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COUNTY



PSTA set to study driverless vehicles

Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority Board of Directors said yes Jan. 29 to spending up to \$150,000 on autonomous vehicle feasibility studies and a demonstration project. PSTA Transit Planner Jacob Labutka said engineering firms were interested in evaluating the use of autonomous vehicles for PSTA. He said that due to the quickly evolving development of AV technology, firms are looking for market experience.

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POLICE

Initiative to focus on US 19 crashes

Pinellas County Sheriff's deputies are conducting an initiative focused on reducing crashes specifically targeting traffic violators along U.S. 19 from Pinellas Park to Tarpon Springs. During the eight-week initiative, deputies will conduct strict traffic enforcement in areas with a high number of vehicle crashes and during hours of peak traffic volume.

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BEACHES

Cities urged to oppose drilling

City and town governments along the Pinellas beaches are expected to pass resolutions in the coming weeks opposing seismic blasting and potential offshore drilling for gas and oil in the Gulf of Mexico. The latest proposal includes all waters 3- to 24-miles offshore of Alaska, Oregon south to Southern California, the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic seaboard up to Maine.

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OUTDOORS

Break out of your shell for Turtle Trot

Now is the time to register for those who want to take part in the seventh annual Turtle Trot 5K at George C. McGough Nature Park on Saturday, Feb. 24. The race is a measured 3.1-mile flat course that will take participants through McGough and Bonner parks' trails, boardwalks and on quiet neighborhood streets nearby. All proceeds will go toward supporting Largo Nature Parks.

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Longtime journalist ready to retire.

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Largo head coach Marcus Paschal and Principal Bradley Finkbinder have had some high-profile company this past month on campus. The Packers' young talent has attracted coaches from around the country to check them out.

a PIT STOP for PROSPECTS

College coaches flocking to LHS to check out school's top talent

By CHRIS GEORGE
Tampa Bay Newspapers

LARGO - Some prospects on Largo High School's football team are so good that several high-profile college coaches are personally dropping by campus to check them out. That was literally the case when new University of Florida coach Dan Mullen landed his helicopter on the Packers' field Jan. 31 while making a recruiting visit. But he's not the only coach who could be seen around campus the past month in advance of National Signing Day on Feb. 7. Also making stops were new Florida State coach Willie Taggart, Miami's Mark Richt, Georgia's Kirby Smart, Iowa's Kirk Ferentz, Minnesota's P.J. Fleck and Oregon assistant Jim Leavitt, who formerly coached USF. "We've had some from all over," Largo head coach Marcus Paschal said. "We probably get the most traffic in the county. The last couple of years we really put the work in with the on-field progress we've made. That shows with the district championship this past year." They all stopped by to bolster their future recruiting classes by assessing Largo's top young talent. The top of that list includes four-star junior defensive end Jaquaze Sorrells, junior offensive tackle Raymond Collins and sophomore running back Jaylon McCluster, who is the cousin of former Largo and NFL star Dexter McCluster.

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Largo High School junior defensive end Jaquaze Sorrells is one of the top-ranked defensive ends in the country. Find out what schools have made offers to him and other Largo prospects on Page 4A.

Officials continue push for funding

City leaders sticking with strategy in effort to score appropriations from state

By CHRIS GEORGE
Tampa Bay Newspapers

LARGO - City leaders are growing more confident that the hundreds of miles in recent trips to Tallahassee and numerous letters and phone calls to legislators are going to pay off in state funding. In November, the City Commission approved a list of 13 projects to submit to the Legislature for appropriations requests. Sen. Jeff Brandes, R-St. Petersburg, agreed to sponsor five of those projects. Officials took the next step Feb. 6 during a City Commission meeting by ranking those five requests, which include portable radio replacements for the police department (\$900,000), a Rosery Road Northeast reconstruction project (\$3.8 million), sanitary sewer inflow and infiltration evaluation/repairs (\$4.475 million), a generator for employee shelter at Highland Recreation Complex (\$250,000) and an underground fiber data network (\$450,000).

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District plan calls for later start times at high schools

By SUZETTE PORTER
Tampa Bay Newspapers

LARGO - If plans work out, students attending Pinellas County high schools can sleep in an extra 15 to 20 minutes longer next year. High school start time is currently 7:05 a.m. A proposal from the Transportation Department calls for start times next year to be somewhere between 7:20 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. School Superintendent Michael Grego, who supports later start times, called the move a "healthy and progressive first step" toward finding a "school start time that is best for everybody." Recent studies have shown that teens are not getting enough sleep. Some point to early school start times as one of the reasons. Most experts agree that teens

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County rolls out plans for underwater vets memorial

TBN Staff

CLEARWATER - Plans for the nation's first underwater dive memorial honoring the service and sacrifices of those who have fought to protect the freedoms we all enjoy. The concrete statues, which stand 6 feet tall, will be placed in a 100-foot circle. A 4-foot high, 5,830-pound monument will be placed at the center of the memorial featuring five bronze emblems representing each of the U.S. Armed Forces. "Creating the nation's first underwater veterans memorial will not only enhance Florida's reputation as a premier dive destination, it will also honor the service and sacrifices of those who have fought to protect the freedoms we all enjoy." Called "Circle of Heroes," the attraction will be located roughly 10 miles off the Pinellas County shore and include 24 different life-size concrete statues of men and women serving in the United States Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines and Navy. "I can't imagine a better way to share the beauty of our coastal waters and support our troops than this unique, first of its kind memorial," said Pinellas County Commission Chairman Ken

Welch. "Circle of Heroes will be an iconic attraction for the region, highlighting the service and sacrifices of those who have fought to protect the freedoms we all enjoy." The concrete statues, which stand 6 feet tall, will be placed in a 100-foot circle. A 4-foot high, 5,830-pound monument will be placed at the center of the memorial featuring five bronze emblems representing each of the U.S. Armed Forces. "Creating the nation's first underwater veterans memorial will not only enhance Florida's reputation as a premier dive destination, it will also honor the service and sacrifices of those who have fought to protect the freedoms we all enjoy." Called "Circle of Heroes," the attraction will be located roughly 10 miles off the Pinellas County shore and include 24 different life-size concrete statues of men and women serving in the United States Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines and Navy. "I can't imagine a better way to share the beauty of our coastal waters and support our troops than this unique, first of its kind memorial," said Pinellas County Commission Chairman Ken

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City Briefs

Sewer repair to cause closures on Keene Road

LARGO - Keene Park Drive will experience closures between Keene Road and Brookfield Drive because of a sanitary sewer repair.

The construction is expected to be complete by approximately Feb. 16. The roadway will only be open to residents who live on the roadway. All through-traffic will be detoured.

For more information, contact Lee Harris in the Engineering Services Division at 727-587-6713.

City to swap out residential garbage carts

LARGO - During February, the city of Largo will finish replacing outdated residential garbage cans, some that are nearly 20 years old. Officials say the older carts have become increasingly expensive to repair and can cost double the price of new carts to replace.

Residents in affected areas are asked to empty out their old carts and leave them by the curb after new cart delivery. Old carts will be collected the same week and recycled into new materials.

The following areas will be part of the cart swap Feb. 5-9:

- East of Highland Avenue to U.S. 19, south of East Bay Drive
- South of Rosery Road to East Bay Drive, between Missouri Avenue and Lake Avenue
- South of Ulmerton Road to West Bay Drive, between Missouri Avenue and Parkview Road

Cart drop off will take place Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 5-6. Old carts will be collected Feb. 5-9, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

The following areas will be part of the cart swap Feb. 12-16:

- South of Belleair Road to Rosery Road between Lake Avenue and Missouri Avenue
- Dryer Avenue to Indian Rocks Road, between Trotter Road and Ulmerton Road

Cart drop off will take place Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 12-13. Old carts will be collected Feb. 12-16, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

For more information about the cart swap, visit Largo.com/NewGarbageCart or call 727-587-6760.

Largo Rec offering camp counselor training

LARGO - The city of Largo is offering a Counselor in Training Program for teenagers who have completed grades 7-12 and are dedicated to working with children.

This program is designed to provide teenagers with a camp counselor experience at the city's summer camps. Teens will develop leadership skills, create lesson plans, learn how to work with children and have fun.

Volunteer hours may qualify for Bright Futures through Pinellas County Schools and other extracurricular school groups. This year, teens also will learn life skills that will aid in the next steps of their education and career path, such as job selection, interview skills, budgeting, social skills and creating a resume.

Space is limited. Teens that have completed grades 8-12 will be given priority over younger applicants. Applications are due Feb. 28.

For more information, contact Jessica Crawley at jrcrawley@largo.com or call Highland Recreation Complex at 727-518-3016.

City to conduct sanitary sewer smoke testing

LARGO - The city of Largo will smoke test the sanitary sewer in various locations through March 9 in an effort to locate potential areas where stormwater or groundwater might be entering the system.

Residents and businesses in those locations will receive a letter in the mail with more details.

White smoke will be circulated into the sewer lines and manholes to locate broken pipes and other defects, and may exit from vent pipes on a roof.

The smoke is nontoxic, leaves no residue and creates no fire hazard. The smoke will not enter the house unless defective plumbing is present or the drain traps are dry. If potential problems are found on private property, property owners will be notified of repairs that may need to be made.

Those that receive a letter are asked to pour a gallon of water down each sink, shower, bath tub, toilet, floor drain or other connection to the sanitary sewer.

For more information, residents should call McKim and Creed at 727-442-7196 or Myrna Anderson with the city of Largo at 727-587-6713, ext. 4403, for Spanish translation services.

City seeking artists for a new arts event

LARGO - The city of Largo is seeking artists for a new interactive and visual arts event in Largo Central Park, 101 Central Park Drive.

Art in the Park will be held March 31, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event, hosted in partnership with Beach Art Center, Creative Pinellas, Excalibur Consultants and Largo High School, will include live music, food vendors and more.

Largo is looking for photographers, performance artists, painters, crafters, musicians or any original or hand-crafted art for this event and encourages artists to register at LargoEvents.com before Feb. 16.

The cost for an artist is \$30 for residents and \$45 for nonresidents. Largo Middle School or Largo High School will be given a shared space at no cost. These artists will be chosen by their schools' art departments.

For more information, contact Special Events Coordinator, Christina DeVoe at cdevoe@largo.com.

Summer Job Fair slated for April 7

LARGO - The city of Largo will hold its Summer Job Fair on Wednesday, April 7, from 4 to 7 p.m. at City Hall, 201 Highland Ave.

The city is hiring for lifeguards, camp counselors and more. Come ready to interview and be sure to bring copies of your resume.

For job openings and descriptions, visit Largo.com/jobs

For more local news, visit TBNweekly.com

Series of library events to focus on diversity

Free film showings, dancers, drummers among the events

TBN STAFF

LARGO - The Largo Public Library will hold a series of events in February celebrating diversity and exploring cultures around the world.

In honor of Black History Month, the library has returned its free African-American film series that will show a variety of films

to inspire, inform, empower and entertain.

Films, including "Love Beats Rhymes," and "Roman J. Israel, Esq.," will be shown at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 13 and 20.

Multimedia program

Race and Change - Florida Stories, a multimedia program that blends cross-cultural stories, research and discussion on coming of age with integration in ethnically diverse Florida, will be presented at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15. Drawing on an archive of over

125 oral histories of blacks, whites, Hispanics, Asians and Caribbeans from a variety of heritages, as well as candid intergenerational video and audio interviews on race relations experiences, Kitty Oliver, a veteran South Florida journalist, author, oral historian, and university professor with a Ph.D. focusing on race and ethnic communication, will explore how far society has come and how progress can be made in a hopeful way that inspires our youth.

A reception with light refreshments will be held from 6 to 6:30 p.m.

Kuumba Dancers and Drummers

On Thursday, Feb. 22, at 6:30 p.m., the library will host Kuumba Dancers and Drummers.

Based in Tampa since 1980, Kuumba delights audiences with their display of traditional African folk dance, music, songs and storytelling.

To reserve a seat for either Race and Change or the Kuumba Dancers and Drummers, pick up a free pass at the library.

For more information, call 727-587-6715.

Church to host Night to Shine Prom

LARGO - Mission City Church recently announced it will serve as one of more than 500 churches around the world that will host Night to Shine, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation, simultaneously on Friday, Feb. 9.

Night to Shine is a prom night experience for people with special needs, ages 14 and older. The event will take place in all 50 states and 16 countries around the world. Mission City Church, 801 Seminole Blvd., is the only location that will hold the event in Pinellas County this year. Every guest enters the com-

plementary event on a red carpet complete with a warm welcome from a friendly crowd and paparazzi.

Once inside, guests receive the royal treatment, including hair and makeup stations, shoe shining areas, limousine rides, corsages and boutonnieres, a dinner, karaoke, prom favors for each guest, a respite room for parents and caretakers and a dance floor. It all leads up to the moment when each guest is crowned king or queen of the prom.

For more information, visit missioncitychurch.com.

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site, but it will undoubtedly grow dive-related tourism to the St. Pete Clearwater area," said President and CEO of Visit St. Pete/Clearwater, David Downing. "Having Circle of Heroes will honor our veterans while supporting our area's number one employer - tourism - via increased business to dive shops, hotels, and restaurants and serve as another tool we can use to promote our region as a top vacation destination."

"This underwater memorial will not just honor our veterans, but it will also serve them," added retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Bill Wilson of Clearwater. "Diving trips to Circle of Heroes may be used in conjunction with sports therapy programs for disabled veterans struggling with PTSD, depression, trauma and other anxiety disorders."

Located a quarter mile from the popular dive site Veterans Reef, Circle of Heroes will be 40 feet below the surface of the water.

"This underwater exhibit will



Photo courtesy of BRIGHTER FUTURE FLORIDA

Thus far, four of the 24 statues for the Circle of Heroes memorial have been purchased using \$12,000 in seed money from the county. The entire project is expected to cost about \$450,000 to complete.

honor our nation's heroes, while helping sustain marine life in our precious gulf waters as an artificial reef. Its impact will be everlasting and our county and state are better for it," said former Congressman

David Jolly.

Jolly's nonprofit, Brighter Future Florida, is spearheading the campaign to complete the memorial.

During the Feb. 2 announcement, Jolly thanked and recognized

his uncle, Dr. Heyward Mathews "who is the reason we are all here today."

"Dr. Mathews is no stranger to the recreational diving community and certainly not to the community as a whole, when it comes to the marine community," Jolly said. "But, what you all don't know is that this idea came from him - in large part because of his commitment to drawing divers from near and far to our area, for tourism reasons and also because of his love of diving. Dr. Mathews has spent countless hours on this project, building statues, researching how to best create this memorial and gaining community support."

To date, four of the 24 statues have been purchased using \$12,000 in seed money from the county. Additional money from private and corporate donations and other sources is being sought to complete the underwater memorial.

The entire project is expected to cost about \$450,000 to complete.

For more information or to make a donation, visit www.brighterfutureflorida.org.

FUNDING, from page 1A

"Sen. Brandes is helping us out a lot and he really thinks he's going to be able to bring some appropriations back to Largo this year," City Commissioner Jamie Robinson said. "We've never really done that before."

Robinson, along with Mayor Woody Brown, Commissioner John Carroll and Intergovernmental Relations Coordinator Cheryl Reed, just returned from Tallahassee this week after participating in the Florida League of Cities Legislative Action Days. They were accompanied by about 200 elected officials from areas throughout the state, including Clearwater, Dunedin, Oldsmar, Seminole, St. Pete Beach and Gulfport.

Carroll, who will be returning next week, said creating a priority list and sticking with a strategy is making a difference.

"It's nice that we have a priority list that we all can be singing from the same sheet of music," he said. "This is a huge step forward for our city."

Reed said the rankings will now be shared with the members of the Pinellas County legislative delegation, so they, too, can work in unison.

In a bid to make the requests more effective, officials have also made it clear that the city is prepared to provide matching funds for the projects.

In other news

Commissioners voted 7-0 to move ahead with a \$112,000 contract with DRC Emergency Services to haul and dispose of the remaining debris left behind by Hurricane Irma.

DRC and city staff collected about 50,000 cubic yards of debris in the six weeks following the storm that rolled through the state Sept. 10-11.

DRC, which was paid more than \$700,000 for its services by the city, then grounded that debris into about 14,000 cubic yards of mulch that it will now dispose of for \$8 per cubic yard.

Irma ended up costing the city about \$2 million in expenses. The debris removal fees, however, are one of many the city hopes to be reimbursed for by FEMA. City Manager Henry Schubert said he thinks the city will submit a reimbursement request to FEMA by April.

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need 8.5 to 9 hours of sleep each night. Without adequate sleep, academic performance declines and behavioral problems increase.

Pinellas County School District has been wrestling with this problem for years. Later start times come with a number of challenges with one of the biggest being the bus system.

Clint Herbic, associate superintendent in charge of Operational Services, updated school board members Jan. 30 about the district's efforts to move high school start times.

"Moving just high school (start times) in isolation is extremely difficult if not an impossible task," Herbic said.

Instead, the district is taking a holistic approach to minimize the effect on middle school and elementary schools. Staff is using a software program, Edulog, to try to find a solution.

"What we've discovered is that we are unique," Herbic said.

One "huge challenge" is the county's population density. Pinellas is the state's most densely populated county, meaning it has a very high level of traffic, Herbic said.

"The large majority of middle school and elementary school parents like the times they have right now, so we don't want to impact those times very greatly."

- Clint Herbic, associate superintendent

"Our buses sit in traffic - not moving - for longer than most other buses in most other districts across the state and across the nation," he said.

A second challenge is the district's high number of hazardous walking conditions. State law requires transportation be provided to students in grades K-five who live in those areas.

"It is very difficult sometimes when you look at our network of roads to figure out how we're going to get kids, where their bus stop will be to provide a safe stop," he said.

A third challenge is the district's "extraordinarily extensive" Choice Program. Other districts in the state provide fewer choices at fewer schools than Pinellas.

"We offer more programs in more schools than almost anyone else in the nation," Herbic said.

A transportation committee studying the problem has looked at how other districts across the na-

tion have moved start times. Herbic said most had done one of two things: either flipped elementary and high school start times or they cut into their Choice transportation network.

He used the city of Seattle as an example. Seattle flipped high school and elementary start times, moving high school to about 8:30 a.m. However, he pointed out that Seattle doesn't provide bus transportation to high school students. Instead, the students are expected to get themselves to class or use the public bus system.

"In Pinellas, our public transportation system won't allow us to do that," Herbic said.

Brevard County School officials chose to cut into its Choice transportation network and required Choice students to find their own rides to a "school attendance zone," where they could catch a bus to take them the rest of the way.

Herbic singled out the city of

Weighing their options

Largo's top prospects, Jaquaze Sorrells, Raymond Collins and Jayion McCluster, are fielding multiple offers. Here's a look at just some of them.

DE Jaquaze Sorrells: Florida, Florida State, USF, Alabama, Clemson, Miami, Michigan, Tennessee, Texas A&M, Virginia Tech, Oregon and several more;

OT Raymond Collins: Florida, UCF, USF, Michigan, Cincinnati;

RB Jayion McCluster: Florida, Miami, UCF, USF, Oregon, Virginia Tech, Boston College, Tennessee, Iowa, Michigan and several more.

Tisdale will join 2017 graduate Dakarai Allen at South Dakota and wide receiver Calvin Lockett will suit up for Iowa.

On Feb. 7, defensive end D.J. Bullard was expected to sign with Mercer, and defensive end Isaiah Bellamy is still weighing his options after receiving offers from schools such as USF and UCF.

Paschal said he was proud of all the players, but was pleased to see Lockett join his alma mater.

"I finally got one," he joked, noting that previous Largo standouts opted for Indiana and Illinois.

Boston, which had approved a flip in start times, only to find it had a disproportionate effect on lower income families. He said the city had since reversed the flip and would take more time to study the issue.

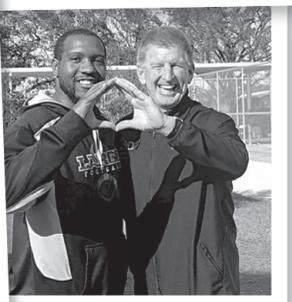
Herbic is not recommending a flip in start times. He said the plan is to maintain the current times for the other schools as much as possible.

"The large majority of middle school and elementary school parents like the times they have right now, so we don't want to impact those times very greatly, especially when you talk about elementary school flipping to the morning," he said.

He said staff was "very uncomfortable with having the possibility of 5-year-old and 6-year-old children standing at a bus stop in the pre-dawn hours, especially considering the traffic density in Pinellas."

He also said staff was not comfortable with the "increased burden" a flip would put on some of the families, especially lower income, that would have to provide an extra hour of childcare in the afternoon.

The plan on the table now is to adjust start times for elementary and middle schools 5-10 minutes, depending on what is optimal.



Photos courtesy of LARGO HIGH SCHOOL

High-profile college football coaches have been flocking to Largo High School's campus to check out the Packers' top young talent. Some of those coaches include Iowa's Kirk Ferentz, top, who was visiting recruit Calvin Lockett; Minnesota's P.J. Fleck, bottom left; and Oregon assistant Jim Leavitt, who formerly coached USF.

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While none of those underclassmen will sign letters of intent yet, each of them has already received multiple offers from some of the top schools in the country. Sorrells, one of the top-ranked defensive ends in the state, has more than 20 offers and has already committed and de-committed to Florida.

But despite being so accustomed to the recruiting process, Paschal said the presence of the big-name coaches still gives every player on the team a boost.

"It's already been on their minds with all the scouts and coaches that come through," he said. "But now when they get the head guys on campus, they say, 'I really got to do the right thing. Coach Paschal is putting us in position to make us successful and now I have to take responsibility, whether it's in the classroom or on the football field.' So, I definitely think it's a motivator."

Getting ready for Saturdays

For the first time, players were allowed to sign early during a three-day window in December, so a few seniors didn't have to wait for Signing Day in February to make their decision.

Linebacker Logan Doublin will play for Appalachian State, defensive back Cameron

Around Largo

Palms of Largo to host Casino Night

LARGO - The Veterans Art Center Tampa Bay is offering an evening of prizes and entertainment at The Palms of Largo, 385 Alt Keene Road, on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 5 to 11 p.m.

Folk University, with Mike Twitty and John Thrasher, will be entertaining guests with a musical performance.

In addition to the many casino games, raffle prizes, an appetizer buffet and a cash bar, guests will be treated to a special unveiling of Greg Crumbly's artwork that was commissioned by VACTB.

With each event ticket that is now available for purchase via Eventbrite.com, guests will receive a \$500 player card, one drink ticket and one raffle ticket.

More details can be found on the Facebook event page.

Glass club to host annual show

LARGO - The Sparkling Clearwater Depression Glass Club will host its 39th annual show and sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at the Minnreg Hall, 6340 126th Ave N., Largo.

Admission is \$6.

For information, visit www.ClearwaterDepressionGlassClub.com.

Dementia strategy day slated for Feb. 13

LARGO - Ruth's Promise Adult Day Program and community partners will present Hometown Solutions for Living with Dementia, a quarterly dementia strategy day, set for Tuesday, Feb. 13, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 455 Missouri Ave. N.

Attendees are invited to learn about practical dementia-friendly strategies while being nurtured and assisted with practical guidance for this journey. Attendees may bring their loved one for a day of Ruth's Promise respite.

Presenters will include Officer Joel Quattlebaum, city of Largo's Senior Resource Officer; Linda Chamberlain, P.A.; Jennifer Shulman of Simply Balanced; and Dr. Cate, dementia coach.

Strategies provided will include safety in the community and in the home, managing daily finances for the caregiver, legal preparation and Alzheimer's progression, communication and behaviors.

The seminar is free. Lunch and door prizes are included.

To RSVP, call Dr. Cate at 813 384-7571 or catemccarty@gmail.com.

Largo Central Park

Largo Central Park is at 101 Central Park Drive. Within the park are the Central Park Performing Arts Center, 105 Central Park Drive; the Largo Feed Store, 295 Central Park Drive; and the Largo Public Library, 120 Central Park Drive. To contact the library, call 727-587-6715.

Park to host PTA Health and Safety Fair

LARGO - Central Park will host the PCCPTA Health and Safety Fair on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The free event will feature booths about various children and family health and safety topics, healthy snacks, kid activities and more.

For more information, visit the Pinellas County Council Parent Teacher Association website.

Library to offer ESL tutor training

LARGO - English Language Learning tutor orientation and training will be held Saturday, Feb. 17, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Largo Public Library.

In this orientation and training, attendees will learn ESL teaching techniques that will enable them to help others improve English skills. Tutors commit to two hours per week of teaching and mentoring.

Registration is required. Please fill out an application at the library, online or call 727-587-6715, ext. 2547 to sign up.

Central Park to host live music on third Fridays

LARGO - Largo Central Park will feature live music, local food vendors, beer and wine on the third Friday of each month through April.

Each month will feature a different local headliner from 7 to 10 p.m. Retribution will perform Feb. 16. Come Back Alice will take the stage March 16 and Lynyrd Skynyrd tribute band Nuthin' Fancy will close out the series April 20.

This event is free to attend. For information, visit LargoEvents.com.

Brides for Art Wedding Expo slated for Feb. 18

LARGO - The Central Park Performing Arts Center will host the Brides for the Art Wedding Expo on Sunday, Feb. 18, from noon to 3 p.m.

The event will allow attendees the opportunity to meet with dozens of vendors and tour the Performing Arts Center and selected wedding locations in Largo Central Park.

All proceeds benefit the CPPAC theatre camp scholarship fund.

Admission is free with preregistration or \$5 at the door.

For more information or to register, call 727-587-6751.

Chinese New Year set in Largo Central Park

LARGO - Chinese New Year will be celebrated on Saturday, Feb. 24, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Largo Central Park.

The celebration will offer attendees an opportunity to sample traditional foods, watch colorful performances and try their hand at some traditional Chinese crafts and activities. From dragons to pandas, there's something for the entire family.

Admission is free. Wristbands may be purchased for children's activities.

For more information, visit LargoEvents.com.

Genealogy Society seminar set for Feb. 24

LARGO - The Pinellas Genealogy Society will host its 2018 seminar Saturday, Feb. 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Largo Public Library. Check-in begins at 8 a.m.

The organization will present its annual educational seminar and book sale with keynote speaker, Judy Russell, who is a genealogist with a law degree and is known as "The Legal Genealogist."

Visit the PGS website, www.flpgs.org, and select "Special Events" for registration and fee information.

Southwest Recreation Complex

Southwest Recreation Complex, which includes an aquatic complex, is at 13120 Vonn Road. Call 727-518-3125 for recreation or 727-518-3126 for the pool. Visit PlayLargo.com or LargoPools.com.

Friday nights are fun at Southwest

LARGO - Southwest Recreation Complex will host open gym, activities and more each Friday this month from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The activities, which are for children through the fifth grade, cost \$5 for members and \$10 for nonmembers. Feb. 9 will also be teen night for children from the sixth to eighth grade.

Southwest to host adaptive events

LARGO - Adaptive dance and karaoke events will be held Friday, Feb. 9, at Southwest Recreation Complex.

The dance, for those age 15-35, will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. and costs \$3 for members and \$6 for nonmembers.

Karaoke will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. and also costs \$3 for members and \$6 for nonmembers.

Community Center

The Largo Community Center is at 400 Alt. Keene Road. Visit LargoCommunityCenter.com or call 727-518-3131.

Crop Til You Drop comes to Center

LARGO - The Community Center will host a weekend full of scrapbooking, beginning at 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, and continuing until 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11. The Center will close on Friday and Saturday from midnight to 8 a.m.

Full weekend registration with food costs \$140 and includes four meals and drinks, without meals it is \$100. Saturday only includes two meals and drinks and costs \$105. Registration without meals includes beverages only.

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Center to host wellness workshop

LARGO - A wellness workshop will be presented Tuesday, Feb. 13, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., at Largo Community Center.

The workshop will focus on healing with food. These short workshops offer techniques for staying healthy and active.

The workshop is free to Largo Recreation members and \$5 for nonmembers.

LPD to hold CarFit event Feb. 13

LARGO - CarFit, a free educational program presented by the Largo Police Department, will be held Tuesday, Feb. 13, from 9 a.m. to noon at Largo Community Center.

CarFit is designed to help senior drivers ensure they "fit" their vehicle properly for maximum comfort and safety. To register online, visit www.car-fit.org/carfit/ViewEvent/6838 or register by phone at 727-586-7351.

Candle-making party set for Feb. 16

LARGO - Join the Tampa-based Tippy Candle Company on Friday, Feb. 16, at the Largo Community Center from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for a candle-making workshop.

From melting the wax to selecting the scent for a one-of-a-kind candle, this workshop is a great experience for individuals and groups.

The price is \$40 and includes all supplies for one full-size scented candle plus one beverage.

Center to host Largo's Got Talent

LARGO - Some of the best talent in Largo will be on display Thursday, Feb. 22, from 7 to 9 p.m.

This show will feature singers, dancers, bands and more. Tickets for the show are \$5 each.

For more information, visit LargoCommunityCenter.com or call 727-518-3131.

Center to host Sweethearts Ball

LARGO - The Largo Community Center will host the 2018 Sweethearts Ball on Saturday, Feb. 24, from 7 to 10 p.m.

Adults and seniors will enjoy a romantic, semiformal evening complete with live music, dancing, hors d'oeuvres, dessert, cash bar and plenty of photo opportunities.

Tickets, which are on sale at the Center, cost \$15 per person or \$25 per couple.

Registration deadline is Feb. 1.

Group meetings

American Legion Post 119

LARGO - American Legion Post 119, at 130 First Ave. SW, will host several events that are open to the public.

Lunches are served Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. featuring burgers and specials each day.

Friday Night Dinners are served from 5 to 8 p.m., with music by Karaoke DJ Bill Johnson, 7 to 11 p.m. The cost is \$7.25 for shrimp or a four-piece chicken dinner or all-you-can-eat fried fish. It is served with rolls, French fries and coleslaw.

Saturday Night Dinners are served 5 to 8 p.m., with music by various artists weekly, 7 to 11 p.m. The cost is \$8.25 and includes bacon-wrapped filet mignon served with a salad, baked potato and rolls. Coffee is \$1.

Sons of the American Legion Post 119 sponsor "Wing Madness" every Monday night, 5 to 8 p.m. Enjoy chicken wings served hot, mild, barbecue, butter and garlic and spicy barbecue for \$5 for six or \$8 for 12. French fries and onion rings are available. Bob Swenson provides music from 6 to 8 p.m.

Proceeds benefit the Special Olympics, Fisher House at Bay Pines, and American Legion National Child Welfare Foundation and National Emergency Fund.

Largo Woman's Club

LARGO - The Largo Woman's Club meets the first Tuesdays of each month at Royal Palms, 200 Lake Ave.

NE, from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., with sign-in at 11:15 a.m.

The cost is \$8, which includes lunch and a special guest speaker.

Meetings and fundraisers are open to all women, and Largo residency is not required to attend.

For more information, call Rita at 727-447-1808 or Ginny at 321-288-1239.

The club will hold its annual fashion show Tuesday, Feb. 20, from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Royal Palms. The cost is \$20, which includes lunch and door prizes. The fashions are from Bon Worth and will be modeled by club members.

For reservations, contact Pat Lambert at 727-432-5281.

Kiwanis Club of Largo/Mid-Pinellas

LARGO - The Kiwanis Club of Largo/Mid-Pinellas meets for dinner at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at The Suncoast Cafe, 1921 West Bay Drive.

Each meeting features a speaker and fellowship over

a meal, where members plan service and fundraising projects. Kiwanis is a worldwide service organization founded in 1915 to serve the children of the world and at the local level.

For more information, visit largokiwanis.snack.ws/ or call 727-536-0412.

Alzheimer's caregiver support group

LARGO - The Largo Public Library will host an Alzheimer's caregiver support group the second Tuesday of each month.

The group provides an opportunity for caregivers affected by Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia to share their experiences and receive inspiration, guidance and support.

To register or for more information, contact Maria Pepe at 727-479-7071 or MariaPepe@EmpathHealth.org or Tracy Christner 727-536-7364 or TracyChristner@EmpathHealth.org.

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Police Beat

PCSO initiative to focus on U.S. 19 crashes

LARGO – Pinellas County Sheriff's deputies are conducting an initiative focused on reducing crashes specifically targeting traffic violators along U.S. 19 from Pinellas Park to Tarpon Springs.

During the eight-week initiative, deputies will conduct strict traffic enforcement in areas with a high number of vehicle crashes and during hours of peak traffic volume.

The purpose of the initiative is to reduce the number of traffic crashes along U.S. 19. Deputies will conduct high-visibility traffic enforcement to educate drivers about safe driving behavior and will issue citations for traffic violations that often lead to crashes. These violations include but are not limited to speeding, failure to yield right-of-way, careless driving and distracted driving.

The "Educational Phase" of the initiative started Feb. 1. This phase will focus on education and the issuance of warnings.

The "Enforcement Phase" will begin on Thursday, Feb. 15, and continue until Sunday, April 1. This phase will focus on the issuance of citations.

At the end of the initiative, the Intelligence Led Policing Division will analyze crash data to determine the effectiveness of the initiative.

The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office will conduct traffic enforcement along U.S. 19 continuously throughout the year.

Largo woman injured in Seminole crash

SEMINOLE – Pinellas County Sheriff's deputies say a "medical episode" may be a factor in a Feb. 1 crash on Oakhurst Road south of 94th Place North in unincorporated Seminole.

Deputies assigned to the Major Accident Investigation Team are investigating the two-vehicle crash that occurred about 3:22 p.m., causing non-life-threatening injuries to a Largo woman.

According to investigators, a sheriff's office corporal, who was on-duty and operating his fully marked agency vehicle, was traveling north on Oakhurst Road, just north of 102nd Avenue North, in unincorporated Seminole. While traveling northbound, the corporal observed a 2014 Toyota Camry, which was traveling south on Oakhurst Road, cross the centerline into on-coming traffic, nearly striking his patrol vehicle.

The corporal turned around and began traveling south on Oakhurst Road in an attempt to conduct a traffic stop on the vehicle. The vehicle drove through the red-light traffic signal at 102nd Avenue North and Oakhurst Road, and continued to travel south while weaving all over the roadway, striking a road sign. The corporal activated his emergency lights, but the vehicle did not stop.

The corporal did not pursue the vehicle. As he turned off his emergency lights and slowed down, he observed the vehicle continue south and run off the right side of Oakhurst Road just south of 94th Place North.

The vehicle ran over a traffic sign, struck a Duke Energy Pole, and sideswiped a tree, which caused the vehicle to go airborne and crash into a parked 2011 Chevrolet Frontier work van. The vehicle then rolled onto its roof and came to a stop facing north, against a chain link fence.

The driver, 68-year-old Leslie Ann Rooney, was transported via Bayflight

to a local hospital for non-life-threatening injuries.

The Frontier van that was struck was parked along the southbound shoulder of Oakhurst Road in the grass. There were no occupants in the van at the time of the crash.

Investigators say Rooney did not show signs of impairment. They believe Rooney suffered a medical episode that caused her erratic driving and the crash.

PCSO awarded grant for DUI enforcement

LARGO – The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office received a \$34,000 grant from the Florida Department of Transportation for DUI Enforcement. The grant will be used to fund a DUI Enhancement Project in Pinellas County.

From Feb. 3-Sept. 30, deputies will be conducting saturation patrols throughout the county. During the saturation patrols, deputies will be searching for impaired drivers, speeders and drivers not utilizing safety belts among other traffic violations.

The locations of these saturation patrols will be in areas known for impaired driving activity and dependent upon activities occurring in the community. The saturation patrols will supplement the quarterly multi-jurisdictional DUI Wolf Packs, which will continue throughout the year.

– Compiled by SUZETTE PORTER

CPD sergeant saves man choking on food

CLEARWATER – Clearwater police Sgt. Corey Lenczden was in the right place at the right time the morning on Jan. 30 and able to help save a man who was choking.

Lenczden was waiting for his food shortly after 8 a.m. after having placed his order at the Chick-fil-A at the corner of Gulf-to-Bay Boulevard and Old Coachman Road.

That's when another customer who had been dining on a breakfast burrito approached him in distress. The man couldn't talk. The man couldn't breathe.

He was choking.

Lenczden realized the man needed help and immediately put his training into action right there in the restaurant. He wrapped his arms around him and performed the Heimlich maneuver. The first two times, nothing happened. The third time he did it, lifting the man off the floor, the chunk of food was dislodged and the man could breathe again.

"Everyone in the restaurant stopped what they were doing and started watching," Lenczden said. "You could have heard a pin drop."

The 62-year-old man, who did not want to be identified, said he saw Lenczden nearby when he began choking.

"I saw him standing there," he said. "I figured he would probably know what to do."

Lenczden is a towering frame of a police officer - 6 feet 3 inches tall and 260 pounds - and that fact wasn't lost on the man.

"He's a big guy. I didn't pick some little old lady to do it," the man said. "It worked out," the sergeant said. "I'm glad for the guy."

– Courtesy of CLEARWATER PD

Dunedin man arrested in Georgia after killing his sister, police say

By SUZETTE PORTER
Tampa Bay Newspapers

LARGO – A 39-year-old Dunedin man is being held in the Bibb County Jail in Macon, Georgia, on second-degree murder charges for reportedly killing his sister.

Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri talked about some of the details of the case during a press conference Jan. 29 in Largo. According to Gualtieri, Christopher Scott Horan went up to a police officer at the Navicent Health Police Department in Macon about 6 p.m. Jan. 28 and told the officer to "put handcuffs on him because he was there to turn himself in for killing his sister."

Gualtieri explained that Navicent Health Medical Center, 777 Hemlock St., is a large hospital system with its own police department.

Horan reportedly told the officer he and his sister had argued inside her apartment in a complex on Duncan Loop North in Dunedin. He also told the officer that after killing his sister, he had bought a ticket to Mexico. Gualtieri said Horan claimed to have used his sister's credit card to make the purchase, but it still unknown whether he actually did buy a ticket.

Officers found the sister's car in the medical center's parking lot.

The officer contacted Pinellas County Sheriff's Office and deputies went to the sister's apartment where they found 42-year-old Leanna Horan lying in a pool of blood. Gualtieri said she had been stabbed "well over" 20 times in the head, neck and back. Deputies found the knives used to stab the sister in the apartment.

"The attack was so violent one of the knives appeared to be bent from stabbing her in the head," Gualtieri said.

Late in the night Jan. 28, sheriff's detectives traveled to Macon where they interviewed

Horan. Gualtieri said he was cooperative at first but became less cooperative as the interview progressed.

Horan told detectives he had killed his sister about 7 p.m. while they were arguing.

"According to Horan, he stabbed her 'too many times,' and from the crime scene there's no doubt about that," Gualtieri said.

A Pinellas County judge issued a warrant for Horan's arrest and he was booked into the Bibb County Jail on second-degree murder charges. Bail was set at \$500,000.

Gualtieri said he would remain in the Bibb County Jail until he is extradited to Pinellas County, which could take months, unless Horan waives extradition.

Horan's family told detectives that he has mental health issues, although detectives can find no record of any law enforcement contact with Horan due to mental health. He has no record of any involuntary examinations in Pinellas County. His record shows some misdemeanor arrests for DUI, disorderly conduct and trespassing.

Gualtieri said it is possible that Horan's mental health is a factor in the case. He said it was still early in the investigation and detectives did not yet know much about Horan or his sister. He said it did appear as if Horan had been living with her for some time.

He noted that all the information about the case was coming from Horan, so it is difficult to know exactly what happened.

"But something happened there. It's one thing to get into an argument with somebody and another thing to take a couple of knives, but she was stabbed well over 20 times," Gualtieri said, adding that people with mental health issues can "go off and they snap and this is what happens."

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Autonomous vehicle projects move ahead

PSTA OKs spending up to \$150,000 on feasibility studies

By SUZETTE PORTER
Tampa Bay Newspapers

ST. PETERSBURG – Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority Board of Directors said Jan. 29 to spending up to \$150,000 on autonomous vehicle feasibility studies and a demonstration project.

PSTA Transit Planner Jacob Labutka said engineering firms were interested in evaluating the use of autonomous vehicles for PSTA. He said that due to the quickly evolving development of AV technology, firms are looking for market experience.

Two firms have proposed to provide their services as a grant to PSTA.

The first firm is AECOM, headquartered in Los Angeles, which has been providing in-kind consulting services to develop an AV demonstration project in downtown St. Petersburg. Labutka said the project could launch as early as spring 2018 and would likely run from the Vinoy Hotel, 501 Fifth Ave. NE, to the Dali Museum, 1 Dali Blvd. PSTA's share of the cost would be \$100,000.

The second is a Tampa-based firm. Stantec would develop an AV feasibility study and concept plan with a geographic focus in northern Pinellas, most likely Clearwater Beach, Dunedin and Tarpon Springs. PSTA's cost would be \$50,000.

Board Member Brian Scott, a citizen representative, asked about liability with the projects. PSTA CEO Brad Miller said staff had asked the firms for information on liability concerns. St. Petersburg Councilmember and PSTA Board Member Darden Rice asked how PSTA would avoid problems such as the ones hampering a pilot in Tampa. Labutka said the issue in Tampa was with the vehicle manufacturer, adding that the project was on delay for now. He said PSTA staff would meet with vehicle manufacturer early in the process. He said both manufacturers under consideration had vehicles available.

Rice also asked whether the vehicles would be driverless. Cassan-



Photo courtesy of PSTA

The EZ10 driverless shuttle is one example of what an autonomous vehicle looks like. It has a 12-person capacity, six sitting and six standing.

dra Borchers, chief development officer, said they would not have a driver or operator, but would likely have an observer in case of emergencies.

Pinellas County Commissioner and PSTA Board Member Dave Eggers preferred using a Request for Proposals process to choose firms to avoid liability and other potential issues. He made a motion to deny approval, but did not receive a second.

Union contract approved

Board members unanimously approved a three-year contract with Service Employees International Union that represents PSTA's 29 supervisors in transportation and maintenance. James Bradford, chief operation officer, said the contract was within PSTA's projected budget.

The contract includes annual wage increases with a bigger increase in the first year followed by a 2 percent increase in years two and three. He said annual pay increases were based on pay parity, meaning wages would be commensurate with expectations, duties and authority of position.

He explained that meant that wages wouldn't be based on seniority but on the rationale of paying people based on them doing the same job with the same duties.

The new contract provides for more vacation flexibility and bonus checks retroactive to Oct. 1, 2017.

PSTA's 29 supervisors work 24/7, 365 days a year overseeing more than 480 employees in dispatch and scheduling; radio controls and road supervision; mechanical repairs and vehicle servicing; building and asset management; accident response; and hurricane and emergency response.

Community bus plan update

Board members also approved spending up to \$550,000 with Tampa-firm WSP to update the community bus plan. Heather Sobush, Planning manager, said the last plan done in 2013 included an on-board survey, which is typically done every five years.

The new plan update will include an on-board survey and a comprehensive analysis of pertinent data, including demographics and fare box data. Case studies on system redesigns and outcomes will be done and a white paper on innovative best practices. WSP also will prepare scenarios based on different factors and make recommendations and implementation plans.

The update will consider the fact that transit ridership is declining nationwide and in Pinellas, and the unpredictability of future federal funding. It will consider the county's greater than anticipated population growth, transit-oriented land use changes and growth in residential development along major corridors and in downtown areas. It also will look toward more trans-

portation collaboration and partnerships, including working with Forward Pinellas, Florida Department of Transportation and local governments.

The update should be completed by fall.

Recent ridership numbers

Ridership was down 7.9 percent in November compared to last year and down 7 percent year-to-date. Ridership was down 9.6 percent in December compared to 2016 and 7.9 percent year-to-date.

Miller said the 21 percent drop in ridership on the Jolley Trolley in December was attributable to the elimination of the free service that had run from Dolphin Tale Adventure at the Harborview Center in downtown Clearwater to Clearwater Marine Aquarium. The exhibit closed in early October. In addition, CMA has opened a parking garage.

Miller said other Jolley Trolley routes were growing, such as the one to the Clearwater Beach and the route from Clearwater Beach to Tarpon Springs.

Miller reported good news about the half-price sale of \$70 monthly passes from Nov. 24-Jan. 31. He said results for December were "very positive," and it looked like it would be the same for January. He said selling the passes for \$35 brought in more money because PSTA was selling more passes, which is the same thing that happened during a half-price sale in June 2017.

He recommended taking a closer look and maybe making the lower pricing permanent.

He talked about the trends in ridership demand and said people were buying fewer monthly passes nationwide as different modes of transportation and more options became available for commuters.

Board members asked if people were buying half-price passes in bulk, which they could hold and use after the sell. Miller said the system only allowed people to buy two monthly passes during any single transaction. He said the passes expiration timer began the first day it was used.

He said while it was possible for someone to stock up on passes during the sale, "I don't think that is happening."

New PSTA pass offers free rides to guests, employees of hotels

By SUZETTE PORTER
Tampa Bay Newspapers

ST. PETERSBURG – After its success with U-Pass, a program that provides free rides for students attending the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg College and St. Petersburg employees, PSTA recently implemented a C-Pass program available to hotels and guests, as well as other corporations.

Mandee Oglesby, director of business development, explained some of the benefits during a Jan. 29 meeting of the PSTA Board of Directors. She said C-Pass reduced parking requirements, helped promote a healthy stress-free work environment and gave businesses a new way to attract employees, as well as providing a new amenity for hotel guests.

Partners signed up for the new program thus far include TradeWinds Grand Resort in St. Pete Beach, and Marriott Suites Sand Key and Sheraton Sand Key, both on Clearwater Beach.

Oglesby said corporate partners pay a discounted annual fee based on existing ridership. Employees present their ID badge and hotel guests show their room key to bus operators and ride free on all PSTA's trolleys and buses.

Russ Kimball, general manager of the Sheraton Sand Key, said the program had "intrigued us" due to its value to guests, but he had been concerned whether it would work and be of value to the hotel's 350 employees.

He said approximately 10 percent of his employees were using the free ride benefit, mostly on their day off to travel to places like Tampa and Tarpon Springs.

He said one employee whose car broke down is now using the bus instead of fixing his vehicle.

He said the program could be a way to attract employees. He said the hotel had a job fair coming up and he would

be able to offer potential employees free transportation and free parking.

Cost remains a concern

Kimball added that he had been "unsure of the numbers," but his legal team had got together with PSTA and made it work.

"We'll see how it goes," he said. "This is a test period."

Kimball also talked about the importance of the attitude of PSTA's drivers. He said they helped his guests, acting as a host to those unfamiliar with the area. He said he had no complaints so far.

He remains unsure about the cost.

"I'm not sure if the numbers are right or not – on both sides," he said.

Kimball was responding to a complaint from resident Tom Rask, who spoke during public comment. Rask said the price corporate partners were paying for C-Pass was too low. He requested that the number of riders participating in the program be tracked to make sure the price was fair.

Michael Miraglia, general manager of the Marriott Suites Sand Key, said his hotel had started the program in January and so far was finding it to be an "excellent program." He said it helps with traffic congestion going to the beach.

"It's been a great partnership so far," he said.

Oglesby said she had 30 potential partners in the works to try the new program with the possibility of thousands of employees using the service.

"I look forward to the potential and continued growth," she said.

For more information, call 727-540-1853 or email Oglesby@psta.net.

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CPPAC to host conference focusing on hurricane readiness

LARGO - Vendors are invited to register for the 2018 Hazards & Healthcare Conference, which will be held Wednesday, March 14, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Central Park Performing Arts Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo.

The conference is an opportu-

nity for businesses and services to network with healthcare industry representatives who attend the conference each year to plan and prepare for all hazards.

Following the 2017 Atlantic Hurricane Season during which Hurricane Irma pounded the state,

the Tampa Bay area learned many lessons about preparedness. Even though the region was spared the worst of Irma's wrath, the impacts on the healthcare industry were significant.

With Hurricane Irma's lessons fresh on the minds of healthcare

professionals, this year's Hazards & Healthcare Conference is designed to help organize and implement facilities' own plans.

The conference is the result of a partnership that includes Pinellas County Emergency Management, other regional County Emergen-

cy Management Offices, and the Tampa Bay Health and Medical Preparedness Coalition.

For more than 36 years the event has helped healthcare facility personnel in the Tampa Bay region plan and evaluate their level of preparedness for disaster or hurri-

cane response. Approximately 250 health care professionals are expected to attend the event.

For more information, call 727-464-5311 or register online at www.HazardsandHealthcare.ticketspice.com/hazards-and-health-care-conference.

County Briefs

County to open community center in Lealman

LEALMAN - A new hub for recreation, education and local services is in the works in Lealman with Pinellas County's purchase of a 5.85-acre campus to be used for a long-awaited community center in this unincorporated area.

Located in the heart of the recently established Lealman Community Redevelopment Area, the forthcoming Lealman Community Campus will offer programs, such as youth mentoring, after-school programs, adult education, workforce training, and health and human services programs, among other uses by the county and local partners.

The property includes three facilities located at 5175 45th St. N., St. Petersburg, offering two classroom buildings, a gymnasium and outdoor recreation areas totaling about 77,000 square feet.

The county is hosting an Open House on Saturday, Feb. 24, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. This family-friendly event will include facility tours, exhibits of county services, touch-a-truck displays and other activities.

The county is in the process of preparing the facilities for new tenants and the campus is slated for occupancy by this spring. Community-minded partners interested in renting space on campus can submit a letter of interest to the Lealman CRA at www.pinellascounty.org/cra/lealman.

County Commissioners approved purchase of the property in late 2017, and the county completed the purchase on Jan. 29 for \$11 million from the Penny for Pinellas.

The property, formerly the Windsor Charter School, is centrally located just off 54th Avenue North, adjacent to Joe's Creek Greenway Park.

The facility will be managed by the Pinellas County Redevelopment Agency/Lealman CRA with continual input from local partners to ensure the center's programs meet the various needs of residents.

Based on local population, the center is expected to serve approximately 1,000 users each month for programs, services and community space.

For more information on the Lealman CRA, visit www.pinellascounty.org/cra/lealman.

New assistant county administrator named

CLEARWATER - Rahim Harji, the director of the Pinellas County Public Works department, has been promoted to assistant county administrator effective Jan. 26.

Harji will oversee departments focused on practicing superior environmental stewardship, including Parks and Conservation Resources, Public Works, Solid Waste and Utilities. These departments also foster economic growth and vitality through the support of critical infrastructure.

Harji is a professional engineer, a certified floodplain manager and an envision sustainability professional. He began his career with Pinellas County government in 2012. Prior to joining the county, he worked for other county and municipal governments as well as a private engineering firm.

"I am excited to continue serving the residents and visitors of Pinellas County in this new role," Harji said. "With the community as partners, we will continue to make environmental stewardship a priority throughout all of our projects and programs."

Lifeguards needed for 2018 beach season

Pinellas County is hiring lifeguards to monitor county beaches and help visitors have a safe and fun time. Lifeguards will be stationed at Fort DeSoto, Sand Key and Fred Howard parks from March to September.

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LETTERS

ICE arrests for 'national security'

Editor:

The front page of last week's newspaper announced a new partnership! Pinellas County's sheriff department announced a "historical partnership" between the U.S. Immigration & Customs (ICE) and 17 Florida sheriffs. Now, the sheriffs can arrest any people who are in this country illegally and hold them up to 48 hours so ICE can "come get them."

ICE Deputy Director Homan praised this operation as "vital to ensuring public safety and strengthening national security." The article goes on to say that 94 percent of all aliens in federal custody are here illegally. It is important to note that ICE is NOT talking about those who are real felons - murderers and rapists. ICE is talking about rounding up aliens (from other countries) because they are here illegally.

"Illegal aliens" is a broad brush for ICE to paint with. When the Nazis occupied Paris during WW II, it wasn't their "goonies" that rounded up thousands of Jews. It was the Paris police themselves working with the occupied government.

I am sure this, too, was in the name of national security.

Gary Worthy
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Article on IRB candidates helps sort facts from fiction

Editor:

The time when I most appreciate the Belleair Bee's coverage of Indian Rocks Beach issues is leading up to an important election. As we prepare to elect a new mayor in March, the Bee's Feb. 1 article entitled "Stating their views" provided a concise recap of IRB's Meet the Candidates forum. The article was a solid synopsis of the candidate's statements and positions, helpful to those who were part of the standing-room only audience as well as those who missed the event. Being able to refer back to your articles over the last couple of years to help sort out fact from fiction has been invaluable.

Nancy Obarski
Indian Rocks Beach

Local elections are not a team sport

Editor:

In recent years in Indian Rocks Beach we have seen the emergence of races for commissioner or mayor-commissioner where candidates campaign together as a team, instead of acting independently. This is not healthy in a democratic system. With team elections, we can end up with a commission filled with members indebted to each other. My fear is too much gratitude among teammates can lead to years of quid pro quo.

I never want to see a commission where everyone is anxious to agree with each other. What we want and need is civil, yet spirited debate. That's what has always produced the best policies. I am asking for all of us to consider this in the greater context of our system of government. We need candidates who are not beholden to anyone, especially not to each other.

Kelly Cisarik
Indian Rocks Beach

Belleair benefits with Mayor Gary Katika

Editor:

On March 13, 2018, the 4,500-plus residents of Belleair will have the opportunity to re-elect Mayor Gary H. Katika, who has served our great town for the past 12 years.

During his tenure, the town benefited from multiple infrastructure enhancements, including storm water drainage and road resurfacing. Meanwhile, citizens of all ages continued to participate in a wide range of meaningful programs through Belleair's Recreation Department. And we are fortunate to maintain our own police department providing safety, security and peace of mind for all residents.

Mayor Katika, and the town's commissioners, had the business acumen and integrity to patiently analyze various Belleview Biltmore development proposals. The resulting selection of JMC Communities will enhance not only this property, but the entire town.

As residents of Belleair, we will all benefit from another three years of Mayor Katika's effective leadership.

Jim Spencer
Belleair

Katika has worked for better Belleair

Editor:

Belleair is a great place to live. It's a great place to raise a family and take care of family. We are a little town that carries a big punch. I'd like to think that we are perfect even with all our imperfections. The current commission is working hard to fix the imperfections. As the deputy mayor, I am asking my fellow residents to re-elect Mayor Gary Katika. I believe in the democratic process where citizens have the right to run for office. Holding office in Belleair is different. It's a labor of love. You get involved because you want to make a difference. Each current commissioner has volunteered to be on a town board prior to getting into office. Mayor Katika has served on many. He has encouraged change that will better our community. He attends flag football games, most town events, Thursday with the Mayor and represents our town at the Mayor's Council, serving as president. This is what it takes to move our town forward. You have to step up and get involved by attending meetings and volunteering. That is how you make a difference and this is exactly what Mayor Katika does every day!

Karla Rettstatt
deputy mayor
Town of Belleair

The choice is clear in Belleair race

Editor:

This year there is only one item on the ballot for Belleair: the election for town mayor.

The incumbent, Gary Katika, has admirably served the Town for many years, both as commissioner and the last 12 years as mayor. I can tell you if there's one thing Katika is passionate about it's Belleair and its residents.

Spencer Connerat is running "to provide competition for the job." Doesn't matter that he has zero experience; he has attended a few town commission meetings since he arrived in town in 2011. He has not volunteered nor served on any town advisory boards.

If I walked into a financial brokerage office and asked for a job, I'm sure the first question they would ask is if I had any experience. If I replied, "No, but I want there to be competition in the field of brokers," they would have laughed me right out of the office.

Connerat wants the election campaign to be a platform to discuss and solve community issues like the town's water department, the budget and the infrastructure. "I'm a big believer in civil discourse, I want to have discourse about issues in a civil fashion. I hope to provide an alternative."

Since I attend most of the commission meetings and have sat on two advisory boards, I can tell you that if Connerat did come to meetings or participated at all in town politics, he would know civil discourse is standard operating procedure in Belleair.

Connerat sent a certified letter to President Barack Obama requesting "proof of his natural born status as required under our Constitution." When Obama did not respond, he filed a "tacit admission of ineligibility" in Pinellas County court in March 2010, alleging Obama's failure to supply him proof of his citizenship represented a "confession in open court" and "the basis for an action of treason." He also filed a petition in federal court in 2011 asking for "injunctive relief to require the respondent to cease and desist posing as president of the United States of America," according to court records.

If you like living in Belleair and appreciate the effective and orderly government we have, your choice is crystal clear - mark your ballot for Gary Katika.

Lil Cromer
Belleair

Thoughts on random celebrities



Driver's Seat
Bob Driver

What is your celebrity count? In your lifetime how many honest-to-goodness celebrities have you actually met face to face? Had dinner with? Spoken to? Slept with? Or at least shaken hands with?

Before you begin counting, do you actually know what a celebrity is? Does the mayor of your town qualify as a celebrity? To qualify as a celebrity, must he or she have been a host or a guest on a national TV talk show?

I ask these questions because we seem to be living in an age of celebrity worship. This became apparent late in 2016 when voters elected a celebrity as our 45th president. Since then he has become an even bigger celebrity.

Donald Trump is not the first celebrity president to qualify as such. The first one, in my lifetime, was Dwight David Eisenhower, known for supervising the successful military invasion of mainland Europe, or parts of it. The second one was Ronald Reagan, famous as an actor in several second-rate movies. Recently another celebrity - Oprah Winfrey - is being talked about as a possible presidential candidate.

I have met several people who regarded themselves as lifetime failures because they had never met a genuine celebrity. On the other hand, we have persons who feel they are a success simply for having known or met a large number of celebrities. You can usually identify these persons by how they speak. Given half a chance, they will talk endlessly about their celebrity friends. They are known as name droppers.

Name droppers come in at least two classes: Clean and Dirty. The clean ones say only nice things about their celebrities. "Mrs. Streep - Meryl - is so thoughtful - she always sends me a birthday card." The dirty name-droppers will tell you every nasty detail of what Sinatra said to Cher the night in Vegas when she got more applause than he did.

It's a good thing I did not want to become a celebrity hound. I never would have made the grade. After a modest career in journalism and public relations, I can't list more than a handful of celebrities I've met or rubbed elbows with.

In an earlier column, I told about my frightening four-minute interview with labor thug Jimmy Hoffa. My second wife was a long-time pal of big band singer Helen O'Connell, whom we entertained in our Indian Rocks Beach home. In the 1960s I sat in on a press conference with ex-President Harry S. Truman. With the aid of a translator I interviewed the head of the Eastern Orthodox Church. As editorial page editor with the Clearwater Sun I quizzed a few dozen former, current and would-be Florida governors, U.S. Senators and House candidates. I had an interesting chat with Andy Rooney.

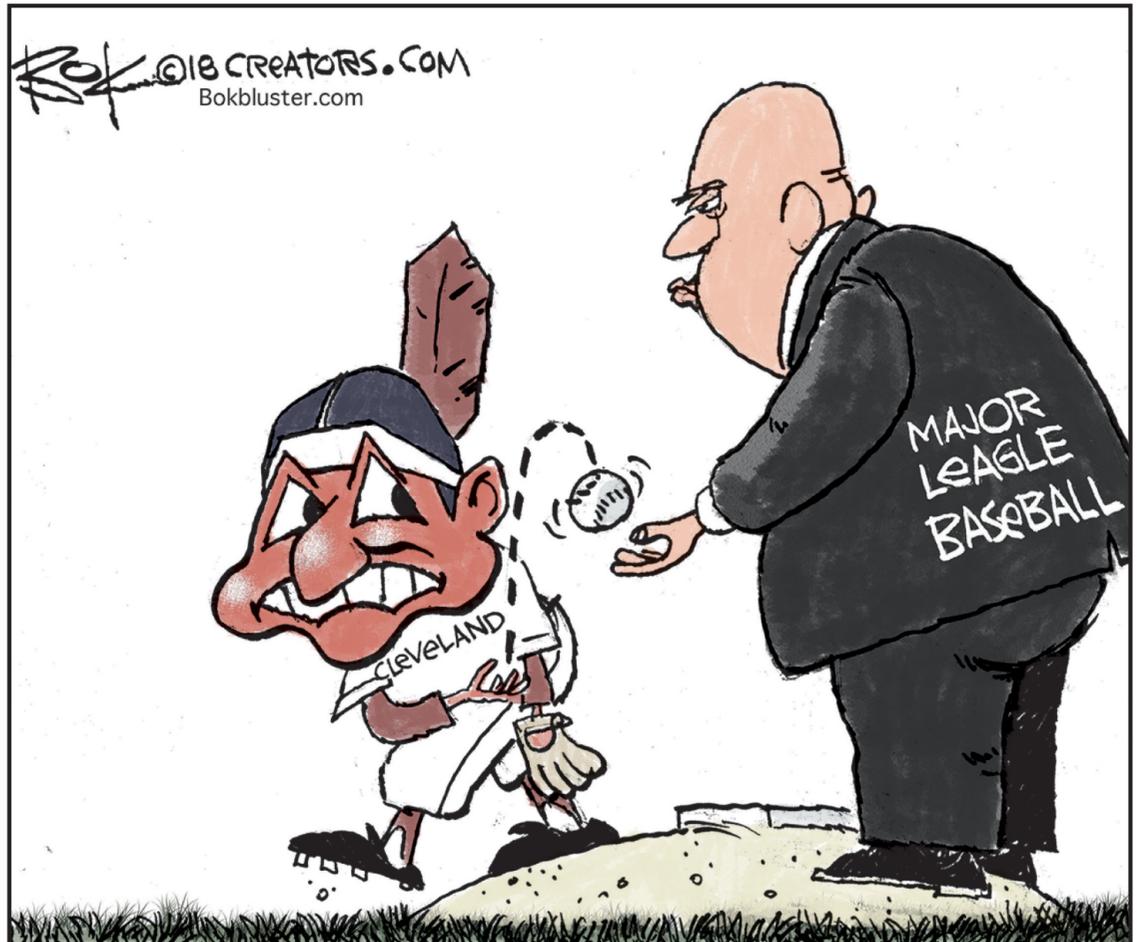
The column you're reading was triggered by a recent news item announcing the forthcoming return of Candice Bergen to a revival of the hit 1980's Murphy Brown TV show. On a cold winter day in 1966 I came face-to-face with Ms. Bergen as we passed each other outside the University of Pennsylvania book store, in Philadelphia. She studied at Penn for a year or two before moving on. I was an employee in the university's news bureau. We somehow failed to get each other's autograph that day. We didn't even smile or say hello. A pity.

What is the value of having been a celebrity fan? Next to nothing, or thereabouts. Or so it seems to me. In your dotage, it ranks with recounting the number of restaurants you've dined in, or how many of our 50 states you've visited. If you're baby-sitting your grandchildren and wish they'd drift off to sleep, just tell them about the celebrities you've met. That should do it.

If I had the chance to meet any celebrity I chose, I'd select Dave Barry. He has been called the funniest writer on earth. I tend to agree with that opinion.

A piece of advice: If you're ever forced to choose between meeting a hundred world-renowned celebrities or forming a genuine friendship with an obscure, decent person, go with the friendship. Friends last; celebrities fade.

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Editor says farewell, so long ... see ya!

I once had a colleague tell me journalism is a marathon, not a sprint.

By that, he meant perseverance, hard work and some thick skin would lead to success. He was right.

Today, I'm ending a 45-year marathon that, quite frankly, has been a very good ride. I'm one of the few who's been able to live a dream, rub elbows with some of the biggest names in sports and work with some great people in municipal government.

For me, it started innocently enough as the sports editor of my high school newspaper and a degree in mass communications from the University of South Florida. Then the fun began. In 1973, I was lucky enough to get a job as a sports writer for The Ledger, a fine afternoon paper in Lakeland owned by the New York Times. It was there that I sank my teeth into the business under the mentorship of sports editor Patrick Zier.

Zier, a former U.S. Marine with hair down to his butt, was perhaps the most intelligent person I've ever worked with. He read a book a week and once won the Kennedy Award for a series he authored on substandard housing in Lakeland. He was also a former auto racing writer for the Atlanta Constitution who counted racing great Richard Petty among his closest friends. They were so close, in fact, that Petty was the godfather to Zier's kids.

Zier set the tone for me. He was one of the few writers covering the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the early days that told it like it was. There was no sugar coating and often it got under the skin of Bucs coach John McKay.

Speaking of McKay, he was the king of dry humor. Perhaps his best quip was an answer to



Bob McClure

Few realize how powerful [Tom] McEwen was but also how down to earth he was. Great guy, the best.

a question from a writer during the team's early 0-26 start. "What do you think of your team's execution," he was asked. McKay replied, "yes."

From Lakeland, I moved on as assistant sports editor of an afternoon paper in Hollywood, Florida where there were some real characters.

The job itself was pretty cool. As the No. 2 sports guy, I served as backup beat writer for the Miami Dolphins, six years off the famous 17-0 season of the Dolphins. Head Coach Don Shula was still king in Florida and he was pretty good on a tennis court too. I had the unfortunate luck of finding out just how good a couple of times before camp opened at Biscayne College (now St. Thomas University).

From there, the caravan took me back to Lakeland where I was hired by the Tampa Tribune as sports bureau chief for a four-county edition. I took over for a legend by the name of Jack Slayton and worked beside a newsman's

newsman, Garth Germond, who taught me even more about being a news professional.

It was during my second stay in Lakeland that I covered the nationally-ranked baseball and men's basketball programs at Florida Southern College where NCAA Division II national championships were a way of life.

Also included in that stop was coverage of the Detroit Tigers for six weeks each year during spring training and getting to know Manager Sparky Anderson.

Great guy, Sparky. Very easy to chat with, as were his players. I'll never forget Darrell Evans and his UFO stories and the day Kirk Gibson set an altitude record in a twin-engine plane. Detroit brass were sweating bullets that day, not knowing if their star right-fielder would make it back alive. He did, and you know the rest.

I could go on - Chris Evert, O.J. Simpson, Bobby Bowden, Woody Hayes, Mark Fidrych, Hank Aaron, Eric Dickerson, Phil Esposito, Rob Dibble, Lee Janzen, John Reaves and more.

But the real memories I'll always keep involve the people I've worked with. Topping the list is the late Tampa Tribune sports editor Tom McEwen. Without him, we wouldn't have Tampa International Airport, as we know it today. Without him, some say no USF and definitely no Tampa Stadium, which preceded Ray Jay. Few realize how powerful McEwen was but also how down to earth he was. Great guy, the best.

So, as I happily fade into the sunset and cleanse my veins of the ink, I wish all my current colleagues the best of luck. Hopefully they too will make it to the finish line.

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The deadline to submit letters pertaining to the March 13 election is Feb. 22. No letters from candidates or their supporters will be published after March 1.



Pets of the week

Duke

Duke is a people kitty that loves other felines and dogs, too. With black and silver stripes and leopard spots on his tummy, this 4-month-old is quite handsome. He has been raised in a foster home with his twin sister Daisy. They have been spayed/neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. To meet the kitties in St. Petersburg, call Save Our Strays at 727-545-1116. To view more felines, visit saveourstraysinc.com.



Scruffy

Scruffy certainly is looking forward to her life without being an income producing "thing." Scruffy has spent her life as a producer in a puppy mill. She is thought to be 10 years old, weighs 8.4 pounds and appears to be a Maltese Yorkie mix. She is recovering from being spayed and had a dental. She is microchipped and on heartworm prevention. Despite her life of hardships, she is a tough little cookie that is reaching out to be loved. To welcome Scruffy to your heart and home, submit your application online at www.viprescue.org.



Tearah

Agile and active on land and at sea, tawny-toned Tearah is as sweet on adventure as her candy colored coat. Having come to Canine Estates care from Pinellas County Animal Services, the athletic 4-year-old Chi/terrier mix thrives on playtime with other playful dogs more than cuddle time on the couch with people. Her ideal adoptive home is one committed to earning that trust while keeping her mentally stimulated and physically satisfied. Tearah is best suited for an active family. Email director@canineestates.com or call 727-412-0558.



Lucy

Lucy is the dog you have been looking for. She is great on a leash, knows her basic commands, is crate trained, and wants to please her humans. On top of that, she is a friendly, affectionate dog. Thanks to the Pit Project, Lucy's adoption fee is \$75. She is being sponsored by Scott Daly. You must own your home to adopt Lucy. Lucy is a 7-year-old Lab/Pit mix. Pet Pal Animal Shelter is at 405 22nd St. S., St. Petersburg. Call 727-328-7738 or visit petpalanimalshelter.com.



Milo

Milo would love to live the rest of his life surrounded by the love and comfort of a family. Wondering about his unique look? After a lifetime of ear infections, he has finally healed but his ears have been left scarred. He doesn't seem to be bothered by them, but he would like to have them cleaned daily. Milo is around 7 years old. Pet Pal Animal Shelter is at 405 22nd St. S., St. Petersburg. Call 727-328-7738 or visit petpalanimalshelter.com.



Esther

Esther is a cute 3-year-old retriever mix that came to Humane Society of Pinellas from another Humane Society. HSP is still learning more about Esther every day. They're sure she'd love to meet you. Her adoption price is \$75. For information, visit www.humanesocietyofpinellas.org or call 727-797-7722.



Ryan

Ryan is a stunning hound that can steal your heart in a second. He seems a bit shy initially, but those caring for him at Greyhound Pets of America Tampa Bay think he's just mulling over how he's going to charm his way into your life. Ryan adores belly rubs, loves to play and interact with you, and quickly becomes your best buddy once he's got his "game plan" in place. He would do best in a home with no cats, and no small children due to his big boy playfulness. A home with a fenced yard would be ideal for turnout/play times with him. Call 727-595-7852, email info@greyhoundpets.com or visit greyhoundpets.com.



Aaron

Aaron has been in a foster home for a few days. He's housebroken and knows a few basic commands. This sweet boy enjoys playing with squeaky toys and going for walks. At about 19 pounds, this 4-year-old Lasha/poodle is current on shots, microchipped, neutered, on heart worm prevention and had a dental. Aaron is good with other dogs, and good on a leash. He will require an experienced pet parent. He will need an experienced groomer also. To welcome Aaron into your heart and home, submit your application online at www.viprescue.org.



Caring for your cat's health

Some pet owners may not realize that cats should have an annual checkup and regular visits. Some may mistakenly believe that cats aren't exposed to dangers and diseases since they live mainly indoors.

Regular checkups and annual exams are important for such health considerations as maintaining a healthy weight, preventing disease and keeping teeth and gums healthy. Make an appointment in February, which is National Cat Health Month.

Annual visits can help your veterinarian monitor your cat's health and take preventive measures to keep your cat healthy, including:

- **Vaccines:** Kittens need additional vaccinations at an earlier age in order to boost their immune system, and as your cat grows, your veterinarian will ask about any lifestyle changes that may necessitate different vaccines. For example, if your cat has always stayed indoors, but eventually you start to let them outside, your vet will recommend different vaccines, such as feline leukemia, which is a dangerous communicable disease for cats that are likely to come into contact with

Speaking of Pets

Tiffany Gisel, D.V.M.



unfamiliar and possibly unhealthy cats. Rabies is required by law as this disease can be transmitted to people and is fatal.

- **Heartworm prevention:** All cats, even an indoor cat, need a monthly preventive to guard against heartworm and fleas. It just takes one bite from a mosquito that has entered in an open door to cause heartworm, so it's essential your cat sees the vet each year to stay up-to-date on heartworm prevention. Often heartworm disease is undetected and can contribute to

a number of issues such as blood clots or kidney disease.

- **Spay or neuter:** Cats can become pregnant as young as 5 months old, so it's important to spay or neuter them at a young age. Kittens should be at least three months old (12 weeks) and weigh 2 pounds or more before being spayed or neutered. It's never too late to spay or neuter adult animals. Additional tests may be recommended for senior pets undergoing a surgical procedure.

- **Weight:** It's common for cats to have weight issues, and your vet can detect increases in weight more quickly if he or she sees your cat annually. Techniques for weight loss are available. Excess weight gain can put stress on your cat and lead to diseases like diabetes or arthritis.

- **Dental care:** Cats may accumulate tartar and plaque build-up on their teeth, just like humans. This can lead to gum disease and tooth decay, which can be uncomfortable and cause things like gingivitis, tooth decay, discomfort and inappetence. Your vet can recommend ways to support your cat's dental care at home, like special food or

pet-friendly toothpaste, or provide dental cleanings during your visit. If your cat develops an oral disease, your vet will recommend the necessary medical care, like prescriptions or tooth extractions.

- **Health concerns in older cats:** When your cat reaches middle age, your vet can use your medical history and blood tests/imaging to determine if your cat is at risk for medical problems like kidney or thyroid disease. Our goal is to identify and manage diseases that can be controlled with medications. Symptoms can be vague and hard to catch, but your veterinarian is specially trained to recognize signs as they start to appear and guide you with care.

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Garden Briefs

Orchid society to host orchid sale

LARGO – The Florida West Coast Orchid Society will host a members' orchid sale with a large variety of orchids on Saturday, Feb. 10, 9 a.m. to noon, at the Florida Botanical Gardens, 12211 Walsingham Road, Largo.

The sale will take place in parking lot No. 5 off the Walsingham Road entrance.

For information, call 727-475-0750, email parnold3@tampabay.rr.com or visit www.fwcros.org.

Program to cover edible garden maintenance

CLEARWATER – A program on caring for and maintaining edible gardens will be presented Sunday, Feb. 18, 1 to 3 p.m., at Moccasin Lake Environmental Education Center, 2750 Park Trail Lane, Clearwater.

Attendees will learn the secrets of proper and easy maintenance gardening. Cost is \$10 with a Clearwater Recreation card or \$11 without the card.

Butterfly garden workshop slated for Feb. 17

CLEARWATER – A butterfly garden workshop will be offered Saturday, Feb. 17, 1 to 3 p.m., at Moccasin Lake Environmental Education Center, 2750 Park Trail Lane, Clearwater.

The workshop will present ideas for planning and planting a butterfly garden. The presenter will discuss different types of butterflies that are common in this area and will offer ideas on how to attract them to the garden. Cost is \$10 with a Clearwater Recreation card or \$11 without the card.

Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society to meet

PINELLAS PARK – The Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society will meet Tuesday, March 6, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., at Good Samaritan Church, 6085 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park.

The speaker will be Steve Hoppin with the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society. Hoppin will present a program on growing quality cryptanthus. He will provide an overview of this bromeliad genus and its various species, cultivars and hybrids. Cryptanthus, also known as "earth stars," are terrestrial plants, unlike the 80 percent of bromeliads that are epiphytes or air plants, and thus require different growing techniques. Hoppin specializes in growing cryptanthus and is a member and past president of the International Cryptanthus Society.

Bromeliads will be available for purchase at the meeting. Admission is free.

For information, visit fwcs.org.

Painted morning sky

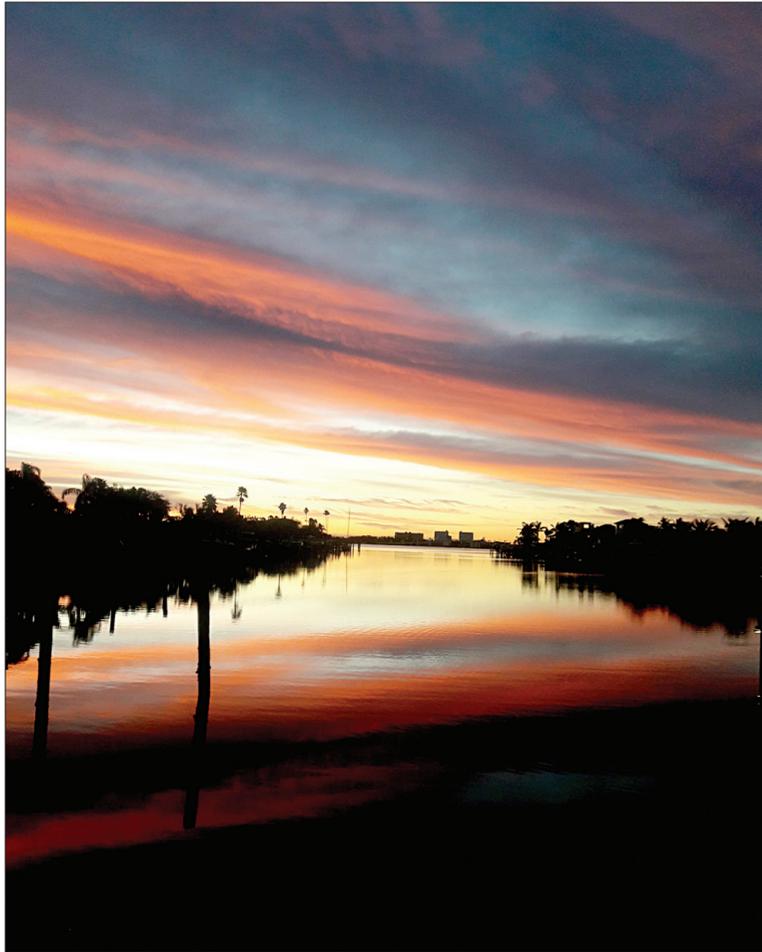


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The sky is painted in a variety of vibrant colors during a recent sunrise in Treasure Island. Isle of Palms resident Mitchell Shenkman caught this image early on Jan. 30.

The Great Outdoors

Registration open for annual Turtle Trot

LARGO – The city of Largo and The Friends of Largo Nature Parks have teamed up to host the seventh annual Turtle Trot 5K at George C. McGough Nature Park, 11901 146th St. N., on Saturday, Feb. 24, at 8 a.m.

The Turtle Trot is a measured 3.1-mile flat course that will take participants through McGough and Bonner parks' trails, boardwalks and on quiet neighborhood streets nearby.

A T-shirt and goody bag are guaranteed for all preregistered runners. This is a chip-timed race and racing bibs and online run-time results will be available for all runners. Awards will be given to the overall male and female runners, overall master male and female and the top three finishers in each age group. Post-race refreshments and water will be available.

Race fees are \$20 preregistered and \$30 after Feb. 9. The fee is nonrefundable and is limited to the first 500 runners. Registration on race day will only be available if the 500-runner cap is not met.

All proceeds will go toward supporting Largo Nature Parks.

Registration forms can be found online at LargoNature.com, Active.com or picked up at McGough Nature Park and Bonner Park, 14444 143rd St. N.

For more information, visit LargoNature.com or call 727-518-3047.

McGough Park hosts free raptor shows

LARGO – George C. McGough Nature Park, 11901 146th St. N., hosts free raptor shows at 1 p.m. each Sunday.

The show details the adaptations raptors use to exploit the natural world for their gain and will focus on themes such as bald eagles, hawks, owls, falcons and Florida's most common raptors.

A show focused on the park's new vultures will be coming soon.

Donations to help care for the birds are welcome.

McGough Nature Park to host guided hike

LARGO – As part of a series of monthly nature hikes, a free guided walk through the woods will take place Saturday, Feb. 17, 9 a.m., at McGough Nature Park, 11901 146th St. N., Largo.

Participants will hike through the woods seeking out animals. Donations are accepted. To preregister, call 727-518-3047.

Scientist, author to host book signing

CLEARWATER – Ellen Prager, a marine scientist and author, will host a book signing Saturday, Feb. 10, 1 to 4 p.m., at Barnes & Noble, 23654 U.S. 19 N., Clearwater.

A portion of the book's sales will be donated to University of South Florida Foundation's Oceanography Camp for Girls. Dr. Prager's presentation will run 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Prager is widely recognized for her expertise and ability to make science entertaining and understanding for people of all ages. Her appearance will be hosted by Ryan Moralevitz, 10, founder of The Fishes Wishes, an organization to promote ocean conservation. Ryan is also the author of the children's book "Puffy the Pufferfish Saves the Ocean," which he will read at 1, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. on the stage in the children's department. His book is available for purchase and signing.

Sean Russell, from The Mote Marine Laboratory, and former Oceanography Camp for Girls' participants will also provide educational and fun demonstrations and activities from 1 to 4 p.m.

Prager has written several marine science-based fiction and non-fiction books, including the popular Young Readers' "Shark Whisperer" trilogy.



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Trout fishing good throughout the Intracoastal Waterway

This week's warmup is just what we needed to get some excitement back on the fishing scene. January's onslaught of powerful cold fronts has made it tough to get into any kind of a rhythm out on the water. Water temperatures have been creeping up this past week, and the closer we get to 70 degrees the more we should start to see the redfish move around.

Trout fishing has been very good throughout the Intracoastal Waterway despite a bit of a struggle to find clean water on the incoming tide. Northeast winds last week had us tucked up tight



Fish Tales

Capt. Tyson Wallerstein

to the east side of the Intracoastal where we found trout holding close to flat's drop-offs that were exposed much of the day due to the full moon tides.

Free-lining live shrimp up-current and letting it drift with the tide is the key to covering a larger area and fooling the bigger trout. Leader size hasn't seemed to matter much with the off-colored water. However, lighter, thinner braided line will help you to get the distance you need on the cast, especially if the shrimp are running small.

Redfish numbers seem to be growing throughout the region. This is typical for this time of year. Target the many no-motor zone flats during the incoming

tidal phase as the fish shadow the mullet on their way up to the mangroves. Exiting the boat and quietly stalking these schools of fish with live shrimp or weed-less soft-plastics can be effective on warmer days.

Sheepshead are schooled up around pass bridges and jetties. As the wind subsides this week the water should clean up in the passes and the fishing should be very good. Live shrimp fished around the pilings will not only get the attention of sheepshead but the occasional black drum, gator trout, flounder and small grouper. Medium action rods with 15-pound braid are as light as you want to go with around the heavy structure.

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

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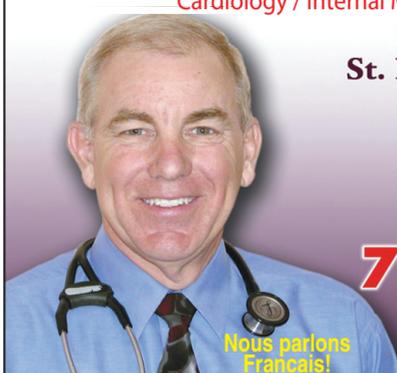
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Business Briefcase

RCS Pinellas wins Charity of the Year Award

CLEARWATER – RCS Pinellas recently was named 2018 Large Charity of the Year for the Clearwater Regional Chamber's Business of the Year awards.

The award winners were announced at the Clearwater Regional Chamber's 96th annual meeting on Jan. 25.

RCS Pinellas has provided help and hope to people in need for 50 years. RCS's mission is to feed the hungry, help families facing homelessness return to self-sufficiency, and empower survivors of domestic violence. Over 130,000 Pinellas County individuals are served annually with dignity to accomplish this mission at the RCS Food Bank, the RCS Grace House, The Haven of RCS, and the RCS Thrift Store.

"The delivery of our mission has never been about accolades or recognition," said Kirk Ray Smith, president and CEO of RCS Pinellas. "We've always been committed to making an impact on as many individuals and families as possible; whatever the need, we want to be in a position to meet it. To be given this prestigious award is incredibly affirming and encouraging, as it helps to make our position known to the broader community."

As part of the determination process, RCS Pinellas submitted a detailed application to the Clearwater Regional Chamber. A panel of esteemed judges interviewed the organization through a questionnaire and tour of the RCS locations. The judges witnessed how the RCS Food Bank provides nutritious food to Pinellas County residents, how the RCS Grace House helps individuals and families facing homelessness return to self-sufficiency through an eight-week program, how the RCS Thrift Store provides high quality shopping experiences for community and program participants, and how The Haven of RCS provides safety, security, and support for women and children facing domestic abuse.

For information on RCS, visit www.rcspinellas.org or call 727-584-3528.

Sirata Beach Resort to host job fair

ST. PETE BEACH – The Sirata Beach Resort team will host a job fair to expand its staff on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 9 a.m. to noon; and 2 to 7 p.m., in the Sirata's Majestic Ballroom, 5300 Gulf Blvd., St. Pete Beach.

The resort is undergoing a \$15 million renovation and is seeking to fill a number of needed positions such as housekeepers, housekeeping supervisor, beach services supervisor, beach activity staff, cooks, activities staff, front desk supervisor, front desk agent, night auditor, wait staff servers and reservation agent.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their resume, work history with references and be ready for on-the-spot open interviews. Applicants may also apply online at heihotels.com/join-us.

Brookdale Beckett Lake to host VA workshop

CLEARWATER – A free educational workshop about the VA Aid and Attendance benefit will be presented Friday, Feb. 9, 1:30 p.m., at Brookdale Beckett Lake, 2155 Montclair Road, Clearwater.

This event is open to the public. Call 727-797-7257 to register. There are 9.2 million veterans still living that served in World War II, Korea or Vietnam. These soldiers and their surviving spouses may be eligible for the Department of Veterans' Affairs Aid and Attendance Pension, which offers a monthly tax-free benefit, ranging from \$1,176 to \$2,169 per month.

Veterans Financial is a provider of information about the Aid and Attendance Pension benefit. During the workshop, presenters review the eligibility criteria and show how thousands of families, even in cases of higher net worth, have become eligible for this benefit.

Chamber announces award winners

PINELLAS PARK – On Jan. 26, the Pinellas Park Gateway Chamber of Commerce hosted its awards gala at the Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center.

- Following is a list of award recipients:
- Small Business Award – Great Bay Signs
 - Medium Business Award – Big Storm Brewing Company
 - Large Business Award – Sam's Club
 - Nonprofit Award – Community Action Stops Abuse
 - Presidential Award – William "Ed" Taylor III

- Citizen of the Year – Councilman William "Ed" Taylor III
- Youth Citizen of the Year – Sterling Adams, Police Explorer
- Loyd Tingley Good Governance Award – The Pinellas Park City Council, including Sandra Bradbury, mayor; Jerry Mullins, vice mayor; Rick Butler, councilman; William "Ed" Taylor III, councilman; and Patricia "Patti" Johnson, councilwoman.

Clearwater Gas System relocates sales office

CLEARWATER – Clearwater Gas System's sales office has temporarily relocated to the former Countryside Library branch at 2741 State Road 580 in Clearwater.

The current location at 711 Maple St. will soon be demolished to make way for a new, state-of-the-art gas facility. All other gas personnel will remain at the Gas Administration office, 400 N. Myrtle Ave. in Clearwater.

Utility bill payments will continue to be accepted in person at the Municipal Services Building's Utility Customer Service Department, located at 100 S. Myrtle Ave. Payments also may be made online at myclearwater.com/payments, or by phone to 888-978-0798 (a \$1.95 service fee may apply).

Walmart, Sam's Club helps out All Children's

Walmart and Sam's Club associates are helping "put the money where the miracles are" again this year with a combined fundraising effort raising \$472,825 for Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg following the annual Children's Miracle Network Hospitals campaign. The fundraising efforts are part of a broader national effort that raised more than \$35 million in support of the 170 member hospitals across the country.

Over the past two years, Gardner's store raised nearly \$18,000 for the hospital during the campaign. Walmart and Sam's Club have supported Children's Miracle Network Hospitals for 30 years. Funds raised impact each of the 170 Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, which treat 10 million kids annually across North America. Hospitals utilize the funds based on what they need most – including lifesaving equipment and research, top therapy programs, charitable care and more.

Celebrating Catholic schools



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Members of Stephanie Martin's class at St. Jerome Early Childhood Center in Largo, from left, Evers Masi 4; Oliver Glunt, 4; Nolan Maksymowics, 3; and Kate Scott, 4 (behind) sing for grandparents at a Grandparents' Day reception Jan. 29 as part of a nationwide celebration of Catholic Schools Week.

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Real estate newsmakers

Klein & Heuchan sells

Clearwater office condominium

CLEARWATER – Klein & Heuchan Inc. recently represented the seller, AUSH LLC, in the sale of 611 Druid Road, Unit 512 in Clearwater.

The buyer was P&P Real Estate Trust Company LLC. This 3,965-square-foot office condominium is located in the Druhills Professional Office Park near Morton Plant Hospital and the Pinellas County Court House. The office was recently updated on the exterior and interior. The sale price was \$200,000. Linda Gardiner of Klein & Heuchan Inc. represented the seller in this transaction.

"The Druhills Professional Office Park is very well located near downtown Clearwater with easy access to the executive communities of Bellear and the beaches," said Steve Klein. Klein is vice president of Klein & Heuchan Inc.

Steck to attend FAR Leadership Academy

MADEIRA BEACH – Realtor Tom Steck of Century 21 Real Estate Champions recently was selected to participate in the Florida Association of Realtors Leadership Academy for the 2018 calendar year.

Steck was one of 20 Realtors chosen out of a Florida membership of out of 180,000 Realtors. The purpose of the Leadership Academy is "to offer a unique opportunity for Realtors to maximize their leadership and business potential, and to learn what it takes to be the best in the business."

"I am very pleased and humbled to be offered this opportunity to improve my ability to serve our clients and the Realtor associations," Steck said in a press release.



Tom Steck

Weichert agents complete Fast Track training

ST. PETERSBURG – A number of Weichert affiliated agents recently completed the company's Fast Track training program.

Agents who successfully completed the training include Chris Brady

and Adam Greenfield. Both Brady and Greenfield are St. Petersburg-based sales associates.

The training helps quickly bring new Weichert affiliated agents, as well as current agents interested in taking a refresher course, up to speed on the latest information and technology available to real estate professionals so they can better communicate with clients to offer the best service available.

"Our Fast Track program covers everything a real estate professional needs to know to help an agent start out on the right track toward a successful career in real estate," said Bill Scavone in a press release. Scavone is president and chief operating officer of Weichert Real Estate Affiliates Inc.

Each Weichert affiliated office is independently owned and operated.

Klein & Heuchan sells medical investment property in Clearwater

CLEARWATER – Klein & Heuchan Inc. recently represented the seller George & Peg Mallory Trust in the sale of 617 Lakeview Road in Clearwater.

The buyer was Sandeep Shah. This 15,000-square-foot building contains two suites with over 10,000 square feet leased to long time occupant Fresenius Medical Care. Fresenius is one of the largest kidney dialysis companies in the nation. The sale price was \$1,000,000. Mark Klein and Linda Gardiner of Klein & Heuchan Inc. represented the seller in this transaction.

Shannon Nealey joins RE/MAX All Star

MADEIRA BEACH – RE/MAX All Star recently welcomed Shannon Nealey.

Nealey is a Florida native with a wealth of local knowledge. After spending more than two years in St. Thomas, Nealey has returned to Florida to pursue her career representing buyers and sellers of real estate in Pinellas County based from RE/MAX All Star's Madeira Beach office.



Shannon Nealey

School Notebook

Drone certification training offered by SPC

CLEARWATER – The Workforce Institute at St. Petersburg College will offer a four-week UAS Remote Pilot (Drone) Certificate Prep Course on Tuesdays, Feb. 20-March 20, 6-8:30 p.m., in Room 1-314 at the SPC Epicenter, 13805 58th St. N., Clearwater.

No class is scheduled on March 6 due to spring break.

The course is designed to prepare students to pass the FAA Remote Pilot Certificate exam. The course will include UAS regulations, flight operations and restrictions, emergency procedures, crew resource management, radio communication procedures, aeronautical decision-making and judgement, and maintenance and pre-flight inspection procedures.

Registration can be completed by going to <http://bit.ly/2rAPyGc>.

Career opportunities for students with drone training include business-entrepreneurship, military drone pilot, firefighter, disaster relief, search and rescue, law enforcement, oil and gas operations, border patrol, agriculture, package delivery, forestry, engineering, computer science, real estate, film and photography, and other industries.

For more information, call Fred Tucker at 727-791-2409 or email tucker.fred@spcollege.edu.

Bay Pines Lutheran School hosts Junk for Jesus

SEMINOLE – Bay Pines Lutheran School, 7589 113th Lane N. in Seminole, will host its annual Junk for Jesus rummage sale Friday and Saturday, Feb. 9-10. The rummage sale will begin at 8:30 a.m. Friday and conclude Saturday afternoon. All proceeds will go towards enhancing campus safety.

USF appoints new College of Education dean

TAMPA – The University of South Florida recently announced the appointment of Robert C. Knoeppel as new dean for the College of Education.

In his new position, Knoeppel will play a key role in shaping a distinctive vision for the future of the college that maintains alignment with USF's strategic priorities.

An experienced higher education leader and nationally recognized researcher, Knoeppel will join USF in May.

Knoeppel comes to USF from Clemson University, where he is a professor and chair of the Department of Educational and Organizational Leadership Development. Knoeppel's work has been regularly published in the Journal of Education Finance and Educational Considerations, and he has authored over 100 refereed journal publications, book chapters, technical reports and conference papers in the field of education finance, education reform and educational leadership over the course of his career.

Students recognized for academic achievements

Several Pinellas County students attending colleges and universities outside the county have earned recognition for academic excellence during the fall 2017 semester.

Alexis I. Ross of Largo was named to the dean's list at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. Ross is a sophomore communication sciences and disorders major.

Matthew Durst of Largo was named to the dean's list at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Lindsey Carroll of Largo was named to the dean's honor list at Cedarville University in Cedarville, Ohio.

Alexander Robert Dolan of Largo was named to the honor roll at the University of Oklahoma.

What's Selling in Pinellas County

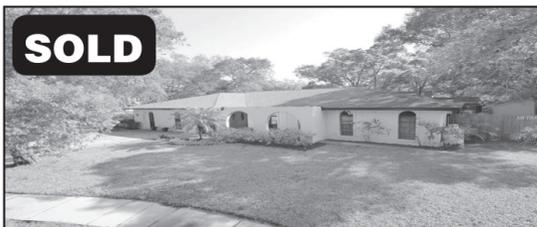
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Heart Gallery

Tampa Bay Newspapers has partnered with the Pinellas-Pasco Heart Gallery, an organization dedicated to helping children in foster care find an adoptive family. To find out more about the children, email info@heartgallerykids.org, or call 727-537-9125. To see the entire gallery, visit www.heartgallerykids.org.



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Witty and free-spirited, Kayla loves school, especially her science and English classes. But her favorite subjects overall are animals, particularly snakes. She even aspires to study reptiles and amphibians as a herpetologist when she grows up. If Kayla could change the world, she would make foster care different. Kayla's ideal forever family will be there for her as she makes the transition into adulthood. Contact Megan@heartgallerykids.org for information about adopting Kayla or any other child in the Pinellas-Pasco Heart Gallery.

Briefs

St. Patrick Church to host health fair

LARGO - A free health fair will take place Tuesday, Feb. 13, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., presented by the Faith Community Nurses of St. Patrick Church, 1507 Trotter Road, Largo.

LifeLine will be offering five screenings for \$149. They will include carotid artery for the prevention of strokes; heart rhythm screening for detection of irregularities; abdominal aortic for aneurysms; peripheral arterial disease screening; and osteoporosis risk assessment. In addition, the health fair will feature free screenings for eye, ear, spine, cholesterol and diabetes.

Suncoast paramedics, Largo Police and the Largo Fire departments will also be there.

Trinity Clearwater to host Stardust to Dust

CLEARWATER - Stardust to Dust will be open to the public on Wednesday, Feb. 14, 6 to 8 p.m., at Trinity Clearwater Presbyterian Church, 2001 Rainbow Drive, Clearwater.

For information, call 727-446-6210 or visit www.trinityclearwater.com/currentevents.

"Stardust to Dust is probably the most unique Ash Wednesday observance you will ever experience," said Andrew Walton, pastor of Trinity Clearwater Presbyterian Church.

Walton describes the experience as a "deep time, station to station pilgrimage" that invites participants to explore and expand the meaning of Ash Wednesday by combining the biblical creation story found in the book of Genesis with scientific exploration within the context of an evolutionary understanding of the universe.

The pilgrimage takes each person on a self-paced multimedia journey of over 25 stations that tell the story of creation through scripture, photography, and narrative. It all takes place in an atmosphere of deep time and space created by candlelight, projections of Hubble Telescope photography, and sounds of nature blended with contemplative music. At the end of the journey each pilgrim receives an ash cross on the forehead.

Ash Wednesday is the traditional beginning of the Christian season of Lent, a season of penitence, fasting, repentance, and spiritual contemplation during the 40 days preceding Easter. The ashes symbolize the mystery of human mortality.

"Stardust to Dust takes the traditional meaning of Ash Wednesday and expands it to include awareness of our interdependence and interconnectedness with the entire cosmos," Walton said.

Since the pilgrimage is self-paced participants can spend as much time

as they like within a two-hour period exploring each station as well as sitting quietly in the sanctuary to experience the whole atmosphere of wonder and mystery.

One of youngest Schindler survivors to speak

ST. PETERSBURG - Chabad of St. Petersburg will host guest speaker Rena FINDER Monday, Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m., at the Palladium, 253 Fifth Ave. N., St. Petersburg.

Tickets are \$18. Doors open at 7 p.m. Space is limited. For reservations, visit www.ChabadSP.com or call 727-344-4900.

Finder was only 10 years old when the Nazis invaded Poland. Her father was killed at Auschwitz. She and her mother were sent to work at Emalia, Oskar Schindler's enamel and ammunition factory.

"It's so special and important to hear a Holocaust survivor's story firsthand. The Holocaust becomes more real when they share their stories, especially with the younger generation," said Rabbi Alter Korf, director of the Chabad Jewish Center of Greater St. Petersburg.

He said FINDER's story is especially unique.

Finder was born in 1929 in Krakow, Poland, to a well-to-do family. An only child, she lived with her parents in a brand-new apartment next to Wawel Royal Castle. A good student in school, Finder often was chosen for parts in the school's play. On Sundays, her father would take her to soccer games, or her aunt and uncle would take her to see children's plays or movies.

In September 1939, everything changed. Forced to leave their home, the family moved into the ghetto. There her father was arrested and later killed at the death camp Auschwitz.

Finder and her mother worked in a printing shop in the ghetto and one day, Finder and her mother were put on a list to work in Schindler's factory.

Seminole Church to host thrift sale

SEMINOLE - A thrift sale will kick off with a pre-sale Thursday, March 8, 5 to 8 p.m., at Connect2Christ Church, 9398 Oakhurst Road, Seminole. Admission to the pre-sale is \$5 a person.

The sale will continue on Friday, March 9, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturday, March 10, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is no admission fee on Friday and Saturday. Proceeds from the sale will help with church expenses.

For information, visit www.c2church.com.

Choir to perform at Connect2Christ Church

SEMINOLE - Connect2Christ Church and Helping Hands Foreign Missions will present the Uganda Esangalo Children's Choir on Wednesday, Feb. 28, 7 p.m., at the church, 9398 Oakhurst Road, Seminole.

A love offering will be taken. For 2018, the all-acoustic performances will include children and adults from Uganda playing musical instruments from Africa and dressed in traditional celebration costumes. This tour features video highlights of the Village of Eden that will bring the ministry to life.

The Feb. 28 event will be both a performance and a celebration of the gospel. Attendees will witness children expressing their love for Jesus by quoting Bible passages from memory and singing songs in both English and their native language.

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Beach leaders urged to oppose offshore drilling

By BOB McCLURE
Tampa Bay Newspapers

REDINGTON SHORES – City and town governments along the Pinellas beaches are expected to pass resolutions in the coming weeks opposing seismic blasting and potential offshore drilling for gas and oil in the Gulf of Mexico.

Hunter Miller, the Southwest Florida campaign organizer for Oceana, an international organization that oversees issues involving the world's oceans, urged members of the Barrier Island Governmental Council Jan. 31 to author and submit resolutions to the U.S. Bureau of Ocean and Energy Management during a 60-day comment period that ends March 9.

The latest proposal includes all waters 3- to 24-miles offshore of Alaska, Oregon south to Southern California, the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic seaboard up to Maine.

With enough comments against the latest proposal, it is hoped another oil disaster, such as Deepwater Horizon in 2010, can be avoided off the Florida beaches.

BOEM, which is under the umbrella of the U.S. Department of the Interior, establishes leasing areas in five-year increments. The process takes place over several stages and is followed by a public comment period.

In 2016, President Barack Obama removed the Atlantic and Arctic oceans off the table for the 2017 to 2022 plan. Then, last March, the Trump Administration issued an executive order to aggressively pursue offshore drilling, restarting the whole process.

"So, we're going to restart the whole thing again and people like you are being asked to submit your comments and weigh in," said Miller. "On Jan. 4, BOEM released its draft of a revised plan from 2018 to 2024. Just as we suspected, that plan includes all U.S. waters and that's where we are."

Thanks to recent efforts by Florida Gov. Rick Scott, Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke tweeted Florida is off the table. However, just a week or two later, the acting director of BOEM testified to members of Congress and the Natural Resources subcommittee that no formal decision has been made as far as which states would be in or out.

"So, there's a little bit of contradiction there," said Miller. "This plan is the largest proposal for offshore oil and gas leases ever proposed by any president. It would give energy companies access to more than a billion acres off the Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, Pacific and Arctic coasts."

If approved, the process would begin with seismic air gun blasting that would be used to map the ocean floor.

"Large seismic ships would tow these air guns and every 10 seconds the seismic guns would release a dynamite-like blast," said Miller. "Sound waves travel down, penetrate through the ocean floor and bounce back up that would be received by hydrophones."

Miller said seismic blasting is an important issue because it's dangerous to mammals and marine fisheries.

"Across the nation there are already 175 resolutions opposing seismic and offshore drilling," he said. "Forty-nine communities in Florida have passed resolutions op-

posing it."

Sarah Hanson, a spokeswoman for Congressman Charlie Crist, said Florida is still officially in the plan.

"But the plan goes through several revisions over roughly a two-year period," she said. "There are opportunities Florida could be written out of it but we don't know when that would happen or how. There's really no precedent, which is why the Congressman is taking the secretary (Zinke) at his word for now. He's hoping this is moving in the right direction but he is urging everyone to remain vigilant. He intends to keep up the pressure on the administration to make sure Florida is finally taken out of the plan."

Hanson said Crist has submitted two letters to Zinke requesting the waters off Florida be excluded from the plan. She said at least one of those letters, which was led by U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson, will be submitted as official comment.

Last week, Crist co-introduced a bill called the Safe Coasts, Oceans and Seaside Towns Act, which codifies two safety regulations implemented after the 2010 Deepwater Horizon explosion.

The legislation has received wide support from environmental and coastal community business groups, including endorsements from Oceana, Sierra Club, Surfrider Foundation, Defenders of Wildlife, Earthjustice, Business Alliance for Protecting the Atlantic Coast, California League of Conservation Voters, and the Animal Welfare Institute.

"I was Florida's governor when the Deepwater Horizon rig exploded and dumped more than 200 million gallons of oil into the Gulf of Mexico," Crist said in a press release. "The full extent of the environmental and economic damages of this tragedy are still unknown. We should learn from past mistakes, not hand over the fate of our coasts and oceans to the oil and gas industry."

Deepwater Horizon spilled 4.9 million barrels of oil into the Gulf of Mexico. BP has since paid out more than \$65 billion in claims and clean-up costs. The total impact of damages are still unknown.

In other action

- Pinellas County Coastal Resources Manager Andy Squires, said mobilizing for the next beach nourishment project would begin April 1. He said work will begin at Sunshine Beach in Treasure Island, move south to Sunset Beach, then up to Redington Shores and move north to Sand Key. Squires said work on the Sand Key beach would begin in late May to early June. The project is targeted for completion in October.

- Belleair Beach Mayor Leslie Notaro will take over as chairwoman of the BIG-C during the Feb. 28 meeting at North Redington Beach Town Hall.

- Beach communities will again receive \$37.5 million from Pinellas County during allocation of the new Penny for Pinellas from 2020 to 2029. Beach leaders are seeking to have the funds "front-loaded" for use with infrastructure projects. The current penny was allocated with "back-end loading," requiring towns to complete projects and then seek reimbursement from the county.

Town looks to outlaw some rooftop decks

By WAYNE AYERS
TBN Correspondent

REDINGTON SHORES – After hearing complaints about rooftop structures that some consider unsightly and unsafe, the Town Commission at its Jan. 31 workshop looked at changing its roof deck ordinance.

The law, as revised, states that "no decks or other accessory structures are permitted to be built on the top of the roof of a single family or a duplex structure that leaves the undercarriage of the structure exposed."

What that means, Commissioner Jeff Neal said, is that, under the revised ordinance being considered, rooftop decks are allowed on flat roofs, but not on peaked roofs where the roof can be seen below the deck. The only way a deck could be built atop a peaked roof is for all the area under the deck to be enclosed so that the roof is hidden.

The revised roof deck ordinance is a response to concerns expressed by commission members, a former commissioner and residents at a commission meeting last August over the aesthetics and safety of a couple of rooftop decks on peaked roofs.

At that meeting, Mayor Bert Adams said the controversial decks are permitted because "there is nothing in our code to stop it." While the decks are not illegal, Adams said "I'm not sure (flat decks over peaked roofs) meet the aesthetics of our community."



Photo courtesy of TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES

Under a proposed ordinance in Redington Shores, decks on flat roofs, such as the one on the left, will continue to be allowed. However, a deck over a peaked roof, such as the one on the right, will be allowed only if the area below the deck is enclosed so the roof cannot be seen.

Vice Mayor Tom Kapper said, "Aesthetically, I don't believe this (deck) should be sitting on the roof."

Commissioner Pat Drumm said at the August meeting his concerns were mostly about safety. Winds could "send things falling off the deck, crashing into other homes." Commissioner Jeff Neal said the decks are made of wood, and wood can rot. In a thunderstorm, he said, "all these parts and pieces will blow off."

Existing rooftop decks that do not meet the new standards will be "grandfathered in," meaning they will be allowed to remain. But all roof decks in the future must meet the new requirements if the revised ordinance is passed.

That will likely happen at the February commission meeting, when the issue will be voted on. No

commissioners expressed any objection at the January workshop. Commissioner Drumm was absent. A second reading and vote on the ordinance will be required in March.

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The beach accesses provide residents and visitors with a means to walk to and enjoy the town's mile-long beachfront. But some are ignoring the signs prohibiting vehicles, Commissioner Mary Beth Henderson said.

"The beach accesses are for pedestrians only. They were never intended for vehicles or personal use," Henderson said. The town has had problems, she said, with one builder in particular who used an access for their own personal

use by parking vehicles on it.

Henderson introduced an ordinance restricting the use of the beach access to strictly pedestrian use, which she said would "put into writing (in the code) what our signs already say."

Asked by Adams if a homeowner doing some construction work could have vehicles on a beach access temporarily, Henderson said she did not think that would be a problem. "But when you start setting up shop," that becomes an issue, she said. The builder she referred to "asked for and was granted a variance, but he shouldn't have expected that he could use the beach access for several months."

The commission is expected to vote on the beach access ordinance in February and March.

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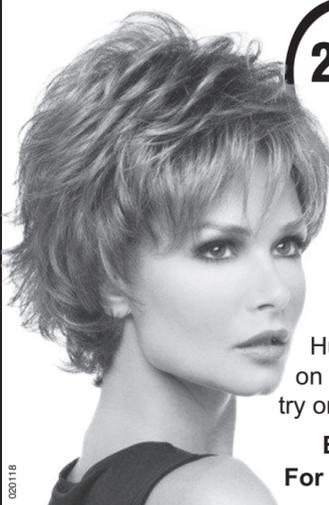
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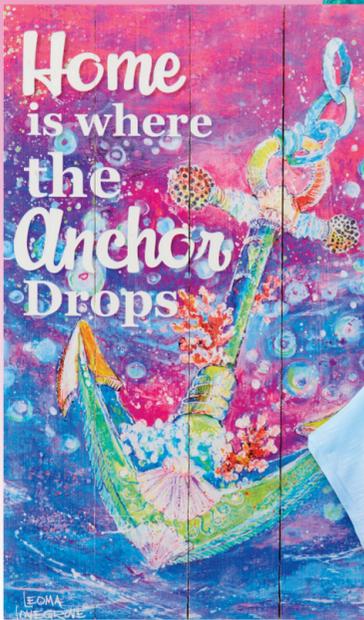
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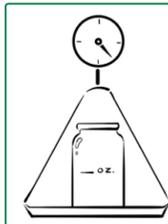
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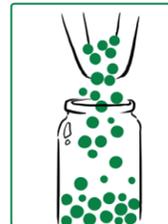


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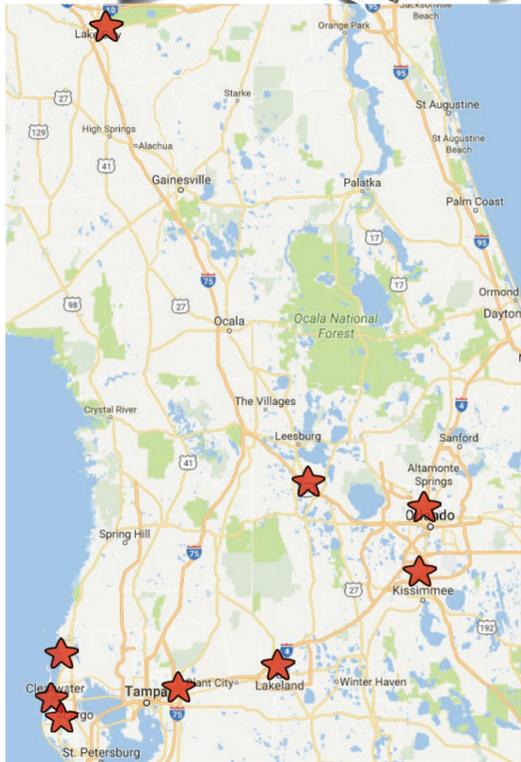
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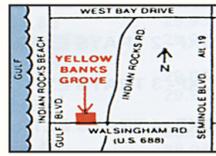
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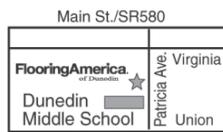
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• **Backtrack Blues Band,** Friday, Feb. 9, 8 p.m., at The Palladium, 253 Fifth Ave. N., St. Petersburg. Call 727-822-3590 or visit mypalladium.org. The Backtrack Blues Band will perform in support of their new release "Make My Home in Florida." Backtrack has performed high-energy, Chicago-style blues continuously since its founding in 1980. The group has established a strong reputation for creative songwriting through six CDs and one DVD of original music - all of which charted on the U.S. blues radio charts. The Backtrack Blues Band has appeared with legendary blues artists from B.B. King, Buddy Guy and Stevie Ray Vaughan to Gregg Allman, Robert Cray and Johnny Winter. The group has garnered three Tampa Bay Music Awards as the area's Best Blues Band.



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

'Fifty Shades Freed'

Genre: Drama and romance
Rated: R
Cast: Jamie Dornan, Dakota Johnson, Eric Johnson, Eloise Mumford, Rita Ora, Luke Grimes, Victor Rasuk, Max Martini, Callum Keith Rennie, Bruce Altman, Arielle Kebbel, Robinne Lee, Brant Daugherty, Kim Basinger and Marcia Gay Harden
Director: James Foley

Rated: R
Jamie Dornan and Dakota Johnson return as Christian Grey and Anastasia Steele in "Fifty Shades Freed," the third chapter based on the worldwide bestselling "Fifty Shades" phenomenon. Expanding upon events set in motion in 2015 and 2017's blockbuster films that grossed almost \$950 million globally, the new installment arrives for Valentine's Day 2018.

'Peter Rabbit'

Genre: Comedy and animation
Cast: James Corden, Rose Byrne, Domhnall Gleeson, Sam Neill, Daisy Ridley, Elizabeth Debicki and Margot Robbie
Director: Will Gluck
Rated: PG
Peter Rabbit, the mischievous and adventurous hero who has captivated generations of readers, now takes on the starring role of



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From left, Anthony Sadler stars as Anthony, Alek Skarlatos as Alek and Spencer Stone as Spencer in Warner Bros. Pictures' and Village Roadshow Pictures' "The 15:17 to Paris," a Warner Bros. Pictures release.

his own irreverent, contemporary comedy with attitude.

In the film, Peter's feud with Mr. McGregor (Domhnall Gleeson) escalates to greater heights than ever before as they rival for the affections of the warm-hearted animal lover who lives next door (Rose Byrne). James Corden voices the character of Peter with playful spirit and wild charm, with Margot Robbie, Elizabeth Debicki, and Daisy Ridley performing the voice roles of the triplets, Flopsy, Mopsy, and Cotton-tail.

'The 15:17 to Paris'

Genre: Drama
Cast: Anthony Sadler, Alek Skarlatos, Spencer Stone, Jenna Fischer, Judy Greer, P.J. Byrne, Tony Hale, Thomas Lennon, Ray Corasani, Paul-Mikél Williams, Bryce

Gheisar and William Jennings
Director: Clint Eastwood
Rated: PG-13

From Clint Eastwood comes "The 15:17 to Paris," which tells the real-life story of three men whose brave act turned them into heroes during a high-speed railway ride.

In the early evening of August 21, 2015, the world watched in stunned silence as the media reported a thwarted terrorist attack on Thalys train No. 9364 bound for Paris - an attempt prevented by three courageous young Americans traveling through Europe. The film follows the course of the friends' lives, from the struggles of childhood through finding their footing in life, to the series of unlikely events leading up to the attack. Throughout the harrowing ordeal, their friendship never wavers, making it their greatest weap-

on and allowing them to save the lives of the more than 500 passengers on board.

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

'La Boda de Valentina'

Genre: Comedy and romance
Cast: Omar Chaparro, Marimar Vega and Ryan Carnes
Director: Marco Polo Constandse
Rated: R
Valentina (Marimar Vega) seems to have the perfect life in New York, with a perfect job and a perfect boyfriend, Jason Tate (Ryan Carnes) - far, far away from her scandalous political family in

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Kelsea Ballerini to play Ruth Eckerd Hall

CLEARWATER – Fueled by a successful sold-out headlining tour last year, acclaimed country star Kelsea Ballerini is pushing full-throttle with the Unapologetically Tour this winter.

The tour will include a stop in the Tampa Bay area for one performance on Friday, Feb. 16, 7:30 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Tickets start at \$38.25. Call 727-791-7400 or visit www.rutheckerdhall.com.

Named among the 30 Biggest Albums of Fall by Entertainment Weekly, Ballerini released “Legends,” the first single off her sophomore album “Unapologetically” last summer. The album dropped on Nov. 3 and debuted at No. 7 on the U.S. Billboard 200.

The Black River Entertainment artist skyrocketed to stardom after releasing three consecutive platinum-certified No. 1 smashes from her critically acclaimed gold debut album “The First Time.” The hit singles included “Love Me Like You Mean It,” “Peter Pan” and “Dibs.” Ballerini is the only female artist in country music history, including female duos and groups, to achieve this accolade.

The talented singer-songwriter also reached gold with Top 5 hit “Yeah Boy,” after having written or co-written all 12 songs on her debut.

Ballerini has appeared on the cover of Billboard Magazine’s Grammy preview issue, was included in Forbes’ “30 Under 30” class of 2017 and featured in People Magazine’s “Beauty at Every Age” list in their iconic World’s Most Beautiful issue for 2017. She’s been named “The Country Sweetheart” in People’s elite “Ones to Watch” portfolio, praised by Rolling Stone as the “Nashville It Girl,” touted by Billboard as “Country’s Next Queen,” and selected as one of CMT’s Next Women of Country.

After her 2016 headline tour which visited dozens of cities across the U.S., Ballerini joined Thomas Rhett for his Home Team Tour followed by Lady Antebellum’s You Look Good World Tour.

Awarded Billboard’s “Rising Star” title at the prestigious 2015 Women in Music event, she has continued to gain recognition by scoring her first-ever ACM Award win for New Female Vocalist of the Year, iHeartRadio Music

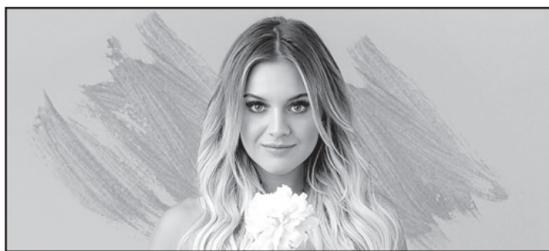


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Kelsea Ballerini performs Feb. 16 at Ruth Eckerd Hall.

Award for Best New Country Artist, multiple Radio Disney Music Awards, American Country Countdown Award for Breakthrough Female of the Year, ACM Honors’ Gene Weed Milestone Award and acknowledged as Artist of the Year by Nashville Business Journal.

Walker Hayes will open the show.

The singer/songwriter was born and raised in Mobile, Alabama. A Monument recording artist, Hayes released two collections of eight songs, in conjunction with SMACKSongs.

Hayes’ quirky lyrics and unorthodox arrangements landed him on tour with syndicated morning radio host Bobby Bones, as well as Dan+Shay’s Obsessed Tour. “You Broke Up With Me,” his first single, impacted country radio in June and is available on all streaming services and for digital download. The single has already held the No. 1 spot on SiriusXM’s the Highway Top 30. Last year, Hayes went on the road for Thomas Rhett’s Home Team Tour. He released his album “Boom” in December. Hayes co-produced “Boom” with Grammy Award-winning producer Shane McAnally.

A&E news

Tampa Bay Symphony announces winter concerts series

The winter concerts of the Tampa Bay Symphony, under music director and conductor Mark Sforzini, will feature Brian Moorhead, former principal clarinet of The Florida Orchestra, and Sforzini, former principal bassoon, who will play “Premium Blend,” a double concerto for clarinet and bassoon.

Written by Sforzini, “Premium Blend” was inspired by the mellow blend of the two instruments when they sat next to each other in The Florida Orchestra for 15 years. David Stech will be guest conductor for the double concerto. Also on the program are “Five” by Kenyon Wilson, a finalist in the Tampa Bay Symphony’s first annual “Call for Scores” composition competition, “America the Beautiful” by Samuel Ward and arranged by Carmen Dragon, and Tchaikovsky’s Symphony No. 2 “Little Russian.”

The performances will be Tuesday, Feb. 20, 8 p.m., at the Palladium, 253 Fifth Ave. N., St. Petersburg; Sunday, Feb. 25, 2:30 p.m., at the St. Petersburg College Arts Auditorium, 2465 Drew St., Clearwater; and Sunday, March 11, 2:30 p.m., in Ferguson Hall at the Straz Performing Arts Center in Tampa. Tickets are \$20 for adults and free for students, who must show student ID if they are 18 or older.

Mark Sforzini will host a Symphonic Chat with the Maestro Thursday, Feb. 15, 7 p.m., at Opera Central, 2145 First Ave. S., St. Petersburg. This program will present an opportunity to hear a preview of the winter concerts and to ask questions. Wine and hors d’oeuvres will be served. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

The Tampa Bay Symphony, celebrating its 31st season, has more than 80 classically-trained volunteer players, many of them music teachers. For additional information, visit www.TampaBaySymphony.org.

Caribbean Chillers to play Sundays in Belleair concert

BELLEAIR – The Belleair Parks and Recreation Department will kick off 2018 Sundays in Belleair concert series with a performance by The Caribbean Chillers on Sunday, Feb. 11, at Dimmitt Community Center, 918 Osceola Road, Belleair.

Pre-sale tickets are \$5. Tickets are \$10 the day of the event. Tickets may be purchased at the Dimmitt Community Center as well as at Bella Vino, 100 Indian Rocks Road N., Suite F, Belleair Bluffs; and Belleair Market, 510 Indian Rocks Road, Belleair Bluffs. Tickets also may be purchased online at caribbeanchillers.racehawk.com.

According to the band’s website, The Caribbean Chillers serve up an authentic re-creation of what audiences experience at a Jimmy Buffett concert. Billed as Florida’s favorite Jimmy Buffett tribute act, The Caribbean Chillers have performed in Hawaii, Cuba, Cancun and on cruise ships.

Items allowed in festival include blankets, sheets, towels, chairs, small strollers, small personal umbrellas and personal recording devices (personal cameras and mobile phones).

Food and beverages will be available for purchase. No outside food or beverages will be permitted inside the gates.

Items not allowed in festival include outside food or beverage, including alcohol; coolers; animals with the exception of service animals; weapons of any kind; fireworks or explosives of any kind; large backpacks; glass containers or aerosol cans; skateboards, bicycles (bike racks are located outside of venue entrance); scooters or any motorized vehicle; professional recording equipment (photo, video, and audio); air horns; gas canisters of any size; megaphones; portable laser equipment, laser pointers, or strobe lights; illegal drugs, narcotics or drug paraphernalia; unauthorized solicitation, handbills, giveaways and sampling; large pop-up tents and large beach umbrellas.

Smoking is not permitted on site.

The 2018 Sundays in Belleair concert series also includes a performance by Beatlemania Magic on Sunday, April 8. The headliner for the March 4 concert has not yet been announced.

For more information, call 727-518-3728 or visit www.BelleairRec.com.

West Coast Players to present staged reading of ‘Good People’

CLEARWATER – A staged reading of “Good People” by David Lindsay-Abaire will be presented Saturday, Feb. 17, 8 p.m., at West Coast Players, 21905 U.S. 19 N., Clearwater.

The staged reading will be directed by Donna Donnelly by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service Inc. Tickets are \$6. Call 727-437-2363, email boxoffice@wcplayers.com or visit wp.wcplayers.org.

In this timeless drama, Margie Walsh has just been let go from yet another job in her South Boston neighborhood. Scrambling to catch a break, Margie thinks an old fling who’s made it out of Southie might be her ticket to a fresh new start. But, is this apparently self-made man secure enough to face his humble beginnings? Margie is about to risk what little she has left to find out. With his signature humorous glow, Lindsay-Abaire explores the struggles, shifting loyalties and unshakeable hopes that come with having next to nothing in America.

McCartney Project to perform at CPPAC

LARGO – As part of the 2018 Largo Lions Club Spotlight Series, the McCartney Project will perform Monday, Feb. 12, 2 and 7 p.m., at the Central Park Performing Arts Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo.

A tribute to Paul McCartney, Wings and The Beatles, the production is more than a concert: It’s an experience. The band’s authentic tribute starts with left-handed, sound-alike, look-alike Tony Burlingame as Paul McCartney playing the iconic Horner violin bass. Burlingame is backed by the talented McCartney Project band recreating McCartney’s music, note-for-note.

Tickets are \$24.50. All proceeds go directly to the Largo Lions Club Foundation to support its projects, such as sight conservation, children’s eye examinations, eye operations and glasses.

For information and to purchase tickets, call 727-587-6793 or visit www.largolionsclub.org.

Owen, Lynch to perform at 2018 Valspar Championship

PALM HARBOR – Ruth Eckerd Hall on the Road will present two top country music stars at the 2018 Valspar Championship.

Sharing top billing at the fourth Valspar LIVE! event at the 2018 Valspar Championship will be Jake Owen and Dustin Lynch. Owen and Lynch will each perform on the Osprey Driving Range adjacent to the Copperhead Course at Innisbrook Resort in Palm Harbor. The concert will take place after the conclusion of play on Saturday, March 10, at approximately 6:30 p.m. The concert is free of charge to all Saturday tournament ticketholders.

Each performer is slated to play a 45-minute show full of their many hits. Owen and Lynch will be the fourth Valspar LIVE! event that Ruth Eckerd Hall on the Road has produced, following on the heels of The Band Perry (2015), Rascal Flatts (2016) and Toby Keith (2017). Tickets are now on sale for Saturday.

Owen has had six No. 1 country singles off his five studio albums since 2006, most recently “American Country Love Song.” He won the Breakthrough Artist of the Year award at the 2012 American Country Awards. A fine golfer, he was born in Winter Haven, graduated from Vero Beach High School and began his music career as a student at Florida State. He will play in his first professional golf tournament this May in the Web.com Tour’s Nashville Open.

Lynch has had five singles hit No. 1 on the American Country Airplay chart, most recently last summer’s “Small Town Boy” from his third album “Current Mood.” All three of Lynch’s albums have reached at least the No. 2 spot on Billboard’s U.S. Country chart. A native of Tullahoma, Tennessee, Lynch earned a degree in chemistry from Lipscomb University and considered attending medical school.

The Valspar LIVE! concert is produced by the Valspar Championship in conjunction with Ruth Eckerd Hall on the Road.

EOT to stage ‘Annie Get Your Gun’

CLEARWATER – Eight O’Clock Theatre will present “Annie Get Your Gun,” running March 2-18, at Central Park Performing Arts Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo.

Performances will be Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; and Sunday,

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- Elaborate silk garment
 - Fleet
 - Egyptian deity
 - Hundredth anniversary
 - Chew the fat
 - Doctor of Medicine
 - Large, edible game fish
 - Revitalization
 - Personal computer
 - Unfettered
 - Clumsy persons
 - Japanese classical theater
 - Part of a ship
 - Rate of movement
 - How much
 - Image taken with a camera
 - Sharp mountain ridge
 - Czech capital
 - One who treats poorly
 - By right
 - Relating to odors
 - As soon as possible
 - Israeli Olympic swimmer
 - Scored perfectly
 - Financial ratio (abbr.)
 - Unpleasant emotion
 - Sign of the zodiac
 - Promotional material
 - Your parents’ parents
 - Monetary unit
 - Farm state
 - One of Hollywood’s Bridges brothers
 - Not the plaintiff
 - “Night Train” novelist
 - Martens valued for their fur
 - Discount
- Down**
- Bone in the lower back
 - Goddess of wisdom
 - Comedic honors
 - A way to grasp
 - Apex
 - British soldier
 - Manganese
 - Indicates position
 - Decompressions in scuba diving (abbr.)
 - Soon
 - Blood type
 - Clever reply
 - One who travels by luxurious boat
 - Once more
 - Rural delivery
 - Mexican dish
 - Nigerian City
 - Is not (Span.)
 - Italy’s longest river
 - Grand __, vintage
 - Monetary unit
 - The man
 - Basics
 - Poster
 - Small remains
 - Gelatinous substance
 - A narrow opening
 - Artificial intelligence
 - Algerian coastal city
 - Canned fish
 - Milligram
 - Carrot’s partner
 - Single-celled animals
 - Movie theater
 - Necessitate
 - A state of not being used
 - Small folds of tissue
 - Gallium
 - Trauma center
 - Commands to go faster
 - New England’s football team
 - Pianoforte
 - Unit of loudness
 - Atomic number 13

Sudoku

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

Sudoku answers from last week

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Crossword answers from last week

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Horoscopes

February 8, 2018

Aries

March 21 – April 19

It can be difficult to focus with so many things running through your mind, Aries. Give it your best shot, especially at work where it counts the most.

Taurus

April 20 – May 20

Focus on fun experiences that will pop up this week, Taurus. They will brighten your mood and make you more inclined to interact with the people you love.

Gemini

May 21 – June 21

Gemini, someone you haven’t seen in a while makes an appearance in your life. You don’t know if you should be excited or just a tad cautious about what to expect.

Cancer

June 22 – July 22

Someone at work or home cannot get an accurate read on how you are feeling, Cancer. This may lead to some communication issues. Be as open as possible to avoid confusion.

Leo

July 23 – August 22

Leo, you are called on to be a leader this week, so make sure you do your homework on pertinent issues. This way you can make decisions with confidence.

Virgo

August 23 – September 22

Virgo, even when you think you know best, you may want to let others voice their opinions. You never know the value of another’s perspective until you hear it.

Libra

September 23 – October 22

Surround yourself with your closest friends and family members, Libra. These are support pillars you can lean on in tough times and the people to laugh alongside when things are good.

Scorpio

October 23 – November 21

Scorpio, this is a good week to discuss an important issue with that special someone. It’s fine to have differing opinions, just be sure to respect each other’s point of view.

Sagittarius

November 22 – December 21

Sagittarius, getting your point across may seem like your primary goal, but you can let things simmer for a little bit. Others have things that they want to share as well.

Capricorn

December 22 – January 20

Capricorn, romantic notions are popping into your head lately, and they may only be spurred on by the Valentine’s Day magic. A relationship gets to the next level.

Aquarius

January 21 – February 18

Aquarius, you can be the voice of reason if family life has gotten a bit chaotic. You may be called on to sort things out and put a plan in place.

Pisces

February 19 – March 20

Pisces, whether you are attached or not, feelings of love are blooming inside of you. Romance may pervade your daily interactions.

Valentine's Day concert

Italian tenor Andrea Bocelli's three-city Valentine's tour includes Feb. 14 performance at Amalie Arena

TAMPA – Love is in the air and legendary tenor Andrea Bocelli is back in the United States for his annual Valentine's Day performances in three select cities.

In addition to concerts in Charlotte, North Carolina, and Miami, Bocelli will make a stop in the Tampa Bay area with a performance on Wednesday, Feb. 14, 8 p.m., at Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Drive, Tampa. Call 813-301-2500 or visit www.amaliearena.com.

Tickets start at \$75 and are available at the McDonald's ticket office at Amalie Arena. Ticketmaster outlets and online at Ticketmaster.com. Order tickets by phone by calling 800-745-3000.

For venue information, visit amaliearena.com or call 813-301-2500.

The February 2018 shows mark the first time Bocelli has performed in Charlotte, his 11th performance in eight consecutive years in Miami, and Bocelli's first time ever playing Valentine's Day in Tampa.

Bocelli's Valentine's Day performance at Amalie Arena is presented by Opera Tampa, the resident opera company of the Straz Center.

In celebration of the Valentine's holiday, Bocelli will treat fans to a unique holiday repertoire combining the most beloved arias, crossover hits and famed love songs. As one of the most recognizable and romantic voices in the world, Bocelli has been thrilling audiences for over 20 years, counting over 80 million records sold worldwide.

Thrilling audiences for over 20 years, Bocelli exploded onto the world's stage with his hit, "Con te Partiro" and has since sold over 80 million albums worldwide. In 2016, he was nominated for three Latin Grammy Awards including Album of the Year. He received a 2017 Grammy Award nomination for Best Traditional Pop Vocal Album for "Cinema."

Emmy and Tony Award winning actress and singer Kristin Chenoweth and distinguished soprano Nadine Sierra will join Bocelli as guest performers for his annual Valentine's Day performances.

Chenoweth's career spans film, television, voiceover and stage.

In 2015, Chenoweth received a coveted star on The Hollywood Walk of Fame. In 2009, she received an Emmy Award for Best Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series for her role in "Pushing Daisies." In 1999, she won a Tony Award for "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" and she was also nominated for her original role of Glinda the Good Witch in "Wicked" in 2004. Chenoweth has been nominated for two Emmy Awards and for a People's Choice Award for her role on "Glee." In 2009, she wrote an upliftingly candid, comedic chronicle of her life so far, "A Little Bit Wicked," which debuted on the New York Times Hardcover Non-Fiction Best Seller List. In 2015, Chenoweth earned a Drama Desk Award, Outer Critics Circle Award and Broadway.com Audience Choice Award for her lead role in the Roundabout Theatre Company's "On the Twentieth Century." She also earned nominations for a Tony Award and a Drama League Award. Chenoweth has performed to sold-out audiences across the world, including performances at Carnegie Hall and Royal Albert Hall. In 2016, Chenoweth received rave reviews for her two-week run of "My Love Letter to Broadway", a solo performance at the Lunt-Fontanne Theatre. This past September, Chenoweth traveled to Rome in support of Celebrity Fight Night, where she generously helped raise funds for the Andrea Bocelli Foundation with a show-stopping performance with Bocelli.

Sierra is hailed as one of the most promising new talents in opera today. Having recently made a string of successful debuts at the Metropolitan Opera, La Scala, Paris, La Fenice, and the Berlin State Opera, the American soprano – recently named the winner of the 2017 Richard Tucker Music Award – is quickly on her way to becoming a fixture at many of the world's top houses. In 2016-17, Sierra returned to the Paris Opera, where she debuted as Zerlina in Don Giovanni last year, and opened its season at the Palais Garnier as Flavia in a



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Amalie Arena welcomes Andrea Bocelli for a Valentine's Day concert Feb. 14.

new production of Cavalli's Eliogabalo. Shortly after, she performed at the Opéra Bastille as Pamina in Die Zauberflöte and Gilda in Rigoletto. In 2007 and 2009 respectively, Sierra became the youngest winner to date of both the Marilyn Horne Foundation Vocal Competition and the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions.

In 2010, she also took home first prizes at the George London Competition, Gerda Lissner Foundation

International Competition, and Loren L. Zachary Society Vocal Competition, and was a recipient of a Richard Tucker Music Foundation Study Grant. In 2013, she placed first at the Neue Stimmen, Caballé, and Dunne International Singing Competitions, and won a Richard Tucker Music Foundation Career Grant. She recently signed a joint record deal with Universal and Deutsche Grammophon, and is in the process of recording her first album.

Capitol to present Gordon Lightfoot

CLEARWATER – Legendary singer-songwriter Gordon Lightfoot will perform Tuesday, Feb. 13, 8 p.m., at Capitol Theatre, 405 Cleveland St., Clearwater.

Tickets start at \$49. Call 727-791-7400 or visit www.atthecap.com.

After 50 active years of hit song making and international album sales well into the multi-millions, it's safe to say that esteemed singer-songwriter and musician Gordon Lightfoot resides with some very exclusive company atop the list of all-time greats. His song catalog is incredibly vast and includes such timeless hits as "Early Morning Rain," "If You Could Read My Mind,"

"Carefree Highway," "Sundown," "The Wreck Of The Edmund Fitzgerald" and "Rainy Day People."

In 2012, Lightfoot was inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame.

Lightfoot recently announced plans for a cross-country U.S. tour that will feature his well-known hits as well as some deep album cuts for the die-hard fanatics. These songs will be woven together



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Gordon Lightfoot performs Feb. 13 at Capitol Theatre in Clearwater.

with some of Lightfoot's own behind-the-scenes stories and personal anecdotes about his historic 50-year musical career. The event is sure to be a great thrill for live audiences and anyone who enjoys hearing great music and seeing a living legend in person.

It was 2004 when music icon Gordon Lightfoot last delivered a

new song to fans, but in 2016, the song "Plans of My Own," was released worldwide. The song, recorded in 2001, is a sentimental story about moving on to new things. It was recorded solo, featuring Lightfoot's signature voice and classic fingerpicking style on 12-string acoustic guitar. It's classic Lightfoot, with an addictive melody.

Can't Get a Man With a Gun," "I Got the Sun in the Morning," and the rousing "Anything You Can Do." ASL Interpreters will be provided on Thursday, March 15.

Swing dance charity benefit set

CLEARWATER – An elegant

swing dance charity benefit will take place Thursday, Feb. 15, in the Oval Ballroom of the Fort Harrison Hotel, 210 S. Fort Harrison Ave., Clearwater.

Doors will open at 7 p.m. A swing dance lesson by Arleene will be offered from 7:15 to 7:45 p.m. Dancing will run from 7:45 to 10 p.m. The Flag Band will perform

Judy Collins to perform at Capitol

CLEARWATER – Grammy Award winner Judy Collins will perform Thursday, Feb. 15, 7:30 p.m., at Capitol Theatre, 405 Cleveland St., Clearwater.

Tickets start at \$33.50. Call 727-791-7400 or visit www.atthecap.com.

Collins has inspired audiences with sublime vocals, boldly vulnerable songwriting, personal life triumphs and a firm commitment to social activism. In the '60s, she evoked both idealism and steely determination of a generation united against social and environmental injustices. Five decades later, her luminescent presence shines brightly as new generations bask in the glow of her iconic 50-album body of work.

The award-winning singer-songwriter is esteemed for her imaginative interpretations of traditional and contemporary folk standards and her own poetically poignant original compositions. Her stunning rendition of Joni Mitchell's "Both Sides Now" from her landmark 1967 album, "Wildflowers," has been entered into the Grammy Hall of Fame. Collins' dreamy and sweetly

intimate version of "Send in the Clowns," a ballad written by Stephen Sondheim for the Broadway musical "A

Little Night Music," won Song of the Year at the 1975 Grammy Awards. She's garnered several top-10 hits gold- and platinum-selling albums. Recently, contemporary and classic artists such as Rufus Wainwright, Shawn Colvin, Dolly Parton, Joan Baez and Leonard Cohen honored her legacy with the album "Born to the Breed: A Tribute to Judy Collins."

In March 2017, Collins released the DVD special "Judy Collins: A Love Letter to Stephen Sondheim." In 2016, she released "Silver Skies Blue," a collaborative album with writing partner Ari Hest, which was nominated for a Grammy for Best Folk Album.

In 2015, Collins released "Strangers Again." For the album, she invited a cast of icons and young talents to sing with her. The fresh collection features appearances by Willie Nelson, Jackson Browne, Jeff Bridges, Glen Hansard, Ari Hest and Bhi Bhiman.



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Judy Collins takes the stage Feb. 15 at Capitol Theatre.

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2 p.m. Tickets are \$26.50 for adults and \$12.50 for students. Visit LargoArts.com or call 727-587-6793.

Based on the true story of legendary sharpshooter Annie Oakley, this classic western rags-to-riches musical shows the tenacity of the human spirit. When backwoods Annie is entered into a shooting match with the sharpshooting star of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, she falls head over heels in love. The womanizing Frank Butler can't help but be charmed by the rough and naïve Annie. Despite hard luck, pride, and sabotage, Annie triumphs and learns that, in fact, there's no business like show business.

This tuneful score boasts classics such as "They Say It's Wonderful," "I Got Lost in His Arms," "You

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Mexico. When Jason proposes to her and wants to go to her home to meet the family she has been keeping a secret, her two worlds clash. Adding to the hilarious chaos, her family brings her ex, Angel, (Omar Chaparro) into the picture and convinces Valentina to go along with a sham marriage to him in an effort to stop further negative press as her father runs for re-election. In the end, Valentina must choose where her heart belongs.

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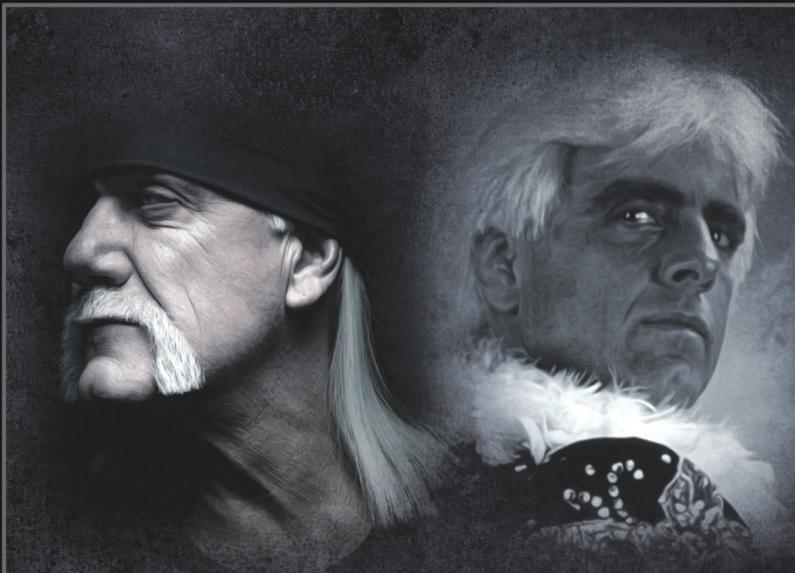
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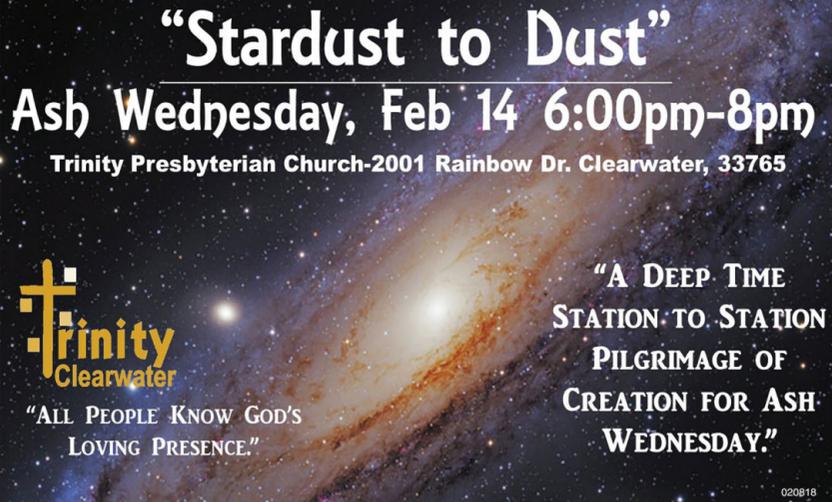
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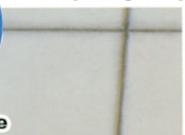
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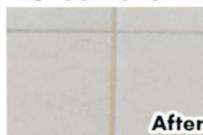
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