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Largo welcomes new firefighters

Five new firefighters were sworn into duty Aug. 19. ... Page 4A.

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Police investigate sexual assault

Largo police are investigating a report of a sexual assault in the general area of Sixth Street Northwest and West Bay Drive. According to the police report, an unknown male suspect entered a residence armed with a knife and sexually battered the victim around 5:15 a.m. Monday, Aug. 18. ... Page 5A.

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Two earn White Dove awards

Trust Business Services recently recognized two women for going above and beyond in their service to others as part of the White Dove Service Awards recognition program at the Central Pinellas Chamber of Commerce luncheon. ... Page 11A.

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Pinellas County's not-seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate for July is up to 6.4 percent, according to an Aug. 15 report from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. ... Page 12A.

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Brown to be Largo's next mayor

Carroll joins commission; six other candidates to run for three seats

By JULIANA A. TORRES

LARGO - Chiropractor and current Commissioner Woody Brown will be the next mayor of Largo. His new job will start in November. "I'm happy to be given the opportunity. I think it will increase my workload, but I look forward to the challenge," Brown said. Brown, 44, said he was pleased that the economy - and with it property values - was improving the outlook for the city. "I think the next two years in Largo are looking pretty positive," he said. "We don't have to make millions of dollars in cuts this year, and I hope that continues." Former Largo Police Chief John Carroll, 55, will take Brown's place in Seat 6. He will be one of at

least two new members on the Largo Commission this year. Brown and Carroll remained unopposed in their respective races when the qualifying period ended Aug. 15. Six other candidates qualified to run for three other seats up for election this year. A total of eight candidates spoke well for the level of interest in Largo politics, Brown said. "I'd like to think that those that might have run for mayor are confident in the job that I'll do," he said. Brown will be filling the last two years of a four-year term left vacant by outgoing Mayor Pat Gerard, who is running for county commission. Gerard resigned her position effective Nov. 11. See CANDIDATES, page 4A



Woody Brown



John Carroll

The start of school



Brody Imse, left, of Largo, and Senai Aller of Tampa were all smiles on the first day of school at St. Cecelia Inerparochial Catholic School in Clearwater Aug. 18. Photo courtesy of ST. CECELIA SCHOOL

Weekly Largo market to debut

By JULIANA A. TORRES

LARGO - A new weekly produce market will open in Largo Central Park next month. Sunset Market will debut Friday, Sept. 5, 3 to 7 p.m., in parking lot No. 1, at southwest corner of East Bay and Central Park drives. A ribbon cutting will take place at 2:30 p.m. Every Friday through May, vendors will offer vegetables, fruits, raw local honey, herbal teas and wild-caught seafood as well as organic body products, essential oils, arts and crafts. The new market will be run by Jennifer McCafferty of Ruskin, an entrepreneur who first organized a market in Sun City Center last year as a side activity to her promotional products business. Her business, Jen's Market Place, has grown to encompass markets in Apollo Beach and the nearby community of Waterset as well as an upcoming market in Bradenton. "The next thing you know, 'Well, we're going to Largo!' " McCafferty said. "Our dance card's full for a while. That's eight markets a month." The residents of Largo have been asking for a fresh produce market on the city's last several Community Values survey. Last year, local artist Tanya Pistillo organized the monthly Ulmer Park Market. A produce vendor selling from Ulmer Park, who also was working with McCafferty at one of her markets, told



Jennifer McCafferty will bring the weekly Sunset Market to Largo Central Park starting Friday, Sept. 5 through May. Photo by JULIANA A. TORRES

McCafferty what a great location Ulmer Park was. McCafferty came to check it out and determined that Ulmer Park was too small for her operation. She contacted Largo officials to find out about renting a different space to start her own market. "I told them, 'I'm self-contained. Really, you don't have to do anything except provide us the space.' They were ecstatic," McCafferty said. Operating a market is a unique managerial enterprise, McCafferty said. Her husband Dan partially came out of retirement to help his wife. "It's hard work. We set up tents. We walk the market. We're very visible on site," said

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911 system back up; outage under investigation

By SUZETTE PORTER

LARGO - Pinellas County's new consolidated Regional 911 Center is up and running again after apparent lightning strikes shut down operations for approximately 45 minutes Friday morning. The center reopened in the new Public Safety Complex at 9 a.m. Saturday, Bruce Moeller, interim chief of staff, said Sunday afternoon. "Everything is back up and functioning. Everything is fine," Moeller said. He explained the sequence of events from Friday. "A few minutes after 11 (a.m.), Sunstar, which is 2 miles west of the Public Safety Complex, had a lightning strike," he said. Staff at Sunstar "heard and saw it as it happened," Moeller said. The lightning caused a small fire in the wall and the phone systems went down. Sunstar is located at 12490 Ulmertown Road. A few minutes later, the 911 Center at the Public Safety Complex, 10750 Ulmertown Road in Largo, also took a strike. Shortly thereafter, there may have been a second strike. Dispatchers in the room, which has small windows, heard and saw a flash. "They had static on their headphones, which indicated a technical or electrical problem in the system," Moeller said. "No calls were coming through." Staff began procedures to move operations to the backup location. But when they called Sunstar to let them know that Verizon would be rerouting calls to that location, "They said 'no, wait, wait, we just got hit,'" Moeller said. Staff then notified St. Petersburg police that countywide 911 operations needed to move to its Emergency Communication Center. St. Petersburg began receiving and processing all emergency medical, fire and law enforcement calls for the county about 12:05 p.m. Staff from the county's center was sent to assist. "St. Petersburg's Emergency Communications Center and the county's consolidated Public Safety Complex are designed to provide redundant backup capabilities for continuity of operations in the event of disasters or major system failures, such as was encountered today," according to a media release from St. Petersburg PD. Moeller said the backup plan with St. Petersburg worked just as it was intended. He said the plan was similar to the mutual aid system for emergencies throughout the county. Moeller said although St. Petersburg's communication center

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City approves EMS funding agreement

By JULIANA A. TORRES

LARGO - The Largo Commission gave its approval Aug. 19 to a hard-fought agreement with Pinellas County that provides three years of funding for the city's emergency medical services services. "It's been a long road. I'm glad that we were able to work this out," Commissioner Robert Murray said, before addressing Fire Chief Shelby Willis. "Are you happy with this?" he asked. Willis gave a relieved smile. "Yes, I am," she said. "It's 180 degrees from where we started." Largo's funding agreement will mimic the model the county negotiated for the St. Petersburg Fire Rescue department. The city will have an option for a two-year extension of the agreement after the initial three years. Largo agreed to a 5 percent reduction in EMS funding from the county in the first year, the majority of which "naturally occurred" due to decreased personnel, health care and pension costs, Willis said. For the upcoming fiscal year, the city will have to cut its budget by only about \$16,000. In the second year, the city will see an 8 percent increase in funding, followed by a 6 percent increase "if we need it" for the third year of the agreement, Willis said. Additionally, the county has set aside a 1 percent reserve EMS fund for Largo. See EMS, page 4A

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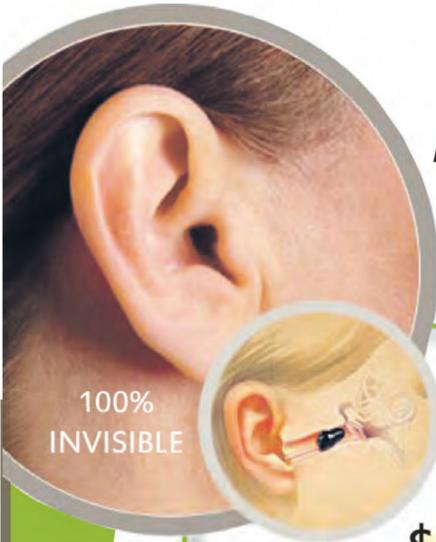
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City calendar

Highland Recreation Complex

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Labor Day poolside picnic

LARGO – Bring the family and a blanket and enjoy your own picnic basket by the pool, during an extended three-hour session at Highland Family Aquatic Center Monday, Sept. 1, noon to 3 p.m.

Enjoy a special family and friends discount admission. Do not bring alcohol or glass into the facility. Splash's Snack Bar will be open.

Learn soccer at Highland

LARGO – Register for Largo's Instructional Soccer Program, where children will learn the skills of soccer through instruction and games, at Highland Recreation Complex.

This program includes 45 minutes of instruction followed by 30 minutes of game time. Games begin Saturday, Sept. 6. Cost is \$45.

Register for Mother Son Messy Madness

LARGO – Registration has opened for the city of Largo's third annual Mother Son Messy Madness Saturday, Sept. 20, 6 to 8 p.m., at the Highland Recreation Complex.

The special night is just for moms and sons ages 5 to 13. This year's theme is "Down on the Farm." Dinner, dessert and messy, high-energy games, for moms and sons, are all included. Bring towels, as Largo Fire Rescue will be on site with a fire truck to help spray participants clean after the activities.

The cost is \$25 per couple and \$8 for each additional son. Spaces are limited. Register at Highland Recreation Complex; the deadline is Friday, Sept. 12.

Southwest Recreation Complex

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

Sign up for free VPK with Largo

LARGO – The city of Largo is offering free voluntary prekindergarten, or VPK, at Southwest Recreation Complex.

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 registration packet that is available at the Southwest Complex.

Reserve a table at the Community Garage Sale

LARGO – Tables at Southwest Recreation Complex's Community Garage Sale are now on sale.

Tables cost \$9 each and are limited to two per person. The complex will do all the advertising, setup, and clean up for the event, scheduled

for Saturday, Aug. 23, 8 to noon, at 13120 Vonn Road.

Space is limited. Set up on the day of the event begins at 7:15 a.m. This event includes free chair massages, health screenings, giveaways and back-to-school physicals as well as an open house. Explore all of the benefits that Southwest Recreation can offer with instructor demos, food, giveaways and more.

Largo Community Center

The Largo Community Center is at 400 Alt. Keene Road. Visit LargoCommunityCenter.com or call 518-3131.

Women and Wealth Workshop offered

LARGO – Gene A. Melamud, MBA, CFP of Raymond James Investments will be leading a workshop on financial planning for women Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2 to 3 p.m., at Largo Community Center.

An estimated 60 percent of American women manage the financial affairs for their household. Topics for this workshop include the Social Security gap; how stocks, bonds and other investments work; issues of divorce or widowhood and what to expect from a financial adviser. The workshop is free for Largo residents and costs \$3 for nonresidents.

Paint at the Community Center

LARGO – Enjoy the beautiful park setting at the Largo Community Center or spend a fun evening with friends in the art room while creating your very own masterpiece.

The center will host a Mimosa Morning Saturday, Sept. 20, 10 a.m., and a Painting Party Thursday, Sept. 25, 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$40 for residents and \$50 for nonresidents. It includes a 16-by-20-foot canvas, all paints and supplies and up to two mimosas or beer and wine, soda or water.

Meditation class offered

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

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. For more information, call Maria Erickson at 813-431-7372 or visit MeditationInTampaBay.org.

Daddy-Daughter dance features lower price

LARGO – The Largo Community Center will host the 37th annual Daddy Daughter Date Night Saturday, Sept. 20, 5 to 8 p.m.

This year's theme is "Fiesta, Fiesta." Fathers and daughters of all

ages will enjoy a night of dinner, dancing and games. Girls will be able to design maracas and try their hand at a piñata.

This year, the event will cost less: only \$39 per couple and \$12 for each additional daughter. Tickets for this event are now on sale and can be purchased at any of the city's recreation facilities.

Largo Central Park

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

SPAF to host annual gala fundraiser

LARGO – The Suncoast Performing Arts Foundation will present "Dream Makers," the 18th annual fundraiser gala for the Largo Cultural Center, on Saturday, Sept. 27, 6 p.m., at Largo Cultural Center.

The gala will feature a cocktail reception, full course dinner, entertainment, silent auctions and dancing. Tickets are \$125 a person. To purchase tickets, call 587-6793 or visit LargoArts.com.

SPAF is passionate about meeting the need for arts education in the community and proceeds from this event go directly to the organization's mission. The Largo Cultural Center – with financial assistance from SPAF – provides experiences, which cut across cultural, social, ethnic, age, educational and economic barriers.

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New firefighters



Photo by JULIANA A. TORRES

Largo Fire Chief Shelby Willis, center, poses with new firefighters, from left, paramedics Sladen Madzar and Oscar Campanini, EMTs Trevor Blackwelder and Matthew Smith and paramedic Edgar Bernier after the five were sworn into their new positions at Largo City Hall Aug. 19.

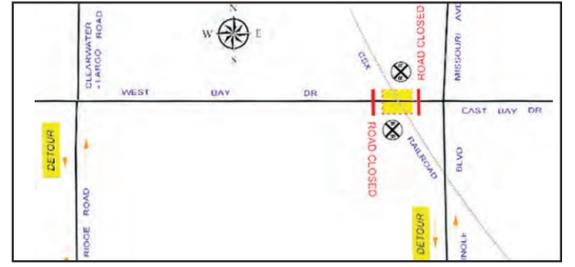
Reminder West Bay Drive to close for track repairs

LARGO – Beginning Friday, Aug. 22, 10 a.m., West Bay Drive in Largo will be fully closed to through traffic between Seminole Boulevard and Clearwater-Largo Road due to CSX railroad track repairs.

The public is advised to use extreme caution, observe detours and expect delays and congestion for seven to 10 days following the road closure. Message boards will be posted and businesses will remain open to local traffic.

Pedestrians are not allowed in the construction work zone and are advised to avoid this area.

The city of Largo asks the public for their patience during this roadway improvement project. For more information, visit Largo.com.



Map courtesy of the CITY OF LARGO

The part of West Bay Drive marked in yellow will be closed for repairs to the CSX railroad track for seven to 10 days starting Friday, Aug. 22, 10 a.m.

CANDIDATES, from page 1A

a week after Election Day.

Carroll said he would use his experience as police chief to focus on leadership as opposed to management.

"I believe that management is about things and leadership is about people. So public service to the citizens of Largo to me is going to be about problem solving and getting things done and having some vision (and a) long range plan and try to inspire or help inspire city staff and the community to get behind those things," he said.

Brown raised a little more than \$5,000 in campaign funds, the fundraising goal he set himself for the pre-qualifying period. He said he is pleased that he is able to donate those funds to local charitable organizations.

Carroll said he only loaned himself enough campaign funds to pay petition verification fees.

The other seats

The race for Largo's **Seat 1** will pit incumbent Michael Smith, running for his second term, against Bronson "O" Oudshoff, who was the last candidate

to declare his intentions to run for office. Smith, 33, is a librarian in the Barbara S. Ponce Public Library in Pinellas Park and lifetime Pinellas County resident.

Oudshoff is a clinical research coordinator for a group of local urologists. He is a native Floridian who has lived in Largo for 15 years. He attended the University of South Florida as well as St. Petersburg College.

According to a press release from the candidate, Oudshoff "will work for lower taxes and prioritized spending, ensuring adequate funding for police, fire and local control of economic development."

Oudshoff is married to Misty, and they have four children. He is very active in his church, Abundant Life Ministries, and a precinct leader for the Pinellas County Republican Executive Committee.

The race for **Seat 2**, left open by Commissioner Robert Murray who's retiring, will feature political newcomers Samantha Fenger and Daniel Ruffner. Fenger, 35, has worked in government and nonprofit sector before attending the Tampa Bay Public Leadership Institute and hitting the campaign trail. Ruffner, 47, is the vice president of a BB&T branch in Largo and a graduate of Largo High School.

The slate of candidates

Seat 1



Bronson "O" Oudshoff



Michael Smith



Samantha Fenger



Daniel Ruffner



Harriet Crozier



Donna Holck

In **Seat 5**, longtime incumbent Harriet Crozier will square off against Donna Holck, who was the last to be confirmed by the city clerk's office as a candidate.

Crozier, 70, is a retired office manager who has served as a Largo elected official for a combine total

of 20 years.

Holck, 51, owns a tax consulting company and said she believes in term limits.

The city election will coincide with the countywide election on Tuesday, Nov. 4, with early voting beginning Monday, Oct. 20.

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used different software, the county's software had already been downloaded into St. Petersburg's system, so calls could immediately be rerouted and staff could go to work.

The estimated time that calls did not go through was 40 to 45 minutes, Moeller said.

"We want to thank St. Petersburg Police Department. They stepped right up and we were able to route the calls to them," said Mary Burrell, public information manager with Pinellas County Communications.

The backup location at Sunstar was operational again by about 9 p.m. Friday and calls were rerouted to that location. By Saturday morning, the primary system was back online at the Public Safety Complex.

"Three lightning strikes are not all that unusual, but for them to occur and damage phone systems in two different places was not something expected," Moeller said.

Staff is still investigating to find out exactly what happened. Computer cards in three servers were damaged and all had to be replaced. Moeller pointed out that the lightning had not affected radio operations.

"Radio remained fine the whole time," he said.

Moeller said the building was equipped with surge protection and there is surge protection in the room where the computers are located as well as the cabinets that hold the computers.

"Somehow, for reasons we don't understand yet, that wasn't enough," Moeller said. "We're looking at it."

Friday's 911 outage was the first in more than 25 years, he said. The new center opened July 23 with all new equipment, which is the



Photo by JULIANA A. TORRES

Telecommunicators for Pinellas County's new consolidated Regional 911 Center located on the third floor of the Public Safety Complex, 10750 Ulmertown Road in Largo, returned to their workstations Aug. 17. This photo was taken during a tour of the facility July 31.

same brand just new technology, Moeller said. He said the new technology is in use in hundreds of call centers throughout the county.

Moeller said county staff isn't aware of any "adverse outcome" from the service outage.

"Clearly some calls would have been unanswered," he said.

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Jennifer, adding that the effort is worth it. "We have a ball."

McCafferty has a vendor list of about 160 small businesses she's worked with, some of whom travel from Bradenton, Sarasota or Kissimmee to participate in different markets. She's hoping to start Sunset Market with 30 to 40 different vendors.

The focus will be on produce and organic products. McCafferty strives for a 60-40 ratio with the majority of her vendors selling produce or organics and only 40 percent of the market dedicated to art and craft vendors.

The market will offer several ways for commercial business to advertise as well as two free spaces per market reserved for nonprofit entities. McCafferty said the nonprofit spaces aren't for religious or political organizations and must be approved by the city.

Each quarter, McCafferty donates a portion of her proceeds to a local nonprofit. Her operation is a for-profit business, but she makes very little off the markets themselves.

"It's a community service in so many ways. I still maintain my main business. That has allowed me to grow (the markets)," she said. "Now this is starting to make enough money to fund itself."

Aside from the physical work, McCafferty pays for insurance, banners and posters as well as things like picnic tables she needs to set up the market. The city of Largo is helping by posting advertising in the community centers and advertising the market on the Largo Central Park marquee. And McCafferty joined the Central Pinellas Chamber of Commerce.

"Everyone's been very, very supportive," she said.

The experience of meeting the different vendors who travel and sell their wares at community markets has been an interesting one for the McCaffertys. Many have stories like Jennifer, who had to come with a new plan after she lost her corporate job working for a top promotional products company.

"There's so many people who had to reinvent themselves from when everything went upsy-daisy," she said. "We're not all real young people anymore."

Dan said he has been surprised by many of the vendors' stories. An 86-year-old man who used to be a lion tamer for a circus in London has been traveling the market circuit for 54 years. A teacher with two master's degrees recently returned with her husband from a summer trip through Ecuadorian villages to collect the jewelry she sells. A master beekeeper brings some of his bees when the weather's good and teaches honey customers everything they might want to know about bees.

"A lot of these people choose to do this for a living. And they're highly educated and well traveled," Dan said.

There's no entry fee for the pet-friendly Sunset Market and parking will be free.

For more information, visit jens-market.com or contact Jennifer McCafferty at 813-846-1316 or jennifer@jens-market.com.

Saturday market

For her part, Pistillo ran into parking difficulties on West Bay Drive as the Ulmer Park Market grew.

"We lost a lot of customers because people couldn't figure out where to park," she said.

At a glance

Sunset Market

When: Fridays, 3 to 7 p.m.

Where: Largo Central Park, parking lot No. 1, corner of East Bay and Central Park drives

More info: 813-846-1316 or jennifer@jens-market.com.

Saturday market

When: Second Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: Our Savior Lutheran Church, 4825 E. Bay Drive

More info: 465-8558 or hopegiven@yahoo.com

Hosting the market at a city park also became a conflict of interest when she began to work as a parks division employee. For the last market before the summer, Pistillo moved the operation to Our Savior Lutheran Church at 4825 E. Bay Drive.

The Saturday market will start up again in October on Saturday, Oct. 11, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The church offers more space and lots more parking, Pistillo said.

"I think, all-in-all, it's working out for the betterment of everyone, vendors included," she said.

So far this year, 24 vendors have confirmed their participation in the first Saturday market of the season. Pistillo also said the market will feature live music from local artists.

The two East Bay Drive markets, at opposite ends of Largo, will complement each other. Pistillo said she planned to participate in the Sunset Market, especially on the Friday before her own market.

"We're going to do some things to help each other out," she said. To participate, call Tanya Pistillo at 465-8558.

EMS, from page 1A

Before the city meeting Aug. 19, Pinellas County Interim Chief of Staff Bruce Moeller asked county commissioners to approve the agreements with the municipalities, as well as permission for the fire districts and cities to submit for EMS allowable costs.

"So now, as long as we stay within our budget ... we can submit for a portion of the station maintenance – pest control, lawn maintenance, electricity," Willis said. "We've never been able to do that. We're very excited."

Commissioner Curtis Holmes asked what changed that allowed more EMS funding as compared to when the county was claiming they would "go broke if they ponied up to the bar."

"What happened to them that they all of sudden found this pot of money that's avoiding the apocalypse?" he asked.

Willis said the "budgets came in flat,"

and Mayor Pat Gerard pointed out that the new county administrator, Mark Woodard, had adopted "a bit more cooperative attitude" than his predecessor.

City Attorney Alan Zimmet, who – despite the county's initial protest that he had a conflict of interest, was able to help fine-tune the agreement – said it was the Largo commissioners' action that helped. The city passed a resolution – following state statute chapter 164 – that began the conflict resolution process with the county.

"The adoption of 164 resolution seemed to turn the tide and changed the attitudes," Zimmet said. "I think there was some information that was conveyed ... to the county commission that previously they weren't aware of."

Other action

During the Aug. 19 meeting, commissioners praised City Manager Mac Craig for his integrity and another "stellar year of

calm, steady leadership," as Gerard put it. Craig scored a 4.8 out of 5 on his annual evaluation. Commissioners approved a 3 percent pay raise for the city manager, equal to the proposed raise of other city employees not represented by a union.

Commissioners also approved the hiring of ISI Water Company, which will review the city's utility accounts for discrepancies and be paid only if they find a billing mistake or an unauthorized wastewater connection for which the city is not being paid.

Finance Director Jim Adams said the city has never hired an outside company for a close review of its utility billing services. ISI Water Company did the same service for Pinellas County and found \$223,000 in billing discrepancies. The company is paid 46 percent of the newly collected funds for three years after finding them.

"I happened to like this thing. Even at 46 percent, this is found money," Holmes commented.

The city also agreed to pay consultant Kimley-Horn and Associates \$44,500 to analyze the eligibility of an expanded Clearwater-Largo Road redevelopment district, funded with tax increment funding. The commission has expressed interest in using dedicated funding to stimulate economic growth in that area.

Commissioners also gave final approval, with a 6-1 vote, of two-year extension of the deadline by which point businesses must convert their poles signs to monument signs. The sign ordinance also was changed to allow any annexed business properties coming into the city 10 years to convert any nonconforming signs.

The commission also gave their initial approval to sell a miscellaneous, 0.014-acre property, originally deeded to the city by the county. The owner of the adjacent property has been maintaining the small piece of land and asked to buy it from the city for \$2,000.

Largo welcomes hawks

LARGO – The McGough Nature Park will formally welcome home two red-shouldered hawks to their new home and introduce the birds of prey to the community Saturday, Sept. 20, 3 to 6 p.m., at 11901 146th St. N.

The center will reveal the winning name of the male red-shoulder hawk and sharing the story of the birds' journey. This free event will be an educational opportunity to learn about birds of prey and conservation.

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Police beat

Largo police investigating sexual assault

LARGO – Largo police are investigating a report of a sexual assault in the general area of Sixth Street Northwest and West Bay Drive. According to the police report, an unknown male suspect entered a residence armed with a knife and sexually battered the victim around 5:15 a.m. Monday, Aug. 18.

The suspect is described as being about 5 feet, 7 inches tall with a thin build. He was last seen wearing a black hoodie sweatshirt, mask and dark-colored pants.

Anyone who may have been in the area and saw someone fitting the description is asked to call the Largo Police Department at 587-6730. Detectives are working on the case and following up on any leads.

Coast Guard rescues eight off Anclote Key

TARPON SPRINGS – Eight people were rescued by Coast Guard boat and aircrews near Anclote Key early Friday morning.

At midnight, watchstanders at Coast Guard Sector St. Petersburg, received a report of an unstable raft with four people aboard, approximately 1 mile northeast of Anclote Key. A boat crew from Coast Guard Station at Sand Key and a helicopter rescue crew were launched to respond to the report.

At around 12:50 a.m. Sector St. Petersburg watchstanders received a call from Pasco County dispatch reporting three people stranded on the Anclote Key beach with the water rising. Due to dense vegetation, the people on the island were unable to get to higher ground. They were reported to be from the same party as those in the raft.

The Station Sand Key boat crew arrived on scene with the raft at approximately 2 a.m. and safely embarked four people from the vessel and a fifth person who was on scene in a kayak, according to a news release from the Coast Guard.

The helicopter rescue crew, who was in the vicinity, located the three people on Anclote Key, hoisted them to safety, and transported them to Clearwater Airport.

Of the eight people rescued, only one had a working cell phone, and no one was wearing a lifejacket.

"When you are on an unstable craft, such as a raft or kayak, it is important to always have a lifejacket on," said Coast Guard Petty Officer 2nd Class Matthew Bonneau, situation unit controller at Sector St. Petersburg. "You don't want to end up in the water without one. It is a matter of life or death."

There were no reports of any injuries.

Anclote Key Preserve State Park, located 3 miles off Tarpon Springs, is accessible only by boat.

Pinellas inmate found dead in his cell

CLEARWATER – Detention deputies discovered an inmate hanging in a single-person cell in the maximum-security section of the Pinellas County Jail about 3:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 14.

Detention deputies called medical staff and fire rescue, but efforts to revive the inmate were unsuccessful, according to a sheriff's report. Larry Kobielnik, 37, was pronounced dead at the jail.

Sheriff's Homicide Detectives and the Administrative Investigation Division are investigating the death, per agency policy and procedure.

Kobielnik was convicted Aug. 13 on charges of sexual battery and falsely personating an officer. His sentencing hearing was scheduled for 9 a.m. Aug. 14. Kobielnik was accused of kidnapping and sexual battery after picking up a woman in Clearwater about 2:30 a.m. July 26 and taking her to a private residence in Dunedin.

According to Pinellas County Sheriff's detectives, the unidentified victim was walking in the area of Gulf to Bay Boulevard and Highlands Avenue in Clearwater when the suspect approached her in his vehicle. The suspect asked the victim if she needed a ride and she got in his vehicle.

After traveling a few blocks, the victim asked the suspect to stop the vehicle. Kobielnik reportedly refused to stop. He then showed the victim a handgun and a police badge, stating the victim was under arrest. The suspect continued driving to a house in Dunedin where he then sexually battered the victim.

The victim was held in the house for several hours until the suspect fell asleep and she was able to escape. Upon her leaving the house, the victim was able to get the vehicle's tag number, which she provided to detectives.

Kobielnik denied the allegations when he was interviewed by detectives.



Larry Kobielnik

Two arrested for DUI manslaughter

CLEARWATER – Two individuals were charged with DUI manslaughter Aug. 13 in connection with the death of 17-year-old Patrick McClean, who was killed while crossing Gulf Boulevard March 22 in St. Pete Beach.

According to investigators with Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, McClean was crossing Gulf Boulevard about 12:44 a.m. when a 2011 Hyundai driven by Patsy Harris, 50, of Tierra Verde, struck him. McClean also was run over by a 2008 Volkswagen being driven by Sean Daniel, 27, of Tampa. McClean was pronounced dead at the scene.

According to deputies, both drivers showed signs of impairment at the time of the crash. Arrest warrants were issued for Harris and Daniel on Tuesday, Aug. 12.

Harris and Daniel turned themselves in at the Pinellas County Jail in Clearwater Wednesday morning.

Harris was charged with one count of DUI manslaughter. She was released on \$100,000 bond. Daniel was charged with one count of DUI manslaughter and one count driving while license suspended or revoked. His bond was set at \$100,500.

Man, dog found dead in Dunedin home

DUNEDIN – A man and his dog were found dead inside a residence when Pinellas County Sheriff's deputies responded to a fire in the home about 5:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 11.

Detectives assigned to the Arson and Auto Theft Unit and the Robbery/Homicide Unit are currently investigating the fire that occurred at the Scottish Towers II, 444 North Paula Drive in Dunedin.

According to investigators, the fire appears to have started near the bed in the studio apartment. The cause of the fire is unknown at this time. Deputies say the fire is not suspicious in nature.

Ronald Riley, 54, and his dog "Niles" were found deceased inside the apartment. Deputies say there was a working smoke alarm.

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Low concentrations of red tide remain offshore

By SUZETTE PORTER

Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission scientists continue to keep a close eye on a bloom of red tide offshore between Dixie and northern Pinellas counties.

However, FWC said in its Aug. 15 report that recent satellite images had been unreliable due to cloud cover. Satellite images taken last week by the Optical Oceanography Laboratory showed a patchy bloom up to 60 miles wide and 90 miles long at least 20 miles offshore.

Florida Red Tide, aka karenia brevis, produces a brevetoxin that can kill fish, birds and marine mammals; cause health problems for humans; and adversely affect local economies, according to the information from the Florida Wildlife Research Institute.

Water samples collected since the Aug. 8 report found very low concentrations of red tide offshore Pinellas County in two locations.

Four samples collected inshore of Manatee and Sarasota counties and one sample collected offshore of Wakulla County contained background concentrations.

"No bloom concentrations of red tide have been detected alongshore or inshore of any of the areas sampled," according to the Aug. 15 report. "Forecasts by the Collaboration for Prediction of Red Tides show slow southeast movement of water where the bloom was last detected."

Additional samples collected throughout the state week did not contain red tide.

Red tide is a naturally occurring organism. The blooms, which happen when there are unusually high concentrations, have been reported in the Gulf of Mexico since the 1500s. Some scientists believe pollution is a cause of blooms of red tide and other algae.

Pinellas County's fertilizer ban is a tool local officials are using to



Map courtesy of FWC

The latest report of water samples collected by the Florida Wildlife Commission detected very low concentrations of red tide in two areas offshore Pinellas County.

reduce pollution in local waterways and the Gulf of Mexico. Experts say that excess nutrients, which can come from misuse of fertilizers, contribute to harmful algae blooms, such as red tide.

Pinellas County law bans the sale and use of any lawn or landscape fertilizer with nitrogen or

phosphorous from June 1 to Sept. 30.

Visit www.pinellascounty.org/environment/watershed/fertilizer.htm.

FWC and scientists from Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota will continue monitoring the current red tide bloom. Water samples were collected Aug. 19 as part of the FWC-Mote Cooperative Red Tide Program.

Mote reported that "Waldo," an autonomous underwater vehicle, had arrived back at Mote's main campus in Sarasota Aug. 13. Scientists will study water samples and other data collected during the robot's "zig-zagging" journey over 140 miles from the central part of the bloom to beyond the last known position of the southern edge.

"It is important to monitor south of the bloom's last known edge (offshore of northern Pinellas County) because recent forecasts suggest it will move slowly south and southeast parallel to the coast," Mote officials said.

Briefs

Lower cost vehicle registration in the mail

CLEARWATER – Residents visiting the Pinellas County Tax Collector's Office to renew their vehicle registration after Sept. 1 may be pleasantly surprised.

The legislature passed Senate Bill 156, which lowers the cost of motor vehicle registration fees for Florida residents beginning Sept. 1. It is estimated that Florida vehicle owners will save approximately \$400 million a year.

In a proactive effort Diane Nelson, Pinellas County Tax Collector, is mailing September renewals later than normal to reduce confusion and help residents take advantage of the new lower fees. She wants to give residents every opportunity to take advantage of the savings this legislation offers.

Nelson said, "I would be disheartened if someone with a September renewal accidentally renewed their vehicle registration before the first and missed out on the opportunity to save money because they were not informed of the new fee structure."

All September renewals were mailed Monday, Aug. 18, and included an informational insert about the reduced fee structure. Residents will be able to renew their registrations at the new lower rates beginning Monday, Sept. 1, online, and Tuesday, Sept. 2, in branch offices.

Tax Collector offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 1 in observance of Labor Day. However, residents are encouraged to renew online at taxcollect.com, where they may print a renewal confirmation receipt. For more information, visit www.taxcollect.com.

PSTA begins public records initiative

ST. PETERSBURG – Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority launched a new transparency initiative Aug. 7 that puts all public records requests online for the public to view.

The action makes PSTA the first public transit agency in Florida and one of Tampa Bay's first governmental agencies to put its public records requests online.

Users can visit psta.net/publicrecords.php and see all public records requests dating back to Jan. 1, 2014. The requests can be searched in real time, and details include the record requestor's name, date of requests, topic of requests and completion status for all requests.

"We are proud to be one of the most transparent and open public services in Florida, and launching this new effort really amplifies that," said PSTA CEO Brad Miller. "From the onset, PSTA's Greenlight Pinellas mass transit planning initiative has been based on transparency and inclusiveness, and this is one more way we are meeting that goal."

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Correction

Remote drop-off locations to return mail ballots for the Aug. 26 election will not be open on Election Day.

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Learn about services at county's website

Citizens can find information on services provided by Pinellas County government online at www.pinellascounty.org. At the bottom of the homepage on the video carousel are weekly department videos.

New on the carousel is an award-winning, animated overview that highlights Building and Development Review Services, as a one-stop shop for permitting, plan review and inspection needs. In June, the

Building and Development Review Services animation received a Silver Telly in the 35th Annual Telly Awards - the highest achievement - recognizing excellence in film, commercial, broadcast and Web video productions across the nation.

A strict fertilizer ordinance is in effect through the end of September. A public service announcement from the Department of Environment and Infrastructure explains the ban on the use of certain fertilizers throughout the county. The ordinance helps to protect the environment by reducing the amount of nutrients that run off into waterways.

Emergency Management reminds residents to have a plan for themselves, their families and their homes in the event of an unexpected disaster. In a short feature on hurricane preparedness, tips are shared on how to extend cell phone battery life in an emergency.

All Pinellas County government videos can be viewed at www.youtube.com/pccvt1.

PSTA host guide dog training

ST. PETERSBURG - Fledgling guide dogs and their trainers from

Suncoast Puppy Raisers took part in a special session at Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority headquarters Saturday, Aug. 9.

The trainers used the two-hour window to teach their puppies how to properly board and ride transit buses as they traveled in and around the PSTA facility. Training included familiarizing the dogs with the noises, vibrations and atmosphere that they will experience when riding transit buses as service animals.

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Throughout its 62 year history, the Chamber has provided the necessary tools and resources to help businesses succeed. This includes networking leads groups, government advocacy and economic development initiatives in addition to programs and events focused on professional development.

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

Chamber Annual Meeting on Tap

The Chamber's 62nd Annual Meeting and Awards Breakfast will be held on Thursday, Sept. 25 at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort. It begins with registration and a coffee reception at 7:30 a.m. followed by breakfast and the program from 8 to 9:30 a.m.

The event will feature a review of the Chamber's continuing effort and plans for the upcoming year, and a salute to outgoing directors and recognition of new leadership. Award presentations will include the organization's prestigious Citizen of the Year,



A Time to Celebrate: More than 200 business leaders attended last year's Chamber Annual Meeting and Awards Breakfast. Registration is now underway for this year's event to be held Thursday, Sept. 25 at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort.

Small Business Leader, Chamber Member of the Year and Silver Hammer for new construction projects. Regions Bank, Commercial Busi-

ness Finance, Diagnostic Clinic and Hampton Inn & Suites-Largo are presenting sponsors. Cost of the meeting is \$42 a person with tables of eight

available for \$320. Advance registration and payment is required by calling the Chamber at 584-2321 or online at www.CentralChamber.biz.

White Dove Service Awards Winners

The Central Pinellas Chamber has partnered with Trust Business Systems to present its White Dove Service Award at the Chamber's monthly meetings. The award recognizes people who make a difference in the community by going above and beyond in their service industry.

At the Chamber's Annual Inspire Awards Luncheon last week, the White Dove Service Award for June was presented to Jodi Avery of Keller Williams Realty and July to CC Culbreth from Proino Breakfast Club. Our congratulations to them!

Each month there are a handful of nominees recognized for their white dove service either by Trust Business Systems' employees or by people in the community. When a person is nominated for the award, the information about what they did and a photo is put on Trust's Facebook page. Each month one of the nominees is awarded a certificate and a \$50 gift card.

To nominate a person, simply go to Trust Business System's Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/trustbiz. On the last Friday of the month a winner is selected and will be announced at the next Chamber business event.

Member Benefits Roundtable



New Chamber members filled the board room for a Member Benefits Roundtable several days ago. Special thanks to Membership Benefits Program sponsor Glenn Fisher of Modern Business Associates and Breakfast/Coffee Sponsor Mia Loder Corrales of Ready Set Yo.

B2B Coffee An'Networking



More than 70 Chamber members took part in a fun "getting to know you" exercise at a recent B2B Coffee An'Networking event at Everest University.



Special thanks to B2B Coffee An'Networking Spotlight Sponsors Jerry Hotho of gWiz Personal Technology Services, Elaine Renner of Publix on Ulmerton Road, Jill O'Connell of Paradise Air and Louis Haskel CPA for making such a great event possible!

Supporting Business & Community

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

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11th Annual Chamber Cup Golf Tourney

Who will take home the big trophy this year?

The outcome will be decided at the 11th Annual Chamber Cup Golf Tournament presented by Clearwater Toyota on Friday, Oct. 10. It takes place, rain or shine, at The Bayou Club, 979 Bayou Club Blvd, Largo. Registration is at 10:30 a.m. with lunch at 11 a.m. and a 12 noon shotgun start.

Cost is \$125 a golfer or \$500 a foursome. A variety of sponsorship packages are also available for greater business recognition. To register individually or as a team, or to learn more about the many event sponsorship opportunities available, contact the Chamber at 727-584-2321 or email tom@CentralChamber.biz.

Bellevue Biltmore Golf Club to host B2B Happy Hour

The Chamber will hold a B2B Happy Hour on Thursday, Sept. 18 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Bellevue Biltmore Golf Club, 1501 Indian Rocks Road, Belleair.

The B2B Happy Hour is an informal program providing the opportunity for Chamber members and guests to exchange business cards and be-

come acquainted. Attendees who provide a door prize of \$15 or more in value are provided a 60 second infomercial to spotlight their business.

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

Chamber Honors People Who Inspire

The Chamber recently honored several individuals for making a difference in people's lives with its 6th Annual Inspire Awards ceremony. It was presented by the organization's Women in Business Council and the Greater Largo Library Foundation.

This year's Inspire recipients are Barbara Inman of Habitat For Humanity, Summer Dodge of YMCA of the Suncoast, Karis Turner of Camelot

Community Care, Joan Byrne of the City of Largo, Gretchen Gallagher of SPCA Tampa Bay, Marty Lanahan of Regions Bank and Paul Gibson of Piper Fire Protection.

Special thanks to the Inspire Award sponsors: Largo Medical Center, Greater Largo Library Foundation, DEX Imaging, T-Mobile, Grow Financial Credit Union, PureLife Medi-Spa and Perenich, Caulfield, Avril & Noyes, PA.

A Call for Chamber Community Award Nominations

The Central Pinellas Chamber has begun accepting nominations for its esteemed Citizen of the Year and Mac Norcross Small Business Person of the Year awards. These celebrated presentations will take place at the chamber's 62nd Annual Meeting on September 25 at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort. Citizen of the Year nominees must

be living individuals who have focused attention and directed efforts in the Central Pinellas region that have brought acclaim or public notice; have outstanding achievement in community service; and have performed volunteer (uncompensated) services to the community. Offices/chairmanships of national, state and local civic and non-

profit organizations will be considered. Mac Norcross Small Business Person of the Year nominees must own a locally operated independent or franchised business with 50 or less full-time employees and be an active member of the Chamber. A commitment to the community, as demonstrated by contributions of personal

time and/or resources, and a proven commitment to local entrepreneurship/small business must also be demonstrated.

Nomination deadline is Friday, August 29. For nomination forms and full criteria, visit the Chamber website www.CentralChamber.biz or email tom@largo-chamber.com.

Ribbon-Cutting



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Central Pinellas Chamber celebrates those who inspire

By JULIANA A. TORRES

LARGO – The Central Pinellas Chamber of Commerce's Women in Business Council hosted the sixth annual Inspire Awards Luncheon Aug. 12.

Out of the many who were nominated, seven individuals were honored for the difference they make in the community.

Barbara Inman was the first recipient. Inman is now the executive director of Habitat for Humanity Florida, but Robin Macar credited her with bringing Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County out of crisis during her 10 years as its CEO.

When she came on board in 2003, the Pinellas organization was serving only two families per year. Now Habitat Pinellas builds homes for more than 26 low-income families annually. Of the more than 300 homes the organization has built in its history, 200 were built during the years Inman was in leadership.

"Barbara's leadership and passion has refined the lives of families across Pinellas County," Macar wrote.

Next to be honored was **Summer Dodge**, who was chosen to head the YMCA of the Suncoast's diabetes prevention program in 2012. Since then, the program has helped 367 participants change their lifestyles by losing 7 percent body weight and increasing physical activity to 150 minutes per week, thus decreasing their risk for diabetes by 58 percent.

"Summer has arduously worked to bring this program into the community," wrote Sherri Joyner. "She has spent the last



Photos by JULIANA A. TORRES

Seven individuals were honored during the Central Pinellas Chamber of Commerce's sixth annual Inspire Awards Luncheon, held at Largo Public Library Aug. 12. The winners were, from left, Habitat For Humanity Florida Executive Director Barbara Inman; Summer Dodge of the YMCA Suncoast; Karis Turner of Camelot Community Care; Largo Recreation, Parks and Arts Director Joan Byrne; Women Working Together for Animals founder Gretchen Gallagher; Marty Lanahan of Regions Bank and Paul Gibson of Piper Fire Protection.

two years building partnerships with four county health departments, local hospital systems, primary care doctors, insurance companies and large employers to build referrals and expand the program."

Karis Turner was honored for her work with her previous employer United Way and current affiliation, Camelot Community Care, which supports foster care and adoptions in the community.

"Awareness, donations and volunteers have all increased during her tenure," Kathy Pabst Robshaw wrote in nominating her. "Some women work effortlessly with only the thanks of those who have been helped."

Assistant City Manager Henry Schubert nominated **Joan Byrne**, director of the city of Largo's Recreation, Parks and Arts department.

"Like the new community center, which opened three years ago, Highland (Recreation Complex) reflects Joan's creativity and

vision of what role a municipal recreation department and its facilities should play in the community," Schubert wrote.

Byrne also is focused on addressing childhood obesity, creating environments that encourage physical activity.

Gretchen Gallagher was honored for founding Women Working Together for Animals, a group that helps raise money for SPCA Tampa Bay. Since 2010, the group has grown to 100 members and has helped fund several improvements for the SPCA.

"By recognizing the community need, thinking outside of the box and bringing together like-minded, influential women, Gretchen is an inspiration to our community," nominator Samantha Fenger wrote.

Marty Lanahan, who oversees banking operations for Regions Bank's west Florida area, including 120 full-service offices, was honored for the heartfelt enthusiasm she gives her teams.

"She finds the positive in everything and encourages employees to be themselves and focus on their strengths to be successful," wrote Debra Jones.

Paul Gibson was honored not only for being an outstanding employee and sprinkler service technician at Piper Fire Protection,

but for overcoming great challenges to be a success, including a prison sentence in his youth.

Gibson tested out of two years of apprenticeship school, and this year competed against hundreds of trade school graduates in the Associated Builders and Contractors' national competition. He

won a gold medal and was then featured on the cover of the current Fire Protection Contractor magazine.

"Paul's ability to overcome challenges and achieve success has brought pride and inspiration to many," his boss Chris Johnson wrote in nominating him.

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Invite a friend or caregiver you trust to go on doctor visits along with you for support. This person does not need to speak for you but their presence may ensure that someone is caring for you. This relative or friend can help you

remember the key points made by your doctor. If you're not sure you understand what is happening, ask questions until you feel comfortable.

It is important to know all of your options when diagnosed with a problem. If tests are recommended, be sure to ask what they entail so you are comfortable if you choose to go forward with them. Learn if there are side effects to these tests.

It is quite normal to feel worried about speaking frankly with your doctor, but your doctor will be able to be more sensitive to your needs if you inform him of your concerns.

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LETTERS

Lack of coverage boggles the mind

Editor:

Sports fans in Pinellas County once again were given the short end of the stick on viewing the Major League Hall of Fame induction at fabled Cooperstown, N.Y., on July 27 because the Major League Baseball network isn't linked to any one of our four cable systems in the 17th ranked market in the nation.

It boggles the mind as to why it was not aired on ESPN as it is with its NFL counterpart. Just defies logic when ESPN discards the baseball awards, which wasn't always the case. Then, FOX Network should do the honors as long as they carry the All-Star Games, the playoffs and the World Series. As for ESPN, their mid-summer crown jewel is the home run derby and the playoffs. The Tampa Bay area fans as well as the LaRussa family got the shaft with this lack of continuity.

We deserve better.

Art Bailey
Seminole

Charter review process not perfect

Re: "City manager model fails in Seminole," by Tom Christy, Aug. 14.

Editor:

Having been the chair of the recent Charter Review Board for the City of Seminole, I wanted to chime in on Tom Christy's comments from last week.

The 2014 Charter Review Board met five times from February 18 through April 15 of this year. While these meetings were recorded and are available on the myseminole.com website, the lack of presence of the public at these meetings should be a wake up call that our residents may not be as engaged in local politics as they can be.

Concerns like those from Tom Christy could have been addressed during the public comment portion of the meetings. As chair of those meetings, I would have given wide latitude to anyone who wished to address us regarding changes to the charter. Something as important as this, I feel, demands more than the typical three-minute comment period at the city council meetings. There would have been no problem having a spirited dialogue during those meetings to address anyone's concerns.

The charter review process is not perfect. There is no template or guide to tell us what steps to take and how to proceed. That can be both good and bad. Future charter review board members need to understand that they can and should advance their own individual recommendations for enhancement of the charter when they see a need for it. If there ever was time to bring up new ideas regarding our municipal operations, the charter review meetings were that time.

Article IV of the charter does provide for residents to place referendum for ordinances on the ballot. If enough residents feel a change is appropriate for the current council/manager model, they certainly have the power to do that. Councilors also can recommend and have charter revisions put up for popular vote, which means that communicating with your councilors is crucial to getting your voice heard.

Ultimately, the council has to find ways to engage Seminole residents to participate more. Seminole residents have a concurrent obligation to want to be engaged and to keep their elected officials accountable.

Joe Haynes
Seminole

Praise for Seminole city manager

Editor:

It must be election time in Seminole because once again Tom Christy has submitted his name for a position on the City Council. The voters of Seminole have rejected him four times already. Maybe it's because he runs a negative campaign every time.

This time his argument is that the city manager form of government is the wrong way to run this city. After almost 20 years as a city manager, Mr. Frank Edmunds has moved the sleepy city into a vibrant and attractive community to live in, work in and to educate our children in. He has also brought in many new businesses, which enhance the quality of life in our city.

Over the last four years he has cut about \$3 million from the city budget without changing any service to our residents. In 2008 the economy took a nosedive, but Mr. Edmunds kept the city in the black while many cities around us were cutting services. He has put together a great staff of department leaders who help Mr. Edmunds run our city like a Swiss clock.

At the council meeting of Aug. 12, many of the city business leaders praised Mr. Edmunds for this great work and implored him to please reconsider his retirement option, which he did, and he will stay with us until August 2015.

If the voters of Seminole feel that many of the business leaders are correct in praising Mr. Edmunds for his great work and service to our community, as I do, then let Tom Christy know by passing over his name on the ballot in November.

Jim Guinn
Seminole

A job well done

Editor:

We just moved here from Atlanta to the City of Madeira Beach and have observed the crews picking up garbage. These men go way past their job description to ensure that their route is done to perfection.

If a paper blows out the back they will run down the street to retrieve it. It is so clear to us that they want this city to shine. It is wonderful to see the pride that they take in their job and their city. We are super impressed with the sanitation department workers' hard work and dedication. Well done!

Mark and Beth Greenberg
Madeira Beach

Thanks for the support!

Re: "Largo competes in regionals," Largo Leader, Aug. 7

Editor:

Thank you for sharing in our great adventure! Unfortunately, it has come to an end. It has been an amazing summer for these boys, their families and all the fans who have been on this great run with them! These boys worked hard and advanced farther than they had ever gone before. We lost in the semifinals round to Virginia with a score of 2-1. They have so much to be proud of and have made memories that will last a lifetime!

I truly appreciate all of your support and wishes. Having so many people behind them, cheering them on, sharing in their successes and bumps in the road made an impact. Being a part of something bigger than them was a good experience. Traveling together and coming together as a team over wins, losses, personal trials and family matters has made these boys stronger as a group and as individuals.

This is a summer they will never forget!

Karen Gonzalez
Largo

The Greater Largo Little League senior division All-Stars won state championships and represented Florida in the southeast regional tournament in Safety Harbor. They lost to Virginia 2-1 in the semifinals Aug. 5.

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A growing weariness of things Islamic



Driver's Seat
Bob Driver

I'm directing this column to Muslim readers who may be out there. Also, to students of theology or anyone else familiar with the Koran - the writings by Mohammed on which the Muslim religion is based.

I want any of those folks to let me know exactly where in the Koran this is written: "Ye of the Muslim faith must venture forth and find men, women and children who do not worship our God - Allah. These people are infidels. They are the enemy. They must be cast out. They must be killed."

If anyone can find such a command, or anything like it, in the Koran or other official documents of the Muslim religion, I'd like to know about it. It might help clear my thinking about what is happening today (Aug. 13, to be precise) in much of Iraq, especially on northern Mount Sinjar.

There, if news reports are accurate, thousands of civilians - some of them Christians, some not - are trying to keep from being killed by dedicated Islamic warriors, members of ISIS. The civilians' crime: failure to renounce Christianity and/or pledge undying allegiance to ISIS (the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria). This is a Sunni terrorist organization, so extreme that not even Al Qaeda wants to be associated with it.

I hope the sudden and alarming military success of ISIS may be the straw that finally breaks the back of the U.S. camel. Since September 2001 fate has forced the western world to focus on Islam, Muslims, Arabs and an assortment of terrorist organizations. Thousands of brave men and women have gone to the Mideast, never to return. It's now time to admit that our mission has NOT been accomplished. We should give the Mideast back to its original owners, and come home.

The day may come - and sooner than we

think - when persons throughout the world will feel unsafe when in the presence of a Muslim. At such a meeting, the non-Muslim may feel a compulsion to ask, "Are you a member of ISIS? Do you believe that all non-Muslims are infidels who should be opposed, and even killed?"

Such inquiries will of course be repugnant to anyone, including the questioner, who cherishes every person's right to stay silent about personal convictions. Even so, until the time comes when the terms "terrorist" and "Muslim" no longer strike synonymous chords in our minds, we may all become gradually imbued with a level, however small, of prejudice against Islam and all things Islamic.

How to resist the growth of such a harmful state of mind is a challenge faced by anyone who stays in touch with current events. The savage behavior of ISIS troops in Iraq is not helping to generate fairness of mind toward the millions of America's fair-minded Muslims, some of whom live and work here in Pinellas County.

Nor does the relative silence, nationally and locally, of Muslims who could easily speak out against ISIS and other terrorist groups who betray and defame Islam by practicing ideas that, as far as I can tell, never were written or uttered by Mohammed or any of the Muslim chieftains who succeed-

ed him.

I don't know how the latest crisis in Iraq will end. But I've got the feeling that, almost as much as the 9/11 Twin Tower attacks, it will mark a turning point in world opinion about Islam and its more aggressive adherents. After more than a decade of western countries attempting to defeat Al Qaeda and the Taliban, as well as help Iraq and Afghanistan create stable central governments, we have learned painful lessons that should stay with us in the years to come.

The most obvious lesson is that it's impossible for any outside government to reform, or fully understand, Iraq or Afghanistan. Those countries resemble a combination of a Dodge City saloon and a Coney Island fun house. Operational rules, if they exist, are meant to be disregarded. Treachery and corruption are deep in the DNA of national leadership. From the arrival date of the first American soldier or diplomat in the Mideast, we have been out of our depth. If it were possible, we'd be well-advised today to evacuate most U.S. citizens and commercial interests from any Muslim Mideast nation.

A second lesson is this: The west's fight against terrorists is not geographical. Terrorists laugh at national borders. Our troops and intelligence agents need not go to Kabul or Baghdad to root out Muslim suicide bombers. They can be recruited and trained right here - in Pittsburgh, Dearborn or Ocala. This is where the ultimate battleground will be. I'd like to believe that, in the coming war, non-violent American Muslims will gladly line up to help defeat their angry, alienated brethren.

Bob Driver is a former columnist for the Clearwater Sun. His email address is tralee71@comcast.net.



Photo by THOMAS MICHALSKI

Many tiny North Dakota towns such as Warwick are falling to the wayside as people move to find better opportunities.

North Dakota is not for everyone

North Dakota is one of the uppermost states in America.

It is also the middle of nowhere.

It's a dreadful place in the winter when temperatures drop to 50 below zero ... without the wind-chill factor. It's where people dress polar bear warm, where cars are plugged in to prevent motor oil from freezing, and where people hunt and fish to put food on the table.

One pickup truck I saw had a bumper sticker that read: "If it flies it dies, if it hops it drops."

I was driving through the Flickertail State ... that's one of its nicknames ... and was both impressed and astonished at what I witnessed in this place whose motto is "Liberty and union, now and forever, one and inseparable."

North Dakota conjures up impressions of cowboys, long horn steers, cornfields and Little League baseball games that are snowed out in August. Kids in some towns really are excused from school for deer season, and freezing weather and snow is normal any time of the year.

"Sure, it gets cold here, but it's a dry cold," explained Sharon, a Walmart supervisor in Devils Lake, a place that has its own unique challenges. "The cold is not damp and penetrating."

Damp or not, Sharon's idea of normal winter weather is in the below zeros. As in 50 or 60 below, with wind-chill factors that can drive temperatures down to almost -100.

"I was born and raised right around here," Sharon explained. "You get used to the cold."

No you don't. I wondered how people survive during North Dakota's winters. I heard one rumor that women keep warm by not shaving their legs. North Dakotans name their blizzards like we name our hurricanes.



Thomas Michalski

Sharon is very protective about her home state.

"People make fun of us because we are so rural and our winters are so long and frigid," she said. "But we love it and wouldn't change a thing."

But not everyone feels that way. A young woman named Linda, who looked to be about 20, and her infant daughter were waiting to climb aboard a Greyhound bus for the long journey back home to South Carolina.

"I gave it a shot," she said. "I moved here to start a new life and it didn't work out. There is absolutely nothing here for young people."

I assumed that she didn't ice fish, hunt or nurse a cute pink piglet to 450 pounds of a snorting, grunting hog as a 4-H project.

Driving along Route 2 from Michigan through to Montana was an experience in itself. Along the way hamlets with names like Plum Tree, Mapes and White Earth routinely boasted populations around 100.

One town in particular is Minnewaukan, one of many communities in the Devils Lake region. It is marked for eventual extinction due to ongoing lake flooding that already has drowned out zillions of acres of land, buildings and highways.

Minnewaukan has less people in the entire town than some streets in Tampa Bay have residents. The town's three blocks of Main Street boasts a post office, a liquor store/bar, a convenience store and the municipal building that doubles as the library and senior center.

It also has dirt roads. Even Main Street is unpaved.

Minnewaukans, as in many other rural settlements, take pride in their community. They love their grain elevator, hay roll dotted fields and small town Norman Rockwell lifestyle. They are just plain folks who attend church on Sundays, raise their kids and try to make a living on ranches and farms that raise cattle or grow corn, wheat and, what else, winter squash.

Residents celebrate Bird Walk Day in May and Fun Day in July. Visitors can stay at the Reel 'em Inn, a converted social service center.

Like many small towns, Minnewaukan's population is spiraling downward. About 20 years ago 450 people called it home. Today it's only 318. The average annual income hovers around \$30,000.

Ironically, the rising waters of Devils Lake that is slowly taking over the land mass provides a rejuvenation of sorts by creating jobs for the water sport industries. People arrive from surrounding areas and even states to hook Walleye, Perch, Northern Pike, and Muskie. Huge white pelicans and seagulls, more at home along Pinellas beaches, have settled in and around Devils Lake.

Who ever guessed that pelicans and seagulls live in North Dakota?

The state has been described as laid back and boasting a good economy where people still have old-fashioned values. But it really does get arctic enough in winter to watch a thrown pot of boiling water vaporize before it hits the ground.

I was happy to visit North Dakota in August.

I'm glad I will not be there in January. Thomas Michalski is a retired Tampa Bay Newspapers editor. He can be reached at thomasamski@yahoo.com.

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Briefcase

Women earn White Dove Service Awards

LARGO – Trust Business Services recently recognized two women for going above and beyond in their service to others as part of the White Dove Service Awards recognition program at the Central Pinellas Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

The two women recognized for June and July are Jodi Avery, a Realtor from Keller Williams, and Cecily "CC" Culbreth, a server from Proino Breakfast Club in Largo.

Avery was nominated by Laurie Hill.

"Jodi does more than your typical Realtor," Hill said in a press release. "She helps the home buyer with getting trustworthy movers and any other handyman they may need. She has even showed up on moving days to help out."

Kathy Pabst Robshaw nominated Culbreth.

"When a business starts, especially a restaurant, it is the staff that is the face of the business," Robshaw said. "CC has made such an impact on us that when we were looking for a chamber member venue to hold our bi-weekly Leads Group, we went to Proino's because of CC."

Largo Walmart hiring 85 associates

LARGO – Walmart will hire approximately 85 additional associates to work at the new Walmart as part of the Missouri Avenue North store's relocation. The new store is slated to open this fall.

Interested applicants can apply using the hiring kiosk located at the back of the current store at 1111 Missouri Ave. N., or apply online at careers.walmart.com, indicating store No. 1712 as the store location.

Through Walmart's Veterans Welcome Home Commitment, the company will offer a job to any

qualified veteran who has been honorably discharged within the past 12 months. Veterans must be within 12 months of active duty and meet Walmart's standard hiring criteria. Veterans may find out more at walmartcareerewithmission.com.

According to store manager Emmanuel Gilliam, the store will be hiring both full- and part-time associates.

"These are great jobs, and there are plenty of career opportunities that can come from them," said Gilliam. "I started my Walmart career as an hourly associate unloading trucks, so I understand the possibilities first hand."

Walmart provides a benefits program to eligible full- and part-time associates. For example, it provides a variety of affordable health and well-being benefits including health-care coverage with no lifetime maximum. Walmart also offers eligible associates matching 401(k) contributions of up to 6 percent of pay, discounts on general merchandise, an Associate Stock Purchase Program and company-paid life insurance. Additionally, eligible associates receive a quarterly incentive based on store performance.

The majority of new associates will begin work in September to help prepare the store for its grand opening.

P.J.'s relocates

INDIAN ROCKS BEACH – P.J.'s Oyster Bar – which opened its door for business in 1985 – is

moving to a location at 415 Second St., Indian Rocks Beach.

It has been a long-standing tradition for P.J.'s customers to place one dollar bills on the walls of the restaurant. When the dollars fell off the walls, they were donated to the Seminole/Largo branch of the All Children's Hospital Guild Inc. The money has helped fund \$4.1 million for the Newborn Intensive Care Unit at All Children's Hospital, helped to complete a \$500,000 pledge to the Applied Behavioral Analysis Program, raise funds for a variety of programs and projects like a Rose & Butterfly Garden for families and staff to enjoy, and currently is helping to complete a \$900,000 pledge to the Pediatric Palliative Care Program.

Before leaving the original location, all bills covering the walls at the old P.J.'s Oyster Bar location were removed. The amount – totaling \$14,625 – was recently donated to the Seminole/Largo branch of the All Children's Hospital Guild Inc.

The owners of P.J.'s Oyster Bar, Bama and Steve Palmer, will continue the tradition of placing their customer's dollar bills on the walls and contributing them to the All Children's Hospital Guild Inc. in their new location.



More than \$14,000 in dollar bills collected from the walls of P.J.'s Oyster Bar prior to the restaurant's relocation are being donated to the Seminole/Largo branch of the All Children's Hospital Guild Inc. P.J.'s Oyster Bar recently moved to its new location at 415 Second St., Indian Rocks Beach.

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Pictured are, from left, Kathy Pabst Robshaw, "CC" Culbreth, Liz Barry, Jodi Avery and Laurie Hill, at the awards ceremony at the Central Pinellas Chamber luncheon Aug. 12.

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Stay vigilant to keep kids safe in the technological age

Technology sure has changed the past few years, and it seems to be something that won't be going away.

Think about cellphones for instance: almost everyone has a cell phone. I have even seen elementary-aged kids with cellphones.

Friends have asked me when I am going to get my two girls, ages 8 and 9, a cellphone. I don't know. I know they won't have one in elementary school. I am not sure about middle school. My nieces got phones as they started middle school, and I was kind of shocked that they had them. But I do understand that these days, for security issues, it's nice to have.

I don't think kids need iPhones, but a basic phone may be OK. If you asked me a few years ago about my kids having a phone, I would have said high school. I see so many kids texting, I don't want my kid to be on the phone all the time.

When it comes to computers, tablets and iPods, I know I want to protect my children when they are on their electronic devices and practice Internet safety. It's not always easy. I monitor what's on their tablet and what apps they have, but still I can be caught off guard.

I was recently talking to a friend of mine about social media, and she was telling me some horror stories that happened in their school in another state. She told me about kids in high school using Insta-



Mom 2 Mom
Kadi Hendricks Tubbs

gram, a social media site for posting photos. Instagram is for high school students what Facebook is to their parents. I guess on Instagram, kids can take a photo of someone, change it and post it. Sometimes kids will post bad things about other kids that can go viral and really ruin a student.

The other site I was told to be cautious about is Snapchat. My daughter had this on her tablet. It was an app I didn't fully understand until a friend warned me about it. The problem with this app is people can send kids something bad, and once the email is opened, it disappears. So a child could potentially see something and not be able to show you what it was because it's not there anymore. Even for teens, this could be bad. Once I found out a little more about it, we deleted it.

I know we have seen stories in the news about cyberbullying on social media sites. It can destroy kids' lives. I know as a parent, I don't want to subject my kids to this, so I have to be wise and try and prevent these things before they happen.

My best advice is to talk to your kids about the technology they are using. Make sure you tell them what is acceptable and not acceptable on the computer and Internet. Monitor what your child is doing on the computer.

Technology is wonderful, but we need to be aware of just what our kids are seeing and using.

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

Faith briefs

St. Patrick Fun Fair set

LARGO – The St. Patrick Catholic School's annual Fun Fair will run Oct. 9-12, at 1501 Trotter Road.

Hours will be Thursday, 6 to 10 p.m.; Friday, 6 to 11 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 6 p.m. Admission and parking are free.

The theme for this year's fair is Once Upon A Fun Fair: A Fairy Tale Fantasy. Attendees may dress as their favorite character, whether it's a prince, a princess or even a villain. The fair features carnival games, amusement rides, silent auction, entertainment, flea market, food and drinks. There will be an arts and crafts show on Saturday and Sunday. Call 742-9091 or visit www.stpatsfair.com.

Blessed Sacrament to host annual auction

SEMINOLE – The Parent Association Council of Blessed Sacrament Catholic School will host its annual auction on Saturday, Nov. 8, 6 to 11 p.m., at Blessed Sacrament Catholic School Parish Center, 11501 66th Ave. N.

Tickets are \$25 a person. Ticket price includes dinner, entertainment, live and silent auctions, 50/50 raffle, and more surprises. A cash bar will open at 6 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the Blessed Sacrament school office. For information, visit www.blessedsacrament-catholicschoolauction.com.

Organizers are currently seeking patrons. Patron donation levels range from \$50 to \$5,000. Patrons receive special recognition, preferred seating, early access bidding and tickets to the pre-auction Patron Party. Proceeds help to support the long-standing tradition of academic excellence at the school.

GriefShare program set

ST. PETERSBURG – A GriefShare program will be presented beginning Friday, Aug. 29, 10 a.m. to noon, at Cornerstone Community Church, 6745 38th Ave. N.

The program will run through Nov. 21. Call 343-7747.

Calvary installs new rector

INDIAN ROCKS BEACH – The Right Rev. Dabney Smith, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Florida, installed the Rev. Jon Roberts as the fifth rector of Calvary Episcopal Church, Indian Rocks Beach, on Aug. 13.

Roberts is married to Lynne and they have two children: a daughter, Emma and a son, Watson. He was ordained to the priesthood in December 2007 after graduating from Nashotah House Theological Seminary. He has served as a priest at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Venice; Grace Episcopal Church in Monroe, Louisiana; and St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Naples.

According to a press release from the church, many great things are expected with his enthusiasm and spiritual leadership.

"He believes that Calvary will continue its legacy to serve God and to serve our neighbors," the press release states. "There is great promise in his ability to grow and foster loving relationships in the church and in our neighboring communities. Special emphasis also will be placed in opportunities for senior living/care as well as family/youth programs.

Hope Presbyterian continues dinner program

CLEARWATER – Hope Presbyterian Church, at 1698 S. Belcher Road, will offer alternative worship Dinner Church on Sunday, Aug. 17, 5:30 p.m., in Hambley Hall.

This will be the second Sunday evening in the church's Feed Your Faith series offered this month. The DVD topic and discussion will be "Why Does God Let Bad Things Happen?" Attendees are asked to bring a dish to pass and join this casual, thought-provoking worship and meaningful discussion gathered around the dinner table.

Subsequent gatherings are scheduled for Aug. 24 and 31. The series features a potluck dinner, roundtable discussion, relaxing acoustic music and friendship.

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

Unemployment is up in July

By SUZETTE PORTER

Pinellas County's not-seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate for July is up to 6.4 percent, according to an Aug. 15 report from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

The county's not-seasonally-adjusted rate in June was 6 percent. The July 2014 is a full percentage point below July 2013 when Pinellas' unemployment rate was 7.4 percent.

Statewide, the not-seasonally-adjusted rate increased from 6.3 percent in June to 6.6 percent in July, down from 7.6 percent reported in July 2013. The national rate follows the trend with the not-seasonally-adjusted rate increasing from 6.3 percent in June to 6.5 percent in July. The national rate was 7.7 percent in July 2013.

The state's seasonally adjusted rate for July was 6.2 percent, the same percentage reported in June. The national seasonally adjusted rate was 6.2 percent, up slightly from June at 6.1 percent.

The Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater Metropolitan Statistical Area reported a not-seasonally-adjusted rate of 6.8 percent, up from 6.3 percent reported in June. The local MSA reported an unemployment rate of 7.6 percent in July 2013.

The local MSA also fell out of the top three for over-the-year job growth. In 2013, the local area was No. 1 in job growth for much of the year. Last month, it ranked No. 3.

Gov. Rick Scott shared the news that the state had created 2,100 private sector jobs in July.

"Florida's private sector created more than 2,000 jobs for Florida families in July, bringing total private-sector job creation since December 2010 to 620,300," Scott said in a press release. "Every new job positively impacts a family, and today's announcement is more great news for Florida families looking to live the American Dream in the Sunshine State. Florida continues to see positive job growth, highlighting our economic recovery, so let's keep working to make sure every Floridian who wants a job can get one."

The state's private-sector job growth has been positive for 41 out of the last 44 months.

The county's labor force increased slightly to 455,820 in July, compared to 454,336 in June. The labor force in July 2013 was 447,715. Just over 29,000 were unemployed in July, up from 27,388 in June. In July 2013, 33,042 were unemployed in Pinellas.

The local MSA includes the counties of Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas counties. Hernando County ranked No. 11 out of 66 with a not-seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate of 8.4 percent. Pasco tied with Levy County for the No. 20 rank with unemployment of 7.6 percent. Hillsborough tied with Charlotte, Gulf, Suwannee, Collier, Lee, Manatee and Palm Beach with 6.6 percent, the same as the state.

Pinellas County had the lowest unemployment rate of the counties in the local MSA, tying with Holmes, and Gilchrist counties for the No. 43 rank with 6.5 percent. The highest unemployment was reported in Hendry County, which ranked No. 1, with 12.5 percent. Walton and Monroe County tied for No. 66 with the lowest unemployment rate in the state, 3.9 percent.

The local MSA tied with Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall Metropolitan Division for the rank of No. 7 out of 23. Palm Coast MSA ranked No. 1 with 9.3 percent unemployment. Crestview-Ft. Walton Beach-Destin MSA ranked No. 23 at 4.9 percent.

Trade, transportation and utilities continues as the industry reporting the most job growth – 43,200 over the past three years. Construction comes in second in July with annual job growth of 40,600. Leisure and hospitality is in third place with 38,300 new jobs statewide. Government ranks last with only 400 new jobs.

Unemployment numbers for August will be released Sept. 19.

Church to host fair trade market

By TIFFANY RAZZANO

PINELLAS PARK – To raise awareness of human trafficking, poverty, oppression and other social injustices around the world, Park Place Wesleyan Church, 4400 70th Ave. N., presents The Marketplace: A Fair Trade Experience on Saturday, Aug. 23, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This international bazaar will feature fair trade products from all over the globe – soaps, coffee, food, jewelry, clothing and more. There's something for everyone, said Linda Swager, the church's Women's Ministry leader, and items start at prices as low as \$2.50.

"We don't want anyone to be scared away because it's too expensive," she said. "But there are a lot of interesting products for sale."

This event is sponsored by the church's Women's Ministry, who

discovered the North Carolina-based nonprofit The Marketplace at a women's leadership conference promoting ethical companies last year. The Christian company partners with faith-based organizations to empower impoverished people around the globe with sustainable solutions. The Marketplace creates opportunities for these economically and socially marginalized individuals to sell their products at events like the one Park Place Wesleyan is hosting.

The money made from these events is used to spur economic development in other countries and to provide the artisans and small business owners whose work is sold at them with further training. At the same time, these groups spread their faith in these countries, Swager said.

"The organization goes in with a mission," she said. But it goes beyond religion, said Gigi Laursen, the event's director.

"It's not about religion. It's about humanity," she said. "It's about treating all humans with humanity."

She added, "We really want people to become aware of social injustices going on in the world. We can help, even if it's in a small way by supporting those making a difference."

The goal is for this to become an annual event at Park Place Wesleyan, Swager said.

For more information about the event, visit ppwc.org or call 526-3674. To learn more about The Marketplace, visit themarketplacenc.com.

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Dickens' Tiny Tim and John's Pass' Tiny Twig

In novelist Charles Dickens' timeless tale, "A Christmas Carol," sneering and selfish old man Scrooge learns to give of the earthly wealth he has accumulated to etch away at the spiritual bankruptcy he has also amassed.

It takes three horrific visitations from Christmas spirits to eventually elicit Scrooge's generosity. One of the beneficiaries of his generosity, we are led to believe in Dickens' tale, is a little lame boy named Tiny Tim. Bent and stunted by his lameness, which Dickens never explains, we are also led to believe that, without Scrooge's change of heart, Tiny Tim will be dead within the year.

It is part of Dickens' art to make us love little lame Tiny Tim. Doll-like and delicate, Tiny Tim cannot run and play the same as the other kids. We do not see his dramatic dependence on his family as weakness. We see him as a small flickering light of love.

For what his crooked little flame lacks in normalcy, Tiny Tim's spirit supplies in gentleness and the kind of courage that the rest of us only dream about. This is because the basic movements that the rest of us take for granted, like walking, require the greatest of efforts on his part. Forget skipping, running, or dancing.

There is a dolphin counterpart to Dickens' Tiny Tim in the John's Pass study area, which Capt. John Heidemann and I monitor under federal permit. Instead of Tiny Tim, we could call it Tiny Twig. When the tiny shiny calf was born to local lady dolphin Stick last summer, we named it Twig as a good play on words. We named Stick 10 years ago when, as a tiny tot dolphin herself, she played a game of catch with a seaside stick.

Twig arrived in late August 2013. We saw Stick within just hours after Twig's birth. Twig was the youngest newborn I had seen to that point.

At the time, Dolphin Watch reported how Twig's tiny newborn tailstock seemed to spring up almost reflexively after each downward stroke of the peduncle (same as tailstock). Sometimes, its reflexive spring even pitched tiny Twig forward comically.

It might surprise you to hear that newborn dolphins do not know



Dolphin Watch

Ann Weaver

how to swim, though they have the basic idea. They must first exercise and strengthen their muscles. For the first many days, they struggle with their swimming lessons.

Nonetheless, I had not seen Twig's particular type of funny little reflexive spring before. Therefore, at the time, I assumed it was because I had not seen such a fresh newborn before. Twig was just hours old.

And maybe I was right. Twig accompanied mom Stick through the fall and winter, or rather Twig did its best to remain in Stick's vicinity. Pregnancy and motherhood flipped a switch in Stick. She became an eating machine. Tiny dolphin calves usually stay close to their hunting mothers. But Stick's hunger often took her frighteningly far from her Tiny Twig.

In April 2014, we found Twig spending an inordinate amount of time at a dangerous distance from its mother Stick. Too young to hunt or to know it was supposed to, Twig amused itself by greeting each passing boat like a miniature aspiring politician or, in the family tradition, playing with a stick.

Dolphin Watch reported, with a certain amount of concern, that Stick had continued her unique brand of laissez-faire mothering. For it was Stick who spent an inordinate amount of time at a dangerous distance from her calf Twig. I remember deciding to detach myself from Stick's winsome offspring, for it seemed surely destined to be dead within the year.

It was after I made that decision to detach myself that it dawned on me that Twig's peduncle may be partially paralyzed. This is because Twig submerged with a "steep dive" posture that all dolphins can do. The difference was that Twig used the steep dive posture every time, which no other dolphin does. In addition, all dolphins sometimes flip up the flukes over the water when diving steeply, "sounding" like a whale. But this is fairly rare. Poor little Tiny Twig sounds like a whale with every submergence.

That means Twig works much, much harder to swim like a dolphin than other dolphins do. The basic dolphin movements we take for



Photo by ANN WEAVER

Swimming next to its mother Stick (just disappearing behind the calf), little local Tiny Twig shows its signature submergence posture, a rare artifact from an apparently partially paralyzed peduncle.

granted require Twig's greatest of efforts. Forget leaping or rocketing around the seas like the other kids.

By July, Twig was still with Stick. But there had been changes. One change is that Stick had started being a much better mother, surfacing faithfully at Twig's side. A second change was that Twig seemed to cope with its paralyzed peduncle much better, not sounding as often nor as dramatically as before.

A third change was fleeting but encouraging: We found a large group of dolphins that included Stick. After some minutes on the group, I turned to Capt. Heidemann and said, "You know who is not here, don't you?" And he nodded as he concurred, "Yeah, Twig."

Then suddenly there was a flurry at the back of the dolphin parade as Twig charged back into the group with two calf playmates from their playground behind the adults. Ah, Twig is learning to play!

Dr. Weaver studies wild dolphins under federal permit 16299, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Send her an email at annstats54@gmail.com or visit www.goodnaturestatistics.com. NOAA advises anyone who sees a stranded dolphin in the Gulf of Mexico to call 877-942-5343 or 877-433-8299.

Beaches provide fast fishing action with return of easterly winds

Onshore winds and continuous storms had our near-shore waters pretty dirtied up last week. But easterly winds have returned and water is clearing up nicely.

Calm seas and clean water will have the bait pushed up right against the beach, attracting schools of mackerel, bluefish, cobia and a few other less glamorous, but great rod-bending species. This is not the time of year to be real picky about target species. It's hot and downright uncomfortable much past 10 a.m. Beach fishing can provide good action as well as often being slightly cooler than the inshore more protected waters.

Small schools of Spanish mackerel can be seen busting schools of



Fish Tales

Capt. Tyson Wallerstein

glass minnows just outside the swim buoys all along the beach. Most of the mackerel are on the small side, but there are plenty of fish in the 18- to 24-inch class. Cast chrome plated Gotcha plugs or free-line live pilchards or shrimp on 2/0 long shank hook. Along with mackerel we've been catching loads of small jack crevalle and ladyfish and a few bluefish.

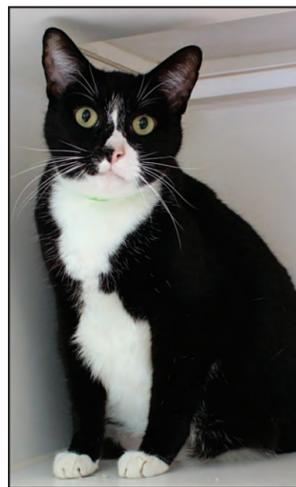
All of these fish are very kid friendly and there's nothing more rewarding in our sport than to see kids get excited about fishing.

Redfish numbers are increasing after each big moon phase. More and more reds can be targeted on the shallow grass flats throughout the county. This week's new moon incoming tides will have the schools

of redfish hanging near mangrove shoreline points as they await the flood stage of the tide that will allow them to push way back into the mangrove root system, where they can feed as well as cool off. Approach each point with ease and caution; redfish will often give you some sort of sign. Usually it will be a flash or a noticeable push of water. Work the schools with top-water plugs, gold spoons and soft plastic jigs on an 8-ounce head. Small Live pinfish under a cork will rarely be refused especially if you're casting to a school of fish.

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 or mail it to Tampa Bay Newspapers, 9911 Seminole Blvd., Seminole, FL 33772.

Pets of the week



Boots

Some boots are made for walking, but this Boots is made for loving. This wonderful senior lady is 11 years old, friendly and playful. She prefers a calm home without the busy nature of younger children. Boots is ready to walk with you to her new home. Bring this article to Pinellas County Animal Services and adopt her for only \$5. Throughout August, adopt cats and kittens for only \$5, large dogs for \$25 or puppies and small breeds of dogs for \$40. All animals are spayed or neutered and up to date on shots. Visit them at 12450 Ulmerton Road, Largo. Call 582-2600 or visit www.pinellascounty.org/animal_services/petfind.htm.



Stan

Stan is a very friendly 1-year-old male tabby cat who has special needs. He was rescued from the streets by a kind family who wanted to keep him, but because they had other cats, they could not. A trip to the vet showed that Stan is Feline Leukemia positive. When the vet suggested euthanasia, the family contacted Friends of Strays who rescued him. He is sweet and healthy and deserves a forever home. Meet him at 2911 47th Ave. N., St. Petersburg. Call 522-6566 or visit www.friendsofstrays.com.



Sydney

Meet Sydney, a 1-year-old Australian shepherd mix in need of a loving home. He is a special pup who needs a special family. Due to a genetic abnormality, he is completely deaf. He loves to play and make new friends and would make a great family dog for a family who has the time and patience to help Sydney learn to operate in his unique world. His deafness has not slowed him down, and he needs daily exercise and training. His adoption fee is \$160, which includes his neuter surgery, microchip, vaccinations and 30 days of pet insurance. Meet him at SPCA Tampa Bay at 9099 130th Ave. N., Largo or visit www.spcatampabay.org.

Doga class set

LARGO - A Doga class - "yoga with your dog" - will be presented Sunday, Sept. 23, 2 to 3 p.m., at SPCA Tampa Bay, 9099 130th Ave. N. Cost is \$15 per dog. Call 586-3591.

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Briefly

Celtic FC Florida soccer registration underway

Registration is underway for the Celtic FC Florida Recreational Soccer League's upcoming season. Dates are:
 • Thursday, Aug. 21, 6 to 8 p.m., at Seminole Jr. Warhawks Complex, 11500 125th St., Largo.
 • Saturday, Aug. 23, noon to 3 p.m., at Beef O'Bradys, 13847 Walsingham Road, Largo.
 • Thursday, Aug. 28, 6 to 8 p.m., at the Belleair Recreational Center, 918 Osceola Road, Belleair.
 • Thursday, Sept. 4, 6 to 8 p.m., at Seminole Jr. Warhawks Complex, 11500 125th St., Largo.
 • Saturday, Sept. 6, noon to 3 p.m., at

Beef O'Bradys, 13847 Walsingham Road, Largo.
 • Thursday, Sept. 11, 6 to 8 p.m., at the Belleair Recreational Center, 918 Osceola Road, Belleair.
 To register online, visit www.celticfl.net.
 Registration fees are U6, \$90; U8, \$140; U10 to U14, \$165; U16 to U19, \$185. Seasons are U6, Sept. 2 through Oct. 25, 10 games, and U8-U19, October through February, 12 games.

Youth soccer signups start

MADEIRA BEACH - Registration for the Madeira Beach Youth Soccer League is underway through August at Madeira Beach City Hall, 300 Municipal Drive. Registration will be held Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 23, 9 to 11 a.m.

and Saturday, Sept. 6, 9 to 11 a.m.
 Children ages 4 to 14 are eligible. The cost is \$70 for city residents and \$85 for non-residents, which includes a shirt, shorts, socks and a trophy.
 The league plays an 8-game schedule and a tournament, from September to December. All practices and game are held at Madeira Beach Fundamental School.
 Persons interested in becoming coaches, referees or sponsors are also needed. For more information, call Colin Shaw at 392-0665.

Volleyball for charity

CLEARWATER - The Florida's Sunshine State Games new Grass Volleyball Series is coming to

Clearwater on Saturday, Sept. 6 and invites people to come play for charity.
 The series gives everyone a chance to play volleyball with others in the Tampa Bay area for a charitable cause. It will be the third of seven stops of the series, hosted by the Florida Sports Foundation and Florida Region of USA Volleyball and will take place at the Eddie C. Moore Complex, 3050 Drew St. It is open to volleyball players of all ages and skill levels and will benefit Clearwater for Youth. This organization's mission is "no child is turned away" due to finances.
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• **Tori Amos,** Friday, Aug. 22, 8 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Tickets start at \$43.25. Call 791-7400 or visit www.rutheckerdhal.com. Amos is on tour in support of her brand new studio album release, "Unrepentant Geraldines." The album is pop/rock in both content and feel and is a change in pace from Amos' most recent releases. The album is both one step further in the evolution of one of the most successful and influential artists of her generation and a return to the inspiring and personal music that Amos is known for all around the world. "Unrepentant Geraldines" is her 14th studio recording



Photo by AMARPAUL KALIRAV/MERCURY CLASSICS

Tori Amos, touring in support of "Unrepentant Geraldines," a Mercury Classics release, plays Ruth Eckerd Hall Aug. 22

and a return to her core identity as a creator of contemporary songs, following a series of more classically-inspired and innovative musical projects of the last four years. These have included the seasonal collection "Midwinter Graces," the classically influenced "Night of Hunters" and "Gold Dust," a collection of orchestral re-workings of songs from across her career. Released in October 2012, "Gold Dust" included "Flavor," which was remixed by the late DJ Peter Rauhofer and peaked at No. 1 on the Billboard Hot Club Dance Chart in February 2013.

• **Wearable ART 10,** Saturday, Aug. 23, at the Dunedin Fine Art Center, 1143 Michigan Blvd., Dunedin. The pre-party will kick off at 7 p.m. The runway show, showcasing the innovative creations of local artists and edgy designers, will start at 8:30 p.m. Following the show, there also will be an after-party event, set, for 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 general admission, with reserved seating going for \$40 or \$75. Call 298-3322 or visit www.dfac.org.

• **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.

• **Shut Up & Laugh** featuring Mike Epps, Jo Koy and Michael Che; Friday, Aug. 22, 8 p.m., at The Mahaffey Theater, 400 First St. S., St. Petersburg. Tickets start at \$49.50. Call 893-7832 or 800-874-9020, or visit www.themahaffey.com. Mike Epps has generated an extraordinary amount of buzz among his peers and within the entertainment industry for being one of the funniest comic actors to emerge into the Hollywood scene. With a career that expands from stand-up comedy to TV and film, Epps current success is hard earned and well deserved. Movie credits include "Jumping the Broom," "Sparkle," "Next Friday," "All About the Benjamins," "Friday After Next" and "Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins." Known for his quick wit and ability to blend hip hop audiences with comedy, Epps hosted both the 2009 and 2010 BET Hip Hop Awards to rave reviews.



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Terry Bozzio brings his solo drum tour to Largo Cultural Center Sept. 5.

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Bozzio will bring the tour to the Tampa Bay area on Friday, Sept. 5, 8 p.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive.

Tickets start at \$14.50. Call 587-6793 or visit largoarts.com.

During the course of the current tour, Bozzio plans to hit more than 40 cities from San Diego to Jacksonville and from Montreal to Vancouver. The performance will showcase Bozzio's solo drumming and will include compositions from throughout his career, as well as improvisation. Neither a clinic nor a workshop, this show will offer audiences an opportunity to enjoy an intimate evening watching Bozzio perform on his monster sculpture of a drum kit.

According to the biography on his website, Bozzio – who was born in San Francisco, California in 1950 – began playing between age 6 and 12, initially using improvised drum sets made up of whatever materials he could find around the house. He would play along to Tito Puente albums or to the "surf drum" music of Sandy Nelson and The Ventures.

Bozzio was 13 when he – like so many other Americans – tuned in to "The Ed Sullivan Show" to watch The Beatles perform. That broadcast served as a turning point for the aspiring musician. He begged his father for drum lessons. His formal training began in 1964, and within a few years Bozzio was playing in a variety of garage bands such as Blue Glass Radio, The Yarde and Tamalpais Jungle Mountain Boys.

In 1968, Bozzio began his major in music at Sir Francis Drake High School and College of Marin.

At the same time, he was studying with Chuck Brown on drum set as well as Lloyd Davis and Roland Kohloff – both San Francisco Symphony percussionists. He played in baroque chamber ensembles and with the Marin and Napa County symphonies.

In 1972, he played in the rock musicals "Godspell" and "Walking in My Time." The early 1970s also saw Bozzio playing in various jazz groups and eventually becoming a regular in the Monday Night Jim

Dukey Big Band at San Francisco's Great American Music Hall.

In 1975, Bozzio auditioned for Frank Zappa and the Mothers of Invention. Over the next three years, Bozzio records more than 10 albums with Zappa, including "Bongo Fury" (1975), "Zoot Allures" (1976), "Zappa in New York" (1975) and "Studio Tan" (1978). In 1978, Bozzio joined The Brecker Brothers to record "Heavy Metal Be-Bop."

In 1979, Bozzio replaced drummer Bill Bruford in UK, recording the album "Danger Money" and the live release "Night After Night." His stint with UK is short-lived: In 1980, he leaves to form Missing Persons with former Zappa guitarist Warren Cuccurullo.

American new wave band Missing Persons releases "Spring Session M" in 1982. Tracks such as "Words," "Windows," "Destination Unknown" and "Walking in L.A." get attention on modern rock radio while videos for the songs go into heavy rotation on MTV. Bozzio records two additional albums with Missing Persons, including "Rhyme & Reason" (1984) and "Color in Your Life" (1986).

Bozzio's solo discography includes "Solo Drum Music I" (1992), "Solo Drum Music II" (1992), "Drawing the Circle" (1998), "Chamber Works" (1998), "Prime Cuts" (2005), "Four From Ten Twenty Nine" (2008) and "Seven Nights in Japan" (2008). He also recorded "Solos & Duets" with Chad Wackerman in 2001 and "Nine Short Films" with Billy Sheehan in 2002.

An Evening With Terry Bozzio promises to be an intense, dynamic, spiritualistic, melodic, orchestral, atmospheric and musical performance. Showcasing the largest tuned drum and percussion set in the world, the show will highlight Bozzio's unparalleled talent. This enigmatic, evocative and engaging musician 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. Bozzio's compositions boast space, classical forms and structures, ambient electronic loops and atmospheric percussion effects – not to mention some exciting and fiery drumming that brings audiences to their feet.

Bozzio has enjoyed tremendous success with his last two solo drum performance tours in Europe.

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Looking Ahead

Largo

• **Duncan Sheik**, Saturday, Sept. 20, 8 p.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets start at \$19.50. Call 587-6793 or visit largoarts.com. This Grammy and Tony winning artist is most noted for his 1996 debut "Barely Breathing," which topped the Adult Top 40 charts, reached the Top 20 on Adult Contemporary radio and remained on the Billboard Hot 100 for a record-setting 55 straight weeks. Sheik's Grammy and Tony awards came in 2007 and 2008 for Best Orchestration, Best Original Score and Best Musical Show Album with "Spring Awakening." His latest theater project is "American Psycho," directed by Rupert Goold, which debuted to a sold out run in 2013.

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

Clearwater

• **Ken Ludwig's "Moon Over Buffalo,"** through Aug. 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. Tick-

ets 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.

• **New Hope for Hero's Campaign**, Thursday, Aug. 21, 7:30 p.m., at the Capitol Theatre, 405 Cleveland St., Clearwater. Donation tickets start at \$15 and are available at www.NewHopeCampaign.org. The New Hope for Hero's Campaign honors fallen heroes and veterans.

• **Steve Kudelski: Mind Games, Comedy and Magic**, Saturday, Aug. 23, 8 p.m., at Tampa Bay Computer Society, 1510 Barry Road, Clearwater. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. For information, visit www.stevkudelski.com. Kudelski, a world-renowned mentalist, will get inside the head of audience members at this show. The show features audience participation, mind control and psychological effects.

• **The '70s Movie Series**, Saturday, Sept. 6, 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 "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and "Alien."

• **Classic Albums Live performs "Purple Rain" by Prince**, Sunday, Sept. 14, 7:30 p.m., at the Capitol Theatre, 405 Cleveland St., Clearwater. Tickets start at \$35. Call 791-7400 or visit www.atthecap.com. Released in 1984, "Purple Rain" made Prince a superstar. The album spent 24 weeks at No. 1 on the music charts and has sold more than 10 million copies since its release. Prince won two Grammy Awards for "Purple Rain," including Best Rock Vocal Performance by a Duo or Group and Best Album of Original Score Written for a Motion Picture or TV Special. The album also was nominated for Album of the Year. The soundtrack also won an Oscar for Best Original Song Score in 1985. "Purple Rain" is regularly ranked among the

best albums in music history. Anything but a cover band, like a symphony orchestra performing the works of Mozart, Classic Albums Live forgoes the gimmickry of costumes and impersonations, putting the music first. These world-class musicians tackle iconic music, concentrating solely on re-creating it as you remember it from the original recording. The attention to detail is staggering – every sound from the album is re-created live on stage by world-class musicians assembled for each album presentation.

• **The '70s Movie Series**, Friday, Sept. 19, 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 "Grease" and "American Graffiti."

• **Jenny McCarthy**, Saturday, Sept. 20, 8 p.m., at the Capitol Theatre, 405 Cleveland St., Clearwater. Tickets start at \$62.75. Call 791-7400 or visit www.atthecap.com. With the help of a hilarious, all-female slate of stand-up comedians including Tammy Pescatelli, Jenny McCarthy takes an outrageous look at life as a contemporary woman: from single motherhood to casual sex. McCarthy's honesty, humility and humor have enabled her to transcend the boundaries of her roles as comedian, actress, host and New York Times bestselling author. Her unique ability to articulate the unspoken words of thousands of mothers and fathers across the world was recognized immediately. This show contains adult content and is suitable for mature audiences only.

• **2014 Experience Hendrix Tour** featuring Billy Cox, Buddy Guy, Zakk Wylde, Jonny Lang, Kenny Wayne Shepherd, Eric Johnson, Rich Robinson, Doyle Bramhall II, Chris Layton, Eric Gales, Henri Brown, Noah Hunt, Tony Franklin, Scott Nelson and Tim Austin; Saturday, Sept. 20, 8 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Tickets start at \$49.50. Call 791-7400 or visit www.rutheckerdhal.com. The tour evokes the era when artists treated each performance as a unique interaction with their audience. Jimi Hendrix called this his "electric church." The Experience Hendrix Tour fully embraces this approach, presenting multiple opportunities for performers and audiences to witness unique collaborations among the participating artists, and will highlight these artists performing their favorite Hendrix signature songs including "Little Wing," "Fire," "Purple Haze" and "Voodoo Child (Slight Return)."

Crossword

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- Across**
- Doctor's order
 - Follower of Mary
 - Become friendlier
 - About to explode
 - Apple spray
 - Pro ___
 - Kind of jar
 - Foul
 - "Ars amatoria" poet
 - Battery terminal (2 wds)
 - Cloudless
 - Bounces
 - Characteristic of the nobility
 - Family head
 - Blah (2 wds)
 - Club used by India's police
 - Maple genus
 - Bush-league
 - Bad look
 - One who goes for the gold?
 - Like composition paper
 - Ace
 - Message-carrying bird (2 wds)
 - Unflinching
 - Bloodless
 - "Mary Had a Little Lamb," for one
 - Asian nurse
 - Rake
 - Agenda entries
 - Automatic
 - Mass number
 - Brown ermine
 - "Aeneid" figure
 - Absorbs, with "up"
 - Cher's singing partner

- Victorian, for one
- Consumes
- Is repentant
- Below
- ___ lamp
- Came down
- French Sudan, today
- Officer promotion without pay increase
- Hot and humid
- Devastation
- Inclined
- Walks in water
- Clean and brush a horse
- Morally wrong
- Small, bulbous plants with showy spring flowers
- Flax fabric
- Sandler of "Big Daddy"
- Kind of dog
- Altercation (hyphenated)
- ___ friends
- Crow's home
- Graceful bird
- "Pumping ___"
- Goes back over
- Indemnify
- Harassed
- Rid from one's mind
- Sweet cicely (pl.)
- Densely populated slum area
- Animal catcher
- Abnormal tissue growth
- A Muse
- It comes easily to hand, toy (hyphenated)
- Beef cut
- Cluckers
- Long, long time
- "Gee whiz!"
- Chester White's home

- Down**
- Backboard attachment

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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Crossword answers from last week

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Horoscopes

August 21, 2014

Capricorn

December 22 - January 19

Expansion has always been a dream, and it will be a dream come true very soon. A relationship comes full circle. Celebrate with a night on the town, Capricorn.

Aquarius

January 20 - February 18

All good things come to those who wait, so be patient, Aquarius. A risk is not worth taking unless it will benefit you. A rare find brings joy.

Pisces

February 19 - March 20

Keep your eye on the prize, Pisces. It is yours for the taking, but you must be smart about it. A news article points to a need you can fulfill.

Aries

March 21 - April 19

There is some truth to the matter, Aries. Pay attention. A dip in finances is temporary. A relationship issue comes to a head. Deal with it.

Taurus

April 20 - May 20

You have a gem of an idea, Taurus. Keep working on it, and prosperity will be yours. Young mischief adds flair to an old party. Listen and learn.

Gemini

May 21 - June 21

Stress compounds with an addition. Relief comes from an unlikely source, Gemini. A shopping trip over the weekend leads to a lucrative business opportunity.

Cancer

June 22 - July 22

Curious Cancer. You can ask, but you may not get the answers you seek. A trap is set. Watch your step. A financial crisis comes to an end.

Leo

July 23 - August 22

Nagging is not your style, but it may be necessary at home this week, Leo. Your pleas appear to have fallen on deaf ears. Urgency strikes at work.

Virgo

August 23 - September 22

Ready to mingle, Virgo? Party invites arrive by the handful. Agree to disagree at home, and peace will reign once more. A chance encounter brings good news.

Libra

September 23 - October 22

The clues begin to stack up, Libra, and you finally have everything you need to solve a mystery. An educational milestone is reached. Time to celebrate.

Scorpio

October 23 - November 21

On your mark, get set, go, Scorpio! You can do it. You have the skills, talent and resources. You just need the confidence. A plan is revealed.

Sagittarius

November 22 - December 21

Whew, Sagittarius. That was a close one. Make plans now to prevent the situation from happening again. A loved one stops by with a surprise.

Gulfport

• **USA Dance**, Monday, Aug. 25, 7 to 10:15 p.m., at Gulfport Casino, 5500 Shore Blvd., Gulfport. Admission is \$7 and includes a dance workshop, professional and amateur exhibitions, dance hosts and snacks. For information, call 397-5754.

• **The 14th annual Geckofest**, Saturday, Aug. 30, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., on Beach Boulevard South in Gulfport. Visit www.geckofest.com. Amid the thousands of festival-goers, hundreds of vendors and dozens of live musicians on two stages, attendees can expect to come face to face with acrobats, aerialists, break dancers, escape artists, magicians, jugglers, fire performers and more. GeckoFest brings an interactive circus atmosphere to the waterfront village. Live music on two stages will entertain the GeckoFest throngs again this year. Headliners will include popular local favorites the Ries Brothers on the South Stage and Double M Band on the North Stage. Both headliners are well-known Florida favorites playing high-energy danceable pop music covers and originals. The famous GeckoFest street dance will close out a day of live music with a party in the streets. Other bands and musicians during the day and evening include Phillip Cole, the Fabulous Deltonas, Francesca, Joel and Dakota, the Paul Anthony Band, Jay Pritchard, the Rose Island Band, Sol Sessions, 3 Pint Harmony and the Trop Rock Junkies.

Pinellas Park

• **Regal Railways Train Show**, Saturday, Aug. 23, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Lopez Inc. Hall, 7177 58th St. N., Pinellas Park. Admission is \$5 for adults and free for children 11 and younger. For information, call 244-1341 or visit www.regalrailways.com.

• **Laurel and Hardy Film Festival**, Saturday, Sept. 13, 2 to 4 p.m., at Barbara S. Ponce Public Library, 7770 52nd St., Pinellas Park. Admission is free. For information, call 541-0719.

• **Bobby Tess and the Dixie Chaps**, Thursday, Sept. 18, 7 to 9:30 p.m., at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park. Sponsored by the Suncoast Dixieland Jazz Society, admission is \$10 for adults. Members of the military and students will be admitted for free. Call 522-6877.

Seminole

• **Music in the Park**, Friday, Sept. 5, 7 to 9 p.m., at Seminole City Park, 7464 Ridge Road, Seminole. Admission is free. For information, visit www.myseminole.com. Performing will be Rebekah Reid and Those Guys.

St. Petersburg

• **"One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest,"** by Dale Wasserman, adapted from the novel by Ken Kesey; through Sept. 14, 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 Sasha Tuck, Friday, Aug. 22, 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.

• **Fourth annual Liquid Desires Craft Beer Party**, Saturday, Aug. 23, 8 to 11 p.m., at the Dali Museum, One Dali Blvd., St. Petersburg. General admission tickets are \$50. VIP tickets are \$85. Attendees will experience a night of unlimited, one-of-a-kind craft brew and food tastings plus full gallery access, a raffle for beer enthusiasts and music to dance the night away. This year's vibe mirrors the special exhibition, Marvels of Illusion, which highlights Dalí's fascination with double images. For tickets and information, visit TheDali.org/Liquid or call Chelsey Kamen at 623-4713.

• **Janiva Magness**, Saturday, Aug. 23, 9 p.m., at Ringside Café, 16 Second St. N., St. Petersburg. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 the day of the show. Call 894-8465. Presented by the Suncoast Blues Society, Magness will be performing her 11th studio album "Original." The 11-song album begins with her classic soul sound on "Let Me Breathe" and also features tracks such as "Twice As Strong," "I Need A Man" and "Everything Is Alright."

• **The Marly Music Series featuring Eric Himy, piano**; Sunday, Aug. 24, 2 p.m., in the Marly Room at the Museum of Fine Arts, 255 Beach Drive NE, St. Petersburg. Tickets cost \$20 for adults and \$10 for students 22 and younger with current ID. Visit www.fine-arts.org.

• **The seventh annual Dinner and Jazz Series** at the MFA featuring The Johnny Zoom Hi-Fi Show, Friday, Aug. 29, 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.

• **Steve Martin & Martin Short in a Very Stupid Conversation**, Sunday, Sept. 7, 7 p.m., at The Mahaffey Theater, 400 First St. S., St. Petersburg. Tickets start at \$89. Call 893-7832 or visit www.themahaffey.com. 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. Both entertainers have had incredible careers. Having spent his early days in show biz writing for "The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour," by the end of the 1970s Martin was one of the hottest stand-up comics in the country and quickly transformed that success into a movie career. Lately he's been expressing his almost lifelong love for playing music, having won a best bluegrass album Grammy for his 2010 release "The Crow: New Songs For The Five-String Banjo." Martin is touring this summer with Steep Canyon Rangers and Edie Brickell. Short's entertainment résumé is equally impressive and includes stints on "Second City" and "Saturday Night Live." With movie credits including "Inner Space," "Three Fugitives," "Father Of The Bride" and "Mars Attacks," Short received a Tony nomination and won an Outer Critics Circle Award for his work in a musical version of Neil Simon's "The Goodbye Girl." Short also co-wrote and starred in "Fame Becomes Me."

• **"Black Comedy,"** by Peter Shaffer, Sept. 12-28, at St. Petersburg City Theatre, 4025 31st St. S., St. Petersburg. Tickets are \$22 for adults and \$10 for students. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 p.m. Call 866-1973 or visit www.spicitytheatre.org.

Opening this weekend

'When the Game Stands Tall' focuses on football coaching legend

Compiled by LEE CLARK ZUMPE

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

'When the Game Stands Tall'

Genre: Drama and sports
Cast: Jim Caviezel, Laura Dern, Michael Chiklis and Alexander Ludwig
Director: Thomas Carter
Rated: PG

Inspired by a true story, "When the Game Stands Tall" tells the remarkable journey of legendary football coach Bob Ladouceur (Jim Caviezel), who took the De La Salle High School Spartans from obscurity to a 151-game winning streak that shattered all records for any American sport.

When the streak is broken, and tragedy strikes the team, Coach Lad must teach his players - and the entire town - that it's not about how you fall, but how you get back up.

'Frank Miller's Sin City: A Dame to Kill For'

Genre: Action, crime and drama

Cast: Mickey Rourke, Jessica Alba, Josh Brolin, Powers Boothe, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Bruce Willis, Eva Green, Dennis Haysbert, Martin Csokas, Rosario Dawson, Jamie Chung, Jamie King, Alexa Vega, Julia Garner, Christopher Meloni, Jeremy Piven, Ray Liotta, Juno Temple, Christopher Lloyd, Stacy Keach and Jude Ciccolèlla
Director: Robert Rodriguez and Frank Miller
Not yet rated

Co-directors Robert Rodriguez and Frank Miller reunite to bring Miller's visually stunning "Sin City" graphic novels back to the screen in "Frank Miller's Sin City: A Dame to Kill For."

Weaving together two of Miller's classic stories with new tales, the town's most hardboiled citizens cross paths with some of its more reviled inhabitants. The movie is the follow-up to Rodriguez and Miller's 2005 groundbreaking film, "Frank Miller's Sin City."

'If I Stay'

Genre: Drama
Cast: Chloë Grace Moretz, Mireille Enos, Jamie Blackley, Joshua Leonard, Liana Liberato, Aisha Hinds and Stacy Keach
Director: R.J. Cutler
Rated: PG-13
Mia Hall (Moretz) thought the hardest decision she would ever face would be whether to pursue



Photo courtesy of THE WEINSTEIN COMPANY
Above, Josh Brolin stars as Dwight in "Frank Miller's Sin City: A Dame to Kill For." At right, Laura Dern and Jim Caviezel star in TriStar Pictures' "When the Game Stands Tall."

her musical dreams at Juilliard or follow a different path to be with the love of her life, Adam (Blackley).

But what should have been a carefree family drive changes everything in an instant, and now her own life hangs in the balance. Caught between life and death for one revealing day, Mia has only one decision left, which will not only decide her future but her ultimate fate.

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

'Cam2Cam'

Genre: Thriller
Cast: Tammin Sursock, Ben Wiggins and Sarah Bonrepaux
Director: Joel Soisson
Not rated

An American backpacker in Thailand encounters a mysterious group of web performers harboring a terrible secret.

Five Bangkok tourists have been beheaded after making online contact with an unknown party. Newly-arrived Allie Westbrook meets a pair of ex-pats, Michael and Marit, who perform on a provocative interactive website called "Cam2Cam." The dark menace beneath Michael's easy charm and the strange bi-sexual magnetism of the group's leader, Marit, drive Allie to the brink of madness. In a city where foreigners come to re-invent themselves, Allie learns, too late, that nothing is what it seems.

'Love Is Strange'

Genre: Comedy, drama and romance
Cast: John Lithgow, Alfred Molina, Marisa Tomei, Darren Burrows, Charlie Tahan and Cheyenne Jackson
Director: Ira Sachs
Rated: R

After 39 years together, Ben and George take advantage of the new marriage laws and tie the knot in a City Hall wedding in lower Manhattan.

On the return from their honeymoon, however, and on account of their vows, George gets fired from his longtime job as a choir director for a co-ed Catholic school. Suddenly, with no real savings to count on, the couple finds that they can't afford the rent on their small Chelsea apartment.

As a short-term solution, George moves in with the gay cops next door, and Ben moves in with his nephew Elliot, a television director, and his wife Kate, a novelist, in the Park Slope apartment they share with their teenage son. As the two men face the bureaucracy and discomfort of getting a new apartment - and the challenges of living apart after decades spending every night together - their presence in the two households ultimately has subtle and unforeseen effect on the lives and relationships of all involved.

'The Prince'

Genre: Action and thriller
Cast: Jason Patric, Bruce Willis, John Cusack, Jung Ji-Hoon a.k.a Rain, Jessica Lowndes, Johnathon Schaech, Gia Mantegna and Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson
Director: Brian A. Miller
Rated: R

Jason Patric, Bruce Willis and John Cusack face off in this action-packed thriller. A retired assassin is drawn back into the life he gave up when his daughter is kidnapped. To rescue her, he must confront his former rival.

'Are You Here'

Genre: Comedy and romance
Cast: Owen Wilson, Zach Galifianakis and Amy Poehler



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Director: Matthew Weiner
Not rated

When Steve Dallas (Owen Wilson), a womanizing local weatherman, hears that his off-the-grid best friend Ben Baker (Zach Galifianakis) has lost his estranged father, the two return to Ben's childhood home to discover Ben has inherited the family fortune leaving the ill-equipped duo to battle Ben's formidable sister (Amy Poehler) and deal with his father's gorgeous 25-year-old

widow (Laura Ramsey).

Featuring complex performances from iconic comedic actors Wilson, Galifianakis and Poehler, "Are You Here" is an unexpected story about family, friendship, and the people who keep us afloat while facing the compromises of life.

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When He who sits upon the throne
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Largo Lions announce Spotlight Series

LARGO – The Largo Lions Club will once again sponsor its annual Spotlight Series, presenting five shows at the Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive.

Individual show tickets are \$24.50. A five-show series special costs \$97.50 and a four-show series special costs \$78. Tickets are currently available.

Following is a summary of the Largo Lions Club Spotlight Series:

• Monday, Jan. 12, 2015, 2 and 7 p.m. – The Fire and Rain Band will present a James Taylor Tribute, performing songs such as “Your Smiling Face,” “How Sweet It Is (To Be Loved By You)” and “Carolina in My Mind.”

• Monday, Jan. 26, 2015, 2 and 7 p.m. – Sundown will present “New” Classic Country, performing the hits from blockbuster superstars such as Garth Brooks, Reba McEntire, Alan Jackson and Brooks & Dunn.

• Monday, Feb. 9, 2015, 2 and 7 p.m. – Neil Zirconia will deliver “the Ultimate Faux Diamond,” performing Neil Diamond hits such as “Sweet Caroline,” “America,” and “September Morn.”

• Monday, March 9, 2015, 2 and 7 p.m. – Vegas Legends performs songs made famous by Elvis, Dolly Parton, Patsy Cline, Tom Jones, Barbara Streisand and Frank Sinatra.

• Monday, March 23, 2015, 2 and 7 p.m. – The Landsharks Band will deliver a Beach Boys Tribute, performing hits such as “Good Vibrations,” “Surfin’ USA” and “Surfer Girl.”

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Inspiration Films shooting film in area

CLEARWATER – Inspiration Films in collaboration with N-Take are currently producing a professional independent film in the Tampa Bay area.

The team of Rod Grant, producer/writer, and Nicholas “Nick” Naylor, director, co-wrote and released “Pawn Z” and “Mr. Engagement” that have gained international distribution. Their vision to leverage the talent, economic benefits and great locations is coming to life with the film called “Illusions” that began production in July 2014 and is scheduled for release early 2015.

“I am really excited about this film and bringing it to audiences. I think it’s going to be a great experience,” said Grant in a press release. “It’s a throwback to the thrillers of the ‘70s when films were more scary rather than gory.”

Grant is a long-time resident enjoying being a part of the growing success in Florida film industry. He is very experienced in financial management that maximizes budget, timelines and talent in independent films.

“Illusions” will be in post-production in October and ready for submission to Gasparilla, Sunscreen, Sundance and Ontario Film Festivals.

“We are making professional, compelling films here in the Tampa Bay area that audiences want to see,” Naylor said. “Leading the way for the enormous talent available and working tirelessly to produce great films. We are having a blast and can’t wait to release ‘Illusions’ in early 2015.”

They cast local rising stars in the lead roles. Cast members include Kelly Fernandez and Andrew Suchman.

Venue to present acting class

PINELLAS PARK – Venue Theatre will offer a free adult acting class Monday, Sept. 8, 7 to 10 p.m., at Country Inn and Suites, 8050 U.S. 19 N.

This will be an introduction to techniques used for years by actors and other public figures to control their nerves and keep them focused. Information on an eight-week class also will be presented.

Space is limited. Call 822-6194.

American Stage announces After Hours Series

ST. PETERSBURG – American Stage Theatre Company’s 2014-15 After Hours Series will kick off in September with two shows, including “Hawk and Wayne’s This is a Comedy Show” and “The Vagina Monologues.”

As part of the Sunday Comedy Series, “Hawk and Wayne’s This is a Comedy Show” will debut Sunday, Sept. 7, 6 p.m., at American Stage Theatre Company, 163 Third St. N.

This new, hilarious, totally improvised one-act play features the critically acclaimed comedy improv duo, Gavin Hawk and Ricky Wayne. Hawk and Wayne will weave together a totally improvised one-act play based on audience suggestions. Back for their sixth straight year in residence at American Stage, they have been well received nationally this past year touring comedy festivals like Philadelphia’s DuoFest, Sarasota Improv Festival, Hartford Improv Festival, Detroit Improv Festival and Out of Bounds Comedy Festival in Austin, Texas.

Opening for Hawk and Wayne this season will be improv teams from students in American Stage Education’s Improvisation

Training Program. These improv teams will showcase their fresh, new acts.

Tickets are \$10. The show will be performed in the lobby cabaret, where there will be a full cash bar service for all our patrons.

As part of the Cabaret Drama Series, “The Vagina Monologues,” by Eve Ensler, will return to American Stage with new cast members. The production will be presented Sunday, Sept. 21, 6 p.m.

Obie Award-winner Eve Ensler’s whirlwind tour of a forbidden zone, “The Vagina Monologues” introduces a wildly divergent gathering of female voices, including a 6-year-old girl, a septuagenarian New Yorker, a vagina workshop participant, a woman who witnesses the birth of her granddaughter, and a feminist happy to have found a man who “liked to look at it.”

Tickets are Pay-What-You-Can, with \$15 advance tickets available and a suggested donation of \$10 to \$20 at the door. Performed in the lobby cabaret, there will be full cash bar service for all our patrons.

For information, call 823-7529 or visit www.americanstage.org.

St. Petersburg City to host auditions

ST. PETERSBURG – St. Petersburg City Theatre will host auditions for the chorus/ensemble for “Dracula, The Vampire Strikes Back” on Sunday and Monday, Sept. 14-15, 7 p.m., at the theater, 4025 31st St. S.

Directed by David Middleton, “Dracula, The Vampire Strikes Back,” is a fundraiser for City Theatre and styled after a traditional British form of entertainment called Panto.

Jessica Burchfield, music director, and Rodney Hamilton, choreographer, will be looking for:

- Four to six male and female singer/dancers, ages 16 to 25
- At least two each mature male and female singers
- Three young children, ages 7 and 11.

The chorus/ensemble will be asked to provide a basic black leotard, tights and/or dance wear for the production. For the audition, candidates should wear clothing and shoes suitable for dance movement.

Panto is known for its rowdy productions with elements of vaudeville and British music halls. The performances always feature stock characters, drag comedy, double-entendre, outrageous puns, corny jokes (groaners), musical numbers and noisy audience participation.

The production will run Oct. 24 through Nov. 2, with performances on Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 p.m.

For information, call 866-1973 or visit www.spacitytheatre.org.

John’s Pass Seafood Festival seeks food vendors

MADEIRA BEACH – The 33rd annual John’s Pass Seafood Festival will be Friday through Sunday, Oct. 24-26, at Historic John’s Pass Village located in Madeira Beach.

The festival will feature an art and craft show, entertainment and more local seafood vendors than ever before.

New this year, food vendors will be going for bragging rights with free entry to food competitions, including Best Grouper, Best Seafood Dish, People’s Choice, and the inaugural Battle in the Gulf Pass to the Plate” Ceviche contest. Local restaurants are welcomed and encouraged to enter the contests and/or reserve booth space.

Restaurant participants are being sought. The deadline to apply is Aug. 23. To be a part of the competition, call Sonny Flynn at 249-1868 or email sonnyflynn@aol.com.

For information or to become a vendor, call Suzanne King at 322-5217, email SuzFest@gmail.com or visit www.JohnsPassVillage.net.

WCP to host auditions for ‘Baggage’

CLEARWATER – West Coast Players will host auditions for “Baggage,” by Sam Bobrick, on Sunday and Monday, Sept. 21-22, 7 p.m., at the theater, 21904 U.S. 19 N.

Director Mary Kay Cyrus will be looking for two men and two women aged mid-30s to 50s for this quirky romantic comedy.

Auditions will be cold readings from the script. No performers are paid. The production is scheduled to run Nov. 7-23.

“Baggage” is about two difficult single people who get their luggage mixed up at the airport. After a very disagreeable first encounter, the two decide to help each other get over their heartaches by forcing a friendship. They soon discover that while they may be too difficult for everyone else in the world, they are perfect for each other.

A pdf copy of the script is available. For audition information, email

Cyrus at mkcyrus@gmail.com. For information about West Coast Players, visit www.wcplayers.org.

Day joins Hoffman School as new conductor

CLEARWATER – Darrell Day recently was named the new conductor for The Marcia P. Hoffman School of the Arts Clearwater Chorus.

Originally from Indiana, Day did his undergraduate work in composition and conducting at Eastern Kentucky University and his graduate studies in voice and conducting at Indiana University and Butler University.

“I want to provide a positive environment to both develop and inspire the students,” said Day in a press release. “My goal is to be the finest community chorus in the country.”

Day has published more than 300 works including musicals, film scores and several piano pieces which can be heard on his two CDs titled “Make Me Beautiful” and “Once Again.” He has performed at Opryland USA, Musicana Dinner Theatres, Follies on Broadway (a four-month tour of Western Europe) and the Greater Miami Opera. In addition, he has more than 30 years of experience in choral music with church choirs, community choirs, and interfaith ensembles and he is an accomplished pianist, a brass player and a hand bell specialist.

“We are so pleased to welcome Darrell to the teaching staff of The Marcia P. Hoffman School of the Arts,” said Sharon Reid-Kane, senior director of education. “He was an obvious choice as conductor of the Clearwater Chorus, not only because of his expertise, but also his enthusiasm for advancing the group to the next level. We look forward to an exciting season filled with music and fellowship.”

Artists, photographers sought

TARPON SPRINGS – The Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve have teamed up with the Tarpon Springs Art Association to host a plein air (on location) event, scheduled for Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 9-11, with a reception on Sunday, Oct. 12.

Painters and photographers are being sought for the event.

Participants may work on any or all of these three days. All work must be done at the Brooker Creek Preserve, 3940 Keystone Road.

The preserve is an 8,500-acre pristine wilderness area that harbors native plants and animals just as it did before Europeans arrived here. The trails wander through a variety of habitats.

Registration now is encouraged to assure participation. For information and access to a registration form, visit www.tarponspringspleinair.com and click on Paint & Photo 2014.

Stirling Studios holds art sale and exhibit

DUNEDIN – The Summer Sizzle art sale and exhibit shall be on display through Aug. 31.

This exhibit is free, open to the public and features two and three dimensional art, created by the resident artists of Stirling Studios.

Stirling Studios and Art Gallery is located on the second floor of 730 Broadway, in Downtown Dunedin. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. An artist’s reception and open house will be held on Friday, Aug. 8, 5:30 to 8 p.m., with drinks, wine and light snacks. Visitors are welcome.

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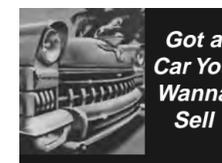
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Wearable ART 10

Visual artists exhibit unconventional fashion designs at annual DFAC crowd-pleaser

By LEE CLARK ZUMPE

DUNEDIN – For area hipsters and art aficionados, there is a certain thrill that comes when the calendar turns to August: Anticipation begins to grow for one of the area's top runway events.

Wearable ART 10 will celebrate a decade as Tampa Bay's premiere mash-up of fashion and art on Saturday, Aug. 23, at the Dunedin Fine Art Center, 1143 Michigan Blvd.

The pre-party will kick off at 7 p.m. The runway show, showcasing the innovative creations of local artists and edgy designers, will start at 8:30 p.m. Following the show, there also will be an after-party event, set, for 9:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 general admission, with reserved seating going for \$40 or \$75. Call 298-3322 or visit www.dfac.org.

It's hard to believe that nine years ago the Dunedin Fine Art Center's incredibly successful Wearable ART Fashion Show made its debut before its first sold-out crowd.

Now in its 10th year, this always-surprising event promises to continue to be the standard against which all other art/fashion shows are measured. Part of the reason the show continually remains fresh may be the influx of new talent in the producer's chair. DFAC's new development director, Natalie Root, steps up this year. Root has plans that span both Tampa Bay and the Caribbean Sea to bring some added dazzle to the 10th installation of this yearly crowd-pleaser. "Obviously, the 10th year is a milestone for any event," said Root in a press release. "We wanted to look back at what had been successful over the first nine years, while also pushing forward to lay the groundwork for success in the future."

Root started with DFAC in March. According to the center's newsletter, she relocated from New Orleans, Louisiana, and brings 10 years of experience in fundraising. She most recently served as an international nonprofit management consultant across a variety of sectors. She has advised and directed cam-



aigns, raising more than \$100 million.

In looking back at the history of Wearable ART, previous successful shows have featured some inventive and unique designs – from balloon dresses to raw meat bikinis – as well as "alarming breasts" and a lollipop kilt. The combination of eye candy and innovation has resulted in sell-out after sell-out.

"We're excited to be able to fly in Rogerio Martins from Brazil for this year's show," said Root. "Rogerio has been a crowd favorite for years and now that the World Cup is over, he's free to come and share some of that Latin sizzle with us again."

Martins used raw meat as a body adornment at one of the Wearable ART shows.

The show's runway presentations also will showcase work by Mark Byrne, Melissa Dolce, Neva "The Diva" Durham, Alice Ferrulo, the Garden Fairies, Julian Hartzog, Johnny Hunt and Lina Teixeira. All of this is crowned by the incredible hair and make-up artistry of Salon GW and La Posh.

"We'll also be showcasing a digital exhibition of photography entitled 'I am Indonesian' with images of the 'JFC XII World Fashion Carnival' in Indonesia by Veronica and John Stewart," Root said. "Then, of course, there are Orlando's Nova Rays hanging ten for the tenth year at the after-party. They are the southeast's preeminent surf rock group and will have the party jumping."

This year, DFAC adds locally prominent Models of Success, each of whom will be working with a designer to bring their work alive on the runway. This year's models include Mallory Lykes Dimmitt, Alexandra Haddad, Mason Gehring, Isis Kling, Meaghan Maxwell, Chelsea Bree McMillan, Kitty Riggs, Jacqueline R. Ambrose Root, Cathy A. Sullivan and Casey Wilcox.

"We expect another sell-out and just an incredible show," said Root. "As is always the case, the audience will bring their OWN fashion flair to the event."



Photos courtesy of DUNEDIN FINE ART CENTER
Wearable ART 10 features innovative fashion designs by Julian Hartzog, above, and Lina Teixeira, at left. The event will take place Aug. 23 at Dunedin Fine Art Center.

City of Gulfport to host 14th annual GeckoFest Saturday, Aug. 30

GULFPORT – Gulfport's 14th annual GeckoFest will bring entertainment to streets and stages during a daylong spectacle on Saturday, Aug. 30, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., on Beach Boulevard.

GeckoFest is free and family-friendly.

Amid the thousands of festivalgoers, hundreds of vendors and dozens of live musicians on two stages, attendees can expect to come face to face with acrobats, aerialists, break dancers, escape artists, magicians, jugglers, fire performers and more. GeckoFest brings an interactive circus atmosphere to the waterfront village.

Each year, Gulfport celebrates the end of summer with its largest festival of the year, dedicated to the town's unofficial mascot and favorite reptile. GeckoFest has grown to become one of Tampa Bay's most anticipated events of the year. Live music, a kid's activities area, and vendors throughout the village are all part of the fun. Strolling and stationary street performers are now also a hallmark of the

GeckoFest tradition.

This year's street performers bring more fun and thrills to the streets than ever before, allowing visitors get close to the action. Many of the performances include interaction and audience participation with festival-goers of all ages. The Acromaniacs return with balancing, flipping and comedy shenanigans. Dallas and Nick are reprising their amazing feats of juggling and escape from bondage. New to GeckoFest, Sara Schmo performs a variety of circus acts including fire eating, contortions and still dancing. Will Soto performs high wire stunts that are both thrilling and comical. A full slate of other circus and magic performers, costumed characters (including pirates and superheroes), balloon artists, living statues, dancers and more will be spread throughout the village, offering free entertainment for the whole family throughout the day.

An amazing fire show by the Bohemian Fire troupe will cap off GeckoFest again this year, in-

cluding fire dancing, fire juggling and fire on the high-wire lighting up the night, set to music from the 1920s through today.

Live music on two stages will entertain the GeckoFest throngs again this year. Headliners will include popular local favorites the Ries Brothers on the South Stage and Double M Band on the North Stage. Both headliners are well-known Florida favorites playing high-energy danceable pop music covers and originals. The famous GeckoFest street dance will close out a day of live music with a party in the streets. Other bands and musicians during the day and evening include Phillip Cole, the Fabulous Del-tonas, Francesca, Joel and Dakota, the Paul Anthony Band, Jay Pritchard, the Rose Island Band, Sol Sessions, 3 Pint Harmony and the Trop Rock Junkies.

A free kid's zone will be dedicated to GeckoFest games and creative activities for children in Gulfport's Art Village Courtyard from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. Join the O-Fish-Al Gecko Goddess and other weird and fanciful creatures in a special Gecko Garden created just for the day's events. Games will include the Great Gecko-Toes Freeze, the Musical Gecko Sprinkler, a Goofy Gecko Hole Toss, the Great Big Gecko Rock Eater, and Pool Noodle Geckos. Other free kid's activities include Make Your Own Decko Gecko Hats, storytelling, face painting and a group drum circle. All craft materials are supplied. The kid's area is sponsored by FAB Fiber, First Florida Frontiers and the Industrial Arts Center of

Gulfport.

More than 200 vendors will line the streets of Gulfport's waterfront village during the festival. This year, non-food and non-sponsor vendors have been limited to only independent artists, craftspersons and businesses offering hand-made or locally produced items. Purchases from these vendors will support only independent small and locally-owned businesses. Gulfport's own eclectic, independent shops and galleries also offer great one-of-kind treasures. A variety of street food vendors will also complement choices from over a dozen of Gulfport's own great, independent restaurants. Two beer and wine vending areas will also be on hand for festivalgoers.

Colorful costumes are encouraged for all. Visitors may wish to don a gecko costume, or come as any other character they may imagine. The theme for this year's Gecko events is Roaring Geckos, evoking the 1920s, so costumes may incorporate the theme as well. There will be the traditional afternoon GeckoFest Walking Parade, led by Gulfport's Mayor, and including the O-Fish-Al Gecko Goddess and the Gecko Queen and her Court. A costume contest following the parade will offer an opportunity to win prizes for some of the day's best ensembles for adults and for kids.

Parking free. Free shuttles will take visitors to and from their vehicle in off-site parking.

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