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**POLICE BEAT**

### Man arrested for sex with minor

LARGO - Pinellas County Sheriff's Office detectives arrested a 22-year-old male July 15 for lewd and lascivious battery on a 14-year-old female. The victim told her mother that she had engaged in sexual activity with the suspect on or around May 1 in the Oldsmar area. The suspect was identified as Matthew A. Lopez of Largo. ... Page 7A.

**BUSINESS**



### Culinary event raises \$6,000

About 100 guests attended the inaugural Chef's Showcase, a culinary extravaganza at the Royal Palms in Largo July 17, to help raise more than \$6,000 in scholarships for youth caregivers. The Goodman Group hosted the event featuring eight well-known Florida chefs from Largo, Naples and Spring Hill. ... Page 10A.

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## Pinellas County election coverage

# Primary not just for Republicans

Nonpartisan races and local referendum also on the ballot Aug. 26

By SUZETTE PORTER

In Pinellas County, registered Republicans have the most decisions to make during the Aug. 26 primary election, but Democrats and independents also have choices at the state and local level.

Republicans and Democrats will pick their candidates to continue on to the November general election for governor and lieutenant governor and state representative.

Republicans also will choose a candidate for state senator. Democrats will pick a candidate for attorney general.

Locally, Republicans also will pick candidates for Districts 2 and 4 county commission races. District 2 is an at-large position and all eligible voters countywide can participate in that election. District 4 is a single member position and only voters in the district can participate.

The commission race for District 6, also a single member position, is a Universal Primary. Only two candidates qualified and both are Republicans. However, per state law, all voters in the district, regardless of political affiliation will vote in a universal primary, since there is no candidate to run against in November. The winner of the primary will be the winner of the race.

All registered voters also are eligible to

vote Aug. 26 in nonpartisan elections, which include a Sixth Circuit judge race and school board positions in districts 2, 3, 4 and 6. A county referendum question also appears on the ballot.

The last day to register to vote or change party affiliation is July 28. Mail ballots are scheduled to go out July 22. Early voting is set for Aug. 16-24.

For more election information, visit [www.voteinpinellas.com](http://www.voteinpinellas.com).

### County commission District 2

## Two vie for Republican candidate in District 2

By SUZETTE PORTER

Former State Representative Ed Hooper is challenging incumbent Pinellas County Commissioner Norm Roche for the District 2 seat in the Aug. 26 primary. The winner of the primary election will face Democrat Pat Gerard in November.

District 2 includes portions of Tarpon Springs, Palm Harbor, Dunedin, Clearwater, Belleair Beach, Belleair Shore, Indian Rocks Beach, Belleair Bluffs and Largo. The seat is an at-large position; registered Republicans, regardless of where they live, are eligible to help choose a candidate to run in the November election.



Norm Roche



Ed Hooper

#### About the candidates

**Roche**, 52, lives in Dunedin. He has lived in Pinellas for 43 years. He and his

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### County commission District 6

## Universal Primary to decide District 6 winner

By SUZETTE PORTER

Tom Rask is challenging incumbent John Morroni in the Aug. 26 universal primary, which will decide the winner of the District 6 County Commission seat.

Republicans and Democrats who live in the district can vote in this election.

District 6 stretches from east to west and along the beach and includes portions of Largo, St. Petersburg, Seminole and Pinellas Park, as well as St. Pete Beach, North Redington Beach, Redington Beach, Redington Shores, Madeira Beach and Treasure Island.



John Morroni



Tom Rask

#### About the candidates

**Morroni**, 59, resides in Treasure Island. He has lived in the county for 34

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## Young Largo surfer competes in championship

By JULIANA A. TORRES

LARGO - Logan Hofstetter, 11, like any competitive surfer, pays close attention to weather patterns, winds and storms. Catching waves big enough for him to surf can be a bit of a challenge - based, as he is from Largo, closest to the often-lackluster Gulf waves.

But it's nothing Logan's focused self-motivation can't handle. He and his father, Mike Hofstetter, travel to prime surfing spots on both Florida's west and east coasts to catch the best waves. They're usually trekking across the state on the weekends.

"It's nothing for me to ... get 20 texts: 'The wind's blowing.' 'When are we going?' 'Where are we going?' 'The truck's loaded.' 'Let's go.' 'I don't care about your meeting.' 'Let's move,'" Mike explained with a smile. "Things of that nature is what we deal with."

Mike and his wife, Debbie, are proud of their son and his determination. And they admit that they had a part in his love for the beach.

"We've always been water people," said Debbie. "Logan's been in the water since he was a baby."

When he was a toddler, Logan saw kids skimboarding in the light surf of local beaches and decided he wanted to try it, Debbie said. His parents got him a cheap skimboard to start, but Logan was more serious about the venture than they expected.

"He's 2 and a half, dragging it across the beach," Debbie said. "We realized then: he's got something special."

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Logan Hofstetter, 11, of Largo warms up for a Gnarly Charley Grom Surf Series competition in Melbourne Beach July 12. This year, Logan qualified for the National Scholastic Surfing Association National Championship, held in Huntington Beach, California, June 26 to July 3. Photo courtesy of CHARLEY HAJEK

## Barley Mow brewery celebrates anniversary, new expansion

By BRIAN GOFF

LARGO - The second anniversary of the Barley Mow Brewing Company July 19 was a testament to the success of a business with humble beginnings, at a time when the business is expanding.

The brewery, at 518 West Bay Drive, began in a home, when Jay and Colleen Dingman started brewing beer for their personal consumption. And while home brewing is fairly common, the growth of the resulting business however is not.

To tell that story, it may be best to go back to the beginning. The Dingmans started brewing as a joint venture, said Jay, 39.

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Jay and Colleen Dingman pose with their son, Brody, outside the Barley Mow Brewing Company during the brewery's second anniversary party. Photo by BRIAN GOFF

## Detectives looking for suspect in July 20 shooting at Bayhead

By JULIANA A. TORRES and SUZETTE PORTER

LARGO - Largo police and the city's park supervisor say that Bayhead Action Park is safe, despite a Sunday night shooting that injured a 17-year-old.

Police responded to a call about a shooting just after 7:30 p.m. July 20 and had identified a suspect by Monday night. According to a media release, police are looking for Rion L. Schofield, 23, wanted in connection with the attempted homicide at the park, 375 Seminole Blvd. Schofield is a black male, about 5 foot 5 inches tall, 160 pounds. He wears prescription glasses.

Schofield is believed to be armed and dangerous. Anyone with information on his location is asked to call the Largo Police Department at 587-6730 and reference case No. 14-006756. The primary investigator is Detective Chris Berard.

According to reports, Schofield rode a female-style beach cruiser

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**The Outer Ear**

When sound waves reach the ear, they are gathered by the funnel-shaped outer ear and channeled into the middle ear. Sometimes hearing loss can be easily and quickly corrected by clearing blockage that can occur from wax build up.

Years of using q-tips to clean your ears can embed layers of wax so tightly that it affects your ability to hear clearly. That's why the first part of your ear exam will be with an otoscope to determine if there is any blockage that can open up your ear canal and allow you to enjoy the beauty of unmuted sound again.

**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.

**The Inner Ear**

Sound vibrations travel through the middle ear and into the fluid filled inner ear where they are converted into signals that are sent to your brain. Damage to the inner ear can lead to deafness, so it's vital to make sure your inner ear is functioning properly.

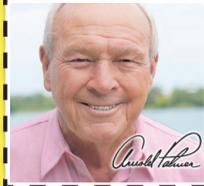
Problems with the inner ear often require surgery or medication. If the damage is irreparable, you'll want to ask about the new cochlea implants that can help restore your ability to hear again.

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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**How Hearing Is Tested**  
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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.

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

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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# Student reveals display on coyotes

LARGO – East Lake High School senior Eric Briggs was the featured speaker at the breakfast meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Largo/Mid-Pinellas on July 18.

Briggs spoke about his project as an Eagle Scout candidate. With the help of Largo parks supervisor Greg Brown, Briggs constructed a display board on coyotes and how people should deal with them. Kiwanis club donated \$100 to help defray the cost of laminating the display.

Coyote sightings have become more common in Pinellas County. They usually travel in a pack, and can range in an area of 1,500 miles. They can be in a variety of colors, but are usually a shade of gray and the size of a medium, or 30-pound, dog. They are wary of humans, and will usually leave them alone unless they are protecting their nearby young.

The display will be posted along the nature trail around a pond behind Highland Recreation Complex and landscaped within native plants.

After graduating high school next June, Briggs said he plans to go to college to become a mechanical engineer.

Also during the meeting, the club inducted Daniel J. Ruffner into membership. Ruffner was a charter member of the club, but had to leave due to schedule conflicts.

Kiwanis is a worldwide service organization founded in 1915 and dedicated to improving the



Photo courtesy of LARGO KIWANIS  
East Lake High School senior Eric Briggs shows his display on coyotes, to be posted along the nature trail behind Highland Recreation Complex, during the July 18 meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Largo/Mid-Pinellas.

lives of children through local Kiwanis clubs.

The Largo Kiwanis Club is accepting new members, and meets twice a month: for a breakfast on first Fridays, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., at Royal Palms, 200 Lake Ave. NE, in Largo, and for dinner on second Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., at Roosterfish Grill, 776 Missouri Ave., also in Largo.

For more information, call Bruce Blazej at 536-0412 or visit [www.facebook.com/KiwanisClubLargo](http://www.facebook.com/KiwanisClubLargo).

# Around Largo

## Meet your state rep

LARGO – State Rep. Larry Ahern, R-Seminole, will be hosting a “Meet your Representative for Coffee” event Thursday, July 24, 8:30 to 10 a.m., at St. Pete Bagel, 11987 Indian Rocks Road.

Residents are invited to ask questions and present concerns to Ahern over coffee. Ahern represents District 66, which covers the west-central part of Pinellas County, including parts of Clearwater, Largo, Indian Shores and Seminole.

Ahern’s local office is at 8383 Seminole Blvd., suite B. For more information, call 395-2512.

## 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, 13120 Vonn Road.

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. Call 518-3126.

## Tidalwave Tuesdays concludes

LARGO – The Highland Family Aquatic Center will host Teen Tidalwave Tuesdays through the end

of July, 7 to 9 p.m., at 400 Highland Ave.

The cost is \$3 and open to middle and high school youth. Splash’s Snack Bar will be open.

The Tidalwave Finale, a glow-in-the-dark teen pool party, will be Tuesday, Aug. 12, 8 to 11 p.m. The event will include outdoor water games, large-screen Guitar Hero and dancing with the life-guardians. Enjoy an extra long swim session and amazing door prizes.

For more information, visit [LargoPools.com](http://LargoPools.com) or call 518-3016.

## Library to turn into 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, 120 Central Park Drive.

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](mailto:jgonser@largo.com).

## SHOOTING, from page 1A

bicycle into the park alone that Sunday evening. He started arguing with an unidentified juvenile, who was at the park with some friends. Schofield displayed a gun before riding away, police reported. But as he left, he pointed the gun back toward the group and fired multiple rounds.

One round struck a 17-year-old male in the arm near his wrist. The 17-year-old is a friend of the teenager Schofield was arguing with, said police spokesman Lt. Paul Amodeo.

While detectives are still looking for the shooter, the police department assigned extra details at the complex. The details are in the morning during the city’s summer camp program and in the evening, between 6:30 and 8:30, said Largo parks supervisor Greg Brown.

“I’d like to get to the bottom of this,” Brown said.

A police officer came to speak to campers who returned to the Bayhead Park Monday morning, Brown said. The shooting occurred behind the Bayhead complex building, away from the skate park, he added.

The investigation is still active. Police said the shooting does not appear to be a random event.

“Detectives are following up on some leads,” Amodeo said. “We have (Schofield’s) picture posted everywhere we can.”

A video surveillance camera at the northeast corner of the park monitors activity at the skate park and the basketball courts. City IT

staff pulled the footage to be processed for the detectives the morning of July 21 in hopes that the suspect could be spotted in that part of the park before or after the shooting, Brown said. Even early in the investigation, police thought the shooter might have been a regular visitor to the park.

Amodeo said it was department policy to increase patrols of an area after an incident like the shooting. Brown said that Bayhead, including the skate park, was safe for young visitors.

“I still think it’s safe. Absolutely,” Brown said. “It’s disturbing, but I think there were some other circumstances at play.”

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years. He is married to Ellen and has one son, Michael, age 23. He has served on the county commission since 2000 and served as a state representative from 1992 to 2000. He worked previously as a Realtor and in the banking industry.

He graduated from Loyola University with a bachelor's degree in history in 1977. His community service includes his service on the county commission, including two stints as chair, 2005 and 2012. He was elected chairman of the Pinellas County Legislative Delegation from 1993-1994. He spent two terms as state representative.

Morrioni's campaign website is at [www.morrionforpinellas.com](http://www.morrionforpinellas.com).

**Rask**, 50, lives in Seminole. He has lived in the county for 24 years. He is married to Jennifer and they have two children, Erik, 14, and Isabel, 12. He owns Logical Sites Inc. and has been an investor into several start-up companies.

He has a master of science in electrical engineering from the University of Minnesota and a bachelor of science in materials science from Carnegie-Mellon University. Under the area for community service, Rask wrote, "I have chosen to work in my own ways, not through groups." He lists several areas where he has been active, including a campaign to defeat the Greenlight Pinellas plan and the proposed sale of water well fields in Pasco County. He is working with other supporters to free a Pinellas County man, Michael Morgan, now serving life in prison for a crime many, including Rask, do not believe he committed. Rask said he also assists candidates running for office and has personally provided free housing, interest-free loans, résumé assistance and other help to those in need since 2008.

Rask's website is at [www.vote4rask.com](http://www.vote4rask.com).

#### Why are you running?

**Morrioni:** "I am running to protect our water resources, create a more efficient government, implement responsible transportation improvements, to preserve our environment and shoreline, and work to create sustainable jobs."

**Rask:** "Because we no longer have government for the people, we have government for special interests. The rot in Washington has reached Pinellas County. My opponent's support of Greenlight Pinellas is evidence of exactly that. Our citizens deserve better."

#### What do you hope to accomplish?

**Morrioni:** "I want to see Pinellas County continue to grow jobs, protect our residents, including veterans and seniors, protect our environment, and run an efficient county government."

**Rask:** "I will continue to oppose bad policy proposals, and put forth good policy proposals instead. Also, I will survey voters in my district at my own expense to find out what their concerns and views are."

**After hiring two consultants, Pinellas County does not seem any closer to solving the problem with funding for EMS. In your opinion, what should be done?**

**Morrioni:** "We are moving forward with the agreements, and the city of St. Petersburg has already

signed on, this is a work in progress and we must continue to work with our city leaders and fire districts in Pinellas County. We must continue to watch our taxpayer dollars and millage rates to ensure responsible spending."

**Rask:** "For starters, I hope that the county under the new administrator will be more thoughtful in its negotiations. A high-level county employee (Bruce Moeller) was sent out to execute a strategy that I think only increased suspicion among stakeholders, and weakened the county's negotiating position."

"Based on what I know, I am for fire transport. We have a good system, but there is definitely room for cost savings and/or efficiency improvements. I know this because there are two fire stations close to my house and the county said that one could be closed without impacting public safety. The specifics of how we get there is a matter of negotiation."

#### Pinellas County transit needs - is Greenlight the right solution?

**Morrioni:** "Yes, I supported putting the referendum on the ballot at the commission meeting last year. I now sit on the PSTA Board of Directors and like the bus route improvement segments. However, I do have concerns over the Penny for Pinellas program coming up in three years should this pass."

**Rask:** "Of course we need public transportation (transit) to serve those who either can't afford personal transportation, or can't use it due to medical conditions or other good reasons. However, we don't need more transit, and we especially don't need light rail. There is no need or demand for more transit."

"We also don't have the population density for light rail to work, we don't have population growth and we have a transportation revolution coming in the form of self-driving vehicles. In the very near future, your transit could be a self-driving vehicle. So Greenlight Pinellas is definitely not a forward-looking solution. PSTA is a poorly run and dysfunctional organization that uses tax dollars to advocate for more tax dollars. We need to fix it first before even talking about more taxes for PSTA."

"Greenlight Pinellas will especially hurt low income seniors and disabled veterans, who currently pay little or no tax to PSTA through their property tax bill because of special exemptions they receive. They will get no such exemptions on their sales tax. I have spent considerable time on making a website on this topic, see [www.greenlightpinellasfacts.com](http://www.greenlightpinellasfacts.com) (particularly the 'News & Links' section)."

#### Land in Pasco County - should it be sold or not and why?

**Morrioni:** "I am extremely concerned about our water resources and I am 100 percent against selling the land at Cross Bar/El Bar Ranch. The reason is because we have no idea what the future holds if we sell the land back to Pasco County."

**Rask:** "This tract of land, which is slightly larger than the city of Largo, should absolutely not be sold. While these well fields don't cover all of our water needs, they provide more than enough drinking water. We need to have drinking water independence. Tampa Bay Water may or may not continue beyond its dissolution date of 2038, and in any event, we weaken our negotiating position by not retaining water independence. As just one example:

Tampa Bay Newspapers sent out a questionnaire to all candidates to provide readers with information to assist them with their decisions. Candidates were asked to keep their answers as short as possible.

Dunedin has chosen to retain water independence.

"Having lived under severe water shortage situations, I know what deprivations it brings. Even worse, if you get to the point where you have to truck in water, it gets very, very expensive."

"As mentioned above, one of my civic activities was a large email campaign to voters on this topic."

Over 200 citizens wrote or called in expressing opposition to the sale of the land as a result of my email campaign, and only a few expressed support for selling the land.

"While New York City continually increases their water rights through land purchases, Pinellas County Commissioners seek to sell our well fields."

#### Economic development - is Pinellas headed in the right direction?

**Morrioni:** "Yes, we are celebrating record tourism, our unemployment is lower than parts of Florida, and our property values are rising. However, we have more work to do."

**Rask:** "No. PCED (Pinellas County Economic Development) has become an organization that self-promotes, is deaf to the opinion of most businesses and spends a lot of time supporting bad policy initiatives like Greenlight Pinellas."

#### Homelessness and poverty - What is the best way to manage these issues?

**Morrioni:** "Education and job search training. Access to job search tools and training such as technical training, résumé writing, and career search support centers are key. Those who have fallen through the cracks should be provided programs through state and local funding that allow them to become productive citizens."

**Rask:** "As you know, the County Health & Human Services Director was recently asked to resign. I would have to see what the next director proposes, as well as listen to PCSO (Pinellas County Sheriff's Office) and their views on the matter."

"We need statewide (perhaps nationwide) changes in how we handle mentally ill people, as well as recognition that we have different classes of homeless people. We have the mentally ill who are homeless, homeless working families, substance abusers, seasonal visitors who are homeless, etc. etc."

"As Commissioner Roche has pointed out: Pinellas County has become a 'homeless destination'... much like San Francisco in the 'other bay area,' I hasten to add."

#### Some believe that government's role should be to provide only life and death necessities while others believe government should provide amenities that enhance quality of life. What's your opinion?

**Morrioni:** "Government should stay out of people's lives as much as possible. Where needed, there is nothing wrong with government providing safe

nets for seniors, veterans, and children in need."

**Rask:** "It depends on what you mean by 'enhanced quality of life.' Does that mean a reinvigorating and pleasant city park that all can use, a Fourth of July Parade ... or does it mean free chocolate for everyone?"

"Also, I am not aware that serious people have argued that government's role is 'to provide only life and death necessities.' For example, roads and libraries are not life and death necessities, but government should be responsible for providing both."

"Most agree that being an able-bodied adult means providing for yourself. If everyone needs a handout, who is going to provide that handout? What if those providing don't want to provide the handout, and would rather receive one instead? We should take care that we do not create a situation where too many people want to ride the wagon and no wants to pull the wagon."

#### In your opinion, what is the No. 1 problem the commission will face in the near future and what should be done about it?

**Morrioni:** "We are currently going through the process of picking a new county administrator who will work with us in a cohesive manner, who gets out into the community, and who serves Pinellas County."

**Rask:** "The political process in our country has been taken over by special interests. Most of our county commissioners no longer serve the people, they serve special interests. Meaningful progress cannot be made on any public policy issues unless this issue is addressed first, and history shows us that change always begins at the local level."

#### What makes you the best candidate?

**Morrioni:** "I am proud and honored to have a wide coalition of support of more than 70 elected officials from all parties, our Pinellas Firefighters, and the Fraternal Order of Police. Public safety is a priority of mine and always has been. We must work with our local municipal leaders to ensure all residents of Pinellas County are protected. Because of experience, thorough understanding of the issues that face Pinellas and my record of service, I am best prepared to lead on the County Commission."

**Rask:** "My solid professional and educational background coupled with my civic engagement on public policy issues is what makes me the best candidate. I will not go along to get along, I will ask tough questions."

"Furthermore, my opponent only seems to have two suggestions: service cuts or higher taxes. My opponent John Morrioni consistently votes for higher government spending and has trampled on the clearly expressed will of the people for eight-year term limits."

"In a 1996 referendum, 72 percent of Pinellas County voters voted in favor of eight-year term limits for county commissioners. Since that time, our county commission has spent your tax dollars fighting term limits in court. However, no matter what victories they achieve in court, they can never escape the clearly expressed will of the people as they expressed it in the 1996 referendum. Respect for the rule of law begins with putting the term limits into the county charter. So let's do that."

### SURFER, from page 1A

Mike was an avid snow skier, but got into surfing about 20 years ago. As Logan's coach, he works to instill techniques and discipline in Logan. And for the last 18 months, Logan has been competing.

"It makes me happy, and the water's my second home," Logan said. "I like to have contests against my friends and stuff - to prove that I'm better. I just like the rush of trying to beat people."

This year, he qualified for the National Scholastic Surfing Association National Championship, held in Huntington Beach, California, June 26 to July 3. The qualifying competitions began in August, one or two a month. This year, Logan did very well.

"He was ranked second in his region for his age division," Mike said.

The East Coast Regional Championship was held April 7 in one of Logan's frequent surfing spots: New Smyrna Beach. The competition included surfers from Florida and as far north as New Jersey and as far south as Barbados.

"Everybody goes at it. And then you either get your ticket or you don't," Mike explained.

Logan qualified for nationals in the open and explorer divisions in his age group. The competitions usually involve 15-minute heats. Each competitor is allowed to surf a maximum of 10 waves. Their score is based on their two best waves in the heat.

"When I paddle out, I try to catch the first wave. And then I try to get two big scores and then go look for bigger waves and bigger scores," Logan explained.

Surfing is not without peril. New Smyrna Beach in particular is known for its sharks as well as its consistent surf and warm water.

"There were spinner sharks jumping during his heat," Mike said. "Four kids got bit by sharks that weekend."

Logan said the sharks used to scare him, "But I'm used to it now."

He does still get nervous ahead of the competition, worried that he won't do as well as he hopes.

"The day comes really quick for me. And I just try to calm myself



Photo by JULIANA A. TORRES

Logan Hofstetter, 11, and his parents Debbie and Mike Hofstetter, pose from their home in Largo.

with music and stuff," he said.

During a competition in May, the nose of his surfboard broke off as it hit the sand on the shore pound on a particularly good wave. Logan had caught one good wave before that, so he still made it to the finals.

During the national competition in California, his challenge was the larger surf: 6- and 7-foot waves, higher than he usually surfs in Florida.

"It's just harder to go from me knowing how to surf a small wave. And I have to get rid of that and learn how to swim a big wave and use

that technique instead," he said. "I think I did pretty good."

To train for competitions, Logan practices at local skate parks and trains on equipment in his garage: weights, balance balls and an Indo Board balance trainer. He films himself performing tricks on land and water, to correct his technique.

"A lot of it is going down and making a progressive move in the most critical part of the wave. So in order to do that you need ramps and things to simulate going up and performing a maneuver and landing that maneuver and keeping your speed going so that you can make numerous maneuvers on said wave," Mike said. "There's a lot of bumps and bruises that occur."

Logan currently is training for a qualifier in the Rip Curl Grom Search, held again in New Smyrna Beach.

"Many of those that have won that contest ... have gone on to big careers. So it's a good stepping stone," Mike said.

Logan's sister, Lily, five years his senior, also is into a beach sport: beach volleyball. Mike and Debbie are very busy keeping up with both of their children's competitions.

"We are very blessed: he won the longboard last week and got to the semis in shortboard, and she won her beach volleyball tournament," Mike said. "We're just proud of both of our kids. They seem to have found something, and are taking and running with it."

Logan wants to eventually go pro, and said he thinks he has a good shot. His mother suspects that one day he'll be drawn not only to visit his uncle in Hawaii, but to live there with him.

"Uncle is waiting for a surfing partner," Debbie said. "I feel it coming."

At school, Logan gets consistently high grades. He's participated in a math competition and won a scholarship for a summer art program at the Dali Museum this year. At Frontier Elementary School, where he just graduated, he often was nominated for exemplifying the character trait of self-motivation.

"I've never seen a child as motivated as that one," Debbie said. "He doesn't stop. It actually amazes me what he does. He's got his mind put to it. Watch out."

### BREWERY, from page 1A

"It soon became obvious that we couldn't do it together. We had different tastes and liked different things," he explained.

So the couple began brewing separate lots about once a month. Then it got to be more frequent. Finally they were brewing separate batches once a week.

"We were brewing more beer than we could drink," Jay said. "At the time, both of us were working in the hospitality industry, and we knew how to run a bar. So we said, why not buy a bar?"

So they did; in late summer 2011, they bought O'Houston's Irish Pub and turned it into the Barley Mow Brewing Company.

"We got the brewing system we have now," he said. "We got it up and running in November 2011 and sold our first beer in July of 2012. That's why we hold our anniversary party in July."

There were plenty of old and new customers at the establishment on its anniversary. Jeff and Linda Lynch drove all the way over from Tampa for the party. They had only been at the Brewing Company once before but felt the party was worth the drive.

"We like the beer," said Jeff. "We had tasted it at various beer fests around here so we finally came over once to enjoy an evening, and we did."

"We especially like the outdoor patio and the live music," said Linda. "Of course, the beer plays a huge part in that."

Tim Newbill of Largo has been a regular at the brewery since it opened. He can't seem to get enough of the place.

"I come here a few times a week," he said. "You end up meeting new people and chatting about and comparing the beer. They make excellent craft beer, and the staff is friendly. My friends all like it here too."

In fact, the beer is what drives the place, and there is no shortage of variety.

"We had 50 original beers on tap at the anniversary party," said Jay. "We might have had another 15 or 20 that we didn't brew or that we have retired. Many of the beers we have now aren't brewed with their original recipes. We have learned how to sharpen our skills and work out the kinks."

Jay said that six brands are core to the business. Among those are three particular favorites, all ales.

"Our bestselling beer is called Quackalope, an IPA," he said. "Next is The Unkindness, which is an American black ale, then Selkie, a Belgian-style pale ale."



Jay said his customer base is diverse.

"It is not a boy's game anymore," he said. "A lot of women are into craft beer. The boom is so huge right now; it involves somebody from every walk of life. We have people - regulars - in their 60s and 70s, then at night, regulars who are in their 20s."

The Dingmans are taking advantage of the boom with a major expansion that is already underway, at least a year ahead of schedule. They have just purchased a 20,000-square-foot building on Commerce Drive in Largo. A new brewing system is being installed at the production-only facility. At the West Bay location, the brewing system can brew 75 gallons at a time; the new facility will be able to brew 1,000 gallons in the same amount of time.

"The only thing different about this expansion from our original business plan is that it came a year ahead of schedule and is 50 percent larger than we thought it would be," said Jay.

The new facility should be up and running by September. It will allow the company to expand into new markets.

"We had hoped to be able to be a statewide brewery and then a regional brewery. We're well on our way," Jay said.

Hard work is critical to the operation, he added.

"What we do right now is pretty labor-intensive. It is not really super sustainable," he said. "We work ridiculous hours. We have a good staff



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At left, Jeff and Linda Lynch enjoy a cold one at the second anniversary party of the Barley Mow Brewing Company in Largo July 19. Above, customers enjoy the brewery's outdoor seating.

that likes to work as hard as we do. All our employees do everything, from helping with calculating the tax and accounting services to the actual brewing itself."

The company currently employs nine people with the possibility of adding one more once the new system is up and running.

Jay said he never had any doubt that things would work out so well, even at the brewery's humble beginnings. While other business owners might marvel that their success exceeded their "wildest dreams," not Jay.

"In my wildest dreams, I did think we'd be here," he said. "We've never been afraid to work. It is a rugged but really rewarding career. We love what we do, and it is easy to be passionate and present in our own business."

"How big can we go? I don't really know. But when it stops being fun, that's where we'll stay."

That fun can be gauged by a key demographic, explained Jay, once a bartender himself.

"We get a lot of hospitality people as our customers," he said. "We're open late, until 2 or 3 in the morning. If you get a lot of servers and bartenders coming to your place, you are obviously doing something right."

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wife, Joy, have three children – Katie, age 27, Megan, 23 and Michael, 17.

He was elected to the county commission in 2010, after working more than 20 years in the private sector and more than 13 years for Pinellas County. He graduated from Pinellas Park High School in 1980. He attended St. Pete Junior College, Florida State University and Eckerd College. He did not seek a specific degree.

In the category of community service, Roche listed his time on the county commission, as well as serving as chairman of the Pinellas County Public Safety Coordinating County. He is a board member on the Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas and Licensing Board for Children's Daycare Centers and Homes. He is a community adviser for Clothes to Kids and a level-2 volunteer with 25 years of service at Pinellas County schools.

His campaign website is [www.vote4norm.com](http://www.vote4norm.com).

**Hooper**, 66, lives in Clearwater. He has lived in Pinellas for 42 years. He is married to Lee Ellen Hooper. He has four children – Brian, age 46, Ann, 45, Jennifer, 37 and Sara, 33.

Hooper served in the Florida House of Representatives from 2006 to 2014. He worked as a firefighter in Statesville, North Carolina, from 1968 to 1972. He was a firefighter, paramedic and fire lieutenant for Clearwater Fire and Rescue from 1972 to 1996. He worked for Partner Consus Group LLC, in government relations consulting from 2001 to 2014.

He is a graduate of Statesville North Carolina High School and studied fire science and emergency medicine at St. Pete Junior College.

Hooper served on the Pinellas County Charter Review Committee in 2010 and was chairman of the Pinellas Fire and EMS Task Force in 2004. He served on the Clearwater Community Development Board from 2001 to 2004 and Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors in 2005. He participated in Leadership Pinellas in 1997-1998 and served on the Long Center Foundation Board of Directors and as a trustee from 1997 to 2000.

His campaign website is [electedhooper.com](http://electedhooper.com).

**Why are you running?**

**Roche:** "There are plenty of folks interested in having a job in public office and playing the game of politics. I, like those who honored me with this seat in 2010, believe strongly that what we need on our Board is someone focused on doing the job; someone who leaves the politics to the professional politicians; someone who is focused on the many challenges we face, and who seeks to help us meet those challenges and reach our goals while minimizing the impacts on an already stressed taxpayer base. I do not expect everyone to agree with all of my votes and positions, but I will remain open-minded at all times and you will always know exactly where I stand. I have and will continue to stand by my pledge to tell you the truth, even when it hurts."

"Additionally, I am firmly committed to continuing my pledge of public service to our county, our citizens, and our future; to honor my Oath of Office taken in 2010, and to honor my pledge to adhere to the will of the voters on Term Limits and only seek two terms."

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**Hooper:** "Serving five years as a city commissioner and now completing eight years as a state legislator, I still believe in improving our county and cities. I am the candidate with the experience and contacts to ensure that Pinellas County will not be left out at the expense of other counties."

**What do you hope to accomplish?**

**Roche:** "Assuring that we meet our goals while minimizing the impact on an already stressed taxpayer base, continued focus on fiscal responsibility, tax dollar accountability, economic development and job growth, improved Veteran Service Office, improved Animal Services, improved Park and Recreational services, a pragmatic redevelopment plan – and stabilizing our county government operations, taxation, and spending such that it runs more commensurate with our economic baseline."

**Hooper:** "Make sure the right administrator and senior staff is in place. Grow our manufacturing base and try to prevent the demise of our many defense contractors and employers. Ensure our beaches remain world class and continue to draw tourists from around the world. Help retain the Rays. Resolve the fire and EMS funding formula. Continue working to attract insurers to write flood policies in this county in lieu of National Flood Insurance Program. Help foster better cooperation between our cities and the county."

**After hiring two consultants, Pinellas County does not seem any closer to solving the problem with funding for EMS. In your opinion, what should be done?**

**Roche:** "I am encouraged by the recent steps taken to curb the ongoing divide and avoid litigation. However positive the recent accomplishments have been, we still have a long-term financial sustainability challenge to address. I believe the following three issues must be part of the discussion if we are to truly solve this challenge and thus stabilize the rate of growth in cost projections:

- "Consolidation – not department consolidation, but rather the bureaucratic and governance consolidation of 18 separate districts (19 including Suncoast), into either 3 or 4 countywide districts such as: the North, Mid, South, and Barrier Island districts, or just the North Mid, and South Countywide Districts.

- "Fire Transport – the Districts/Departments must come to a unified decision on fire transport; either all-in or not. We cannot sustain partitioning of a countywide system when it comes to fire transport. The current system we have now works well, and fire transport also works well. A decision has to be made so we can proceed from there with a unified and mutually agreed upon approach."

- "Parity in the pay system – I believe we need to work with the various unions to bring about a countywide standard in pay structures. We can grandfather pay existing structures as not to cause upheaval in the system, and to honor existing agreements – then established a mutually agreed upon countywide standard going forward."

**Hooper:** "There is a solution to implement a hybrid system that allows for departments with certified transport vehicles to use those for that purpose and position the private sector ambulances in fire stations throughout the county. Response times are good and the county still performs the billing and collection functions."

**Pinellas County transit needs – is Greenlight the right solution?**

**Roche:** "I do not support the Greenlight Pinellas Plan. If it should pass in November, I will do my level best to assure we can achieve our goal while minimizing the impact on, and liability of, an already stressed taxpayer base here in Pinellas."

"Alternatively, as you know, for the past decade, before the honor of being elected in 2010 – as a member of PSTA and vice chairman of PSTA's Finance Committee, as a member of the County Commission, and from the first ever meeting with the (Tampa Bay) Times editors – I have and continue to advocate for and support the need for an improved mass transit busing system in Pinellas. A system based on a functional frequency and a pragmatic grid operation that features larger buses running along the major north, south, east and west corridors of Pinellas – with smaller feeder buses feeding the main lines – thus allowing for the evolution of the concept of using mass transit as a transporta-

tion alternative within a county that is roughly 275 square miles of built-out urban sprawl that requires complete flexibility, independence, and freedom of movement as we go about our day-to-day lives.

"This could have been implemented 10 years ago and should have been implemented 10 years ago; it can be implemented today and should be implemented today. And it can be accomplished within the constructs of the Special Act governing the creation of, existence of, and current taxing authority of PSTA and its' current budget."

**Hooper:** "No. We do not need to be the highest sales tax rated county in the state. I prefer to change the language of the current "Penny for Pinellas" sales tax to use some or all of that funding for any necessary transportation related improvements."

**What makes you the best candidate?**

**Roche:** "Simply put – I leave the politics to the professional politicians; Lord knows there are plenty to choose from. Instead, I remain focused on doing the job our taxpayers and citizens elected, expect, and pay me to do. If our citizens want to return to the days of the status quo, I am not the man for that job. However, if our citizens want someone on the job, doing the job, focused on a trust-but-verify approach to be certain our tax dollars are spent wisely; I am the man for the job. It's not easy to be sure, but I'm honored and privileged to do it. And I'd be equally honored and privileged to continue doing the job for another term if our citizens will have me."

**Hooper:** "I have the experience and contacts with all state agencies to work to make Pinellas the best county in Florida. I also believe I can achieve consensus among the commission in a better way than is in place now."

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# Commission praises interim administrator's work

By SUZETTE PORTER

CLEARWATER – Pinellas County Commissioner Susan Latvala might be Mark Woodard's best fan.

The commissioner lobbied on behalf of the interim county administrator July 15, saying it might be disingenuous for other people to apply for the job, since Woodard was doing such a good job.

"I'm so impressed with the job he's doing as interim," she said.

Latvala said the matter had been "weighing on me heavily," as she brought up the matter during the section of the meeting set aside for commissioners comments and announcements. She questioned whether the commission should continue with its administrator search.

"I think he is the right person for the time, like Robert LaSala was the right for that time," she said. "I just wanted to see if anyone else agrees."

Commissioner Ken Welch said while "Mark was clearly his No. 1," a competitive job search would still be good to have.

"It's almost like running unopposed," Welch said.

"What's wrong with that," Latvala answered.

Welch said he doubted that a better candidate would come forward. Still, he still prefers going through the process.

Commission Chair Karen Seel added that the application process would close July 31.

"It's so important to have the right person at the right time," Latvala said.

She pointed out that a new person would have a large learning curve.

"And all the new things come to a screeching halt," she said. "I don't want to halt what's going on."

Commissioner Janet Long said she was pleased with the initiatives Woodard had started.

"I'm interested in providing a real sense of stability to staff," she said.

She said she believes Woodard has "more big stuff" to move forward to help provide that stability.

She said a hiring decision should be done "sooner rather than later." She pointed out that people submitting applications might like to know before the county begins the vetting process.

The Human Resources Department is doing

the search for a replacement for LaSala, who was terminated in April, internally.

Commissioner Norm Roche said he agreed with everyone.

"But this is not a decision we should make at the end of a meeting under miscellaneous. It's not on the agenda," he said.

Roche said he was looking forward to going through the process and getting a chance "to sit down and talk to Mark for 30 to 40 minutes."

Commissioner John Morroni also said he agreed with everyone, especially Roche's concern that the matter was not on the agenda.

"It's an important decision," he said. "Put it on the agenda."

Seel suggested that the commission wait until the end of the application process. She agreed with Welch that a competitive process could be good.

"Mark is doing a good job," she said. "As chair, it's been a whole lot less turbulent. Problems that used to take weeks are getting done quickly."

She talked about other improvements, before adding that perhaps one of the most important things is that "employees are feeling valued."

## New software improves court case management in the Sixth Judicial Circuit

CLEARWATER – Flanked by other elected officials and Pinellas County technology experts, J. Thomas McGrady, chief judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, recently announced the implementation of a new \$10-million court case management system that is more user-friendly and efficient than the old one.

The new software system, known as Odyssey, replaces CJIS, the acronym for the Consolidated Justice Information System, a mainframe system dating to the '70s whose technology eventually became obsolete, McGrady said. Odyssey went live over the weekend of July 11-14.

With Odyssey, the major players in the court system – including the State Attorney, the Public Defender, the Sheriff, and the

Clerk of Courts – will all be using the same system to create, use and manage court files, in an arrangement that will increase efficiency and save taxpayer dollars.

In time, the public and the media will be able to view images of documents on their computers, reducing the need for trips they now make to various courthouses to accomplish the same tasks. Some official records can already be viewed online, but this will eventually be true of all documents that are public record, McGrady said.

"It's a big step toward a more open system," McGrady told a group of journalists at the Pinellas County Justice Center July 14.

Pinellas Sheriff Bob Gualtieri said it will help avoid the kind of mishap that occurred

last year, when a misclassification of an inmate caused him to be housed with an accused murderer, who then killed him.

"This Odyssey system will fix that," Gualtieri said. "There's a lot of examples where our internal processes will improve."

"CJIS was like an old car you couldn't find parts for anymore," said Pinellas-Pasco State Attorney Bernie McCabe.

Odyssey is a much more cost-efficient way to manage information, what with each constitutional officer using the same system, he said. With Odyssey, different shareholders have different security levels, so that only those who are allowed to look at a particular document will be able to do so, said Ken Burke, Clerk of the Circuit Court.

## Police beat

### Man arrested for having sex with minor

LARGO – Pinellas County Sheriff's Office detectives arrested a 22-year-old male July 15 for lewd and lascivious battery on a 14-year-old female. According to the sheriff's report, detectives began their investigation June 11 after the victim told her mother that she had engaged in sexual activity with the suspect on or around May 1 in the Oldsmar area. The suspect and victim knew each other, detectives said.

The suspect was identified as Matthew A. Lopez of Largo. Detectives met with Lopez on July 15 and he reportedly admitted to the allegations. Lopez was booked into the Pinellas County Jail on \$10,000 bail.

### Sheriff's employee injured in crash

LARGO – Pinellas County Sheriff's deputies assigned to the Major Accident Investigation Team are investigating a July 16 crash involving an agency vehicle on Ulmerton Road and 113th Street in Largo.

According to the sheriff's report, forensic specialist Linda Scire was traveling eastbound on Ulmerton Road in an agency issued 2006 Ford Econoline about 11:48 a.m. Wednesday. At the same time, Francis Barrett, 90, of Largo was driving a 1999 Saturn westbound on Ulmerton. Barrett turned left in front of the van, causing the vehicles to collide.

Scire was transported to a local hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries. Barrett was not injured. Deputies said it does not appear that speed nor impairment played a factor in the crash.

### Child nearly drowns in hotel pool

INDIAN ROCKS BEACH – A 3-year-old who almost drowned in a hotel pool on Indian Rocks Beach was transported to a local hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries Thursday afternoon.

Pinellas County Sheriff's deputies responded to a call about a near drowning at the Holiday Inn near Jimmy Guana's restaurant, 401 Second St. in Indian Rocks Beach, about 3:53 p.m. July 17.

Dominic A. Cicco of Tallahassee was swimming in the hotel pool with his father, Vincent Cicco, 42, when another child nearby noticed that Dominic was unresponsive in the water. 11-year-old Riley Cooper of Plant City assisted in pulling Dominic from the water and nearby adults administered CPR. Deputies said the drowning appears accidental.

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## Wendels celebrate 60th anniversary

Robert and Evelyn Wendel of Largo celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with friends and family, at the home of their youngest daughter last month.

The couple was married June 5, 1954 in Lindenwold, New Jersey. They have four children – Sandi Weikel of Largo, Cheri Keeton of New Jersey, Bob Wendel Jr. of Seminole and Dee Bates of Largo – as well as 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

The Wendels, along with their adult children and their spouses, are taking a celebratory cruise in November. The couple has lived in Largo after moving from New Jersey 35 years ago.



Photos courtesy of SANDI WEIKEL  
At left, Robert and Evelyn Wendel cut the cake during their anniversary party last month. Above, the couple was married June 5, 1954 in Lindenwold, New Jersey.

## A noble cause



Photo by WILDA WHITTLE  
Sisters Adley, left, and Elyse Borrack pose for a photo outside their lemonade stand July 17 along 112th Avenue in the Isle of Palms in Treasure Island. Adley, 2, and Elyse, 5, wanted to raise money for a mission at Bridgeport Church through their Vacation Bible School. Their goal was to help provide "houses for kids that have no parents and no home."

## Briefs

### Greenlight Pinellas town hall series set

ST. PETERSBURG – The Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority will host a series of interactive telephone town hall meetings to share information and gather feedback about Pinellas County's transit future.

Residents from all over the county will receive automated calls inviting them to participate, and anyone can dial in to listen and make their voice heard. Participants will be able to ask questions, both on the call and through social media channels.

The first town hall meeting will take place on Thursday, July 24, at 10 a.m. The call will feature Pinellas County Commissioner Susan Latvala and will be moderated by PSTA CEO Brad Miller. The call will be open to the press; additional dial-in information will be advised early next week.

This will be the first of three telephone town hall meetings in the month of July; the others will

take place the following week with PSTA Board Chair Ken Welch, St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Kriseaman, Pinellas County Commissioner Janet Long and Largo Vice Mayor Harriet Crozier.

"We're bringing vital information about Greenlight Pinellas right to the people – and giving them a chance to share their opinions and thoughts at the same time," said PSTA CEO Brad Miller. "We've already incorporated feedback from 120,000 Pinellas residents into the Greenlight Pinellas

plan, but we're excited to hear directly from even more people about our county's transit future."

Participants can ask questions during or in advance of the call by tweeting to @Greenlight2014 or @RidePSTA, or on the Greenlight Pinellas or PSTA Facebook pages.

### Foundation to host workshop

ST. PETERSBURG – A free, two-part first-time homebuyers workshop will be presented Tuesdays, Aug. 5 and 12, 6 to 9 p.m., at the Sunshine Center, 330 Fifth St. N.

The workshop is designed to help first-time homebuyers go through the process of purchasing a home and qualifying for down payment and closing costs

assistance. For information or to register, call 461-0618, ext. 3, or visit [www.cshome.org](http://www.cshome.org).

### Organization seeks mentors

DUNEDIN – Jesus and Me Gives Hope Inc. is a Christian-

based nonprofit, offering mentoring and coaching for at-risk youth and their families.

The organization is looking for individuals who are interested in mentoring a young person in need. Please call Tina at 458-1218 or visit [jamgiveshope.com](http://jamgiveshope.com) for more information.

### Correction

Last week's Largo Leader incorrectly identified the Trinidad Triggers player and Largo High School graduate who was named MVP during the June 30 Pecos League All-Star game. Blake May had six RBI and a grand slam during the game in Santa Fe, New Mexico.



Blake May

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## LETTERS

## Delay action on Bluffs' new proposal

Editor:

Inasmuch as Mayor Arbutine decided to disallow citizen comment and questions regarding his proposed utility tax at the July 14 workshop session, I submit the following observations and suggestions:

Mayor Arbutine's unilateral decision to prohibit citizen input was decided because, as he explained, the comments and questions received at the June workshop were addressed at the outset of the Monday's meeting. However, on Monday, Mayor Arbutine introduced an entirely new proposal. One, which only he was privy to, and one which he and he alone permitted to be discussed.

While the mayor tried to explain that Ordinance 137-1 has been "illegal" since 1973, he could not explain why it has remained in the code and, prior to 1992, the charter mandated the referendum requirement. Also, he did not address the fact that the city has in the past held at least one referendum on a utility tax as required by the Ordinance.

Neither the mayor nor the city attorney is in a position to decide that the ordinance is "illegal." Any question as to the legality of an Ordinance 137-1 can be resolved only through the appropriate legal proceeding.

Proposed: That the city seeks an opinion by a court of competent jurisdiction as to whether or not the Ordinance 137-1 is legal. This step would remove all doubt and possibly prevent the expenditure of taxpayer funds by the city to defend a lawsuit brought against it by the residents should the city proceed with its plan to strike the ordinance and impose a utility tax on the residents and businesses in Belleair Bluffs.

Commissioners came prepared to discuss the proposed ordinance July 14 only to be blindsided by a new proposal: lowering ad valorem taxes, taxing only electricity and setting the utility tax rate at the maximum 10 percent.

Proposed: That the commission defer further action on Mayor Arbutine's proposal for at least one month to allow the commission and public to review and comment on the proposed ordinance.

The statutory language that authorizes a utility tax allows the tax rate to be set at any level as long as it does not exceed 10 percent. The same law allows a municipality to exempt up the first 500-kilowatt hours of electricity use per month. The exemption applies only to residential customers.

Proposed: That the commission considers exempting all or part of the first 500-kilowatt hours of monthly electricity usage for residential customers in the city.

The mayor's plan anticipates that the utility tax will generate about \$195,000 per year. The projection does not include any analysis about how much additional revenue would be received if and when Duke Energy increases its rates for residential and business customers.

Proposed: That the ordinance includes language that shall require the roll back of the 10 percent rate any time the revenue exceeds 115 percent of the amount collected in the first 12 months of utility taxes received by the city.

Under the leadership of Mayor Arbutine, this city's elected officials have ineffectively terminated a fire chief, ill-advisedly tried to exert its will about how the city's former firefighters would receive their pensions and disastrously litigated the mandate of the Department of Management Services. These reckless actions have siphoned nearly \$2 million from the taxpayers of Belleair Bluffs.

You have an opportunity to take a step back and engage in thoughtful, deliberate analysis of the city's finances and craft solutions to meet its needs. The question is, are you willing to do so or will you once again risk public funds to defend a hasty decision?

I leave you with the well-reasoned comment of Judge Thomas P. Crapps in, City of Belleair Bluffs vs. Department of Management Services and Board of Trustees of the City of Belleair Bluffs Firefighters' Pension Trust Fund:

"... Certainly, the law does not prohibit the parties from reaching an agreement that benefits both of them."

Dave Fynan  
Belleair Bluffs

## Belleair Bluffs: A little fiefdom

Editor:

Belleair Bluffs City Commission workshop July 17 was Kabuki theater at its best.

If I didn't know better I would have to think it was a well-rehearsed mayor and commission workshop, but we all know that would be unethical and probably illegal.

Mayor Arbutine refused to allow any questioning of the workshop proposals to add a 10 percent utility tax in addition to one of the highest ad valorem, 5.35 mill, taxes in the county.

What form of democracy is this? It's definitely not participative when changes in government law are dictated to its citizens.

Belleair Bluffs has become a little fiefdom that depends on Largo, Belleair, and the county to provide fire, water, sewage and law enforcement.

Why do we need a mayor and commissioners? They mismanage and turn around and hand the bill to the taxpayer.

Ron Adams  
Belleair Bluffs

## Ask for an I.D.

Editor:

In this busy world of products such as food, oil, home supplies, why is it so easy to just swipe a credit card and the purchase is so complete. The cashiers are even trained not to ask for a photo I.D.

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I'm baffled by the lack of security. What is it! Bigger and better profit for the companies or the simple inconvenience of a customer going in their wallet or purse for a picture I.D. We have security in all aspects of life. From our airports to cameras on our streets. We live in a society where caution is a reality. Again, many people simply lose their card. Before they notice it missing, that card can be used in many fraudulent ways. Yep! It's that easy.

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After centuries of iron-fisted control by Great Britain, the people of Ireland in 1922 finally achieved independence by forming the Irish Free State. Sadly, for most of the next hundred years the Irish remained under the yoke of another dictatorship – the Roman Catholic Church.

Until the 1990s the images of Irish Catholicism were those fostered by books and films in which almost every village contained a saintly, trustworthy priest (think of the twinkle-eyed Barry Fitzgerald in "Going My Way") performing good works and uttering kindly counsel. A retinue of nuns of supposedly equal virtue usually assisted him.

In reality, the Irish priests and nuns – aided by the sheep like devotion of parishioners – possessed and used tremendous power. They could influence who married whom, and when and why (or why not). They could grant or withhold their approval of office-holders, social leaders and business enterprises. They were especially adept at controlling sexual attitudes and behavior. If the worldwide Catholic Church has a tradition of regarding sex as unwholesome, that attitude has been especially pervasive among the Irish faithful.

The truth about the cruelty and corruption of Irish Catholic bishops, priests and nuns has emerged only during the past two decades. In the 1990s British newspapers began to investigate the state of Irish Catholicism. What they discovered sent shock waves throughout Ireland and, to a lesser extent, among Catholics worldwide.

In 1992 it was revealed that one of the



Driver's Seat  
Bob Driver

church's leading bishops had fathered a son. Another nationally-known priest was found to have maintained, with his housekeeper, a secret family. These revelations should not have been a complete surprise. For many years the Irish had been aware of nasty rumors telling of wayward priests sexually abusing boys (and sometimes girls). Church higher-ups, all the way to the Vatican, routinely responded by simply transferring the priests to other parishes.

In 2009 a state commission, headed by Justice Sean Ryan, concluded a years-long study of the church's orphanages and industrial schools, which had housed thousands of "delinquent" children. Their crimes? Often, it was only to have been abandoned by their parents, or to be the offspring of an unmarried mother. The Ryan Report told of the rape, molestation, beatings and starving of these children. Many of them, it was recently discovered, died and were buried in unmarked graves.

As the truth about the church's corruption has come out, millions of the former faithful have abandoned the church. In the mid-1980s about 90 percent of Irish Catholics attended a weekly Mass. That figure had dropped to 18 percent by 2011. The country is running out of priests, which is a mixed misfortune, since the ones who remain have

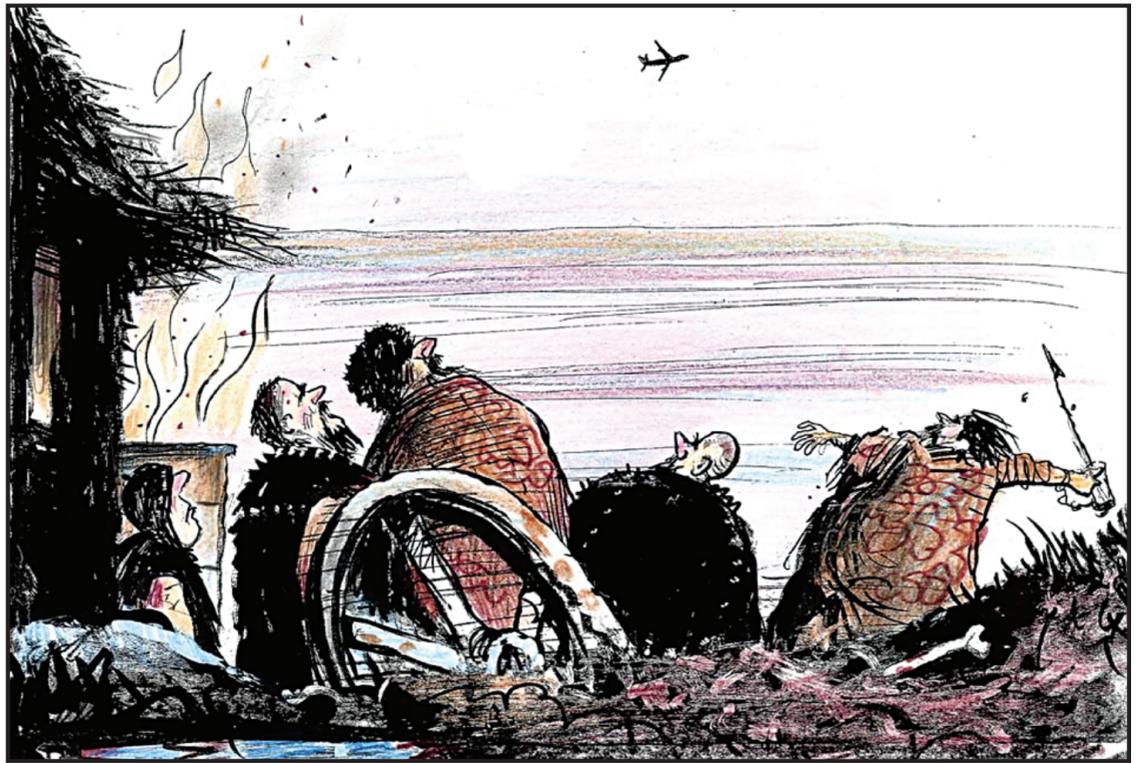
fewer of the faithful to serve.

Is there any hope that a resurrected and reformed Catholic Church can once again play a role in the religious life of Ireland? If so, perhaps it lies with the church's headquarters in the Vatican. There, Pope Francis has condemned sexual abuses by priests, especially against children. He recently hinted that the day may come when priests are allowed to marry. A survey has shown that 87 percent of Irish people would approve such a move; almost as high a percentage would welcome the ordination of women into the priesthood.

We'd be foolish to hold our breath until such events come to pass. Even if they do, the church in Ireland may never again regain the stature and the unquestioned power it came to enjoy – and squander – between St. Patrick's fifth century conversion and the 1990s, when the long-covered rocks were overturned and the church's vermin were finally exposed. In any case, the people of Ireland will go on, and the air they breathe as they worship will be cleaner and sweeter than it has been in hundreds of years.

In the past shame of the Irish Catholic church, is there a lesson for all of us? I would think so. It is this: Wherever people gather to worship God, Christ, Allah, Jehovah or any other alleged divinity, the earthly organizations devised to assist that religious devotion should be regarded with a healthy degree of mistrust or, at the very least, skepticism. If patriotism is the last refuge of the scoundrel, religion is too often the arms-wide welcome mat for con artists, perverts, megalomaniacs and thieves.

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## Domestic partnerships: not equality

With a tiny curled fist, the toddler next to me, held by her mother, pounds on the Plexiglass that separates us all from the Amscot employees on the other side.

She wails and points as she bangs on the bullet- and child-resistant barrier.

It's barely decipherable, but I'm able to make out what she's saying: want.

Makes sense. We're all at Amscot because we want something just beyond our means. Her mother smiles apologetically for the noise. "She wants the candy."

Eventually, a sweaty man wearing a blue button-down shirt and thick glasses slides a few Tootsie Rolls through an opening in the glass and the girl grabs them.

A shriveled elderly woman to her mother's left is angry. She waves around a handful of papers and makes demands. She wants to speak with a supervisor.

To my right, a blue-collar guy wearily borrows cash against his next paycheck. He wants to pay his electric bill, too, he tells the employee – on time, ensuring it doesn't get cut off.

I'm there with Julie, my girlfriend of three years, and we want to spend our lives together.

But before we can head down to the Pinellas County Courthouse and add our name to the county's year-old domestic partnership registry, we need to get our paperwork notarized. For 10 bucks, Amscot will not only notarize it, but also throw in a few random witnesses to boot.

We didn't know it then, but the next day, July 17, a judge in Monroe County would strike down Florida's gay marriage ban. Within hours of that decision, the Republican attorney general Pam Bondi would announce she'd appeal it, forcing a stay on same-sex marriages in the state.

Like many living in the Tampa Bay area, we're not actually from Florida. Julie grew up



Tiffany  
Razzano

just outside of Washington, D.C., and I moved here five years ago from Long Island. New York legalized same-sex marriage in 2011; D.C. gave gay marriage the green light at the end of 2009.

We could easily have gone to either area, where we each still have family and friends, to get married. But because Florida doesn't recognize gay marriages legally performed in other states, we decided to wait until marriage equality comes to the Sunshine State. And it eventually will, as same-sex marriage bans throughout the country are being overturned one after another.

So for the time being, we're left with a domestic partnership as the only step that will allow us to move our relationship forward. It will afford us a few extra legal protections – just six in total. They primarily involve parenting – though we don't have or want children – as well as hospital visitation rights and health care decisions. Marriage offers couples over 1,100 legal protections and responsibilities.

And while the word "marriage" conjures romantic images of white weddings and celebratory love, the phrase "domestic partnership" is much more cold and clinical.

Domestic partnership. Are we domestic? Sure. I'm like a lesbian Donna Reed in plaid, whipping up impressive vegan meals, cleaning our home and caring for our cats. But the word "domestic" also makes me think of abuse, the war on terror and kept household pets.

And of course any good relationship is

based on a partnership. But to call it a partnership in the legal title – no husband or wife here – feels impersonal, unemotional. Are we playing tennis? Are we opening up a Subway franchise together? Or are we building a home, a life together?

When we leave Amscot at noon, we rush to the courthouse. Julie has to work at 1 p.m. and we know we're cutting it close.

We pull a number from the ticket dispenser in the records division, the kind you see at the deli meat counter, but we're told the clerks in that office aren't following the number system that day. A middle-aged blonde woman with teased Jersey hair calls us to her desk immediately.

She smiles at us and reaches for our paperwork. Julie and I look at the clocks on our phones nervously. It's 12:15. To make it to work on time, she needs to leave in 15 minutes. As the woman processes our papers, I elbow Julie and hiss, "Ask!"

"I hate to ask this, but how long will this take? I have to get to work," she says.

"Oh, you don't need to be here," the woman says without looking up. "Your paperwork is already signed and notarized."

"I don't need to be here?"

"No, you don't need to be here."

So Julie leaves for work and I get domestic partnered alone.

I call her when I'm done five minutes later. "Damn it, I could have stayed and we could have taken a picture together," she says.

When she arrives home from work that night, I have her favorite meal, champagne and flowers waiting for her. She gives me a kiss and asks about my day. We wash the dishes together when we're done eating dinner, straighten up and then climb into bed.

We're just like any loving couple that wants – no, deserves – to spend their lives together.

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# Culinary event at The Palms of Largo raises \$6,000

LARGO – About 100 guests attended the inaugural Chef's Showcase, a culinary extravaganza at the Royal Palms in Largo July 17, to help raise more than \$6,000 in scholarships for youth caregivers.

The Goodman Group, developer and manager of The Palms of Largo campus, hosted the event featuring eight well-known Florida chefs from company's managed senior living communities in Largo, Naples and Spring Hill. These chefs conducted lively cooking demonstrations and food samplings to help raise money for the Caregivers Support Network, a nonprofit organization providing scholarships to youth caregivers.

The money raised means that at least five additional scholarships of \$1,000 will be awarded during Caregivers Support Network's Caring Heart Society award recognition ceremony in May 2015.

The chefs exclusively prepared local, sustainable and organic food items. They have more than 200 years of combined experience in the culinary field and an additional 45 years working at Goodman Group managed communities.

Four food stations showcased the chefs' exquisite recipes and samplings, with each station offering two food items and an intermezzo between each item. During the event, four of the chefs took turns being featured on the main stage conducting 20-minute cooking demonstrations. Guests also enjoyed complimentary wine and other beverages, alongside truffles and pastries.

The eight chefs who participated hold culinary management positions at Goodman Group-managed communities. Representing Largo were Sam Evangelista and Ken Skovira of Regal Palms, Joseph Cullen of Royal Palms, Joshua Wilson of Cypress Palms and John Lorio of Sabal Palms. Joseph Rotondo of Terracina Grand in Naples and Michael Bokosky from The Residence at Timber Pines in Spring Hill also were featured.

"It is great to be part of a cause that gives back to a truly unique or-



Photo courtesy of THE GOODMAN GROUP

**Ken Skovira, executive chef at Regal Palms, prepares food at the inaugural Chef's Showcase at the Royal Palms in Largo July 17.**

ganization as the Caregivers Support Network, and it allows the chefs to showcase their talents preparing healthy and delicious cuisine," said Robb White, national director of culinary operations for The Goodman Group.

Along with the culinary offerings, the event featured a silent auction of more than 50 items.

## Briefcase

### Company offers new invention to cane users

LARGO – Design Line Group LLC, based in Largo, is offering a new, patented product to cane users.

The company's new designer cane bag attaches to any standard cane with a foam core allowing the user to carry all of their valuables and discreet items. The product's circular shape and light weight construction keeps the weight off of the cane user's shoulders.

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

### Tutterow to celebrate National Dance Day

LARGO – Tutterow Dancers will offer free dance classes on National Dance Day, Saturday, July 26, 9 a.m. to noon, at Largo Community Center, 400 Alt. Keene Road.

Tutterow offers preschool ballet and tap for ages 3 to 4, jazz, ballet, hippity hop for ages 5 to 7 and hip hop for ages 8 to 12. Open auditions for the competition team – intermediate and advanced – will be

offered 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.

Tutterow Dance Academy is contracted through the city of Largo Recreation, Parks and Arts Department. Class fees are collected by the city for its programs. Tutterow Dancers is privately owned and has partnered with the city of Largo since 1976.

For a schedule of National Dance Day classes and for information, visit [www.tutterowdancers.com](http://www.tutterowdancers.com).

### Sunshine Locksmith relocates

CLEARWATER – Sunshine Locksmith Team LLC recently moved from Largo to a new location in the Feather Sound area of Clearwater.

The company celebrated the move with a grand opening July 23. The new location is at 3350 Ulmerton Road, Unit 18.

### Chamber to host business mixer

TREASURE ISLAND – The Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce will host a Treasure Island, Madeira Beach and John's Pass Business Mixer on Thursday, Aug. 21, 5 to 6:30 p.m., at Bazzie's Beach Bar, at Bilmar Beach Resort, 10650 Gulf Blvd.

Attendees will have an opportunity to learn about the chamber's work in these communities while networking with other businesses. There will be snack and drink specials.

To RSVP, call 360-6957 or email [Doug@TampaBayBeaches.com](mailto:Doug@TampaBayBeaches.com).

### Screwie Louie's Porpoise Pub to host benefit

SEMINOLE – Bacchus for Charity, [WeProtectBikers.com](http://WeProtectBikers.com) and 98ROCK Tampa Bay will present Bacchus Bike Fest 2014 on Sunday, Sept. 28, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., at Screwie Louie's Porpoise Pub, 8701 Seminole Blvd.

The event will feature live music and entertainment, food and drinks, contests and prizes, a raffle and a silent auction. Entertainment will include performances by Quiet Riot, The Black Honkeys and Soul Circus Cowboys. Guest appearances will include Hulk Hogan, Razor Ramon and Bushwacker Luke.

General admission tickets start at \$20. Proceeds from the event will benefit Wheelchairs 4 Kids, 50 Legs and REVolutions Dance.

For information, call 804-4898, email [info@bacchuscharity.org](mailto:info@bacchuscharity.org) or visit [www.BacchusBikeFest.com](http://www.BacchusBikeFest.com).

### Love joins Tastefully Simple

SEMINOLE – Kathy Love of Seminole recently become an independent consultant with Tastefully Simple Inc., a national direct sales company featuring more than 60 easy-to-prepare foods.

As an independent business owner, Love offers food samples at home taste-testing parties, along with easy ideas for everyday meals, recipes and serving suggestions. All of Tastefully Simple's products are open-and-enjoy or can be prepared by adding only one or two ingredients.

### Chamber, businesses to sponsor Oktoberfest

TAMPA – The Upper Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce, Bright House Network, Tampa Bay Downs and Warsteiner Bier will sponsor the 19th annual Top o' the Bay Oktoberfest Oct. 24-26, at Tampa Bay Downs, 11225 Race Track Road, Tampa.

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# Unemployment remains steady in Pinellas

By SUZETTE PORTER

TALLAHASSEE – The latest figures from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity show Pinellas County's unemployment numbers unchanged for June.

Preliminary not seasonally adjusted unemployment for the county was 6 percent – unchanged from the revised numbers for May. The preliminary report for May showed the county's unemployment at 5.9 percent. The unemployment rate in June 2013 was 7.5 percent.

Unemployment is up slightly for the Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater metropolitan statistical area with June's preliminary not seasonally adjusted rate at 6.3 percent compared to May's revised figure of 6.2 percent, which was unchanged from the preliminary report.

The big news is the local MSA's return to the top three for over-the-year job growth. May marked the first time in more than a year that the local area did not make the top three. The Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA was No. 1 out of the 23 MSAs in the state for most of 2013. It dropped to No. 3 for the first four months of 2014. It did not make the top three in May.

In June, the local MSA, which includes Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas counties, came in third out of the state's 22 metro areas for over-the-year job growth. Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford was No. 1 adding 39,100 jobs. Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall was No. 2 with 29,600 jobs. The local MSA reported job gains of 25,300.

Pinellas County tied with Manatee, Charlotte and Suwannee for the No. 38 rank out of the state's 67 counties. Hernando County ranked No. 8 with 7.9 percent unemployment. Pasco ranked No. 21 with 6.9 percent, and Hillsborough tied with Martin County for No. 31 with a rate of 6.2 percent.

Hendry County ranked No. 1 with the state's highest unemployment rate of 10.6 percent. Walton County ranked No. 68 with unemployment of 3.4 percent.

The local MSA tied with Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach for the No. 8 rank out of 23 metropolitan statistical areas and metropolitan divisions. The Palm Coast MSA ranked No. 1 with unemployment of 8.8 percent. Crestview-Fort Walton Beach-Destin ranked No. 23 with 4.6 percent unemployment.

The DEO reports that the state has 237,500 more jobs than it did in June 2013, bringing the total to 7.8 million. June was the 47th consecutive month of positive annual job growth. The industry with the most gains was trade, transportation and utilities with 52,500 new jobs.

The state's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose slightly going from 6.1 percent in May to 6.2 percent in June. Unemployment was 7.7 percent in June 2013. National unemployment rate, not seasonally adjusted, was 6.3 percent, up from 6.1 percent in May. The national rate in June 2013 was 7.8 percent.

July's preliminary unemployment report is scheduled for release on Aug. 15.

Oktoberfest hours will be Friday, 5 to 11 p.m., Saturday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 7 p.m. Admission is \$5. Parking is free.

Oktoberfest will bring the best of Old Bavaria and new Florida together for three full days of authentic German food, drink, music and dancing. The event will feature a carnival and midway, a great arts and crafts show and loads of interesting vendors.

Attendees can get into the act by participating in one of the hourly contests on and around the main stage. There will be contests of strength, endurance and sheer determination such as stein-holding, log sawing, keg tossing and barrel rolling.

For information, call 813-855-4233 or visit [www.utbchamber.com](http://www.utbchamber.com).

### Shepherd's set to unveil expansion

CLEARWATER – With an 18-month expansion now complete, Shephard's Beach Resort owners have planned a grand re-opening to unveil the long awaited new resort.

There will be two events to celebrate the completion of the extensive renovations. The first will be an invitation-only charity event to benefit Suncoast Hospice on Friday, Aug. 1, 6 to 10 p.m. The second celebration will be a huge public party on Saturday, Aug. 2, noon to 11 p.m.

The expansion of Shephard's Beach Resort – located at 619 S. Gulfview Blvd., Clearwater Beach – has touched nearly every aspect of the property from the hotel to the entertainment venues. It includes the addition of 93 contemporary new hotel rooms, the Ocean Flame Interactive Dining, an additional covered parking garage, a new 7,000-square-foot pool deck with the outdoor SOAK Pool Bar and a cutting-edge lounge called the SALT Tequila Bar & Tap Room.

The new 11,000-square-foot Tiki Bar area with professional concert stage, which kicked off the explosion of growth, was completed in 2012.

"This expansion is the vision and dream of my father," said Gerri Shephard in a press release. Gerri is the daughter of the late William "Bill" Shephard and director of operations at the resort. William sadly lost his battle to cancer in December 2013 before renovations had been completed. "We are proud to dedicate the grand re-opening in my father's memory. He would have been thrilled with the way it has all turned out."

Proceeds from the Aug. 1 private event – including a silent auction and admission charges collected from the entertainment venues that night – will be donated to Suncoast Hospice Foundation.

Visit [www.shephards.com](http://www.shephards.com).

### Evans launches Caring Transitions

ST. PETERSBURG – Kelly Evans recently launched Caring Transitions of St. Petersburg.

Caring Transitions specializes in managing senior relocations, downsizing and estate liquidations. In addition to the organizing, packing and move oversight, Caring Transitions can handle on-site or online estate sales, liquidations and preparing homes for market. Caring Transitions of St. Petersburg serves St. Petersburg, Largo, Seminole, Pinellas Park, Clearwater, Tierra Verde, Pinellas County and the surrounding areas.

The idea to franchise with Caring Transitions began to shape when Evans was caring for her mother.

"A couple of years ago, I was working and taking care of my aging mother," Evans said in a press release. "Many of my corporate colleagues were doing the same – juggling careers, aging parents, and

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**Alona Dishy**  
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Largo

4BR/3BA

\$485,000



Immaculate updated home in Bardmoor. Split bedroom plan, formal living room and dining room, family room, eat-in kitchen. Baths and kitchen recently updated with granite countertops, new cabinets, stainless appliances. 3 sets of sliding doors open up to caged pool area with outdoor kitchen.

**Debbie Pinizotto**  
Realty Executives – Adamo & Associates

Riverview

3BR/2BA

\$218,500



Boaters, kayakers and paddle boarders you can walk to the water from your backyard of this true hidden gem. Turnkey tri-level still home on a large lot. Master suite with a water view. Home also features newer windows, energy star appliances, updated kitchen, new A/C, hardwood floors, large deck and a laundry room.

**Jereme Carter**  
Realty Executives – Adamo & Associates

Seminole

3BR/1BA

\$142,500



Perfect single family home offers oversized paver driveway, carport, open floor plan with cedar wall in living room and dining room open to kitchen. Fully fenced yard with new sod and open patio. Brand new carpet, tile, A/C and hot water heater.

**Caroleanne Vorac**  
Realty Executives – Adamo & Associates

## School notes

### Eckerd Special Programs renamed

ST. PETERSBURG - Eckerd College Special Programs has been renamed the Division of Executive and Continuing Education, a move that underscores the breadth and scope of the mission that began more than 30 years ago.

"This change better reflects our division's work and the clients we serve," said Kelly Kirschner in a press release. Kirschner is dean of the newly named division. "A commitment to lifelong learning is essential for both human and organizational development and is a core value of Eckerd College."

The division's focus on executive education and professional development includes the Leadership Development Institute, the Center for Conflict Dynamics and the Entrepreneurial Dimensions Profile. In November, a certificate program in digital and social media will be added.

Equally important is the division's focus on continuing education, including the Academy of Senior Professionals, the English Language School, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, the Road Scholar program and the Eckerd College Writers' Conference: Writers in Paradise. The division also operates a modern Conference Center and Lodge.

Besides the name change, Kirschner announced that Megan Watson Kramer will fill the new role of executive director, executive education and professional development. Kramer, LDI's lead for business development and marketing for nearly two decades, will have expanded responsibility for developing local and national business with particular emphasis on executive and professional development programs.

### Duke Energy funds USFSP's Oceanography camp

Melissa Seixas, community relations manager for Duke Energy Florida, recently delivered a \$15,000 donation to the Oceanography Camp for Girls.

The donation will enable 30 girls entering high school to attend a three-week summer education program at no cost. Administered through the University of South Florida St. Petersburg campus, the oceanography camp provides one-to-one mentoring for participants who are interested in technical careers in science and engineering.

### Workshop set on how to finance school

ST. PETERSBURG - The Eckerd College Program for Experienced Learners plans a workshop Wednesday, July 23 that includes a presentation on how adults looking to finish their college degree can finance for their return to school.

The free workshop will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Franklin Templeton Building, Room 209, at Eckerd College, 4200 54th St. S. College staff will cover the financial aid process and how it can be different from the process for traditional undergraduate students. Other topics will include common mistakes made while completing the process and the different types of federal assistance resources available for adult students.

The Program for Experienced Learners gives busy adults the opportunity to complete a bachelor's degree in a classroom-learning environment. Small class sizes and high-quality faculty create a premium college experience, along with the opportunity to network with other professionals.

Students can take classes at PEL's St. Petersburg or Tampa locations. For more information, call 864-8226.

### Stuff the Bus benefits students in need

Approximately 11 percent of families in Pinellas County are at pover-

ty level and more than 2,110 children are homeless.

In addition, 52 percent of all students in Pinellas qualify for free or reduced lunch. In order to help these students, The Pinellas Education Foundation, The Pinellas County Council of PTAs,

Pinellas County Schools and many local businesses will be collecting school supplies at several locations in July and August.

Supplies may be dropped off at the following locations:

- Through July 31, at The Learning Experience in Palm Harbor, 34330 U.S. 19 N., Palm Harbor.
- Friday, Aug. 1, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., at Largo Mall, next to Target, 10500 Ulmerton Rd., Largo.
- Thursday, Aug. 7, 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Carillon Park, next to Publix, 300 Main St., St. Petersburg.

School supplies will be collected in a Pinellas County School bus for students in need throughout the county. Supplies will be distributed through the PTA and school guidance counselors.

Some of the needed supplies are gender-neutral backpacks, pens and pencils, spiral-bound notebooks and composition books, loose-leaf notebook paper, one-inch binders, crayons and colored pencils, pocket folders, rulers and erasers. Visit [www.pinellaseducation.org](http://www.pinellaseducation.org).

### Tribiano graduates from Samford

LARGO - Kristin Lindsay Tribiano of Largo graduated Cum Laude from Samford University's McWhorter School of Pharmacy during recent commencement exercises.

Tribiano earned a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. She was one of 900 students to receive a bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree in one of seven ceremonies.

### Csenge named to dean's list

LARGO - Claire Csenge of Largo was recently named to the dean's list at Fairfield University for the spring 2014 semester.

Fairfield University, a Jesuit university in Fairfield, Connecticut, prepares students for leadership and service in a constantly changing world. To be selected for the dean's list, a student must attain a grade-point average of at least 3.5 out of a possible 4.0.

### Pratt honors Largo student

LARGO - Bryon Halsey of Largo, a student at Pratt Institute, was among more than 1,000 students who made the dean's list in the spring 2014 semester.

Founded in 1887, Pratt Institute is a global leader in higher education dedicated to preparing its 4,700 undergraduate and graduate students for successful careers in art, design, architecture, information and library science, and liberal arts and sciences.

### Wonsick named to FIT dean's list

LARGO - Murphy Wonsick, a computer science major and resident of Largo, was among the students from Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne named to the dean's list for the spring 2014 semester.

To be included on the dean's list, a student must complete 12 or more graded credits in a semester with a semester grade-point average of at least 3.4.

### SMU student receives honor

LARGO - Katharine Rygiel of Largo was named to the honor roll with high distinction at Southern Methodist University.

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growing children. Many of us were spending our vacation time addressing the needs of our parents because we did not have adequate resources to support us. When I decided to leave my corporate job, I researched opportunities to help sandwich generation members like me, and I found Caring Transitions."

Prior to opening Caring Transitions, Evans worked in telecommunications in a variety of capacities including sales and marketing, product management and project management. Most recently she led an international team of implementation managers focused on implementing new and complex solutions for major wireless carriers globally. Evans has a bachelor's degree in math and economics from Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, New York, and a master's degree in marketing from the University of Colorado in Boulder. She also is working to become a Certified Appraiser.

### Chamber to host Learn @ Lunch

SOUTH PASADENA - The Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce will host a Learn @ Lunch program Thursday, July 24, at The Fountains of Boca Ciega Bay, 1255 Pasadena Ave.

Check-in will begin at 11:30 a.m. followed by the program at noon. Cost is \$15 for members and \$25 for nonmembers. Warren Ray of HealthMarkets will discuss the Affordable Care Act.

For information and to register, visit [www.tampabaybeaches.com](http://www.tampabaybeaches.com).

### Discount Med Company relocates

ST. PETERSBURG - Discount Med Company, a mail order company based in St. Petersburg and serving customers throughout the United States for 11 years, has changed its name from The

Canadian Drug Company and moved to a new location at 1401 Ninth Ave. N.

Janelle Quinn, owner and operator, rocks the company with the intention of offering affordable prices on brand and generic medicines to those individuals who have no prescription drug coverage, are in the donut hole, or those who have high co-pays.

### Malm opens satellite salon in IRB

INDIAN ROCKS BEACH - Former big-city hair stylist Chad Malm is now conducting business under his name in the Indian Rocks Beach community.

Malm apprenticed at the Man-

hattan salon, Bumble and Bumble. During his time there, the California native owned and operated Claude Nine at 9 Claude Lane in San Francisco's French Quarter.

According to a press release, "Malm's sheers have worked their magic on a star-studded list of celebrities and models, earning him a coveted following among fashion editors at such magazines as Cosmopolitan, Allure, Harpers Bazaar and Modern Bride which have featured his work."

"Each haircut is a creative process that begins with a consultation," Malm said in the press release. "It's a collaborative brainstorm between the stylist and the client. After a clear concept is es-

tablished and the hair is shampooed, the art begins."

The studio in IRB, at 102 15th Ave., is a satellite addition from his famed Salon Jack in Tampa. Visit [www.chadmalm.com](http://www.chadmalm.com).

## St. Petersburg College to host candidate forum

CLEARWATER - The Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions at St. Petersburg College will host a candidate forum for those vying for seats on the Sixth Judicial Circuit bench.

The forum, co-sponsored by the Clearwater Bar and Tampa Bay Times, will be Wednesday, Aug. 6, 6 to 8:15 p.m., in the Ethics and Social Science Building on the Clearwater campus of SPC, 2465 Drew St.

Advance registration is requested. Visit [solutions.spcollege.edu](http://solutions.spcollege.edu). There are 11 candidates seeking one of the five contested seats on the 6th Circuit bench, which serves Pinellas and Pasco counties. Only one of them, Judge Bruce Boyer, is an incumbent. Fourteen other incumbent judges whose terms expire this year are unopposed and thus automatically re-elected. Circuit Court judges serve six-year terms with no term limits. To qualify, candidates must be a member of the Florida Bar and have lived in Florida for at least five years.

Three local experts with extensive knowledge of the court system will question the candidates. They are:

- The Hon. Irene Sullivan, retired Circuit Court judge and adjunct professor of juvenile law at Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport.
- Curtis Krueger, courts reporter for the Tampa Bay Times.
- Dr. Susan Demers, Dean of the College of Policy, Ethics and Legal Studies at SPC.

The forum will be split into two parts: Groups 1 and 2 comprised of five candidates will be questioned from 6 to 7:10 p.m.; and Groups 16, 21 and 35, comprised of six candidates, from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m.

The public is encouraged to attend to learn more about the background and qualifications of those seeking to sit on the Circuit Court bench. For information, call 394-6251.

To be listed on the SMU honor roll with high distinction, students must be in the top 5 percent of their school of record.

SMU's spring 2014 enrollment included 10,614 students.

SMU is a nationally ranked private university in Dallas with seven degree-granting schools.

### Students graduate from Wake Forest

Two students from Pinellas graduated from Wake Forest University on May 19: Caroline Dillabough of Belleair and Nehal Patel of Clearwater.

In her first public address since losing her job as the executive editor of The New York Times, Jill Abramson addressed graduates, families and more than 50 credentialed media at Wake Forest University.



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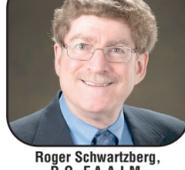
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Pets of the week



**Edmond**  
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**Garcie**  
Garcie is a 7-year-old Yorkshire terrier mix in need of a loving home. After a few months in his last home, Garcie was brought back to SPCA Tampa Bay when his family was no longer able to care for him. This mellow little guy would do best in an adult home or with family members ages 10 and older. His fee is \$75, which includes his neuter surgery, microchip, vaccinations and free 30 days of pet insurance. Meet him at 9099 130th Ave. N., Largo or visit [www.spcatampabay.org](http://www.spcatampabay.org).



**Indie**  
Born to love and be loved, Indie is a sweet 3-year-old pit bull mix. He loves belly rubs, car rides and treats. Who can resist this face? His number at Pinellas County Animal Services is P556167, and if you bring this article with you, you can adopt him for only \$25. He is neutered and up to date on shots. Visit 12450 Ulmertown Road, Largo, call 582-2600 or visit [www.pinellascounty.org/animalservices/petfind.htm](http://www.pinellascounty.org/animalservices/petfind.htm).

Paw prints

Doga class set

LARGO – Doga – Yoga with Your Dog – will be presented Sunday, July 27, 2 to 3 p.m., at SPCA Tampa Bay, 9099 130th Ave. N.  
Cost is \$15 per dog. Call 388-0452. Relax, massage, and meditate with instructors from Seminole's Yoga4All. Dogs and humans unite in this unique class. Space is limited and registration is required.

SPCA slates foster orientation

LARGO – A kitten shower and foster orientation will be presented Saturday, Aug. 2, noon to 2 p.m., at SPCA Tampa Bay, 9099 130th Ave. N.  
The free event will offer attendees an opportunity to learn how to become a foster parent for kittens too young to be spayed or neutered. In addition to providing information about fostering, SPCA Tampa Bay also will be accepting donations for its foster kittens. Sought-after items include Hill's Science Diet Kitten Food, Dawn dish soap, KMR milk powder, neonate nursing kits and towels.  
For information, call 499-0362.

Canine delinquents workshop set

LARGO – A canine delinquents workshop will be offered Saturday, Aug. 16, 2 to 3 p.m., at SPCA Tampa Bay, 9099 130th Ave. N.  
This workshop is designed for owners of dogs that have not grown out of their puppy behaviors. The instructor will address individual concerns and needs. Topics covered include leash pulling, potty training, chewing and barking.  
Cost is \$25 per dog. Call 388-0452.

SPCA offers dog massage program

LARGO – A dog massage program will be offered Sunday, Aug. 16, 10 a.m. to noon, at SPCA Tampa Bay, 9099 130th Ave. N.  
This unique two-hour communication experience between dog and owner helps activate intelligence, strengthen confidence and teach dogs to think rather than react. Attendees will learn the ins and outs of soothing massage, including musculoskeletal structure and pressure points.  
Cost is \$35 per dog. Call 388-0452.

SPCA opens indoor dog park

LARGO – SPCA Tampa Bay will open its 2,000-square-foot training facility as an indoor dog park on Sundays, Aug. 10 and 17, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at 9099 130th Ave. N.  
Friendly dogs are welcome to come and enjoy some play time out of the Florida weather. The training facility is a cool, air-conditioned space with recycled rubber flooring. This great flooring is kind to dogs' joints. The play area separates large dogs from small dogs. Instructors are in the room to help with play manners and curbing unwanted behaviors. Participants must use the back entrance off of 126th Avenue North. The front gates do not open until 1 p.m.  
Cost is \$5 per dog. Call 388-0452.

Save Our Strays offers special rates

As a summer special, Save Our Strays is offering a reduced adoption fee of \$35 for its tuxedo and white-with-black cats over six months of age.  
These cats are spayed/neutered, current on vac-

cines and county license and are microchipped. Raised in foster homes, they are quite sociable and offer great companionship.

Save Our Strays is a nonprofit, no-kill organization dedicated to re-homing cats and kittens. For information, call 545-1116 or 481-5262. To see the organization's adoptable cats, visit [www.saveourstraysinc.com](http://www.saveourstraysinc.com).

Furever Friends joins Petfinder

LARGO – Furever Friends Animal Rescue Inc. of Largo recently joined thousands of animal welfare organizations across North America that list their homeless pets on Petfinder, the online leader in responsible pet adoptions.

Petfinder, the largest database of adoptable animals on the Internet, has been committed to animal welfare and rescue organizations dedicated to the cause since its founding in 1996.

More than 13,000 rescues and shelters leverage Petfinder's website and mobile apps to connect homeless pets with prospective pet adopters. To get started, a potential adopter simply enters his or her search criteria and a list is returned that ranks the pets by proximity to the location entered.

The animal placement group that is caring for the pet selected, following its policies, carries out adoptions. Visit [petfinder.com](http://petfinder.com).

Painting event to benefit SPCA

ST. PETERSBURG – The artists at Painting with A Twist have created custom designs from volunteer photos of a cat and a dog for the attendees' painting pleasure. Paint along and enjoy the evening. Cost is \$45, which includes all painting supplies, wine and treats to make the Picasso-esque experience even sweeter. Seating is limited.

Participants will take home a completed painting on canvas and ready for hanging. Proceeds will benefit the animals at SPCA Tampa Bay.

For information, call 581-0493. To register, visit [www.SPCATampaBay.org](http://www.SPCATampaBay.org).

Animal Services offers special

LARGO – During July, Pinellas County Animal Services will celebrate Adopt a Shelter Cat Month with reduced adoption fees of \$5 for shelter cats.

All adoptable cats and kittens will be spayed/neutered, feline leukemia virus tested, revolution applied and shots updated. A reduced fee of \$10 for a microchip and free pet identification will be provided with the required Pinellas County license.

Pinellas County Animal Services is at 12450 Ulmertown Road. To learn more about the shelter, visit [www.pinellascounty.org/animalservices](http://www.pinellascounty.org/animalservices) or call 582-2600. The lost or found pets hotline is 582-2604.

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## An Emotional Lift

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



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- 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.

*Every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love a warm hug or just a friendly pat on the back.*

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## Top five diversions

• **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](http://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!, NiT Grif, The Color Morale, Enter Shikari, Anberlin, Issues, Cute Is What We Aim for, Survive This!, Crown the Empire, The Maine, Volumes and more.



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Icon for Hire performs July 25 at Vinoy Park as part of the lineup for this year's Vans Warped Tour.

• The seventh annual **Dinner and Jazz Series at the MFA** featuring **Phil Magallanes**, Friday, July 25, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., in the Mary Alice McClendon Conservatory, at the Museum of Fine Arts, 255 Beach Drive NE, St. Petersburg. Admission is \$5 for museum members and their guests and \$10 for nonmembers. Cost includes admission to the entire museum, as well as to the world premiere of My Generation: Young Chinese Artists. Visit [www.fine-arts.org](http://www.fine-arts.org). The series spotlights some of the best jazz in the area. The MFA Café will be open for dinner, and beer and wine will be available. Table reservations are strongly recommended. Call the café at 822-1032. Primarily a bassist, Magallanes, born in New York across from the Village Vanguard, also plays guitar and has performed in nearly every venue imaginable - from top jazz clubs across the United States to Broadway, from large arenas with rock bands to country gigs. He has recorded with Blood, Sweat & Tears, Arturo Sandoval, and Engelbert Humperdinck, among others. He holds his degree in jazz studies from the University of North Texas, one of the finest such programs in the country.

• **In the Cool of the Evening**, Friday, July 25, at the Tarpon Springs Performing Arts Center, 324 Pine St., Tarpon Springs. Tickets are \$16. Host Maria Zouves and the talent of VOICE Experience will perform favorite tunes, from "Moon River" to some of opera's most well-known favorite melodies.

• **Johnnyswim**, Saturday, July 26, 7:30 p.m., in Jaeb Theater, at the Straz Center for the Performing Arts, 1010 N. W.C. MacInnes Place, Tampa. Tickets are \$20. Call 813-229-7827 or visit [www.strazcenter.org](http://www.strazcenter.org). "A Prairie Home Companion" hails the married duo of Johnnyswim as "21st century troubadours" whose storytelling style of songwriting includes an infectious blend of rock, blues, boleros, folk, and contemporary R&B. After years of honing their style in Nashville, the band released their first record, Heart Beat, and earned ardent fans at Bonaroo and while touring with Old Crow Medicine Show.

• **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.atthecap.com](http://www.atthecap.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 gimmickry of costumes and impersonations, putting the music first. These world-class musicians tackle iconic music, concentrating solely on re-creating it faithfully from the original recording.



Dwayne Johnson stars in "Hercules," from Paramount Pictures and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures.

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## Opening this weekend

Besson directs 'Lucy,' starring Johansson, Freeman; Johnson plays 'Hercules'

Compiled by LEE CLARK ZUMPE

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

### 'Hercules'

Genre: Action, adventure and fantasy

Cast: Dwayne Johnson, Ian McShane, Rufus Sewell, Joseph Fiennes, Peter Mullan, John Hurt, Rebecca Ferguson, Ingrid Bolso Berdal, Aksel Hennie and Reece Ritchie

Director: Brett Ratner

Rated: PG-13

Paramount Pictures and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures' film "Hercules," starring Dwayne Johnson, opens on July 25.

Based on Radical Comics' "Hercules" by Steve Moore, this ensemble-action film is a revisionist take on the classic myth, "Hercules." The epic action film also stars Golden Globe Winner Ian McShane, Rufus Sewell, Joseph Fiennes, Peter Mullan and Academy Award-nominee John Hurt.

### 'Lucy'

Genre: Action and thriller

Cast: Scarlett Johansson and Morgan Freeman

Director: Luc Besson

Rated: R

From "La Femme Nikita" and "The Professional" to "The Fifth Element," writer/director Luc Besson has created some of the toughest, most memorable female action heroes in cinematic history.

Now, Besson directs Scarlett Johansson in "Lucy," an action-thriller that tracks a woman accidentally caught in a dark deal who turns the tables on her captors and transforms into a merciless warrior evolved beyond human logic.

### 'My Man Is a Loser'

Genre: Comedy

Cast: Michael Rapaport, Bryan Callen, Tika Sumpter, Kathy Searle, Heidi Armbruster and John Stamos

Director: Mike Young

Rated: R

When it comes to women, playboy Mike (John Stamos) has all the right moves.

So when Mike's buddies (Michael Rapaport and Bryan Callen) ask for advice on how to reconnect with their wives, Mike figures he'll share some secrets and help the guys regain their marriage mojo. But when Mike's lessons start backfiring with hilarious results, it takes a beautiful, no-nonsense friend (Tika Sumpter) to show Mike he still has a thing or two to learn about relationships.

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

### 'A Most Wanted Man'

Genre: Action and thriller

Cast: Philip Seymour Hoffman, Rachel McAdams, Robin Wright, Willem Dafoe and Daniel Brühl

Director: Anton Corbijn



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Scarlett Johansson stars in "Lucy," an action-thriller that tracks a woman accidentally caught in a dark deal who turns the tables on her captors and transforms into a merciless warrior evolved beyond human logic.

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Hamburg, Germany: 2012. A mysterious, tortured and near-dead half-Chechen, half-Russian man on the run (Grigoriy Dobrygin) arrives in the city's Islamic community desperate for help and looking to recover his late Russian father's ill-gotten fortune.

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Movie review

'Aftermath' offers chilling glimpse at survival after a nuclear holocaust

Sometimes, it's difficult to recommend a movie that - by design - is viciously disheartening and disturbing.



**Reel Time**  
Lee Clark Zumpe

"Aftermath," a brutal end-of-the-world thriller directed by Peter Engert, is such a film: It's bleak, depressing and discouraging - but as a poignant elegy for post-apocalyptic civilization, it is powerfully effective.

Those expecting traditional horror will likely find "Aftermath" disappointing. This dreary and desolate vision of the future boasts no zombies, no mobs of bloodthirsty mutants, and no 1950s-style irradiated monstrosities shambling across cityscapes toppling buildings and terrifying the masses. No, this is a simple story of survival and endurance following a global catastrophe, focusing on a small group of strangers brought together by circumstance beyond their control.

The film opens with snippets of radio news broadcasts, with disembodied voices reporting current events that - ominously - could be taken from tomorrow's headlines. The world is a tinderbox waiting for a spark. Conflicts in all corners of the globe escalate dramatically. Ordinary citizens - including a doctor named Hunter - seem far removed from the unfolding events and are shocked when, with alarming swiftness, a nuclear holocaust obliterates most of society.

The bombs fall in the first few minutes of the movie: The bulk of the story examines how nine desperate strangers cope with the situation.

The characters find themselves clinging to life in a farmhouse cellar. Outside, radioactive fallout rains



C.J. Thomason stars as Hunter in "Aftermath."

down from the sooty heavens. Faced with poisonous air, radiation, dwindling food and water stocks and injuries made critical by lack of medical supplies, the group also must deal with personality conflicts, discord, depression and mental illness.

As weeks go by, another threat looms: Other refugees begin to congregate outside the farmhouse, driven to near madness by radiation sickness and trauma. They are clearly prepared to kill for a scrap of food or a few drops of water.

Though lacking in originality, "Aftermath" is remarkably well constructed. Engert lets the camera capture the extreme anxiety, the hopelessness and the bareness. Surprisingly, though, even in a hopeless situation, the characters develop a sense of tribal solidarity over time that is somehow encouraging.

Make no mistake: That optimism is fleeting. The film is a slow-boil descent into inescapable hell, punctuated with several solid performances.

CJ Thomason stars as Hunter, a doctor caught far from home when the end comes. Hunter reluctantly assumes a leadership role within the group. Initially, he is at odds with Edward Furlong's character, Brad, a local resident presented as quick-tempered and hostile. Thomason does a remarkable job conveying Hunter's dilemma: The doctor increasingly senses the group's inevitable fate but strives to remain positive. He gradually relinquishes aspects of his hardwired morality as he accepts the end of civilization.

Furlong's character undergoes an equally compelling transformation. Brad comes to express both his remorse over his own ethically dubious actions and shame for the fate of all humanity. Furlong manages to make this conversion so immaculately that the viewer comes to completely empathize with a character that originally seemed the most odious.

Other excellent performances are turned in by Andre Royo as Rob, Christine Kelly as Angie, Ross Britz as Jonathan, Monica Keena as Elizabeth, Jessie Rusu as Jennifer, John Kennon Kepper as Satchel and Tody Bernard as Wendell.

The film's only real weakness is an unnecessarily gratuitous battle royale that comes near the end, pitting the surviving protagonists against scavenging thugs that look a bit too much like rejects from the gang of motorcycle-riding vandals led The Humungus in "The Road Warrior." It is an oddly sensational climax to an otherwise understated drama. The aftermath of the confrontation, however, is rendered subtly - its finality both haunting and heartbreaking.

"Aftermath" evokes another film depicting the horrors of nuclear war. Like the 1984 British made-for-television docudrama "Threads," the film is both unsettling and numbing. Tragically, the film's effectiveness may be lit in its correlation with the current state of global affairs.

"Aftermath" is currently playing in theaters and is available on VOD and iTunes. Locally, the film is being shown at AMC Veterans 24, 9302 Anderson Road, Tampa.



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Monica Keena stars as Elizabeth and Andre Royo as Rob in "Aftermath," an RLJ/Image Entertainment release.

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Organized through a partnership between local arts agency Creative Pinellas and local literary champions Wordier Than Thou, these CRAFT: Cultural Meetups are open to artists, performers and cultural organizations of all types with RSVP.

The series was created to offer an informal space for artists in all disciplines to meet, learn about local arts venues, and discuss

potential collaborations.

CRAFT events begin at 6 p.m. with a casual gathering and tour through a participating Pinellas County arts venue, and at 7:30 p.m. groups adjourn to a nearby local brewery for drinks and conversation.

Guests are encouraged to bring business cards or event flyers to share with the group, and stick around for a free raffle afterward for a chance to win items such as museum memberships or event tickets donated by arts industry partners.

Future CRAFT events are planned for the Dunedin Fine Art Center (Sept. 24 with Dunedin Brewery), Florida Craftsmen

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- Cash is still king. Guess what those who routinely pay by credit or debit cards discovered also doesn't work during power outages? ATM machines. And since many stores could only accept real money, it fell to those like the Hoboken, N.J., woman who'd kept a "\$100 emergency bill in a safe at home" to bail out neighbors.
- Fortify your roof. Roofs suffered some of the biggest casualties from the ferocious winds. While there's nothing you can do to prevent trees from smashing through them, other homeowners might've gotten off more easily had they heeded the advice of Jason Joplin, program manager of the Center for the Advancement of Roofing Excellence: "Always install a drip edge to prevent wind-driven rain from entering the roof fascia and deck." And he notes that the line of pre-cut Starter Strip Shingles from GAF ([www.gaf.com](http://www.gaf.com)), North America's largest roofing manufacturer, includes the industry's "strongest and most properly positioned adhesive to help prevent blow-off."

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# freeFall to stage 'One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest'

ST. PETERSBURG – freeFall Theatre's production of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" will open Saturday, Aug. 2, for a limited run of only 22 performances.

Previews will begin on Aug. 1 and the play closes on Aug. 31. Performances will be Thursdays, 7 p.m.; and Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m. Matinees will be Saturdays and Sundays, 2 p.m. Tickets range from \$29 to \$44. Call 498-5205 or visit [www.freefalltheatre.com](http://www.freefalltheatre.com).

James Oliver and award-winning actress Roxanne Fay star and Eric Davis directs. "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" is the final show of freeFall's 2013-14 season. freeFall's new season will begin in the fall with Stephen Sondheim's "Into the Woods."

Oliver and Fay are joined by Michael Nichols. Rounding out the large cast are Bob Devin Jones, Steve Garland, Larry Alexander, Ward Smith, Rick Stutzel, Robert Richards, Kara Goldberg.

Natalie Symons, Aaron Washington, Greyson Lewis, Peter Konowicz and Hannah Benitez.

The design team includes Steven K. Mitchell, Scott Daniel, Mike Wood Lighting Design and Eric Davis.

"One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" is a Dale Wasserman stage version of Ken Kesey's novel. The book also was made into the famous 1975 film starring Jack Nicholson. freeFall's production will be staged environmentally in the same vein of freeFall hits "The Wild Party," "Man of La Mancha" and "Cabaret." All seating will be general admission as patrons will be seated on various styles of hospital furniture and will be placed amongst the action.

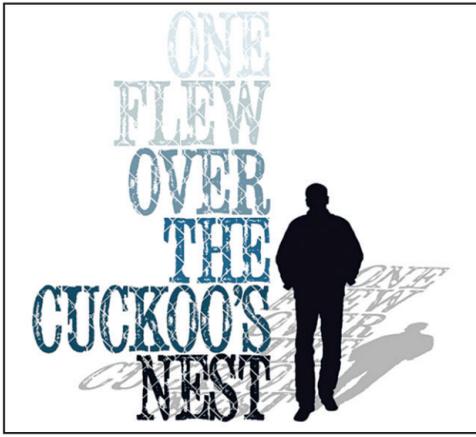


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"One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," based on the novel by Ken Kesey, runs Aug. 2-31 at freeFall Theatre in St. Petersburg.

## Brewery plans night of storytelling and beer

LARGO – A group of local storytellers will perform at Barley Mow Brewing Company Saturday, July 26, 7 to 9 p.m., at 518 W. Bay Dr.

The event, "Campfire Tales," will focus on myths, legends and lore. Storytellers include Indy McDaniel, Ross Tarr, Russil Tamsen, Billie Noakes, Susan Adger and Delaney Rose.

There's a suggested \$5 donation at the door for the storytellers. This event is co-hosted by Barley Mow and Wordier Than Thou, a local literary arts organization.

For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/wordierthanthou](http://www.facebook.com/wordierthanthou).

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#### 'Happy Christmas'

Genre: Comedy and drama  
Cast: Anna Kendrick, Melanie Lynskey, Mark Webber, Lena Dunham and Joe Swanberg  
Director: Joe Swanberg  
Rated: R

A budding novelist and her film director husband, Kelly (Melanie Lynskey) and Jeff (Joe Swanberg) and their 2-year-old son live a peaceful existence in Chicago.

But when Jeff's irresponsible younger sister, Jenny (Anna Kendrick), comes to live with them after a breakup, things start to change. Jenny begins a rocky relationship with a baby sitter-cum-pot dealer (Mark Webber), and she and a friend, Carson (Lena Dunham), instigate an evolution in Kelly's life, as her career and her relationship with her husband begin to grow in new directions. But are they welcome ones?

#### 'Magic in the Moonlight'

Genre: Comedy and drama  
Cast: Eileen Atkins, Colin Firth, Marcia Gay Harden, Hamish Linklater, Simon McBurney,



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Colin Firth stars as Stanley and Emma Stone as Sophie in "Magic in the Moonlight," from Sony Pictures Classics.

Emma Stone, Jacki Weaver, Erica Leerhsen, Catherine McCormack, Paul Ritter and Jeremy Shamos

Director: Woody Allen

Not rated

Set in the 1920s on the opulent Riviera in the south of France, Woody Allen's "Magic in the Moonlight" is a romantic comedy about a master magician (Colin Firth) trying to expose a psychic medium

(Emma Stone) as a fake.

Chinese conjuror Wei Ling Soo is the most celebrated magician of his age, but few know that he is the stage persona of Stanley Crawford (Firth), a grouchy and arrogant Englishman with a sky-high opinion of himself and an aversion to phony spiritualists' claims that they can perform real magic. Persuaded by his life-long friend, Howard Burkan (Simon McBurney), Stanley goes on a mission to the Côte d'Azur mansion of the Catledge family: mother Grace (Jacki Weaver), son Brice (Hamish Linklater), and daughter Caroline (Erica Leerhsen).

He presents himself as a businessman named Stanley Taplinger in order to debunk the alluring young clairvoyant Sophie Baker (Stone) who is staying there with her mother (Marcia Gay Harden). Sophie arrived at the Catledge villa at the invitation of Grace, who is convinced that Sophie can help her contact her late husband, and once there, attracted the attention of Brice, who has fallen for her head over heels.

From his very first meeting with Sophie, Stanley dismisses her as an insignificant pip-squeak who he can unmask in no time, scoffing at the family's gullibility. To his great surprise and discomfort, however, Sophie accomplishes numerous feats of mind-reading and other supernatural deeds that

defy all rational explanation, leaving him dumbfounded. Before long, Stanley confesses to his beloved Aunt Vanessa (Eileen Atkins) that he has begun to wonder whether Sophie's powers could actually be real. If they were to be true, Stanley realizes that anything might be possible, even good, and his entire belief system would come crashing down.

#### 'Very Good Girls'

Genre: Drama  
Cast: Dakota Fanning, Elizabeth Olsen, Boyd Holbrook, Demi Moore, Richard Dreyfuss, Ellen Barkin, Peter Sarsgaard and Clark Gregg  
Director: Naomi Foner

Not rated

Best friends Lily (Dakota Fanning) and Gerry (Elizabeth Olsen), home for one last New York summer, make a pact to lose their virginity before leaving for college.

But when they both fall for the same handsome artist (Boyd Holbrook) and Lily starts seeing him in secret, a lifelong friendship is tested.

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