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Had your fill of sequels or superheroes yet?

We hope not because Deadpool, Star Wars and Jurassic Park are among the blockbusters returning to theaters. ... Page 3B.

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OUTDOORS



Aquarium keeping eye out for turtles

Clearwater Marine Aquarium will kick off sea turtle nesting season with Sea Turtle Awareness Day on Saturday at Pier 60 Clearwater Beach. The event will include a beach cleanup followed by educational activities and stations.

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LARGO

Rotary Club funds help local children

The Largo Rotary Club recently announced the recipients of its Death By Chocolate fundraiser held in December. This year, the club chose 14 organizations to receive the funds, including scholarships for Largo High students, S4TL Rotary Leadership for students, student of the month for Largo students, the children's wing at the Greater Largo Library and more.

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COUNTY

PSTA green lights 2 electric buses

Pinellas Suncoast Board of Directors gave unanimous approval April 25 to purchase two additional electric buses to add to the fleet. The buses will be put into service on the downtown St. Petersburg circulation route, can go 180 miles on a single charge and are quieter with no emissions. The range makes them suitable for use on routes in south county and some routes in Dunedin.

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COMMUNITY

Madeira Beach official under fire

A state agency said there is probable cause to believe a city commissioner violated state law by exhibiting inappropriate behavior toward city staff. Former City Manager Shane Crawford alleges that Commissioner Nancy Oakley misused her public position by making unwanted physical advances toward him and another member of the city's staff. Oakley denies the allegations.

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HOT SPOTS to COOL OFF



SUMMER

is around the corner, which means it's time to break out the swimsuits and the sunscreen and head to the pool. The city of Largo offers two hot spots to cool down at Southwest and Highland recreation complexes. The fun kicks off this weekend at the Highland Family Aquatic Center with a party celebrating the start of the season.

See page 4A for a list of activities and special events on the horizon.

TBN file photo
The Highland Family Aquatic Center will open its pool and water activities for the season on May 12-13.

CITY COMMISSION

City, USF to work together on future

University selects Largo for sustainability program

By CHRIS GEORGE
Tampa Bay Newspapers

LARGO - The city of Largo and University of South Florida are teaming up on a program that school officials say will benefit the community, students and, most importantly, the environment.

For the past two years, USF has chosen a city to participate in the school's Community Sustainability Partnership Program. This year, it has selected Largo for the yearlong partnership that allows students and faculty to work with city officials on projects of importance to the community.

"This program is going to give us an opportunity to enhance the livability and sustainability in our community and really help us focus on our strategic focus on sustainability as an organization as we move forward," said Laura Thomas, sustainability coordinator for the city, during a City Commission work session May 8 at City Hall.

Mazi Ferguson, program manager for the program, said the campuswide effort benefits both USF and cities because it gives faculty and students the opportunity to work on a diversity of disciplines that

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EAST BAY DRIVE

Man dies after vehicle collides with police car

TBN Staff

LARGO - Largo police are investigating a crash that occurred about 10:18 p.m. May 5 on East Bay Drive in which one person died and a K9 officer received serious injuries.

According to a press release, K9 Officer Thomas Dziamba, 34, was traveling east on East Bay Drive in the 3600 block, responding to a domestic disturbance where the suspect had kicked in the front door to the victim's home and was currently inside. He was responding with K9 Drax and had his marked car's overhead lights and siren activated.

Christopher Griffin, 36, was traveling south in a 2010 Jeep Wrangler and entered East Bay Drive into the path of the

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LARGO MEDICAL CENTER

Projects aim to enhance hospital services, capacity

By CHRIS GEORGE
Tampa Bay Newspapers

LARGO - As Largo Medical Center prepares to celebrate its past with the arrival of its 40th anniversary this year, CEO Anthony Dagina says the hospital is also looking to the future by moving forward with a series of projects designed to enhance capacity and services.

The first of those projects at the hospital's main campus on 14th Street Southwest off West Bay Drive kicked off in April with the construction of an 18,000-square-foot vertical addition to the fifth floor that will result in an

additional 26 patient beds. "We've had growth that has led to capacity issues so the addition of the 26 beds is really to help accommodate those issues, particularly during season," Dagina said.

When complete in about 18 months, he said the fifth floor will be the same size as the floors below it, adding that the other half of the floor is also being renovated so that it will all look and feel the same.

The other part of the project, which will

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Planning is underway to renovate the West Bay Professional Plaza at 1551 West Bay Drive. Largo Medical Center CEO Anthony Dagina, above, said the project will allow the hospital to occupy the building with various medical services and offices.

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FOOTGOLF TOURNAMENT

Event raises \$8,000 for Burn Foundation

LARGO - More than 120 participants helped Piper Fire Protection raise more than \$8,000 for the Children's Burn Foundation of Florida at its fourth annual Footgolf Tournament on April 6 at Largo Golf Course.

Participants of the event, which substituted golf for soccer balls, enjoyed live entertainment, beverages, awards for top teams, prizes for longest drive and closest to the pin and a 50/50 raffle.

"Our 'Piper Gives Back Committee' was formed to allow our team to focus efforts to live out our mission statement in our community. Not only do we want to make our communities safer, we also want to make our communities better, and that is what 'Piper Gives Back' is all

about," Piper Fire President Chris Johnson said.

"This dedicated team of employees is focused on ways to benefit local nonprofits, whether financially or by physical labor. Organizing the Footgolf Tournament to support the children attending the CBFF Camp Tequesta isn't just to benefit the organization and the children but also to bring awareness to Piper Fire's overall goal as a company - that the fire protection industry's main objective is to save lives."

For future sponsor opportunities or other questions, contact Tricia Kane or Melissa Faint via email at giveback@PiperFire.com or call 727-581-9339. To learn more about the Foundation or donate, visit www.childrensburnfoundationoffl.com.

DEATH BY CHOCOLATE



At left, Danielle Noble, of McManus and McManus, accepts a check on behalf of the Suncoast Performing Arts Foundation. At right, Mark Abdo, of the city of Largo, accepts funds to support the city's Special Olympics Swim Team.

Photos courtesy of LARGO ROTARY CLUB

Largo Rotary fundraiser supports community

LARGO - The Largo Rotary Club recently announced the recipients of its Death By Chocolate fundraiser held in December.

"Our biggest event of the year, Death By Chocolate, raises around \$20,000 each year," club president Scott McLane said. "The proceeds of this event are donated to local charities or organizations that benefit children in the Largo area."

For over 20 years, the Largo Rotary Club has held the event on the first Friday of December, kicking off the holiday season. Area restaurants and groups provide samples of all things chocolate, and a silent auction and wine toss play a large part in the fundraising.

This year, the club chose 14 organizations to receive the funds. They include scholarships for Largo High students, S4TL Rotary

Leadership for students, student of the month for Largo students, the children's wing at the Greater Largo Library, Rotary's Camp Florida, Shelter Box, the Suncoast Performing Arts Foundation, Ridgecrest Elementary, Largo Little League, Clearwater Jazz Holiday, Largo High homeless student fund, Clothes To Kids, city of Largo summer camps and city of Largo Special Olympics Swim Team.

"We are pleased to be able to help support these great organizations who do so much to promote children in our community," McLane said. "It is really an honor to be part of a club that has done such great work for so many years."

For more information on the Largo Rotary Club, visit largorotary.org.

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city staff might not have the time to invest in.

"The University of South Florida is the only university in the state of Florida that has a program such as this," he said. "What it does is it allows the cities to (increase) their efforts in sustainability while also training the next generation of workers."

Palmetto and Dunedin were the first two cities to utilize the program on projects that included historic preservation, transportation studies, perceptions of police, sustainable tourism, and foreclosure and housing.

Corinn Beem, a graduate assistant who participates in the program, said the CSPP program has allowed USF to leverage its community partnership on a larger scale and incorporate it into the educational standards at the university.

"You get the thousands of hours of student work and full access to the expertise and experience of USF faculty, all of whom are dedicated to your community's projects," Beem said.

All of that work isn't free, though.

The city must pay \$10,000 for each project that is chosen by USF. Faculty and students will then work with an assigned city liaison to define the scope of work and determine the final results, which will be presented to the commission at the end of each semester.

Thomas presented a list of nine potential projects, which included topics such as affordable housing design, housing conditions, reclaimed water research and employee safety training.

Eric Adams, who has participated in the program in Dunedin and Palmetto, said cities benefit by receiving a fresh perspective, while students get real-world experience and extra motivation.

"It also provides us collateral benefit too in terms of being to work hands on, feel the dirt, smell the communities and understand exactly what it's like to work outside of a laboratory environment," he said. "A lot of the information that we dig up we feel that it may have an actual benefit in people's lives more so than, for instance, trying to fill up a 10-page paper with ideas you're finding online."

Commissioner John Carroll said he thinks new ideas and fresh faces

could benefit the city for years to come.

"We are always looking to engage new ideas and bring people to the table with fresh perspectives, and behind that, we're always looking for opportunities to cultivate future employees, so these kinds of partnerships are a good thing for a number of reasons," he said.

Mayor Woody Brown asked why USF chose to work with Largo, and Ferguson said the city's focus on sustainability, much like Dunedin, was evident.

"I looked at the Largo website and it just said we're that kind of sustainable city, and that's the kind of city we want to work with," he said. "It's a sustainability program and we want to work with people who are forward thinking and are looking out for their constituents as well as the planet."

GoFundThem



Photo SUBMITTED

Members of the U16 girls team from the Florida Celtic Soccer Club have set up a GoFundMe site to help pay for travel and hotel expenses when they compete in the 2018 Southern Presidents Cup to be held in South Carolina in June. The newly-formed team placed second in two different leagues in its first season. Competing in the 2018 Presidents Cup, the team advanced through the stages, eventually emerging victorious in the finals after playing two 15-minute overtime halves. Their GoFundMe page is at www.gofundme.com/florida-celtic-u16g. Pictured are, from left, coach David Salliotte, McKenzie Rosenberg, Adrianna Salliotte, Mia Elliott, Taylor Cramer, Georgia Ofenloch, Hailey McHale, Madison Stephenson, Megan Reed, Kaia Harris, Alexis McClendon, Delaney Hillman, Riley Burke, Maddie Moon, Madison Morgan, and coach Frank Morgan. Not pictured: Elizabeth Miehl.

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total just over \$15 million, includes the renovation of an observation unit on the second floor to create 3,000 square feet for a four-bed critical-care unit for the hospital's Transplant Institute.

"We are very excited about that because our transplant program is really one of our key services that we offer to the community and to the region," Degina said.

He said kidney and liver transplant patients had been going to a surgical intensive-care unit, but the specialized nature of the needs of those patients required a separate ICU with a dedicated staff.

Dr. Hussein Osman-Mohamed, who heads the transplant program, said the new expansion will enable the hospital to continue to grow the Transplant Institute to meet the needs of the community and beyond.

"Having a dedicated transplant team as well as a dedicated unit with all necessary resources all in one place for Largo Medical Center kidney and liver patients will assist in improving transplant outcomes," he said.

Degina said the hospital also will be adding a second 64-slice CT scanner to the radiology department with specialty software for cardiac and surgical uses. He said the cost of the equipment and installation will be about \$1 million.

On the horizon

Degina's also excited about a project for a new medical office building the hospital acquired 18 months ago. He said the site has been empty for more than



Renderings show the completed interior of the West Bay Professional Plaza.

eight years and it includes all the property all the way to West Bay Drive, so it will help extend the campus.

"It is completely gutted to the studs, so a lot of infrastructure work has to be done before we are ready to begin occupying it with various medical services, position offices and things of that

nature," he said, noting that the infrastructure improvements and buildout of the space will probably cost about \$10 million.

Another benefit of the new office building is that it will allow the Jersey College of Nursing to extend its footprint beyond the hospital's campus on Indian Rocks Road.

Degina said the hospital-based, nurse residency program, which has partnered with LMC since 2016, will build a high-end simulation center that will both support the nursing program and be an opportunity for students to train from all over the region.

Degina said he's extremely happy to have such a program associated with the hospital and that the program is expanding significantly inside the walls of the Indian Rocks building.

"We've gone from an initial class of 20 to now we have 109 students," he said. "And as they continue to build out space here, we're eventually going to have a nursing school with 240 students. When you think of the challenges we have in hospital care relative to nursing availability, creating our own nursing school and partnership with Jersey College has just been a great opportunity for us to establish a pipeline of excellent nurses to take care of our patients."

Also on the Indian Rocks campus, Degina said he is awaiting approval from HCA West Florida for a \$31 million expansion of the behavioral health program from 71 to 105 beds.

Part of that would be a 16-bed adolescent unit that would be a completely new service for LMC.

"We already are one of the largest providers of behavioral health services," he said. "Adding these 34 beds along with all of the outpatient and partial hospitalization programs we offer makes us really the most comprehensive program in the area."

An out-of-this-world event



Photos courtesy of LARGO LIBRARY

Fans of "Star Wars" celebrated the space saga May 4 at the Largo Public Library. Heroes, villains and alien creatures of all sizes showed up to watch movies, play games and enjoy some Star Wars-inspired beverages. Above, Kylo Ren battles with a future Jedi. Below, a Jawa takes a break from salvaging scrap to check out one of the library's offerings.



Around Largo

Speakeasy Casino Night to help feed homeless

LARGO - A casino-night fundraiser to help the hungry and homeless will take place Saturday, May 12, at the Ambiance, 2480 East Bay Drive, 7 to 11 p.m.

The speakeasy-themed event will feature raffles, casino-style gaming and auction items, along with food, drink, music and dancing in a Roaring '20s atmosphere.

Tickets are \$75 per person. Proceeds benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Community Kitchen and Resource Center located in Clearwater. To purchase tickets, please go to svdpsooupkitchenchapel.com.

This is the organization's major fundraising event of the year and will help fund The St. Vincent de Paul Community Kitchen and Resource Center, which provides a hot meal to nearly 200 clients every day of the year. The center also offers a range of services including a medical clinic, legal assistance and other resources for clients to improve their lives.

Ruth's Promise to host dementia strategy day

LARGO - Ruth's Promise Adult Day Program will present Hometown Solutions for Living with Dementia, a free dementia strategy day, Wednesday, May 23, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 455 Missouri Ave. N., Largo.

Presenters will include the following:

- Maria Gianfilippo, M.S., CCC-SLP, speech language pathologist, communication strategies with BayCare, Morton Plant. Gianfilippo will be focusing on communication and dementia.
- Eoin Fitzpatrick, of Distance Zero Yoga. Fitzpatrick will be focusing on physical solutions to the stress of caregiving.
- Beverly Burton, M.A., director of the Aging & Disability Resource Center, with the Area Agency on Aging. Burton will review financial and respite caregiver resources.

Attendees may bring their loved one for a fun day of Ruth's Promise respite. Lunch and respite will be provided at no cost.

The seminar is free courtesy of Ruth's Promise and sponsors. To RSVP, call 813-384-7571 or email catemccarty@gmail.com. RSVPs are required for respite.

Free swing dance lessons offered

LARGO - Free West Coast swing lessons are offered at 8 p.m. each Friday at the Suncoast Ballroom, 7500 Ulmerton Road, Largo.

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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.

Beekeeper to discuss wonders of bees

LARGO - Tampa Bay beekeeper John Morse will talk about the wonders of the honey bee during a free presentation Monday, May 14, 6 to 8 p.m., at the Largo Public Library.

He will discuss their lifespan and hive structure, how they produce honey and pollen, and how you can help attract pollinators to your garden. He also will share some health benefits and medical uses for honey that make it more than just a sweet treat.

Park to host Memorial Day ceremony

LARGO - Join the city of Largo and the Veterans Events Planning Committee in honoring those who have lost their lives while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces during a Memorial Day ceremony Monday, May 28, 7 p.m., in Largo Central Park's Military Court of Honor.

The evening will include a color guard presentation, music and a wreath presentation in remembrance of our fallen soldiers. The event is free and open to the public.

Catch a movie at Central Park

LARGO - Bring a blanket or chair to Largo Central Park to enjoy a free movie on the lawn each Friday this spring from 6:30 to 10 p.m.

A family-friendly movie will be offered and concessions will be available for purchase.

Visit facebook.com/playlargo for weather updates. The park has four large speakers, but attendees also can bring a portable radio or headset and tune to 107.9 FM to bring the sound directly to their blanket or chair. For more information, visit LargoEvents.com.

Library offering genealogy classes

LARGO - The Largo Public Library hosts several free genealogy classes each month.

Class duration is 60 to 90 minutes depending on content and questions.

No registration required. For the complete listing of all classes and scheduled times, visit lpgs.org/classes.aspx, email Bob Bryan at BBryan84@gmail.com or call 727-595-4521.

SHINE offering assistance at library

LARGO - If you are celebrating your 65th birthday this year, recently retired or just want to know more about your health care options under Medicare, SHINE may be able to help.

SHINE, a free program offered by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs and the local Area Agency on Aging schedules free, unbiased and confidential counseling appointments each month at Largo Public Library. Please call 727-587-6715 to schedule your appointment.

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HOT SPOTS to COOL OFF

Below is a list of upcoming aquatic events at Highland and Southwest recreation complexes. The Aquatic Center is at 400 Highland Ave. NE and the Southwest Pool is at 13120 Vonn Road. For more information, call Highland at 727-518-3016, Southwest at 727-518-3126 or visit largopools.com.

Highland Family Aquatic Center grand opening

Gates to the Highland Family Aquatic Center will reopen to the public Saturday, May 12, and Sunday, May 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Besides door prizes and giveaways, water activities, slides, tables, chaise lounges, deck chairs, bath houses, lockers, cubbies and an open grass area with lots of shade will be available.

Attendees also can register for the Mother/Child Big Squirt Contest and free hot dogs will be served Sunday while supplies last. Splash's Snack Bar also will be open.

Special discount pricing is available, \$12 with a recreation card and \$24 without a recreation card for groups of up to five.

Aqua bike cycling classes

The Aquatics Division is offering Aqua Bike Cycling, a high-energy water exercise using new aqua bikes at Southwest Pool.

The class will be offered Monday and Wednesdays from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and Tuesday from 6:15 to 7 p.m. starting in June.

This class is limited to eight participants per class. Cost is \$7 for members and \$14 for nonmembers.

Poolside picnics

Bring the family and a blanket to enjoy a picnic by the pool Monday, May 28, and Wednesday, July 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Highland Family Aquatic Center.

No alcohol or glass will be permitted. Splash's Snack Bar will be open.

The cost is \$12 per group of five with a membership and \$23 per group of five without a membership.

Special Olympics Swim Team

Be a part of Largo's Special Olympic Swim Team for ages 8 to adult. Participants must be able to swim 25 yards on top of the water without assistance and be able to

follow verbal direction. Those who qualify can participate in the Special Olympics county and area swimming competitions.

A swim test will be administered the first night of practice at Southwest pool. Participants must have a Largo recreation membership.

The cost of this program is \$35 for residents and \$70 for nonresidents from June 1 to Sept. 27.

Itty Bitty Splashtime

Itty Bitty Splashtime is back every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from May 30 through Aug. 1 from 9:35 to 10:35 a.m. at the Highland Family Aquatic Center.

Parents can spend quality time with their preschool-aged children in a safe and playful aquatic environment.

Enjoy the slides, sprays, zero depth pool area and more.

Mom's clubs are welcome. Cost is \$1.50 per person. Children that are not potty-trained must wear a plastic swim diaper under their bathing suit.

Itty Bitty Pool Parties

Itty Bitty Pool Parties will be held Friday, June 22, July 13 and Aug. 3 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. for children ages 5 and under at the Highland Family Aquatic Center.

Parents and their children will be able to enjoy a safe and playful aquatic environment.

Enjoy the slides, sprays, zero depth pool area and much more. Mom's clubs are welcome.

Children are invited to receive a free juice box at Splash's Snack Bar. Dunkin' Donuts will provide coffee and ice coffee for adults and munchkins for the children.

Cost is \$2.50 per person. Children not potty-trained must wear a plastic swim diaper under their bathing suit.

Annual Adaptive Family Luau

The city will host an Adaptive Family Luau on Saturday, June 2, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Southwest Pool.

This Hawaiian luau is for families with

special needs children or adults of all ages. Enjoy floats, diving boards and interactive games. There will be energetic music, dancing on the pool deck, inflatable slides and free hot dogs while supplies last.

Cost is \$4 per person.

Largo Luau party

Celebrate National Flip Flop Day with a luau Saturday, June 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Highland Family Aquatic Center.

Wear your favorite island shirt, flip flops and enjoy food, music and friends.

Cost is \$6 for members and \$9 for nonmembers.

Flick-n-Float Movies

Bring your favorite float or chair to Southwest Pool on Fridays, June 29 and July 13, at 6:30 p.m. for the Flick-n-Float Family Movies.

Vendors will provide food and drinks available for purchase. Lifeguards will be on duty during the event.

The cost is \$5 per person. For more information or a complete listing of movie titles, call 727-518-3126 or visit LargoPools.com.

Highland Recreation Complex anniversary party

Celebrate the five-year anniversary of Highland Recreation Complex with a day of fun by the pool Saturday, July 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Enjoy free hot dogs while supplies last. Splash's Snack Bar will be open.

Cost is \$6 for members and \$9 for nonmembers. Admission will be buy one get one free.

Teen Tidal Wave Finale

A Glow in the Dark teen pool party to celebrate the end of the summer will be held Tuesday, Aug. 7, from 8 to 11 p.m., at the Highland Family Aquatic Center.

The party will include music provided by a DJ and an extra long swim time.

The cost is \$5.

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Ukulele society to hold workshop

LARGO – A monthly ukulele workshop will be held at the Largo Public Library on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m.
 Hosted by the Tampa Bay Ukulele Society, the workshop provides an introduction to the ukulele. A limited number of instruments will be supplied by the society, so participants are urged to bring their own if you have one.
 For more information, call 727-587-6715, email libraryinfo@largo.com, or visit www.LargoPublicLibrary.org.

Community Center

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

Classes and lessons

• Adult tap and ballet classes: Tap classes are Tuesdays from 1 to 2 p.m. and Thursdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Ballet classes are Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. For an additional cost, participants may stay for a choreography class that builds off the technique taught each week. Tap Technique is \$4.50 for members and the combination class is \$7 for members. Ballet classes cost \$7.50 per class for members.
 • Ukulele lessons: Hourlong private lessons are \$25. Students must provide their own ukulele. Instructor Michael Desselte will focus on basic chords, timing, strumming and learning melodies.

Weekly events

• Bridge games: Mondays and Wednesdays, 12:30 to 4 p.m. All players are welcome to join the American Contract Bridge League-sanctioned games. The cost is \$4 with membership or \$5, with snacks included. Call Joan Waff at 727-895-9073.
 • Mahjong games: Thursdays, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Beginners are welcome. The cost is \$1.50 for members.
 • Sunday Social Dance: Sundays, 6 to 10 p.m. Dress to impress and join about 150 singles and friends of all ages to dance to an extensive music library to fit every taste. The cost is \$10.

Bimonthly events

• Karaoke party: First and third Fridays, 7 to 10 p.m. Using the big screen in Studio A, singers can choose from an extensive online library. Admission is \$5 per person and beer and wine will be available for purchase.
 • Free matinee movies: Every other Thursday, 1 p.m. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Limited refreshments will be sold and movie fun facts will be provided.

Monthly events

• Free movies: First Wednesdays at 1 p.m., and third Fridays at 7 p.m. All movies are rated G, PG or PG-13 and are shown with closed captioning when available. Light concessions will be available. Check the Largo Lantern or call 727-518-3131 for a listing of movies.
 • Open Mic Night: First Fridays, 7 to 10 p.m. Bring

Woman's Club installation of officers



Photo courtesy of LARGO WOMAN'S CLUB

Lucille Jackson, left, installs the 2017-2018 officers of the Largo Woman's Club during a recent meeting. Officers are, second from left, Ginny Percy; President Ruth Adams; first vice president MJ Coulson; second vice president Anita Murphy, Ways and Means; Cheryl Farina; treasurer Lynne Best; and Marilyn Rowe, yearbook. The club meets the first Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at the Royal Palms on East Bay Drive. For more information, call Ginny Percy at 321-288-1239.

acoustic instruments or choose from thousands of songs in house. Family-friendly comedians and spoken-word performers are welcome. Cost is \$5 and limited concessions will be available, including beer and wine.

• Senior adult luncheon: Third Thursdays, noon to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and include lunch and a show. Tickets go on sale for Recreation Card holders on the first of the month prior to each show. Those without Recreation Cards can purchase tickets on the second of the month. On the day of the show, doors open at 11:45 a.m., lunch is served between noon and 1 p.m. and the show is from 1 to 2 p.m.

Group meetings

VFW Post 10094

LARGO – VFW Post 10094, at 14450 Walsingham Road, offers several events each week that are open to the public.
 Each Monday, Bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. Hamburgers and hot dogs are served beforehand for \$3. On Tuesday afternoons, Trivia Time is held from 2 to 4 p.m. and darts are offered starting at 7 p.m. Each Thursday, dinner is served from 6 to 7 p.m. for \$6 to \$7. A different meal is served each week, and entertainers vary from week to week. Friday is Karaoke With Mollie, which begins at 6 p.m., with hot dogs and hamburgers offered from 6 to 7 p.m.
 Live entertainment is on Friday, Saturday and Sundays inside and outside, weather permitting.
 All are welcome, but you must have a current membership card to be served alcohol.

Proceeds benefit the Bill Young VA Hospital programs, the VFW National Home, Sea Cadet Youth activities and the Boy Scouts.

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 Lions Club

LARGO – The Largo Lions Club meets on the first and third Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Tailgaters, 13847 Walsingham Road.
 The club is a network of volunteers who serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding.
 For more information, email info@largolionsclub.org or visit largolionsclub.org.

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 Café, 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.
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PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

PSTA to buy 2 more electric buses

Buses, which can go 180 miles on single charge, will service downtown St. Pete

By SUZETTE PORTER
Tampa Bay Newspapers

ST. PETERSBURG – Pinellas Suncoast Board of Directors gave unanimous approval April 25 to purchase two additional electric buses to add to the fleet.

The contract with BYD Motors Inc. calls for the purchase of two 35-foot all electric/zero emission low floor buses and two depot chargers at a cost not to exceed \$1.8 million. Total cost of the project is not to exceed \$2 million.

The purchase will be paid for in part with a LoNo grant of \$1 million received from the Federal Transit Administration.

The Board decided in February 2017 to purchase the first two electric buses with an option to buy up to 20 more from BYD Motors as funding becomes available. All buses will include all onboard peripheral devices, such as passenger counters, camera systems, radio systems and smart bus technology systems, along with graphics.

Director of Maintenance Henry Lukaski told Board members about his recent trip to Lancaster, California, to tour BYD Motors and view the first two buses purchased, which were in production. He said delivery was expected at the end of April with the buses expected to be put into service in October.

He said the buses would be transported on a flatbed truck, which would take three-five days for the 3,000-mile trip. After they arrive, they will be tested and processes validated. Training also will be done for operators and maintenance technicians.

The buses will be put into service on the downtown St. Peters-



Screenshot by SUZETTE PORTER

One of PSTA's two new electric buses getting its finishing touches at BYD Motors manufacturing facility in Lancaster, California. Director of Maintenance Henry Lukaski recently toured the facility and got to see the buses in production.

burg circulation route. They can carry the same number of passengers as other buses in PSTA's fleet. They can go 180 miles on a single charge and they are quieter with no emissions. The range makes them suitable for use on routes in south county and some routes in Dunedin.

Lukaski said the belief is that electric buses can be integrated seamlessly into PSTA's system, especially as battery technology improves. He said performance should be comparable to diesel buses. The electric buses will replace the last of the 2002 fleet, leaving the oldest buses in service from 2005.

Another advantage of electric buses is their ability to help provide power during an emergency. Hurricane Irma caused widespread power outages throughout Pinellas. Pump stations and traffic signals lost power, causing problems. PSTA and BAE Systems Power and Propulsion Group demonstrated the capabilities of a 40-foot transit bus equipped with exportable power capability May 2 at PSTA's headquarters in St. Petersburg.

Officials say the bus will be able to produce ready-to-use electric power for response teams and emergency facilities in the case of a widespread power grid outage. During the demonstration, set up in a mock FEMA first aid tent, the bus powered a cell phone charging station, air conditioning unit and microwave.

Benchmarking report

CEO Brad Miller reported highlights from a 2017 American Benchmarking Report, which is administered by the Imperial College of London. PSTA pays \$22,000 a year to participate in the program that includes 22 members located in urban and suburban areas of the United States.

Miller said the report shows that PSTA's staff is the third most efficient of the 22 members. It also shows that more money needs to be spent on training staff, as PSTA's spending is well below average, he said. Compared to others, PSTA is doing an OK job of providing benches at its bus stops but more shelters are needed.

The rate of accidents is on the

rise with PSTA coming in sixth highest of the 22 in the benchmarking report. Miller said not all the accidents reported are preventable, the numbers are going up with the focus of the Transportation Department. He said a safety initiative had been launched.

In addition, 2017 was the first year that passenger injuries climbed higher with PSTA ranking third in the benchmarking report. Some of the problem can be traced to the fact that PSTA riders are older than the average. Miller said bus operators are being trained to make sure people are seated or are steady before leaving a bus stop. He said the number of injuries are starting to go down, but are still above average.

The financial picture was much better with PSTA showing the lowest total cost per actual vehicle mile, according to 2016 prices. PSTA also had the lowest cost per vehicle hour using a five-year average investment.

"PSTA is the most efficient system in the group," Miller said, adding that for the past seven years the cost had remained flat.

Hearing on Program of Projects to be held

ST. PETERSBURG – The Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority will hold a public hearing Wednesday, May 16, 10:30 a.m., at 3201 Scherer Drive, St. Petersburg.

PSTA invites public input on the proposed fiscal year 2018 Program of Projects, which will be submitted to the Federal Transit Administration and Florida Department of Transportation.

PSTA will be requesting federal funding from The Federal Transit Administration for Section 5307, 5337 and 5339 formula funds and The Florida Department of Transportation for Section 5310 funds, which will be used to cover projects listed in PSTA's FY 2018 Program of Projects.

Police Beat

Sheriff's Office releases results of DUI operation

LARGO – Pinellas County Sheriff's deputies released results of a countywide DUI Wolfpack conducted Friday, May 4, through Saturday, May 5.

Deputies were joined by the Florida Highway Patrol and police officers from Gulfport, Largo, Pinellas Park and St. Petersburg. Results of the overnight operation are as follows.

Criminal Charges:

- 22 DUI
- 10 felony drug charges
- Two misdemeanor drug charges
- Three license suspended or revoked arrest
- Three other misdemeanor arrests

The operation was part of the Sheriff's Office on-going commitment to reduce deaths, injuries, and property damage associated with traffic crashes related to impaired driving. The goal of a Wolf Pack is to educate drivers and create public awareness about the dangers of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and any chemical or controlled substances.

The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office will be conducting DUI Wolf Packs continuously throughout the year.

Detectives: Bank robbery suspect arrested after dye packs explode, crashing car

CLEARWATER – Pinellas County Sheriff's detectives arrested a 37-year-old Clearwater man on multiple charges May 3 in connection with an armed robbery at the Hancock Bank in unincorporated Clearwater.

According to detectives, deputies were called to the Hancock Bank, 28163 U.S. 19 N., about 3:52 p.m. May 3 regarding a report of an armed bank robbery in progress. Detectives say the suspect, Anquan DeWayne Walters, walked into the Hancock Bank wearing long pants, a long sleeve shirt, gloves, glasses with a fake beard and panty hose over his head.

Witnesses told investigators that Walters was carrying a black handgun when he jumped over the counter. He ordered people to the ground and demanded money. Walters was given an undisclosed amount of cash and he exited the bank. Detectives say Walters got into a 1998 Toyota Camry and fled northbound on U.S. 19.



Walters

As Walters was fleeing from the bank, multiple dye packs exploded and Walters started throwing cash out of the window of the Camry onto U.S. 19 North. Responding deputies spotted Walter's Camry traveling northbound toward the intersection of U.S. 19 and Curlew Road. Deputies tried stopping Walters but he fled in the Camry at a high rate of speed, eastbound on Curlew Road from U.S. 19 North.

Deputies initiated a vehicle pursuit and successfully deployed a tire deflation device that deflated the tires on Walter's Camry as he approached Countryside Boulevard. Detectives say Walters lost control of the Camry and crashed into a 2009 Kia Sportage being driven by 52-year-old Caroline Kahael of Largo, and a 2006 GMC Yukon being driven by 62-year-old Randy Donaldson of Palm Harbor. Kahael and Donaldson were both stopped at the intersection of Curlew Road and Countryside Boulevard.

Detectives say Sheriff's Cpl. Phillip Love was pursuing Walter's Camry at the time of the crash. Love was unable to stop his marked 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe cruiser before crashing into Walter's Camry at the intersection.

Walters abandoned the damaged Camry and fled on foot northbound into a nearby apartment complex. Deputies chased Walters on foot and apprehended him near 34601 Countryside Blvd. Detectives say Walter's clothes were covered in colored dye because of the bank's dye pack exploding.

Kahael was transported to Mease Countryside Hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. No other injuries were reported.

Detectives arrested Walters and transported him to the Pinellas County Jail. He was charged with one count of armed robbery, one count of fleeing and eluding law enforcement, one count of leaving the scene of a crash with bodily injury and one count of leaving the scene of a crash with property damage. Bail was set at \$166,250.

Seminole man accused of DUI after crashing BMW into Waffle House

SEMINOLE – Pinellas County Sheriff's deputies arrested a 45-year-old Seminole man after he crashed his vehicle into a Waffle House in Seminole about 1:12 a.m. May 3.

Deputies were called to the Waffle House at 7670 Starkey Road on a report of a vehicle that struck the restaurant. Deputies say a 2003 BMW 325i crashed into the north side of the Waffle House restaurant causing significant damage to the vehicle and damage to the restaurant.

The restaurant was evacuated and no injuries were reported. Witnesses told deputies that Isaias Garcia was driving the BMW southbound through the parking lot when he crashed into the north side of the restaurant.

Deputies made contact with Garcia who was on scene. While speaking with Garcia, deputies noted he showed signs of impairment by having bloodshot, glassy, and watery eyes and a distinct odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his breath when he spoke.

Deputies say Garcia refused to perform a Field Sobriety Test but submitted a breath sample that indicated he had a blood alcohol level above the legal limit.

Deputies arrested Garcia and charged him with one count of driving under the influence with property damage. Garcia was transported to the Pinellas County Jail without incident. Bail was set at \$500.

– Compiled by SUZETTE PORTER



Photo by CHRIS GEORGE

Largo police are investigating a crash that occurred about 10:18 p.m. May 5 on East Bay Drive in which one person died and a K9 officer, Thomas Dziamba, shown at Taylor Park in November, received serious injuries.

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K9 cruiser, according to witnesses. Griffin was not wearing a seat belt and was ejected from his vehicle. He was pronounced deceased at the scene. Police say alcohol influ-

ence may have been a factor in this crash.

Dziamba, who is a three-year veteran of Largo police, suffered a serious injury and was taken to a local hospital. He is now at home and expected to make a full recovery. K9 Drax was uninjured.

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WASHINGTON — The U.S. Senate faces a clear choice as it prepares to confirm — or reject — acting CIA Director Gina Haspel as the permanent head spook.



Debra Saunders

Confirm Haspel and get a chief who will encourage staff to do their utmost to uncover what they need to know to protect this country. Or, reject her and prepare to settle for a cover-your-behind and keep-your-head-down bureaucrat whose chief selling point is not sticking out.

The left has begun to organize an opposition campaign likely to keep Democratic senators from supporting Gina Haspel.

Of course, Haspel — President Donald Trump's pick to replace former director and current Secretary of State Mike Pompeo — is in for a lonely slog in her bid to become the rare career CIA officer to take the helm and the first female CIA chief. Trump critics smell blood.

The left has begun to organize an opposition campaign likely to keep Democratic senators from supporting Haspel. Meanwhile, Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul, one of 51 GOP senators, has said he opposes Haspel, and other GOP senators are on the fence.

And it's because Haspel put national security first.

Under President George W. Bush, Haspel authorized the use of enhanced interrogation techniques, including waterboarding, which was used on three al-Qaida detainees. She was acting in accordance with Department of Justice memos that found harsh interrogation methods to be legal.

What critics call "the torture memos," the CIA refers to "as the not-torture memos," noted former agency spokesman Bill Harlow.

In 2018, the memos are a distant memory and critics breezily can dismiss CIA staffers who were desperate to prevent another 9/11 as torturers.

Did the same human rights activists who found the harsh methods inhumane protest when President Barack Obama, one of their own, stepped up the use of drones? Some did. Others remained more indignant about methods authorized under a Republican president that were painful for detainees than methods authorized by his Democratic successor that outright killed terror suspects.

Haspel's other big sin is her role in the destruction of videotapes that showed the waterboarding of two detainees. In 2005, she drafted a memo that advocated destroying the tapes. Her boss, then director of clandestine services, Jose Rodriguez, issued the memo and the tapes were destroyed. Investigators under Bush and Obama found no laws had been broken.

Former CIA Deputy Director Mike Morell cleared Haspel, noting that it was not her decision to destroy the tapes, but that of Rodriguez, whom Morell reprimanded.

To the American Civil Liberties Union, this destruction of tapes that likely would have become a handy propaganda tool for al-Qaida is a bad thing, a denial of "transparency on torture."

On an ACLU conference call Wednesday, national political director Faiz Shakir told reporters, "This is an opportunity to demonstrate what the resistance looks like." The resistance is the term Democrats use for obstructing Trump's agenda.

The Haspel resistance is all about scoring points — and it ignores the input of a long list of national-security luminaries from both parties who urged the Senate to confirm Haspel. The list includes former Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Neb., and Obama CIA Director Leon Panetta.

Jeremy Bash, who was CIA chief of staff under Obama, wrote on NBC's website: "Democratic and Republican senators should welcome Haspel's clear-eyed approach to Russia, her expertise in counter-terrorism, her record of nonpolitical service and the fact that she is no crony of the president or anyone at the White House."

To be sure, there are senators who object to the use of waterboarding and drones and whose first impulse will be to reject Haspel for those reasons. But it is the fence sitters who will decide, and not necessarily out of conscience.

Former CIA spokesman Bill Harlow warned that if Haspel "goes down, Lord knows who else they would nominate for the job. It won't be someone as qualified."

As for the self-styled transparency coalition, it is amazing how the quest for sharing information evaporates when that mirror is turned on it.

The ACLU media advisory notice for Wednesday's conference call included this note: "Only on-topic questions will be addressed in the media call." Why refuse to answer off-topic questions?

Common practice, an ACLU spokeswoman told me.

During the call, a reporter had an unauthorized question for speaker Daniel Jones, billed as the "former chief investigator and lead author of the torture report" released by the Senate Intelligence Committee in 2014.

Recently Jones' name has been linked to Fusion GPS, the opposition research firm that commissioned the so-called "dossier" on Trump's alleged ties with Russia. On Tuesday, former Trump aide Michael Caputo accused Jones of hiring Fusion GPS to continue its opposition research against Trump after the election.

When a reporter asked Jones, now president of the Penn Quarter Group, about those allegations, the ACLU said the call would address only questions about Haspel. When this journalist reached out to the Penn Quarter Group, no answer appeared. Transparency is a tool they have no problem discarding.

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About the Cartoonist

Born and raised by underpaid public school teachers in Sanford, Fla., Andy Marlette graduated from the University of Florida and became staff editorial cartoonist at the Pensacola News Journal in 2007. Marlette received a priceless editorial cartoon education while living with his uncle and Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist Doug Marlette in Hillsborough, N.C. Doug's tragic death in July of 2007 made evermore poignant the elder Marlette's fierce and faithful devotion to the art form of editorial cartooning as a cornerstone of American free speech.

With this in mind, Andy works daily to learn and uphold the disciplines and values passed on to him by his late uncle. Andy's editorial cartoons have become both hated and adored by daily readers. His work has been awarded by the Florida Society of Newspaper Editors for best editorial cartoons on state issues and former Governor Charlie Crist referred to himself regularly as Marlette's biggest fan, despite the fact that he was also regularly a target in cartoons.

Dealing with the marijuana tsunami

Do you smoke marijuana at least once or twice a month? Do you plan to do so during the next few years? Do any of your friends or neighbors ever light up a joint at a party or other social gathering?

If you answer "no" to all three of those questions, you're probably a member of a shrinking minority of Americans. That's because we're all in the middle of a huge wave, a social revolution that may change how the average person may think, feel, and behave in the years ahead.

We're entering the marijuana years. Actually, the smoky haze and distinctive odor of cannabis have been around for a while. But now its use is becoming legal, acceptable and more easily achieved than it used to be. Today most of our 50 states allow the medical use of marijuana. Eight states and the District of Columbia have okayed weed for recreation (i.e., getting stoned whenever and wherever you feel like it). Other states will probably follow before long. Federal laws still prohibit the sale and use of marijuana, but few states and stoners pay much attention to that.

One big reason state governments do not resist the marijuana wave is that it means millions, if not billions of dollars in tax revenue, as the years pass. The detrimental effects of weed can be more easily tolerated or ignored if a state's yearly budgets are swollen with income from cannabis.

Big questions must be answered (or swept under the rug) as the marijuana tsunami



Driver's Seat
Bob Driver

sweeps across our country. How will highway patrol officers determine whether a pot smoker is too impaired to drive? Will corporations, military recruiters and other employers reject applicants who have a history of drug use? Which medical conditions will be deemed worthy (or unworthy) of being treated with the use of marijuana? Will the illicit reign of foreign and domestic marijuana suppliers be lessened by the increasing legalization of pot? Will celebrities go on the record as opposing (or endorsing) the use of marijuana? If I run for high public office and am discovered to be a marijuana user, will that end my career? Or won't most voters care, one way or the other?

The use of marijuana — both for religious and medical purposes — goes back to at least 500 B.C. Attitudes toward the drug have swung widely from scorn and terror to semi-worship and erroneous belief in marijuana's supposed magic powers. Official viewpoints and policies often have depended on who's running the political show.

Alcohol causes somewhere around 80,000 deaths in the USA each year. Five times that

number — about 400,000 — are attributed to tobacco.

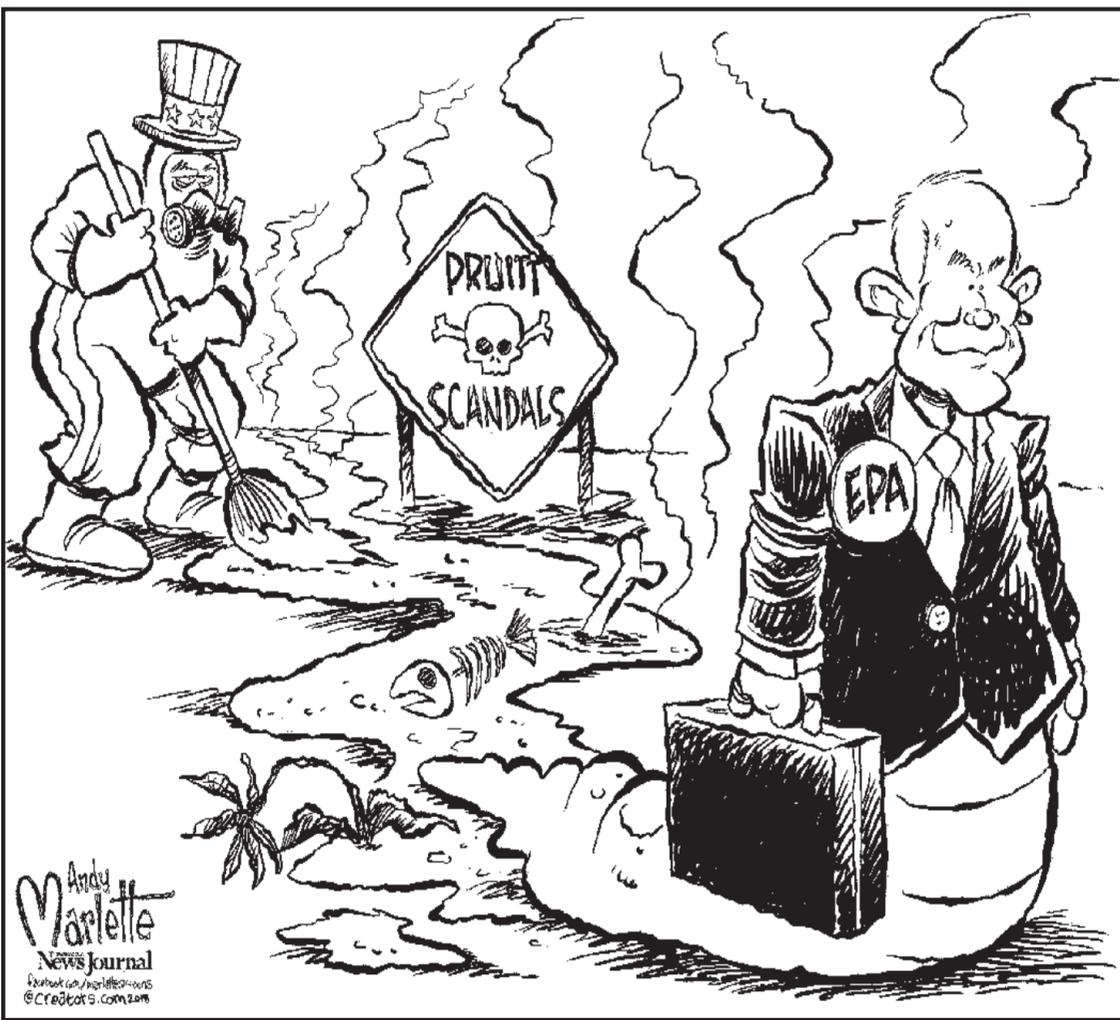
According to my Google sources, there has never been a confirmed case of death directly attributed to marijuana use. However, after Colorado okayed marijuana use, there was a sharp rise in the state's traffic fatalities in which marijuana was involved.

Now that marijuana is becoming legally and socially more accepted, users will no longer have to sneak a joint. Not that many of them bothered to hide that fact in times past. On-the-record marijuana smokers (past or present) include Oliver Stone, Madonna, Conan O'Brien, Morgan Freeman and Maya Angelou. And, of course, Bill Clinton, although he didn't inhale.

Brownies have long been used as a vehicle for marijuana consumption. Now that marijuana will become a perfectly legal substance in all its forms, we may expect to see cook books and TV shows devoted entirely to foodstuffs containing weed. Bakeries and supermarkets may offer separate sections for marijuana products.

Full disclosure: My only flirtation with grass took place about 50 years ago in Indian Rocks Beach, when a visitor from up north offered me a joint at a social gathering. I accepted, lit up, got fairly high, and then walked away to pursue my permanent addiction — ice cream and other sugar vehicles. I'll never know what adventures I missed by not becoming a pot head. Ah, well.

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To Mama, with love, from your daughter

Phil Collins makes me ugly cry. Every time I hear his music, my eyes well up, my throat gets tight, my nose starts to run.

It wouldn't be that much of a problem if his music wasn't still so popular — if every adult contemporary radio station in Tampa Bay didn't see fit to broadcast his dulcet tones throughout any given day.

And here's the thing — I don't even like his music. Don't get me wrong — it's not terrible. In fact, "In the Air Tonight" is his one hit that I sin-



From the
Peanut Gallery
Logan Mosby

cerely like. But the rest, I could take it or leave it (well, really just leave it).

But my sweet mama was a huge Phil Collins fan. Ole Phil's words of wisdom about love, heartache and a girl named Sussudio were the backdrop to my childhood.

So, every time he comes on the radio now, I have to listen. Because my mama would have. And it's one of the few ways left I have to connect with her.

This year marks the fifth since she's been gone, and while time may heal all wounds, the scar it's left behind is still jagged.

Mother's Day is just a few short days away and I find myself trying to balance the sweet with the bitter.

My mama was a quiet woman, with a beautiful smile and an artist's hands. There wasn't a thing she couldn't mold into clay. She loved Coca-Cola and was a downright terrible cook. She'd been dealt some hard knocks in her life — the hardest of which was a diagnosis of early onset Alzheimer's Disease when she was just in her fifties.

Alzheimer's robbed her of her memory, her

art and — perhaps worst of all — her dignity.

And it robbed me of my mother — a thievery that's left me floundering and bereft as I struggle to keep my head above water in the ocean of tides that is parenthood.

Perhaps worst of all, Alzheimer's has taken from my children that which they will never know — the love of a grandmother, which is, I'm sure most of you know, a tiny bit of real life magic and wonder all rolled into one.

And how she would have loved my children. My heart hurts for them almost as much as it does for me.

My husband's mother also passed away before our children were born and we like to think our moms met up in heaven and put in a good word for us.

Our children are their gifts to us. And I see my mother in them every day — the color of my son's hair and the pale blue of my daughter's eyes.

She's with me every moment, both so close and so achingly far away.

So until the day that I can see her again, I will listen to Phil Collins every time he comes on the radio, whether I like it or not.

Because you can't hurry love, you just have to wait.

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Logan Mosby with her mother.

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Success multiplies for LHS math team



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The Largo High School Math Team shows off the awards it racked up in the 2017-18 school year. In only its second year of existence, the team, which is comprised of mostly freshmen and sophomores, won over 70 awards competing in regional, state, and national competitions.

Schools Notebook

Exhibit features variety of student artworks

CLEARWATER - St. Petersburg College Clearwater is hosting the Calyx Schenecker Art Infinitum Pinellas County High School Exhibition. The exhibition featuring student work is on display through June 7 at the Crossroads Gallery at the SPC Clearwater Campus, 2464 Drew St., Clearwater.

USF awards 7,000 degrees during ceremonies

TAMPA - The University of South Florida System awarded more than 7,000 degrees during spring commencement ceremonies May 3-7. USF System President Judy Genshaft presided over 10 ceremonies, marking the university's 114th commencement convocation.

Spring 2018 graduating class by the numbers:

- USF Tampa: 6,216 degrees conferred (4,532 bachelor's degrees)
- USF St. Petersburg: 507
- USF Sarasota-Manatee: 317
- States represented: 50
- Nations represented: 100-plus
- Students with a 4.0 GPA: 42
- Student veterans: 240

The oldest graduate was John Voepel, 81, who earned a PhD in philosophy. The youngest graduate was an 18-year-old who was awarded a bachelor's degree in biomedical sciences.

USF uses \$1 million grant to launch new program to prepare science teachers

TAMPA - The University of South Florida College of Education will soon launch a new fellowship program to provide science teachers in the Tampa Bay region with the tools they need to become more effective instructors, advance science education curriculum and achieve greater student success.

Through a \$1 million grant awarded to USF by Wipro Limited, a select group of talented science teachers in Hillsborough, Pinellas and Pasco

County school districts will join the Tampa Bay Wipro Science Education Fellowship Program. For each of the next three years, the program will welcome a new cohort of 20 science teachers who will undergo 250 hours of intense capability development training while continuing to teach in their respective schools.

Facilitated by USF faculty members Allan Feldman, Karl Jung and David Allsopp, the project will provide opportunities for teachers to engage in lesson planning and research activities to develop improvement programs for science curriculum in their schools. Participants will also work alongside a USF faculty mentor to better improve their individual professional development. The program welcomed its first cohort of educators at an induction ceremony May 7 on the USF campus in Tampa. The program will begin in August.

Partnership aims to advance education quality

ST. PETERSBURG - The Foundation for a Healthy St. Petersburg and the Pinellas Education Foundation are embarking on a strategic partnership to advance equitable educational outcomes and boost education quality for all students in Pinellas County.

The Pinellas Education Foundation has an established track record of using research to inform education policy as well as best practices. Support from the Foundation for a Healthy St. Petersburg will provide the Pinellas Education Foundation additional opportunities to strengthen its focus on equity in education as it identifies issues, pursues research topics, considers policy positions, educates the public and helps inform better program design and execution.

The strategic partnership will launch in late spring 2018 with Focus on Education, a series of research reports on top issues in education. The first reports will be on Post-Secondary Education Attainment and Indicators of High School Success and College Readiness. The reports will explore the many ways students in Pinellas County are being prepared for multiple pathways following high school, including career technical education, college, university, military and work.

Faith & Family Briefs

Lutheran Services Florida, Eckerd Connects

Raising Hope sponsors shoe drive

LARGO - In recognition of Foster Care Awareness Month, Lutheran Services Florida has partnered with Eckerd Connects Raising Hope for a shoe drive to raise awareness about Tampa Bay's foster kids.

The goal of the campaign is to collect 1,000 pairs of shoes to represent the number of kids LSF serves through this program.

LSF's Step for Success shoe drive is collecting brand new pairs of shoes through June 1. The drop-off location is at 8550 Ulmerton Road, No. 130, in Largo, at the office shared by LSF, Eckerd Connects Community Alternatives and Directors for Living. On average, 85 pairs of shoes each month are needed for children.

All the shoes collected will go to Eckerd's Rooms of Hope which are set up like small stores and are filled with fresh clothing, pajamas, shoes, hygiene items, diapers, school supplies and other necessities. The kids come in and are able to no-cost shop for the items they not only need, but deserve.

The campaign seeks new shoes. All sizes and types are needed for children from birth to 18.

Lutheran Services Florida is a nonprofit organization transforming lives by ensuring safe children, strong families and vibrant communities. Founded in 1982, LSF currently touches the lives of 1 in 50 Floridians every year through various programs, including early education, youth shelters, foster care, refugee and resettlement services, substance abuse mental health services, and adult guardianship. Headquartered in Tampa, LSF has more than 60 programs throughout Florida and approximately 1,200 dedicated employees. Visit www.lsfnet.org.

FUMC band to perform benefit concert

CLEARWATER - The First United Methodist Clearwater Crosswind Band will perform a Pack-a-Sack Benefit Coffeehouse Concert Thursday, May 17, 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall at the church, 411 Turner St., Clearwater.

Admission is free. Refreshments will be available for purchase. An offering will be taken to support the Pack-a-Sack program which provides weekend take-home food to schoolchildren who do not always have enough food at home to eat. Pack-a-Sack began at FUMC and has spread to schools throughout Tampa Bay.

"This will be a fun night featuring classic rock, rhythm and blues performed by Crosswind, our amazing praise band," said band director Charlie Dickun in a press release. Dickun is also FUMC director of contemporary worship. "You will hear song titles like 'I Feel the Earth Move Under My Feet,' 'Joy to the World (Jeremiah was a Bullfrog),' 'Knock on Wood,' 'Unchain My Heart,' 'You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin',' 'Love the One You're With,' 'Sweet Home Chicago,' 'Hit the Road Jack,' 'Will It Go Round in Circles,' and more, everything from Springsteen to Zach Williams."

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Eckerd graduates largest pet class ever

ST. PETERSBURG - Fifty-two animals from dogs to hedgehogs were expected to walk across the stage at the sixth annual Eckerd College Pet Graduation May 9 at Fox Hall in the Hough Center, 4200 54th Ave. S., St. Petersburg.

On-campus pets have been a part of the Eckerd community since 1972, making Eckerd one of the first schools in the nation to adopt a written pet policy. As more institutions embrace allowing students to matriculate with their furry friends, Eckerd College stands as a leader in and authority on how to successfully integrate animals into campus life.

In addition to an annual pet blessing and several pet activities, Pet Graduation allows graduating students to honor the animals that supported them throughout their college career. Each companion gets to wear a cap, hear its name called and walk across the stage. Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students James Annarelli reads the pet names, presents the certificates and takes photos with the pet and owner at the ceremony.

More than 200 companions have "graduated" from Eckerd since the school began holding a separate ceremony in 2013.

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Briefs

CMA to host Sea Turtle Awareness Day

CLEARWATER – Clearwater Marine Aquarium will kick off sea turtle nesting season with Sea Turtle Awareness Day Saturday, May 12, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Pier 60 Clearwater Beach.

The event will include a beach cleanup followed by educational activities and stations. The public is invited to help clean the beach for the sea turtle hatchlings and nesting females beginning at 8 a.m. Picking up trash eliminates items that may entangle both hatchlings and adults. Trash, holes, sandcastles and other obstructions can prevent adult sea turtles from locating the best place to nest and can also trap sea turtle hatchlings on the beach, preventing them from reaching the water.

Participants are encouraged to bring any clean 5-gallon buckets, including kitty litter buckets, with them or contact CMA to donate them. The cleanup will be followed by free educational activities with CMA's sea turtle team, focusing on sea turtle nesting and conservation. Prizes and giveaway items will be distributed to participants while supplies last.

From May through October, the CMA staff monitors loggerhead sea turtle nesting along 13 miles of beach in North Pinellas County. Sea turtles nest at night and can be impeded by artificial lights, chairs, sandcastles, toys, and trash, all of which can prevent adults from nesting successfully and avert hatchlings from reaching the sea.

Advanced registration for the beach cleanup is recommended. To sign up, visit www.seewinter.com.

McGough Park to host Look Alive Bird Show

LARGO – The Look Alive Bird Show will be presented Sunday, May 13, 1 to 2 p.m., at the Narrows Environmental Education Center, 11901 146th St. N.

Attendees will get a glimpse at the world of Florida's fabulous flighted hunters. The show details the amazing adaptations that raptors use to exploit the natural world for their gain. The show includes owls, hawks, falcons and Sarge, the center's own bald eagle and the star of the show. Cost is \$3 a person.

Boat host volunteers sought for annual event

ST. PETERSBURG – Boat host volunteers are currently being sought for the sixth annual Boat Kids Event, set for Saturday, May 19.

Every year a group of local business leaders and boating enthusiasts pool their resources to provide special needs individuals and their families with a fun-filled day trip aboard a caravan of boats to Caladesi Island. Organizers invite those in the community to get involved by either becoming a boat host or by becoming a sponsor of the event.

Boat hosts provide their own boat and transport a family for the day, navigating from the Dunedin Marina to Caladesi Island, helping their guests enjoy the day on the water. Event organizers also are seeking those interested in making a donation or becoming an event sponsor. Supplies – such as T-shirts, food, beverages, paper products and sunscreen – are needed.

Boat Kids was organized to initiate and provide the opportunity for children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder and developmental disabilities, and their families/guardians to interact with one another in a sports outing event. The goal is to help reduce anxiety and help learn different ways of expressing feelings and relating to others in a safe and natural outdoor environment under close supervision.

A tranquil evening



Photo by TODD RICE

Sunlight begins to fade on the evening of May 1 at North Redington Beach.

BEACHES

Sea turtle nesting season begins

Sea turtle nesting season is underway, and in order to practice superior environmental stewardship, Pinellas County reminds beach residents and visitors to keep conditions safe for sea turtles to thrive.

Females generally nest from early May through August, with turtle eggs typically taking about 60 days to hatch.

Citizens are asked to not pick up hatchlings heading toward the water, shine lights or use flash photography. Hatchlings use starlight and moonlight reflecting off the water to find their way to the sea, and if they become misled by artificial light, they can become disoriented and die. Marine Turtle

Permit holders monitor about 26 miles of coastline and report on sea turtle nesting activity. They engage in early morning patrols to locate and mark new nesting sites to prevent human disturbance.

Most Pinellas County beach communities have ordinances prohibiting lighting that casts glare onto the beach during the May 1 to Oct. 31 turtle nesting season. During nesting season, residents and beach visitors should do the following:

- Turn off outside lights, draw drapes and avoid using flashlights or fishing lamps on the beach.
- Remove obstacles such as sand castles or sand pits that may impede hatchlings making their way to the shoreline.
- Keep the beach clean. Eliminate trash items that may

entangle hatchlings and adult turtles.

- Do not approach or harass adult turtles as they make their way back to sea. As a threatened species, loggerhead turtles are protected under federal and state law; disturbing them, their nest or hatchlings, or causing disorientation from artificial lights, is illegal.

To report the disturbance of turtles, an unmarked nest, or turtles or hatchlings lost, stranded or wandering in the street, call the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at 888-404-3922.

By obeying the law and following some simple guidelines, residents and visitors can greatly improve the chances of sea turtle survival.



Fish Tales
Capt. Tyson Wallerstein

Beaches a good spot for anglers

Offshore winds this past week cleared beach waters to that pretty shade of blue that we're often blessed with this time of year. The swash channel is now full of life as schools of finger mullet, whiting and threadfin herring come in and out with the tide and schools of pre-spawn snook can be seen from afar.

Targeting barrier island points, rock jetties, and the beach swash channel, fishing has been good recently for snook and trout. Using a combination of live grass grunts and pilchards on the strong part of the incoming tide has kept the rods bent until the tide slows.

Use light rods and reels spooled with 10-pound braid and topped with a 6-foot 30-pound flouro leader and finished off with a 3/0 circle hook. This will ensure that you will be able to apply enough pressure to land the larger fish quickly, while still being able to fool the fish in gin clear water.

Beach tarpon fishing is heating up a bit. Afternoon fishing has been best this week. Concentrating on the tide change has allowed anglers to spot slow moving pods of southbound fish.

Live crabs soaked around the edges of the pods will almost always draw a strike. Other bait options would be suspending live threadfins, pinfish or large pilchards 4 to 6 feet below a float.

Schools of pompano have been prevalent in good current areas typically near the passes. Sand shoals that create an eddy on a good moving tide will often attract the pompano. Fishing a three-eighths or half-ounce Crazy jig accompanied by a small teaser fly will catch the pompano as well as a host of other fish.

Jetty fishing often gets good this time of year. A versatile angler can hope to hook into trout, redfish, snook, pompano, flounder, small grouper – you get the picture. These spots attract fish as well as fishermen. Hitting these spots early will give you the best chance for consistent hook-ups. Standard practice would be to start out free lining live pilchards and or grass grunts right against the rocks; depending on how that's going it's always a good idea to have at least one person fishing closer to the bottom and just away from the rocks. Typically, this can be achieved by adding a small split-shot to the leader. Keeping a heavier rod out the back with larger bait will give you a shot at hooking a tarpon or some other big predator.

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MADEIRA BEACH

Commissioner faces ethics complaint

Former city manager says Oakley licked his neck and face

By TOM GERMOND
Tampa Bay Newspapers

to be inebriated when this behavior occurred.



Oakley

MADEIRA BEACH - A state agency said there is probable cause to believe a city commissioner violated state law by exhibiting inappropriate behavior toward city staff.

Former City Manager Shane Crawford alleges that Commissioner Nancy Oakley misused her public position by making unwanted physical advances toward him and another member of the city's staff. Oakley denies the allegations.

The Florida Commission on Ethics on April 25 ordered that a public hearing be held as to whether Oakley violated state law.

According to the report on the investigation, Crawford maintains that Oakley, during her previous tenure ending in 2013, made unwanted sexual advances toward him. He added that Oakley also made unwanted sexual advances toward Dave Marsicano, the city's public works department and marina director.

Crawford said these advances involved unwanted kissing and licking of his and Marsicano's neck and faces and that Oakley appeared

Crawford was suspended from his position as city manager at the City Commission's May 4, 2017, meeting and resigned in June 2017. Oakley was one of the three city commissioners who voted to suspend him, pending a termination hearing, the report said. Crawford maintains that Oakley made advances on a number of occasions during her previous tenure as a city commissioner, but he could only recall the specific details of two instances.

In one of those instances, he said, Oakley approached him during an outdoor City Commission meeting held in either the spring or fall of 2012 in conjunction with the King of the Beach Fishing Tournament. He advised that his wife, Cherylanne (McGrady) Crawford, was employed at the time as his executive assistant, but they were not married or dating. "However, Mr. Crawford alleges that the respondent (Oakley) appeared to be jealous of his then-executive assistant, and approached him when he was standing near the former Ms. McGrady and told him,

"Don't ever bring that blonde b--- around me again," the report said.

Crawford maintains that Oakley, in full view of McGrady, then grabbed his crotch and slowly licked him from his Adam's apple all the way up his face.

McGrady said Oakley appeared to be intoxicated and was holding a bottle of liquor during the night-time outdoor meeting, the report said.

Marsicano recalled that during a King of the Beach tournament held in 2012, Oakley "hung on his neck, grabbed his crotch and licked his face." He said Oakley appeared to be intoxicated.

He maintains that Oakley hugged and attempted to kiss him at many other city-sponsored events during her previous tenure on the City Commission, but could not recall the dates or any details of these occasions, the report said. Among others interviewed as part of the investigation was Tom Verdensky, president of the Old Salt Fishing Foundation, the nonprofit organization that hosts the tournament. He recalled seeing Oakley lick Crawford's face during the King of the Beach fishing tournament held on Nov. 3, 2012, where the City Commission held a brief to discuss

a sister city relationship with Bimini, Bahamas, the report said.

Oakley denied that she ever kissed or licked Crawford's neck or face in a sexual manner. She said Crawford and she were friends during her previous tenure on the City Commission and would hug and kiss each other when greeting each other.

She said that they sometimes would socialize by having a drink or attending social functions in the city, but that this was done with their spouses in attendance and any physical contact was done in a friendly not sexual manner.

Oakley said her physical contact with Marsicano's was identical to her contact with Crawford, maintains that there was no contact of a sexual nature, the report said.

Meldoy Hadley, advocate for the Florida Commission on Ethics, recommended March 16 that there is probable cause that Oakley violated state law.

"The overwhelming testimony reflects that respondent acted inappropriately with city staff while she was serving as a city commissioner," Hadley wrote.

The Ethic Commission's order says the agency may resolve a complaint through a stipulation, settlement or consent order involving the respondent and commission's advocate and approved by the commission.

Helping homeless vets



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Members of the Largo office of the Assurant company recently donated \$980 to Liberty Manor for Veterans, Inc., which helps provide transitional housing to homeless and disabled veterans. At the check presentation were, from left, Joe Pipino, senior director Assurant VPS; David Lindsay, board of directors for Liberty Manor for Veterans; Connie Lindsay, CEO of Liberty Manor for Veterans; and Tim Furr, Assurant claims supervisor.

BAY PINES VA

Crist among speakers at Memorial Day event

ST. PETERSBURG - The Bay Pines VA Healthcare System will commemorate Memorial Day with a ceremony on Monday, May 28, at 10 a.m. at the Bay Pines National Cemetery.

This is the only National Cemetery in Pinellas and Hillsborough counties and the largest observance of Memorial Day with more than 4,000 expected attendees. Veterans, their families and friends, and the general public are invited to attend.

Prior to the ceremony, on Saturday, May 26, volunteers from the community will mark more than 35,000 graves at the cemetery with U.S. flags to honor the men and women who served the nation.

Guest speakers for the event include U.S. Rep. Charlie Crist, D-13th District, and local leaders from the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System, St. Petersburg VA Regional Office, and Bay Pines National Cemetery. The event also will feature traditional military tributes and music provided by the Suncoast Symphony Orchestra.

Parking for the event is available nearby. Shuttles will provide transportation for guests from parking lots to the National Cemetery. The venue is handicapped accessible. A sign language interpreter will be available for the hearing impaired.

The ceremony will be held rain or shine.

Here & There

Farm Share to benefit from Stamp Out Hunger

On Saturday, May 12, Pinellas County residents will join with the rest of Americans to participate in Stamp Out Hunger, the nation's largest one-day food drive to help feed those in need by leaving non-perishable goods outside their doors.

The National Association of Letter Carriers has chosen Farm Share as its official 2018 Florida food charity partner. The 27-year-old food nonprofit serves the entire state. This is the 25th year NALC has teamed up with nonprofits to help more than 50 million people in America who suffer from hunger.

Letter carriers will place bags in mailboxes that residents can fill with non-perishable foods. Leave the bag next to your mailbox before mail delivery on May 12.

Letter carriers and volunteers will collect donations for Farm Share, which will be distributed back into local communities. During the 2017 food drive, more than 71 million pounds of food were collected. Florida has been ranked the No. 1 state for cans collected over the last decade.

Farm Share partners with Florida farmers to distributed imperfect, yet perfectly good produce that would otherwise be thrown away. In 2017, it delivered nearly 52 million pounds of fresh food to more than 10.5 million households.

For more information on Farm Share, visit FarmShare.org. For more information on Stamp Out Hunger, visit StampOutHungerFoodDrive.us.

Seminole City Park hosts Kids Appreciation Day

SEMINOLE - As another school year comes to an end, the Seminole Chamber of Commerce is ready to help local children kick off their summer vacation.

The chamber's 39th annual Kids Appreciation Day will take place Thursday, May 24 - the last day of school - from 3 to 5 p.m. at Seminole City Park, 7464 Ridge Road. This free festive celebration includes free food, drinks, games, contests, bike and gift giveaways, entertainment and more.

Donna Miller, the chamber's administrative assistant, said Kids Appreciation Day brings together numerous community organizations and civic groups.

The Rotary Club of Seminole hosts the watermelon-eating contest, while the Kiwanis Club of Seminole grills up hot dogs for the kids and their parents. Pinellas Seminole Junior Woman's Club and Seminole Junior Women's Club members will distribute numbered wristbands used during prize drawings to the children attending.

The city's Recreation Department also lends a hand by coordinating games and entertainment for the day.

The Pinellas County Sheriff's Department will also be involved, offering an educational component to the afternoon. PCSO will bring its GPV SWAT vehicle and other vehicles for display, and give out helmets to promote summer bicycle safety.

Rolling out the welcome mat



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Treasure Island officials will hold a ribbon-cutting Thursday, May 17, 5:30 p.m., at Gulf Front Park for a removable mat that will allow greater access to the city's main beach area. The 6 1/2-foot-wide MobiMat RecPath extends 400 feet toward the Gulf shoreline and is expected to improve mobility for residents and visitors with mobility impairments as well as better access for pedestrians and users of strollers and beach carts. Gators Café & Saloon donated \$21,175 for purchase of the mat, which is reportedly the first of its kind in Pinellas County.

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Obituaries

Mary (Molly) Blood WESTOVER

Mary (Molly) Blood Westover of Largo, FL, formerly of Lakewood, NY and Erie, PA, died at the age of 63 on Friday, April 27, 2018. She was born on November 28, 1954 to Paul and Elizabeth Blood and beloved mother of Chelsea Fairbanks Mamie and Benjamin David Fairbanks. She will be dearly missed by all her family and friends. Molly is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Brian Westover; her parents, Paul and Elizabeth Blood and her brother, David Blood. She is survived by her daughter, Chelsea Fairbanks Mamie (Steven) and grandchildren, Logan, Gage and Payton Mamie of Irwin, PA and her son, Benjamin David Fairbanks (Kim) of Jamestown, NY. Also surviving are six sisters and one brother. At Molly's request, no visitation will be observed. Donations in Molly's memory may be made to Suncoast Hospice, 6770 102nd Ave. N., Pinellas Park, FL 33782, or to a charity of choice.

Mildred (Midge) Bowmar HATHAWAY

Mildred (Midge) Bowmar Hathaway of Groton, MA and Belleair, FL, passed away peacefully on April 29, 2018 of natural causes, with family by her side. She was born on April 9, 1926 to loving parents, Ralph and Angie Bowmar. She was the middle child of four siblings, who have all predeceased her. Her father was a decorated World War I veteran and Attorney and one of her grandfathers was a Civil War Veteran. Her life was one of adventure with several moves and lots of travel with husband LTC (retired) Leander (Rusty) Hathaway Jr. Midge lived in several states including Massachusetts, Idaho, Michigan and ultimately Florida. She was an accomplished golfer, seamstress, gourmet cook and loving mother. Midge was a successful realtor in Grosse Pointe, Michigan before retiring to Belleair to embark on a life of international travel, boating, golfing and with Rusty, helping others. She enjoyed assisting the homeless and contributed hundreds of pounds of citrus and avocados each year that she grew, to the local food bank each year. She loved her family and enjoyed visiting with them. Midge is survived by her sons, Kevin Kelley (Shelley Kolseth) of Tampa, FL, Curt Kelley (Pat) of Boise, ID and stepson, Leander Rusty Hathaway III (Mary) of Kihei, HI. She is also survived by her granddaughter, Sarah Kelley-Chase (David) of Boise and great-grandchildren, Cullen and Morgan. She and her family would like to thank LifePath Hospice of Hillsborough County, FL and all of the caregivers and other non-Administrative Staff of Aston Gardens in Tampa, FL who made her comfortable in her final years. Midge will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, DC with her late husband, Rusty, later this year. Donations may be made in Midge's memory to the Alzheimer's Association. https://act.alz.org/site/Donation2?df_id=32112&mfc_pref=T&32112.donation+form1&www.mossfeaster.com/obituaries/Mildred-Hathaway/

SCHOENHERR, Carol, 88 of Seminole, FL, passed away Thursday, April 26, 2018. For service information, send condolences, or full obituary visit: www.MohnFuneralHome.com

FINN, Jewel, 97, of Seminole, FL, passed away Saturday, April 28, 2018. For service information, send condolences, or full obituary visit: www.MohnFuneralHome.com

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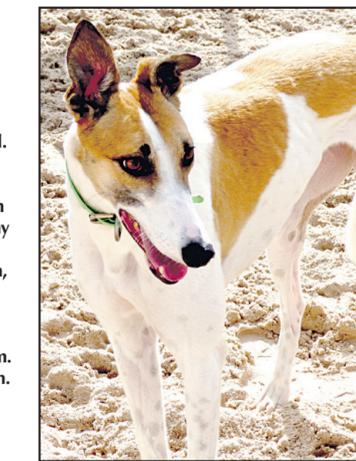
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How to care for aquarium goldfish

Parents eager to instill a sense of responsibility in their children may turn to pets to facilitate such lessons. But dogs or cats may not fit in with everyone's lifestyle or living arrangements. In such instances, fish may be parents' best friends.

Freshwater fish tend to be inexpensive and relatively easy to care for. Goldfish, in particular, can make ideal primary companions because they are hardy and are especially inexpensive. "Feeder" goldfish cost mere cents per fish, and while they may be primarily bred to be used as live food for larger prey, these goldfish can still provide many of the same pet care lessons as other pets.

exclusively olive green or dark gray, according to PetMD. They're one of the most common aquarium fish and also have some of the longest life expectancies. The oldest recorded living goldfish reached the age of 49. Goldfish come in different sizes, but the average aquarium goldfish grows to between four and seven inches.

environments are easily maintained. Also, some goldfish will try to eat smaller fish.

A clean tank is vital to the health of goldfish. Filtration is ideal, as is an air pump to help agitate the surface of the water and make oxygen more accessible. It's important to use a dechlorinator product to remove chlorine and other chemicals from tap water so that the fish can thrive.

Learning about goldfish

On the way to becoming fish experts, it's important to point out that, despite their low-price tag and availability, goldfish should not be viewed as disposable. These are live animals and deserve the same care and consideration as other pets. National Geographic says that goldfish are descendants of carp and originate in China. There are hundreds of varieties of goldfish found around the globe. In fact, koi are cousins of the traditional aquarium goldfish.

Caring for goldfish

Goldfish that are won at state fairs may come home in plastic bags or small bowls, but they are best cared for in traditional aquariums. Goldfish are omnivores that will thrive on a healthy diet made up of pellets, vegetables, algae, and flakes. These fish tend to produce a lot of ammonia waste, so if they are kept in a bowl, the water will need to be changed quite frequently and the bowl should be large. Many aquarium experts say a tank that's between 10 and 20 gallons is ideal for a goldfish. Such tanks will not stunt its growth and will keep it healthy and comfortable.

According to CaringPets.org, people who choose a bowl for their goldfish instead of a standard tank should follow the rule that the greater the amount of surfaces area, the more oxygen in the water. For this to be achieved, choose a wide goldfish bowl over a tall narrow one. In addition, the water will need to be changed every few days, and 50 to 75 percent of the water in the bowl should be replaced with fresh water.

Keeping goldfish as pets can introduce children and even adults to the task of caring for a living animal. With the right care, these fish can thrive and provide many hours of entertainment and enjoyment.

Despite their name, goldfish come in a variety of colors. Commercial goldfish are typically yellow, gold and red. Wild goldfish are almost

Goldfish like relatively low water temperatures, advises the fish resource The Goldfish Tank. They should not be mistaken for tropical fish. Goldfish are typically best kept alone or with other goldfish so that their living

Report shows positive progress for Pinellas County pets

After six years of collecting data on a collaborative basis, Pinellas County Animal Services, SPCA Tampa Bay, Friends of Strays and Humane Society of Pinellas provided the countywide highlights during a May 2 press conference at Pinellas County Animal Services.

The trends are positive. From 2012 to 2017, the live release rate - measured by adoptions, transfers and other factors - has increased steadily in Pinellas County, and in 2017, it reached a six-year high at 73 percent.

"The partnership has been good for Pinellas County animals and their owners," said Doug Brightwell, director of Pinellas County Animal Services. "Data trends show

that our collaborative process, adoptions promotions and support for owners has had a positive effect."

As a community, Pinellas County has seen a 16 percent increase in adoptions, with a 20 percent increase in cat adoptions, in the six-year period.

"Reducing euthanasia and increasing adoptions has been a focus of this countywide collaboration over the past six years," said Stacey Eflaw, executive director of the Humane Society of Pinellas. "It's encouraging to see that our collaborative programs are having a positive impact."

Another positive trend: The number of owners who surrender their

pets has reached the lowest point in six years.

"While there's much to celebrate, we've identified a few focus areas to continue this positive momentum and help as many animals as possible," said Martha Boden, CEO of SPCA Tampa Bay.

Pinellas Partners for pets will study three areas: shy and fearful dogs, community cats and cats with medical issues. In 2018, the partners will work together to study the trends over the past six years, consider best practices and identify ways to have a positive impact on these three groups of animals.

"The ability to look beyond individual shelters to see countywide impact and see trends helps us

best care for animals and the people who love them," said Dara Eckart, executive director of Friends of Strays.

The trends are based on data collected by the four participating animal welfare agencies in Pinellas County from January 2012 to December 2017. Each organization compiles its data using the same reporting matrix, so information from several shelters is comparable and together can show patterns that more accurately reflect animal welfare conditions throughout the county. New for 2017, Friends of Strays Animal Shelter contributed its data to the collaborative countywide reporting.

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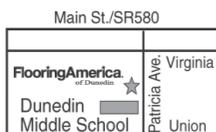


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Top five diversions

• **"Jekyll & Hyde, The Musical,"** May 11-20, presented by Eight O'Clock Theatre, at Central Park Performing Arts Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets are \$28.50 for adults, \$13.50 for students age 22 and younger. Call 727-587-6793 or visit largoarts.com. Based on Robert Louis Stevenson's classic thriller, "Jekyll & Hyde" is the gripping tale of a brilliant mind gone horrifically awry, set to a powerful pop-rock score by Frank Wildhorn with book and lyrics by Leslie Bricusse. In an attempt to cure his ailing father's mental illness by separating "good" from "evil" in the human personality, talented physician Dr. Jekyll inadvertently creates an alternate personality of pure evil, dubbed Mr. Hyde, who wreaks murderous havoc on the city of London. As his fiancée Emma grows increasingly fearful for her betrothed, a prostitute, Lucy, finds herself dangerously involved with both the doctor and his alter ego. Struggling to control Hyde before he takes over for good, Jekyll must race to find a cure for the demon he has created in his own mind.

• **The sixth annual Madeira Beach Craft Festival,** Saturday and Sunday, May 12 and 13, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Madeira Way in Madeira Beach. Admission is free. For information, visit www.artfestival.com. The festival will feature an array of craft mediums from folk art, pet products, pottery, handmade jewelry and paintings, to personalized gifts, handmade clothing, scented soaps and body products. Whether looking for pet products, folk art, pottery, jewelry, paintings, personalized gifts, handmade clothing, scented soaps and body products or other specialty green market items, the annual craft festival has something to suit every taste and every budget.

• **James Taylor,** Saturday, May 12, 7:30 p.m., at Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Drive, Tampa. Tickets start at \$66. Call 800-745-3000 or visit ticketmaster.com for tickets. For venue information, visit www.amaliearena.com. As a recording and touring artist, Taylor has touched people with his warm baritone voice and distinctive style of guitar playing for more than 40 years, while setting a precedent to which countless young musicians have aspired. Over the course of his celebrated songwriting and performing career, Taylor has sold more than 100 million albums, earning gold, platinum, and multi-platinum awards for classics ranging from "Sweet Baby James" in 1970 to "October Road" in 2002. In 2015, Taylor released "Before This World," his first new studio album in 13 years, which earned him his first ever No. 1 album. He has won multiple Grammy awards and has been inducted into both the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the prestigious Songwriters Hall of Fame.

• **Wayne Toups & The ZyDeCajun Band,** Saturday, May 12, 7 p.m., at Tarpon Springs Performing Arts Center, 324 Pine St., Tarpon Springs. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$30 for Tarpon Arts members. Visit tarponarts.org. A Cajun accordion player who always wears a headband and uses zydeco rhythms, Toups's real calling card is Cajun-flavored rock. Toups is one of the most commercially successful American Cajun singers and songwriters.

• **Marc Cohn,** Saturday, May 12, 8 p.m., at Capitol Theatre, 405 Cleveland St., Clearwater. Tickets start at \$35. Call 727-791-7400 or visit www.atthecap.com. Cohn recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of his landmark, self-titled release, featuring his signature hit song "Walking in Memphis." Cohn solidified his place as one of this generation's most compelling singer/songwriters, combining the precision of a brilliant tunesmith with the passion of a great soul man. He recently released "Careful What You Dream: Lost Songs and Rarities" and "Evolution of a Record," featuring never-before-heard songs and demos dating back to years before his debut album.



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Capitol Theatre welcomes Marc Cohn May 12.



Photo by HOPPER STONE/WARNER BROS.

Melissa McCarthy, left, stars as Deanna and Heidi Gardner as Leonor in New Line Cinema's "Life of the Party," a Warner Bros. Pictures' release.

Opening this weekend

McTeigue's thriller 'Breaking In' opens; McCarthy stars in comedy 'Life of the Party'

Compiled by LEE CLARK ZUMPE

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

'Life of the Party'

Genre: Comedy
Cast: Melissa McCarthy, Gillian Jacobs, Maya Rudolph, Julie Bowen, Matt Walsh, Molly Gordon, Stephen Root and Jacki Weaver

Director: Ben Falcone
Rated: PG-13
When her husband suddenly dumps her, longtime dedicated housewife Deanna (McCarthy) turns regret into re-set by going back to college ... landing in the same class and school as her daughter, who's not entirely sold on the idea.

Plunging headlong into the campus experience, the increasingly outspoken Deanna - now Dee Rock - embraces freedom, fun and frat boys on her own terms, finding her true self in a senior year no one ever expected.

'Breaking In'

Genre: Thriller
Cast: Gabrielle Union, Billy Burke, Richard Cabral, Seth Carr and Ajiona Alexis
Director: James McTeigue
Rated: PG-13

In "Breaking In," Gabrielle Union stars as a woman who will stop at nothing to rescue her two children being held hostage in a house designed with impenetrable security.

No trap, no trick and especially no man inside can match a mother with a mission when she is determined.

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



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Ajiona Alexis, left, stars as Jasmine and Gabrielle Union as Shaun in "Breaking In."

'Dark Crimes'

Genre: Drama and thriller
Cast: Jim Carrey, Charlotte Gainsbourg and Marton Csokas
Director: Alexandros Avranas
Rated: R

A murder investigation of a slain business man turns to clues found in an author's book about an eerily similar crime.

The film is based on the 2008 article "True Crimes - A postmodern murder mystery" by David Grann.

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Ruth Eckerd to welcome Joe Bonamassa

CLEARWATER – Joe Bonamassa will perform Friday and Saturday, May 11-12, 8 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater.

Tickets start at \$96.50. Call 727-791-7400 or visit www.rutheckerdhall.com.

For most musicians, opening for blues legend B.B. King would be the pinnacle moment of their career. But for Bonamassa, who shared the stage with King in 1989 when he was all of 12 years old, it was only the start.

Since then, Bonamassa has established himself as one of the premier guitar virtuosos of his generation, and he has also distinguished himself as an incisive and compelling songwriter, a gutsy and soulful vocalist, as well as one of the most popular touring-and-recording artists around, averaging over 100 sold-out shows worldwide each year while amassing a body of work that spreads the already deep waters of the blues-rock form.

The Grammy-nominated blues-rock guitar icon is currently touring in support of "Blues of Desperation," his latest studio album. Hailed worldwide as one of the greatest guitar players of his generation, Bonamassa has almost single-handedly redefined the blues-rock genre and brought it into the mainstream.

Bonamassa is backed by a stellar band of legendary musicians featured on his Grammy-nominated album "Live at the Greek Theatre." The band includes Anton Fig, drums; Michael Rhodes, bass; Reese Wynans, piano and Hammond organ; Lee Thornburg, trumpet and horn arrangements; and Paulie Cerra, saxophone. Joining them are amazing backup vocalists, bringing a whole new life to the show which will feature new songs alongside career-spanning favorites.

By exceeding his own high artistic goals, Bonamassa has shattered all expectations with this record and has reached new audiences – no mean feat when you continue his astonishing track record of hits, which now includes 18 No. 1 Billboard Blues Albums – more than any other artist in history. In 2016, the guitarist received his second Grammy nomination – this one for Best Traditional Blues Album for his latest live album.



Photo courtesy of RUTH ECKERD HALL

Joe Bonamassa plays two shows at Ruth Eckerd Hall May 11 and 12.

Bonamassa's stature in the music industry has increased steadily over the years. Along with Roy Weisman, his longtime manager, the iconoclastic guitarist built his own successful record label, management and concert promotion company called J&R Adventures. In addition, his connection to fans on social media has grown to over 2.9 million Facebook friends, over 150K Twitter followers, and more than 320K Instagram followers.

A&E news

SAGES to stage 'Denying Gravity' at Dunedin Community Center

DUNEDIN – "Denying Gravity," a free performance by Senior Actors Guild & Education Services, will be presented Saturday, June 2, 2 to 3:30 p.m., at Dunedin Community Center, 1920 Pinehurst Road, Dunedin.

The performance is being sponsored by Dunedin Fire & Rescue, Public Safety Council, Rotary Club and the Fall Prevention Coalition of Better Living for Seniors. In "Denying Gravity," Claire, an independent-minded retiree, is living the good life and letting "the chips – and the hips – fall where they may." Claire learns this is not the best idea.

SAGES performs plays that stimulate discussion on issues of older Americans, feature senior actors on stage, have a positive image of aging and provide access to community theater for all ages.

Fall prevention educators with free valuable information will be available before and after the performance. Seating is limited. Tickets are free but reservations are required. To RSVP, visit Eventbrite.com.

Early Bird Dinner Theatre to stage 'Savannah Sipping Society'

CLEARWATER – "The Savannah Sipping Society," written by Jones, Hopes and Wooten, will be open Saturday, May 12, at Early Bird Dinner Theatre, 13355 49th St. N., Clearwater.

The production will run through July 7. The price for buffet and show is \$36 including tax. Shows are 11 a.m. Thursdays and Saturdays; and 4 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Call 727-446-5898 for reservations. For information, visit www.earlybirddinnertheatre.com.

Early Bird's cast is led by director Patrick Brafford. The talented ensemble includes Brick, Kagey Good, Samantha Parisi and Debbie Yones. Dean Wick designed and constructed the set.

"It is wonderful," said Early Bird's producer Susan Fletcher Lyons in a press release. "Audiences will fall in love with these hilarious women. It is funny and has a lot of heart."

"The Savannah Sipping Society" is the third show Brafford has directed at Early Bird. "The Savannah Sipping Society" by Jones, Hope & Wooten, is a delightful and heart-warming comedy. Four unique women, strangers to one another and all needing to escape the sameness of their day-to-day routines, are drawn together by Fate – and an impromptu happy hour – and decide it's high time to reclaim the enthusiasm for life they've lost through the years. Over the course of six months, filled with laughter, hilarious misadventures and the occasional liquid refreshment, these middle-aged women successfully bond and find the confidence to jumpstart their new lives. Together, they discover lasting friendships and a renewed determination to live in the moment – and most importantly, realize it's never too late to make old friends.

Taste of Dunedin set for May 20

DUNEDIN – A Taste of Dunedin will take place Sunday, May 20, 1 to 4 p.m., in downtown Dunedin.

Restaurants in the Dunedin area have partnered with retailers to bring their specialty items to residents and visitors. Visit www.facebook.com/tasteofdunedin.

Amber Lynn Nicol to perform at St. Pete ArtWorks

ST. PETERSBURG – Amber Lynn Nicol will perform Saturday, May 12, 6 to 9 p.m., at St. Pete ArtWorks, 635 Central Ave., St. Petersburg.

The talented singer, songwriter, teacher and record producer has released six studio albums. Her music ranges in style from country and blues to pop and hip-hop. Nicol founded Jerzey Girl Music, her own record label, and appeared on "America's Got Talent" in 2015.

The current featured exhibition in the gallery is "Art That Suits You," showcasing wearable art. The exhibition will be on view through May 25.

St. Pete ArtWorks is a cooperative art gallery run by the Gulf Coast Artists' Alliance.

Matinee Opera Players to perform

PINELLAS PARK – The Matinee Opera Players will present Another Taste of Opera, Sunday, June 3, 3 p.m., at Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center, 4951 78th Ave. N., Pinellas Park.

The performance will be directed by Mario Laurenti. Rena Massey will serve as accompanist. Doors will open at 2:30 p.m.

The program will feature show tunes and popular songs as well as arias from well-known operas. The players feature composers such as Wagner, Mozart, Verdi and Puccini.

Admission is pay-what-you-can. There will be complimentary snacks during intermission. The show also will feature vendors, raffles and door prizes.

The St. Petersburg Ballet Conservatory will open the show. For information, call 727-204-4163 or visit www.MatineeOperaPlayers.org.

TESA to host annual awards show

DUNEDIN – The Exhibiting Society of Artists will host its annual awards show in June at Stirling Art Studios & Gallery, 730 Broadway, Dunedin.

A reception will take place Friday, June 8, 5:30 to 8 p.m. Artists will be on hand. The reception is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

TESA is a group of professional artists working in various mediums and styles. All works are original. Artwork will be for viewing and also for sale.

Third Saturday Gulfport Art and Gallery Walk set

GULFPORT – The Third Saturday Gulfport Art and Gallery Walk will take place Saturday, May 18, 6 to 10 p.m., along Beach Boulevard in Gulfport.

For a shopping and dining map, visit VisitGulfportFlorida.com. Attendees will have a chance to shop for local art along Beach Boulevard, visit a gallery, catch a live local band and dine at one of the locally owned restaurants.

The Gulfport Art and Gallery Walk event, produced by the nonprofit Gulfport Merchants Association, is home to dozens of artisans and craftsmen each month. There is never an admission fee for visitors and complimentary parking is available nearby with courtesy trolley rides available to and from off-site parking areas. Gulfport events are always pet and family friendly.

For information, visit www.facebook.com/GulfportArtWalk or call 727-322-5217.

EOT to audition for 'Spring Awakening'

LARGO – Auditions for the Eight O'Clock Theatre production of "Spring Awakening" will take place Sunday and Monday, May 13 and 14, 7 p.m., at Central Park Performing Arts Center, 105 Central Park Drive.

The show will run July 13-22 at the center. Rehearsals will be Monday through Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons. Eight O'Clock Theatre is a community theater and all roles are unpaid.

Those attending auditions should prepare 16 bars of a song in the style of the show that showcases range and personality. Candidates should bring sheet music. A pianist will be provided. There may be readings from the script.

Director Jason Tucker and musical director Justin Havard are looking for a diverse group of smart, energetic, and adventurous young people to fill a number of roles.

"Spring Awakening" explores the journey from adolescence to adulthood with a poignancy and passion that is illuminating and unforgettable. The landmark musical is an electrifying fusion of morality, sexuality and rock and roll that is exhilarating audiences across the nation like no other musical in years. Set against the backdrop of late-19th century Germany when adults held all the cards, "Spring Awakening" deals with the complexities of adolescence.

This show contains strong adult language, sexual content and situations, and references to suicide and death. Parental permission is required for actors age 17 and younger.

For more information, visit www.eightoclocktheatre.com.

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 22. Popular HBO drama (abbr.)
 23. Shampoo
 25. Scale drawing of a structure
 26. An enclosure for confining livestock
 27. Goat-like mammal
 29. Cigar
 31. Appear
 33. "Westworld" actress __ Rachel Wood
 34. Leaked through
 36. The highest adult male singing voice
 38. Musical group __ Soundsystem
 39. Aurochs
 41. Crazy (Spanish)
 43. Swiss river
 44. Strains
 46. Frock
 48. Found in most body tissues
 52. Cool!
 53. Reasons behind
 54. Christian recluse
 56. Removes
 57. Repents
 58. Energy
 59. Tailless amphibian

- Down**
1. Not awake
 2. Type of dessert
 3. They __
 4. Retired Coast Guard admiral
 5. Gene positions
 6. Exclude
 7. One who is bound
 8. Where drinks are served
 9. Small vipers
 10. Blackbird
 11. Adventurer
 12. Shade
 14. A way to gain
 15. A salt or ester of boric acid
 18. Monetary units
 20. Removed
 24. "My country, tis of __"
 26. Horses
 28. Drives back by force
 30. Bold, impudent behavior
 32. Rates
 34. Types of nerves in males
 35. A ridge of sand created by the wind
 37. Wind instrument
 38. Pakistani city
 40. Dry or withered
 42. Delivered a speech
 43. Peak
 45. Small waterbird
 47. Days falling in mid-month
 49. Elvis' daughter
 50. Flat and smooth
 51. Dallas Cowboys great Leon
 55. What cows say

Sudoku

		8	2	9				
			5					3
		5			7	6		
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		7	8			3		
	7				4			
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Level: Intermediate

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

Sudoku answers from last week

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

Crossword answers from last week

A	B	E	D		P	P	M		U	L	A	N				
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Horoscopes

May 10, 2018

Aries

March 21 – April 19

You will have plenty of time to devote to your favorite projects, Aries. But right now you need to spend some time with close friends and family.

Taurus

April 20 – May 20

Relationships are at the forefront of your mind, Taurus. You may have specific criteria you use to assess potential friends or romantic interests, but it could pay to widen your scope.

Gemini

May 21 – June 21

Gemini, your charm might be on overdrive, but you are looking for more than just trivial companionship. Explore activities that will match you with those with the same interests.

Cancer

June 22 – July 22

Coworkers are expecting much from you, Cancer. Although you want to promise them everything, you have doubts you can deliver. See what you can handle and farm out the rest.

Leo

July 23 – August 22

You have plenty of options in your love life, Leo. Take a step back and carefully assess where you want existing relationships to go. Such a breather will only benefit you.

Virgo

August 23 – September 22

It takes more than just a positive attitude to be successful this week — although positivity is a good start. Set goals and aim for doing your fair share of hard work.

Libra

September 23 – October 22

Libra, your intuition lets you know when to keep quiet and when to make a stir. Let events unfold around you this week, keeping your thoughts close to the vest.

Scorpio

October 23 – November 21

Scorpio, in the midst of difficult times, you may find that opportunities abound. Do not let any moment pass you by; embrace the situations and opportunities coming your way.

Sagittarius

November 22 – December 21

An invitation to a special event may be on the horizon, Sagittarius. Be patient and prepare for some excitement. Invite others to join in the festivities.

Capricorn

December 22 – January 20

Capricorn, you may be on the cusp of revealing your plans to others. But a change of heart might be coming, so wait a little bit longer until you're certain.

Aquarius

January 21 – February 18

You might not be in the mood for small talk this week, Aquarius. But avoid being rude as you try to speak about serious matters. Allow others to express themselves.

Pisces

February 19 – March 20

There seems to be no limit to your career possibilities, Pisces. Rather than staying put in your current position, branch out.

Summer blockbuster overview

With 'Infinity War' dominating the box office, can you name this summer's other anticipated films?

By LEE CLARK ZUMPE
Tampa Bay Newspapers

Marvel Studios has shown that whoever controls all six Infinity Stones wields supreme power – over the box office.

"Avengers: Infinity War" kicked off this summer's blockbuster lineup with equal parts shock and awe. It's difficult to predict if any other big-budget cinematic spectacles will rival the long-awaited showdown between the good guys in tights and Thanos, Marvel's super-baddie. Come to think of it, in the long shadow cast by the 19th film in the Marvel Cinematic Universe, it's difficult to remember the names of other films scheduled to open over the next few months.

Not to worry: Tampa Bay Newspapers is here to offer an overview of this summer's parade of cinematic endeavors. We've viewed all the teasers and trailers, and we're ready to reveal what Hollywood has in store for audiences this summer. It's anybody's guess as to which ones will soar beyond expectations to become blockbusters.

But what is a blockbuster? Webster's defines the term as something "notably expensive, effective, successful, large or extravagant."

The 1975 film "Jaws" ushered in the era of the summer blockbuster. Movie studios adopted a marketing strategy focusing on the release of at least one super-grossing flick no later than July 4. Early examples of summer blockbusters include "Star Wars," released May 25, 1977; "Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan," released June 4, 1982; "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom," released May 23, 1984; and "Batman," released June 23, 1989. Each of these films had exceptional opening weekend revenues.

Following is a list of this year's 12 most anticipated summer movies.

'Deadpool 2'

Biggest name in the cast: Ryan Reynolds
Release date: May 18
Not yet rated

The official synopsis provided by Fox is an aptly irreverent tangle of craziness and misinformation that doesn't shed much light on what audiences may expect from the Merc with the Mouth in his much-anticipated sequel. The final trailer offers more details: Look for Deadpool to bring together a team – X-Force – to protect a young mutant from Cable. Special note: Cable will be played by actor Josh Brolin. Seems like he was in another big movie recently ...

'Solo: A Star Wars Story'

Biggest name in the cast: Chewbacca
Release date: May 25
Rated: PG-13

Walt Disney Studios is hijacking the Millennium Falcon to take audiences back for another stand-alone film in that galaxy far, far away. The story follows Han Solo in his early days as he makes the acquaintance of a Wookiee and faces notorious gambler Lando Calrissian. The key to this film's success will rest in how quickly fans will embrace new actors portraying classic franchise roles.

'Ocean's 8'

Biggest name in the cast: Sandra Bullock
Release date: June 8
Rated: PG-13

Steven Soderbergh has come up with an all-female spinoff to his popular Ocean's trilogy. Hoping to pull off the heist of the century at New York City's star-studded Met Gala, Debbie Ocean (Sandra Bullock) assembles the perfect crew to undertake the job. Hint: Watch the 1960 "Ocean's 11" before seeing Soderbergh's new take. It's worth it.

'Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom'

Biggest name in the cast: Any Tyrannosaurus
Release date: June 22
Rated: PG-13
Universal
The dinosaurs-gone-wild motif

seems to yield an unending well-spring of plot variations for Universal Studios. Just because Isla Nublar and its prehistoric fauna was abandoned by humans in the previous film doesn't mean that audiences can't enjoy another round. Fortunately, the world has its fair share of wealthy maniacs with little or no understanding of – or respect for – science. When Owen (Chris Pratt) and Claire (Bryce Dallas Howard) mount a campaign to rescue the remaining dinosaurs, they discover a conspiracy that could return Earth to a perilous order not seen since prehistoric times. Maybe it involves a sentient T. Rex with the Infinity Gauntlet.

'Sicario 2: Day of the Soldado'

Biggest name in the cast: Benicio del Toro
Release date: June 29
Rated: R

This new chapter takes audiences back to a region that hardly ever gets any attention these days: The U.S. border with Mexico. When it is discovered that drug cartels have begun trafficking terrorists into America, federal agent Matt Graver (Josh Brolin) taps undercover operative Alejandro (Benicio Del Toro) to stir up trouble. The plan goes pear-shaped, and Graver gives a reprehensible order Alejandro is unwilling to follow. Watch for another sequel should the film manage to influence American foreign policy.

'The First Purge'

Biggest name in the cast: Marisa Tomei
Release date: July 4
Not yet rated

Just in time for Independence Day comes the fourth installment in the Purge franchise. Find out how the violence of the oppressors and the rage of the marginalized resulted in this speculative American dystopia. The film will undoubtedly provide some much-needed escapist fun, particularly for those caught up in the endless 24-hour cable news cycle. Extra points for



Josh Brolin stars as Cable in Twentieth Century Fox's "Deadpool 2."

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Chris Pratt stars as Owen in "Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom."

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Joonas Suotamo stars as Chewbacca and Alden Ehrenreich as Han Solo in "Solo: A Star Wars Story."

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anyone who spots a cloaked Lawgiver from planet Beta III in the C-111 system.

'Ant-Man and The Wasp'

Biggest name in the cast: Not Thanos
Release date: July 6
Not yet rated

After the prevailing seriousness found in "Avengers: Infinity War," the Marvel Cinematic Universe needs something a little lighter. Enter Scott Lang, dealing with the day-to-day hurdles he faces as an unseasoned superhero. Don't worry: Hope van Dyne is on the way to save his day – as The Wasp.

Arthur Hailey and Irwin Allen must be acting as spirit guides for Dwayne Johnson. Can you imagine the string of disaster films Johnson could have headlined in the 1970s alongside Dean Martin, Steve McQueen and George Kennedy? Of course, he's not doing too bad these days, either: "Skyscraper" will be his third big film in the last five months. Johnson plays a former FBI Hostage Rescue Team leader who finds himself in the tallest and "safest" building in the world – except it's on fire. Tampa Bay Newspapers cannot confirm the soundtrack will feature disco tracks.

'The Equalizer 2'

Biggest name in the cast: Denzel Washington
Release date: July 20
Not yet rated
From 1985 through 1989, if you had a problem and no one else

'Mission: Impossible – Fallout'

Biggest name in the cast: Tom Cruise

See BLOCKBUSTER, page 8B



Tom Cruise stars as Ethan Hunt in "Mission: Impossible – Fallout."

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Evangeline Lilly stars as Hope van Dyne and Paul Rudd as Scott Lang in "Ant-Man and The Wasp."

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Capitol Theatre to welcome Marc Cohn

CLEARWATER – Grammy Award winner Marc Cohn will perform Saturday, May 12, 8 p.m., at Capitol Theatre, 405 Cleveland St., Clearwater. Tickets start at \$35. Call 727-791-7400 or visit www.atthecap.com.

After winning a Grammy for his soulful ballad "Walking in Memphis," Marc Cohn solidified his place as one of this generation's most compelling singer-songwriters, combining the precision of a brilliant tunesmith with the passion of a great soul man. Rooted in the rich ground of American rhythm and blues, soul and gospel and possessed of a deft storyteller's pen, he weaves vivid, detailed, often drawn-from-life tales that evoke some of our most universal human feelings: love, hope, faith, joy, heartbreak. Cohn followed up his platinum-selling debut with two more releases in the 1990s.

Bonnie Raitt, James Taylor, David Crosby, Graham Nash and Patty Griffin all made guest appearances on Cohn's early records for Atlantic as his reputation as an artist and performer continued to grow. In 1998, Cohn took a decade-long sabbatical from recording, ending in 2007 with "Join the Parade." Inspired by the horrific events following Hurricane Katrina and his own near fatal shooting just weeks before, the album is his most moving and critically acclaimed record to date.

In March 2016, in celebration of the 25th anniversary of his platinum-selling debut album, Cohn released "Careful What You Dream: Lost Songs and Rarities" along with the bonus album "Evolution of a Record," featuring never-before-heard songs and demos dating back to years before his debut album and the Grammy award that followed.

Cohn's momentum continued into a busy and fruitful 2017, which he spent in part on the road with the legendary Michael McDonald, garnering critical acclaim across the U.S. His writing talent was also drafted for work with a roster of American music greats including sole survivor William Bell, who won his first Grammy at age 78 with Cohn's help. Cohn co-wrote a solid half of Bell's celebrated album "This is Where I Live," including the passionate opening cut "The Three of Me."

Cohn revisited another corner of American music's rich heritage with the Blind Boys of Alabama on the Grammy-nominated song "Let My Mother

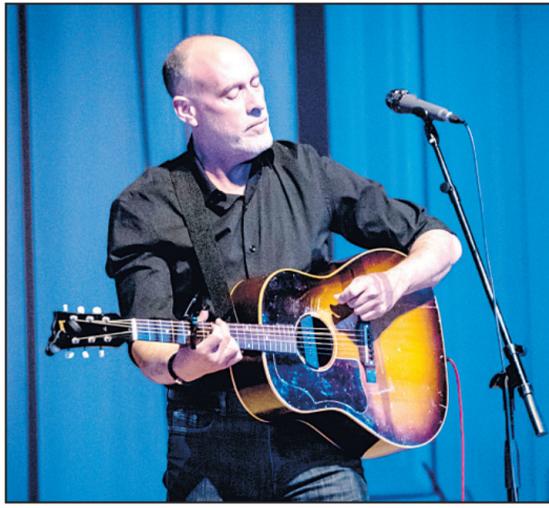


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Marc Cohn performs May 12 at Capitol Theatre in Clearwater.

er Live," and also worked with David Crosby on the album "Lighthouse." As powerfully influenced by the singer-songwriter tradition as he is by the legacy of soul and gospel, working with the '60s icon was a project that got right to Cohn's creative core. Moving forward, he continues to do what he does best: infuse American music with both a fresh perspective and a reverence for its deep roots.

OPENING, from page 1B

'Beast'

Genre: Thriller
Cast: Jessie Buckley, Johnny Flynn and Geraldine James
Director: Michael Pearce
Rated: R

Moll is 27 and still living at home, stifled by the small island community around her and too beholden to her family to break away.

When she meets Pascal, a free-spirited stranger, a whole new world opens up to her and she begins to feel alive for the first time, falling madly in love. But when he is arrested as the key suspect in a series of brutal murders, she is

left isolated and afraid. Choosing to stand with him against the suspicions of the community, Moll finds herself forced to make choices that will impact her life forever.

'The Seagull'

Genre: Drama, comedy and romance

Cast: Annette Bening, Saoirse Ronan, Elisabeth Moss, Corey Stoll, Brian Dennehy, Mare Winningham, Jon Tenney, Glenn Fleshler, Michael Zegen and Billy Howle
Director: Michael Mayer
Rated: PG-13

One summer at a lakeside Russian estate, friends and family gather for a weekend in the coun-

tryside. While everyone is caught up in passionately loving someone who loves somebody else, a tragic-comedy unfolds about art, fame, human folly, and the eternal desire to live a purposeful life.

'Revenge'

Genre: Thriller
Cast: Matilda Lutz, Kevin Janssens, Vincent Colombe and Guillaume Bouchède
Director: Coralie Fargeat
Rated: R

Three wealthy married men get together for their annual hunting game in a desert canyon.

This time, one of them comes along with his mistress, who quick-

ly arouses the interest of the two others. Things get dramatically out of hand. Left for dead, the young woman comes back to life and the hunting game turns into a ruthless manhunt.

'Higher Power'

Genre: Action and science fiction
Cast: Jade Taylor, Ron Eldard, Jordan Hinson and Colm Feore
Director: Matthew Charles Santoro
Rated: R

With his family's life at stake, Joseph Steadman finds himself the unwilling test subject of a maniacal scientist in a battle that could save the world, or destroy it.

BLOCKBUSTER, from page 3B

Release date: July 27

Not yet rated

Really? We're up to the sixth film in this franchise? It's been 22 years since the first one. Shouldn't Ethan Hunt have a cushy desk job by now? Maybe he can replace someone on "NCIS" – that show has become a revolving door for characters. Hunt – portrayed by Tom Cruise – returns, bringing his IMF team in tow (Alec Baldwin, Simon Pegg and Ving Rhames). Does anyone else miss Steven Hill, Barbara Bain, Greg Morris, Peter Lupus, Peter Graves, Martin Landau and Leonard Nimoy?

'The Darkest Minds'

Biggest name in the cast: Mandy Moore

Release date: Aug. 3

Not yet rated

Inspired by Alexandra Bracken's young adult novel of the same name, "The Darkest Minds" will probably appeal to fans of "The Hunger Games" and "The Maze Runner." In this tale, the adults in power have betrayed and detained a group of teenagers with powerful abilities. The teens escape and, determined to retake control of their future, launch a resistance movement.

'The Meg'

Biggest name in the cast: Carcharocles megalodon

Release date: Aug. 10

Rated: PG-13

Here's a film that might well capture some of that magic that made "Jaws" the first blockbuster way back in 1975. Imagine a prehistoric 75-foot-long shark – a Megalodon – threatening the crew of a deep-sea submersible. Standing in for the dream-team of Roy Scheider, Robert Shaw and Richard Dreyfuss will be Jason Statham.

Justin Timberlake, Shadowboxers to perform at Amalie

TAMPA – Global superstar Justin Timberlake, currently on the road with The Man of the Woods Tour, will perform Tuesday, May 15, 7:30 p.m., at Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Drive, Tampa.

Tickets start at \$49.50. Call 800-745-3000 or visit ticketmaster.com for tickets. For venue information, visit www.amaliearena.com.

Produced by Live Nation Global Touring, Wright Entertainment Group, LBI Entertainment & Tenman Touring, Timberlake's North American outing kicked off March 13 in Toronto.

The Man of the Woods Tour is named after Timberlake's album "Man of the Woods," released Feb. 2. The new material offers a self-reflective look at his journey into fatherhood as well as personal insight into his layered life experiences.

The Grammy Award-winning, multi-platinum selling artist was nominated for an Academy Award in 2017 for the song "Can't Stop the Feeling" from the film Trolls, for which he also won his 10th Grammy. As an actor he has appeared in a variety of films including "Alpha Dog," "Black Snake Moan," "Shrek The Third," "The Social Network" and most recently "Wonder Wheel." Additionally, Timberlake has won four Emmys for his appearances on "Saturday Night Live."

Also performing will be 2018's biggest breakout act, American pop band The Shadowboxers.

The band is taking its dynamic live show on the road this year as they join Timberlake, their mentor,

for the first leg of his highly-anticipated Man of the Woods Tour as the opening act. The band recently released "Apollo," an EP of original works. The EP includes previously released singles "Hot Damn!" and "Runaway" and features the focus track "Timezone," which debuted on Spotify's New Music Friday playlist.

"We have been playing live and touring for so many years and we've always dreamed of going on a tour like this," the band said in a press release. "We are so excited and feel so confident about our show and the new material that we'll get to play every night. And to be on the road with one of the greatest performers of all time is such an incredible honor."

Discovered by Timberlake and signed to his Villa 40 artist development company, The Shadowboxers have been described by Rolling Stone as "a Nashville-by-way-of-Atlanta vocal group that has been making a name for itself," with an R&B-soaked mix of soul and pop the New York Times hails as "a one-two punch of gorgeous harmonies and instrumentals." Members Scott Tyler, Matt Lipkins and Adam Hoffman experienced an almost-instantaneous musical compatibility when they first started writing together in college, since forging a cohesive sound based on a shared reverence for the strong, taut harmonies of the Bee Gees, CSN and Earth, Wind & Fire and the rhythmic pop funk of Prince, D'Angelo and Michael Jackson.



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Justin Timberlake performs May 15 at Amalie Arena.

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