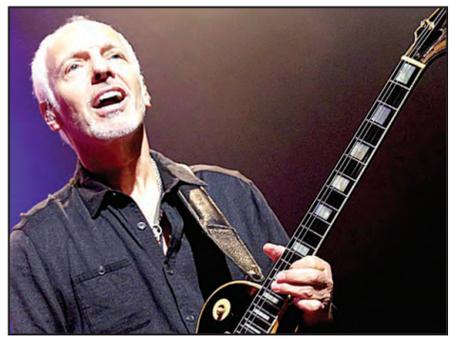


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### LARGO A Little Lending Library built in city

The newest addition to McGough Nature Park is the Little Lending Library, a small container for community members to take or leave a book.



The little library

Also, check out special and weekly events scheduled for October at your Largo Public Library.

### COUNTY



### Utilities crews stop wastewater flow

Pinellas County Utilities crews have stopped the flow of wastewater that was leaking from a sewer main on 62nd Avenue North in St. Petersburg.

### FAITH & FAMILY

### Genealogist shares websites

Start researching your own genealogy with the help of amateur genealogist Peter Summers and the classes at Largo Public Library, offered by the Pinellas Genealogy Society.

### SPORTS



### Largo makes a comeback

With 30 seconds left in the game, quarterback Donavan Hale passed 10 yards to Jonathon Crawford for a touchdown and a 32-27 Largo victory.

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### Bob Driver

Columnist weighs in on press conferences.



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## Largo candidates face off for Seat 2

### Samantha Fenger, Daniel Ruffner enter their first races for city commission

There are three contested races in Largo. This story compares the candidates for one of them. Look for the two more stories comparing the four other candidates.

By JULIANA A. TORRES

LARGO - The candidates for Largo's Seat 2 both said their campaigns began at a eureka moment - a sudden realization that they were qualified and capable of becoming a Largo commissioner, backed by a desire to make a difference in their community.

For Daniel Ruffner, a longtime Largo resident with a 30-year career in banking and finance, the moment came at a Central Pinellas Chamber of Commerce debate last year. Ruffner, 47, acted as the timer for the debate and as he listened to the candidates, realized that their qualifications did not far exceed his own.

"That's when I first started to realize that I potentially have something to offer as much as (those) candidates," he said.

The Largo High School graduate has three finance degrees and has been a vice president and branch manager of the BB&T on Walsingham Road for 12 years. He said his decades of living and working in the community allows him to be "fully invested in the city of Largo."

"I'm not a newcomer. I've seen the city - the good, bad and the different - and I want to keep it the great city that it is," he said.

He said the impetus to run came from the values instilled into him by his father, a World War II veteran.

"He said, 'If you can make your community a better place, you have an obligation to do so.' And that's what

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Samantha Fenger



Daniel Ruffner

## Largo police chaplain named Citizen of the Year

By JULIANA A. TORRES

CLEARWATER - The last award at the Central Pinellas Chamber of Commerce's 62nd annual meeting and awards breakfast Sept. 25 was an unexpected surprise to its recipient.

"I know this honor will come as a surprise to him, especially since we tricked him by getting him to come here to give the invocation," said chamber Chairman Jim Rivenbark. "He is one of the most recognized and experienced volunteers in the history of the Largo Police Department. All totaled, he has contributed more than 16,000 volunteer hours to the citizens of Largo."

The honoree was the Rev. J. Arnold Johnson, Largo police chaplain.

"I'm speechless," he said when he had reached the podium. "This can't be real, but it is."

Johnson boarded a bus to Hollywood after graduating high school in New York in 1948. However, at age 17, he attended a Billy Graham rally in Modesto, California, decided to give his life to God and returned to New York to pursue a degree in theology at Nyack College, where he met his wife of 63 years, Mary.

"We have loved Largo (and) decided after almost 40 years pastoring five churches that we would stay in a place we loved: Largo," Johnson said.

He began volunteering for the Largo Police Department in 1987 and has never stopped.

"According to his good friend, former Chief John Carroll, the Reverend has seen the best and the worst of humanity, yet he always maintains a calm, friendly and soothing demeanor," said

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Photos by JULIANA A. TORRES

Above, the Rev. J. Arnold Johnson thanks the Central Pinellas Chamber of Commerce for naming him the Citizen of the Year Sept. 25. Below, George Glover, left, CEO of BayStar Hotel Group, and Rick Donohue, general manager of the Hampton Inn & Suites in Largo and chamber chair-elect, accept the award for Business Member of the Year from chamber president Tom Morrisette, right.



## County Commission passes millage rates and budgets

By SUZETTE PORTER

CLEARWATER - Pinellas County Commissioners made no changes to tentative millage rates and budgets before unanimously adopting them all, one-by-one, during a Sept. 23 public hearing.

No millage rate increases were included in budgets for fiscal year 2014-2015, as reflected in the Truth in Millage notices sent out from the Property Appraiser Aug. 22. The general fund countywide millage rate remains at 5.2755 mills.

The general fund pays most of the county's operating expenses. The FY 2015 general fund budget is just over \$590.4 million, up \$14.4 million (or 2.5 percent) from FY 2014.

A pay raise of 3 percent for all eligible county employees will come from general fund allocations. General fund revenue also will pay for increased funding for the Sheriff's Office, Veterans Services Department, dental care programs and

other needs.

Residents living in unincorporated Pinellas will continue to pay a Municipal Services Taxing Unit millage rate of 2.0957 mills. Millage rates also remain unchanged for the health department, Pinellas Planning Council, Emergency Medical Services and the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative.

The budget includes a new taxing district to pay for recreation services in the East Lake community. The millage rate was set at 0.25 mills. The only other change is a reduction in the millage rate for the Dunedin Fire District due to completion of the new fire station.

The FY 2015 countywide budget is just over \$1.92 billion - up \$148.9 million, or 8.4 percent, compared to 2014. Increased property values account for the biggest influx of new dollars in the county's coffers. Some residents may have higher

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## Commissioners refrain from censuring Holmes

By JULIANA A. TORRES

LARGO - After hearing a volley of public opinion on the matter, it was Largo Commissioner Curtis Holmes' own response that prompted his fellow elected officials to back away from censuring him for inappropriate use of a city-issued iPad.



Curtis Holmes

Holmes spoke against the advice of his attorney, who argued in his client's defense for 10 minutes during the public hearing Sept. 30. But Holmes said he couldn't help himself but to give an explanation.

"Call it an error in judgment. Call it ignorance - it's closer to it. Had I known the copies were coming here ... I would have never messed with the stupid thingm," Holmes said to the city officials, several media representatives and residents gathered at Largo City Hall. "It's done. It's over. It was my mistake. What can I tell you beyond that?"

At issue were a number of Facebook posts and YouTube links Holmes sent to his personal email from the iPad using - apparently unbeknownst to him - an intermediary city-issued email address. The content was mostly politically charged rhetoric. One cartoon in particular was blatantly offensive to Muslims. Another email contained a link to a YouTube video of a woman in her underwear and a tank top, pandering to a webcam.

None of the content was illegal or pornographic, and none of it was enough to prompt the forfeiture of a public official, per the city charter. However, if the offensive and inappropriate content were found on a city employee's computer, he or she would have been fired, per city policy.

Dawn Smolowitz, vice president of the Communication Workers of America Local 3179, a union that represents some of the city's employees, pointed out as much.

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## Elections office sends mail ballots

By SUZETTE PORTER

While campaign action continues ahead of the upcoming Nov. 4 elections, the voting has begun.

Supervisor of Elections Deborah Clark mailed 2,696 ballots to overseas voters Sept. 19; another 252,000 went out Tuesday, Sept. 30, to domestic voters who have requested a ballot.

All eligible voters can request a ballot by mail by visiting www.voteinpinellas.com, calling 464-VOTE (464-8683), or send an email to absentee@voteinpinellas.com, and include date of birth. The deadline to request a ballot to be mailed is 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29.

The deadline to register to vote in the Nov. 4 election is Monday, Oct. 6. Visit www.voteinpinellas.com or call 464-VOTE for more information. Early voting is scheduled from Oct. 20 to Nov. 2.

### On the ballot

There's a lot to decide by Nov. 4. Floridians will elect a governor and lieutenant governor, attorney general, chief financial officer and commissioner of agriculture.

Pinellas County will pick a representative to serve in congress, as well as state senators and representatives. Voters will pick two new representatives to serve on the Board of County Commissioners.

In nonpartisan races, voters will decide who will serve as a judge for the District Court of Appeals and fill two seats on the school board. Board members will be elected to serve four different fire districts.

Municipal elections also are taking place in Dunedin, Largo and Seminole.

Then, there are the ballot questions.

The one attracting the most local attention is the referendum

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## Largo library events

Largo Public Library, at 120 Central Park Drive, has several special and weekly events scheduled for October. For more information, call 587-6715.

### Adult Programs

- **Adult sign language.** Wednesdays, Oct. 15, 29. The basics class is at 6 p.m. with an intermediate class at 7 p.m.
- **Movies on Mondays.** 1 p.m. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Call 587-6715 for movie titles.
- **Crafter Dark.** Tuesday, Oct. 7, 6 p.m. Mix up a batch of Mexican cocoa, a yummy treat to conclude Hispanic Heritage Month.
- **Booktalking with Iris.** Wednesday, Oct. 8, noon. Listen to a talk on popular titles each month.
- **Socrates Café.** Thursday, Oct. 9, 1 p.m. Volunteers lead a discussion of ideas and opinions on a variety of topics in a fun, inclusive environment.
- **Poets Live.** Monday, Oct. 13, 6:30 p.m. Volunteers lead a group for poetry enthusiasts.
- **Author book signing: E.W. Skinner.** Saturday, Oct. 18, 1 to 4 p.m. Visit with a local author and purchase a signed copy of her new book, "St. Blair: Children of the Night."
- **English tutor training.** Saturday, Oct. 18, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with orientation Tuesday, Oct. 21, 6 to 8 p.m. Become a volunteer English Language Learning tutor.
- **English Language Learning Conversation Club.** Mondays, 10 a.m. Practice speaking and listening in English.

### Teen programs

- **Wii Warriors.** Thursday, Oct. 2, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Participate in a Wii tournament or just to play for fun.
- **Teen Library Council.** Monday, Oct. 13, 5 to 7 p.m. Earn volunteer hours while having fun creating and planning upcoming events. Apply online or in-person.
- **Teen Read Week Book Giveaway.** Monday, Oct. 13 through Friday, Oct. 17. Complete daily activity sheets for a chance to win some of your favorite books. The prize drawing will be on Monday, Oct. 20.
- **The Teen Scene.** Monday, Oct. 20, 5 to 7 p.m. This night all about books will include book trivia, bookmarking yourself, book speed dating, and more.
- **Halloween Open House.** Thursday, Oct. 30, 2 to 5:30 p.m. Join us for games, treats, do-your-own monster makeup, and crafts.

### Children's programs

- **Character Bingo.** Thursday, Oct. 2, 4 p.m. Learn about historical figures, famous people, or book characters in this program that combines interesting stories and trivia with a bingo game.
- **Crafty Creations.** Saturday, Oct. 11, 10 a.m. Ages 5 to 12 listen to a themed story and use a variety of materials to create and decorate.
- **#TweenZone.** Thursday, Oct. 16, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Ages 8 to 12 are invited for plethora of activities, including Wii games and crafts.
- **Puppets Aplenty.** Friday, Oct. 17, 4:30 p.m. Fall in love with stories through puppet shows.
- **L.P.L.L.** Monday, Oct. 20, 1 p.m. Spies ages 6 to 12 will learn to investigate, try out a new persona, test their skills on a spy course and learn about real-life spies. Register in the Children's Department.
- **Meet a Pup Pal.** Monday, Oct. 20, 6 p.m. Meet a therapy-trained dog who helps children improve their reading skills.
- **Not-So-Scary Halloween.** Friday, Oct. 24, 4 p.m. Ages 12 and younger are invited to dress up for stories, crafts and more.
- **Miss Angela's Character Parade.** Wednesday, Oct. 29, 10 a.m. Register children ages 1 to 5 for a fun-filled morning of stories, songs, and surprises. Dress as your favorite character.
- **Sunset Stories.** Mondays, excluding Oct. 20, 6 p.m. This story experience is for the whole family.
- **Cook-a-Book.** Wednesdays, 6 p.m. The family is invited for stories, followed by a themed snack.
- **Wobbly Walkers.** Wednesdays, excluding Oct. 29, 9:15 a.m. Walkers ages 12 to 18 months, with an adult helper, will enjoy stories, finger-plays, music and movement activities.
- **Toddler Tales.** Wednesdays, excluding Oct. 29, 10:30 a.m. Ages 18 to 36 months participate in themed stories, music and extended story activities that encourage early literacy.
- **Brilliant Babies.** Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. Join us for an introduction to stories, songs, baby signs and fingerplays. We recommend one baby per lap.
- **Pre-K Hooray.** Thursdays, 1 p.m. Ages 3 to 5 prepare to attend school with themed stories, songs and more.
- **Library Legos.** Saturdays, excluding Oct. 25, 2 to 4 p.m. Ages 5 to 12 are challenged to create a new LEGO masterpiece every week. All materials are provided.
- **Baby Sign Language.** Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. Include signs naturally while interacting with your child. Registration is required. Email [rodriguez@ppc.us](mailto:rodriguez@ppc.us) to register.

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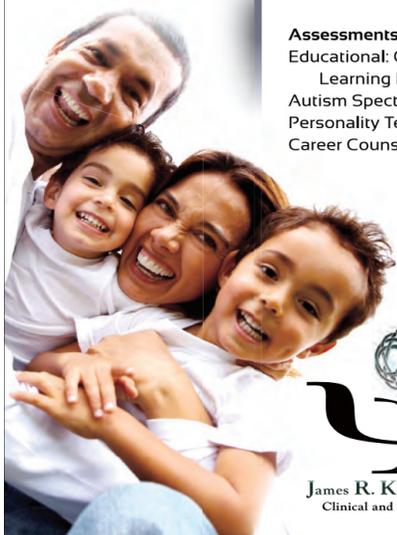
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# Little Lending Libraries arrive in Largo

LARGO – The newest addition to McGough Nature Park, at 11901 146th St. N., is the Little Lending Library, a small container for community members to take or leave a book.

The Friends of Largo Library provided funds to Eagle Scout Jacob Riek, of Troop 407, to construct the Little Lending Library.

Two more lending libraries are being built for Highland Recreation Complex, 400 Highland Ave. and the Largo Community Center, 400 Alt. Keene Road. These will be completed within the next few months.

Visit McGough Nature Park to take or leave a book today. For more information on the Little Lending Libraries, call Largo Parks Department at 586-7415.



Residents can take or leave a book at the new Little Lending Library at McGough Nature Park.



Photos courtesy of the CITY OF LARGO

# Meet Dakota, the newly named hawk

LARGO – The George C. McGough Nature Park has chosen a name for their new male red-tailed hawk: Dakota.

Many members of the community submitted name ideas to The Friends of the Largo Nature Parks. The group chose their favorite and most fitting for the hawk at the Welcome Home Hawks event Sept. 20.

The young male was found by a member of the Clearwater Audubon Society and was assessed and cared for by Busch Gardens. During the time the male hawk was healing, he bonded with female hawk, Gwen, and the decision was made to give them both to McGough Nature Park rather than splitting them up.

After their arrival at McGough, Dakota had to have his eye removed at Busch Gardens as a result of his injuries to preserve his health. Due to Dakota's injury, he is no longer suited to live in the wild and has found a permanent home at McGough Nature Center.

Visit Dakota and the other birds of prey seven days a week, from dawn to dusk, in their outdoor enclosures.

For more information, visit LargoNature.com, call 518-3047 or visit the McGough Nature Center, 11901 146th St. N. in Largo.

The center is open 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily.



Meet Dakota, McGough Nature Park's new male hawk.

## Briefs

### Recycling contest to begin again

LARGO – The city of Largo's Recycled Innovations Contest returns, a challenge for those who know how to get creative with trash.

Participants of all ages, from the Tampa Bay area and beyond, are invited to this online contest and construct useful items consisting of at least 75 percent discarded material. Innovators are encouraged.

Participants will be vying for innovative prizes such as solar-powered chargers for cellphones, MP3 players and small electronics, a solar-powered backpack, a paper-recycling machine and learning toys. One winner from each age category will be selected. Largo Recycles Facebook followers will select one Facebook Choice Award, with prizes awarded to participants receiving the most online votes in each age categories.

In honor of America Recycles Day, winners will be invited to receive their prizes on television.

The deadline for entry, which must include a photo submission and an entry description, is Friday, Oct. 24. Facebook voting will run from Nov. 1-12 at Facebook.com/LargoRecycles.

Interested innovators can apply online at LargoRecycles.com. For more information, call 586-7424.

### Floodplain Management Plan up for review

LARGO – The city of Largo is a participating community in the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System, a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum requirements.

The 2014 Annual Floodplain Management Plan Update Report is now available for review at Largo City Hall and also is available on the city website at www.largo.com.

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## Around town

### Friends host book sale

LARGO – The Friends of the Largo Library will host their Fall Book Sale Friday, Oct. 3, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 4, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., in the Jenkins room of the library, 120 Central Park Drive.

All books are 50 cents each. Buy two and get one free. A preview sale for members will be Thursday, Oct. 2, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Members need to show their membership card or be listed in the membership list. Nonmembers may join for an annual fee of \$10.

Proceeds of the sale benefit the library. For more information, call the library bookstore at 586-9372 or visit largopubliclibrary.org.

### Friends sponsor short story competition

LARGO – The theme for the 31st annual Stanley Shalit Short Story Competition, for students in fourth and fifth grades, is "What's cooking?"

The Friends of the Largo Library sponsor the contest. The submission deadline is Saturday, Oct. 18.

For more information, call Iris Shalit at 595-8307.

### Historical Society meets monthly

LARGO – The Largo Historical Society invites the public to its meetings on second Mondays through May, 6:30 p.m., at the historic Largo Feed Store, 295 Central Park Drive.

Each meeting will feature a guest speaker at 7 p.m., following the potluck supper, and a 50/50 drawing.

On first Saturdays, the historic Feed Store is open to the public, and Largo Historical Society members are available to answer questions.

For more information, call society president Don Forehand at 709-7382 or first vice president Charlie Harper at 584-4906.

### Museum hosts fundraiser

LARGO – The second annual Wheels for Warriors Bike Fest rolls in Saturday, Oct. 4, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Armed Forces History Museum, at 2050 34th Way N.

Bikers will receive discount admission at just \$15, free T-shirts for the first 100 bikers, free lunch, one free beer, AFHM lapel pins, museum tours and raffles. The Bomber Girls will be on hand for photo op-

### Chamber to host candidates' forum

LARGO – The Central Pinellas Chamber of Commerce will host a Largo Commission candidates' luncheon Forum on Tuesday, Oct. 7, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at The Palms of Largo Royal Palms Theater, 200 Lake Ave. NE.

There are three contested Largo Commission races for the Nov. 4 election: Seat 1 with incumbent Michael Smith facing Bronson Oudshoff, Seat 2 with two newcomers Samantha Fenger and Daniel Ruffner and Seat 5 with incumbent Harriet Crozier facing Donna Holck.

Cost to attend is \$20, which includes lunch. Registration is required. Call 584-2321 or email events@CentralChamber.biz.

portunities and World War II re-enactors from the First Infantry Division will conduct drill demonstrations at 1 p.m.

The events is a fundraiser for the museum's community outreach, veteran and youth education programs. Tickets can be purchased at www.armedforcesmuseum.com, by calling 539-8371 or in person at the museum.

### SEAT 2, from page 1A

I want to do," Ruffner said.

Samantha Fenger, 35, a former land use planner and neighborhood organizer, said she initially thought she might be too young to run for local office, but had the ambition in her five-year plan. In a conversation Fenger requested with Neil Brickfield, the former Pinellas County commissioner encouraged her to apply to the 2013 Tampa Bay Public Leadership Institute, a process that helped Fenger define her own platform and clarify how she had contributed to the city already.

"For me, that was the springboard that I needed. I had the 'This is what I want to do.' I was missing the 'How do you get there?'" she said.

She has a passion for local politics, she said. Just walking up to Largo City Hall to volunteer on its community development advisory board – and most recently the planning board – Fenger said she felt her head would "explode" with excitement.

"You have the ability here to make a difference and be a part of the community," she said. "That's been my calling."

### The platforms

Ruffner said he wants to make sure the city of Largo spends tax revenue "wisely and frugally."

"Yes, we want to grow our city, and that's important, but we also want to make sure that we're not just spending for spending's sake – that we have a good plan lined up," he said.

He would like to see the police and fire budgets increase back to pre-recession levels, a priority that comes before lowering next year's tax rate more than the slight decrease that commissioners approved for the current year.

"There's probably still some room for a little bit more, but before I would cut any more millage rates, I want to restore those salary benefits to the fire and police," Ruffner said.

Fenger says she has a clear vision for the city that involves ensuring sustainable growth, providing effective city services and attracting downtown development. She said she also wanted to ensure police and fire were adequately staffed, especially with the future annexations.

In the 10 months since she's been watching the Largo Commission closely, she disagreed most strongly with the decision to award a bid to Ajax Paving Industries of Florida. Fenger helped organize her neighbors to protest the noise and air quality disturbances caused by the asphalt plant in unincorporated Largo. The city shouldn't have granted the unrelated bid on principle, she said.

From her perspective on the planning board, Fenger said she also didn't agree with the commis-

sion's decision to allow the Dick Norris car dealership on U.S. 19 a larger sign, based on the hardship of the overpass construction. The planning board denied the request twice because the company was looking to adhere to national sign standards, not because a real hardship existed, she said.

She said she wasn't sure how she felt about the commission extending the deadline for compliance with the sign ordinance, which requires businesses to convert pole signs into monument signs.

"I'm concerned that a lot of those businesses are going to wait that period of time anyway, and going to be just as upset by the time we're at 2017," she said.

Ruffner said he wants to see businesses get better representation in the city. He's against the new sign ordinance all together. The cost of a new sign is too high for small businesses, and the commission's decision to extend the deadline proves his point.

"That tells me that this was probably a mistake and we should revoke it all together," he said. "We should be as business-friendly as possible."

Ruffner said he felt his hands were tied as a member of the code enforcement board during a recent case, when a pizza business was forced to update their sign ahead of the deadline because of a change the owner had made to it.

"I wish we had another option," he said.

The candidates disagree most sharply on support of the Greenlight Pinellas proposal. Ruffner said he

was against spending more tax dollars on a system that isn't widely used now.

"We will have the highest sales tax in the entire state of Florida. And that's a big concern," he said. "As long as people are anchored to their vehicles and not going to use the system, it doesn't make sense to allocate those large funds towards this new system."

Fenger said she was in support of better multimodal transportation options as a way to create higher income jobs, increased real estate values and more job opportunities for those who can't afford personal vehicles but want to better their lives.

"I think it's part of our responsibility to help create those opportunities for everybody," she said. "Economically speaking, it's shown across the country that areas that have that type of transportation have better opportunities to increase their economic development."

She said she supported the city working to make its roads more pedestrian-friendly.

For more about Fenger, visit www.samanthafenger.com. Search for Ruffner on LinkedIn.com.

The deadline to register for the Nov. 4 election is Monday, Oct. 6. Registered voters can request a ballot by mail. Early voting is scheduled from Oct. 20 to Nov. 2. Visit www.vote-pinellas.com or call 464-VOTE for more information.

### CITIZEN, from page 1A

Rivenbark. "He reports for duty, in uniform, to ride along with police officers at least one shift each week. And, he's always available at a moment's notice to respond to assist police with traumatic calls and provide a comforting presence."

Johnson said it was a privilege to serve the Lord and an honor to serve the community.

"Preachers don't know what they're missing when they don't offer themselves to serve the people of the community they live in," he said. "I can't believe God called me to handle His precious word and to serve Him."

Johnson was not the only community member honored during the breakfast, held at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort in Clearwater Beach. The chamber began its slate of awards by honoring its retired directors: Laurie Bunce, Marilyn Brown, Debbie Jackson and Debra Jones.

The Ambassador of the Year – honored for his participation, enthusiasm and recruitment efforts – went to Neil Allen of A-to-Z Printing & Graphics. Melody Hunter of Charles Rutenberg Realty was named the committee chairwoman of the year for her oversight of the chamber's leads team program.

Chamber president Tom Morrisette presented the 2014 president's award to Scott Lake of R.S. Williams & Associates. Lake went "above and beyond" to provide the chamber with "many great ideas, leadership skills and much humor," Morrisette said.

The Bay Star Hotel Group was honored as the business member of the year, one of only three businesses in the chamber's history to be given the honor twice.

"Bay Star's generosity goes beyond the chamber. It has also served the residents of Largo and our region," Morrisette said.

The chamber handed out two silver hammer awards, given to recognize brick and mortar projects that have a positive impact on the community. First, Tech Data was recognized for its expanded headquarters, a \$6 million project in Largo.

"It wasn't a certainty that Tech Data would decide to stay when the topic of expansion came up," Rivenbark said. "But its CEO, Robert Dutkowsky, decided to double down on Tampa Bay, calling it a beautiful place to raise a family."

Also honored was the Pinellas County Sheriff's Administration Building and Public Safety Complex, built on Ulmerton Road in Largo.

Finally, the 20th Mac Norcross Small Business Leader of the Year went to Abe Moussa of Total Tile Solutions and Abe's Place Tap and Grill.

"As a businessman, Abe is a success. As a person, there is none better according to family, friends and employees," Rivenbark said. "Although known to run a tight ship, he gains the commitment of those who work for him through loyalty and dedication in making their work an opportunity to learn and grow."

Rivenbark also reviewed the chamber's progress of the past year,



Above left, Abe Moussa, left, of Total Tile Solutions and Abe's Place Tap and Grill accepts the chamber's Small Business Leader of the Year award from Chairman Jim Rivenbark. Above center, Barry Dowdy, Tech Data's facilities operations manager accepts a silver hammer on behalf of his company's expanded headquarters. Above right, Maj. Sean Jowell of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office accepts a silver hammer for the Pinellas County Sheriff's Administration Building. Below, chamber president Tom Morrisette stands with award recipients Scott Lake of R.S. Williams & Associates, shown left, Neil Allen of A-to-Z Printing & Graphics, center, and Melody Hunter of Charles Rutenberg Realty, right.



explaining the chamber's new membership development committee, its campaign "Each One, Reach One," and announcing that the chamber had another debt-free year.



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### CENSURE, from page 1A

"Commissioner Holmes is wrong. He has no right to privacy, not when it refers to the use of city equipment," she said. "The city's computer usage and Internet usage policy is clear: you don't use them for personal use or gain."

City employees who violated that policy "to a lesser degree" were terminated, she said, calling for Holmes to resign.

Commissioners also said they wanted to be fair to the city employees. "If it were an employee of the city, I'd be mad. And justifiably so," said Commissioner Woody Brown. "We build rules that the city employees have to adhere to."

He stopped short of giving the rest of the commission the responsibility of publicly reprimanding Holmes, calling instead on the voters to judge how he represents the people of Largo and "weigh that against

this mistake" when he's up for reelection.

Several residents spoke favorably of Holmes' record as commissioner, citing his propensity for questioning and asking for more details of city staff proposals.

"Holmes is not a go-along-to-get-along kind of guy. He asks hard questions and expects real answers," said Roberta Hosken, a resident of Kent Place in Largo.

Many asked the commission to realign their priorities and said they felt that the censure, which commissioners considered during a special meeting, distracted from real city business. Others called for Holmes to be held accountable.

"No one should be above the rules and laws because of their title. That includes all elected officials," said Barbara Webb of Largo.

Commissioners Harriet Crozier said the censure, essentially a public reprimand, amounted to a slap on the wrist. But she said it was neces-

sary "for the sake of the employees."

"They weren't given a second chance. We have to conduct ourselves better and follow all of the rules," she said.

Mayor Pat Gerard agreed with the repeated assertion that there was no right to privacy on a work computer.

"Personally, I don't think the censure would make a bit of difference one way or another," she said. "Our actions will have no bearing on anything."

Commissioner Michael Smith moved to not approve the censure against Holmes. Brown, who had voiced a hope that Holmes had learned from the experience, seconded the motion. It passed 6-1, with Crozier the only vote in favor of the reprimand.

"This was never anything personal. I'm glad that this is over with, and we can get on with the business of the city," Commissioner Jamie Robinson said.

### BUDGETS, from page 1A

tax bills, despite the lack of millage rate increases.

### More money for veterans services

The Rev. Bob Swick, chairman and CEO for the Tampa Bay Veterans Alliance, thanked commissioners for the increased funding for veterans services.

Swick joined other local veterans, service providers as well as state officials in chastising the commission for a restructuring of county's services. Veterans complained for months about the changes and the resulting backlog.

Plans by two former employees to consolidate Veterans Services with Health and Community Services resulted in a reduction in staff and fewer certified veterans services officers. The county reversed the failed consolidation and Veterans Services Division became a separate program again in June.

In FY 2015, the division will have 6.5 full time employees and will receive \$663,720 in funding – the "highest historical staffing and budget level for Veterans Services," according to the budget message from County Administrator Mark Woodard.

"Thank you for the vote of confidence to rectify an error that took place," Swick said.

Swick said 25 percent or more of the county's population are veterans – a number that is expected to grow in the coming years as Florida takes steps to be more "veteran friendly."

Swick pointed out that the 25 percent did not include veterans' spouses and family members.

He said the increase in staffing takes the county back to where it was two to three years ago, which would allow the division to "reach out and touch" veterans who are unable to come in to the office.

At the first public hearing Sept. 11, members of Faith in Action in Strength Together, turned out to ask the commission to increase funding for adult dental health to \$4.3 million. The commission added \$500,000 to the budget for that purpose, but FAST said it wasn't enough.

Donna Davis was the only representative of FAST that spoke Sept. 23. "We're very disappointed it is only going to be \$500,000," she said. She repeated the message that \$4.3 million was needed to provide services to the working poor.

"You've advocated for the children, but we have to take care of the parents," she said. "We have wonderful facilities but they are lacking funding."

She promised FAST would return with its request next year.

The \$500,000 in recurring money is intended to provide dental care to uninsured county residents beyond the current care that gives only limited pain relief. Currently, clients with diabetes and heart conditions are eligible for the limited care.

The county is working with its stakeholders to come up with a better way to offer basic dental care to low income residents. More than 6,000 visited emergency rooms in 2012, which cost \$7.6 million.

The FY 2015 budget also includes one-time dollars of \$70,000 to support a dental sealant program sponsored by the Juvenile Welfare Board. The money will assist JWB's goal to provide four to six dental sealants for 1,000 students at 12 elementary schools.

Commission Chair Karen Seel thanked fellow commissioners and staff for the work done on next year's balanced budgets.

"I thank you for the unanimous vote," she said. "I thank staff for all their hard work."

She pointed out that Pinellas was the most "fiscally prudent" county in the state.

"Our only debt is the sewer system, the rest is pay-as-we-go," she said. "We're clearly mindful we're spending the taxpayers' money."

### BALLOTS, from page 1A

question on Greenlight Pinellas, a plan to fund the county's transit needs, improve bus service and build a rail system using a 1 percent sales tax instead of ad valorem taxes, which funds Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority now.

Floridians all will decide on three constitutional amendments. The first is a request to dedicate funds to acquire conservation and recreation land. If passed, 33 percent of net revenues from existing excise tax for the next 20 years would be dedicated toward acquiring, restoring, improving and managing of conservation lands.

The second is to allow the use of marijuana for certain medical conditions. A licensed state physician would determine the use and caregivers would be allowed to assist patients with the medical use of marijuana. The Department of Health would be in charge of regulating the production and distribution.

The third question involves requirements under which the governor can prospectively fill vacancies in a judicial office. Examples are reaching retirement age or not qualifying for election.

Charter amendments also will be found on the ballots of voters in Kenneth City, Largo, Seminole and St. Petersburg.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4.

### District 13 candidate withdraws

Ed Jany, candidate for the office of Representative in Congress, District 13, has withdrawn. Votes cast for Jany will not count. Three other names are on the ballot, incumbent Republican David Jolly, Libertarian candidate Lucas Overby and write-in candidate Michael Stephen Levinson.

Look for more election stories in the coming weeks in the newspapers and online at www.TBNweekly.com.

## Police beat

### Sheriff's Office warns of phone scam

Pinellas County Sheriff's detectives assigned to the Economic Crimes Unit are warning residents of a telephone scam that informs seniors a loved one is in trouble and asks them to wire money to different locations to help the loved one.

According to investigators, a group of individuals are targeting elderly residents in Pinellas County. The telephone scam has been in existence for a while and has been called several different names.

During the phone scam, the caller identifies themselves as a relative or someone trying to help a relative. The caller is careful not to initially mention a specific person's name, instead engages the victim as if they are the victim's grandchild or similar type relative. The confused victim will mention their relative's name while trying to understand.

At times the callers will describe the relative as being in an accident, getting arrested, needing to pay fines or a lawyer or having some sort of gambling debt which needs to be paid immediately.

The caller will ask for the money to be sent to distant locations, sometimes out of the country. The suspects will then send a runner with fake identification to pick up the funds, work with a collusive merchant or use other methods to avoid being caught.

Detectives encourage residents, if a call such as this is received, to verify the identity of the person calling before completing any transaction. Speak to another relative, law enforcement or trusted source for help.

If you have been a victim of this crime or have any information on these phone scams, call Detective Bingham of the Economic Crimes Unit at 582-6200.

### Teen arrested for sexual battery

ST. PETERSBURG – A 15-year-old St. Petersburg teen was arrested Sept. 25 after admitting that he had sexually battered a 4-year-old girl.

Pinellas County Sheriff's detectives said the incidents occurred on two separate occasions at a private residence in the county.

Detectives began their investigation on Thursday, Sept. 25, after the victim disclosed to deputies that the suspect had sexually battered her. Deputies talked to the victim during an unrelated call and contacted detectives once the victim disclosed that the suspect had sexually battered her while she was in his care.

Detectives assigned to the Crimes Against Children Unit, identified the suspect as Matthew Wilson. Detectives met with Wilson Sept. 25, and he admitted to the allegations, according to the sheriff's report.

Wilson was charged with one count of capital sexual battery and was transported to the Pinellas Juvenile Assessment Center.

### Man dies after shooting, car crash

CLEARWATER – Pinellas County Sheriff's deputies assigned to the Major Accident Investigation Team are investigating a vehicle crash and the driver's self-inflicted gunshot wound.

According to the sheriff's report posted Wednesday, Sept. 24, the crash occurred at State Road 60 west of County Road 611.

The report said a deputy patrolling the area of Baby Dolls, 133833 U.S. 19 N., heard a single gunshot and observed a vehicle leaving the parking lot. The deputy followed the vehicle onto U.S. 19 where deputies attempted a traffic stop at Haines Bayshore Road and U.S. 19. The vehi-

cle, a 2011 Red Chevy Cruz, did not stop and fled from the deputies.

The Sheriff's helicopter responded and continued to follow the vehicle. The vehicle headed eastbound over the Courtney Campbell Bridge then made a U-turn and returned westbound. Deputies were able to deploy stop sticks at Damascus Road and State Road 60, which the suspect drove over. The red 2011 Chevy Cruze continued westbound on State Road 60 after striking the stop sticks.

After passing County Road 611 the vehicle crossed over into the eastbound lanes and then struck a large billboard sign post and a tree coming to rest on its roof on the sidewalk, on the south side of State Road 60.

The driver, James A. Smith, 22, was transported to Mease County-side where he was pronounced dead. Through the investigation it was determined the driver suffered from a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. Deputies did locate a firearm in the vehicle.

### Bicyclist injured when hit by car

CLEARWATER – A bicyclist was seriously injured when a car struck him just after noon Tuesday, Sept. 23, on NE Coachman Road.

According to a report from the Florida Highway Patrol, John Matzke, 40, of Clearwater was transported to St. Joseph's Hospital.

Matzke was traveling westbound on NE Coachman Road (State Road 590) approaching Old Coachman Road in front of a 1999 Toyota Camry driven by Christopher McBride, 24, of St. Petersburg. As McBride traveled through the intersection, Matzke made a left turn into his path and the car struck the bicycle. Matzke was ejected from his bicycle onto the hood and windshield of the Camry. Charges are pending.

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Sharing a thoughtful card with your loved one reinforces that they are not alone, they are special and you have them in your heart always. Those of us who receive Thinking of You cards via mail, can attest to that warm, uplifting feeling experienced when opening a card filled with kind words. It can make your day, I know it makes mine.

Gift giving is an important part of life and a greeting card is a gift. When you send a card, you are sending an emotional piece of yourself. What better way to tell someone you care. Think about the last time you ripped open a bright envelope to find an unexpected note from someone you love inside. Whether it was a family member, or friend, that joy of having their handwriting right there in your hands is irreplaceable. Something about that note, that card, that letter, communicated love and care simply in its presence. Note how you felt... Wouldn't it be amazing to help others feel the same?

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LARGO – The Soggy Doggy Splash Party will be presented Saturday, Oct. 4, at Highland Family Aquatic Center, 400 Highland Ave. NE.

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Pet owners are permitted to bring their dogs to enjoy a swim but as directed by the Pinellas County Health Department, owners will not be permitted to enter the water. However, owners can enjoy concessions from Splash's

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

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# Morrone named interim vice chair; administrator contract approved

By SUZETTE PORTER

CLEARWATER – In an admittedly unusual move, Pinellas County Commission Chair Karen Seel asked fellow commissioners to select a new vice chair and chair early this year.

Seel brought the matter before the board Sept. 23. She said although the next year's chair and vice chair are usually selected in November, she would like to pick earlier than that.

She said the early selection was needed since vice chair Susan Latvala was not running for re-election and normally, the vice chair moved into the chair's position. That won't be happening next year.

"We're losing Susan Nov. 4," she said. Seel asked that a vice chair be selected to serve from Nov. 5 to 18 or Nov. 5 to Dec. 31.

"I'm still here until Nov. 18," Latvala said. "The new person will be sworn in on my last day of service."

Commissioner Ken Welch moved that Commissioner John Morrone become vice chair as of Nov. 18 and then chair for 2015.

"That's disingenuous to new commissioners," Latvala said. She said the commission had always allowed the new board to make that decision.

"They get sworn in and then elect the new chair and vice chair," Latvala said.

She added, "This is no reflection on Mr. Morrone."

Morrone agreed that the new board had always picked, saying when he was first elected to the commission, he didn't know who would be the right person to serve in those positions. He said he went along with the majority.

"It was uncomfortable," he said.

Three new commissioners came on board in 2000 – Latvala, Morrone and Welch. Seel also was elected for the first time in 2000. She began her service with a governor's appointment to the commission in 1999.

But, the candidates up for election to fill two spots – Latvala's and the seat held by Commissioner Norm Roche, who was defeated in the primary – "know all of us," he said.

He asked how the transition (from the current chair, Seel) would work without knowing who would be chair next year.

"It's not a big deal," Latvala said.

"I'm fine with selecting a vice chair now, but I think the new people should weigh in on the chair," Commissioner Janet Long said, adding that she would not be able to attend the Nov. 18 meeting.

Roche objected, saying the process of selecting the chair and vice chair "keeps changing."

He said the process of the vice chair becoming the chair had been ongoing for years.

"You've been playing that a long time," he said.

He added that it was important that newly elected commissioners get to decide.



Photo courtesy of PINELLAS COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS  
Pinellas County's longest-serving commissioners are, front row, from left, Susan Latvala and Karen Seel; back row, Ken Welch and John Morrone. Latvala, Seel, Welch and Morrone were elected to the commission in 2000. Seel was appointed by the governor to fill an unexpired term in 1999 and was elected to continue her service in 2000.

Welch withdrew his motion, and then moved that Morrone serve as vice chair from Nov. 18 to Dec. 31.

Nov. 18 is the first scheduled commission meeting after the Nov. 4 election.

The commission voted 6-1 in support of Welch's motion. Roche abstained.

Latvala has represented District 4 on the Board of County Commissioners since 2000. Four candidates are vying for her job – Republican Dave Eggers, Democrat Mark Weinkrantz and no-party-affiliated candidates Marcus Harrison and Carl Folkman.

Republican Ed Hooper and Democrat Pat Gerard are running for Roche's seat.

## County administrator's contract approved

The commission voted unanimously to approve the contract with new county administrator Mark Woodard.

Seel, who negotiated with Woodard on behalf of the commission, announced that the contract called for a salary of \$235,000.

"And the same benefits of any other county employee," she said.

Woodard refused travel benefits and deferred compensation that had been part of the former administrator's salary package.

"This was the easiest negotiation I've ever been through," Seel said. In other business, commissioners:

- approved changes to the ordinance regulating high prescribing health clinics in the county, including another one-year extension.
- approved advertising an Oct. 21 public hearing on an interlocal service boundary agreement with nine municipalities.
- approved the master fire services agreement with eight municipalities for fire protection service in 10 fire districts.
- approved multiple agreements for health and community services.

## Utilities crews stop wastewater flow

By SUZETTE PORTER

ST. PETERSBURG – Pinellas County Utilities crews have stopped the flow of wastewater that was leaking from a sewer main on 62nd Avenue North in St. Petersburg.

According to a post of the Pinellas County's Facebook page, crews shut down the flow just after 12:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Officials attribute heavy rains for the rupture of a sewer main about 11:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27. The line, at 7780 62nd Ave. N. in St. Petersburg, carries wastewater to the South Cross Bayou Water Reclamation Facility. Approximately 250 to 500 gallons of wastewater a minute had been flowing into Joe's Creek.

County water quality officials

are asking residents to cease recreational activities that involve the water in Joe's Creek, Cross Bayou, Long Bayou and northern Boca Ciega Bay, including the Bay Pines area. Signs are posted at boat launches and other facilities to inform the public.

The county is working with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Florida Department of Health to monitor the situation.

Residents are advised that the sewer leak does not affect the use



Photo courtesy of PINELLAS COUNTY  
A bypass pipe is installed Tuesday morning to stop the flow of wastewater into Joe's Creek.

of tap water. No boil water notices have been issued.

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## Briefcase

### Gemini Catamarans partners with Catalina Yachts

LARGO – Gemini Catamarans, a division of The Catamaran Group, recently announced the selection of the internationally renowned builder Catalina Yachts of Largo to build the new 2015 and 2016 models of the Gemini Legacy 35.

Following three successful years of building the Gemini Legacy with Hunter Marine and subsequently Marlow Hunter in Alachua, Gemini Catamarans have moved the production of their flagship Gemini Legacy 35 catamaran to Catalina Yachts of Largo, effective Sept. 15.

Gemini Catamarans has been building catamarans since 1981. The Catamaran Group is a worldwide leader in all aspects of the catamaran market.

### Local stylists attend Redken Exchange

Rachel Meyer, Sara Bartles, Madison Smith and Danielle Defayette from Salon West Hair Studio & Spa recently upgraded their skills at The Redken Exchange in New York City.

Along with other stylists from around the globe, they learned advanced techniques in hair design and hair color from leading experts in the salon industry. The Redken Exchange is a resource for learning in the professional salon industry. It offers an opportunity for Meyer from the Clearwater salon, Bartles from the Largo salon and Smith and Defayette from the Seminole salon to get the latest information on Redken hair care, hair color and styling products as well as to exchange tips, ideas and techniques with other stylists.



From left, Rachel Meyer, Sara Bartles, Madison Smith and Danielle Defayette from Salon West Hair Studio & Spa visit The Redken Exchange.

### BBA to meet

BELLEAIR BLUFFS – The Bluffs Business Association monthly after hours mingle will be Thursday, Oct. 9, 5:30 to 7 p.m., at Avantaggio, an Aveda Concept Salon & Spa, 940 Clearwater-Largo Road, Largo.

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

### Hipp named universal banker

BELLEAIR BLUFFS – NorthStar Bank recently announced the appointment of Anna Hipp as a universal banker for the Belleair Bluffs office.

Hipp has more than eight years of banking experience in Pinellas County and comes to NorthStar Bank from First United Bank (formerly Old Harbor Bank) where she was most recently lead teller/customer service representative. She will have a similar role at NorthStar. She will participate in the daily operations of the branch such as assisting customers with their financial services needs and providing timely and efficient completion of client transactions.



Anna Hipp

### Sirius K9 opens

SEMINOLE – Sirius K9 Service Dogs and Training Center is a new service dog and pet training center at 6572 Seminole Blvd.

Judy Bordignon, a certified professional trainer and director of Sirius K9, and her family have been community members for more than 22 years. Sirius K9 Service Dogs and Training Center is a pending not-for-profit organization that offers service dog training for those who require assistance with balance and/or retrieval or for military PTSD/MST, as well as private and group lessons to fit all needs.

### ProTect Painters franchise opens

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### PIE wins Flagler Award

CLEARWATER – St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport recently received Best in Show for its Airport Rebranding Campaign for Marketing Budgets under \$100,000 in the 14th annual Flagler Awards at the 47th annual Governor's Conference on Tourism at the Boca Raton Resort.

PIE received the award for its 2013 Airport Rebranding Campaign which featured a new logo, slogan – Tampa Bay The Easy Way, a media campaign, and a public unveiling reception.

PIE is the first airport to receive a Flagler Award in its 14-year history. Best of Show awards are overall awards are a special recognition, an especially prestigious honor selected by the panel.

"Receiving recognition by our peers in this very competitive and innovative Florida Tourism industry is very exciting," said Noah Lagos in a press release. Lagos is PIE airport director. "We believe our new branding reflects who we are and how our customers feel about us. I am very proud of our airport team and our partnership with FKQ Advertising + Marketing."

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# County lowers some stormwater fees

By SUZETTE PORTER

CLEARWATER – Mobile home park owners, managers and residents still aren't happy, even though county staff recalculated surface water fees, bringing some bills down by as much as 200 percent.

The group packed the Pinellas County courthouse in Clearwater Sept. 11 and returned in fewer numbers Sept. 23 to plead with commissioners to defer the higher bills until next year.

County staff explained that the tax rolls had already been certified, meaning the bills can't be changed; however, adjustments can be made based on credits for reducing a properties impact on the stormwater system.

Staff also is adjusting the credit policy to allow for unique characters of mobile home parks and the trailers themselves.

When the county implemented its stormwater fees for fiscal year 2013-2014, some bills were inaccurate, including many mobile home parks. Since those bills were issued, county staff has digitized its data, enabling better calculations of impervious surfaces (that water cannot penetrate).

When water from rain, sprinklers and other sources hits impervious surfaces it runs off, eventually making its way to stormwater drains, ditches, ponds where it continues into other waterways, then on to Tampa Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. Pollutants contained in the run off affect the work staff is doing to maintain water quality standards set for the federal and state governments.

Keeping the water clean is an expensive measure, and standards are getting stricter. The surface water fee provides a dedicated funding source for maintenance and operations of the county's stormwater systems.

Still commissioners were concerned when they learned that for some, bills had gone up as much as 340 percent over last year. Kelli Levy, Natural Resources Section manager for the Department of Environment and Infrastructure, explained Sept. 11 that last year's bills were incorrect – incomplete. This year's assessments are more accurate, she said. They include all impervious surfaces – roads, swimming pools, sidewalks, patios, shuffleboard courts and other structures.

Commissioners asked staff to look at removing roadways inside the park and recalculate the bills. Staff did as commissioners asked and also removed walkways in the park to make assessments in mobile home parks be more in line with those for single-family residences.

In some cases, bills went down by half the original assessment. Still, mobile home residents, many seniors on a fixed income are facing rent increases of \$8 or more a month as property owners pass on the expense. "Staff did a good job," said Todd Pressman, representing a conglomerate of mobile home parks. "But there's room for improvement."



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**Kelli Levy, Natural Resources Section manager for the Department of Environment and Infrastructure, explains how surface water fees are calculated at a Sept. 23 meeting.**

erate of mobile home parks. "But there's room for improvement."

Pressman and other speakers asked that the county consider additional measures to reduce the fee for those who provide affordable housing. He said it could cost thousands of dollars to provide information required to get surface water credits. He said mobile home parks had unique features, such as pervious surfaces underneath the homes.

Levy agreed that mobile home parks could have unique features that might qualify them for credits.

"They need to demonstrate that," she said. "Consumers pay for everything," said Commissioner Susan Latvala. "This is no different. It is a property tax. Somebody has to pay. It is the way business operates."

She said the question is how to make the surface water fee fair to everyone.

"We haven't seen this today," she added. David Scott, DEI director, said staff had done everything the commission had requested in an attempt to make things fair, but at the same time address the need to "capture the full contribution" properties are making to the stormwater system.

Frank Torres, a resident of Oakcrest Mobile Home Park in Largo, told commissioners that the fee increase was a hardship.

"I'm on Social Security. A lot of these people are on Social Security," he said.

He said people considered mobile homes as affordable housing. He said his bill was going up \$8.52 a month.

"I'll have to take one day a week and not eat because I have to pay this extra," he said.

Commission Chair Karen Seel brought up a plan she tried to instigate last year, but was foiled by the former county administrator. She wants to set up a "we care" fund to help people on limited incomes pay their bills.

"The folks in this room have a problem," Commissioner Ken Welch said. "We need to find a solution."

He said staff had done some good work, but there is more to be done. He said the majority of properties in the county had not experienced huge spikes in their bills.

"This is a problem, but it is not big," he said.

The commission agreed to assemble a committee to talk about ways to issue credits for surface water measures, such as retention ponds.

Meanwhile, residents who have an issue should contact Levy's office at 464-8759. Seel pointed out that those who rent mobile homes needed to contact the property's owner or manager, who needs to apply for credits

# Taste of Clearwater celebrates 25 years

By ALEXANDRA LUNDAHL

CLEARWATER – The 25th annual Taste of Clearwater event is coming to the Westfield Countryside Mall on Thursday, Oct. 9, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. People will have the chance to sample delicious food from more than 23 local restaurants, said Rachel Farinas, events and communication manager of the Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce.

"They're all fantastic, and we have some local favorites but also some new restaurants that have come into town that are smaller and really trying to get their name out there," Farinas said.

Some of the old favorites are Frenchy's and the Baystar Restaurant Group restaurants, such as Island Way Grill and Rumba, she said. Some of the new culinary faces include Ohana Café, Green Mint Asian Grill, and First Watch.

For the second year in a row, the event will take place at the Westfield Countryside Mall, 27001 U.S. 19 N., and will mostly be set up from the ice skating rink toward Sears, on both the first and second floors. People can reserve tickets either online or at the event itself, which buys a wristband that then gives free admittance to all of the restaurants. Farinas emphasized that this is not one of the kinds of events where people must pay each time they want to sample a new restaurant.

Cost for members of the Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce or the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association is \$25. Cost for general admission is \$35; groups of five or more cost \$20 per person; and groups of 20 or more people cost \$15 each.

Farinas said the mall is an ideal location, especially for the restaurants involved, because it provides extra exposure.

"They get the exposure of our attendees but also the general public of the mall," Farinas said. "We saw great exposure last year. Those who are walking through the mall who may not have known about the event see it going on and want to come and try all the restaurants. So the restaurant participants definitely see that exposure whether it's from someone who bought a ticket or someone from the general public who see their banner as they're walking by."

Likewise, the event benefits the city as a whole, she said, because of providing exposure of some of the many things the city has to offer. It's a chance to expose the public to restaurants they may not have heard of or haven't tried yet, getting them to visit them in the future, which in turn helps stimulate the local economy.

It is estimated that between 600 and 750 people will participate in the event. Anyone with questions may call Farinas at 461-0011, ext. 229.

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LETTERS

**PSTA needs house cleaning**

**Editor:**

As a result of recent disclosures, it is evident that we cannot trust Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority to manage the \$2.2 billion Pinellas Greenlight mass transit system. Pinellas voters will vote on a referendum to raise Pinellas sales tax 1 percent in November.

Recently, PSTA was required to re-pay the government \$354,000 for misuse of federal funds and more recently, it was discovered that PSTA agreed to pay \$180,000 toward cleaning up soil and water contamination at the site of its former St. Petersburg bus depot.

Since Pinellas residents are not riding the buses, why should we raise taxes to provide more transportation?

Rather than raising Pinellas County taxes to 8 percent, the highest sales tax in the state of Florida, I suggest that PSTA begin "house-cleaning" and start with Brad Miller and Ken Welch. The sooner the better.

**Chuck Graham**  
Pinellas Park

**Stop the Greenlight madness**

**Editor:**

In the words of a popular television personality: "Stop the Madness." Greenlight Pinellas and its accompanying billion-dollar plus fiscally reckless planned light rail is just another taxpayer extortion referendum initiative.

The pervasive stick-it-to-the-taxpayer mentality in Pinellas County must cease. As a former frequent PSTA rider, I have observed firsthand the preponderance of empty buses, and read in the newspaper skewed ridership counts (PSTA counts every transfer as a new rider). Also as a previous PSTA rider, I can express firsthand, that it's rarely a pleasant experience when subjected to the following: unkempt individuals, riders with offensive body odors, profane language, unsanitary buses, crying babies, late buses, lippy bus drivers. Need I say more?

Additionally, even if the referendum passes, and a bus is scheduled every 20 minutes, if new riders are subjected to any of the aforementioned, or feel unsafe (especially women) they will not ride again. Plain and simple. One million a month riding the train (which will not happen) at a hypothetical \$3 per fare generates only \$36 million per year. Can you say long-term indebtedness?

**Tony Riggs**  
Clearwater

**Do something, anything to improve public transportation**

**Editor:**

I am a rail buff and public transportation believer. I used public transportation in Boston during high school and college; I have used the public systems in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Chicago, Los Angeles and Seattle. They are a wonderful, welcome relief from the trauma of road gridlock and car costs.

I am very skeptical that Greenlight Pinellas will deliver on the promised improvements. The history of the many transportation schemes in Pinellas County does not favor such fulfillment.

Some of the unexplained down sides of the light-rail proposal:

- Right of way acquisition, eminent domain very likely.
- Not-in-my-backyard opposition to the right-of-way route and the acquisition process.
- Legal defense costs of the right-of-way, the acquisition process and NIMBY opposition.
- Right-of-way construction and maintenance costs.
- Equipment acquisition and maintenance costs.
- Hiring, training and retaining system operators and maintenance personnel.
- A fixed plan that can not be rerouted unlike buses, as needs and events evolve.
- Selling a tax increase to Pinellas County voters, essentially a "rob Peter to pay Paul" swap.

In all the rhetoric about Greenlight Pinellas, the impact of climate change has been studiously avoided. When the light-rail line is under water due to rising sea levels, and Pinellas County is an island with fewer people, all the "tax-for-trax" will be gone forever. I will not live long enough to witness this event, or the desperate scramble to protect Pinellas County residents from that sea level rise.

Having said all that, I will vote for Greenlight Pinellas, because we need to do something, anything, to improve public transportation in Pinellas County and relief from the trauma of road gridlock and car costs.

If voters approve Greenlight Pinellas, I will support every effort to improve Pinellas County bus transportation, a much better use of tax dollars, and a far more flexible system to cope with evolving needs and events.

**Mike McDonald**  
Clearwater

**Consider a tax on yacht owners**

**Editor:**

There are ongoing decisions being made as to how to pay for the Treasure Island Bridge upkeep. The rumors about a tax increase and a bridge tool have been bantered about. These bridges are aesthetically unique and offer beautiful views of the waterways.

Having to wait in long lines just to stop for a toll would be a total detriment to the tourist and residents of Treasure Island.

It seems that I get stopped every time I cross over the TI drawbridge to wait for a sailboat to pass. No matter what day of the week or hour of the day, the drawbridge goes up and people wait with their cars running because it is too hot to turn the air conditioning off.

I would like our local government to consider a tax or an assessment on yacht owners. It could be a charge for carbon emissions to pay for the bridges. That may sound crazy since yachters generally do not use much gas, but think about the lines of traffic waiting patiently for the one of two yachters, who have the luxury of sailing on a work day. Today, Sept. 9, I counted about 12 cars in the northbound lane and 16-18 cars on the southbound side waiting about 10 minutes while one single sailboat slowly navigated through the channel under the bridge.

"An idling car can release as much pollution as a moving car. For every 10 minutes your engine is off, you'll prevent one pound of carbon dioxide from being released. Carbon dioxide is the primary contributor to global warming. Idling wastes fuel and money. An idling car uses between one-fifth to seven-tenths of a gallon of fuel an hour.

Folks in yachts interrupt the flow of traffic merely for recreation purposes. Even without charging them more for their leisurely time fun, is catering to yachters over motorists really a luxury that Florida can afford?

By my calculation the bridge opening recently put an unnecessary 29 pounds of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. Multiply that by hundreds of Florida drawbridges and hundreds of openings a day.

**Georgia Hallman**  
Treasure Island

**Deadline for election letters**

The deadline to submit letters to the editor for the Nov. 4 election is Friday, Oct. 10.

Tampa Bay Newspapers will print no letters to the editor pertaining to the election after Oct. 17, unless they are in rebuttal to letters printed that week.

No letters from candidates will be printed. Letters should not exceed 500 words.

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**Press conferences, good and bad**

Most Americans like to be well informed. When a large or small event occurs, we want to know at least the basics of what happened and what's going on. One of the inventions for handling this desire is the press conference.

A well-run press conference is a thing of beauty. The other kind can be a bungled, confusing disaster.

The norm is for a senior official or a designated spokesperson to stand at a lectern while speaking into a microphone. The news media and the general public gather around and wait. Then, any of several things can happen.

Ideally, the man or woman doing the talking will have a basic command of the English language and his/her own tongue and thought processes. The public address system will be working. The spokesperson will give the essential facts of the news event, and then if time allows will take questions.

Many press conferences don't happen that way. The P.A. system squeals. Instead of having one person on the stage, the mayor or police chief has assembled eight or 10 department heads to stand behind him or her. No one knows why. These bored, often drowsy folks are usually window dressing, unless the mayor turns to one of them to supply added information.

Occasionally, the spokesperson has a lisp or a stuttering problem, which makes it hard for listeners or viewers to understand. He/she fumbles, stumbles and stammers.

Even when the speaker is precise, he may waste time with comments such as "The thoughts and prayers of all of us go out to the family of Josiah Femstittle, who was injured in the. ... etc." That's usually



**Driver's Seat**  
Bob Driver

about six points shy of the truth, since very few of us actually knew Mr. Femstittle. Our primary thought is, "I'm just glad I wasn't in the truck when it ran off the bridge." So let's skip the flowery sentiments, shall we? Just give the facts.

Other unneeded remarks, at least up front, are the self-serving compliments on how quickly first responders reached the scene of the accident. With rare exceptions, today's police, firefighters and EMS units are on their way to the trouble spot within a few seconds of being notified. So who cares whether the trip took three minutes or six? What counts is that the troops got their ASAP. The stopwatch statistics can wait until tomorrow.

At some press conferences, a painful itch will be the news media rep who uses the Q. and A. period to show off with long-winded questions. If any reporter can't phrase his/her query in 50 words or less, he should go into politics, not the news business. An experienced spokesperson can sometimes quash a blowhard by succinctly rephrasing a gassy question, or by saying: "We don't have that answer right now. Let's move on."

The most effective press conferences are usually scheduled well in advance, so that news media can be notified and an appropriate venue chosen. Today, many organi-

zations hire their own public relations or media specialists to set up press conferences, write news releases and carry out the dozens of other tasks needed to get the organization's message to the waiting world. The best P.R. people have worked as reporters or editors, and therefore know how to help and cope with news media.

Unfortunately, many modern news conferences are slapdash affairs thrown together by someone who simply wants to see his face on TV or her name on a printed page. Today, any event may serve as a reason for a press conference, especially if the event involved human suffering. The death of a student athlete in a car crash may bring - within 48 hours - a front-yard TV interview with grieving family members or friends. The gist of the statements ("He was a great guy") is usually unremarkable, but that's true of much of life, and news.

I hope you'll forgive my somewhat jaundiced view of press conferences. After several decades as a reporter, editor, columnist and P.R. man, I tend to be underwhelmed by today's avalanche of information being peddled as news or other useful information. Much of it is simply not either of these things.

A citizen's approach to any and all incoming data should be to ask a few pointed questions: Is this stuff possibly or probably true? Even so, do I need it to help me function? Can I check it out later, such as when I retire? Answers to these queries may not be easy to find. But they're worth a try, and it's better than drinking the Kool-Aid or buying into the okay-doke.

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



**Sit in on interviews with candidates**

It's candidate debate season. Just about a month out from the election, which this year is Nov. 4, it begins to dawn on people: Oh, there's an election coming up in a month. Wonder who's running, and what they stand for?

Civic clubs, special-interest groups and news media are eager to step in to help voters get to know the candidates and what's at stake by offering public debates. At St. Petersburg College, we're joining the effort by presenting a candidate debate on Thursday, Oct. 2, at the Seminole campus, 9200 113th St. N. SPC's Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions is partnering with the Tampa Bay Times to engage the candidates for the Pinellas County Commission and state Legislature in a series of debates from 6 to 9 p.m.

I hope readers will turn out to get to know those who seek to represent them in county and state government. Television commercials and mailed fliers aside, a live debate is perhaps the best way for voters to get to know the candidates. Besides putting candidates on the record on key issues, these events also test their knowledge of the issues, their ability to articulate a clear position, their skill in thinking on their feet, and a little bit about their personality.

As a former journalist, I have been a moderator or panelist for numerous candidate debates over the years. And my experience is, you never know what might happen at these



**David Klement**

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events. I recall one debate by candidates for a county commission seat (in another county) where one candidate showed up with stacks of position papers. Sweating profusely, he referred to the documents for virtually every question, as he obviously knew little about the issues.

There was another debate when one of the candidates, after finishing his session, strolled out of the conference room and began pinching cuttings off the philodendrium plants that lined the atrium and stuffing them up his jacket sleeves.

My favorite candidate debate story is about

the phone call from the wife of an incumbent county commissioner whom the newspaper had not endorsed for re-election. The lady informed me she intended to sue the newspaper to recover the cost of medical treatment she had required as a result of the newspaper's endorsement editorial. Why would a newspaper endorsement require medical treatment, I asked? "Because the article made me so angry that I flung the paper across the room and threw my shoulder out of joint."

True stories, all. I can't promise anything like this at tomorrow night's debates, but I can promise some interesting, enlightening conversations with the men and women who seek your vote on Nov. 4.

And really, don't we owe it to those brave folks who are willing to put themselves out there seeking public office to come out and learn who they are and what they stand for? It takes a great deal of courage - and no doubt, self-esteem - to stand up and say, "I think I can be an effective leader. Pick me." They are, in effect, interviewing for a job - representing us, in local government. Don't you want to sit in on the interview?

David Klement is executive director of the Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions at St. Petersburg College. Thursday's candidate debate begins at 5:30 p.m. with an analysis of the Constitutional Amendments, followed by the candidate debates from 6 to 9 p.m.

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# My favorite genealogy websites

I know there is a great danger in writing an article that exposes my favorite websites for genealogy research. The danger, of course, is that we all have our own favorites, and mine won't necessarily agree with yours. I could be accused of poor judgment due to leaving one out of my list that is on the top of yours. But I will weather that storm regardless, and subject you to my list in hopes that if not the sites themselves, my rationale for including them will open some eyes to the possibilities and open some minds to change.



**Genealogy exposed**  
Peter Summers

The sites I will discuss will be known to most of you if you have been doing genealogy research for a while, but a couple may be new. I realize also that "favorite" websites can change status based on the particular research trail you are on at the time. I have tried to overcome that pitfall by looking at sites that have a broad and universal appeal.

First on my list is Ancestry.com. Everyone must at least be familiar with the name because of the commercials they have on TV. Let's face it, it is one the largest (if not the largest) research website out there. And because of agreements with other sites it is growing in size and usefulness daily, and its reach is international. So its size and reach are two reasons it is on my list, but another reason is its accessibility. Nearly every public library you can think of today subscribes to Ancestry and provides free access to it for its patrons. You have to be at a library to use it, but that is a small inconvenience for the service you get. And, as a side note, if you take the time to look around a bit while at the library, you may find other great genealogy resources just waiting to be used.

The next website on my list is Fold3.com. It is a subscription site as is Ancestry (in fact Ancestry owns it), but its content is rather unique, and we here in Pinellas County have a wonderful opportunity to get free use of it. Fold3 specializes in military records and documents. So you can find complete rolls, rosters, compiled service records, and pension application files on your Revolutionary War Ancestors. And you can find many of those same records for wars since then (War of 1812, Civil War, Mexican War, Spanish American War, etc.). The actual availability of records differs for each war, but Fold3 is unique in the breadth and depth of what it offers. The icing on the cake is that the Largo Public Library has recently subscribed to the site so you have free access to it from the library or from your home computer so long as you access it through the Largo Library website and, with few exceptions, have a library card from a Pinellas County library.

OK, those are the only fee sites on my list. My third site is FamilySearch.org, and it is free access. As most of you may know, the Mormon Church sponsors the site, but everyone can reap the benefit

of the genealogy information available on it. The church has been providing access to ancestral records since 1938, and now they have heaps of files available online. They recently announced they passed one billion digital images consisting of multiple billions of records, 3.2 billion of which have been indexed for searching. Their aggressive plan to add to the online digital collection results in around 500,000 new digital images a day. In fact, Ancestry and Family Search have entered into mutual support agreements to bring that data online quickly using their combined resources ... with us essentially being the beneficiaries.

My fourth site also is free, FindAGrave.com. Ancestry bought Find A Grave not too long ago, but it was one of my favorite sites even before that. It is completely volunteer supported and boasts over 100 million grave records. A record is a page recounting a tombstone inscription, family information, obituaries, and possibly more. Remember, it is volunteer supported so there is no hard rule about what information beyond the basics will be recorded. It is easy to become immersed in the site by searching for one ancestor, and finding on his or her memorial page hot links to the memorial pages of parents, spouses, and children.

My guess is that many of you are familiar with the sites I've included so far because they are so popular. In a recent study GenealogyInTime Magazine listed Ancestry, Find A Grave, and Family Search as the first, second, and third most visited genealogy websites respectively. Fold3 was number twenty.

The last two choices are not as well known. My fifth site is the U.S. Government Bureau of Land Management at [www.blm.gov/wo/st/en.html](http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en.html). If you have an ancestor who acquired land from the U.S. government, then the document (called a land patent) that transferred that land from public to private ownership will be online at the BLM. That document is called a land patent and the BLM has millions of them digitized and searchable. I include this site because land records are so pervasive in our history. Legislation dealing with military bounty land, homesteading, cash entries, etc., have affected millions of Americans over the years, and especially from about the mid 1800's through the early 1900s. I like this site also because it is one that, if your search is successful, encourages you to go to the National Archives website to get further original land transfer documentation.

My last site is one managed by genealogist Joe Beine: [www.germanroots.com/databases.html](http://www.germanroots.com/databases.html). Joe constantly updates several lists of sites that you can use in your research. So there is no direct data here, but instead it offers places you can go to find data. Although the site contains "germanroots" in

## Faith briefs

### Church hosts Blessing of the Pets

LARGO - The third annual Blessing of the Pets will be held Saturday, Oct. 4, 10 a.m., at St. Dunstan's Anglican Church, 2790 Sunny Breeze Ave. The community is invited to attend this event. All warm-blooded animals are welcome and will receive an individual blessing. It is a tradition in the Anglican Church to celebrate the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi by blessing the animals. Visit [www.stdunstansanglican.org](http://www.stdunstansanglican.org).

### Center to offer workshops

PINELLAS PARK - The Center for Spiritual Development at Good Samaritan Church, 6085 Park Blvd., will host two workshops in October, which are open to the public at no cost.

The first, Revelations, will be presented Mondays, Oct. 6-27, 7 to 8 p.m. Elaine Pagels, professor of religion at Princeton University, will present a profound exploration of the Bible's strangest and most controversial book. Attendees will view a portion of her lecture on DVD each week followed by open discussion.

The center also will offer The Gospel of Philip on Thursdays, Oct. 2-23, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Rafael Catala will lead a study of this Gnostic writing found in the Nag Hammadi Library. These are some unusual stories and sayings of Jesus including a mention of his three female companions, each named Mary.

For information, call 544-8558 or visit [www.goodsam-church.org](http://www.goodsam-church.org).

### Relationship workshop set

CLEARWATER - Kalen Hammann will present a workshop Monday, Oct. 13, 7 to 8:30 p.m., at Peace Cottage, Unity Church, 2465 Nursery Road.

The workshop, When to Close Your Mouth and Open Your Arms, will focus on relationship challenges such as what to do when a conversation goes off the rails, how to handle negative emotion and how to get the good feeling back.

As a relating coach and certified divorce coach, Hammann works to help couples clarify positive

choices in deciding a future together or apart. Executive trainer and consultant, psychotherapist and former faculty member at Tufts University and Boston University, Hammann earned his Ph.D. in social psychology at the University of Michigan.

The cost of the workshop is \$15 but individuals can bring a friend or partner for free.

To schedule a free Next Steps consultation, visit [www.KalenHammann.com](http://www.KalenHammann.com).

### Church to host Blessing of Pets

SEMINOLE - The fifth annual Blessing of Pets will be presented Saturday, Oct. 4, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Lake Seminole Presbyterian Church, 8505 113th St.

Every pet will be blessed individually by name and the owner will receive a certificate. So many Seminole residents brought their pets last year that it took Pastor Bob Wierenga two hours to bless them all.

### Faith Community

#### Church to host flea market

SEMINOLE - Faith Community Church, at 11501 Walker Ave. N., will host its annual Super Flea Market Wednesday through Saturday, Oct. 15-18.

The event will kick off with a preview night on Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. Hours will be Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon.

All money raised goes back to the community and to mission projects.

For information, call 391-0596.

### Church hosts Movies on the Lawn

LARGO - "Despicable Me 2" will be shown Friday, Oct. 24, on the lawn at Gulf Coast Church, 13301 Walsingham Road.

The film will begin at dusk - approximately 7 p.m. The movie is free and free popcorn will be available. Concession items also will be available. Attendees may bring lawn chairs and blankets. Call 595-2034.

the title, do not be deceived. The references he points you to go well beyond what is implied. His lists include online searchable death indexes, birth and marriage records, ship passenger lists, census records, county histories, historical newspapers, African-American records, Native American records, military records, and more. Joe is very conscientious about keeping his lists updated, so dead links are kept to a minimum.

Before I close this column, I should mention some classes available from the Pinellas Genealogy Society that relate to some of the sites I've listed. After all, some of the sites are large and intricate and having a class to disclose hints and tips about using them can save you a lot of time. We have classes directly aimed at getting the most out of Ancestry, Fold3, and Family Search. We also have a class on property records, and another on the Homestead Act that include insights to using the BLM site. And for

those of you who like to get "off the beaten track a bit," we have a periodic class called "Internet Explorations" where we explore some of the smaller and more obscure sites that don't get the attention that Ancestry and FamilySearch do.

Check the PGS class list below, or at [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flpgs/index.htm](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flpgs/index.htm) for the list of upcoming classes.

So there you have it ... my list. I know that there are many useful sites I have not included, and I appreciate the fact that your list may not be the same as mine, but I hope you see why, due to content or access, I chose the ones I did. I also hope that you have been motivated to visit and use these sites, whether you are an experienced researcher or are new to the study of your family history.

Peter Summers is an amateur genealogist who has been working on his family history since 1972. He is past president of the Pinellas Genealogy Society.

## Start researching your genealogy at the library

LARGO - The Pinellas Genealogy Society and Largo Public Library are offering Family History Assistance Day on Saturday, Oct. 11, noon to 4 p.m., in the Jenkins Room of the library, 120 Central Park Drive.

Bring your family information and receive free, one-on-one research assistance from a genealogy consultant. Beginners are especially encouraged to attend and experience the process of tracing their genealogical history.

No appointment is necessary; first come, first served. Tours of the library's Genealogy Center and classes will be offered.

For questions about this Pinellas Genealogy Society event, call Bob Bryan at 595-4521 or send email to [BBryan84@gmail.com](mailto:BBryan84@gmail.com).

The following is a list of other genealogy classes scheduled for October:

- **Genealogical Proof**, Monday, Oct. 6, 10 a.m. Learn how to evaluate collected evidence.

- **England & Wales Genealogy**, Wednesday, Oct. 8, 10 to 4 p.m. A morning lecture will be followed by an afternoon workshop with individual assistance.

- **Genealogy Software Utilities**, Part 2, Monday, Oct. 13, 6 p.m.

- **Computers in Genealogy**, Saturday, Oct. 18, 10 a.m.

- **Pinellas by the Decades**, Saturday, Oct. 18, 11 a.m., presented by the Pinellas Historical Society.

- **Newspapers in Genealogy**, Monday, Oct. 20, 6 p.m.

- **Naturalization Records**, Tuesday, Oct. 21, 6 p.m.

- **Ancestry.com**, Wednesday, Oct. 22, 10 a.m.

- **Courthouse Records**, Monday, Oct. 27, 6 p.m.

- **Homestead Act**, Tuesday, Oct. 28, 10 a.m.

- **Brick Walls**, Wednesday, Oct. 29, 10 a.m. Ideas and suggestions for overcoming dead-ends.

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- Make sure they do homework before playtime, television or video games.
- Talk with them about their schoolwork and ask if they need additional help.
- Make sure children are reading or that you read to them regularly.
- Ensure that children get enough sleep on school nights.

There is also a wealth of opportunities to make a difference in students' lives within our district. Nearly all of PCS schools have independent organizations involving parents and teachers. Most popular, the Parent Teacher Association or PTA addresses issues that are important to parents and school administrators, such as funding, teachers and capabilities for schools to thrive. Organizations comparable to the PTA are typically open to anyone who wants to be involved, require nominal membership dues and support the education, health and welfare of children.

School Advisory Councils are another great way to get involved in our school district. Each school has a SAC with representation from various segments of the community, from parents and teachers to area business professionals and community leaders. The purpose of SAC is to assist the school in the preparation and evaluation of the school improvement plan and to assist the principal with the annual school budget.

If you are interested in participating in an organization such as PTA or SAC, contact a PCS school for more information.

We know family engagement has a positive and longstanding impact on student achievement and the future success of students. There are numerous opportunities for individuals to become involved with our district



Michael Grego

as a volunteer, mentor and tutor. All PCS volunteers undergo a background check as part of the registration process. Once processed, our schools offer orientation and training for volunteers. At your selected school, you can decide what activity you would like to volunteer for, as well as when you would like to volunteer to meet your schedule.

Another way for families to take part in their children's education is through our Parent Academy, Preparing Parents to Advocate for Their Children & Community or P2ACC. Throughout the year, free Parent Academy workshops are held and focus on three primary areas: academic success, parenting and advocacy, and personal and individual growth.

This October, join us for our Mentor Recruitment Fair. The event will be a "one-stop-shop" for those who are interested in volunteering in our district to obtain a background check, attend a mentor workshop and be matched with a student at the school of their choice. For more information about the Mentor Recruitment Fair, volunteer opportunities and Parent Academies, visit [www.pcsb.org/volunteers](http://www.pcsb.org/volunteers).

Michael Grego is superintendent of Pinellas County Schools.

# A school's centennial big meaning to mom, her kids

For the past few years, I've been wondering just how common it is to have your kids go to the same elementary school you went to when you were a kid.



Mom 2 Mom  
Kadi Hendricks Tubbs

I never attended any of my parent's schools, not even their college, which seems to be a little more popular these days. But both of my girls go to the same elementary school I went to when I was younger.

When my oldest daughter started kindergarten at the school, one of the teachers I had in fifth grade was still teaching. When I went to say hello, she teased me and said she was retiring because I made her feel old since my kids were now going to school there.

She actually did retire the following year, so now there aren't any of the teachers that were there when I was. My older daughter does have one of the teachers both my two sisters had when they went to school, which is pretty cool.

The school I am talking about is Seminole Elementary School. If you live in Pinellas County, you probably know someone who has gone to school or worked there. Next year, the school will be 100 years old, so thousands of students have walked its halls.

The oldest part of the school, which was built in 1915, is the building located off of Park Boulevard. When I went to school there, that particular building was the cafeteria. Today, the building is referred to as the centennial building and is used for the RClub, an afterschool program.

I always laugh when I tell my youngest daughter a date in 19-something, like my birthday or when I graduated from high school, she says to me, "You mean back in the 19s?"

I guess when you are born in the 2000s, that was a long time ago. It seems like yesterday when I went to Seminole Elementary. I can remember how it was set up and where all the classrooms were. Today, the students have art in what was once the office. The office today is one of the newer buildings on campus, at the opposite end of where the office was when I was there.

Even with all the changes, my oldest daughter is in the same fifth-grade classroom I was in when I was there. What's exciting is she will be graduating from the school the year of the centennial celebration.

I somehow ended up on the centennial celebration planning committee, which is something I enjoy helping out with given my history with the school. We have a date for the event, which will be held on the school's campus, on Saturday, May 2, 2015.

The community is invited to attend the event. We want to reach out to prior students, teachers and administrators who were at Seminole Elementary. We plan on having the entertainment made up of prior students. We are looking for food vendors and sponsors for our event.

If you want more information, you can email the planning committee at [SeminoleES100@gmail.com](mailto:SeminoleES100@gmail.com) or look on Facebook for "Seminole Elementary School Centennial Celebration" to get updates on the big day's events. If you're interested in helping plan the event, meetings are held first Mondays, 3:15 p.m., at Seminole Elementary School, 10950 74th Ave. N., Seminole.

Since I started to help plan for the centennial celebration, I am finding that more and more people in the community have gone to Seminole Elementary School. But I haven't run into too many generations of families attending there.

Kadi Hendricks Tubbs, mother of two girls, lives in Seminole. Visit her blog at [Mom2MomFamilyFun.blogspot.com](http://Mom2MomFamilyFun.blogspot.com).

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This summit is a result of the meeting that five scientists had with Gov. Rick Scott in August.

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## Obituaries



**Elaine Marie (Stuart) MATTINGLY**  
75, of Clearwater, Fla., passed away on September 17, 2014. A Memorial service will be held on Thursday, October 16th at 10:00 a.m. at Moss Feaster Funeral Home, 1320 Main Street, Dunedin. Interment will follow at Bay Pines VA Cemetery at 2:15 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Suncoast Hospice. [www.mossfeasterdunedin.com](http://www.mossfeasterdunedin.com).



**Dr. Kathleen ("KC") CASTEEL**  
Dr. Kathleen ("KC") Casteel, 61, of Madeira Beach, Fla. passed away on Monday, September 15, 2014. KC was born on October 10, 1952 in Fukuoka, Japan to Cheiko and the late Buford Kenneth Casteel. KC earned her bachelors degree at Middle Tennessee State University, her masters at DePaul University and her doctorate at National Chiropractic College in Lombard, Ill. She began her career as a medical technologist in Tennessee. Following this, she then went on to become Director of Strategy Development at Baxter Travenol in Illinois. At this time, KC decided to change her healthcare path and pursue a doctorate of chiropractic, which truly was her passion. She graduated from National Chiropractic College in Lombard, after which she opened a multi-doctor chiropractic clinic in Woodstock, Ill., where she practiced for 20 years. She retired and moved to Florida, where she passionately pursued learning the game of tennis. She went from basic instruction to competing at a national level in mixed doubles. KC wanted to be remembered for her love of life. Never wanting the traditional funeral, last year, she threw a "Celebration of Life" party for many of her friends. KC leaves behind her life partner of 24 years, Sally Marshall, of Madeira Beach, and her two favorite pups, Ted & Alli. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to: KC's Kamp for Kids, c/o BB&T Bank, 360 Central Ave., Suite 150, St. Petersburg, FL 33701, Attn: Kitsana. For the benefit of kids, who otherwise would not be able to enjoy the great game of tennis!

# Thousands enjoy weekend of speedy boats

CLEARWATER – Thousands of spectators lined Clearwater Beach, both on shore and in boats on the water, to watch the Clearwater Super Boat National Championship on Sunday, Sept. 28, after a weekend full of other fun and entertainment.

With the top boats reaching over 100 miles per hour, these aren't your typical boat races. The following is a list of the results:

- Superboat Unlimited Class:**
- Miss Geico took first, reaching top speeds of 104.3 miles per hour, and averaging 98.96 miles per hour. The boat completed the 68-mile course in 41 minutes, 14 seconds.
  - Lucas Oil Silverhook took second place by mere seconds, sliding in just behind Miss Geico at 41 minutes 21 seconds. Its top speed per lap was 91.1 miles per hour and averaged 87.06 miles per hour.
- Superboat Extreme Class:**
- Hooters Instigator easily won first in this race, completing the 40-mile course in 27 minutes and 39 seconds with an average speed of 86.8 miles per hour.
  - Twisted Metal Motorsports came in second, only completing 24 miles at an average of 73.34 miles per hour.
- Superboat Class:**
- Stihl came in first with a top speed of 103.6-mile-per-hour lap and averaging 103.09 miles per hour. The driver completed the 76-mile course in 44 minutes and 14 seconds.
  - Broadco came in second, with a top lap speed of 104.3 miles per hour and average speed of 102.09 miles per hour, finishing in 44 minutes and 40 seconds.
  - Racing for Cancer came in third, with an average speed of 98.1 miles per hour and a top speed of a 100.7 mile-per-hour lap. This driver completed the race in 46 minutes and 29 seconds.
  - The last three boats did not complete the full course. Cleveland Construction completed 72 miles with an average speed of 95.65 miles per hour and a top speed of 97.9 miles per hour. Spirit of Quatar and Warpaint each only completed the first 4-mile lap, with Warpaint going an average of 110 miles per hour and Warpaint going an average of 86.2 miles per hour.
- Superboat Vee Class:**
- The boat, Absolutely Not, took first in the 52-mile race, with a top speed of 75 miles per hour and averaging 69.82 miles per hour. The driver completed the course in 44 minutes and 41 seconds.
  - Sun Print came in second, just completing 36 miles with a top lap speed of 75.7 miles per hour and an average of 68.54 miles per hour.
- Superboat Stock Class:**
- The Hulk Redline Oil took first, averaging 87.15 miles per hour and getting a top speed lap of 91.1 miles per hour in the 52-mile race. The driver completed the race in 35 minutes and 48 seconds, more than a minute ahead of second place.
  - In second was SOS Venezuela, finishing in 36 minutes and 56 seconds. The top speed was 86.7, and the average speed was 84.48 miles per hour.
  - Turtle Cove Marina came in third, being the last boat to complete the full race, sliding in at 37 minutes and 32 seconds. The boat averaged 83.13 miles per hour, with the top speed being 84.7 miles per hour.
  - Steve Quick Jewelers and Papa's Pilar came in fourth and fifth, respectively. Steve Quick Jewelers completed 48 miles with an average speed of 74.81 miles per hour and a top speed of 82.2 miles per hour. Papa's Pilar averaged 63.77 miles per hour and had a top speed of 70.5 miles per hour.
- Manufacturer Prod P3 Class:**
- Black Pearl placed first, with an average speed of 82.29 miles per hour and a top speed of 84.2 miles per hour. The driver finished the 48-mile race in 35 minutes.
  - Team Kilt took second, completing the race in 35 minutes and 58



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High performance racing fans got a front row seat Sept. 28 to see Miss Geico win her class in the Clearwater Super Boat National Championship on Clearwater Beach.

seconds at an average speed of 80.07 miles per hour. The top speed was 82.2 miles per hour.

- Second Amendment took third, only completing 16 miles at an average speed of 84.33 miles per hour, with a top speed of 85.7 miles per hour.

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- Knot Crazy took fourth, at 42 minutes and 4 seconds, an average speed of 68.46 miles per hour and a top speed of 69.9 miles per hour.
- Christie's Photographies was fifth at 42 minutes 34 seconds, an average speed of 67.66 miles per hour and a top speed of 68.5 miles per hour.

## Fishing tournament raises funds

The third annual "Fireman John" Memorial Fishing Tournament Sept. 13 raised \$2,400 to benefit All Children's Hospital in support of Florida Safe Pools, providing swimming lessons and life jackets for children with special needs.



Photo courtesy of FIREMAN JOHN FISHING TOURNAMENT  
**Tony Lai, winner of a 12-foot Kaku Kayak poses with his daughter Aliyah, first-place winner of trash fish division.**

The tournament included 71 anglers and many sponsors. "We had a wonderful turnout and a great family, fun time," reported Iris Merryweather, event organizer. The event is named in honor of retired Pinellas Park firefighter John Litz or "Fireman John," who was an avid fisherman. In September 2011, while fishing with a friend, Litz was thrown from the boat and drowned. He was not wearing a life jacket. For more information, visit the event's Facebook page by searching "FiremanJohn FishingTournament."

## Gardens host Discovery Tours

LARGO – Discovery Tours will be offered at the Florida Botanical Gardens, 12520 Ulmerton Road.

Visitors can experience the beauty of the Florida Botanical Gardens on a guided tour. Tours begin at 9 a.m. and last around two and a half to three hours. Tours are limited to four to 10 people. A variety of dates are available. To reserve a spot or to learn more, call 582-2581 or email to [events@flbg.org](mailto:events@flbg.org). Visit [www.flbg.org](http://www.flbg.org).

## Vegetable, herb and tropical tours set

LARGO – Vegetable, herb and tropical tours will be offered Thursdays, Oct. 2 and 23, 9 to 11 a.m., at Florida Botanical Gardens, 12520 Ulmerton Road.

Participants will explore the vegetable garden and compost demonstration areas in the Florida Botanical Gardens and learn about growing their own food. Tours are limited to groups of four to 16 people and recommended for adults only.

Tours are free but registration is required. Call 582-2100. Visit [tinyurl.com/k78n7vq](http://tinyurl.com/k78n7vq).

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# Largo makes a comeback to win against Lakewood



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Above, Largo's Jonathon Crawford (9) comes down with an interception on the 1-yard line, stalling a drive by Lakewood, in the home game Sept. 27. Bottom right, Largo quarterback Donovan Hale runs for a first down. With 30 seconds left in the game, Hale passed 10 yards to Crawford for a touchdown and a 32-27 Largo victory. The Packers, now 3-2, return to play Oct. 2 at Osceola. Top right, Largo defensive lineman Javaris Sanders sacks Lakewood quarterback Ryan Davis.

# Recent rains have the fish biting



**Fish Tales**  
Capt. Tyson Wallerstein

Despite continuous rains, fishing – especially inshore – remains very good throughout the entire region.

Redfish, flounder and snook are all feeding well with the cooler water temperatures that are largely due to all the recent rains. Baitfish are thick along the beaches and passes and with the good tides brought on by the new moon, live bait fishing doesn't get a whole lot better.

Early morning low tides have the fish staged off the edges of the grass flats, creating the perfect setup for locating a school of hungry redfish. Find the activity and you'll most likely find some fish. Dipping terns or diving pelicans are always a welcome sight when working an edge, but it still comes back to the mullet. If there aren't any mullet working along the drop-off chances are there won't be many redfish around.

Flounder are a welcome by-catch when hunting down the redfish. Flounder love the patchy bottom found along the deep side of the edge. At times, especially when the current is strong, adding a small split shot just above the hook will allow for your bait to not only get to the bottom where the flounder are holding, but will slow your drift enough for the redfish to pick it up.

Near shore action has been really good this past week. Tarpon, cobia, Spanish mackerel and flounder are feeding on the masses of bait all along the beach. Targeting rubble piles, jetties and natural hard bottom will provide non-stop action when using live bait. Tarpon can be seen crashing through bait balls the first half of the day, free-lining pinfish or small ladyfish through the bait will give you a chance for a hook-up. With all the bait around it would be a good idea to keep a fresh chum block out when mackerel fishing in an attempt to lure a migrating cobia behind the boat, there have been plenty around.

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

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## Top five diversions

• **Peace of Woodstock**, Saturday, Oct. 4, 8 p.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets start at \$24.50. Call 587-6793 or visit [largoarts.com](http://largoarts.com). Attendees will be invited to take a step back in time to the carefree attitude and feeling of the Woodstock Music Festival as this six-piece class act pays tribute to the memorable performances of Santana, Janis Joplin, Crosby Stills & Nash, Jefferson Airplane, Jimi Hendrix and many more.

• **Peter Frampton**, Friday, Oct. 3, 8 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Call 791-7400 or visit [www.rutheckerdhal.com](http://www.rutheckerdhal.com). On tour in support of his latest album release "Hummingbird in a Box," legendary musician and Grammy winner Peter Frampton returns to Ruth Eckerd Hall Oct. 3. The Cincinnati Ballet featuring seven original guitar pieces in Frampton's virtuosic stylings inspired the new music. Frampton composed all songs on the mini-album along with Gordon Kennedy, who also co-produced the recording. The two previously teamed up for "Fingerprints," which garnered them both a Grammy Award for Best Pop Instrumental Album.

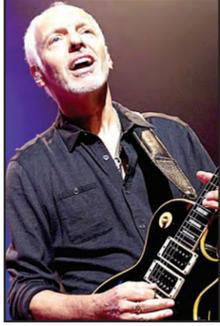


Photo courtesy of WME ENTERTAINMENT  
**Peter Frampton returns to Ruth Eckerd Hall Oct. 3.**

The music debuted in April 2013 at Cincinnati's Aronoff Center for the Arts. Two of the Cincinnati Ballet's spring production's segments were choreographed to existing Frampton music - with Frampton and his band performing live - while a third section featured the new composition by Frampton and Kennedy. Frampton remains one of the most celebrated artists and guitarists in rock history. At 16, he was lead singer and guitarist for the British band the Herd. At 18, he co-founded one of the first super groups, seminal rock act Humble Pie. His session work includes collaborations with such legendary artists as George Harrison, Harry Nilsson, David Bowie, Jerry Lee Lewis, Ringo Starr, John Entwistle and many others. His fifth solo album, the electrifying "Frampton Comes Alive!," is one of the top-selling live records of all time.

• **"Proof,"** by David Auburn, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 3-4, 8 to 10 p.m., at SAFI Theater Space, 1714 County Road 1, Suite 2, Dunedin. Cost is \$15. Call 813-922-8778 or visit [gypsystage.com](http://gypsystage.com). On the eve of her 25th birthday, Catherine, a troubled young woman, has spent years caring for her brilliant but unstable father, a famous mathematician. Now, following his death, she must deal with her own volatile emotions; the arrival of her estranged sister, Claire; and the attentions of Hal, a former student of her father's who hopes to find valuable work in the 103 notebooks that her father left behind. Over the long weekend that follows, a burgeoning romance and the discovery of a mysterious notebook draw Catherine into the most difficult problem of all: How much of her father's madness - or genius - will she inherit?

• **Kevin James**, Saturday, Oct. 4, 8 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Tickets start at \$46.50. Call 791-7400 or visit [www.rutheckerdhal.com](http://www.rutheckerdhal.com). James - comedian, actor, writer and producer - will perform at Ruth Eckerd Hall for one night only. Widely known for playing Doug Heffernan on the hit CBS-TV sitcom "The King of Queens," James is also known for his lead roles in the comedy films "I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry," "Paul Blart: Mall Cop," "Grown Ups," "Zookeeper" and "Here Comes The Boom." In 2001, James did his first stand-up comedy special "Kevin James: Sweat the Small Stuff" and he's listed at No. 89 on Comedy Central's list of 100 Great Stand-Up Comedians.

• **Harbor Sounds Music Festival**, Saturday, Oct. 4, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., in downtown Safety Harbor. The festival will feature three stages, arts and crafts vendors and food vendors. As part of this year's festival, Ruff, Ride and Roll for Heroes car show will cruise into the city hall parking lot from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The group raises funds for Canine Companions for Independence, a Wounded Veterans Initiative. Sponsored by the Safety Harbor Chamber of Commerce, admission to the festival is free. For information, call 726-2890.



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Jean Reno, left, and Simon Pegg star in Relativity Media's "Hector and the Search for Happiness."

## Opening this weekend

New Line Cinema's horror 'Annabelle' to open; Affleck stars in 'Gone Girl'

Compiled by LEE CLARK ZUMPE

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

### 'Annabelle'

Genre: Horror and thriller  
 Cast: Annabelle Wallis and Ward Horton  
 Director: John Leonetti  
 Rated: R  
 New Line Cinema's supernatural thriller "Annabelle" begins before the evil was unleashed.

John Form has found the perfect gift for his expectant wife, Mia - a beautiful, rare vintage doll in a pure white wedding dress. But Mia's delight with Annabelle doesn't last long.

On one horrific night, members of a satanic cult, who violently attack the couple, invade their home. Spilled blood and terror are not all they leave behind. The cultists have conjured an entity so malevolent that nothing they did will compare to the sinister conduit to the damned that is now ... Annabelle.

### 'Gone Girl'

Genre: Drama and thriller  
 Cast: Ben Affleck, Rosamund Pike, Neil Patrick Harris, Tyler Perry, Kim Dickens, Patrick Fugit, Carrie Coon and David Clennon  
 Director: David Fincher  
 Rated: R

From the tour de force thriller that became a bestselling must-read comes David Fincher's screen version of *Gone Girl*, a wild ride through our modern media culture and down into the deep, dark fault lines of an American marriage - in all its unreliable promises, inescapable deceptions and pitch-black comedy.

The couple at the center of the story - former New York writer Nick Dunne and his formerly "cool girl" wife Amy, now trying to make ends meet in the mid-recession Midwest - have all the sinuous outer contours of contemporary marital bliss. But on the occasion of their fifth wedding anniversary, Amy goes missing - and those contours crack into a maze of fissures. Nick becomes the prime suspect, shrouded in a fog of suspicious behavior. Amy becomes the vaunted object of a media frenzy as the search for her, dead or alive, plays out before the eyes of a world thirsting for revelations.



Photo by MERRICK MORTON/TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX

Nick (Ben Affleck) and Amy (Rosamund Pike) have a memorable date in "Gone Girl."

Just as Nick and Amy personified the quintessential romantic match, Amy's disappearance has all the markings of an emblematic domestic American crime. But her vanishing becomes a kind of hall of mirrors in which tantalizing and savage secrets lead to tantalizing and savage secrets.

### 'Hector and the Search for Happiness'

Genre: Comedy and drama  
 Cast: Simon Pegg, Christopher Plummer, Rosamund Pike, Stellan Skarsgard

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- **The 10 O'Clock Band.** Sunday, Oct. 5, 2 p.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive. Tickets are \$24.50. Call 587-6793.
- **"Hamlet,"** by Shakespeare, Oct. 10 through Nov. 2, at New Stage Theatre and Conservatory, 11650 131st St. N., Largo. Performances will be Thursdays, 7 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.; and Sundays, 3 p.m. Tickets are \$30. Call 813-817-2585 or visit newstagelargo.org. Starring Chris Jackson as Hamlet, New Stage Theatre and Conservatory's production of one of theater's most iconic works - "Hamlet" - will be presented through an adaption inspired from Laurence Olivier's famous film, and will feature seven transformational actors.
- **Island Blast: An Evening of Good Vibes.** Saturday, Oct. 11, 7:30 p.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets start at \$5. Call 587-6793 or visit largoarts.com.
- **The third annual Stars and Stripes USO Show.** Saturday, Oct. 11, at the Armed Forces History Museum, 2050 34th Way N., Largo. Doors will open at 7 p.m. General admission tickets are \$24. A limited number of VIP tickets are available at \$50, which includes a pre-event dinner at 6 p.m. Call 539-8371 or visit armedforcesmuseum.com. The event will feature the Lorri Hafer Swingin' Band as well as tribute performances of big band singing sensations by Andy Stefano's Cast of All Stars. This big band show, dance and salute to the nation's troops will also feature show hostesses, vintage attire, era actors, photo opportunities, a full bar, valet parking and a red carpet welcome. The event is a fundraiser for the museum's veteran and youth education programs.
- **Simon and Garfunkel Retrospective.** Sunday, Oct. 12, 2 and 7 p.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets start at \$24.50. Call 587-6793 or visit largoarts.com.

- **Circus Electronica.** Tuesday, Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets start at \$19.50. Call 587-6793 or visit largoarts.com. Embarking on its debut national tour and only Florida performance, Circus Electronica will take audience members to a world of traditional European-style circus with contemporary Electronic Dance Music. This all-ages show combines both aerial and ground based acrobatics and a live DJ that will seamlessly blend musical styles from multiple artists into a cohesive experience that's greater than the sum of its parts.
- **Country Royalty: A Musical Tribute to Hank Williams and Patsy Cline.** Saturday, Oct. 18, 8 p.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive. Tickets start at \$24.50. Call 587-6793 or visit LargoArts.com. Grammy nominated singing sensation, Carolyn Martin, gives a jaw-dropping performance as Patsy Cline while 2003 Obie Award winner Jason Petty re-creates the Hank Williams role he is so famous for. Jason and Carolyn, along with a live five-piece band, will take audiences back to a time when Hank and Patsy ruled the airwaves. Over 20 of their chart-topping hits are performed such as "Crazy," "Hey Good Lookin'," "Sweet Dreams," "Your Cheatin' Heart," "Walking After Midnight," "I Saw The Light," "I Fall To Pieces" and "I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry."
- **Girls Night: The Musical;** Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 22-23, at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets start at \$24.50. Call 587-6793 or visit largoarts.com.
- **Andy McKee with special guest Mark Kroos.** Friday, Oct. 24, 8 p.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets start at \$19.50. Call 587-6793 or visit largoarts.com. McKee's style of playing and compositions have earned him an international fanbase. Mark Kroos is a rising star in the guitar world that simultaneously utilizes two necks of his double neck guitar to create his unique sound. This is a not to be missed show of world-class guitar talent.
- **"Shrek the Musical,"** with music by Jeanine Tesori and book and

lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaireby, presented by Eight O'Clock Theatre; Nov. 7-16, at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Performances are Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; and Sunday, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25.50 for adults and \$12.50 for students. A city of Largo handling fee of \$3.50 will be added to each ticket. Call 587-6793 or visit largoarts.com.

- **School House Rock.** presented by Stages Productions, Saturday, Nov. 8, 11 a.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults and \$6.50 for children. Call 587-6793 or visit largoarts.com.

## Clearwater

- **"Greater Tuna,"** by Joe Sears, Jaston Williams, and Ed Howard; through Oct. 19, at the Early Bird Dinner Theatre, 13355 49th St. N., Clearwater. Matinees are Thursday and Saturday, 11 a.m. Evening performances are Saturday and Sunday, 4 p.m. Cost is \$32 for dinner and the show. Call 446-5898 or visit www.earlybirddinnertheatre.com. In this wonderful and hilarious satire of life in small town Texas, the people who live in this all-to-nosy community are certainly unforgettable.
- **The Australian Pink Floyd Show: Set the Controls;** Wednesday, Oct. 8, 8 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Tickets start at \$50.50. Call 791-7400 or visit www.rutheckerdhall.com. The Set the Controls Tour 2014 will draw heavily from the iconic "Dark Side Of The Moon," "Wish You Were Here," and "The Division Bell" albums with anticipated performances of "Comfortably Numb," "Shine On You Crazy Diamond" and "Time." There will also be an interactive element to the show where audience members will be asked to help choose the material that the band will play during certain sections of their two-hour set.

- **Rodrigo Y Gabriela.** Thursday, Oct. 9, 8 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Tickets start at \$32.50. Call 791-7400 or visit www.rutheckerdhall.com. Rodrigo Sanchez and Gabriela Quintero have been playing together for more than fifteen years. Beginning with their humble roots busing in Dublin, playing Metallica bossa nova style in hotel bars for the own amusement; before they became one of the biggest selling acoustic instrumental acts in the world. Known for exhilarating live shows, Rodrigo y Gabriela have won the hearts of music lovers from the haciendas of Cuba to the Hollywood Bowl and festival fields of Europe, as they continue to weave their unique six-string magic.

- **Richard Marx.** Saturday, Oct. 11, 8 p.m., at Capitol Theatre, 405 Cleveland St., Clearwater. Tickets start at \$44.50. Call 791-7400 or visit www.atthecap.com. Fresh off releasing "Beautiful Goodbye," his first studio album in 10 years, the Grammy Award-winning singer-songwriter is hitting the road this fall for a highly anticipated U.S. tour. Marx released "Beautiful Goodbye" to critically acclaimed reviews across the board with Billboard magazine saying, "One word likely describes Beautiful Goodbye best: sexy." Miami Herald refers to the music on Beautiful Goodbye as "some of [Richard's] richest yet." "Whatever We Started" was released in May following a surprise performance of Marx's song "Right Here Waiting" on the finale of "American Idol" with host Ryan Seacrest.

- **Classic Albums: White Album;** Sunday, Oct. 12, 7 p.m., at Capitol Theatre, 405 Cleveland St., Clearwater. Tickets start at \$25. Call 791-7400 or visit www.atthecap.com.

- **Maxima Concierto de la Herencia Hispana (Hispanic Heritage Concert);** Sunday, Oct. 12, at Coachman Park in downtown Clearwater. Gates will open at noon. The show will start at 1 p.m. Ticket prices are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the gate. Visit 925maxima.com or call 800-514-3849. Puerto Rican reggaeton singer Yandel will headline this year's concert. Colombian salsa performers Grupo Niche also will perform. Additional performers will be announced. Maxima Concierto de la Herencia Hispana is a family-friendly annual event sponsored by 92.5 Maxima, MetroPCS, and Heineken. Lawn chairs, blankets and one bottle of water per person are permitted in Coachman Park during this event. No pets (except service animals), grills, open flame, glass containers, coolers, food, drinks, tents or canopies, recording devices or fireworks are allowed in Coachman Park during this event. For event information, call 562-4800.

## Dunedin

- **Movies in the Park.** Friday, Oct. 3, at John R. Lawrence Pioneer Park, 420 Main Street, Dunedin. Admission is free. Call 812-4530.
- **Dunedin Classic and Custom Car Show.** Saturday, Oct. 4, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Main Street and Broadway in Dunedin. There is no charge to attend. Call 298-3299.

## Gulfport

- **USA Dance.** Monday, Oct. 27, 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.

## North Redington Beach

- **G. David Howard.** Friday and Saturday, Oct. 3-4, 9:01 p.m., at Sporty's on the Beach, 17093 Gulf Blvd., North Redington Beach. Cost is \$15. Call 596-6725.

## Palm Harbor

- **Greek Fest.** Saturday, Oct. 4, 3 to 11 p.m., at Cretan Cultural Center, 1821 Curlew Road, Palm Harbor. Admission is free. This will be a mini-Greek festival featuring live music, dance performances in traditional Cretan costumes and open dancing. Traditional Greek food and pastries will be available for purchase. Call 786-8879.
- The fourth annual **Palm Harbor Rocktoberfest.** Saturday, Oct. 11, 5 to 11 p.m., in historic downtown Palm Harbor. Three rock bands will perform at the event, including Hope Darling, Radio Crime and headliner The Michael Allman Band. Michael Allman is the son of rock star Greg Allman. Attendees also will enjoy great food, craft beer, fine wine and retail vendors on Florida Avenue. Visit www.palmharborcc.org.

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## Crossword

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8		9	10	11	12	13
14					15					16				
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59						60					61			
62						63					64			
65						66					67			

### Across

- Sec
- Chesterfield, e.g.
- Motorcyclist
- Eye
- Bothers
- Root used as soap
- Hip bones
- Boor
- Comics sound
- UK province (2 wds)
- Closely related Bantu languages
- Go on and on
- Swelling
- Bust
- Big laugh
- Catcher's gear
- Novi Sad residents
- State lacking sensory awareness
- Brouhaha
- A long, long time
- Hit the bottle
- Immediately after this
- African antelope
- Putdowns
- Character
- Conferring full authority
- Fix firmly
- Zero, on a court
- Arab League member
- Native of Emerald Isle
- Again
- Alliance acronym
- Soda fountain favorites
- Cost of living?
- Coaster

### Down

- Puts together
- Block house?
- Bat an eye?
- Enrich by taking advantage of one's position (3 wds)
- Ad headline
- Aroma
- Item laid at new building's ceremony (2 wds)
- Buzzing
- Selfish lack of human decency
- Execution of a plan (pl.)
- \_\_\_ nut
- Brio
- Abbr. after many a general's name
- Coal carrier
- Pistol, slangily
- Dash lengths
- Cheese nibblers
- Sundae topper, perhaps
- Cookbook abbr.
- "\_\_\_ quam videri" (North Carolina's motto)
- Charge
- "\_\_\_ bitten, twice shy"
- Maple genus
- Theater award
- Artifacts from the Stone Age
- Cable network
- 40 winks
- Affranchise
- Back biter
- Middle Eastern porter
- Be bombastic
- Church assembly
- Strait-laced
- 100 kurus
- Axis of \_\_\_
- 20-20, e.g.
- Colorful salamander

## Sudoku

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

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

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

## Crossword answers

from last week

A	R	O	M	A	S	B	I	A	S	E	S
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C	O	L	E	S	O	R	T	O	G	E	S
F	A	N	I	S	B	R	A	I	D	R	A
L	E	T	O	E	A	D	S	E	T	M	E
T	O	R	Y	N	E	S	M	A	E	S	T
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D	E	S	P	O	I	T	A	N	T	A	S
T	R	A	T								
T	I	R	I	C							
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D	E	F	L	A	T	E	C	A	B	A	R
S	E	E	D	E	R						
T	R	Y	O	N	S	T	R	E	D	E	E

## Horoscopes

### October 2, 2014

## Capricorn

December 22 - January 19

Come on, Capricorn. The obstacles are not as insurmountable as you think. Dig deep, and you will succeed. Changes are brewing at work. Don't fight them.

## Aquarius

January 20 - February 18

Doing more than your fair share of the work, Aquarius? Perhaps it's time you got help outside of the family. Just make sure you split the costs.

## Pisces

February 19 - March 20

Lunacy surrounds you this week, Pisces. Don't let it drive you batty. Find something lucrative to focus on. A service is expanded. Enjoy the perks.

## Aries

March 21 - April 19

Emotions run high at an event. Don't bother playing peacemaker, Aries. Some things are meant to be. A last-moment trip uncovers quite the find.

## Taurus

April 20 - May 20

Time to yourself is rare these days, Taurus. Steal moments where you can. A loved one makes an unusual request. Honor it only if you can.

## Gemini

May 21 - June 21

Memories of another time and place haunt you. Relax, Gemini. It is not an omen, just a chance for you to revisit some fun. A secret is revealed.

## Cancer

June 22 - July 22

Watch it, Cancer. You're playing with fire. A superior sends out a memo. Read between the lines. There is much more to the situation than stated.

## Leo

July 23 - August 22

Fess up, Leo. You were in on it the whole time and you know it. A special event goes off without a hitch. It may be time for a little get-away.

## Virgo

August 23 - September 22

Are you in or out, Virgo? This is not the time to be wishy-washy. Revenue increases, and a promotion may be in order. Someone needs a favor.

## Libra

September 23 - October 22

Press on, Libra. You team is counting on you, and remember, no matter how bad it gets, it could always be worse. Persevere, and you will be rewarded.

## Scorpio

October 23 - November 21

One man's trash is another's treasure. Remember that as you begin to sort through the clutter, Scorpio. Donate or sell whatever you can.

## Sagittarius

November 22 - December 21

Sagittarians don't always get their way. Learn to compromise, or prepare to face the consequences. A message is received loud and clear at home.

# Review: West Coast Players stages riveting Sheiness psychodrama

Once again, West Coast Players has dared to be different, staging an unconventional production early in its 2014-15 season.

Thanks to expert direction, an attention-grabbing script and outstanding performances, "Monkey Monkey Bottle of Beer, How Many Monkeys Have We Here?" confirms this theater's ability to present compelling, thought-provoking high-quality arts programming – and to introduce lesser-known playwrights to appreciative Tampa Bay audiences.

Marsha Sheiness' "Monkey Monkey Bottle of Beer, How Many Monkeys Have We Here?" runs through Oct. 5 at West Coast Players, 21905 U.S. 19 N., Clearwater. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$19. Call 437-2363 or visit [www.wcplayers.org](http://www.wcplayers.org).

While the playwright may not have achieved instantaneous name recognition in Florida – yet – Sheiness is likely far more familiar to theatergoers in New York City where she has been involved in almost every aspect of the business – from acting, writing and directing to teaching and mentoring. According to the biography on her website, Sheiness has helmed more than 30 plays over the years. Her work has been produced Off-Broadway, Off-Off Broadway, on television, and in regional, community, university, and high school theatres across the United States.

Sheiness previously taught playwriting at The New School and at Eccentric Circles Theatre in New York City, as well as at the Harbor Playhouse School of Dramatic Arts in Corpus Christi, Texas. The playwright has authored a number of dramas, comedy-dramas and even a musical adaptation of "Great Expectations." Tackling a variety of themes, her plays cover such topics as a 40-year-old woman's past selves; a Jewish Texas couple in their 70s; gay, lesbian, transgender and bisexual teenagers; and characters with dementia.

"Monkey Monkey Bottle of Beer, How Many Monkeys Have We Here?" debuted in the early 1970s with its premier production at Cincinnati Playhouse in the park directed by Harold Scott. Following that first appearance, the production aired in 1974 on "Theater in America," produced by PBS New York affiliate WNET.

Presented by special arrangement with Samuel French Inc., "Monkey Monkey Bottle of Beer, How Many Monkeys Have We Here?" is a psychodrama set in the waiting room of a clinic. The year is 1974. One by one, five women arrive for their scheduled appointments. Gradually, it is revealed that the five mothers have been part of an experiment: Their developmentally disabled children have undergone a two-month treatment program to turn them into geniuses.

It is the interchange between these five women that shapes this drama. Sheiness shrewdly intro-



**Curtain Call**  
Lee Clark Zumpe

duces a menagerie of characters, representing markedly dissimilar socioeconomic backgrounds. The dialogue is genuine and detailed, though at times intentionally cryptic so that certain details about the nature of the treatment remain unknown to the audience.

Along the way, the women reveal their motivations – sometimes intentionally, sometimes inadvertently. They are detached strangers momentarily connected by happenstance, mechanically cycling through their own fears and regrets in a mesmerizing display of self-realization.

The five mothers are portrayed by Sadra Bostic (Mrs. Evans), Laurel E. Braswell (Mrs. Lewis), Tammy Dalton (Mrs. Todd), Sandra Magnone (Mrs. Luther) and Samantha Parisi (Mrs. Amber). Each member of this ensemble gives a captivating and engaging performance, oscillating flawlessly from uneasy humor to poignant revelation. There is no trace of exaggeration in the dialogue and the actresses do not depend on hyperbole to overstate their characters. Bostic's Evans, for instance, is standoffish and cynical, but only to a point. Likewise, Parisi's Amber is sufficiently snobbish.

Just as there are no weak links in this cast, there also are no scene-stealers – which is fitting considering the importance of the nervous rapport that evolves between the characters. The performers have achieved a transcendent harmony in depicting wary discord.

The cast also includes Judi Dupree as the nurse and Ashton Sarlo as Joe Evans who both give solid performances.

Tom Costello directs this production of "Monkey Monkey Bottle of Beer, How Many Monkeys Have We Here?" In his notes, he reveals that he got to work on both the stage and television version of the play, and is excited to have the opportunity to bring it to the stage again.

"We've assembled a remarkable cast, stage manager and production team to bring you a compelling drama that will keep you guessing and often on the edge of your seat right up to the stunning climax," Costello says.

The West Coast Players' production of this edgy and provocative drama shines brightest in the exchanges between its diverse characters, rendered flawlessly by some of the best performers in the Tampa Bay area.

While the play may date back to the early 1970s, the subject matter remains relevant. Earlier this month, TechCrunch, a blog dedicated to trending technology news and profiling new Internet products and companies, reported that the world's first genetically modified babies will probably graduate from high school in 2015. The article refers to an unidentified group of 30 embryos that were part of an experiment that involved the Gamete and Em-



Photo by ROSALEEN MAGNONE

Above, Mrs. Luther (Sandra Magnone), left, listens while Mrs. Amber (Samantha Parisi) explains her confidence in the doctor in "Monkey Monkey Bottle of Beer, How Many Monkeys Have We Here?" at West Coast Players through Oct. 5. Below, the cast of the play features, from left, Laurell Braswell, Judi Dupree, Parisi, Sadra Bostick, Ashton Sarlo, Magnone and Tammy Dalton.



bryo Research Laboratory at the Institute for Reproductive Medicine and Science at Saint Barnabas Medical Center in 1997.

Parents struggle with making the right choices for

their children every day. The specific ethical dilemma Sheiness explores in "Monkey Monkey Bottle of Beer, How Many Monkeys Have We Here?" is one that future parents may well have to confront.

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**Pinellas Park**

• **Pinellas Park Civic Orchestra.** Sunday, Oct. 5, 7:30 p.m., at the Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center, 4951 78th Ave. N., Pinellas Park. The talented, professional musicians will perform a selection of light classical pieces, show tunes and pop. Admission is free but donations are accepted. Visit [www.pinellasparkorchestra.com](http://www.pinellasparkorchestra.com).

**Redington Beach**

• **Fifth annual Oktoberfest.** Saturday, Oct. 4, 6:30 to 10 p.m., at Friendship Park, 164th Avenue and Second Street, Redington Beach. Cost is \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. Call Eike and Mark Deighton at 393-0100, or email [santasangels@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:santasangels@tampabay.rr.com). The event is being presented to raise money to pay for presents for underprivileged children and food baskets for their families at Christmas time. Santa's Angels is a totally volunteer organization. All of the money raised is used to buy presents and food. Attendees will enjoy German sausages, sauerkraut, zwiebelkuchen (onion cake), and more as well as beer and wine, a short raffle and a DJ.

**St. Pete Beach**

• **The Black Honkeys.** Friday, Oct. 3, at St. Pete Beach Community Center in Horan Park, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive, St. Pete Beach. Activities will kick off at 6 p.m. and the band will take the stage at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Attendees may bring lawn chairs and blankets. Complimentary valet parking will be available. Food, beer and wine will be available for purchase. Call 363-9245 or visit [www.spbrec.com](http://www.spbrec.com).

**St. Petersburg**

• **Second Saturday ArtWalk.** Saturday, Oct. 11, 5 to 9 p.m., in the Waterfront Arts District and the Warehouse Arts District, St. Petersburg. More than 40 galleries and studios will participate. ArtWalk will be broadened for this one month to celebrate Uni-

versal Music Day as many offer music for the festive October celebration of art. Visit [www.stpeteartsalliance.org](http://www.stpeteartsalliance.org).

• **Fourth annual Sueños de Dalí.** Saturday, Oct. 11, 8 p.m. to midnight, at The Dalí Museum, One Dalí Blvd., St. Petersburg. General admission tickets cost \$125 for museum members and \$150 for nonmembers. Avant-garde VIP tickets are \$600. General admission tickets include dancing to a live band, unlimited craft cocktails, gourmet food tastings, free valet parking and full access to the galleries. Paris in the 1920s was the center of the artistic universe and marked a transition to artistic maturity for Salvador Dalí and many other famous artists who were drawn to the city for its rich, creative inspiration. It was the hub for new ways of thinking and marked the birth of Surrealism, the "Art Deco" movement, and the Paris Jazz Age. Parisian nightlife was characterized by personal freedom, a revolution of fashion, luxurious parties, theater shows, and jazz music – people lived luminous lives and knew how to have fun. The 2014 Sueños de Dalí will leverage the defining elements of Parisian nightlife in the 1920s with a modern twist. This year's soiree entertains the combined identities of two extraordinary cultures as guests revel in the décor and fashion that defined the Spanish and Parisian nightlife from different eras. Donning incredible costumes, guests will enjoy a dreamlike soiree filled with illusory sensations, signature cocktails, gourmet cuisine, and more. For details, visit [thedali.org/event/suenos-de-dali](http://thedali.org/event/suenos-de-dali).

• **Lyle Lovett.** Sunday, Oct. 19, 7 p.m., at The Mahaffey Theater, 400 First St. S., St. Petersburg. Tickets start at \$39. Call 893-7832 or 800-874-9020, or visit [www.themahaffey.com](http://www.themahaffey.com). Lovett has broadened the definition of American music in a career that spans 14 albums. Coupled with his gift for storytelling, the Texas-based musician fuses elements of country, swing, jazz, folk, gospel and blues in a convention-defying manner that breaks down barriers. Lovett has

appeared in 13 feature films, and on stage and television. Among his many accolades, besides the four Grammy Awards, he was given the Americana Music Association's inaugural Trailblazer Award, and was recently named the Texas State Musician. Lovett has been touring in support of "Release Me" since its release in February 2012. The album was No. 1 for several weeks on the Americana charts. Produced by Nathaniel Kunkel and Lovett, "Release Me" represents the end of an era as it was his last record for Curb/Universal Music Group after being on the label for his entire career. "Release Me" is quintessential Lovett, mixing a smart collection of originals and songs written by some of his favorite songwriters that show not only the breadth of this Texas legend's deep talents, but also the diversity of his influences, making him one of the most infectious and fascinating musicians in popular music.

• **Arrival: The Music of ABBA.** Friday, Oct. 24, 8 p.m., at The Mahaffey Theater, 400 First St. S., St. Petersburg. Tickets start at \$30. Call 893-7832 or visit [www.themahaffey.com](http://www.themahaffey.com). The band will play hits such as "Dancing Queen," "Mamma Mia," "Does Your Mother Know," "Take A Chance," "SOS," "The Winner Takes It All," "Super Trouper," "Money Money Money," "Waterloo," "Honey Honey," "Fernando," "I Do I Do I Do," "Chiquitita," "Knowing Me Knowing You," "Summer Night City," "Thank You For The Music," "Lay All Your Love On Me," "Gimme Gimme" and many more delivered with such accuracy that it's hard to believe that it's not the real ABBA on stage.

• **Pieces of a Dream.** Friday, Oct. 24, 8 p.m., at The Palladium Theater, 253 Fifth Ave. N., St. Petersburg. Tickets start at \$30. Call 822-3590 or visit [mypadallium.org](http://mypadallium.org).

• **"Dracula: The Vampire Strikes Back,"** by Thomas Ribbits and Tim Seward; Oct. 24 through Nov. 2, at St. Petersburg City Theatre, 4025 31st St. S., St. Petersburg. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students.

Children age 11 and younger are free with each adult ticket. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 p.m. Call 866-1973 or visit [www.spacitytheatre.org](http://www.spacitytheatre.org).

**Seminole**

• **Music in the Park.** Friday, Oct. 3, 7 to 9 p.m., at Seminole City Park, 7464 Ridge Road, Seminole. Admission is free. For information, visit [www.myseminole.com](http://www.myseminole.com). Performing will be Comfort Zone.

• **Music in the Park.** Friday, Oct. 10, 7 to 9 p.m., at Seminole City Park, 7464 Ridge Road, Seminole. Admission is free. For information, visit [www.myseminole.com](http://www.myseminole.com). Performing will be D.A. Smith and the Soul Injectors.

**Tampa**

• **Tiempo Libre.** Saturday, Oct. 11, 7:30 p.m., at the David A. Straz Jr. Center for the Performing Arts, 1010 N. W.C. MacInnes Place, Tampa. Tickets start at \$10. Call 813-229-7827 or 800-955-1045, or visit [www.strazcenter.org](http://www.strazcenter.org).

• **Anjelah Johnson.** Thursday, Oct. 16, 7 p.m., at the David A. Straz Jr. Center for the Performing Arts, 1010 N. W.C. MacInnes Place, Tampa. Tickets start at \$35. Call 813-229-7827 or 800-955-1045, or visit [www.strazcenter.org](http://www.strazcenter.org).

• **Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella.** Oct. 21-26, at the David A. Straz Jr. Center for the Performing Arts, 1010 N. W.C. MacInnes Place, Tampa. Performances are Tuesday through Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; and Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Matinees are Saturday and Sunday, 2 p.m. For information, call 813-229-7827 or 800-955-1045, or visit [www.strazcenter.org](http://www.strazcenter.org).

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• **Brickworld.** Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 25-26, in the Special Events Building at Florida State Fairgrounds, 4800 U.S. 301 N., Tampa. Hours will be Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. General admission is \$10 in advance and \$11 the day of the show. The show will feature 40,000 square feet of creations all built from Lego bricks by local Lego enthusiasts. There will be interactive activities, such as the Lego and Duplo play brick areas, seek and finds, and fighting robots. Visit [www.brickworld.us/tampa](http://www.brickworld.us/tampa).

• **Coral Skies Music Festival** featuring Cage The Elephant, Julian Casablancas & The Voidz, City and Colour, Bombay Bicycle Club and more; Saturday, Oct. 25, noon, at Mid Florida Credit Union Amphitheatre at the Florida State Fairgrounds, 4802 U.S. 301 N., Tampa. General admission tickets are \$30. Call 813-740-2446 or visit [www.livenation.com](http://www.livenation.com).

• **Brendan James.** Monday,

Oct. 27, 7:30 p.m., at the David A. Straz Jr. Center for the Performing Arts, 1010 N. W.C. MacInnes Place, Tampa. Tickets start at \$28.50. Call 813-229-7827 or 800-955-1045, or visit [www.strazcenter.org](http://www.strazcenter.org).

• **"Vampire Lesbians of Sodom,"** by Charles Busch, presented by Jobsite Theater; Oct. 29 through Nov. 23; at the David A. Straz Jr. Center for the Performing Arts, 1010 N. W.C. MacInnes Place, Tampa. Performances are Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; and Sunday, 4 p.m. Tickets start at \$28. Call 813-229-7827 or 800-955-1045, or visit [www.strazcenter.org](http://www.strazcenter.org).

• **Diavolo Dance Theatre.** Sunday, Nov. 2, 8 p.m., at the David A. Straz Jr. Center for the Performing Arts, 1010 N. W.C. MacInnes Place, Tampa. Tickets start at \$30. Call 813-229-7827 or 800-955-1045, or visit [www.strazcenter.org](http://www.strazcenter.org).

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He came to my desk with quivering lips; the lesson was done. "Teacher, I need a new page; I've spoiled this one." I exchanged the blots and stains for an unspotted page. Into his sad eyes I smiled; "Do better now, my child."

I went to the throne with quivering soul; the old year was done. "Father, I need a new page; I've spoiled this one." Taking the old stained, blotted page, He gave me a new unspotted one and into my sad heart smiled, "Do better now, my child."

*Poems of Dawn*

The days come, saith the LORD...I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel...I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts...I will be their God...they shall be my people...they shall all know me, from the least unto the greatest...for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Contributor:  
"Joy Cometh in the Morning"

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# Music in the Park to feature Comfort Zone

By LEE CLARK ZUMPE

SEMINOLE – The fifth concert in city's annual Music in the Park series will feature a performance by Comfort Zone on Friday, Oct. 3. The concerts are presented at Seminole City Park, 7464 Ridge Road, Seminole. The music will run 7 to 9 p.m. Admission is free. Food and beverages will be available for purchase at the event. Attendees are encouraged to bring chairs and blankets. For information, call 391-8345 or visit [www.myseminole.com](http://www.myseminole.com). According to William Clare Entertainment, The Comfort Zone Band specializes in tight vocal harmonies and fun.

This seven-piece band offers a sound and sight experience that can enhance any event. The ensemble has performed at festivals, special events and select clubs. Harmony is the focal point of the music and shines through the connection the band has with each other and their audience. Whether reminiscing to the sounds of The Temptations, Little River band or Crosby, Stills & Nash – or making new memories to the sounds of today with Little Big Town or Lady Antebellum – Comfort Zone loves what they do ... and it shows. This week's concert is sponsored by DeLoach & Hofstra, P.A.; and Seminole Title.



Comfort Zone performs Oct. 3 at Seminole City Park as part of the city's Music in the Park series.

## OPENING, from page 1B

Skarsgard, Toni Collette, Jean Reno and Veronica Ferres  
 Director: Peter Chelsom  
 Rated: R  
 Hector (Simon Pegg) is a quirky psychiatrist who has become increasingly tired of his humdrum life. As he tells his girlfriend, Clara (Rosamund Pike), he feels like a fraud: he hasn't really tasted life, and yet he's offering advice to patients who are just not getting any happier. So Hector decides to break out of his deluded and routine driven life. Armed with buckets of courage and child-like curiosity, he embarks on a global quest in hopes of uncovering the elusive secret formula for true happiness. And so begins a larger than life adventure with riotously funny results. Based on the world-wide best-selling novel of the same name, "Hector and the Search for Happiness" is a rich, exhilarating, and hilarious tale from director Peter Chelsom.



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Above, Edgar Ramirez stars as Simón Bolívar in "The Liberator." At left, Stephanie Cleau stars in "The Blue Room."

### 'Left Behind'

Genre: Action, adventure and thriller  
 Cast: Nicolas Cage, Chad Michael Murray, Cassi Thomson, Nicky Whelan, Lea Thompson, Jordan Sparks, Quinton Aaron and Martin Klebba  
 Director: Vic Armstrong  
 Rated: PG-13  
 "Left Behind" is an apocalyptic action-thriller starring Nicolas Cage based on the New York Times bestselling novel that brings biblical prophecy to life in modern times.

The most important event in the history of mankind is happening right now. In the blink of an eye, the biblical Rapture strikes the world. Millions of people disappear without a trace. All that remains are their clothes and belongings, and in an instant, terror and chaos spread around the world. The vanishings cause unmanned vehicles to crash and burn. Planes fall from the sky. Emergency forces everywhere are devastated. Gridlock, riots and looting overrun the cities. There is no one to help or provide answers. In a moment, the entire planet is plunged into darkness.

The Steele family is caught on the razor's edge of that darkness. Ray Steele, an airline pilot, struggles to calm, and ultimately to save the lives of the passengers that remain on his flight, as the world below loses its ability to help his plane, and any other to safety. Running out of fuel, his equipment failing, his crew escalating into panic, Ray must guide the plane with the help of GWN reporter, Cameron "Buck" Williams who takes over the role of co-pilot in the face of the crisis. For Buck Williams, being trapped at 30,000 feet with a plane full of terrified passengers means a struggle to understand the incomprehensible.

On the ground, Ray's daughter Chloe Steele struggles to find her young brother and mother, both of whom may have disappeared in the biblical event. Forcing herself through the chaos, Chloe must navigate a world filled with terror and despair.

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

### 'Drive Hard'

Genre: Action and adventure  
 Cast: John Cusack and Thomas Jane  
 Director: Brian Trenchard-Smith  
 Not rated  
 Former racecar driver Peter Roberts (Thomas Jane) traded the winner's circle for a 9 to 5 job as a beginners' driving instructor. But his life shifts into overdrive when Simon Keller (John Cusack) hijacks Peter to be his getaway driver in a \$9 million heist.

### 'The Decent One'

Genre: Documentary  
 Director: Vanessa Lapa  
 Not rated  
 A recently discovered cache of hundreds of personal letters, diaries and photos belonging to the Nazi Gestapo chief seems to reveal a thoughtful, loving husband and devoted father to his daughter. The documents first found in the Himmler family house in 1945 were hidden in Tel Aviv for decades and sold to the father of the Israeli documentary filmmaker, Vanessa Lapa. Through readings of Himmler's and his family's most personal writings and rarely seen restored film footage from key German archives, Lapa has fashioned a fascinating case study: a portrait of the man responsible for some of the worst atrocities of the Second World War, who thought of himself in heroic terms.

### 'Men, Women & Children'

Genre: Comedy, drama and romance  
 Cast: Kaitlyn Dever, Rosemarie DeWitt, Ansel Elgort, Jennifer Garner, Judy Greer, Dean Norris and Adam Sandler  
 Director: Jason Reitman  
 Rated: R  
 "Men, Women & Children" follows the story of a group of high school teenagers and their parents as they attempt to navigate the many ways the Internet has changed their relationships, their communication, their self-image, and their love lives.

The film attempts to stare down social issues such as video game culture, anorexia, infidelity, fame hunting, and the proliferation of illicit material on the Internet. As each character and each relationship is tested, we are shown the variety of roads people choose – some tragic, some hopeful – as it becomes clear that no one is immune to this enormous social change that has come through our phones, our tablets, and our computers.

### 'The Blue Room'

Genre: Drama  
 Cast: Matthieu Amalric, Lea Drucker, Stephanie Cleau and Laurent Poitrenaux  
 Director: Matthieu Amalric  
 Not rated

A man and a woman, secretly in love, alone in a room. They desire each other, want each other, and even bite each other. In the afterglow, they share a few sweet nothings. At least the man seemed to believe they were nothing. Now under investigation by the police and the courts, Julien fails to find the words.

### 'The Good Lie'

Genre: Drama  
 Cast: Reese Witherspoon, Arnold Oceng, Ger Duany, Emmanuel Jal and Corey Stoll  
 Director: Philippe Falardeau  
 Rated: PG-13  
 They were known simply as "The Lost Boys." Orphaned by the brutal civil war in Sudan, which began in 1983, these young victims traveled as many as a thousand miles on foot in search of safety. Fifteen years later, a humanitarian effort would bring 3,600 lost boys, as well as girls, to America.

In "The Good Lie," Philippe Falardeau brings the story of their survival and triumph to life. Academy Award winner Reese Witherspoon stars alongside Sudanese actors Arnold Oceng, Ger Duany, Emmanuel Jal, and newcomer Kuoth Wiel, some of whom were also children of war. Mamere and Theo are sons of the Chief in their village in Southern Sudan. When an attack by the Northern militia destroys their home and kills their parents, eldest son Theo is forced to assume the role of Chief and lead a group of young survivors, including his sister Abital, away from harm. But the hostile, treacherous terrain has other dangers in store for them. As the tattered group makes the difficult trek to Kakuma refugee camp in Kenya, they meet other fleeing children, forging a bond with Jeremiah, who, at 13, is already a man of faith, and Paul, whose skills become essential to their survival.

Thirteen years later, the now young adults are given the opportunity to leave the camp and resettle in America. Upon arriving in Kansas, they are met by Carrie Davis, an employment agency counselor who has been enlisted to help find them jobs – no easy task, when things like light switches and telephones are brand new to them.

### 'The Hero of Color City'

Genre: Animation  
 Cast: Christina Ricci, Rosie Perez, Wayne Brady, Craig Ferguson, Owen Wilson and Jessica Gladshaw  
 Director: Frank Gladstone  
 Rated: G  
 Each night, when Ben falls asleep, his Crayons jump into their magical Crayon Box that transports them to their home in Color City, a world of dazzling hues, soaring fantasy and the whimsy of childhood. This land is fed by an enchanted rainbow and waterfall that provides the city and its citizens with color. When Yellow, our timid heroine, is accidentally left behind in Ben's room, she inadvertently awakens two Unfinished Drawings: King Scrawl, a huge, powerful, mute monster – and Gnat, Scrawl's motor-mouthed, overactive sidekick. In search of color for themselves, they follow Yellow to Color City, causing panic and concern. If Scrawl and Gnat can claim the waterfall for themselves, Color City will fade, and along with it, our lovable crayon characters will disappear.

It's up to Yellow and a motley crew of Crayons, bodacious and brave, Blue, meticulous, fussy Green, satirical Red, pessimistic Black and overanxious White to save the day. Meeting with fantastical creatures and fun adventures along the way, Yellow discovers she has more courage and strength than she knew and learns to believe in herself and to count on the support of her friends. Replete with valuable life lessons, this enchanting story will entertain and inspire in a stunningly rendered and utterly unique animated world.

### 'The Liberator'

Genre: Drama  
 Cast: Edgar Ramirez, Maria Valverde, Danny Huston, Imanol Arias and Gary Lewis  
 Director: Alberto Arvelo  
 Rated: R  
 Simón Bolívar fought over 100 battles against the Spanish Empire in South America. He rode over 70,000 miles on horseback. His military campaigns covered twice the territory of Alexander the Great. His army never conquered – it liberated. The film stars Edgar Ramirez, with a soundtrack by Gustavo Dudamel.

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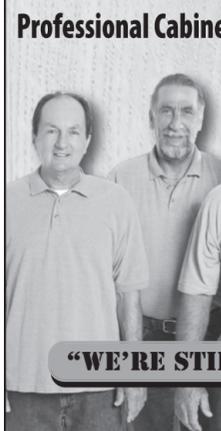
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# The Australian Pink Floyd Show to play Ruth Eckerd Hall

CLEARWATER – Recently, Pink Floyd fans got some unexpected news: David Gilmour and Nick Mason, two surviving members of the band, announced that a new album – “The Endless River” – will be released in November.

Those eagerly anticipating the new music can get a taste of old-school Floyd when the internationally-known tribute band The Australian Pink Floyd Show visits the Tampa Bay area on Wednesday, Oct. 8, 8 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater.

Tickets start at \$50.50. Call 791-7400 or visit [www.rutheckerdhal.com](http://www.rutheckerdhal.com).

The Set the Controls Tour 2014 will draw heavily from the iconic “Dark Side Of The Moon,” “Wish You Were Here,” and “The Division Bell” albums with anticipated performances of “Comfortably Numb,” “Shine On You Crazy Diamond” and “Time.” There will also be an interactive element to the show where audience members will be asked to help choose the material that the band will play during certain sections of their two-hour set.

Audiences can expect more than just a competent interpretation of Pink Floyd’s work. This show is billed as an audiovisual extravaganza featuring a multi-million dollar light show, multiple inflatables and stunning laser effects, all coupled with note-perfect renditions of Pink Floyd’s biggest hits. This show has already been seen by 4 million people.

The name of the tour comes from Pink Floyd’s classic song “Set The Controls for the Heart Of the Sun,” which appeared on the band’s “A Saucerful of Secrets” album. The Australian Pink Floyd Show will be performing Pink Floyd linchpins such as “Another Brick In The Wall,” “Money” and “Wish You Were Here” as well as a few surprise tracks.

Lorelei McBroom will also be appearing on this tour. Her credentials are staggering: She toured with Pink Floyd on the “Momentary Lapse of Reason” and “Delicate Sound of Thunder” tours,



Above right, The Australian Pink Floyd Show brings its Set the Controls Tour to Ruth Eckerd Hall on Oct. 8. Above, left, the band performs “The Trial” from the band’s 1979 album “The Wall.”



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appeared in the videos for “The Dogs of War,” “On The Turning Away” and the “Pink Floyd Live In Venice” TV broadcast. She also performed “The Great Gig in the Sky” with Pink Floyd, a song she will now perform with TAPFS.

Colin Norfield is also aboard as sound engineer. He was FOH engineer on Pink Floyd’s final world tour and has since handled live sound for David Gilmour. The Australian Pink Floyd Show is constantly evolving and honing what they do, having

enjoyed 25 years at the top of the game.

The show boasts a round screen with intelligent lights arranged around its perimeter. During a concert, movies and animations are displayed on-screen, complementing the band’s light show. Inflatable – such as the pig used by Pink Floyd during the Division Bell Tour – are frequently employed in the band’s shows.

The band formed in Adelaide, Australia, in 1988. The Australian Pink Floyd Show consists of Steve

Mac, Jason Sawford, Colin Wilson, Dave Fowler, Alex McNamara, Paul Bonney, Mike Kidson, Lorelei McBroom, Lara Smiles and Emily Lynn.

For those not completely convinced about the tribute band’s quality, both Gilmour and Mason have bestowed praise upon them. TAPFS was personally asked by Gilmour to play at his private 50th birthday party; and mason recently told BBC Radio in an interview that the Australian Pink Floyd were “probably better than us.”

## Out and about

### International Chorale seeks tenors, basses

DUNEDIN – The International Chorale of Dunedin meets Mondays, 7 p.m., at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 705 Michigan Blvd.

The group specializes in all types of music including songs from around the world. Performances are given at churches, mobile home communities, clubs and activity centers. Members travel and sing aboard ships and at churches at their destinations. The group plans to travel to the British Isles in July 2015.

Currently, the group is in need of tenors and basses who can travel. For information, call Bev Peck at 789-0256.

### Olde Bay Café and Crab Festival set

DUNEDIN – Olde Bay Café and Dunedin Fish Market will hold its annual Craft Beer and Crab Festival on Friday, Oct. 17, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 18, 3 p.m. to 10 p.m., at Edgewater Park by the marina. The event is open to the public and admission is free.

This year’s event will have live music from local bands including the Black Honkeys, The Blend, Offshore Riot, One Son, and Stone City.

Food tents will include locally sourced crabs, smoked mullet, barbecue, hamburgers, hot dogs, local restaurants, vendor booths, children’s activities, and craft beer.

This year’s event proceeds will benefit a local charity, The Homeless Emergency Project, which is one of the oldest and largest social service agencies in Pinellas County. Providing shelter and support services to over 400 men, women and children each day, HEP offers lasting solutions to ending homelessness in our community. As part of their mission to help people in crisis, HEP offers emergency and transitional housing for the temporarily homeless as well as permanent supportive housing for mentally disabled individuals, families with children and veterans.

The event is sponsored by Sweetwater Brewing & Great Bay Distributors. Media Sponsor is Tampa Bay Magazine.

Local sponsorships will be available by contacting Walt Wickman and will include business names on banners, website and printed materials at 215-8474 or [Walt@OldeBayCafe.com](mailto:Walt@OldeBayCafe.com)

### Museum welcomes ‘Florida’s first tourists’

ST. PETERSBURG – Imagining La Florida, an exhibit showcasing Florida’s history during the first Spanish rule, is on display at the St. Petersburg Museum of History, 335 Second Ave. NE.

The exhibit will run through March 1, 2015. Museum hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. General admission is \$15 a person. Call 894-1052 or visit [www.spmoh.org](http://www.spmoh.org).

Just over 500 years ago, Juan Ponce de Leon landed on what he thought was just another Caribbean island. He named it “La Florida.”

Filling the entire main gallery of the St. Petersburg Museum of History, Imagining La Florida offers a new perspective on the rich, yet forgotten history of Florida and how the Sunshine State – not Virginia or Massachusetts – was the birthplace of our nation.

This interactive exhibit tells of Ponce’s arrival and those Spaniards who came after him, and how the complex interactions of Europeans, Africans and Indians shaped the development of modern Florida.

Attendees will have an opportunity to walk through a Spanish galleon and listen to the conquistadors as they prepare for their voyages and bathe in the Fountain of Youth.

On loan from the Spanish Crown, the highly sought-after exhibit was curated by USF St. Petersburg History Professor J. Michael Francis, one of the nation’s leading experts on the Spanish colonial experience in Florida. Francis is the Hough family endowed chair in Florida studies.

Stories, artifacts and hands-on activities take attendees from Seville, Spain to the sun-drenched sandy shores of Florida – including Tampa Bay’s history of Spanish exploration.

La Florida examines the role of Africans in early Florida, including

Fort Mose – the first free black community in what would become the United States. The many stories told of Florida’s Indians include the female ruler of Nombre de Dios, Dona Maria. Dona Maria was an important Spanish ally and one of the most powerful Indian chiefs in Florida.

The exhibit ends with the Fountain of Youth – a myth that provided St. Petersburg with its very first tourist attraction.

“La Florida is an eye-opener for those of us who learned the British version of colonial America,” said museum executive director Rui Farias.

### Artist donates collection to FHM

ST. PETERSBURG – The Florida Holocaust Museum, at 55 Fifth St. S., will present The Holocaust: Artwork by Murray Zimiles, a new exhibit opening Saturday, Oct. 25 and running through Jan. 18, 2015.

The museum will host an opening reception on Thursday, Oct. 30, 6:30 p.m. The event is free to FHM members. General admission is \$9. Attendees will have an opportunity to tour the exhibition with Zimiles and enjoy a wine and cheese reception. RSVPs are required. Call 820-0100, ext. 271.

Murray Zimiles is a distinguished artist, well-known for artwork that focuses on the Holocaust, and is widely featured in exhibitions and collections across the United States and around the world. More than 120 pieces of Zimiles’ work, including drawings, paintings, lithographs and mixed media have been donated to the museum’s permanent collection, many of which will be on display in the exhibition.

“Knowing that 10 years of my life’s work is going into good hands is the most important and exciting thing I could hope for,” said Zimiles.

Creating much of his work in the mid-1980s, Zimiles found interest in the Holocaust after reading a book about the destruction of Poland’s magnificent wooden synagogues.

His large lithographic books, “The Book of Fire” and “To Die with Honor,” use eyewitness accounts to touch on the destruction of Eastern European Jewish life, culture and sacred architecture as well as the doomed last stand of the Warsaw Ghetto. These works have been acquired by the Museum of Modern Art (New York), the New York Public Library and the Jewish Museum (New York) among others.

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