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# Leaders tour completed complex

## New Public Safety Complex designed to withstand Category 5 hurricane

By SUZETTE PORTER and JULIANA TORRES

LARGO – Ten years ago, Pinellas County prepared for what could have been its biggest disaster in modern history.

On Aug. 13, 2004, tracking maps showed Hurricane Charley taking aim at Tampa Bay – specifically Pinellas County. Evacuations were underway. An emergency order and curfews were in place. The county braced for the worst.

Pinellas dodged a bullet that day. Charley made landfall just after 3 p.m. further south in Lee County as a Category 4 hurricane with winds in excess of 150 mph. The hurricane traveled through central Florida leaving a huge path of destruction before exiting just south of Daytona Beach.

Florida weathered four hurricanes in 2004 – Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne. Hundreds died. Property damage added up to billions of dollars. Fortunately, none of those hurricanes touched Pinellas. Although, weaker systems did pass through, causing some minor damage.

As Pinellas reached out to its neighbors and emergency management workers came together in the aftermath of Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne, officials began to realize that changes were required to better prepare for the future.

Pinellas began updating its disaster plans. Work started on hurricane hardening of buildings, expansion of shelter space, training for staff and educating the public.

A key piece to the county's plan was construction of new facilities designed to withstand the force of a Category 5 hurricane. One of the lessons learned in 2004 was how difficult it is to respond after a disaster when critical infrastructure fails.

A new two-story Public Works Operations facility and vehicle storage building opened Aug. 12, 2007, at 22211 U.S. 19 N. in Clearwater. The buildings were designed to withstand a Category 5 hurricane. In case of an emergency, the operations facility would serve as an emergency center

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Photo by JULIANA A. TORRES

**Pinellas County Interim Chief of Staff Bruce Moeller, left, answers questions about the Regional 9-1-1 Center from Commissioners Janet Long and John Morroni during a July 31 tour of the Sheriff's Administration Building and Public Safety Complex.**

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## Largo Knights install new officers

The Knights of Columbus Council No. 4892, based in Largo, installed new officers for the 2014-15 year July 26.

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POLICE BEAT

## Inmate, mom caught smuggling

**Janelle Albertson**

A female inmate and her mother reportedly organized a scheme to smuggle prescription drugs into the Pinellas County Jail on 49th Street in Clearwater. The mother was arrested July 31.

Detectives report the women devised a plan in which Mary Ann Albertson, mother to inmate Janelle Albertson, would deliver and hide various prescription pills in a public restroom at the jail.

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Water restrictions changed for Pinellas County Utilities customers effective Friday, Aug. 1.

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# Largo competes in regionals

Photos by JAY RICHMOND

**The Greater Largo Little League senior division All-Stars represented Florida in the southeast regional tournament in Safety Harbor Aug. 2-6. At left, Largo's Kyle Koker, No. 14, hits a double for two runs in the second inning of the game against North Carolina Aug. 4. Above, Hunter Gatrett of Largo slides safely into third base. Largo beat the team from North Carolina 7-4 and made it into the semifinals against Virginia Aug. 5. For more, see page 13A.**

# Teenagers to add mini-golf layouts to Largo library

By JULIANA A. TORRES

LARGO – Since September, teen volunteers at Largo Public Library have been constructing 27 layouts in different themes to turn the library into a miniature golf course.

The whole project will come together for Book Maniacs' Mini Golf, an inaugural fundraiser for the teen program Saturday, Aug. 9, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the library, 120 Central Park Drive.

"We have tons of themes," explained teen volunteer Nicole Harrison, 18, of Largo. "Music, Candy Land, Quidditch, under the sea, bugs, fantasy, Seven Wonders of the World, space or astronomy."

Nine of the holes are designed to be easy for younger participants, set up in the children's area as the Toddler Tee-Off Course. The rest of the 18 holes are for older children and adults in the Family Fairway Course.

"Everything for the putt-putt, because we're doing it in the library, is book-themed," said Julie Gonser, library youth services assistant. "That's not hard to do just because there are books about everything."

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Photos by JULIANA A. TORRES

**Above, Thien Vu, 17, of Largo adds some detail to a castle "wall," part of a mini-golf course Largo library's teen volunteers are organizing as a fundraiser Saturday, Aug. 9. Below, Julie Gonser, library youth services assistant, shows off a model of the Largo Public Library made out of books to be added to the course.**

# Largo to upgrade its city signs

By JULIANA A. TORRES

LARGO – Recently, Largo commissioners asked city staff to erect some signs that would mark where the West Bay downtown district began.

The sign that went up last week wasn't quite what commissioners had envisioned. Commissioner Michael Smith called it "cheesy" and said he had hoped for something "more than a street sign."

The problem is the city doesn't have a set standard for what Largo signs should look like. Its facility, wayfinding and gateway signs sometimes use the city logo, sometimes the old clock tower logo. They're usually blue, but sometimes green. They don't have a set font, sometimes say "city of Largo" and other times just "Largo."

In short, there is no unified theme to any of Largo's signs.

"We've never, as a city organization, had a comprehensive sign program," said Assistant City Manager Michael Staffopoulos during the commission meeting Aug. 5. "We've never identified what our sign standards should be: what our colors should be, what minimum lettering or wording should be on the sign, what kind of fonts we should use, what types of materials should be used and what type of general appearance our signs should take."

Further, several of the city's facility signs – especially the "Largo Municipal Complex" one in front of City Hall and ones in front of its police and fire stations – are in disrepair and need to be replaced. Its gateway signs, welcoming drivers into the city, also are in poor condition. Some, due to annexations, aren't in the right place.

The need presented an opportunity, Staffopoulos said. Along the facility signs, the city could redesign its wayfinding signs, demarking the downtown, trails and community streets, as well as its gateway and facility signs.

Commissioners could choose to hire an outside company to create a new brand for the city, Staffopoulos explained. Such branding efforts cost the cities of Clearwater and Dunedin $100,000 and $76,000, respectively, and took about a year to complete.

Or, commissioners could ask the city's own community

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# Therapist explains need for new equipment to club

LARGO – Vera Sheremeta, an autism therapist at Paul B. Stevens Exceptional Student Education Center in Clearwater, was the featured speaker at the breakfast meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Largo/Mid-Pinellas Aug. 1.

The Paul B. Stevens school is part of the Pinellas County public school system and has a large number of students on autism spectrum.

These students are mostly nonverbal and have significant problems in redirecting their behavior when they are unable to communicate a want or need. Usually very intelligent, they get easily frustrated in their inability to communicate, which often leads to behavior outbursts.

As a result the school is looking to fund multi-sensory equipment to help stimulate students' senses, which will help them with eye contact, tactile input and verbal responses. The equipment is interactive, and will help show the students cause and effect, which will help them develop motor skills, how to control their environment, and ultimately lead to independence.

This equipment will cost about $4,700, and the school already has 12 percent of that donated. Anyone who wishes to help can visit www.finditfunditflorida.com/pinellas/grant/3749.

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

Photo courtesy of the LARGO KIWANIS

**Vera Sheremeta, right, accepts a certificate of appreciation from Bruce Blazej, president of the Kiwanis Club of Largo/Mid-Pinellas, after speaking to the club Aug. 1.**

## New officers installed

Photo courtesy of KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**The Knights of Columbus Council No. 4892, based in Largo, installed new officers for the 2014-15 year July 26. Pictured are members, from left, Grand Knight Bob Gibbia, Deputy Grand Knight Bob Dasch, John Hourican, Bill Fullerton, Al Pomianowski, Dick McCarthy, Fred Meyers, Henri Bellavance, Ron Klemm and Dave Dumont. For more information, call the council at 290-8777 or visit www.koc4892.com.**

# City calendar

### Tidalwave Tuesdays concludes

LARGO – The Highland Family Aquatic Center will host Tidalwave Finale, a glow-in-the-dark teen pool party, Tuesday, Aug. 12, 8 to 11 p.m., at 400 Highland Ave.

The cost is $5 and open to middle and high school youth.

Activities will include glow-in-the-dark necklaces, a 20-foot screen to play Guitar Hero, elevated inflatable slip-n-slide, lighted palm trees and 10 laser lights.

Facility amenities include the tallest slides in Pinellas County, a 214-foot circular and a speed slide, double slide, water play features, deck sprays, expanded deck and shade coverings, deck chairs and lounges, sand volleyball court, Big Squirt water refill station and bath houses.

Visit LargoPools.com or call 518-3016.

### Highland hosts toddler pool party

LARGO – Parents and their children ages 5 and younger are invited to enjoy a safe and playful aquatic environment during the Itty Bitty Pool Party Friday, Aug. 15, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., at the Highland Family Aquatic Center, 400 Highland Ave.

Cost is $2.50 per person. Enjoy the slides, sprays, zero-depth pool area and much more. Moms' clubs are welcome.

Children will receive a free 100 percent juice box at Splash's Snack Bar. Dunkin Donuts Largo will provide coffee and ice coffee for adults and munchkins for the children. Toppers Creamery will offer a free ice cream coupon for all participants.

Children not potty-trained must wear a plastic swim diaper under their bathing suit. For more information, call 518-3016 or visit LargoPools.com.

### Meditation class set

LARGO – The Parbawatiya Center will teach classes on meditation on Mondays, 6 to 7:15 p.m., at the Largo Community Center, at 400 Alt. Keene Road.

The class will run Aug. 11 to Sept. 15. Reduce your stress and gain peace of mind by learning to meditate. All levels are welcome.

The suggested donation for the class is $10. The Parbawatiya Kadampa Buddhist Center is a nonprofit organization based in Safety Harbor. Call Maria Erickson at 813-431-7372 or visit MeditationInTampaBay.org.

### Sign up for free VPK

LARGO – The city of Largo is offering free voluntary prekindergarten at Southwest Recreation Complex, 13120 Vonn Road.

The high quality, licensed program geared toward the joy of learning for ages 4 to 6 is offered Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon. Before care, from 8 a.m., and the wrap-around program, until 4 p.m., also will be offered.

Participants must have completed certificate of eligibility from the Early Learning Coalition and complete a registration packet available at Southwest complex.

Visit SouthwestRecCenter.com or call 518-3125.

### City hosts open houses

LARGO – Join Largo's Recreation Parks and Art Department for a free back-to-school open house Aug. 23, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Highland and Southwest recreation complexes and Largo Community Center.

Visit one facility or all three for back-to-school giveaways, class demonstrations and more. Learn more about Largo recreation membership. Recreation members enjoy access to all recreation facilities and discounted programming for $10 a year.

Highland Recreation Complex is at 400 Highland Ave. Call 518-3016. Southwest Recreation Complex is at 13120 Vonn Road. Call 518-3125. Largo Community Center is at 400 Alt. Keene Road. Call 518-3131.

WalMart Missouri, Largo High School PTSA and Largo Middle School PTSA will sponsor this open house.

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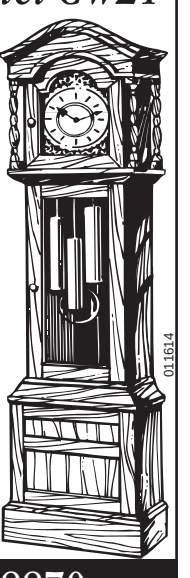
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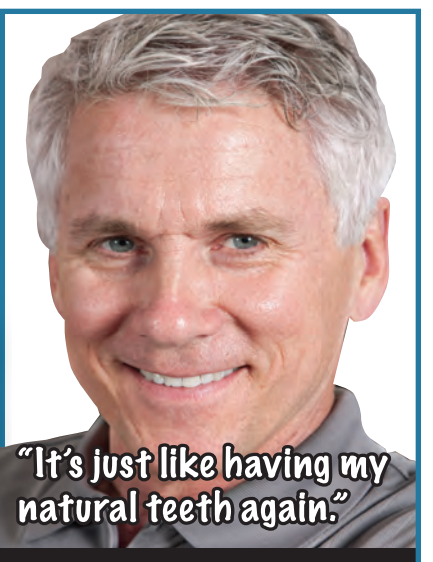
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The library will be open to regular patrons during the event, which will raise money for the library's Teen Room. A vendor shopping area will feature local businesses such Coldstone Creamery, Ready Set Yo, local crafters and Massage and Wellness, which will be offering chair massages.

A couple of staff members will pull Renaissance- and Western-themed carts around the library to sell snacks like kettle corn and cookies. Staff also will be selling 50-cent chance tickets for a drawing for gift baskets loaded with donated goodies like massage gift cards, free haircuts and facials, board games, pet supplies and pool lounges.

Since this is the first event like it, Gonser said she isn't sure how much the teens will raise. Past fundraisers, such as the teens' anime conventions, brought in $1,500 to $2,000. So far, just the idea of library mini golf has garnered a lot of interest.

"People are having a hard time with a miniature golf course inside the library," Gonser said. "I think we're going to have a lot of people here just because they want to see what it looks like."

Free tickets were given to children 12 and younger who were successful in the library's summer reading program.

"If they completed their summer reading, they received a free ticket for the golf. Hopefully that'll bring their families in," Gonser said.

The project has been a lot of work so far. The Greater Largo Library Foundation donated the golf balls and holes for the course, and the local Lowes donated several items the teens used in construction of the layouts. But Gonser has been gathering materials – saving boxes, Styrofoam and packing materials from shipments of books and materials to the library – since June of last year.

"It's been a long time coming," she said.

The Teen Library Council helped brainstorm themes and ideas for the different layouts.

"We tried to go by the area of the library (to decide) what the theme was," Gonser said. "Of course, now they've rearranged a lot of the books, so it might not make sense."

Still, a mystery-themed hole has been designed near the fiction section. The fantasy theme was supposed to be featured near the fantasy section, but those books have been integrated into the regular fiction section.

One of Gonser's own projects was a 3D rendering of the Largo library made out of a poster, cut out and glued onto the spines of old books. The library will be featured on the first hole of the course.

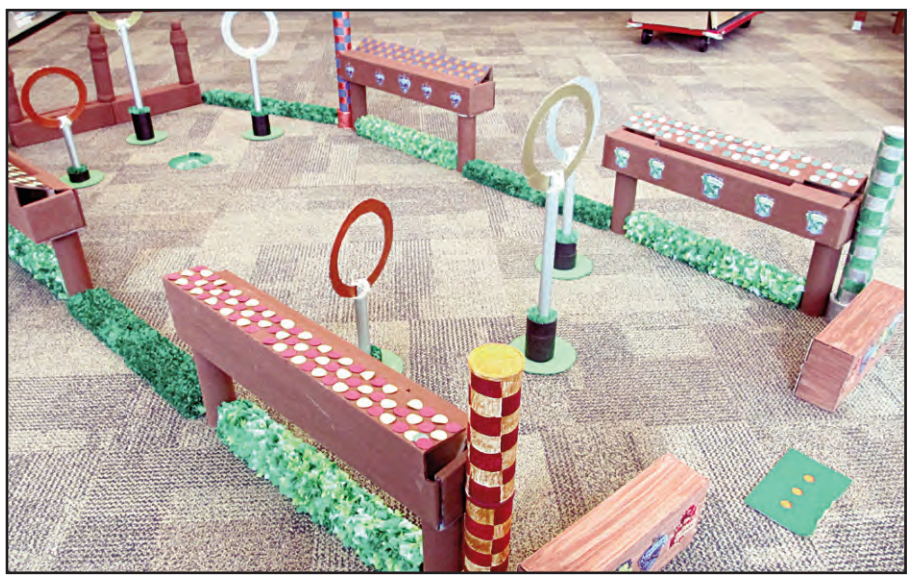
The teens wanted to build an anime-themed layout for the Teen Room itself, as manga posters decorate many of the walls in the area. Harrison built the Pokémon Pikachu out of three cinder blocks and papier-mâché before the teens ran into a problem.

"We couldn't think of anything else for it," Harrison explained.

So the theme was changed to the board game, Candy Land.

"There's more that you can do with candy than you can do with anime," Harrison said.

A week before the event, the teens were still painting pool noodles in bright, candy-themed colors for the layout. They had already built the kid game pieces and Harrison papier-mâché a Gloppy the Molasses Monster to replace the bright Pikachu.



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**The teen volunteers at Largo library have built several miniature golf layouts including the Harry Potter-themed Quidditch course, above left, and a mystery theme, above right. Below, Nicole Harrison, 18, of Largo adds some finishing touches to an under-the-sea element.**

Photo by JULIANA A. TORRES

"I've always liked to volunteer. I try to do as much as I can to give back to the community," Harrison said.

Gosner set up the mini-golf layouts in a trial run two weeks before the event, to make sure everything worked. From there, it was all about fine-tuning the pieces and finishing the painting.

"I know it's not going to be perfect the first year. You want it to be as interesting and as flawless as you can get," she said.

Gosner said she hopes to make mini golf the teen's major fundraiser for the next four or five years. Each year, the teens will make upgrades and repairs and maybe add another layout or two.

The event should be beneficial for the library itself.

"We'll be all over the library," Gosner said. "There are people – it's funny – they don't even know we have a second floor, and we've been here almost 10 years."

The library will be almost fully staffed on Saturday.

"Hopefully, we'll have a good response and everybody will have a good time," Gosner said. "The kids are looking forward to it."

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development and marketing staff to create a comprehensive look for the signage.

"Essentially we're talking about it using the existing identity elements that we have now, which would be the existing logo, the signature color of blue and standardizing the font, but not going through the lengthy process of developing a new logo and a tagline," said Community Development Director Carol Stricklin.

The commissioners were not, as Mayor Pat Gerard put it, "in a big hurry for branding."

"I do think it's a problem that we need to address. Certainly we need to replace sings and I'd like to move toward similar signs or the same signs in each location," said Commissioner Woody Brown.

However, he advised against taking on a big expense for the project, pointing out that many of the city's blue street signs had the outdated clock tower symbol on them.

"I wouldn't want to go through the expense of replacing all of those signs simply because we've come up with a new kind of standard of signs," Brown said, suggesting those signs be replaced as needed.

He also asked for staff to consider adding logos from the community organizations within Largo to the gateway signs.

"I think those are really nice, and it adds a hometown feel," he said.

Smith asked if there was a way to involve the community in the process. Staffopoulos said that the city would be doing some community outreach as it defines its districts, allowing for opportunities for each area to have input on a slightly different sign theme.

## The business sign program

In the same meeting, the commissioners voted 5-1 to approve the first reading of an ordinance that extends the deadline for businesses to convert pole signs to monument signs. Commissioner Curtis Holmes was the sole dissenting vote.

Businesses will have two more years, tacked on top of the original 10-year amortization period, to comply with the city's new signs standards. By June 2019, businesses will have to convert any signs on a pole to shorter, monument-style signs of a specific square-footage. The change is a significant expense for businesses; some of the 49 signs that have changed have cost as much as $12,000.

Commissioners debated how quickly annexed businesses with pole signs should be asked to convert after coming into the city. They agreed to amend the ordinance to give such businesses 10 years after their annexation period to comply.

The second reading of the ordinance is Tuesday, Aug. 19.

## Atheists open the meeting

For the first time, the city of Largo invited a representative from Atheists of Florida to offer an invocation to start the commission meeting Aug. 5.

Joe Reinhardt thanked the commissioners for adopting to "the ever-increasing diversity in our community today."

"We at Atheists of Florida have long advocated a moment of silence in lieu of an invocation, as an agreeable way to commence any meeting," he said. "I invoke you to remember that human beings are the answer to human problems. And it is our responsibility to make the world and leave the world a better place."

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and shelter for public works staff and first responders. The storage building would house necessary equipment.

But, Pinellas also needed a facility for the Sheriff's Office, emergency operations and 9-1-1 dispatchers that also could withstand the force of a Category 5 storm. County commissioners approved a $68.5 million agreement to begin construction of a new administration building for the sheriff's office and public safety complex Aug. 7, 2012.

Nearly two years later, commissioners took their first tour July 31 of the new 208,403-square-foot facility located in a nonevacuation zone at 10750 Ulmerton Road in Largo.

"This is a hardened facility," Interim Chief of Staff Bruce Moeller told those attending the tour. "We have also two generators outside that are redundant."

The two 2.5-megawatt generators can supply the facility for more than 96 hours. Additional fuel supplies are stored onsite to resupply the generators. Wells are available to provide water. Wastewater storage is available.

"Because, again, we have to assume that everyone outside has failed," Moeller said. "That's why there are satellite phones."

The building has the capacity to hold about 700 people during activation of the Emergency Operations Center. Those people will have all they need to respond before, during and after a storm.

The first floor is equipped with a kitchen with a walk-in refrigerator and freezer, as well as storage for dry goods. There also is space for a refrigerated trailer and tie downs to ensure adequate supplies of food. In addition, there is an infirmary, which will be staffed by Sunstar paramedics during an emergency. A laundry room is available for emergency workers.

The second floor houses the Emergency Management Department. The space includes 118 desks; four "break-out rooms" for meetings with up to 12 people; two conference rooms with teleconferencing equipment; a media room with nine workstations; space with eight workstations for public information officers; a logistics section with capacity for 14 workstations; a citizens information center with a capacity of 32 people per shift; a radio room with seven workstations for auxiliary communications services; and storage for communications equipment and educational materials.

The old Emergency Operations Center at 400 S. Fort Harrison Ave. in Clearwater is currently being dismantled and repurposed.

The third floor of the facility is home to the county's new consolidated Regional 9-1-1 Center. It serves as the public safety answering point for the entire county.

The 9-1-1 telecommunicators are expected to answer as many as a million calls during the first year, according to a fact sheet provided by county Communications. They will process calls for fire, emergency medical services and the sheriff's office. Calls also will be transferred to police departments in Clearwater, Largo, Pinellas Park, St. Petersburg and Tarpon Springs.

The space has room for 63 personnel, including two 9-1-1 supervisors, 27 9-1-1 telecommunicators, eight fire-EMS dispatchers, two PCSO supervisors, seven PCSO dispatchers, three switchboard teletype, two traffic control positions (for use during an emergency), two Sunstar supervisors and 10 Sunstar dispatchers.

The new 9-1-1 center became operational July 23.

"There were some bumps along the way, no doubt about it, but when push came to shove and switches were flipped that Wednesday morning, it was absolutely seamless," said Sheriff Bob Gualtieri.

Gualtieri credited the success to teamwork.

"It's a credit to them and their hard work that we now have really, really crossed a threshold and reached a milestone in Pinellas County to give better emergency communications delivered to its citizens," he said. "There will be a cost savings, and we'll realize that costs savings as we move down the road, but the more important part of it is, is we're delivering a better more efficient service to the citizens."

The new facility also replaces the sheriff's Administration Building, which will be demolished in the near future. A parking lot with 566 spaces will take its place.

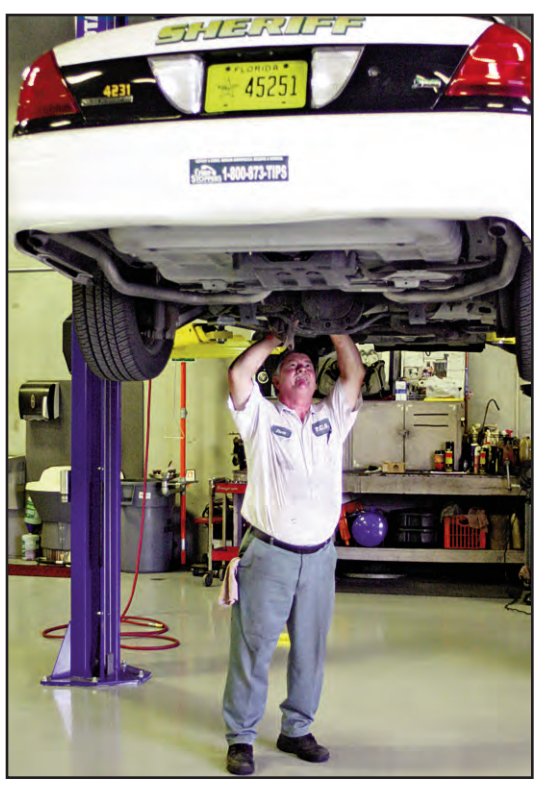
"This new modern state-of-the-art, technology-sound building replaces what was very antiquated," Gualtieri said.

Eight units with almost 100 employees currently spread out throughout the county also will be moving into the new facility, which enhances operations and saves money.

"This wasn't a want, by any stretch of any imagination," Gualtieri said. "This was an absolute need that was eight years in the making."

Photos by JULIANA A. TORRES

**At left, the front entrance of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Administration Building stands at the center of the $81.4 million complex. Above, each of the workstations in the Regional 9-1-1 Center feature five screens, allowing dispatchers to monitor the location of each law enforcement vehicle in the county while taking information from callers and contacting appropriate authorities. The desks themselves can be raised using hydraulics to allow the dispatchers to either stand or sit during their shifts. Supervisors can monitor the entire floor from a raised platform, pictured in the background. Below, the new Emergency Operations Center boasts 118 workstations grouped in five rows of essential services – made up of county and community representatives – needed in the event of a major disaster: Coast Guard, damage assessment, infrastructure, human services, emergency services and governmental liaisons. Below left, service technician Steve Sitton works on Sheriff's Office vehicle in the new fleet maintenance garage, which now has up to 11 repair bays. The new garage includes storage for parts, which are all tracked as they replace old parts in fleet vehicles.**



The current Administration Building is located in an old nursing home built in the 1950s. Gualtieri said the new building would "provide really effective services for everybody for a very, very long time to come."

Deputies now have onsite access to training equipment and an armory where they can clean and maintain firearms. There are new classrooms and a "multipurpose read-off" room with seating for 66, plus a computer lab with training space for 40, which doubles the current capacity.

Another new feature Gualtieri pointed out is enhanced security. The new building is equipped with magnetometers at the front door.

The new foyer is almost twice the size of the foyer at the old administration building. A separate window and adjoining meeting space is available in the foyer to receive paperwork. Interview rooms are located in a quiet location providing more privacy. A separate entrance makes Human Resources and Records department more accessible to citizens. The sheriff also has a new fleet maintenance garage with up to 11 repair bays available.

Communications is critical during an emergency. The new public safety complex contains all the critical components of the countywide radio system. In addition, it includes a 20-channel stand-alone radio site to provide countywide radio coverage to mobile radios in the event of a catastrophe.

The county's vital data will be protected inside the 3,800-square-foot state-of-the-art data center also housed inside the new facility. The Public Safety Complex has a parking garage with space for 677 vehicles. It has its own central energy plant, which has been designed for future expansion.

The cost of the new facility is about $81.4 million paid for with Penny for Pinellas funds.

"This particular project became the centerpiece of Penny for Pinellas," said Interim County Administrator Mark Woodard. "I'm happy to say that this project is on budget and on schedule."

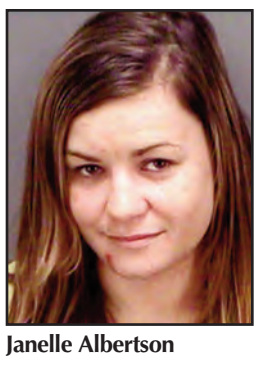
The project is not quite finished.

"We're probably about 85 percent complete, maybe 95 percent complete," Gualtieri said. "There's still a lot to be done. … still things we're tweaking."

# Police beat

## Inmate, mom charged with smuggling

CLEARWATER – A female inmate and her mother reportedly organized a scheme to smuggle prescription drugs into the Pinellas County Jail on 49th Street in Clearwater. The mother was arrested July 31.



Janelle Albertson

Mary Ann Albertson

According to investigators, between July 22 and July 27, inmate Janelle Albertson, 27, conspired with her mother, Mary Ann Albertson, 53, both of Clearwater to introduce various prescription pills into the Pinellas County Jail. Deputies assigned to the Detention Investigations Unit began to investigate the case after detention deputies received a tip.

The investigation revealed that the women devised a plan in which Mary Ann Albertson would deliver and hide various prescription pills in a public restroom at the jail. An inmate worker would then retrieve the pills from the restroom and deliver them to Janelle in her housing unit. The sheriff's report includes no additional information about the "inmate worker."

Detectives learned that Janelle Albertson was selling or trading each pill for approximately $50 worth of items, including commissary products, phone cards and a pair of Nike shoes. Deputies say the pills also were used for personal consumption.

Deputies said pill deliveries to the jail occurred on at least two occasions between July 22 and July 27. On July 31, investigators discovered various pills, including morphine, cyclobenzaprine, Xanax, Soma and Dilaudid concealed in one of the public restrooms.

Deputies arrested Mary Ann Albertson July 31 at her Clearwater home for conspiracy to introduce contraband to a county detention facility and introduction of contraband into a county facility. She was subsequently transported to the Pinellas County Jail without further incident. Bond was set at $10,000.

Janelle Albertson was charged with conspiracy to introduce contraband to a county detention facility and introduction of contraband into a county facility. Janelle was already in jail after being arrested June 23 for possession of alprazolam, marijuana and morphine, as well as a felony charge of failure to appear. Her bonds total $70,530. Jail records show that Janelle has been booked five additional times, beginning Nov. 8, 2012. Charges include retail theft, possession of drugs, resisting arrest and a warrant from Pasco County for grand theft auto.

Jail records show that Mary Ann also has spent time in the Pinellas County Jail with three additional booking reports dating back to Aug. 6, 2012 for failure to appear in Pasco County on battery charges.

## Man arrested after shooting at police dog

PINELLAS PARK – A Pinellas Park man who reportedly shot at a Pinellas Park police dog was arrested just before 10:30 p.m. July 31 on a number of charges.

Jason Michael Lopez

According to the police report, officers responded to a disturbance call about 10 p.m. in the 9100 block of 54th Way North in Pinellas Park about a male subject grabbing and pushing a female.

Police found the victim and the suspect in the 5500 block of 92nd Place North. As officers approached, the male fled into the rear yard of a private residence. The female told officers that the man had battered her and that she was pregnant with his child.

Additional officers and two K-9 units arrived at the scene to assist. The K-9s began searching for the male. During the tracking, one K-9 team observed the man in a backyard on 91st Avenue North. The man refused orders to surrender and a police dog was sent to apprehend him.

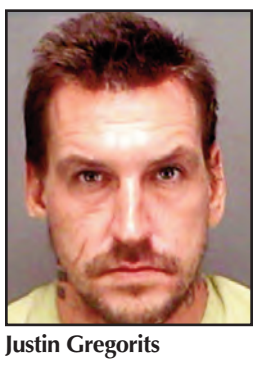
As the dog went after the suspect, the man fired a handgun at the dog. Neither the dog nor the handler was hit, police said. The suspect threw the firearm into another yard. Police later recovered the gun.

Police said the suspect, Jason Michael Lopez, 30, suffered serious injuries due to resisting arrest and the "efforts of the police dog in subduing him." The injuries include several dog bites.

Lopez was taken to a local hospital for treatment of his injuries. He was released Friday morning and booked into the Pinellas County Jail at 8:12 a.m. Lopez was charged with aggravated battery on a pregnant female; carrying a concealed firearm; aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer; resisting arrest with violence; and attempted injury of police dog. Lopez has an extensive criminal record including time served in a Florida prison.

## Man charged with having sex with a minor

MADEIRA BEACH – Pinellas County Sheriff's deputies arrested a 37-year-old Madeira Beach man for reportedly having sex with a 17-year-old female.



Justin Gregorits

The victim's parents contacted the Sheriff's Office Aug. 3 after the teen failed to return home. The 17-year-old told her parents she was going out with friends she met on the beach. Deputies located the girl at the home of Justin Gregorits.

According to the sheriff's report, the victim alleged that Gregorits forced her to have sex with him. Gregorits reportedly admitted to detectives with the Crimes Against Children Unit that he did have a "sexual encounter" with the teen. Detectives said the incident occurred sometime between 1 and 3 a.m. Aug. 3.

Gregorits was charged with sexual battery and transported to the Pinellas County Jail.

Detectives believe there may be other victims. The suspect also goes by the name of "Gene." Anyone with information is requested to contact Detective Bonasoro at 582-6200.

## Sheriff's Office hiring detention deputies

The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office is now accepting applications for certified detention deputies. The Sheriff's Office is offering a competitive starting salary for certified detention deputies that starts at $45,500.

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# FDOT presents plans on Gateway Express to commissioners

By SUZETTE PORTER

CLEARWATER – The Gateway Express should improve travel time in Pinellas County, saving commuters as much as nine to 13 minutes.

Debbie Hunt, director of Transportation Development for Florida Department of Transportation, updated Pinellas County Commissioners during a July 29 work session about ongoing plans for construction of the Gateway Express project. When complete, the expressway will provide a direct connection from I-275 to U.S. 19 and from I-275 to the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport and the Bayside Bridge.

Hunt described it as a "catalyst project" for the future of the region.

"It takes all the signals out of the commute," she said.

She said the saving in travel time was "huge."

Gov. Rick Scott announced in February that FDOT would provide $131 million of the Gateway Express project. When complete, motorists will be able to make the new connections using an elevated tolled expressway. Thanks to the extra state money, the Gateway Express will open 20 years earlier than originally planned.

Hunt said charging a toll on the expressway would allow the state to fund construction without using bonds. Toll revenue will pay for operation and maintenance of the road. Hunt estimates that the toll will be 75 cents – at least in the beginning. She added that toll-free options would still be available.

The Gateway Express will "improve mobility in the region and help with congestion," Hunt said.

It also will tie into other projects in the area.

FDOT is working with county staff and well as Noah Lagos, director of the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport, and those working on the Greenlight Pinellas plan. PSTA also wants to build a maintenance facility in the Gateway area and potentially a train station.

The Gateway Express will provide better access to the airport and require moving the traffic signal. The airport will still have two access points, Hunt said.

FDOT and airport officials are currently working on plans to accommodate changes needed to the ponds and potential runway changes.

"FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) is very involved to make sure there are no conflicts," Hunt said. "We hope to get FAA response this week."

The project could require intermittent closures of the main runway for up to six weeks. Hunt was quick to point out that the runway would not be closed for six weeks.

"Overall, it would be a total of six weeks, not six weeks at one time," she said.

She said a secondary runway would be available.

Lagos disputed that the main runway would be closed during construction.

"There is no closure of the main runway during this project," he said.

He said the airport had agreed to temporary closures to the secondary runway and nighttime closures totaling up to six weeks in time.

He said one of the airport's runways, 927, was scheduled to be closed in 2019, because the FAA no longer wants to pay for its maintenance and the airport can't afford it.

"To make this project work, we must close 927," he said.

He said it was FDOT's responsibility to coordinate with the FAA on the proposed alignment of the roadway and airspace. He said FAA would "offer an opinion" that there no hazards, there are possible hazards or there are hazards.

"We must wait for FAA's opinion," he said.

He said the roadway project also could affect plans for a future runway expansion.

"We're still working on issues," Lagos said.

Issues include the ponds, runways and parking.

He said the history of the airport's acquisition, which was part of a Surplus Property Act, also must be considered.

"There are strings attached," he said.

Another concern is stormwater pipes under the road at 118th Avenue. Discussions include having the contractor reline all those pipes as part of the project.

David Scott, director of the department of environment and infrastructure, said his staff was looking to see what other utilities infrastructure might be in the area.

"We don't want to have to dig up that area in the future," he said.

Funding includes federal, state and Penny for Pinellas funds. Construction on the project, estimated to cost about $454 million, is scheduled to start in early 2017. Officials estimate that construction will take five years. Public hearings on the project are expected to begin in 2015. Penny for Pinellas will fund about $60 million of the project.

Hunt said the project would help with traffic congestion, but it wouldn't solve the problem.

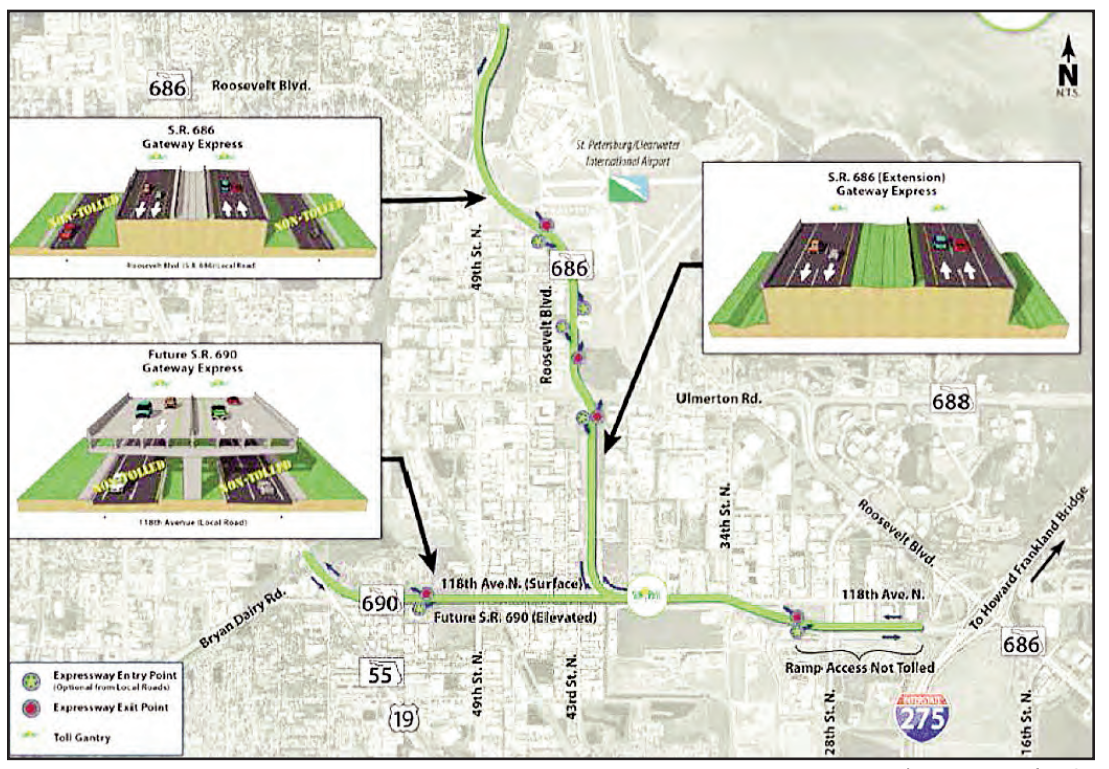
"Even with planned improvements and light rail, congestion will shift and balance," she said. "It will take all the improvements to make traffic flow."

"This is part of a multi-modal system," Commissioner Ken Welch said.

He said working together all the projects would help with congestion.

"This is a great project," he added.

"We're working very hard together," Scott said. "Everything is beginning to come together well."

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# News briefs

## Water restrictions ease

Water restrictions changed for Pinellas County Utilities customers effective Friday, Aug. 1.

Due to recent rainfall, water resource conditions have improved for the county, prompting the Southwest Florida Water Management District's Governing Board to end the Phase II Severe Water Shortage Order on July 31.

Pinellas County Utilities customers using potable, well, lake, or pond water may continue to irrigate their lawns on two authorized watering days per week according to the schedule below:

• Addresses ending in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6, 8): Thursday and/or Sunday

• Addresses ending in an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7, 9): Wednesday and/or Saturday

• Addresses with mixed or no addresses, such as common areas associated with a residential subdivision: Tuesday and/or Friday

• Properties two acres or greater in size may water half on Thursday and/or Sunday and may water the remaining half on Wednesday and/or Saturday

• Prohibited lawn irrigation between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

• Prohibited lawn irrigation on Monday

Previously restricted water-use activities such as using sprinkler-like devices, wading pools, water slides, etc. for recreational purposes are no longer restricted.

New lawns and landscaping must follow a 60-day establishment period irrigation schedule. Visit Pinellas County Utilities website for schedule of details at www.pinellascounty.org/utilities/water-restrict.htm.

As a reminder, Pinellas County Utilities reclaimed water customers north of Curlew Road are still experiencing reduced reclaimed water availability with the system shut down on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays. North county reclaimed water customers are authorized to irrigate two days per week according to the schedule below:

• Addresses ending in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6, 8): Tuesday and Saturday

• Addresses ending in an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7, 9): Wednesday and Sunday

• Addresses with mixed or no addresses, such as common areas associated with a residential subdivision: Wednesday and Sunday

• Prohibited lawn irrigation between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

• Prohibited lawn irrigation on Monday

This schedule is in effect until storage levels recover and the system can return to full capacity.

For more information, visit www.pinellascounty.org/utilities/reclaim-irrigation.htm.

Pinellas County Utilities reminds residents that water restrictions can change at any time. Customers are responsible for staying up to date on restrictions and watering schedules. Violations of such restrictions or schedules may result in a $193 fine.

As a courtesy, Pinellas County Utilities sends out email notifications when schedules change for potable, well, lake, and pond water. Customers are encouraged to visit www.pinellascounty.org/utilities/water-restrict.htm and click on "Sign up for Email Updates" to register their email address to receive notifications.

For more details, call 464-4000, or visit www.pinellascounty.org/utilities.

Photo by TERRE PORTER

**Water restrictions are less stringent as of Aug. 1, but residents are still limited to a twice-a-week schedule for irrigating lawns.**

## Votes won't be counted in District 64

A Circuit Judge in Leon County disqualified the write-in candidate in the race for State Representative in District 64 for the upcoming Aug. 26 election. Votes will not be counted.

The race will appear on the Nov. 4 ballot as a Universal Primary. All registered voters in District 64 will be eligible to vote for either Republican – incumbent James Grant or challenger Miriam Steinberg. The candidate receiving the most votes will be the winner.

District 64 includes areas of East Lake, Palm Harbor, Oldsmar, Safety Harbor and Clearwater.

Primary ballots have already been printed, so voters will be instructed that any votes cast in this race during the Primary Election will not be tabulated. Notices will be included with ballots requested by Vote By Mail voters sent out after the judge's ruling. Notices also will be posted in voting booths at early voting sites and in precincts where this contest will appear on the ballot.

Pinellas County voters can visit votepinellas.com or call 464-VOTE (8683) for more information.

## PSTA on track to save taxpayers nearly $3 million

ST. PETERSBURG – The Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority announced that the agency is on track to save Pinellas taxpayers nearly $3 million this year, according to financial projections released Aug. 1.

Thanks to sound financial management and savings from overtime reductions and personnel vacancies, insurance savings and fuel cost savings, PSTA projects its total Fiscal Year 2014 expenses will come in more than $3 million under budget. When adjusted for projected revenue, the net savings to taxpayers will be just over $2.6 million.

"Delivering world-class transit service while delivering savings to our taxpayers is what we strive to do, as responsible stewards of the public's money," said PSTA CEO Brad Miller. "As one of America's lowest-cost and most efficient public transit agencies, we are always looking for ways to do more with less. Those efforts are really bearing fruit this year with almost $3 million saved across the board."

The Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority is the public transit provider for Pinellas County, providing more than 14.4 million rides per year. PSTA operates nearly 40 bus and trolley routes with a fleet of 203 vehicles.

More information is available at www.PSTA.net.

## U.S. 19 work causes detours

CLEARWATER – Portions of the U.S. 19 and Belleair Road intersection are closed to traffic until Aug. 25 to allow for the construction of concrete beams for a new bridge.

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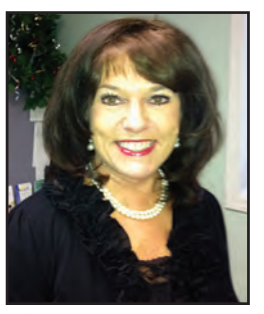
Medications are often the culprit for falls. It is a good practice to ask your doctor about the side effects of each drug you are taking so you are aware of what to expect and be sure to report them to him/her. Also share this information with your family and caregiver. Certain drugs can cause the blood pressure to lower which when getting up out of a chair or bed too quickly may cause dizziness or fainting. Try to get up slowly, especially in the middle of the night, sit on the edge of the bed a moment and then rise slowly to get your bearings.

Walkers, canes and other tools of assistance are needed in the prevention of falls. Floppy slippers and shoes with slick soles can be a hazard. Often older adults tend to shuffle more than pick up their feet which makes tripping a real possibility especially on uneven pavement. It is very common for our seniors to attempt to do tasks that they have done their entire life when these very tasks now put them at risk for falling. For example, just one step up on a stool or ladder is extremely dangerous for older adults, who do not have the strength and balance of previous years. Encourage your loved ones to please ask a family member or caregiver to change a light bulb or reach items in cabinets that are too high. Electrical cords running across walkways, clutter or too many throw rugs are an accident waiting to happen. Railings on stairs, grab bars in the bathroom and adequate light are all easy fixes for prevention. It takes our eyes a while to adjust between darkness and light, therefore, adequate lighting is a must.



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# Briefcase

## New stylist joins Salon Mark Hall

SEMINOLE – Juan Soto Negron recently joined Salon Mark Hall on Seminole Boulevard.

Negron, who is bilingual, is a master barber and hair stylist.

## Esthetician joins Merle Norman

SEMINOLE – Marla Meyer, owner of the Seminole Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio, recently welcomed Sharon Potts.

Potts is the studio's new esthetician. She has more than 16 years of experience in the industry, working with clients since 2008.

**Marla Meyer, left, owner of the Seminole Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio, welcomes esthetician Sharon Potts.**

## Ironshield Security launches

CLEARWATER – Ironshield Security is the newest provider in home and business security in Clearwater.

Ironshield Security is a locally owned provider of security services. Using the latest state-of-the-art technology to keep clients protected and connected, the company offers business and residential security, home automation, CCTV, energy management and video monitoring. According to a press release, the business is a member of local chambers of commerce.

Visit www.ironshield-security.com.

## FirstService awarded management contract

ST. PETERSBURG – FirstService Residential has been selected to provide community association management services for McNulty Lofts Condominium Association, a 13-story, 85-unit residential community that occupies the top five floors of McNulty Station in downtown St. Petersburg.

"FirstService Residential is thrilled to manage this standout property," said Maureen Connolly in a press release. Connolly is vice president of FirstService Residential. "Our goal is to safeguard and elevate property values and enhance the lifestyles of this contemporary community's owners and residents."

McNulty Lofts is an urban community that boasts sweeping views of Tampa Bay and the city, and is situated within walking distance of all downtown hot spots and conveniences.

## BBA to meet

BELLEAIR BLUFFS – Liza Campa-Flanagan will host the Bluffs Business Association's next monthly networking mingle on Thursday, Aug. 14, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., at Raymond James Financial Services, 645 N. Indian Rocks Road.

Attendees will enjoy appetizers, refreshments and door prizes. Any business, regardless of location, is welcome to attend and bring a guest. For information, visit bluffsbusinessassociation.com or call Bonnie Trembulak at 686-8797.

## Clearwater Wawa opens

CLEARWATER – Wawa Inc. celebrated the grand opening of its first Clearwater store July 31.

The store is at 15701 U.S. 19 N.

The grand opening of the Clearwater store marks the 13th Wawa store to open in 2014. Throughout the year, Wawa plans to open 45 new stores across its service area with the latest store design prototype to bring the Wawa experience to more people than ever before.

"2014 is a big year for Wawa, as we celebrate a number of huge milestones, including our 50th anniversary, the launch of our community foundation, and the fast approaching 50th store opening in Florida – scheduled for this fall," said Chris Gheysens in a press release. Gheysens is Wawa's president and CEO. "Opening this first store in Clearwater is just another tangible example of our mission to bring the Wawa experience to more customers than ever before. We are excited to serve the Clearwater community and help change our newest customer's lives in more meaningful ways than they could have ever imagined."

# Club Redington gets a facelift

By BOB McCLURE

REDINGTON SHORES – They say change is good and for the 56 homeowners at Club Redington, a 15-story condominium at 17408 Gulf Blvd., that will soon be the case.

Homeowners recently agreed to a special assessment that will fund a $150,000 exterior makeover that will give the 42-year-old building a brighter, more colorful look.

Dan Bonivich, president of the Club Redington home owners association, said the project involves removing a layer of green aventurine rock and replacing it with stucco, which will be covered by a colorful green paint specially mixed for the project.

The purpose of the work is not due to any particular problem, but instead to create a more refreshing, distinctive look without changing the appearance of the building too dramatically.

"It was a challenge because we wanted to maintain the old look of the building while updating and making it more vibrant," said Bonivich. "We're trying to update the building without changing the character."

The project, which started in the last couple of weeks, is expected to last two to three months.

"This paint job will last seven to 10 years," said Daniel Munyan, general manager of Munyan Painting and Restoration, which is performing the work. "It's mainly aesthetic and will help the building maintain the waterproof aspect."

Photo by BOB McCLURE

**Andrea and Dan Bonivich have owned their 15th-floor home at Club Redington for four years.**

Bonivich said the main challenge of the project is the design of the building and the rigging necessary for workers to scale the four sides. The rocks have to be individually plucked from the wall panels.

"People (homeowners) are just incredibly proud of this building," Bonivich said. "Our goal is to keep it as a first-class building."

The building, which is also in the process of getting new elevators, features four units per floor, all with a corner view in each unit.

About 60 percent of the homeowners are seasonal and the remainder lives there year-round.

## Lexi Nails joins Sophisticated Styles

PALM HABOR – Lexi Nails – located on U.S. 19 and Curlew Road – will be joining Sophisticated Styles Salon just a few blocks north at 31133 U.S. 19 N.

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## Business workshop set

SAFETY HARBOR – The Pricing for Profit Workshop will be presented Thursday, Aug. 21, 6:30 p.m., at Safety Harbor Public Library, 101 Second St. N.

The workshop, presented by Larry Hunt of SCORE, will cover the cost of doing business and relating these costs to an understanding of gross profit, margin and markup. Attendees will have an opportunity to learn about setting a product at the right price for business success.

The Safety Harbor Public Library partners with SCORE to bring free and confidential small business advice to the community. Hunt has an M.B.A., has owned several businesses, has consulted for more than 50 businesses and has written books on business operations.

For information, call 724-1525, ext. 4112.

## DiSanto joins Diagnostic Clinic

ST. PETERSBURG – Dr. Lisa DiSanto recently joined Diagnostic Clinic Medical Group.

DiSanto is Board certified in family medicine. Her office is located at 6776 54th Ave. N.

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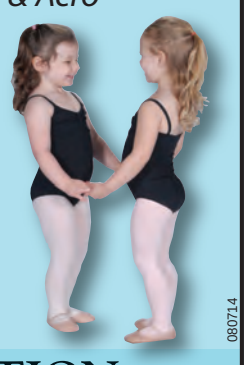

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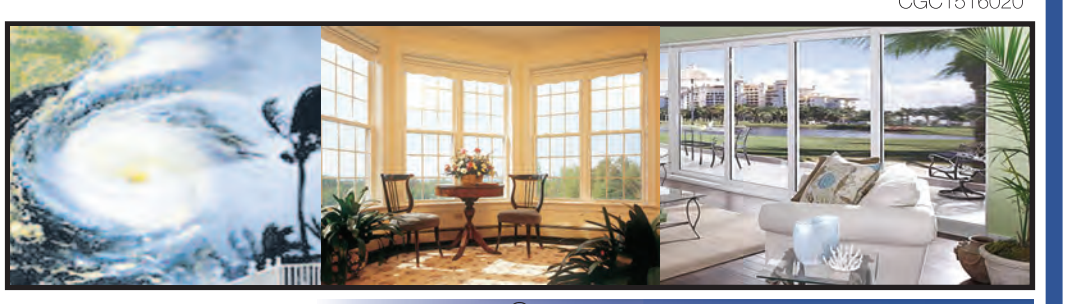

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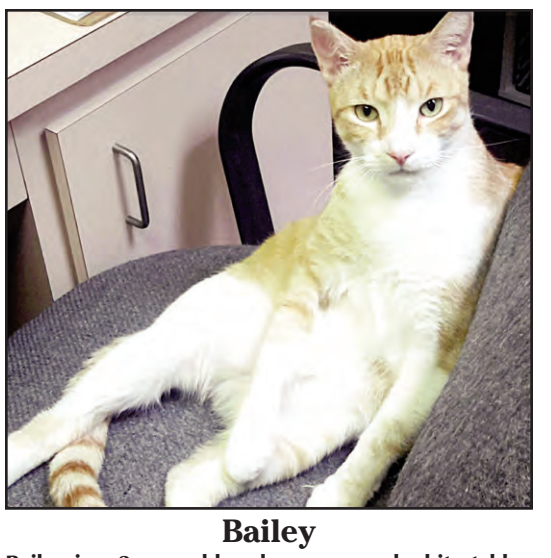
# Pets of the week

## Jason

Jason is a good-looking tuxedo kitten with flirty eyes and is almost 3 months old. He has been raised in a foster home with his siblings, so he loves to play, adores attention and is very sociable. Two of his brothers, Jasper and Joey, are also looking for homes. He has been fully vetted and microchipped and is ready for an attentive family looking for a playful kitten. To meet him, call a Save Our Strays volunteer at 545-1116 or visit www.saveourstraysinc.com.

## Harley

Harley is a 6-year-old male boxer. This darling boy has quite a bit of play in him and seems to like everyone and everything. Harley is neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. To learn more about him and other adoptable animals, visit Pet Pal Animal Shelter at 405 22nd St. S., St. Petersburg, call 328-7738 or visit www.petpalanimalshelter.com.



## Bailey

Bailey is a 3-year-old male orange-and-white tabby. When he is not hanging out at his desk, he loves two things the most: play time and nap time. Meet Bailey and lots of other wonderful adoptable animals at Friends of Strays, 2911 47th Ave. N., St. Petersburg. Call 522-6566 or visit www.friendsofstrays.com. Like Friends of Strays on Facebook.

## Lewis

Lewis is a lovebug that adores attention. Less than 2 years old, this handsome boy sports a solid gray-and-white fur coat and a very pink nose. Quite sociable, Lewis enjoys being petted and is awaiting a family to love him forever. Lewis has been fully vetted and is microchipped. To meet him at Save Our Strays' Cat Haven in Pinellas Park, call a volunteer at 545-1116. Fore cats, visit www.saveourstraysinc.com.

# Paw prints

### Animal Services offers August discounts

LARGO – Pinellas County Animal Services will offer reduced adoption fees of $25 for large dogs and $40 for puppies and small breeds during normal shelter adoption hours in August.

The low cost adoption fee includes medical check-up, spaying/neutering, vaccinations, internal and external parasite control, heartworm tests, feline leukemia testing and microchipping. Also, as part of the celebration, $5 rabies vaccinations with the purchase of a required license will be available for pets during vaccine clinic hours.

To kick the month off, on Saturday, Aug. 2 only, the adoption fee for large dogs will be $7 as the dogs go to the beach. Paddling pools will be on site for the adoption dogs to enjoy and digital pictures will be taken for new adoptees to purchase for a small donation to the Animal Welfare Trust Fund, which supports other animals in need. Hot dogs, chips and soda also will be sold for a $1 donation.

Pinellas County Animal Services is located at 12450 Ulmerton Road in Largo.

Normal hours of operation are Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., with the adoption center closing at 5:30 p.m. Saturday hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and services include adoptions. Rabies vaccinations are administered on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 2 to 2:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 1 to 4 p.m. The facility is closed all Pinellas County holidays.

Visit www.pinellascounty.org/animalservices or call 582-2600. For the lost or found pets hotline, call 582-2604.

### Save Our Strays offers specials on black-and-white cats

As a summer special, Save Our Strays is offering a reduced adoption fee of $35 for its tuxedo and white-with-black cats over 6 months of age.

These cats are spayed/neutered, current on vaccines and county license and are microchipped. Raised in foster homes, they are quite sociable and offer great companionship.

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# Faith briefs–

### Survival back-to-school event set

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At this event, children will receive free school supplies and learn to survive challenges they will face at school and in life. They also will enjoy fun, interactive games. Dinner will be provided. The Epilepsy Foundation also will be on site providing bicycle helmets.

For information, call 525-0012 or 385-3640, or visit www.gracetograce.org.

### Sylvan Abbey to host pasta dinner

CLEARWATER – A pasta dinner – prepared by Flapjacks Restaurant of Palm Harbor – will be served Saturday, Sept. 13, 4 to 7 p.m., at Sylvan Abbey United Methodist Church, 2817 Sunset Point Road.

Tickets are $8. For information or tickets, call 796-3057.

### Oakhurst to offer GriefShare program

SEMINOLE – A 13-week GriefShare program will begin Wednesday, Sept. 3, at Oakhurst United Methodist Church, 13400 Park Blvd.

A morning and evening program will be offered. For additional details, call 391-4767.

### Homeless program presented

ST. PETERSBURG – Helping the Most Vulnerable in the Homeless Population will be the theme of Rhonda Abbott's presentation to a community forum on homelessness, set for Saturday, Aug. 16, 10:30 a.m. to noon, at the Unitarian Universalist Church of St. Petersburg, 719 Arlington Ave. N.

This community forum is part of an ongoing series of public meetings presented by Celebrate Outreach Inc., a St. Petersburg-area faith-based nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing and ending homelessness in this area. The monthly meeting series is designed to educate the public about the various issues surrounding homelessness.

The most vulnerable segments of Pinellas County's homeless population include families with minor children, chronically homeless adults with a disabling condition such as drug or alcohol addiction or untreated mental illness, and homeless youth who have run away from home or aged out of foster care. Often times, it is difficult to reach and assist people in these conditions because of their often unwarranted fear of being discovered and facing unwanted, punitive involvement of authorities such as Child Protective Services or local law enforcement officers.

Prior to assuming her current post as CEO of the Homeless Leadership Board of Pinellas County, Abbott served as an associate vice president at United Way Suncoast, and manager of Veterans, Social and Homeless Services in the St. Petersburg Mayor's office during the administrations of Rick Baker and Bill Foster.

The public is invited to attend this community meeting. For information about the forum and Celebrate Outreach, visit www.celebrateoutreach.org.

### Largo High 50th reunion planned

LARGO – Largo High School class of 1964 is announcing their 50-year reunion, with events to begin Friday, Oct. 17.

Detailed information and a reservation form can be obtained from Deedie Matthews or Dennis Schimka. Contact Matthews at 407 Westwood St., Opelika, AL 36801, call 334-275-6955 or email dmatthewslee911@mindspring.com. Contact Schimka at 17076 SE 76th Creekside Circle, The Villages, FL 32162, call 352-751-5677 or email djschimka@embarqmail.com.

Deadline for reservations is Monday, Sept. 29.

### Hope Presbyterian to host school event

CLEARWATER – A small back-to-school bash will be presented Saturday, Aug. 9, 5 to 8 p.m., at Hope Presbyterian Church of Clearwater, 1698 S. Belcher Road.

The purpose of this event is to provide a limited amount of school supplies to those who cannot otherwise afford a backpack for their school age child. The backpack distribution is strictly on a first-come, first-served basis. Patrons will need to sign in to receive a backpack and the sign in process will not begin before 5 p.m. The event outline is as follows:

- Backpack distribution – 5 to 5:30 p.m.
- Food and s'mores by campire – 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- Movie in Hope's Hambley Hall – 6:30 to 8 p.m.

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

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Call 525-0012 or 385-3640 or visit www.gracetograce.org.

### Center to offer new class

CLEARWATER – How To Use The Science of Happiness is a new class presented by the New Thought Center for Creative Living.

Three sessions will be presented on Mondays, Aug. 4, 11 and 18; and Saturday, Aug. 23, at the Unity of Clearwater Peace Cottage, 4625 Nursery Road. Monday classes start at 7 p.m.

The Science of Happiness, often called "Living Love," was originally presented in the "Handbook to Higher Consciousness," by Ken Keyes Jr. Gregg Sanderson, who will teach the class, studied with Keyes, and has worked with and taught the methods throughout the United States and Canada since 1974.

Cost is $125 in advance or $145 at the door.

For reservations and information, call 475-8991 or email gregg@newthoughtctr.org.

### Vendors sought for craft show

CLEARWATER – The eighth annual Fall Craft Show will be Saturday, Nov. 1, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at North Bay Community Church, 3170 McMullen Booth Road.

Craft vendors are currently being sought. For more, call 796-0071 or email jwalters12@tampabay.rr.com.

### Clearwater First Nazarene

CLEARWATER – A free Community Back 2 School Bash will be presented Saturday, Aug. 16, 9 a.m. to noon, at Clearwater First Nazarene, 1875 Nursery Road.

The event will feature free school supplies, clothes, food, inflatables, games, face painting and more. The Thresher's mascot Phinley will visit at 10 a.m.

Call 536-1498.

### Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

ST. PETERSBURG – Family Movie Night will be presented Friday, Aug. 8, 7 p.m., at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 570 62nd Ave. N.

The free event will be appropriate for all ages. Light refreshments will be provided.

For information, call 470-3423.

### Hope Presbyterian Church

CLEARWATER – Dinner Church will be presented Sundays, Aug. 10, 17, 24 and 31, 5:30 p.m., in Hambley Hall at Hope Presbyterian Church, 1698 S. Belcher Road.

Everyone is welcome for potluck dinner, relaxing music, DVD topic series and roundtable discussion. Attendees are encouraged to bring a dish to pass around.

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

# Mom reminisces on Greek life

**Mom 2 Mom**
Kadi Hendricks Tubbs

Kids grow up fast, and before you know it they are going to college. I have several friends my age who have kids going to college this year. How can this be? I remember going to college like it was yesterday, even though it was 25 years ago.

I have to tell you a funny story about my first experience the summer before heading off to college. I got a call from a girl named Darlene, who was a senior at the college I was planning on attending. She called me out of the blue because she had seen my name in the paper, and read that I was going to Troy University in Alabama.

While on the phone, she told me Troy had a lot of Greeks on campus. Being naïve and not having parents involved in the college Greek life, I thought she was talking about the nationality, thinking of how Tarpon Springs has the highest percentage of Greek-Americans of any city. I didn't know that she was talking about sorority and fraternity life until I got off the phone and told my dad there were a lot of Greeks in Troy.

Anyway, her phone call sparked my interest in what the Greek life was all about. I decided to go through rush, which is what students do the week before classes start to find out about the different sororities on campus.

I ended up pledging the Chi Omega sorority. It was a wonderful experience and one I would never trade. The sorority was my home away from home. You see, Troy was about an eight-hour car ride, and I didn't have a car at college, so I would usually stay at school on the weekends. It was also a smaller school. It didn't have a huge student population.

Being in a sorority gave me instant friends and helped make being away from family a little easier. The sorority also was like a family unit. The older girls watched out for us, made sure we studied and had good grades and helped us be women of good character.

These girls in the sorority became sisters and to this day are still a part of my life. Darlene, who called me, is one of my close friends and a sorority sister.

Recently, some of my sorority sisters planned a reunion in Atlanta. I was overjoyed to see 65 of my sisters from Troy for the weekend. It was like being back at college. Some of the women I haven't seen since college. Still, we were able to reconnect so easily. There is a special bond that is there no matter how many years go by.

I am hoping my own girls are Chi O's too one day, but I know sorority life may not be for everyone. I think that there are a lot of factors that go into pledging a sorority. Some sororities may be good at one campus and not so much at another.

When my girls go to college, I hope they are open-minded and if they do decide to join a sorority, I want them to choose the one that fits them best as a person. If they decide not to pledge a sorority, that's OK too.

One thing I do know is that my girls won't think "going Greek" is changing your nationality.

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

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# ‘Joan of Shark’ and other *tails*

Thomas Michalski

You know him … you know how he made a living.

Those famous paraphrased words were spoken by Quint, the shark hunter in the popular 1975 movie, “Jaws.”

For those who may have been comatose all these years, “Jaws” is the story about a great white shark that made munchies out of swimmers in the fictitious beach town of Amity.

And now, if recent news reports are accurate, Pinellas County beach towns may soon become the stomping … or swimming grounds … for great whites with appetites for snowbirds, bikini-clad locals and snorkelers who unintentionally present themselves as smorgasbords.

Nearly a half dozen Carcharodon carcharias, the official moniker of the great white shark, have been hooked in Florida waters since January. The latest catch occurred recently off Fort Lauderdale Beach. The 13-footer weighed more than 500 pounds.

Then there was the 16-foot, 3,500-pound monster that was spotted off Jacksonville Beach, causing authorities to order swimmers out of the water.

Florida’s east coast is far enough away not to cause much trepidation in Pinellas County. But think about the great white of undetermined weight and size that was hooked last March off Treasure Island!

Did that get your attention?

The most infamous local shark attack transpired in August 2000 when Thaddeus Kubinski, 69, was killed by a bull shark while swimming in about five feet of water in Boca Ciega Bay on the Intracoastal Waterway. Kubinski’s St. Pete Beach assault was Florida’s 19th deadly shark attack since 1882.

Contemporary sightings of the terrifying creatures number into the dozens. A great white recently was spotted swimming off Anna Marie Island. More reports of great whites, bulls and tigers … three of the most aggressive squalliest … have spiraled upward. Scientists theorize that Florida waters are cooling down. That’s good news for sharks that are wandering here from northern waters.

The Florida Museum of Natural History maintains an international shark attack file. Scientists argue that more people are killed each year by insect stings and snake bites than by shark attacks.

Tell that to Quint, Chrissie Watkins or Alex Kintner who were devoured by the 25-footer in Jaws.

Real sharks really don’t find human flesh very enticing. Researchers believe that their nibbling of human body parts is more of a taste test than anything else.

Only about 12 of the approximately 300 breeds of sharks attack humans. The fish evolved millions of years before people showed up on our planet. That could be why sharks are programmed to dine on smaller fish and marine mammals.

Anyone can track the whereabouts of tagged great whites and other shark species by visiting www.ocearch.org.

Operated by OSEARCH, this nonprofit group scrutinizes the travel patterns of the ocean predators they tag. The toothy brutes are baptized with endearing names like Lydia, Mary Lee, Michelle and Gina. One Australian Great white was named “Joan of Shark” by someone with a sense of humor.

Katherine is a shark of interest that has been lurking in Florida waters as of late. With her own Twitter account, Shark_Katherine, one of her recent tweets read, “We should do a live feed.”

Katherine is more than 14 feet long, weighs 2,300 pounds and has journeyed hundreds of miles since being tagged last August off Cape Cod, Mass. She has been swimming down the U.S. east coast and visited St. Augustine, Vero Beach and Miami.

Her latest track was off Key West. It is expected that she eventually will swim up the west coast of Florida, and that includes Pinellas County, and then further out into the Gulf.

And she will grow in both length and weight.

Scientists theorize that rogue sharks simply want to be left alone to swim and eat sea snacks. But there have been too many recorded attacks upon humans in shallow water to ignore. The latest Florida attack occurred on July 22 when Aadyn Crick, an 8-year-old Indiana boy, was attacked in the shallow waters near Melbourne.

Two months before, on May 14, Mihaela Cosa was wading in thigh-deep water near Jacksonville when a shark caused enough damage to require 24 stitches. A day later a woman was attacked while surfboarding near Miami.

The web site sharkattacksurvivors.com recorded a fair number of incidents this year, including near New Smyrna Beach and Cocoa Beach.

Australia is home to the greatest of the great whites. Six people have died during the past two years, including Christine Armstrong, 60, who was brutally attacked off Tathra. Only parts of a man were discovered off Perth.

Despite an uptick in worldwide shark attacks, scientists note that 30- to 70-million sharks are slaughtered annually for food, fins and accidentally by fishing nets. Humans actually pose more of a threat to sharks, rays and skates than the other way around.

Think about that the next time a dorsal fin is circling you.

Maybe sharks are just getting even for the callous deaths of their relatives.

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## LETTERS

### Shortsighted view of Irish Catholics

*Re: “The Second Uprising of the Irish,” by Bob Driver, July 24*

**Editor:**

I think the article you wrote in the Tarpon Springs Beacon was very myopic in the fact that you have only read and interpreted the Catholic Irish as far as your perception will lead. To put it more curtly, your perception is shortsighted to say the least.

I am an Irish Catholic and so was my family. I have roots in Ireland. Our priests were humble and good back in Ireland. The church cared for the family and was there with food when our family was going through hard times. Have you ever heard of Catholic Relief Services? Were you aware of the fact that that is one of the only nonprofit organizations where 97 percent of the donations actually go to the needy and poor? Do you know that there are hospitals and churches that now feed and clothe the poor because the government is not helping the poor indigent.

“Catholicism is more than a handful of priests who don’t know what it means to be a priest. There are 1.2 billion Catholics in the world. Every single day the Catholic church feeds, houses and clothes more people, takes care of more sick and visits more prisoners, educates more people than any other institution on the face of the earth.” So you better get your facts straight when you bash the Catholics, sir. You are reading this from an Irish Catholic who is proud of her faith!

**Victoria O’Hara**
Tarpon Springs

### Razzano had her Hanes in a knot

**Editor:**

Besides an obvious gay agenda, Miss Razzano tries to display her art as a writer. Besides being put out by who, may be a gay gentleman, “a sweaty man,” she seems to hold women with children, heterosexual women at least at some point, in dim view also.

A shriveled elderly woman and a Joe Six-pack type are just fillers because she feels the need to fill paper. Seven paragraphs to what end? I guess all AMSCOTS are created equal and all peoples, except gays, are pretty dull and sweaty. Tiffy just had her Hanes in a knot I’m guessing. Seems to happen a lot in the gay community.

Half a page later she gets to her rant. I didn’t find much “news” but did find she needs six more legal protections – “a few extra legal protections, just six in total.” I assume the glamorous Donna Reed types; vegan masters and caring cat lovers do not have a lot of time for processes in the sunshine state. She patiently passed up two other opportunities, to come here and lobby.

If I were Julie, her other, I’d dump that snob who serves “champagne and flowers.” Champagne and flowers, a meal doth not make. Is her editor position a paid appointment?

**Raymond Kruse**
Dunedin

# Mars trips and other ponderables

**Driver’s Seat**
Bob Driver

Do you ever get to wondering about stuff? Such as:

PUTTING A PERSON ON MARS. Why do we want to do that? How can the USA or any nation justify the enormous expense and risk of sending one or more astronauts to Mars and then bringing them home? And if this feat is achieved, what lasting good will come of it, not just for the scientists, but for the ordinary working stiffs who have helped pay for it? Scientists quickly remind the stay-at-home advocates about the many beneficial discoveries made during the run-up to our moon landings. But the ready-made response to that argument is this: is it likely that similar advances would come from a Mars adventure? Does the average distance to Mars (140 million miles) guarantee that we’d be that much wiser than we were after soaring only 240,000 miles to the moon?

Then there’s the moss-covered argument that goes “Why do people want to climb Mt. Everest? Because it’s there.” That answer isn’t good enough for the Mars trip. Mt. Everest is peanuts in comparison. And once we get to Mars, you can bet your behind that going to Venus or Uranus will be the next adventure on the scientists’ bucket list. The universe is infinite in its size, complexity and unanswered questions, but Earth and its inhabitants have constraints that must be heeded.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT. We were able to put men on the moon, but we still haven’t learned how to legally execute a condemned man without screwing up the process, at least part of the time. The July 23 horror show in Arizona featured incompetent and unidentified hirelings administering unnamed drugs for 90 minutes before Joseph Rudolph Wood stopped gasping and gave up the ghost. This travesty triggered morbid suggestions that further drug-related executions be performed by a qualified veterinarian, or by any well-rounded heroin or meth addict who could probably tell exactly how much of a drug overdose is needed to dispatch an adult.

The agonizing irony of all this is that capital punishment simply doesn’t work, except to satisfy the compulsion for vengeance that lies within most of us. The risk of being executed seldom deters persons intent on committing a capital crime. The cost of maintaining Death Rows is enormous. The record shows that from time to time innocent persons are mistakenly executed, leaving society no option except to say “Oops! Sorry about that.” What a testimonial to our justice system.

HOW TO SETTLE THE ISRAELI-HAMAS DISPUTE AND THE UNDOCUMENTED HISPANIC CHILDREN PROBLEM AT THE SAME TIME. My suggestion: swap them. Both of these controversies are tough ones. The Israelis and the Palestinians have hated each others’ guts for 6,000 years, and today their leaders do not show any signs of changing their attitudes. Both sides blame the other guy. In the U.S. Congress, liberals and conservatives seem deadlocked about what to do about the thousands of Hispanic children who are illegally crossing our southwestern border. Most liberals say, “Let them stay; we’ll find a way.” Conservatives say, “Sorry, kids. Ain’t no more room at the inn.”

I say this: Let’s bring Israeli boss Netanyahu and the Hamas leaders to Arizona and force them to solve the illegal immigrant problem. At the same time, send Congressional leaders to Israel and assign them the task of bringing peace to that region. Both delegations should be delighted to be given a fresh set of headaches, and therefore should be able to come up with new ideas.

If this idea doesn’t work, let’s turn both controversies over to Dr. Phil. He is an expert at dealing with immature, selfish, narrow-minded, hateful human beings (many of them teen-aged junkies). His ultimate solution would be to send the Israelis, Palestinians and Congressional leaders to rehab centers in Idaho for a few weeks. It might not work, but it surely wouldn’t make things any worse than they are.

FEMALE WAR CORRESPONDENTS. I may be mistaken, but it seems to me that most of today’s TV reporters covering the hot spots in Israel, Gaza, Ukraine and other war zones are women. Many of them appear to be young, intense, competent and fully prepared to risk injury or death in order to get the story. Is this an indicator that the glass ceiling for women journalists is cracking? I’d like to think so.

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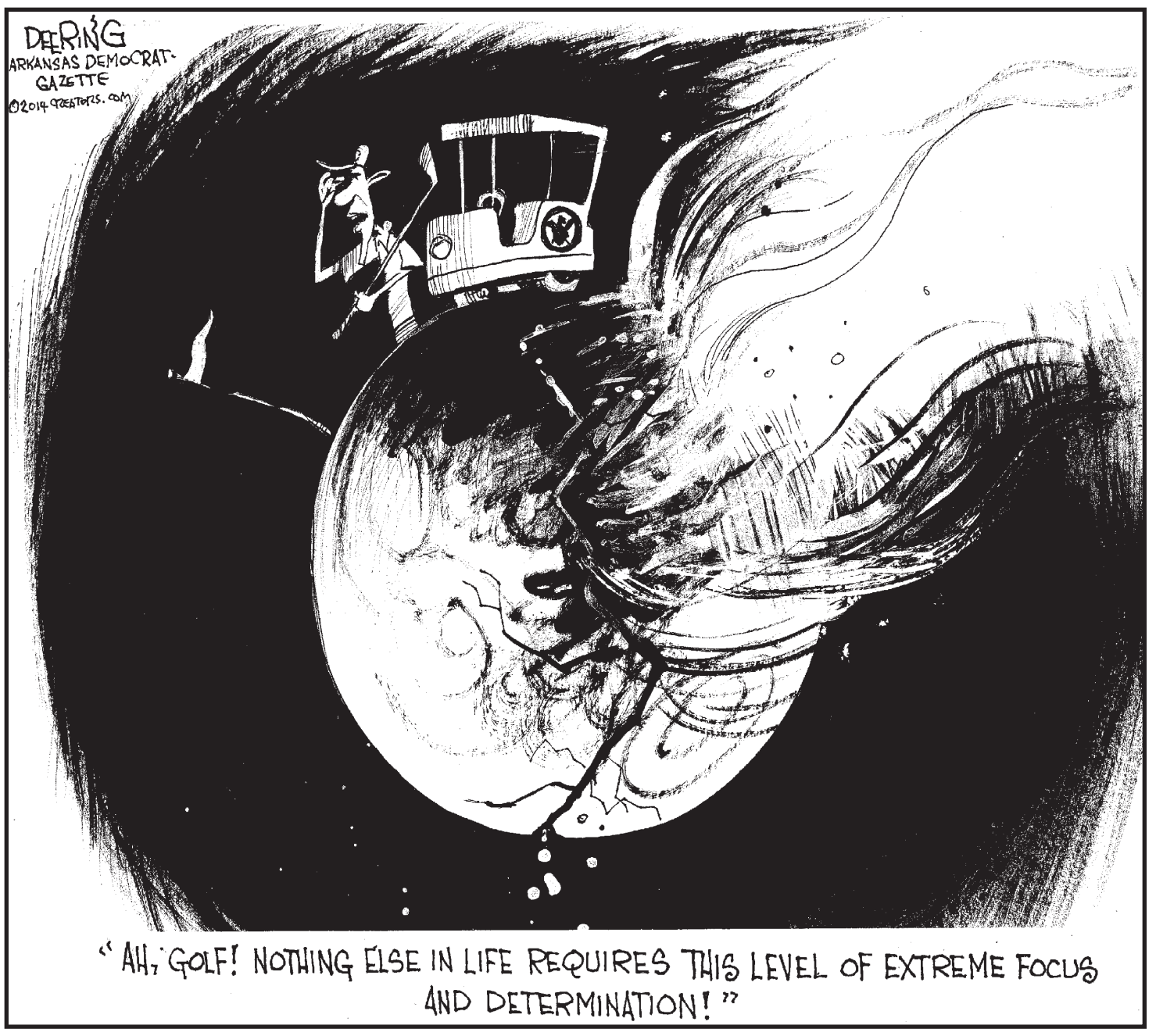


# Marijuana prohibition doesn’t work

Debra Saunders

The New York Times has seen the light. On Sunday, the paper editorialized in favor of an end to the federal ban on marijuana. According to Tony Newman of the Drug Policy Alliance, The Gray Lady has become the first major national newspaper to support legalizing marijuana.

The Times did not celebrate marijuana use; it simply addressed the downside of prohibition – 658,000 arrests for marijuana possession in 2012, with a disproportionate representation of young black men. The editorial also laid out a rational view of marijuana. While research suggests that marijuana can have adverse affects on adolescent brains – hence the paper’s support for a ban on sales to those under 21 – it’s not as hazardous to health as alcohol and tobacco. The paper also made this common sense but rare assertion: “Moderate use of marijuana does not appear to pose a risk for otherwise healthy adults.”

My guess is the editorial board wanted to appear relevant instead of late to the party. In 2012, Colorado and Washington voters approved ballot measures to legalize the recreational use of marijuana. Last year, a Gallup poll found that 58 percent of respondents support legalization. I think the New York Times wanted to speak out before voters in Oregon, and perhaps Alaska, pass similar legalization laws in November.

Editorial board member David Firestone urged President Obama to order Attorney General Eric Holder to begin a study to remove marijuana from the federal list of controlled drugs. Likewise, Rep. Jared Polis, D-Colorado,

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has introduced the Ending Federal Marijuana Prohibition Act. While few observers expect the bill to pass, the Times’ editorial just might prompt a few lawmakers to rethink what has been knee-jerk opposition to change.

Rep. Eric Swalwell, D-California, signed on as a co-sponsor of the bill last year – and he’s a former prosecutor. “I believe that citizens in states across the country should be empowered to make their own decisions as to how to treat marijuana,” Swalwell said in a statement.

Apparently, it took marijuana to get Democrats to find a policy area that states should decide. Asked on CNN about legalizing marijuana, Hillary Rodham Clinton lauded states as “laboratories of democracy.” When Bill Clinton ran for president in 1992, he said he experimented with marijuana but didn’t inhale. Now states are doing the experimenting.

Except California. In 2010, 54 percent of state voters rejected Proposition 19, which would have legalized recreational marijuana. The Drug Policy Alliance is working on a measure for the 2016 ballot that addresses the concerns of Prop. 19 critics and builds on lessons learned in Colorado and Washington.

Gov. Jerry Brown opposed Prop. 19, and he’s not likely to support any new measure. In March he told NBC’s Meet the Press, “How many people can get stoned and still have a great state or a great nation?”

It’s an odd stance for a governor who reduced the state prison population from around 150,000 in 2010 to 117,500 inmates. Do Californians really want police enforcing marijuana laws when other offenders pose a bigger threat to public safety?

Alas, Brown’s GOP challenger, Neel Kashkari, also opposes legalization.

I asked Swalwell if he thought legalization would increase use. He answered, “Honestly, no.”

It’s not as though it’s hard to get marijuana in California, where medical marijuana is legal. Then again, it wasn’t hard to find marijuana in my high school before medical marijuana. Prohibition doesn’t work.

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# Volunteer trio valuable to Heritage Village

By BOB COSTIGAN

LARGO – There are more than 28 historic structures situated on 21 acres at Pinellas County's Heritage Village in Largo, in addition to a museum, gift shop and library. A wide variety of events also are held at the village throughout the year.

To maintain all of this and keep things running smoothly, the village has come to rely heavily on volunteers.

Three long-time volunteers have excelled in their efforts to assist the village and have become lead volunteers and good friends.

Mary Chernesky was a director of the University of Florida Cooperative Extension in Hillsborough County before retiring. Chernesky says she always liked antiques and was looking for something to do when she first came to the village and talked to volunteer coordinator Paige Noel.

Noel told her they really needed someone to help out with their gardens. After seven years her role at the village has expanded greatly beyond the gardens.

Photo courtesy of PINELLAS COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS

**Three long-time volunteers have excelled in their efforts to assist the village and have become lead volunteers and good friends. From left are Deborah Carter of Clearwater, Mary Chernesky of Madeira Beach and Connie Allen of Indian Rocks Beach.**

**Helping hands**

Outstanding volunteers

A Madeira Beach resident, Chernesky co-chairs the annual County Jubilee Flea Market. Just recently she chaired the cleaning and packing up of the Turner Bungalow, a "new" historic house circa 1915 moved to the village from Clearwater. She calls the house a real prize and a neat addition once its restoration work is completed. Chernesky is also a member of the Pinellas County Historical Society, serving as recording secretary and hospitality chairperson. Next door, at Pinellas County Extension, she is a master gardener.

Deborah Carter of Clearwater is also a lead volunteer. A graduate in history at Florida State University, she worked for the Pinellas County school system for a number of years. Carter, along with fellow lead volunteer Connie Allen and others, is heavily involved in the Trees and Traditions program, part of the village's annual old fashioned Christmas celebration.

Like Chernesky, Carter is also a member of the Historical Society. She is involved with the village gardens and co-chairs the annual flea market. Carter is very passionate and proud of the flea market and notes that all of the money raised goes back to the village assisting many restoration projects.

The third lead volunteer, Connie Allen, has a fondness for history. From Indian Rocks Beach, she has been a regular volunteer since 2006. In addition to being a Historical Society member, she too co-chairs the annual flea market. Like Chernesky and Carter, Allen also is involved with the village in other ways. In addition to being a docent along with her husband, she is also part of the conservation committee. This involves assisting in putting together the various exhibits the committee displays throughout the year.

Like Chernesky and Carter, Allen also enjoys the fun and friendship that comes with being a volunteer at Heritage Village. All three enjoy not only working with each other and the other volunteers but also the opportunity of meeting the many people who visit Heritage Village.

Chernesky believes that, volunteering has benefits. She believes volunteers tend to be healthier into their old age, are more involved and do not think of themselves so much but think of others. Each of these lead volunteers encourages others to discover the interesting and fun things that volunteering can bring, in addition to being able to help the community.

Noel believes the trio is a great asset to the village. She has always been a firm believer in volunteers, noting "they are the heart of Heritage Village" and what keeps history alive and a fun place to volunteer. She encourages all who may be thinking of volunteering to come out to the village and see for themselves the many varied and different opportunities that exist.

Heritage Village is located at 11909 125th St. N. in Largo. This living history museum brings more than 150 years of local history to life. Visitors can visit 28 authentic buildings and structures, and experience historical Pinellas County through hands-on exploration. Heritage Village has WI-FI availability.

Heritage Village is open Wednesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. It is closed all Pinellas County holidays. For more information about Heritage Village visit www.pinellascounty.org/heritage, or call 582-2123.

*This article was provided by Pinellas County Communications.*

# Joe's Creek park project wins award

LEALMAN – An empty lot in Lealman, once covered with weeds and debris, is now the pride of the neighborhood – thanks to an effort led by the Lealman Community Association.

The citizens' association identified a need to improve the land, resulting in the Joe's Creek Greenway Park, a multi-year project completed in November 2013.

The park project involved staff from Pinellas County Health and Community Services, Parks and Conservation Resources and the Department of Environment and Infrastructure as well as collaboration between many federal, state and local agencies and volunteer groups.

In July, the National Association of Counties recognized the park project with a 2014 Achievement Award in the Parks and Recreation category.

The 38-acre park includes a 1-mile paved trail, pedestrian bridges over Joe's Creek, observation platforms with extensive wildlife viewing opportunities, restrooms, mini picnic shelters and educational signage. The park attracts about 75,000 visitors per year.

"The transformation to the Joe's Creek area is impressive," said Pinellas County Commissioner Charlie Justice. "The wildlife present is not what one would immediately expect in our dense urban county. Lealman, and Pinellas County as a whole, is made better by restoration efforts like the one at Joe's Creek."

The park project also was recognized in March with a second place award in the Natural Resource/Environment category of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council's 22nd Annual Future of the Region Awards.

"The outcomes of this project are evidence that we can make a positive impact on our environment through restoration projects," said Justice. "This project, and the recognition it has received, continues to highlight the commitment we have made to strong environmental stewardship in Pinellas County."

For more information about Pinellas County Parks and Conservation Resources, visit www.pinellascounty.org/parks_conservation/default.htm. For information about the National Association of Counties, visit www.naco.org. For information about the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, visit www.tbrpc.org.

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**A paved trail and observation platforms are some of the amenities offered at Joe's Creek Greenway Park.**

# Summer bait stocks attracting mackerel, trout

**Fish Tales**
Capt. Tyson Wallerstein

Spanish mackerel fishing is only getting better with each passing week. Hard-bottom areas within a mile of shore are holding good numbers of fish.

Try Sand Key, Blind Pass and Redington. They should all be holding Spanish mackerel as well as the occasional cobia. Also, the artificial reefs from 3 to 10 miles out are also good places to target. On a recent snapper trip to one of the near-shore reefs we had the snapper and the mackerel chummed up behind the boat. Although only a few baits made it past the mackerel to the snapper it was still really good fishing.

Upon returning from our trip offshore we decided to try for some trout along a deep grass flat just inside the pass. The tide was moving in quickly and packs of terns were dipping on schools of small fry bait. It definitely looked promising.

After tossing out a couple of handfuls of frisky chummers it didn't take long for the water to begin to boil. There were trout anywhere from 12 inches up to 18 inches popping up all around the boat. As we caught trout after trout all the while continuing to chum to keep the bites coming, we managed to lure in a school of Spanish mackerel ranging in size from 18 to 24 inches, definitely our best mackerel of the day.

Catching bait has been good lately. Small pilchards have been staged up right inside the swash channel all along the beach.

These baits are anywhere from an inch and a half up to two and half inches long so I would definitely recommend a quarter inch mesh cast net. It also is a good idea to lighten up your hook so that your bait swims naturally.

A size-1 gold Aberdeen hook has been working great with the small baits and the slightly longer shank than a traditional live bait hook will help to prevent cut-offs from the Spanish mackerel.

*Tyson Wallerstein can be reached at capt.tyson@hotmail.com. To get a fish photo in the paper, send the photo along with your name, when and where it was caught to editorial@TBNweekly.com.*

# Briefs

## Aquaponics program set

PALM HARBOR – An introduction to aquaponics will be presented Monday, Sept. 22, 6 p.m., at the new Sol Terra Lifestyle Center, 1090 Michigan Ave.

The program is free. The guest speaker will be Gina Cavaliero, from Green Acres Aquaponics in Brooksville. She will present an introduction to aquaponics. Attendees will have an opportunity to learn how to produce both fish and organic/chemical free fruits and vegetables, in a dynamic, man-made, pond type ecosystem in their own backyard.

If there is enough interest in this class, Cavaliero hopes to return to the area soon to do a full day, hands-on workshop where she will demonstrate how to get started with aquaponics for a no-till, no-weeds, no-irrigation food production system.

Visit www.solterra.guru. Call 348-9435.

## Native Plant Society to meet

CLEARWATER – The Florida Native Plant Society will meet Wednesday, Sept. 3, 7 p.m., at Moccasin Lake Nature Park, 2750 Park Trail Lane.

The meeting is free and will feature a preview of the society's landscape tour, a plant auction, information on upcoming talks and events and refreshments.

For information, call 322-3954.

## Great Weedon Bird Quest set

ST. PETERSBURG – The Great Weedon Bird Quest will be Friday, Aug. 8, 8 to 10 a.m., at Weedon Island Preserve, 1800 Weedon Drive NE.

Guests will learn to identify marks and behaviors of the island birds while taking advantage of this free guided hike. Binoculars will be available.

Advance registration is required. Call 453-6500 or visit www.weedonislandpreserve.org.

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# Largo All-Stars makes it to the semifinals in regional tournament

SAFETY HARBOR – After winning the state championship last week, the Greater Largo Little League senior division All-Stars represented Florida in the southeast regional tournament in Safety Harbor Aug. 2-6.

The team won two of its three games against the other teams in its pool, beating West Virginia 13-1, losing to Georgia 6-8 and beating North Carolina 7-4.

It was seeded against Virginia in the single-elimination semifinals the evening of Aug. 5. It was the last game before the regional championship that the team needed to win to clinch a berth in the Little League World Series.

The Largo team came close, but lost to Virginia 1-2.

Above, Largo's pitcher, James Emery, fires a fastball to start the game against North Carolina Aug. 4. Florida won 7-4, their second win in the southeast regional tournament in Safety Harbor. At right, Largo's No. 11, Elijah Moravick, hits a single for two runs in the second inning.

Photos by JAY RICHMOND

Top left, the Greater Largo Little League senior division All-Stars represented Florida in the southeast regional tournament in Safety Harbor Aug. 2-6. Pictured are, front row, manager Dan Guido, middle row, from left, Austin Shedler, Jarred Halenkamp, Mat Nelson, Drew Guido, Hunter Catrett and James Emery; back row, from left, coach Gary Nelson, Matt Gonzalez, Jordan Mazzucco, Eli Moravick, Matt VanJelgerhuis, David Siegel, Zack Palmieri, Bailey Doublin, Kyle Koker an coach Bruce Halenkamp. Above, Bailey Doublin, No. 11, slides safely into third base in the game against North Carolina Aug. 4. Florida won 7-4.

## Windlass sailing club meets Aug. 21

DUNEDIN – The Windlass women's sailing club has set its first meeting of the year and sign-up opportunity for new members for Thursday, Aug. 21, 9:30 a.m., at First Presbyterian Church, 455 Scotland St.

Women are invited to sign up for the group, which spends its Thursdays racing pram and Sunfish, cruising and having fun on the water.

The club meets each Thursday during the school year for racing at the Dunedin Marina, monthly cruises, inter club races with other Florida West Coast women's sailing clubs and other events.

New members are only accepted in August and September. Members must be able to swim and know basic sailing techniques. Boat ownership is not required. A weekly orientation program will include pram rigging, introduction to racing and racing rules.

Visit www.windlasses.org for more information.

# Sports briefs

## Largo United registration opens

LARGO – Registration for the Largo United Soccer Club for youths ages 4 to 16 begins this month and continues through September.

Registration at Highland Recreation Center began Aug. 2 and continues Saturday, Aug. 9, 10 a.m., to 1 p.m., at 400 Highland Ave.

Registration will continue at the Largo Soccer Complex, 1779 Belcher Road S., and Osceola High School, 9751 98th St. N., Saturday, Aug. 23, 9 to 11:30 a.m.; Thursdays, Sept. 4 and 11, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., and Saturdays, Sept. 6 and 13, 9 to 11:30 a.m.

The cost is $99 for the age bracket 6 and younger, $135 for the age bracket 8 and younger and $150 for all other groups. The recreational season will run October through February. Children in the 8 and younger bracket will practice one night a week. Older participants will practice twice a week.

Games will start Saturday, Nov. 1 and be held through the second week of February, excluding the week of Christmas, New Year's or the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

Anyone interested in coaching ages 6 and younger should contact Al Sousa, director of coaching and player development, at luscdoc@yahoo.com.

Largo United Soccer Club is an affiliated co-sponsored youth sports organization with the city of Largo.

Visit www.largounitedsoccer.com.

## Ski club plans first meeting

CLEARWATER – The Clearwater/St. Pete Ski and Sports Club plans its 31st annual kickoff meeting Friday, Aug. 22, 6:30 p.m., at the Yard and Ale Gastro Pub, 2675 Ulmerton Road.

The event will showcase the club's six winter ski trips for the upcoming season, which includes trips to Telluride, Colorado; Copper, Colorado; Keystone, Colorado; Big Sky, Montana; Sugarloaf, Maine; and Madonna di Campiglio, Italy.

The club also plans social meetings at the same time and location on the following dates: Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 11, Jan. 13, 2015, Feb. 10, March 10, April 14 and May 12.

For more information, visit www.snowshark.org.

## Rays, Majestic open apparel store

ST. PETERSBURG – The Tampa Bay Rays have opened the Majestic Athletic Clubhouse in Center Field Street at Tropicana Field.

The 1,200-square-foot store features on-field jerseys, jackets, T-shirts, caps and other exclusive apparel in men's, women's and child sizes. It is open on game-days from gate-opening through the game.

"We are very proud that the official uniform provider of Major League Baseball is based right here in Tampa Bay, and we are equally proud of the very strong partnership we enjoy with Majestic Athletic," said Rays Senior Vice President Mark Fernandez. "From outfitting every Little League T-ball team in our region in Rays uniforms, to supporting numerous community activities throughout the area, they have been engaged partners. The Majestic Clubhouse is a terrific addition to Tropicana Field and it is the latest example of our outstanding relationship."

"The Tampa Bay Rays and Majestic Athletic share a vision and commitment of serving the Tampa Bay region both on the field, at retail, and in the community," said Majestic Athletic President Jim Pisani.

"The new Majestic Clubhouse Store at Tropicana Field further illustrates this mutual commitment and will enhance the shopping experience for all Rays fans."

Tampa Bay's Majestic Athletic is a subsidiary of VF Licensed Sports Group. Majestic designs, markets and manufactures athletic team uniforms, performance apparel, outerwear and licensed athletic wear.

Majestic is the official on-field uniform of Major League Baseball and is also licensed by the Major League Baseball Players Association, National Football League, National Basketball Association, National Hockey League and Collegiate Licensing Company.

For more information, visit majesticathletic.com.

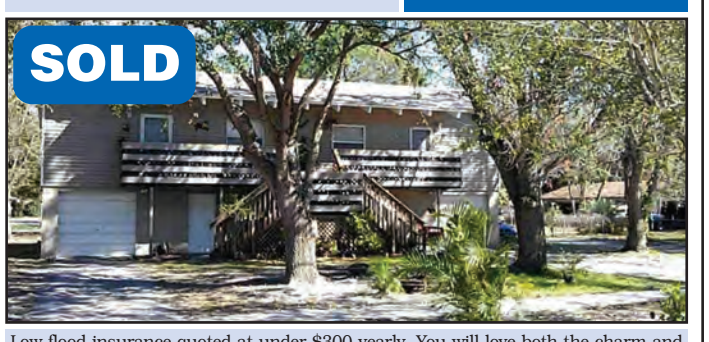
## Christmas In July

Photo courtesy of PAT MORRIS

Ron Ashley, far left, and his wife Kathy, far right, officers with the Largo/Clearwater detachment of the Marine Corps League, pose with Toys For Tots volunteers Anita Carpenter and Santa-clad Bob McCamby at the Toys For Tots Christmas in July celebration July 25. The Blue Jays organization sponsored the event, held prior to the game at the Toronto Blue Jays Stadium in Dunedin in the effort to draw attention to Toys For Tots. Santa threw a ceremonial first pitch. Toys For Tots is an organization that gathers and distributes toys for the area's needy children in the months leading up to Christmas. To donate toys or serve as a Toys For Tots volunteer, email Anita Carpenter at anita.14t@gmail.com.


# What's Selling in Pinellas County

**Oldsmar** — 4BR/2BA/1CG — $152,000

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Mike Murphy
Realty Executives – Adamo & Associates

**Clearwater** — 3BR/1BA/1CG — $142,000

Pool home plus a fireplace. Beautifully remodeled throughout including kitchen, bathroom, flooring and updated A/C, windows, roof, tankless hot water heater and electrical panel.

Caroleanne Vorac
Realty Executives – Adamo & Associates

**Seminole** — 4BR/3BA/2CG — $337,000

Completely updated pool home. Spacious tri-level home with new flooring, updated kitchen and bathrooms. Inside laundry room, fresh exterior and interior paint. Oversized lot and walking distance to Seminole schools.

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**St. Petersburg** — 3BR/2BA/1CG — $220,000

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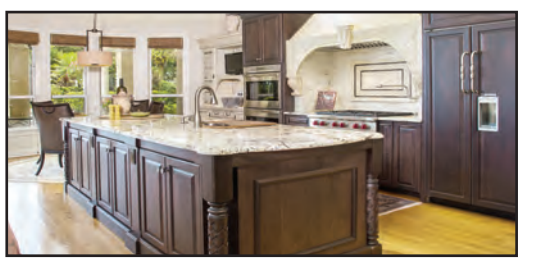

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## Top five diversions

• **Ken Ludwig's "Moon Over Buffalo,"** Aug. 8-24, at West Coast Players Theatre, 21905 U.S. 19 N., Clearwater. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m. Matinees are Sundays, 2 p.m. Tickets are $19. Call 437-2363 or visit www.wcplayers.org. Charlotte and George Hay are on tour in Buffalo in 1953 with a repertory consisting of "Cyrano de Bergerac" – "revised, one nostril version" – and Noel Coward's "Private Lives," when they receive word that they might just have one last shot at stardom: Frank Capra is coming to town to see their matinee.

• **Memphis Music Fest**, Friday, Aug. 8, 8 p.m., at The Mahaffey Theater, 400 First St. S., St. Petersburg. Tickets start at $39. Call 893-7832 or visit www.themahaffey.com. This concert will feature a triple-header of soul and blues men: Booker T. Jones, The Bar-Kays and William Bell. Multi-instrumentalist, songwriter, record producer and arranger Booker T. Jones is a 1992 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee, Musicians Hall of Fame inductee, 2007 Grammy Lifetime Achievement recipient and four-time Grammy winner. The funk-o-matic Memphis group The Bar-Kays originated as the Stax Records' house band in 1966 and developed a raw soul sound that resonated with a young African-American audience. Singer/songwriter William Bell has come to define the essence of "soul" during a distinguished 40-year career that started with the band The Del-Rios in the late 1950s. He is probably best known for his debut single, 1961's "You Don't Miss Your Water."

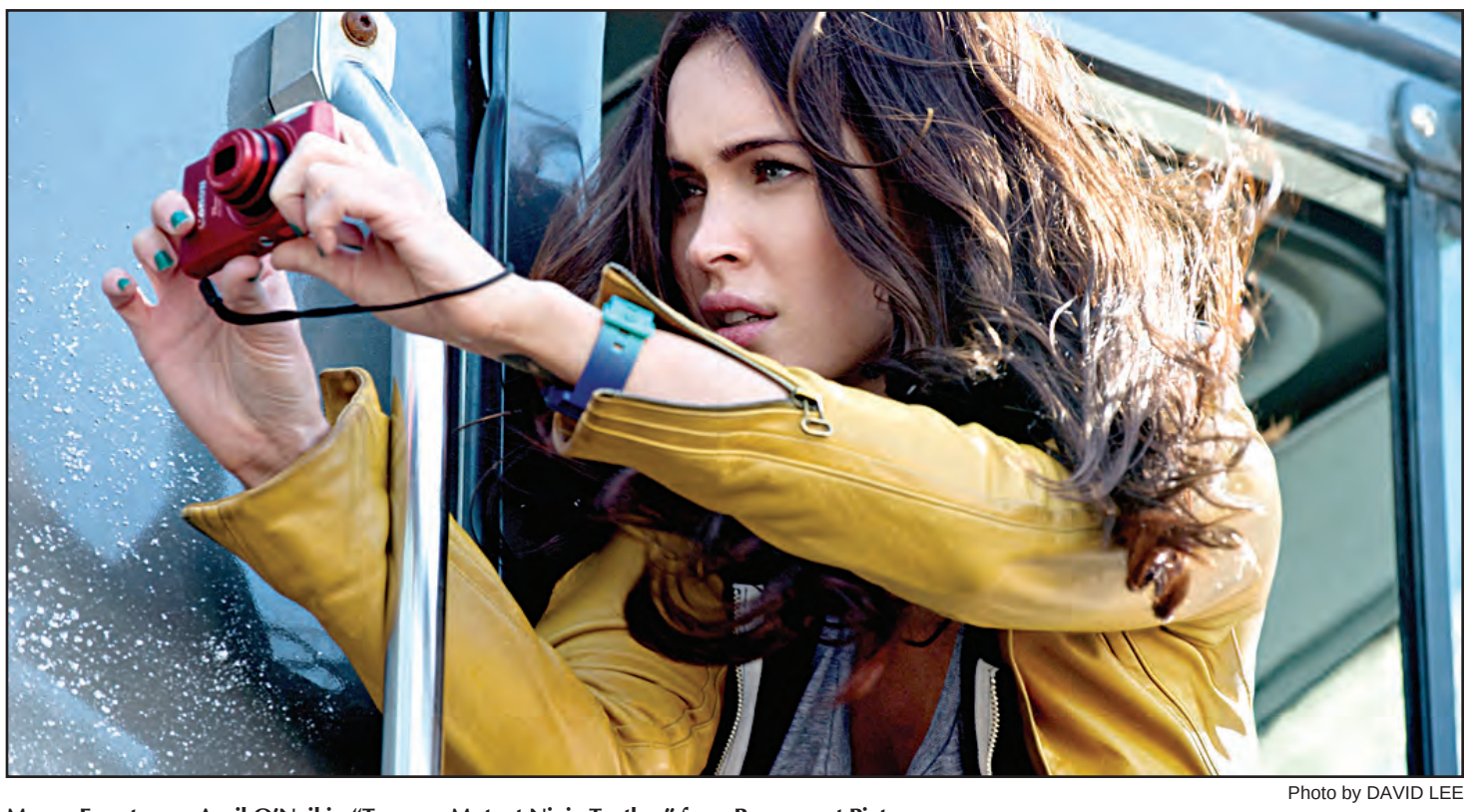
• **Mid-Pinellas Comic Con**, Saturday, Aug. 9, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Seminole Community Library at St. Petersburg College, 920 113th St. N., Seminole. Admission is free. Call 394-6917 or visit www.facebook.com/mpccon. Guests will include Amanda Conner and Jimmy Palmiotti. The event is sponsored by The 501st Legion. Exhibitors will include The 501st Legion, The Haunted Angelus House, Emerald City Comics, Famous John Urban, Brandy Stark of STARK IMAGES, Joel D Wynkoop, TARDIS Riders In Pinellas, Critical Hit Games, Hellview Cemetery, M and M Video Games, Forbidden Forest Crafts, Comic World, Fantasy Costumes Inc., Crystal Thread, Tangible Labs, Morean Arts Center, Anarchist Closet and Tampa Hackerspace. Spider-Man will be on hand and the event will feature a costume contest.

• **Crosby, Stills & Nash**, Saturday, Aug. 9, 7:30 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Tickets start at $54.75. Call 791-7400 or visit www.rutheckerdhall.com. On the heels of their sold out March 2014 tour, Crosby, Stills & Nash have announced additional U.S. summer tour dates which includes a stop at Ruth Eckerd Hall. The group will perform songs from their extensive catalogue, as well as new material from each member. Once again, CSN will be accompanied by its backing band featuring Shane Fontayne (guitar), Steve DiStanislao (drums), Kevin McCormick (bass), James Raymond (keyboards), and Todd Caldwell (organ). More than four decades since CSN first harmonized in Laurel Canyon, and played its first-ever concert as a trio at the legendary Woodstock festival, its members continue a creative partnership that is one of the most influential and enduring in music.

Photo by CHRIS KISSINGER/RUTH ECKERD HALL

**Crosby, Stills & Nash perform Aug. 9 at Ruth Eckerd Hall.**

• **Late Nite Catechism**, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 9-10, at Capitol Theatre, 405 Cleveland St., Clearwater. Performances will be Saturday, 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, 3 p.m. Tickets start at $38. Call 791-7400 or visit www.atthecap.com. Late Nite Catechism: Summer School by Maripat Donovan promises to be one of the most hilarious shows presented at The Capitol Theatre all summer. This side-splitting catechism class features a comedic rendition of lectures. Instead of partaking in a relaxing summer break, Sister has been selected to teach a summer catechism course for the students who decided not to pay attention throughout the year and she is not too happy about being stuck with them. Sister will interact with the audience as she teaches.



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**Megan Fox stars as April O'Neil in "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," from Paramount Pictures.**

# Opening this weekend

## 'Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles' hits theaters; Quale directs 'Into the Storm'

**Compiled by LEE CLARK ZUMPE**

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

### 'Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles'

Genre: Action and adventure

Cast: Megan Fox, Alan Ritchson, Jeremy Howard, Pete Ploszek, Noel Fisher, Will Arnett, Danny Woodburn, William Fichtner, Johnny Knoxville and Tony Shalhoub

Director: Jonathan Liebesman

Rated: PG-13

The city needs heroes.

Darkness has settled over New York City as Shredder and his evil Foot Clan have an iron grip on everything from the police to the politicians. The future is grim until four unlikely outcast brothers rise from the sewers and discover their destiny as Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. The Turtles must work with fearless reporter April O'Neil (Megan Fox) and her wise-cracking cameraman Vern Fenwick (Will Arnett) to save the city and unravel Shredder's diabolical plan.

### 'Into the Storm'

Genre: Action and thriller

Cast: Richard Armitage, Sarah Wayne Callies, Matt Walsh, Alycia Debnam-Carey, Arlen Escarpeta, Max Deacon, Nathan Kress, Jeremy Sumpter, Kyle Davis, Jon Reep and Scott Lawrence

Director: Steven Quale

Rated: PG-13

In the span of a single day, the town of Silverton is ravaged by an unprecedented onslaught of tornadoes.

The entire town is at the mercy of the erratic and deadly cyclones, even as storm trackers predict the worst is yet to come. Most people seek shelter, while others run towards the vortex, testing how far a storm chaser will go for that once-in-a-lifetime shot.

Told through the eyes and lenses of professional storm chasers, thrill-seeking amateurs, and courageous townspeople, "Into the Storm" throws you directly into the eye of the storm to experience Mother Nature at her most extreme.

### 'The Hundred-Foot Journey'

Genre: Comedy and drama

Photo courtesy of DREAMWORKS PICTURES

**Helen Mirren stars in "The Hundred-Foot Journey."**

Cast: Helen Mirren, Manish Dayal, Om Puri and Charlotte Le Bon

Director: Lasse Hallstrom

Rated: PG

In "The Hundred-Foot Journey," Hassan Kadam (Manish Dayal) is a culinary ingénue with the gastronomic equivalent of perfect pitch.

Displaced from their native India, the Kadam family, led by Papa (Om Puri), settles in the quaint village of Saint-Antonin-Noble-Val in the south of France. Filled with charm, it is both picturesque and elegant – the ideal place to settle down and open an Indian restaurant, Maison Mumbai. That is, until the chilly chef proprietress of Le Saule Pleureur, a Michelin-starred, classical French restaurant run by

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# Looking Ahead

## Largo

• **Book signing**, Saturday, Aug. 16, 1 to 4 p.m., at Largo Public Library, 120 Central Park Drive, Largo. Call 587-7353. Author J.J. Schousboe will be on hand to introduce and market the book "Beenie's Search" to the local community.

• **"August: Osage County,"** by Tracy Letts, presented by Eight O'-Clock Theatre; Aug. 22-31, at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Performances are Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; and Sunday, 2 p.m. Tickets are $25.50 for adults and $12.50 for students. A city of Largo handling fee of $3.50 will be added to each ticket. Call 587-6793 or visit largoarts.com. This production features adult language and content and is recommended for mature audiences only.

• **Terry Bozzio**, Friday, Sept. 5, 8 p.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets start at $14.95. Call 587-6793 or visit largoarts.com. Bozzio – a percussion legend – will perform solo drum music on the world's largest tuned drum and percussion set. This will be a unique, intense, dynamic, spiritualistic, melodic, orchestral, atmospheric and musical performance on the largest tuned drum and percussion set in the world. Bozzio is an enigmatic, evocative and engaging musician whose instrument just happens to be the drums. Bozzio is able to accompany himself with bass note patterns and, at the same time, melodically solo on top with highly developed coordination skills to express a complete musical statement on the drum set alone. Drawing from jazz, classical and ethnic percussion styles from around the world, Bozzio is a storyteller, able to weave a hypnotic spell over audiences and enthrall them with an eclectic experience filled with contrast, variety, intimacy, excitement and passion.

## Clearwater

• **The Rock 'n' Blues Hippiefest Tribute to Johnny Winter**, Saturday, Aug. 16, 7 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Tickets start at $45.75. Call 791-7400 or visit www.rutheckerdhall.com. Audiences will now celebrate the life of the late Johnny Winter with a fitting tribute in his honor featuring his brother Edgar along with Vanilla Fudge, Peter Rivera (formerly of Rare Earth) and Savoy Brown's Kim Simmonds. The Rock 'n' Blues Hippiefest will mark the third annual version of the tour with a show that will feature separate performances by all of the artists who will be performing their greatest hits interspersed by a selection of Johnny Winter songs.

• **The '70s Movie Series**, Saturday, Aug. 16, 7 p.m., at the Capitol Theatre, 405 Cleveland St., Clearwater. Tickets are $7. Call 791-7400 or visit www.atthecap.com. The double feature will include "Young Frankenstein" and "Blazing Saddles."

• **Michael McDonald and Toto**, Tuesday, Aug. 19, 7:30 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Tickets start at $45. Call 791-7400 or visit www.rutheckerdhall.com. McDonald and the members of Toto are old friends, dating back years prior to the singer's appearance on Toto's "I'll Be Over You," from the "Farenheit" album in 1986. Toto members Mike Porcaro, Jeff Porcaro and Luke collaborated with McDonald on his RIAA gold certified solo debut "If That's What It Takes" (1982). The trio all performed on "That's Why" and "No Such Luck," while Jeff laid down the drums and Luke contributed guitar on "I Keep Forgettin'." Lukather also played on "I Gotta Try" and "Believe In It." McDonald continues to tour the world, from Europe to Asia to Australia, while moonlighting alongside Donald Fagen and Boz Scaggs with The Dukes Of September, an 11-piece soul supergroup.

## Gulfport

• **Sixth annual Gecko Ball**, Saturday, Aug. 23, 6 to 11 p.m., at the historic waterfront Gulfport Casino Ballroom, 5500 Shore Blvd. S., Gulfport. Tickets for Gecko Ball are $35 per person. Visit www.GulfportMA.com.

## Pinellas Park

• **Movies in the Park**, Saturday, Aug. 9, dusk, at England Brothers Park, 5010 81st Ave. N., Pinellas Park. Pinellas Park Firefighters host this event every month for their Benevolent Fund by selling hot dogs and hamburgers. Candy, popcorn, nachos and drinks are also for sale. The Benevolent Fund is used to help victims and families in our community throughout the holidays. For information, call 687-4494.

## St. Petersburg

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

• The seventh annual **Dinner and Jazz Series at the MFA featuring Vincent Sims and the SideWinders**, Friday, Aug. 8, 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. 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. Raised in St. Petersburg, guitarist Vincent Sims has assembled some of the area's most talented musicians for his group. They perform music by such artists as Horace Silver, Jimmy Smith, Lee Morgan, Art Blakey and the Jazz Messengers. Sims has collaborated with Al Downing, Lucky Peterson, Koko Taylor, and Belinda Womack, among others. He, too, attended the Berklee College of Music.

• **Memphis Music Fest**, Friday, Aug. 8, 8 p.m., at The Mahaffey Theater, 400 First St. S., St. Petersburg. Tickets start at $39. Call 893-7832 or visit www.themahaffey.com. This concert will feature a triple-header of soul and blues men: Booker T. Jones, The Bar-Kays and William Bell. Multi-instrumentalist, songwriter, record producer and arranger Booker T. Jones is a 1992 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee, Musicians Hall of Fame inductee, 2007 Grammy Lifetime Achievement recipient and four-time Grammy® winner. Best known as the front man for Booker T. and the MGs, Jones had an early start in the music industry from high school days. He played the oboe, saxophone, trombone, bass and piano, served as organist at his church and worked as a staff musician at the age of 16 for Stax Records in Memphis, co-writing the classic instrumental "Green Onions." He released his 10th album, Sound the Alarm, featuring a group of guest artists including his son Ted Jones last year. The funk-o-matic Memphis group The Bar-Kays originated as the Stax Records' house band in 1966 and developed a raw soul sound that resonated with a young African-American audience. Their purposeful soulfulness carried them to a chart-topping perch in 1967 with the hit "Soulfinger." The band has a career total of 29 albums including one platinum album, five gold albums and 20 Top 10 singles. Band members are Lead Singer Larry Dodson, found of The Bar-Kays and Bass Player James Alexander, Guitarists Tony Gentry and Mike Anderson, Keyboardists Ezra Williams and Mark Bynum, Drummer Carlos Sargent and Background Vocalists Darrel Stanly and Archie Love. Singer/songwriter William Bell has come to define the essence of "soul" during a distinguished 40-year career that started with the band The Del-Rios in the late 1950s. He is probably best known for his debut single, 1961's "You Don't Miss Your Water." His Top 20 hit single, "Everybody Loves a Winner" came out in his first full-length album. Bell and Jones co-wrote "Born Under a Bad Sign" which became the signature tune for blue great Albert King and was later recorded by Cream. His 1967 "Every Day Will be a Holiday" was featured in the 2010 sci-fi thriller Repo Man.

• **It's Not the Heat, It's the Humidity**, an exhibition of Florida themed artwork, Saturday, Aug. 9, noon to 9 p.m., at ArtLofts at Florida Craftsmen, 10 Fifth St. N., second floor, Studio 210B, St. Petersburg. Sponsored by the Gulf Coast Artists' Alliance Inc., the exhibit will feature work from artists such as Deborah Pridgeon, Bob Wieser, Eunice Fisher, Mary Bottini, Karan Porter, Jim Kirkman, Brandy Stark, Caroline Karp Babis, Carole Shelton, Savelli, Kim Kramer, Kevin Nodland and Judy Vienneau. The exhibit is free and open to the public. For information, email director@gcaa-fl.org.

• **Ellis Paul**, Saturday, Aug. 9, 8 p.m., at The Hideaway Cove, 1756 Central Ave., St. Petersburg. Tickets are $25. Call 644-7895.

• The seventh annual **Dinner and Jazz Series at the MFA featuring The Hot Sun Trio**, Friday, Aug. 15, 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.

## Tampa

• **The Bellamy Brothers**, Saturday, Aug. 9, 8:30 p.m., at the Dallas Bull, 3322 U.S. 301, Tampa. Doors will open at 6 p.m. Tickets are $10. Visit www.dalasbull.com.

• **The Whispers and The Manhattans**, Sunday, Aug. 17, 7:30 p.m., in Carol Morsani Hall, at the Straz Center for the Performing Arts, 1010 N. W.C. MacInnes Place, Tampa. Tickets start at $34.53. Call 813-229-7827 or visit www.strazcenter.org.

• **Cassadee Pope**, Thursday, Aug. 21, 8:30 p.m., at the Dallas Bull, 3322 U.S. 301, Tampa. Doors will open at 5 p.m. Tickets are $10 in advance and $15 the day of the show. Visit www.dalasbull.com. Pope is the first female to win the popular TV show "The Voice." She will be performing her hits including "Wasting All These Tears" and her latest single, "I Wish I Could Break Your Heart." Aaron Parker will open.

• **"The Last Night of Ballyhoo,"** by Alfred Uhry, presented by Jobsite Theater; Sept. 3-28, at the David A. Straz Jr. Center for the Performing Arts, 1010 N. W.C. MacInnes Place, Tampa. Performances are Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; and Sunday, 4 p.m. Tickets start at $34.53. Call 813-229-7827 or 800-955-1045, or visit www.strazcenter.org.

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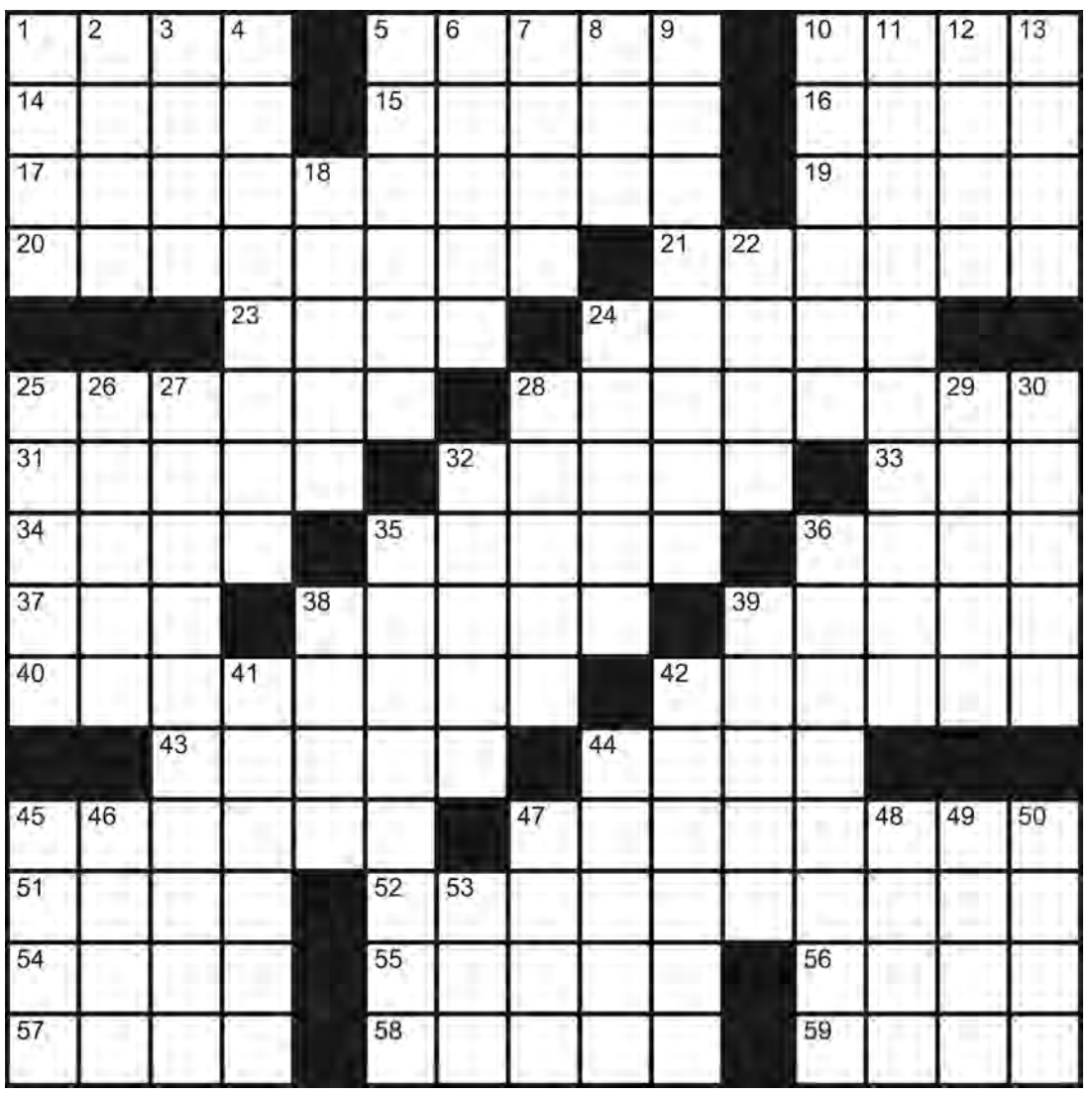

**Across**

1. Dog sound
5. Ziti, e.g.
10. Bundle
14. ___ de Paris, millennium Ferris wheel
15. Do-nothing
16. Girasol, e.g.
17. Expression of affection
19. ___ Scotia
20. Secretly and carefully planned (hyphenated)
21. Hurry
23. Rectangular paving stone
24. Navigational aid
25. Do away with
28. Guarded
31. Artistic creations
32. Aplomb
33. Ace
34. Ashtabula's lake
35. Combine
36. Get-out-of-jail money
37. 50 Cent piece
38. "M*A*S*H" setting
39. Buckwheat pancakes
40. Al Capone's cause of death
42. Mild expletive
43. Artist's stand
44. Vermin
45. Local church community
47. Largest city in New Zealand
51. Arabic for "commander"
52. Director of an opera
54. Lying, maybe
55. Doofus
56. Mental keenness
57. Comme ci, comme ca (hyphenated)
58. Fertile soil
59. Back talk

**Down**

1. Born and ___
2. Bang-up (hyphenated)
3. "How ___!"
4. Token
5. Plagiarist
6. Confess
7. Coaster
8. Big ___ Conference
9. Movie theater showing foreign films (2 wds)
10. Dwarfed, ornamental tree
11. Intended to ward off evil
12. Cleanse
13. Brio
18. "Smart" ones
22. A chip, maybe
24. Goat-like antelope of Eurasia
25. Decorative jugs
26. A quick raid
27. Pretentious, showy fineries
28. Centers
29. Kidney waste product
30. 100%
32. Danger
35. Make a mountain out of a ___
36. Statutes regulating Sunday business
38. Smooch
39. Creeks (British)
41. Bob, e.g.
42. Devices for cubing food
44. Angling equipment
45. Exemplars of twinship
46. Early pulpit
47. ___ line (major axis of an elliptical orbit)
48. "Mi chiamano Mimi," e.g.
49. Pesky insects
50. Makeshift bed (British)
53. ___ juice (milk)

# Sudoku

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

## Sudoku answers from last week

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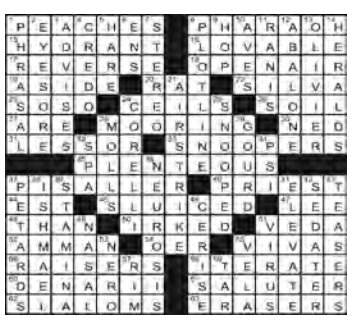


# Horoscopes

**August 7, 2014**

## Capricorn

**December 22 – January 19**

Evidence mounts against a loved one. Be there for them, Capricorn, but do not bail them out. They made the mess. They need to be the one to clean it up.

## Aquarius

**January 20 – February 18**

A relationship gets messy. Are you in it for the long haul, Aquarius? If not, now is the time to walk away. Budget woes ease with a promotion.

## Pisces

**February 19 – March 20**

Mistakes happen, Pisces. Chuck up what occurs to inexperience and move on. A relationship question is answered in a really big way. Who knew?

## Aries

**March 21 – April 19**

Be true to yourself, Aries. Don't cave in to the pressure of others. A work assignment requires some thinking outside of the box. Two heads are better than one.

## Taurus

**April 20 – May 20**

Bravo, Taurus. You stand up for yourself, and suddenly, you're seen in a different light. Good things are ahead. A friend proves their worth.

## Gemini

**May 21 – June 21**

Message received, Gemini. Your family is aware of your expectations and they will not disappoint. A loophole is closed at work much to your relief.

## Cancer

**June 22 – July 22**

Look closely, Cancer. There is a light at the end of the tunnel. Rally the team. A home improvement project is not as simple as it seems. Hire a pro.

## Leo

**July 23 – August 22**

Lost Leo. You've been so busy lately that you have no idea what to do with yourself now that everything is done. Check your messages. The answer lies there.

## Virgo

**August 23 – September 22**

Ease up, Virgo. Not everyone shares your enthusiasm. A blast from the past returns with big news. Give yourself some time to take it all in.

## Libra

**September 23 – October 22**

Pick, pick, pick, Libra. You're finding fault with nearly everything these days, and it is starting to irritate others. A date is set. Time to get planning.

## Scorpio

**October 23 – November 21**

Calling all Scorpios. Organizations near and dear to your heart are in need. Heed the call. A walk down memory lane points you in a new direction.

## Sagittarius

**November 22 – December 21**

The last-ditch efforts of a pal fall flat. Do something fun to cheer them up, Sagittarius. A gift of gold raises the stakes in a relationship.

## Movie review

# ‘Guardians of the Galaxy’ delivers refreshing, uncomplicated space opera bliss

**Reel Time**
Lee Clark Zumpe

Yes, this is going to be yet another review singing the praises of Marvel Studios’ “Guardians of the Galaxy.” To summarize: It’s an awesome movie. Go see it.

Of course, things could have gone quite differently.

Instead of raking in at least $94 million domestically – and around $160 million internationally – during its opening weekend, “Guardians of the Galaxy” could have fallen short of expectations. It could have been the first genuine dud from the blockbuster factory that Marvel Studios has become in recent years. It could have been a flop.

Honestly, up until the marketing hype for this film started, only devoted comic book fans knew of the existence of this troupe of oddball characters. The name Guardians of the Galaxy technically dates back to Marvel Superheroes, Issue 18, 1969 – but that team isn’t the one featured in the new film. The characters audiences are cheering for in “Guardians of the Galaxy” come from a more recent incarnation of the space-faring superhero team that debuted, in comic book form, in 2008.

All of Marvel Studios’ prior successes have been based upon easily identifiable characters, beginning with Iron Man and including Hulk, Thor and Captain America. “Marvel’s The Avengers” assembled all of these characters and added a few more to the Marvel Cinematic Universe roster. One doesn’t have to have a secret stash of Silver Age comic books in a spare room to recognize these names. They have become part of American pop culture. The films didn’t have to work that hard familiarizing audiences with the basic concepts behind the individual storylines.

“Guardians of the Galaxy” has no familiar faces. It does, however, have a talking raccoon and a tree-creature named Groot. This was gamble for Marvel Studios. Guess what? It paid off.

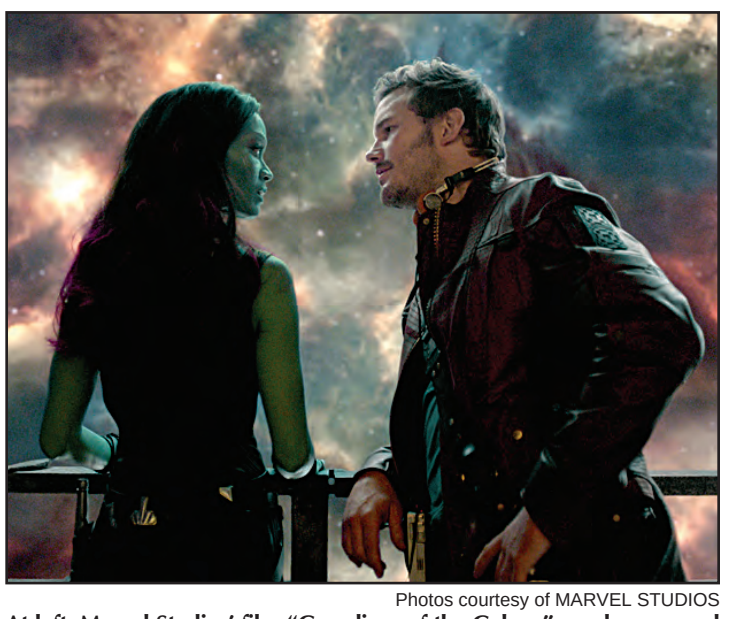
James Gunn deserves a lot of the credit for this film’s success. Gunn directs “Guardians of the Galaxy” and co-wrote the screenplay. At its core, it’s a simple story that fits faithfully into the Big Picture: Every installment in the Marvel Cinematic Universe to date has been intertwined in a nebulous story arc that progresses steadily toward some indeterminate pinnacle.

As a boy, Peter Quill – who has just watched his mother die in a hospital bed – is taken aboard a starship filled with space pirates lead by Yondu. Some 26 years later, Quill – operating as a loner – has his own ship and his own moniker: Star-Lord. On the dead planet Morag, Quill filches a spherical, metallic artifact. The orb, it turns out, contains an object of inestimable power that can be used to wipe out entire planets. A nasty-piece-of-work named Ronan wants to acquire the orb for Thanos, and sends an assassin named Gamora to retrieve it. Gamora has her own agenda.

When Quill tries to sell the orb to a broker on planet Xandar, Gamora – as well as Rocket and Groot – all try to gain possession of the orb. When the scuffle ends, they are all taken into custody by Nova Corps and thrown in prison. There, they meet an inmate named Drax and form a kind of ragtag alliance.

At this point, Yondu – who is also after the orb, because he wants to sell it – has put a bounty on Quill’s head, and Ronan – who wants the orb for purely malevolent reasons – is intent on making Gamora pay for betraying him. What happens next? Without spoilers, here’s a taste: cool spaceships trekking across cosmic vistas, thrilling skirmishes, irreverent humor, touching moments of disclosure, heartrending sacrifices, enchanting absurdity, slapstick, uncomplicated space opera bliss and one of the greatest showdown moments of cinematic history.

“Guardians of the Galaxy” is ridiculously appealing because it pulls together so many elements from pop culture. Here are a few examples:



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**At left, Marvel Studios’ film “Guardians of the Galaxy” revolves around a space-faring team of misfits including, from left, Gamora (Zoe Saldana), Rocket (voiced by Bradley Cooper), Peter Quill (Chris Pratt), Groot (voiced by Vin Diesel), and Drax the Destroyer (Dave Bautista). Above, with the cosmos as a backdrop, Quill reveals something about his past to Gamora. Below, Rocket is a genetically-engineered raccoon and a bounty hunter.**

- Peter Quill, aka Star-Lord, played by Chris Pratt, is Han Solo, Indiana Jones and Malcolm “Mal” Reynolds all rolled into one. Sure, the character actually dates back before any of those other roles had been cast (Star-Lord first appeared in Marvel Preview, Issue 4, 1976), but Pratt’s performance clearly pays homage to these iconic figures. He’s a scoundrel with heart, a thief with a conscience and a wiseacre with an inflated ego who proves to be a natural leader. There may even be a bit of Snake Plissken in Quill. And perhaps a hint of Marty McFly.
- The music ties Quill to Earth and – for many members of the audience – evokes a simpler time. Songs like Blue Suede’s “Hooked on a Feeling,” David Bowie’s “Moonage Daydream,” Elven Bishop’s “Fooled Around and Fell in Love” and Five Stairsteps “O-o-h Child” wouldn’t seem to be appropriate choices for a space opera, but Quill’s cherished Walkman provides the connection and imbues the character with a degree of warm-heartedness that would have been difficult to establish through dialog or action.
- Lovable misfits are always compelling. The individuals who come together to form the Guardians of the Galaxy are outcasts in the tradition of a certain team of kids who went searching for treasure in the 1985 film “The Goonies.”
- Quill isn’t the only one in this film conjuring up images of Han Solo. Solo had Chewbacca, a faithful sideman only he could understand. Rocket has Groot, a devoted partner with a very limited vocabulary … yet, Rocket always seems to know what he means.
- Additional in-script pop culture references include nods to Ranger Rick, Kevin Bacon and Jackson Pollack and Alyssa Milano.

Pratt’s capable contribution is matched by solid performances from an ensemble cast including Zoe Saldana as Gamora, Dave Bautista as Drax the Destroyer, John C. Reilly as Corpsman Rhomann Dey, Glenn Close as Nova Prime Irani Rael and Michael Rooker as Yondu. Vin Diesel provides the voice and motion capture for Groot and Bradley Cooper voices Rocket. Lee Pace serves up an appropriately menacing Ronan the Accuser. Karen Gillan is the devious Nebula and Djimon Hounsou turns in a great supporting role as Korath.

The key actors are able to make their characters relatable and compelling, no matter how alien they may seem – and that’s quite an accomplishment, since most moviegoers aren’t that familiar with source material.

“Guardians of the Galaxy” is full of goofy jokes and incongruities, but the humor doesn’t undercut the narrative. The snarky chatter and cheesy one-liners fit the characters. The action is intense, but not suffocating. The hero is an everyman-turned-leader by happenstance and his team is more than the sum of its parts. The story emanates a kind of exuberance that will have fans lining up for second and third showings – and gobbling up merchandise like crazy.

For those who said Guardians of the Galaxy was too obscure a property for cinematic treatment: It looks like Marvel Studios gets the last laugh.

Speaking of last laughs, be sure to stick around for the post-credit scene for a surprise cameo.

**OPENING, from page 1B**

Madame Mallory (Helen Mirren) gets wind of it.

Her icy protests against the new Indian restaurant a hundred feet from her own escalate into a heated battle between the two establishments until Hassan’s passion for French haute cuisine – and for Madame Mallory’s enchanting sous chef, Marguerite (Charlotte Le Bon) – combine with his mysteriously-delicious talent to weave magic between their two cultures and imbue Saint-Antonin with the flavors of life that even Madame Mallory cannot ignore. At first Madame Mallory’s culinary rival, she eventually recognizes Hassan’s gift as a chef and takes him under her wing.

“The Hundred-Foot Journey” abounds with flavors that burst across the tongue. A stimulating triumph over exile, blossoming with passion and heart, it is a portrayal of two worlds colliding and one young man’s drive to find the comfort of home, in every pot, wherever he may be.

### ‘Step Up All In’

Genre: Drama and romance

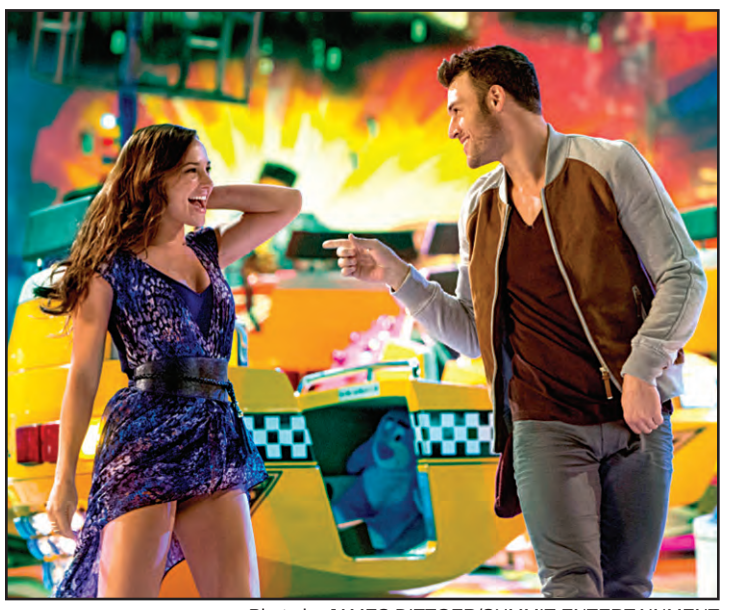
Cast: Ryan Guzman, Briana Evigan, Stephen “twitch” Boss, Misha Gabriel, Izabella Miko, Alyson Stoner and Adam Sevani

Director: Trish Sie

Rated: PG-13

One of the most popular dance franchises in film history takes competition to astonishing new heights in “Step Up All In.”

Miami street dancer Sean Asa (Ryan Guzman) moves to Hollywood with visions of fame and fortune, only to discover the almost insurmountable odds of making it in the professional dance world. But when the new dance crew he forms with the beautiful and headstrong Andie West (Briana Evigan) reaches the final rounds of a high-stakes reality TV competition in glittering Las Vegas, he has a shot at finally making his dreams come true – if he can set aside old loyalties and long-time rivalries and just do what he loves most: dance.



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**Briana Evigan stars as Andie and Ryan Guzman as Sean in “Step Up All In.”**

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

### ‘What If’

Genre: Comedy and romance

Cast: Daniel Radcliffe, Zoe Kazan, Adam Driver, Rafe Spall, Megan Park, Mackenzie Davis and Oona Chaplin

Director: Michael Dowse

Rated: PG-13

Wallace (Daniel Radcliffe) is a medical school dropout who’s been repeatedly burned by bad relationships.

While everyone around him seems to be finding the perfect partner, including his friend Allan (Adam Driver) in girlfriend Nicole (Mackenzie Davis), Wallace decides to put his love life on hold. It is then that he meets Chantry (Zoe Kazan), an animator who lives with her longtime boyfriend Ben (Rafe Spall). Wallace and Chantry form an instant connection, striking up a close friendship. There is no denying the chemistry between them, leading the pair to wonder, what if the love of your life is actually your best friend?

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# Mahaffey announces 2014-15 schedule

ST. PETERSBURG – The Mahaffey Theater recently announced 20 new performances for the 2014-15 season.

The calendar features a diverse selection of programming, with comedy, R&B, inspirational and educational speakers, dance productions, family events, tribute artists, musical icons and more. Additional events will be added throughout the season.

For the first time, the venue is also offering a "build your own series" called Three for Me. Subscribers may select three or more of these newly-added shows, or mix and match with other shows already on sale and receive one complimentary drink per ticket purchased. Three for Me subscribers can also purchase tickets one week before the general public for the newly-added events. Three for Me is available exclusively by phone at 893-7832 and is only available for a limited time.

Tickets for all events listed are on sale now for Bill Edwards Foundation for the Arts members. Single tickets are now on sale. Call 893-7832 or visit TheMahaffey.com. The Mahaffey Theater is at 400 First St. S.

Following is a schedule of newly added events at The Mahaffey Theater:

• Steve Martin & Martin Short in a Very Stupid Conversation, Sunday, Sept. 7, 7 p.m. Tickets start at $89. The two Martins of "The Three Amigos" will join forces for a night of individual Q&As along with singing, banter and banjo playing presented in an interview-style form.

• Steve Harvey: Act Like a Success, Saturday, Oct. 18, noon. Tickets start at $64.75. Special guests Lisa Nichols and Patrice Washington join Steve Harvey for an amazing afternoon of motivation, education and inspiration.

• Arrival: The Music of ABBA, Friday, Oct. 24, 8 p.m. Tickets start at $30. Hits like "Dancing Queen," "SOS," "The Winner Takes It All," "Super Trouper," "Money Money Money," "Waterloo," "Honey Honey," "Fernando," "Thank You For The Music," "Lay All Your Love On Me," and many more are delivered with such accuracy that it's hard to believe that it's not the real ABBA on stage.

• Patti LaBelle, Sunday, Nov. 16, 7 p.m. Tickets start at $59.50. The soul diva has enjoyed one of the longest-lived careers in contemporary music, notching hits in a variety of sounds ranging from girl group pop to space-age funk to lush ballads and selling more than 50 million records.

• Terry Fator, Sunday, Nov. 23, 7 p.m. Tickets start at $49.50. Terry Fator became a household name in 2007 when he won Season 2 of "America's Got Talent" with his unique brand of entertainment that combines singing, comedy, and unparalleled celebrity impressions.

• Kenny Rogers Christmas & Hits, Sunday, Nov. 30, 7 p.m. Tickets start at $39. A groundbreaking recording artist, distinctive vocalist and consummate entertainer, the legendary music icon is one of the elite few whose voice is instantly recognized the world over. He'll perform hits like "The Gambler," "Lady," "Lucille," "She Believes In Me," "Through The Years," "Love Will Turn You Around," and "Islands In The Stream" plus holiday favorites.

• Cincinnati Pops Orchestra's Holiday Pops, Sunday, Dec. 7, 7 p.m. Tickets start at $29.50. The Cincinnati Pops Orchestra's Holiday Pops tour showcases traditional holiday favorites and contemporary classics. Conductor John Morris Russell leads one of America's most beloved orchestras, joined by vocalist Brian Stokes Mitchell, dubbed by the New York Times as "Broadway's Last Leading Man."

• Colors of Christmas, Tuesday, Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at $49.50. Peabo Bryson ("A Whole New World"), Jennifer Holliday ("And I Am Telling You I'm Not Going"), Ruben Studdard (American Idol Winner) and Taylor Dayne ("Tell It to My Heart") perform their classic, chart-topping hits, as well as holiday favorites.

• Popovich Comedy Pet Theater, Sunday, Jan. 18, 2015, 2 p.m. Tickets start at $22.50. A family-oriented blend of the unique comedy and juggling skills of Gregory Popovich and the extraordinary talents of his performing pets- 15 house cats, 10 dogs, four geese, eight white doves and two parrots.

• Ballroom with a Twist, Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2015, 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at $39.50. This family-friendly production brings a frenzy of sizzling dance moves, choreographed by Dancing with the Stars' Emmy-nominated Louis van Amstel, performed by

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**The crossover jazz ensemble Pieces of a Dream play Oct. 24 at The Palladium Theater in St. Petersburg.**

professional international dancers spanning the hot moves of Samba, Waltz, Foxtrot, Quickstep, and Jive. Former American Idol contestants also perform.

• Wild Kratts Live, Sunday, Feb. 15, 2015, 2 p.m. Tickets start at $22.50. In this stage production, the animated Kratt Brothers, Martin and Chris from the popular PBS Kids series, come to real life. Through hilarious pratfalls and amazing animal "wow facts" the Wild Kratts team rescues a helpless animal friend and returns her home "Living Free and in the Wild!"

• Masters of Illusion: Believe the Impossible, Friday, Feb. 20, 2015, 8 p.m. Tickets start at $22. Nothing beats the experience of seeing a magic show in person. Enjoy grand illusions, levitating women, appearances and vanishes, escapes, comedy magic, sleight of hand and beautiful dancers all rolled up into a live show.

• Ramsey Lewis & Philip Bailey, Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2015, 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at $49.50. The great performer, composer, pianist and jazz legend, a three-time Grammy winner and recipient of the National Endowment for the Arts Jazz Masters Award, Ramsey Lewis unites with soul, gospel, funk singer, songwriter and percussionist Philip Bailey for an enticing evening of jazz and R&B classics that grew out of their legendary careers.

• Pink Floyd Experience, Friday, March 6, 2015, 8 p.m. Tickets start at $35. With a multi-million dollar light show, six brilliant musicians and two hours of classic Floyd, PFX is a celebration of the music, the themes and the innovation that this great band brought to fans around the world. It is Pink Floyd, up close and personal without losing the scope and power of their performance.

• "1964 ... The Tribute," Friday, March 13, 2015, 8 p.m. Tickets start at $37.50. For more than 29 years, the group has successfully re-created the concert experience of The Beatles from the pre-Sgt. Pepper era – from wardrobe to hairstyles, Liverpool accents, singing nuances and vintage instruments.

• Smokey Robinson, Sunday, April 12, 2015, 7 p.m. Tickets start at $59.50. Smokey Robinson is one of the most beloved and influential figures in the history of popular music. With a career spanning more than 50 years, Robinson has logged 37 Top 40 hits in his career and is the sterling pen and satin voice behind such megahits as "Shop Around," "You've Really Got a Hold on Me," "Tears of a Clown," and "Cruisin'," among many others.

• Chef Robert Irvine Live, Sunday, April 19, 2015, 7 p.m. Tickets start at $30. More than just a cooking demo, Robert Irvine LIVE is an interactive show that provides multiple opportunities for audience participation while witnessing the challenging nature of the TV show, Dinner: Impossible, come to life right before your eyes.

# Library to host Mid-Pinellas Comic Con

SEMINOLE – The Friends of the Seminole Community Library and Novare Library Services have partnered to host the inaugural Mid-Pinellas Comic Con Saturday, Aug. 9, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Seminole Community Library at SPC, 9200 113th St. N.

The event will feature a wide feature, a wide variety of exhibitors, special guests and a costume contest. Admission is free.

The artist-writer team of Amanda Conner and Jimmy Palmiotti will be on hand. Brandy Stark will give a lecture on females in comic books. A representative from the Morean Arts Center will offer a class on making a graphic novel. There also will be a Howl-O-Scream panel.

For the younger crowd, there will be face-painting and plenty of costumed characters to meet, including Spider-Man, the Real Tampa Bay Ghostbusters and the Star Wars costumers of the 501st Legion.

The event also will feature gaming tournaments by Gamers on the Edge, food trucks and a costume contest. Exhibitors such as Critical Hit Games, Comic World, Emerald City Comics and Serenity Games will show off their wares.

Exhibitors scheduled to participate include Anarchist Closet, Comic World, Critical Hit Games, Crystal Thread Cosplay, Emerald City Comics, Forbidden Forest Crafts, FreeFab3D, Haunted Angelus House, Hellview Cemetery, M and M Video Games, Mjolnir Hammers, St. Pete Makers,

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## Special guests

Comic book fans will recognize the prolific work of Amanda Conner and Jimmy Palmiotti.

According to her biography at DC Comics, Conner began her professional art career as an illustrator for New York City ad agencies. Her passion for comic books and cartooning soon took her in a new direction. She first found work at companies such as Archie, Marvel and Claypool Comics. Since then, Conner has worked on several high-profile projects, such as Vampirella and Painkiller Jane. She also has been involved in creator-owned projects such as Gatecrasher and The Pro

Conner's work for DC Comics includes Codename Knockout, Birds of Prey, Terra and a run on Power Girl and Before Watchmen: Silk Spectre.

Palmiotti is a multi-award-winning writer and comic artist and the co-founder of Event Comics, Black Bull Media, Marvel Knights and most recently Paperfilms, where he currently partners with Conner and Justin Gray.

Together they have created and co-created: Monolith, 21 Down, The Resistance and The Twilight Experiment for DC Comics as well as The New West, The Pro, Gatecrasher, Beautiful Killer, Ash, Cloudburst, Trigger Girl 6, Splatterman, Thrill Seeker, Trailblazer and Ballerina.

Palmiotti's other comic book work includes Power Girl and Jonah Hex for DC Comics, The Last Resort for IDW, Back to Brooklyn for Image Comics and Spartacus for Devils Due. He writes All-Star Western for DC Comics' the New 52.

Conner and Palmiotti launched a Harley Quinn ongoing series in November 2013.

## Shows at the Palladium

The Mahaffey Theater also announced three performances scheduled for The Palladium Theater, 253 Fifth Ave. N., St. Petersburg.

The Mahaffey will sponsor the following shows at The Palladium:

• Pieces of a Dream, Friday, Oct. 24, 8 p.m. Tickets start at $30. This crossover jazz group founded in Philadelphia in 1976 gained popularity with their unique sound that also emphasized R&B and incorporated funk, quiet storm, hip-hop, new jack swing and smooth jazz into their recordings, which often featured vocalists.

• Wellington International Ukulele Orchestra, Sunday, Jan. 18, 2015, 7 p.m. Tickets start at $35. The wildly popular New Zealand ensemble presents the ukulele as it's never been played before, featuring songs made famous by artists like Justin Timberlake, Dolly Parton, Elvis, The Beatles, Cyndi Lauper, Prince, Kenny Rogers and Kings of Leon, alongside tunes from the "South Pacific," packaged into a spectacular funfest.

• Paul Reiser, Saturday, Feb. 21, 2015, 8 p.m. Tickets start at $29. A seasoned actor, writer, musician, and stand-up comedian, Paul Reiser co-created and starred in the critically acclaimed NBC series, "Mad About You," which garnered him Emmy, Golden Globe, American Comedy Award and Screen Actors Guild nominations.

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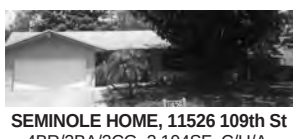

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* If you have not owned a home in the last 3 years

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### 20. Condo Sales

**SEMINOLE GARDENS!**
2BR/1BA Land Owned. Sales & Rentals, **Robert G. Castles, PA, Broker. (727)319-8229 www.seminolegarden.com**

**ULTIMAR I, 3BR/2.5BA/1CG FOR SALE BY OWNER**
Extensive Wrap Balcony, Direct Gulf SW Corner, 1,942SF, Pristine, $779,000. (727)277-4988. Diane Warder, RE Agent. Co-Brokers Welcome.

**SEMINOLE GARDENS**
**BUY WHILE PRICES ARE AT AN ALL-TIME LOW!**
**BEAUTIFUL 56-ACRE COMPLEX**

**1BR/1BA 1,012 sq. ft.**
**New Carpet**
**Great View $43,900**

**2BR/2BA 1,056 sq. ft.**
**Corner Unit**
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**$64,900**

**Ridge Seminole Mgmt. Corp.**
**Cassius L. Peacock, IV, Broker**
**Your ON-SITE Specialist**

**(727)397-2534**
**MySeminoleGardens.com**

**WATERFRONT 2BR/2BA**
Impeccably Maintained Unit. Desirable Park Street Location. Heated Pool, Tennis Courts & Clubhouse. $164,900. For More Information Visit: www.5400parkstreet311.com or Call Jared Salzman, CENTURY 21 JIM WHITE & ASSOCIATES (727)515-3462.

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3BR/2.5BA/2CG. Updated, Move-in Ready. Near 5th Green. Stunning View of Golf Course & Lakes. $209,900. Smith Realty (727)544-8000

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**KEY WEST CHARM**
Located In A County Club Atmosphere. 2BR/2BA, 55+, Attached Garage, Large Lanai Including Fountain and 2 Person Spa. Appliances Included, 1,350/SF Under Air, New Roof With 20 Year Warranty, New AC/Heat Pump With 10 Warranty. Asking $159,000 6574 Green Valley Drive, Seminole (727)392-0196 By Appointment.

### 35. Mobile Home Sales

Affordable Living!
**GLENWOOD ESTATES:**
5 Star, 55+, Land Owned.

**NEW LISTING: #42 - 2/2, Carport, Screened Lanai, Fully Furn., Mint Cond., '93 Jacobsen, $97,888**

**#5 - 2/2/2, Lake View, Furn., $65,888.**

$175/Mo. Maintenance
No Flood Insurance Required!
*12501 Ulmerton Rd., Largo.*
*Brochures Available At Clubhouse.*
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### 35. Mobile Home Sales

**LARGO 1BR/1BA $2,500.**
55+ Community, Lot Rent $250.Mo. Includes Lawn Care, Water & Pool. (727)565-8314

### 55. Open House

**SATURDAY, 12-3.**
**2BR/2BA WILLOW POINT CONDO**
On the Peninsula Overlooking Lake Seminole. Quick Closing Desired!
**10299 Seminole Island Dr.**
Virgil Sweet, Charles Rutenberg, (727)410-1205.

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**KEY WEST CHARM**
SUNDAY, AUGUST 10th, 1PM-4PM
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6574 Green Valley Drive, Seminole
(727)392-0196 By Appointment.

### 95. Property Mgmt.

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All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or an intention, to make such preference, limitation or discrimination." Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians; pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18.
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**And Fix Problems!**
**See If We Can Help YOU!**
**(727)537-6150**

## RENTALS

### 145. Unfurnished Houses

**2BR/1BA +FLORIDA ROOM,**
Laundry Room, Tiled Floors, Large Backyard. Quiet Seminole Neighborhood, Walk to Mall. Pets Okay. $1,100/Month Annual. (727)488-1111.

### 155. Furnished Condos

**SEMINOLE GARDENS**
1BR/1BA, 608SF, Any Age, Furnished, $750/Month-Yearly. Ridge Seminole Mgmt. Corp. (727)397-2534

**SEMINOLE, VILLA MILAN**
2BR/2BA, Rear Screened Porch, 3rd Floor Pool View. No Pets. Annual lease. $850/Month.
**Guetzlaff Realty**
**(727)204-0829**

### 160. Unfurnished Condos

**SHIPWATCH 2BR/2BA,**
Vaulted Ceilings, W/D, Freshly Painted, Garage. $1,350/Mo.
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Shipwatch Realty, (727)596-6508.

### 175. Unfurnished Apts.

**PROSPECT TOWERS OF CLEARWATER**
**801 Chestnut Street, Clearwater**

**MOVE-IN SPECIALS**

SENIORS 62+
Affordable Efficiencies From $**450/month** and 1 Bedrooms from $**572/month**.
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### 160. Unfurnished Condos

**SEMINOLE: Deerwood Gardens**
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**Call For Move-in Special:**
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**AUTUMN CHASE**
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$111 Off 1 Bedroom, 2nd Floor Apartments!!!*
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Book A Tour Today To See All We Have To Offer!
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***Specials Are Run On Specific Units, Limited Availability**
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### 185. Beach Rentals

**INDIAN ROCKS BEACH WEEKLY RENTALS**
Cozy, Clean, Furnished Cottages. 1-2BRs rates starting at $329/week +tax. Steps to Gulf Beach. Pet Friendly.
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Condos, Houses, Duplexes
Weekly/ Monthly/ Annual
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Tropical Isles Realty, Inc.
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Treasure Island Villas #19, First Floor Walkout. Remodeled. Community Pool And Laundry. No Pets. Background Check & Association Approval Required. $1,200/Mo. $1,200 Security. Annually Only. (727)515-2193.

### 175. Unfurnished Apts.

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**TOTALLY RENOVATED**
2BR/2.5BA Furnished Townhome with Private W/D and Garage. Walk to Beach! No Pets/No Smoking. Pool. Weekly or Monthly. (877)518-9190

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### 195. Seasonal Rentals

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### 205. Townhouse Rentals

**LARGO - 2BR/1.5BA**
Small Screened Lanai, New Appliances, W/D, 1,150SF. $850.Mo. Year's Lease, References/ Background Check (727)580-7319

### 225. Duplex/Triplex Rentals

**LARGO, BY BEACH**
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**LARGO - SPACIOUS 2BR/2BA/1CG**
Adults Only, C/H/A, Pets Okay, Fenced Yard, W/D Hook-up. Includes Sewer, Water $950.MO. (727)776-7765

### 245. Room For Rent

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Fully Furnished. Utilities, Cable Included. Deposit, References, ID Required. From $150/Week. (727)547-1199.

**SEMINOLE UN PEACE HOUSE**
Quiet, Furnished, 2.5/Bath. Pool, Cable, Electric, W/D Included. $130/Wk & Up. Security Required, BGC. (210)560-4943.

### 255. Accom. To Share

**GANDY BLVD AREA**
Female Seeks Female To Share Apartment, Private Bath & Bedroom, Utilities Included, Smoke Free, References. $125/Weekly. (727)498-6971

### 265. Commercial Rentals

**OFFICE SPACE**
Starting At $482 Per Month. Ample Parking. Madeira Beach. (727)641-6465.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### 345. Lost & Found

**LOST DOG:** Young, tan, mixed breed female, no collar, lost 7/27, vicinity of 58th St. and 87th Ave., Pinellas Park. Owner heartbroken. REWARD. (727)545-1450 or (727)215-2923 anytime.

**FOUND MEN'S WEDDING RING**
Indian Rocks Beach, Sunday, July 27th (727)460-3551

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Order your classified ad online, 24/7, quickly and easily. Visit www.TBNweekly.com, click on "Place A Classified," complete & submit the form. A representative from the classified dept. will follow up with you during regular office hours to confirm your order and obtain payment information.
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## AT YOUR SERVICE

### 355. Adoption

**ARE YOU PREGNANT?**
A Childless, Married Couple, (in our 30s) seeks to adopt. Will be hands on Mom and devoted Dad. Financially secure. Expenses paid. Nicole & Frank. Call/ Text 1(888)969-6134. FL BAR #150789

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Thinking about Adoption? Choose the Perfect Family For Your Baby
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Free Apartment
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### 435. Adult Care & Svcs.

**PERSONAL CAREGIVER**
**CNA/ HHA SEEKING POSITION.**
At Home/ Travel Companion, Accupressure/ Reiki. Domestic Cleaning, Errands Etc. European. (727)642-6128

**DO YOU NEED A CAREGIVER?**
I'm Available For Live-In: Mondays-Wednesdays. Hourly: Mondays, Thursdays, Saturdays. Excellent References. Call Angie, (727)225-2451.

**HOME HEALTHCARE**
Adults & Seniors, 25 Years Experience. References. Cover All Your Needs! Providing the Comforts of Home, Impeccable Care and Love. Bilingual. (727)945-3800, (727)408-5836.

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## EMPLOYMENT

### 485. Help Wanted

**EARN $1000s From Home? Be careful of Work-At-Home Schemes.**
- Hidden costs can add up
- Requirements may be unrealistic.

Learn how you can avoid Work-At- Home Scams. Call: Federal Trade Comm. 1-877-FTC-HELP.
**A message from Tampa Bay Newspapers and the FTC.**

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**SERVERS**
Pinecrest Place Retirement Community is looking for "mature" candidates to work in our Dining rooms, to include Assisted Living and Memory Care. P-T multiple positions open; various hours including weekends & holidays. We are looking for candidates to provide quick, efficient, and pleasant delivery of food to our residents & guests, ensuring all quality standards of food service are being met. Position requires Level II background screening; EOE; Drug-free workplace. Please apply in person at 1150 8th Ave. SW, Largo, FL.

### 485. Help Wanted

**HANSON CLEANERS**
Now Hiring self-motivated person for counter help. Apply at 12963 Walsingham Road, Largo 33774

**ROOFERS AND HELPERS**
$10-$13 Per Hour
Business Located In Largo.
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**LPNs: PINECREST PLACE**
A Premier Brookdale retirement community, is seeking a Full-Time LPN for our Memory Care 2nd Shift, Monday-Friday 2pm-10pm & A Part-Time LPN for 3rd Shift 10pm-6am. Candidate should have previous experience working in a geriatric environment and have a commitment to making a difference in the lives they touch. We are looking for enthusiastic, energetic and caring people to become a part of our team. Candidates can apply in person at 1150 8th Ave. SW, Largo. Send resume to Margaret.Kristall@Brookdale.com or fax to (727)581-8409. EOE, DFWP.

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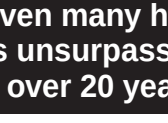
**VPK TEACHER NEEDED**
Experienced In Early Childhood With CDA/BA Preferred. To Begin ASAP. Part-Time Or Full-Time Available. Call Pam, (727)535-8512.

### 505. Part-Time Help

**RESIDENT AIDES**
Pinecrest Place, a premier retirement community, is seeking aides to provide daily care to our AL & Memory Care residents. We are looking for enthusiastic, energetic and caring people to become a part of our team. Part-time, various shifts. Must be available to work weekends and holidays. Candidates can apply in person at 1150 8th Ave. SW, Largo, or send resume to Margaret.kristall@brookdaleliving.com or fax to M. Kristall at (727)581-8409. EOE, DFWP

**ASK ABOUT OUR EYE STOPPER LOGOS**



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**RESPONSIBLE STUDENT?**
***Need a GREAT JOB?***
**Consulting firm now hiring student interns (GPA 3.0+, 16yrs+) to assist w/office duties including data entry, research & filing. School friendly hours. Must be a local student with your own transportation. Year-round part-time position. NO exp. needed. Largo/Belleair area.**
***Please call Mrs. Risner, 581-8702***
**Our intern program has given many high school & college students unsurpassed learning opportunities for over 20 years.**

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### 300. Notices

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**OUR OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPT. 1ST, IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY. WE WILL HAVE THE FOLLOWING EARLY DEADLINES:**

**Retail Advertising**
Seminole/Beach Beacon
Largo Leader – Belleair Bee
Clearwater Beacon:
**Thursday, Aug. 28**
**5 p.m.**
Pinellas Park Beacon:
**Friday, Aug. 29**
**3 p.m.**

**Classified Advertising**
Display Ads:
**Thursday, Aug. 28**
**5 p.m.**
Line Ads:
**Friday, Aug. 29**
**Noon**

**Editorial Press Releases**
**Thursday, Aug. 28**
**Noon**

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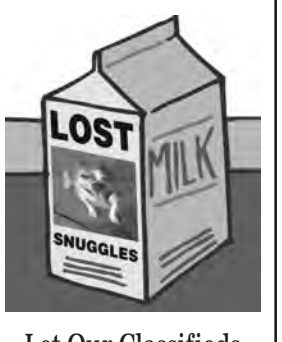
**LOST SOMETHING IMPORTANT?**




Let Our Classifieds Lost & Found Column Help Find Anything You May Be Missing!
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## 505. Part-Time Help

**BUS DRIVER NEEDED**
Safe Enjoyable Route. Largo Area. CDL Required. $9.25/Hr. Anona Child Development Center, (727)593-5437 Ext. 249.

## 510. Home Care Help

**CNA/ HHA NEEDED NOW FOR**
Home Care. Earn Up To $10/Hr. Call For Immediate Interview, Mon-Fri, 9am-3pm, (727)572-7676.

## 515. Hospitality Help

**CLEARWATER HOTEL NOW**
Hiring Breakfast Ambassador & Room Attendent. Great Atmosphere, Competitive Wages! Apply In Person: Springhill Suites By Marriott, 3485 Ulmerton Rd, Clearwater.

**PART-TIME & FULL-TIME POSITIONS**
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**PART-TIME CONCIERGE/ BELL**
Person. Mon, Wed, Fri. Doubletree Beach Resort/ Restaurant. Apply At: 17120 Gulf Blvd, North Redington Beach, (727)393-2813.

***Your Best Buys Can Be Found In the Classifieds!!***

## 515. Hospitality Help

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Receivable/ Payroll Clerk Doubletree Beach Resort/ Restaurant. Apply At:17120 Gulf Blvd, North Redington Beach, (727)393-2813.

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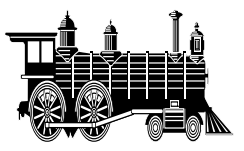

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Excellent compensation and working environment. Full time and Part time. Largo/Belleair area.
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We are looking for men and women to deliver FREE community newspapers in Pinellas County. Must be available either Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. Experience preferred but will train the right person. This is a supplemental income. Applicant must have good transportation; preferably a van, large car, SUV or pickup truck. Please visit us at sunsetadvertisingdistributors.com or contact Mr. Shiflett at 727-530-5521.
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## 505. Part-Time Help

## 522. Careers

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**Part-Time/Full-Time**
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## 535. Business Opportunities

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Call Early to Place Your Classified Ad

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**LOOKING TO INCREASE YOUR INCOME?**
If you are looking to make some extra cash, the Times is looking for you. We are searching for independent distributors to sell and deliver our newspapers to stores and news racks during early morning hours. Must be able to pass background and credit check.
We currently have business opportunities in
**Pinellas County**
If you're interested in managing your own business we invite you to contact us to learn more.
Tampa Bay Times
**CALL 1-866-396-5585 TODAY**
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AUCTIONS

## 585. Auctions

Granny's Auction
**ANTIQUES WANTED**
Buying & Consigning. Free Antique Appraisals Tuesday's 12-4. Furniture, jewelry, paintings, sculpture, pottery, glass, military, sterling, gold, etc. (727)572-1567 AB1769
5175 Ulmerton Road, Clearwater

MERCHANDISE

## 600. Merchandise

**THE SKY Tells No Lies**
By Author Don Derkach. For More Info Visit: TheSkyTellsNoLies.com. Order Your Copy Today! Available On Amazon.com

**YELLOW COUCH $260**
Good Condition, Brushed Cotton, Small Print, Several Pillows. (727)586-5572

## 630. Absolutely Free

**70 STARBUCKS BOTTLES**
9.5 Fluid Ounces, Empty And Clean To Give Away. Heidi (727)442-2510

## 640. Furniture

**TWIN BED,**
Frame, Mattress, Box Spring. Bought New, Used Once, $150. (727)455-3508.

**TOP OF THE LINE FURNITURE!**
Broyhill, Olive Green Sofa & Loveseat. Haverty's Coffee & End Table. All For $375. (727)410-6172.

Call Early to Place Your Classified Ad

## 640. Furniture

**BASSETT TANGIERS COLLECTION**
54" Round Glass Top Table w/4 ArmChairs $600. & Armoire 22.5X43.5X68H. WILL ALSO INCLUDE 26" SONY TV. $500. Henry Link Queen, White Wicker Bedroom Set. Headboard Triple Dresser & Mirror, Lingerie Chest, & Night Tables w/Lamps. $800. (727)479-7876

## 660. Wanted to Buy

**$$$ WANTED $$$ OLD RECORDS**
LP's - 45's - 78's
Call (727)755-1201 or (727)793-7231

## 700. Pets & Animals

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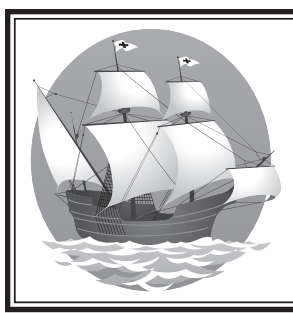

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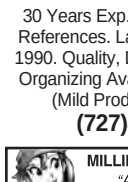

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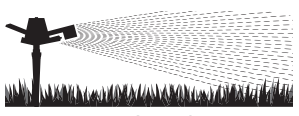
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# Legendary artists gather to pay tribute to the late Johnny Winter

CLEARWATER – On July 16, the music world lost a legend.

Johnny Winter, one of the best blues guitarists in the business, passed away in Zurich, Switzerland, a few days after performing at the Cahors Blues Festival in France. He was 70.

Photo courtesy of SKYLINE MUSIC

**Edgar Winter headlines the Rock 'n' Blues Hippiefest Tribute to Johnny Winter set for Aug. 16 at Ruth Eckerd Hall.**

What was originally slated as Rock 'n' Blues Hippiefest to be headlined by Johnny Winter has been reworked. Audiences will now celebrate the life of Johnny Winter with a fitting tribute in his honor featuring his brother Edgar along with Vanilla Fudge, Peter Rivera (formerly of Rare Earth) and Savoy Brown's Kim Simmonds.

The Rock 'n' Blues Hippiefest Tribute to Johnny Winter will make a stop in the Tampa Bay area on Saturday, Aug. 16, 7 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road. Tickets start at $45.75. Call 791-7400 or visit www.rutheckerdhall.com.

"My wife, Monique, and I are shocked at the suddenness of Johnny's passing, especially since I was so looking forward with such joy and anticipation to seeing him again and playing together," said Edgar Winter in a statement released shortly after the tragic news of Johnny's death. "I know his body is departing this physical realm, but his presence, his music, and his spirit are undiminished, and alive as ever in my heart. Johnny has always been, is now, and will forever remain my greatest musical hero of all time. But more than all that, he's my brother – in family, in music, in life and beyond. I will do my best to carry on in honor of his memory and the Winter name."

The Rock 'n' Blues Hippiefest will mark the third annual version of the tour with a show that will feature separate performances by all of the artists who will be performing their greatest hits interspersed by a selection of Johnny Winter songs.

All of the artists appearing on this newly announced tribute are looking forward to sharing some of Johnny Winter's memorable music with fans.

## Edgar Winter

Edgar Winter, an undeniable fan favorite who has appeared on both prior Rock 'n' Blues Fest tours, is a multi-instrumentalist, playing everything from keyboards and sax to percussion. His music encompasses many different genres including rock, blues, jazz and pop.

Edgar first entered the national spotlight with his early recording of "Tobacco Road," featured on his 1970 debut album, "Entrance." He would soon form the band White Trash and release two hit albums: "Edgar Winter's White Trash" (1971) and "Roadwork" (1972).

Hot on the heels of the certified gold album, "Roadwork," Edgar would put together an entirely new outfit called The Edgar Winter Group that would originally feature guitarist Ronnie Montrose. In 1973, the band's first effort, "They Only Come Out at Night," would spawn the hit singles "Free Ride" and the monster, chart-topping "Frankenstein." The album stayed on the charts for 80 consecutive weeks.

The pivotal album would eventually reach double-platinum status, selling more than 2 million copies.

Image courtesy of RUTH ECKERD HALL

**The Rock 'n' Blues Hippiefest Tribute to Johnny Winter is set for Aug. 16 at Ruth Eckerd Hall.**

With more than 20 albums and numerous collaborative efforts to his credit, Edgar has never been one to simply ride the wave of popular music stardom. His music has been featured in several major national television, radio and advertising campaigns. In addition, his music can be heard in no fewer than 15 film and television projects.

"I would like to thank all you fans who have followed us throughout all these years," Edgar said in a press release from the Albright Entertainment Group promoting the tour. "We can't do it without you. We just want you to know how much it means to be doing what we most love, and see you out there rockin' and having a good time."

## Vanilla Fudge

The current lineup of Vanilla Fudge features original members Mark Stein (vocals, organ), Vinny Martell (guitars, vocals) and Carmine Appice (drums, vocals).

Vanilla Fudge dates back to 1966. The original band (with bassist Tim Bogert) would have a huge hit the following year with a revival of the Supremes classic, "You Keep Me Hangin' On." Featured on their debut album, the song displayed the key elements of their style and would be a hit on both sides of the Atlantic.

The band gained a following with its psychedelic covers. They recorded two Beatles songs along with a rendition of the R&B number "Take Me For a Little While," which would be a Top 40 hit.

From 1966 and 1969, the band churned out five studio albums. They disbanded in 1970 to follow different career paths.

In 2005, the original members reconvened for a tour with Riders On The Storm (featuring Robby Krieger and Ray Manzarek of The Doors) and Steppenwolf. A year later, they were inducted into the Long Island Music Hall of Fame along with Billy Joel, Joan Jett and the producer of their debut album, George "Shadow" Morton.

Vinny Martell said he is looking forward to hitting the road this summer.

"We thank all our fans for helping to make Vanilla Fudge a piece of music history," Martell said. "Music has always been, and still is, the timeless language of peace and hope and unity in this turbulent world. Keep rockin' with us in the 21st century and come out to this summer's Rock'n'Blues Fest."

## Peter Rivera

Any connoisseur of '70s rock will certainly remember Rare Earth.

The band's funky, good-time music is still played on classic rock stations across the country and their place in music history is firmly cemented. Peter Rivera is the original drummer and lead vocalist behind all of the hits.

Rare Earth sold more than 25 million albums and had Top Ten hits with the songs "Get Ready," "I Just Want To Celebrate" and "(I Know) I'm Losing You." Two other songs, "Born to Wander" and "Hey Big Brother" would enter Top 20 on the charts. The albums "Get Ready" (1969) and the two-record set, "Rare Earth in Concert" (1971), both achieved double platinum status.

Rivera has been called the premier rock drummer/vocalist of the '70s and his vocals have been featured on countless radio and television commercials over the years. In addition, his voice has been heard in several movies and television shows including "A Knight's Tale," "Three Kings," "Arthur," "Six Feet Under," "Chicago Hope" and "Beverly Hills 90210."

"I'm really looking forward to the Rock 'n' Blues tour and can't wait to get started," said Rivera. "I hope we can all rock it out."

## Kim Simmonds

Considered one of the architects of British blues, Kim Simmonds began performing professionally in London in the mid 1960s after learning how to play guitar by listening to his brother's blues records as a teenager.

As the leader and founder of the legendary blues rock band Savoy Brown, Simmonds has 49 album releases currently available and continues to tour all over the world with the band as well as a solo acoustic act.

In 1967, Savoy Brown helped to propel the UK blues boom movement that brought blues music back to the United States, invigorating the style forever. In the process, Savoy Brown became part of the framework that launched the rock and roll music of the 1970s, with their vast influence stretching into modern rock.

In 2011, the band celebrated its 45th anniversary by releasing a new CD titled "Voodoo Moon."

"Once again, I'm touring with the Rock 'n' Blues Fest and, once again, I'm excited to do so," said Simmonds. "I am a fan of all the other artists on the bill so it will be a pleasure for me to participate. I thrive on the atmosphere, playing among my peers and I know the tour will bring out the best in me."

# NIN, Soundgarden to perform at amphitheatre

TAMPA – Nine Inch Nails and Soundgarden teamed up this summer for a North American tour that kicked off on July 19.

They will make a stop in the Tampa Bay area Monday, Aug. 11, 7 p.m., at Mid Florida Credit Union Amphitheatre, at the Florida State Fairgrounds, 4802 U.S. 301 N.

Tickets start at $30. Call 813-740-2446 or visit www.livenation.com.

Nine Inch Nails is considered a pioneer in the industrial music movement and has been highly influential in the evolution of electronic music.

Headed by Trent Reznor, the band's recordings – which include the multi-Platinum "Pretty Hate Machine" (1989), "Broken" (1992) and "The Downward Spiral" (1994) – have revolutionized detailed digital production. The band has sold more than 30 million albums worldwide, released a remarkable series of singles, including the No. 1 Modern Rock radio hits "The Hand That Feeds," "Only," "Every Day Is Exactly the Same" and "Survivalism," and received two Grammy awards.

The band's most recent album, 2013's "Hesitation Marks" from Columbia Records, debuted at No. 1 on Billboard's Alternative Albums and Top Rock Albums charts.

Soundgarden is internationally recognized as one of the world's most influential rock bands. With a laudable career and Grammy-winning catalog, the Seattle four-piece helped launch a transformation in rock music that inspired a generation. The band is supporting the reissue of its seminal album, "Superunknown," via A&M Records/UME. A gargantuan No. 1 hit upon its release in 1994, the album earned the band two Grammy awards for the singles "Black Hole Sun" and "Spoonman."

Selling more than 9 million copies worldwide, the album was certified five times platinum by the RIAA in the United States, making it the band's most commercially successful album. "Superunknown" also helped to redefine alternative rock, leaving an indelible mark on the course of music history.

Soundgarden also will be performing songs from their acclaimed catalogue, including songs from their additional six albums – "Screaming Life" (1987), "Ultramega OK" (1988), "Louder Than Love" (1989), "Badmotorfinger" (1991), "Down On The Upside" (1996) and their most recent release, "King Animal" (2012).

"King Animal" was met with widespread critical acclaim, debuting as the No. 1 Rock Album in the United States. The first two singles "Been Away Too Long" and "By Crooked Steps" reached No. 1 on both rock radio formats.

The Dillinger Escape Plan, a mathcore band from New Jersey, will open.

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