felicidade (arranged by Roland Dyens), and three works by Mr. Schocker, including the world premiere of Mysterious Barcodes.

**Tampa**  
 • **Marvel Universe LIVE!** July 10-13, at the Tampa Bay Times Forum, 401 Channelside Drive, Tampa. Performances will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.; and Sunday, 5 p.m. Matinees will be Saturday, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 p.m. Tickets start at \$40. Call 800-745-3000 or visit www.ticketmaster.com. The show will feature the most Marvel characters ever assembled in one production. This high-caliber arena spectacular will put fans right in the middle of one of the most electrifying battles between good and evil ever conceived. Produced by Feld Entertainment, Marvel Universe LIVE! will captivate audiences with an authentic and original story that brings more than 25 Marvel characters together on one epic quest. The story is framed around the battle over the Cosmic Cube, the source of ultimate power and one of the most feared and coveted treasures in the Marvel Universe, that has been shattered into pieces by the Mighty Thor in order to prevent it from falling into the wrong hands. With the pieces scattered across the globe, Thor's villainous brother Loki devises a scheme to clone its

powers, inciting a threat that could not only decimate Earth but also obliterate the Universe.

• **Enchanting Experimental Music.** Saturday, July 12, 9 p.m., at Sacred Grounds Coffeehouse, 4819 East Busch Blvd., Tampa. Admission is free. Call 813-983-0837. The event will feature performances by Raleigh, North Carolina based trombone/marimba duo Summerglenn and local noise artist Rest in Satin Silence.

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# Arts & entertainment

## St. Petersburg City Theatre to host auditions

ST. PETERSBURG – St. Petersburg City Theatre will host auditions for "Black Comedy" Monday and Tuesday, July 21-22, 7 p.m., at the theater, 4025 31st St. S., St. Petersburg.

There will be a six-week rehearsal period. Actors are encouraged to attend the first night of auditions as the second night will be considered a callback and only a limited number of new applicants will be seen. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script.

Casting needs are as follows:

- Brindley Miller, age 19-27: A young sculptor, intelligent and attractive, but nervous and uncertain of himself. A physically demanding role requiring athletic abilities.
- Carol Melkett, age 19-25: His fiancée. A young debutante; very pretty, very spoiled; very silly.
- Miss Furnival, age 55-70: Prissy and refined. Clad in the blouse and sack skirt of her gentility, her hair in a bun, her voice in a bun, she reveals only the repressed gestures of the middle-class spinster – until alcohol undoes her.
- Colonel Melkett, age 55-70: Carol's commanding father. Brisk, barking, yet given to sudden vocal calms, which suggest a deep and alarming instability. It is not only the constant darkness that gives him his look of wide-eyed suspicion.
- Harold Gorringer, age 35-55: The bachelor owner of an antique-china shop, and Brindley's neighbor. His friendship is highly conditional and possessive: sooner or later, payment for it will be asked. A specialist in emotional blackmail, he can become hysterical when slighted, or (as inevitably happens) rejected. He is older than Brindley by several years.

• Schuppanzigh, age 35-55: A German refugee, chubby, demented, and effervescent. He is an entirely happy man, delighted to be in England, even if this means being employed full time by the London Electricity Board.

• Clea, age 19-27: Brindley's ex-mistress. Mid-20s, emotional, bright and mischievous. The challenge to her to create a dramatic situation out of the darkness is ultimately irresistible.

• Georg Bamberger: An elderly millionaire art collector, easily identifiable as such. Like the electrician, he is a German.

"Black Comedy," written by Peter Shaffer and directed by Rob Colwell, will run Sept. 12-28 at St. Petersburg City Theatre as part of the theater's 90th season. Set in 1965, "Black Comedy" involves a struggling artist about to meet both his fiancée's father and a major art investor on the same evening. In an attempt to impress, the artist has borrowed a room full of antique furniture from his vacationing neighbor. As preparations are made for the evening, the apartment building loses power. Much more is revealed about the artist than he ever wanted brought to light.

Performances will be Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m. Matinees will be Sundays, 2 p.m.

For information, call 866-2059 or visit [www.spcitytheatre.org](http://www.spcitytheatre.org).

## Belly dance show features Lacey Sanchez

ST. PETE BEACH – Hip Expressions Belly Dance Studio will host its monthly 1001 Nights belly dance show on Friday, July 11 at St. Petersburg Nights Russian Restaurant & Dinner Theatre, 6800 Sunset Way, St. Pete Beach. Doors open at 7 p.m., and the show is followed by a dance party with live music by Boris & Sax. Cost is \$15 for the

public, \$10 for Hip Expressions members, and \$5 for children.

This month's featured dancer, Lacey Sanchez of Orlando, will bring down the house with her "snakey" moves, incredible flexibility and stunning isolations. Sanchez began her journey into tribal belly dance at age 15 in southern California and almost immediately began performing at tribal events and other venues. She danced throughout high school and pursued a dance degree at Victor Valley Community College, studying ballet, jazz, modern, and ballroom dances as well. Sanchez studied, taught and performed belly dance and cabaret style for four years in central Florida before her love of tribal belly dance was reignited. She launched Florida Tribal Dance in November 2006 and is currently the director of Florida Tribal Dance Troupes Black V, Blue Caravan, and Silver Sage. With more than 15 years of experience, she is an active performer and teacher.

While in town, Sanchez will also offer a belly dance workshop on Saturday, July 12, noon to 2 p.m. at Hip Expressions Belly Dance Studio, 2033 54th Ave. N., St. Petersburg. She will break down some of her favorite fusion moves, work on proper posture and arms and teach some fun and challenging combos that can be linked together for a short choreography or worked into one's own dance. All levels are welcome. Cost is \$35 by Saturday, July 5 or \$45 after that date. Call 251-5241 or visit [www.hip-expressions.com](http://www.hip-expressions.com).

The 1001 Nights dance showcase will also include performances from Hip Expressions students, teachers and professional dancers.

The 1001 Nights show takes place on the second Friday of each month. A full menu is available at the show, as well as a full bar with the finest Eastern European vodkas and beer. For reservations, call 363-3832. For performance or vending space, call 727-251-5241.

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During the films, the museum galleries will be closed. Visitors can return during normal museum operating hours to view the permanent collection and special exhibition, *Marvels of Illusion*, which runs through Oct. 12.

The films will be offered rain or shine – films will be shown inside the museum's Raymond James Community Room in the case of inclement weather.

For information, call 823-3767 or visit [TheDali.org](http://TheDali.org).

### JAZZ, from page 1B

With her first recording, "Tequila Moon," she realized her dream.

## 'Tequila Moon' and beyond

Jessy J released her debut studio album, "Tequila Moon," in March 2008 on Peak Records.

All songs on the album were mixed, recorded and produced by Paul Brown. The album featured a number of talented studio musicians, such as Dave Beyer on drums and percussion, Paul Brown on guitar, Kiki Ebsen on piano and strings and Richie Gajate-Garcia on percussion.

"Tequila Moon" earned high praise from critics and helped propel the hopeful musician beyond session-player status.

Her 2009 follow-up, "True Love," reinforced her standing as a talented newcomer to the contemporary jazz scene.

The hit "Tropical Rain" from "True Love" reached the No. 1 spot on the Smooth Jazz Top 20 Countdown, as well as the R&B and Billboard jazz charts. Jessy appeared on the October 2009 covers of *Saxophone Journal* and *Latina Style Magazine* in February 2010. In September 2010, the American Society of Composers,

Authors and Publishers selected this multitalented musician for its prestigious ASCAPLUS writing award.

Jessy's third album, "Hot Sauce," was released in September 2011 on Heads Up International.

The album highlights her collaborations with some of today's most prominent contemporary jazz musicians, including guitarists Paul Brown and Ray Parker Jr., keyboardists Joe Sample and Gregg Karukas, and drummer Harvey Mason of Fourplay. "Hot Sauce" showcases eight original songs along with adventurous new arrangements of Francis Anthony "Eg" White's pop hit "Leave Right Now" and Duke Ellington's jazz classic "In a Sentimental Mood."

## 'Second Chances'

Last year, Jessy J released her fourth studio album, "Second Chances."

The self-produced recording features collaborations with Grammy Award nominated keyboardist-producer Jeff Lorber, Grammy Award-winning guitarist Norman Brown, renowned bassist Jimmy Haslip (formerly with The Yellowjackets) and legendary pianist Joe Sample.

As a press release promoting "Second Chances" points out, the album is a major milestone for the artist as she takes over the reins as the producer of the new album. Simultaneously, "Second Chances" represents a course change for Jessy, who purposely set out to meld her love for jazz and Latin rhythms with R&B grooves.

The album title, "Second

Chances," developed out of the theme that it's never too late to try again.

"Getting a second chance to do something that you messed up on the first time," Jessy explains in the press release. "In this case, for me it was with something that happened the previous year. I realized that this year I had a second chance and every day is new, is fresh. The title track is really an inspirational song about doing something you really want to do."

Some of the songs on "Second Chances," released by Shanachie Entertainment, feature "two" in the title – including the first single, "Listen 2 The Groove," co-written by Lorber; "Tango for Two," "Dos," "Twice" and "Double Trouble."

The 10-song set features eight originals and two covers including the Roberta Flack hit "Feel Like Makin' Love" and the Sergio Mendes classic "Magalena."

"I like to play music that people will recognize and connect to and be familiar with and also play music that's original, that really inspires them and creates new memories," Jessy says in the press release.

Jessy, a big fan of '60s and '70s music, chose to include Flack's hit "Feel Like Makin' Love."

"Roberta is a gorgeous singer," she says. "We felt that we could redo it in a way that would make it special again and also make it more current. I always thought of it kind of in a Robin Thicke mode with the recurring guitar theme. It also has a Brazilian vibe, the vocals are laid back and almost in a

## Jessy J performs July 16 at Largo Cultural Center.



hushed tone. And it's completely re-harmonized. I like arranging music and harmonizing it."

Jessy's passion for Latin music shines through on the Sergio

Mendes classic "Magalena," one of her all-time favorite Brazilian tunes.

On "Dos" a lovely guitar intro gives way to Jessy on both flute and soprano saxophone.

"That song is a really sexy song," she says. "It's about two things: the good and the bad. Sections of the music had a reflective feeling that was dark and then other parts of the music were light. We wanted to have the alter ego – two things. One of my heroes is Grover Washington Jr. He's my favorite soprano saxophonist and I always think of him when I'm playing that instrument."

"Second Chances" may be all about getting the chance to do something over again, but for Jessy this album is a celebration of firsts as well. In addition to taking on the role of producer for the first time, she was able to work with two new artists on her "wish list" through her collaborations with Jeff Lorber and Norman Brown.

The Mexican-American saxophonist/singer/songwriter has a lot to look forward to as she continues to enjoy the success of her hard work and dedication.

"It's a great life and I'm grateful for it," Jessy says. "It's going to be a good year."

Her performance at Largo Cultural Center promises to be equally good with a blistering mix of contemporary jazz, Latin and samba rhythms and enchanting melodies from Jessy's new album, "Second Chances," and her previous releases.

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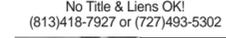
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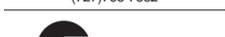
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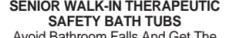
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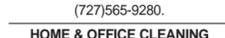
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# Madeira Way welcomes the second Madeira Beach Craft Festival

By LEE CLARK ZUMPE

MADEIRA BEACH – Following last year's success, Madeira Beach will welcome back its summer craft show, a two-day festival that showcases a wide variety of original craft media.

The second annual Madeira Beach Craft Festival will run Saturday and Sunday, July 5-6, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Madeira Way between Gulf Boulevard and 150th Avenue.

The juried outdoor festival will feature original and affordable crafts as well as unique gift items and functional art. Prices are set to suit all budgets and range from \$3 to \$3,000. The eclectic mix of original handcrafted art, crafts and functional art will appeal to craft enthusiasts as well as serious shoppers looking for unique gifts. A Green Market will offer a wide array of exotic plants, as well as dips and other gourmet items. Admission is free and open to the public.

In order to ensure a superior event with quality affordable original crafts, all of the local and national crafters have been hand-selected from hundreds of applicants by American Craft Endeavors, the largest producer of craft fairs throughout the country.

The festival will feature a wide variety of craft media including folk art, pottery, personalized gifts, handmade clothing, basket weaving, beaded utensils, candles, cork assemblage, fabric design, fiber quilts, fused wax & glass, hair accessories, handbags & accessories, handmade cards, leather, mosaic, wood, painted wood, plaster craft and stained glass.

Following is a partial list of exhibitors scheduled to participate in this year's craft festival:

- Steve and Judy Archbold of Ossian, Indiana – Wood
- Gissell and William Barbour of Sebring – Jewelry
- Mickey D. and Mike Bradham of Homosassa – Ceramics
- Randy Brooks of Fort White – Sculpture
- Kaysea and Matthew Bruce of Gainesville – Pet accessories
- Janet Campagna of South Orleans, Massachusetts – Clothing
- Walter Catts of Palmetto – Furniture
- Melanie Cech of Spring Hill – Glass
- Dennis Collins of Naples – Jewelry
- Lucie Davis of Oakland Park – Fiber
- Jessica Elwood of Bradenton – Painting
- Carol Generoso of Osprey – Jewelry
- Randy Giamporcaro of Tampa – Jewelry
- Segundo Gomez of Miami – Jewelry
- Annette and Gerry Kapfer of St. Pete Beach – Jewelry
- Sindi Karman of Melbourne – Home goods
- Peter Lakiotis of Clearwater – Pet accessories
- Cynthia Linden of Gulfport – Mixed media
- Lorrie Mason of Tampa – Jewelry
- Andres Medina of St. Petersburg – Fiber
- Malinda Ratliff of West Palm Beach – Home goods
- John Roessler of Brooksville – Jewelry
- Rasa Saldaitis of Gulfport – Painting
- Robin Short of Gulfport – Fiber
- Denise Smith of Weirsdale – Jewelry
- Trae Stokes – of Pinellas Park – Food
- Lora and Bob Thomas of Sarasota – Pottery
- Miriam Valido of Lutz – Miscellaneous
- Marina Vega of Kissimmee – Jewelry

- Joe Weinstein of Clearwater – Stone
  - Richard Wise of Lady Lake – Photography
  - Barrie Wolfson of Seminole – Home goods
- According to American Craft Endeavors, the jury process is ongoing and this list of exhibitors has not been finalized.

Annette and Gerry Kapfer of St. Pete Beach have become regular exhibitors at American Craft Endeavors shows.

According to her website, Annette spent most of her childhood and early teenage years just outside of Oslo, Norway, where she fell in love with nature and the ever changing oceans.

"Long summers days on the water was spent digging by the shore and exploring sea life," Annette said in her artist biography. "After college and marriage, my husband and I decided city life was no longer on top of our list. I missed the sounds and smell of salt water and could not really get used to New York City. We packed up and left New York for Florida and St. Pete Beach."

Already a long time collector of glass objects, it was a natural transition for Annette to create her own aquariums in her studio using dichroic glass.

"The magical properties of this glass with its bright colors and intense reflective qualities are the perfect palette for capturing the spirit of the restless ocean and it's communities of colorful sea creatures," she said. "My kiln-fused dichroic glass is creatively patch-worked, almost quilted, creating 3D views of nature's art."

Each piece is signed, individually handmade and completely unique. Using only the highest quality art glass, Annette creates each piece using a technique similar to that of a mosaic artist. "Each piece is fired and carefully annealed to eliminate stress in the glass and to ensure strength and durability so your customers can consider them heirloom quality," she explained. "While my technique is time consuming, the results are appreciated as stunning earrings and pendants are admired by jewelry collectors and nature lovers alike."

Annette resides in St. Pete Beach with her husband Gerry, their daughter Karianne and their dachshund Bubba.

Another Pinellas crafter participating in this year's festival is Robin Short of Gulfport.

Short has been quilting and sewing for most of her life and has been inspired by her mother, Ellen Plankey, who is a well-known award winning artist. Short loves putting together great fabrics, colors and high quality products to create usable, and unique items for her customers.

Short has been exhibiting her work with American Craft Endeavors for more than five years.

Artist Rasa Saldaitis of Pinellas Park was born in 1965 in Vilnius, Lithuania.

"Since the seventh grade, art was one of my specialties and I have loved art ever since," Saldaitis said in a biography that appears on her website. "By the eighth grade, I was attending art school and graduated top of my class."

She went on to attend the V. Muchina Academy of Applied Arts University in St. Petersburg, Russia, studying realistic drawing and painting. From 1984 to 1989, she was being trained to be an instructor at Siauliai Pedagogical University in Siauliai, Lithuania.

"During that time, I competed in many art competitions and student art shows," Saldaitis said. "With my high grades I was very successful in my shows and competitions. I received my master's degree from Siauliai Pedagogical University in 1989.



Photo by RICHARD D. WISE

Richard Wise plans on exhibiting his breathtaking nature photography – such as this beach scene – at this year's Madeira Beach Craft Festival July 5-6.

She and her husband began exhibiting and selling their artwork in eastern and western Europe, eventually opening their own art studio in 1991 – becoming one of the first private business owners to establish a business after the Soviet Union collapsed.

In 1994, the couple and their two children moved to the United States, first settling in Chicago, Illinois and later relocating to Pinellas.

"We continued to create and sell our art work in galleries as well as art festivals," Saldaitis said. "My oil and acrylic paintings represent my love for color and the world around me. I feel that every artist dips his brush in his soul and paints his own nature into his paintings."

Richard D. Wise is a nature photographer based in Lady Lake.

Wise has been in the photographic business for 40 years, serving as a Navy photographer in Vietnam and later as an aerial photographer in the Pacific and in Washington, D.C. Wise photographed former President Nixon's inauguration and other political events. He also worked as a photographic technician for NASA in Greenbelt, Maryland.

Because of his lifelong outdoor background, Wise eventually gravitated to the world of nature photography. His photographs have been published in magazines, calendars, and have earned high honors in regional photography competitions.

American Craft Endeavors produces some of the nation's most exciting high-end juried craft shows in many of Florida's vibrant downtown areas and popular tourist destinations. The group's founders personally select unique, culture rich cities for their show locations providing a complete outdoor experience unmatched by other festivals. All crafters are hand-selected from hundreds of applicants in order to ensure a superior event featuring



Photo by ROBIN SHORT

Robin Short of Gulfport brings her functional fabric art – such as this insulated bottle carrier – to the Madeira Beach Craft Festival July 5-6.

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For information, visit [www.artfestival.com](http://www.artfestival.com).

## Museum of Fine Arts, Tampa Museum of Art celebrate Chinese rock and roll

ST. PETERSBURG – Chinese rock and roll takes center stage with a lecture by author/musician Jonathan Campbell and the first concert in the area by ReTROS (Rebuilding the Rights of Statues).

These special events will be presented in conjunction with the major exhibition, "My Generation: Young Chinese Artists," which continues at the Museum of Fine Arts in St. Petersburg and the Tampa Museum of Art through Sunday, Sept. 28.

Red Rock: The Long, Strange March of Chinese Rock & Roll – An Introduction to China's Contemporary Music Scene by Jonathan Campbell, will be presented Wednesday, July 16, 6:30 p.m. Cost to attend the lecture is \$5 and includes admission to the entire museum.

Campbell lived in Beijing from 2000 to 2010 and

was immersed in the rock scene as a drummer, chronicler, promoter, agent and friend. His writing has appeared in a range of international publications. He has booked Chinese tours for dozens of bands from around the world and taken Chinese bands to Europe and the United States.

The lecture will focus on the history of yaogun (Chinese rock), which emerged not from underground music scenes, but from a near vacuum after the turmoil of the Cultural Revolution (1966-1976) and its resulting disillusionment.

Campbell has attended international music conferences as part of Chinese delegations and preached the yaogun gospel at music and literary festivals, schools, universities and venues around the globe. He has been called a "stalwart of the Chi-

nese music scene," "an instrumental behind-the-scenes (figure)," "the busiest man in Beijing showbiz," and "the Dr. [Norman] Bethune of China's rock scene." He now lives in Toronto.

"Red Rock: The Long, Strange March of Chinese Rock & Roll" is Campbell's first book. Copies will be available for purchase in the museum store. He will sign copies after his lecture. For information, visit [jonathanwcampbell.com](http://jonathanwcampbell.com).

Coinciding with the museum's recurring UN-CHARTED Random Acts of Culture, which are presented third Thursdays, 5 to 8 p.m., ReTROS (Rebuilding the Rights of Statues) will perform off-site Thursday, July 17, 7 to 11 p.m., at Local 662, 662 Central Ave., St. Petersburg.

Tickets are \$12 for the concert only or \$15 for a combo ticket that includes the concert and lecture by Jonathan Campbell on July 16 at the MFA.

Tickets can be purchased online at [www.finearts.org/red-rock/](http://www.finearts.org/red-rock/), at the MFA, or at the door the night of the performance.

ReTROS released their debut EP, "Cut Off," on Modern Sky Records in 2005. During the recording sessions, the group attracted the attention of the legendary Brian Eno, who provided guest keyboards on several tracks. ReTROS has combed the Internet (which is strictly regulated in China), black-market

CDs, mix-tapes and the music they have heard abroad for inspiration. Frontman Hua Dong cites bands like Bauhaus, Joy Division, Television, and Pere Ubu as some of his greatest influences.

Raised by Nanjing intellectuals, Hua Dong was exposed to rock at an early age and began writing songs and playing instruments in his teens. After studying abroad in Germany, he returned to Nanjing, where he began drumming for seminal Chinese rockers PK14.

He met bassist Liu Min in the Nanjing underground music scene, and the pair eventually drifted to Beijing in 2003, where they were introduced to drummer Ma Hui. Hua Dong switched to guitar, and the indie-rock band Rebuilding the Rights of Statues was born. The trio soon began electrifying Beijing audiences with their darkly riveting, powerful performances.

In 2007, ReTROS toured the United States and performed at SXSW (South by Southwest Festival) in Austin, which garnered press in the New York Times, the Chicago Tribune, and the Village Voice, among others. While in New York, the band appeared on ABC's "The Mix" and was later featured on NPR. ReTROS has since released its first full-length album, "Watch Out! Climate Has Changed, Fat Mum Rises."

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