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Over 100 artisans to show off wares

Works from more than 100 craft artisans will be on display and available for purchase at the 16th annual Downtown Dunedin Craft Festival on Saturday and Sunday, June 23-24. The Festival is a local tradition boasting summer green market wares as well as thousands of handcrafted pottery, jewelry, paintings, and more.

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Police: Largo man kidnapped child

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COMMUNITY

Town park named in honor of officer

Twenty-five years to the day that Officer Jeffery Tackett lost his life while on duty in Belleair, a groundbreaking ceremony was held dedicating a town park in his name. “Not only did we lose a great officer, we lost a family member. We lost a friend. ... His death forever impacted his wife, his brother, his parents and our town,” said Deputy Mayor Karla Rettstatt.

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING



Dave Gerald, a Habitat for Humanity staff member and member of Anona United Methodist Church, presents some cleaning supplies to Avia Bowen's children, Mikhail, left, and Kenyon, during a Habitat for Humanity dedication ceremony June 12 in Ridgecrest. The home was one of five that Habitat dedicated in the community in the past two weeks.

Building homes, bridges

Habitat for Humanity hoping its investment in Ridgecrest helps present and future generations

Story and photos by CHRIS GEORGE Tampa Bay Newspapers

LARGO - When Avia Bowen received the keys to her new Ridgecrest home June 12 during a Habitat for Humanity dedication, one voice in the crowd was slightly louder and more joyous than the rest.

Vernon Bryant, a board member of the Friends of Ridgecrest with the Friends of Ridgecrest, had no problem welcoming the single mother of two young boys to the neighborhood. Not only because he and several local volunteers helped build the house, but because Bowen, who worked more than 600 hours to achieve her dream, represents the kind of person he thinks will be the future of the community while keeping it rooted in its past.

Bowen isn't the only new resident who fits the mold for Ridgecrest, a historically black community off Ulmerton Road in unincorporated Largo. In the past two weeks, Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas has dedicated its first five homes there, and many more are on the way.



Vernon Bryant, a member of the Friends of Ridgecrest and the executive director of the Florida Botanical Gardens, takes a picture of Avia Bowen, who just received keys to her new home.

“When you think back to the history of the community, they (residents) have done a lot of that where they've really shared and helped each other through various things,” said Bryant, the former director of the Greater Ridgecrest YMCA and current director of the Florida Botanical Gardens. “It models what the community started with, so that's why I think it's important for us (residents

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Habitat set for largest project yet

Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas is embarking on its most ambitious project yet after recently acquiring a 7.3-acre piece of land in Pinellas Park for \$2.1 million.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

LPD gets proactive with new program

Police, nonprofit team up to improve mental health services, reduce 911 calls

By CHRIS GEORGE Tampa Bay Newspapers

LARGO - During the past two years, the Largo Police Department responded to more than 4,500 calls involving individuals with mental health problems. More than 1,300 of those calls ended with the person being involuntarily committed under the Baker Act.

Police Chief Jeff Undestad thinks there's a better way to deal with the flood of calls, which is why Largo's Police and Community Development departments are teaming up with local nonprofit Directions for Living for a new program that aims to help those in need and reduce repetitive calls for service.

The proposed Enriching Lives through Mental Health Services program would partner an officer from the Problem Oriented Policing Unit with a behavioral health navigator from Directions for Living to proactively engage with those who consistently call 911 for help and connect them with services they may need, such as psychological testing, therapy and case

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SCHOOL BOARD

School district scrambling to wrap up safety requirements

By SUZETTE PORTER Tampa Bay Newspapers

LARGO - The Pinellas County School District has until Aug. 13, when classes begin, to implement a number of measures designed to keep students and staff safe.

The measures are all part of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Safety Act passed by the Legislature in the aftermath of the Feb. 14 school shooting in Parkland.

School Superintendent Michael Grego told School Board members June 12 that work was ongoing in preparation for the upcoming school year to satisfy the requirements of the Safety Act and make local schools as safe as possible.

He asked Clint Herbic, associate superintendent of Operational Services, to provide an update.

Herbic said the building assessment process was underway. He said all 123

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LARGO GOLF COURSE

Patrons want city to take mulligan on plan for cafe

By CHRIS GEORGE Tampa Bay Newspapers

LARGO - Patrons of the Largo Golf Course are demanding the city take a mulligan on a proposal to end the lease with the Golf View Cafe and open a concession area in its place.

City officials, who detailed the plan during a City Commission work session June 12, said the purpose of the move was to generate revenue for the course, which was expected to lose \$69,500 in fiscal year 2019, and to create a more seamless

experience for the clientele.

Management analyst Lara Khoury said the new concession area, which would be run by part-time city employees and serve items such as premade sandwiches, hot dogs, soda, beer and wine, would generate a net revenue of \$43,200 in its first year. In subsequent years, Khoury estimated the net revenue would be in excess of \$65,000 annually.

Currently, the city collects \$13,200 annually for the rent of the cafe, which has been run by George Vakalis and Maryann Cunningham since 2007. The

lease expires Sept. 30 and the owners have already been notified that it won't be renewed.

“We felt that this was an opportunity to generate more revenue quickly,” Khoury said. “In the future, we'll probably be bringing other items or creative ways of generating more revenue at the golf course.”

In emails to the City Commission this past week, nearly a dozen patrons of the cafe expressed their displeasure at the plan, echoing the same comments: Concession-style food doesn't make the

cut, and if the cafe closes then they would take their business elsewhere.

“I am totally appalled that you would even be considering doing something like this,” wrote Tara Michaels. “I will no longer be playing at your course if you do this because after my round of golf I enjoy a good lunch that is hot and fresh. Even Wawa makes fresh sandwiches.”

Jason Nowell and Jennifer Storms wrote, “I'm sure the few kids and teenagers who visit the course on occasion

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campuses across the district were being inspected on a building-by-building basis, testing every door and window in every office and classroom space.

"It's an exhausting process," he said, adding that it was taking a dedicated team of Schools Police partnering with local law enforcement officers about 5-6 hours per high school and 3-5 hours for elementary and middle schools to get the job done.

Work began June 1 and has to be completed by July 19.

Herbic said the information would be forwarded to the Sheriff's Office where a team of analysts will compile everything and then send it to the state in the form of the Florida Safe School Assessment Tool, which must be done by Aug. 1.

After that, the district will study what the analysts did, including any possible recommendations, suggestions and observations not only for buildings but will go a step further than the requirements.

"We're taking a look at our behaviors and our practices that we do every single day on our campuses," he said.

He said the Schools Police and general managers would be having

conversations with principals based on what teachers, staff and students do every day "to make sure we take care of each other, so our campuses are safe."

Work also has started on student and staff training. Every administrator in the district attended an active assailant training session May 30 conducted by Largo police. The district has until Aug. 11 to conduct active assailant training for all staff members. Herbic said local law enforcement or members of the Schools Police would conduct the training.

The training is "several-hours long," Herbic said, and includes mental health and threat assessment, "so staff will learn not only what to do in the case of an active assailant, they will also be able to pick up tips on how to spot children in need, children in crisis and kids they need to make sure help gets to."

Student drills are another requirement of the Safety Act. Work started May 30 to develop age-appropriate drills and training for students, especially for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. Herbic said the plan was to make sure drills are conducted on the elementary school level without causing fear or "anything else

with the younger kids and making sure they know it is a skill that can be transferred out of school to wherever they are - grocery store, mall or someplace like that."

Drills for middle and high school students are also being developed including videos filmed by St. Petersburg police.

Another requirement is that there be a police officer, deputy or school security officer on every campus and for larger campus, more than one officer may be required. Herbic said the district had received close to 400 applications for the job of school security officer and had sent 150 names to the Sheriff's Office to review. Herbic said the district needed to hire 75.

Training is scheduled to start with the Sheriff's Office by July 1 and must be complete by or before Aug. 1.

Herbic said as training progresses, Schools Police Chief Luke Williams and his team would be looking at assignments for the new officers and possible reassignments for existing school resource officers to make sure all schools are covered.

Full coverage is being provided for schools in Pinellas Park, Tarpon Springs and Gulfport with school resource officers, he said. The district is working on expanded memorandum of understandings with other agencies.

"We hope to have the name of a person assigned to every one of our schools, whether it is a SRO from the Schools Police or an agency, or a school security officer by Aug. 1," Herbic said.

Police Beat

Largo man accused of kidnapping 2-year-old, attempted murder

LARGO - A 27-year-old Largo man is being held in the Pinellas County Jail on multiple charges including kidnapping and attempted felony murder.

Detectives with the Sheriff's Violent Offender Warrant Unit arrested Johnny A. Wise about 9:34 p.m. June 14. He was transported to the county jail and charged with one count of kidnapping, one count of attempted felony murder, one count of criminal mischief, three counts of violation of probation - sale of cocaine, three counts of violation of probation - aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and one count of violation of probation - possession of cocaine with intent to sell.

According to detectives, deputies responded to the residence of Jasmine Golden, 26, on 125th Street North in unincorporated Largo about 10:04 p.m. June 10 for a domestic disturbance. When deputies arrived, Golden told deputies her ex-boyfriend, Wise, became angry after a verbal argument and broke several windows in her home.

Golden told deputies Wise threatened to shoot her and then kidnapped her 2-year-old child, Christopher Matthews. Wise fled the residence with Matthews in a 1997 Buick LeSabre.

Detectives say Jasmine Golden's step-father, Raymond Golden, 59, of Largo witnessed the incident and followed Wise to the intersection of Sixth Street Southwest and Fourth Avenue Southwest in his 2007 Nissan Frontier truck.

When Raymond pulled up behind Wise in his truck, Wise placed the Buick in reverse and accelerated at a high rate of speed intentionally crashing into Raymond's truck. The crash caused significant damage to Raymond's vehicle but he was uninjured.

After ramming Raymond's truck, Wise fled in the Buick but then left the vehicle with the child near

the intersection of West Bay Drive and Ridge Road Southwest. Deputies from the K-9 Unit and the Flight Unit responded and tried tracking Wise but were unable to find him.

Meanwhile, Wise made contact with a family member of the child and safely released Matthews to that person's custody. The child was uninjured.

Wise continued to avoid arrest until June 14 when he was located and arrested at a residence on Williams Drive in Largo.



Johnny Wise

Deputies investigate hit-and-run crash in Madeira Beach

MADEIRA BEACH - Pinellas County Sheriff's deputies are investigating a motorcycle versus vehicle hit-and-run crash that occurred 10:54 p.m. June 15 just south of 131st Avenue East in Madeira Beach.

According to deputies assigned to the Major Accident Investigation Team, D'Anta Solomon, 30, of Temple Terrace was driving his 2008 Volkswagen Jetta northbound in the curb lane of Gulf Boulevard approaching the intersection of 129th Avenue West in Madeira Beach, when he slowed down for a vehicle making a right turn off Gulf Boulevard.

Lance McLeod, 55, of Seminole was behind Solomon driving his 2014 Harley Davidson northbound in the curb lane of Gulf Boulevard, when he rear-ended Solomon's Volkswagen. After the impact, McLeod left the scene of the crash and sped off on his motorcycle, northbound on Gulf Boulevard.

Investigators say McLeod continued north toward the intersection of 131st Avenue East, where he rear-ended a second vehicle, a 2002 Honda Civic driven by Urszula Brzeska Boguszewski, 61, of Largo. The crash caused McLeod to lose control and he was ejected off his motorcycle. Paramedics responded to the scene and transported McLeod to Bayfront Health St. Petersburg Hospital for serious non-life threatening injuries. No one else was injured.

Investigators have reason to believe McLeod was impaired at the time of the crash.

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management. "I think we'll be able to get ahead of the curve rather than being reactive," Undestad told city commissioners during a June 12 work session at City Hall. "With a lot of these calls we can be more proactive and better serve the community and the mental health part of that along with reducing ... some of the calls for service that are repetitive from these types of individuals that need some resources. So, I think this is a great opportunity and I look forward to and am excited for the partnership."

Overcoming funding obstacles

Undestad said the program is something he has been pursuing for years, but the funding has never been available. At the same time, Largo's Housing Division began to hear more about an increase in crime and mental health issues as part of its public outreach during development of its annual Community Development Block Grant Action Plan.

"We reached out to the police department to see if there was a way our CDBG funding could help with what they were looking at doing for some mental health services to better serve the community," said Arrow Woodard, a grant specialist with the Housing Division.

The nearly \$30,000 in grant money combined with added funds from the public safety staffing plan, which will be adding officers the next fiscal year, meant the city could afford the nearly \$60,000 annual cost to fund the program.

Navigating mental health

Another key to forming the program was the involvement of Directions for Living, a Clearwater-based nonprofit that provides child welfare, behavioral health and homeless services throughout the county. In the past few years, it also has partnered with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office and Clearwater Police Department on similar programs.

April Lott, president and CEO of Directions for Living, said she started getting involved with agencies several years ago because "the jail has become our largest mental health facility."

Lott, who has also helped train hundreds of officers on how to handle people suffering from mental health problems, said officers who field the calls are left with few options.

They can either send them to jail, detain them under the Baker Act or leave them at home with no help, she said.

"Currently, right now today, every Baker Act bed is full in Pinellas County, and if we needed to Baker Act somebody, we would be either diverting them to a hospital or, if it's a child, we are currently sending them out of county," Lott said, adding that the Baker Act is only for 72 hours and does not include treatment. "We have no more beds. So this initiative with Largo, with Pinellas County Sheriff's department and with Clearwater Police Department really was in an effort to try to get ahead ... of some of these calls for service that are labor intensive for law enforcement."

Lott said the behavioral health navigator would perform the assessment on the scene and then do what is necessary to get

that individual connected to services.

If the person is unwilling, the navigator can put them on a high-call list and circle back to check on them later, which would hopefully reduce unnecessary 911 calls.

In fact, data collected by the LPD showed that the same 15 people with mental health concerns made 731 calls in 2017.

"Our hope really is that we would not only reduce calls for service to law enforcement but that we would get these individuals connected to the behavioral health services that they need to live safely and stably in their community," she said.

City Manager Henry Schubert added that he thinks the efforts could also ultimately have a positive impact on fire calls and code enforcement.

Making a difference

Lott said the program has yielded impressive results thus far.

"In Clearwater, the calls for service from the same residence from the same individual has gone down 55 percent, because we are connected to that individual," she said.

Commissioner John Carroll, a former Largo police chief, said follow-up will be the key to success and that whatever money the city spends on the program will be well worth it if it saves lives.

"Recurring situations at the same address or with the same individual by different responding officers always have the potential to end in a deadly force situation without this kind of training, without this kind of intervention," he said.

Undestad said he hopes to get officers trained and ready to go sometime between October and December.

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will appreciate some greasy fast food, but the bulk of the clientele of this golf course are health conscious adults who appreciate being able to get a freshly cooked meal after a long day on the course. Sadly, if you go through with this change our group will move to other local courses who offer decent food for their patrons."

Some comments were even more blunt.

"Where is your loyalty after 12 years of great service, great food and great prices? Shame on you!" wrote Barbara Palmeri.

Some patrons also expressed concerns about the handling of food.

Joan Byrne, recreation, parks and arts director, said the city also serves prepared meals at the Community Center and golf course employees would go through a similar certification process.

Aside from changing the fare, golf course manager Jason Wilson said the decision will give the city more control and options for the future.

"It's controlling the whole experience from the moment they walk into the door, go to the pro shop, go on the golf course and come in and socialize," Wilson said, noting that St. Petersburg also controls operations at its three courses and it has become an industry trend. "We feel by having that control and having that ability that we would maximize the amount of times they come visit our golf course, the amount of referrals we get from that patron."

Byrne added that some customers

have voiced displeasure with their experience, so, since a vendor won't be used, staff could address complaints in a timely manner.

"When somebody comes into the golf course, and it's true of any of our facilities, they don't know who's a vendor, who's a city employee, what's our operation, what isn't," she said. "So if they have an issue with, it reflects on us."

According to Khoury, that control will allow the city to do some renovations so the cafe and pro shop are almost one facility.

She said they would also revisit an idea that Wilson had some 10 years ago.

"We eventually would want to have the facility be a venue for rentals - weddings, family gatherings, that sort of thing," she said. "Right now, the facility is not being used for that and having it be one whole operation, it gives us the ability to be more flexible in how we run that as a rental venue."

After reviewing the complaints, Commissioner John Carroll wondered during the June 19 City Commission how much contact the city had with customers when creating the proposal and what the next step would be.

"These emails keep trickling in and I just want to make sure we're in front of these issues before we address them," he said.

City Manager Henry Schubert said he didn't think any customer input was solicited, but the proposal will be revisited during the city's budget deliberations Sept. 4.

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PINELLAS PARK

Habitat buys land for 75 homes

Group pays \$2.1M for 7.3-acre property in what would be its biggest project yet

By CHRIS GEORGE
Tampa Bay Newspapers

PINELLAS PARK – Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas is embarking on its most ambitious project yet after recently acquiring a 7.3-acre piece of land in Pinellas Park for \$2.1 million.

Mike Sutton, CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas, said the plan

will be to build 75 single-family homes on the land at the northeast corner of 68th Street and 62nd Avenue North.

"The largest project we've done to date has been a 51-home subdivision in Clearwater," he said. "So this would definitely be by far the largest project we've undertaken."

Sutton said the hope is to have a shovel in the ground by Jan. 1, but there's plenty to be done before reaching that point.

"There's a lot of brainstorming still going on," he said. "One of the conversations we're having is potentially partnering with a couple of other organizations and doing

some mixed income in there, so that's it's not just Habitat homes. Maybe we bring in a builder who would do some market-rate homes as well as maybe another affordable builder that could serve a different income level than we do."

The seller hasn't been disclosed yet, but Sutton said an area Realtor connected Habitat with the owner, and they've been negotiating with her the past few months.

"She really likes the idea of what Habitat for Humanity does and so she was willing to work with us," Sutton said, noting that the \$2.1 million price was a good deal for

the property. "A piece of property like that is rare and hard to find in Pinellas County, so I'm sure there's a lot of developers out there that would've loved it."

Habitat of Pinellas, which has an annual budget of about \$15 million, has nearly doubled the number of homes it has built in the past three years.

Last year, the organization built 59 new homes and served 18 families.

It has built more than 400 homes in Pinellas since it broke ground on its first in 1985 and is the second-largest Habitat affiliate in the nation based on new construction.



Photos by CHRIS GEORGE

Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas has several homes under construction across the street from Avia Bowen's new home at 1425 Oak St. in Ridgcrest. Mike Sutton, CEO of Habitat, said the group has acquired 22 lots in the area.

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and volunteers) to be involved with them to be able to build houses. It also helps the community to understand that it's not just these people being given a home, but there is also a lot of work and sweat equity involved in it, and I think it's important for them to see it firsthand."

Planting a seed

Mike Sutton, CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas, said similar success in the nearby Dansville community, where the group completed 13 homes, attracted the attention of Pinellas County officials.

"They had a number of parcels, seven lots in the Greater Ridgcrest community, and they asked if we would be interested in potentially developing these properties," Sutton said.

Since the county had owned the lots for several years, County Commissioner Pat Gerard, a former mayor of Largo, said the move made sense because Habitat is a wise investment.

"We've put a lot of infrastructure improvements in there, sidewalks and drainage and all sorts of things," she said. "Now, we're just looking at this as the next step."

The nonprofit reached out to community leaders and faith groups in Ridgcrest, and came to the conclusion that, since most residents have a low or moderate income level and little development work had been done in the area over the past 30 to 40 years, there was a need for affordable housing.

While the county deeded the lots over, Habitat started to acquire its own properties.

"There's quite a few vacant lots in the area, so between the seven lots the county donated and the ones we picked up, we've assembled about 22 lots," Sutton said. "Our hope is that the work we do there helps improve home values, improves the community and it provides affordable living opportunities for those that are living in Ridgcrest."

Gerard said that is exactly what Habitat does.

"They come in to our neighborhoods and build a few homes and all of a sudden you look around and the other homeowners in the area are starting to clean up their yards and take a little more pride in their property," she said. "So it can really be transformational and I think it will be, especially in the Baskins area that they're building in right now."

Unlike some other developers, Bryant, who has been involved with the community since 1998, said Habitat is welcome in the community because residents know the homeowners, who are required to complete 350 to 450 volunteer hours as part of the homeownership program, are there to stay.

"A lot of the residents have been there from the beginning and they,



Avia Bowen, who just received a home courtesy of Habitat for Humanity, speaks with Isabella Nunez, economic development coordinator with the city of Largo, right, and City Commissioner Jamie Robinson on June 12 in Ridgcrest. Nunez helps with the city's annexation efforts.



Steve Payne, general manager of Clearwater Toyota, which sponsored the home, presents the keys to Avia Bowen during a Habitat for Humanity dedication ceremony June 12 in Ridgcrest.

kind of like Habitat homeowners, moved in there at one point in their lives and they have lived there their whole lives," he said. "So I think it's a very critical piece that this continues to help the community have the same type of residents and the same kind of values."

Sutton said the entire community, including Ridgcrest Elementary, the YMCA and the Friends of Ridgcrest, has embraced the group's mission.

"The best part about this whole project so far has been that the neighborhood has been welcoming to Habitat and is excited about some building going on in their community," he said.

The future of Greater Ridgcrest

That building is ongoing, Sutton said. Nine homes are currently under construction and four or five more will get started in the next

couple of months. Work has also continued in Dansville, where the group has acquired six more lots and will begin developing them over the next year.

Bryant said the addition of Habitat homeowners helps with the preservation of the community's identity and culture, because, as some of the older residents pass away, properties are being turned over to investors who are using them for rentals.

"That kind of changes the flavor of the community. So having these homeowners, really true homeowners, moves the community back to the direction on which it was established," he said.

Whether those new residents will annex into the city of Largo is uncertain.

Bryant said failed attempts to annex the community, most recently in 2004, and decades of distrust have led to a complicated

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relationship, so city officials will need to make sure the community feels like it is guaranteed services.

"It is improving, though, because the city of Largo is reaching out not just simply to annex them, but to have communications with them about the benefits of annexation," he said. "There's still some animosity because there's not a lot of trust with the city of Largo, and the county has forever been there and has really done a lot to help the community. So there's a lot more trust with the county."

No matter where it is, Bowen, who spoke with Largo city officials at the dedication, is just glad to have a place of her own where she can focus on her and her children's future.

"I will never again have to worry about finding another apartment when the rent gets too high. I won't have to worry about moving my sons to a new school every year," she said. "We are now home."

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Around Largo

Nonprofit to hold paint and take event

LARGO – Art Lovers Place Inc. and the Pinellas Gulf Coast PH Support Group will host a Paint and Take event for patients living with pulmonary hypertension as well as for their caregivers and PH medical personnel.

The event will take place Thursday, June 21, noon to 3 p.m., at 1300 Clearwater-Largo Road. Jim Melton, an award-winning fine watercolor artist, will be conducting the workshop. Melton will guide attendees through each step. By the end of the workshop, participants will leave with a finished, matted painting.

Lunch is included. Space is limited to 20 participants. Reservations are required. To RSVP, email Paint@ArtLoversPlace.org or call 727-518-1300.

This project is supported by a Tom Lantos Innovation in Community Service Award.

The Pulmonary Hypertension Association's Tom Lantos Innovation in Community Service Award is funded by Gilead.

Palms of Largo to host SummerFest for Good

LARGO – SummerFest for Good will take place Saturday, July 7, noon to 5 p.m., at The Plaza at The Palms of Largo, 385 Alt. Keene Road, Largo.

The Benevolence Foundation is encouraging Tampa Bay families to come out for an afternoon of food, family fun, shopping at the market, and raffles for a worthy cause. Some of Tampa Bay's top mobile chefs will be serving up their award-winning menus with a special summer themed dish, including cool and sweet treats for every type of taste imaginable. There will be a beach ball play space for kids of all ages, a toddler zone, face painting, and balloon art.

The Benevolence Foundation Inc. offers grant and educational opportunities to assist worthy locally focused 501c3 nonprofit missions on projects that help our Tampa Bay neighbors-in-need.

This year's SummerFest For Good event aims to help the Mothers of Minors volunteer team with their fourth annual Showers of Love Community Baby Shower and storage unit expenses in 2018.

Visit thebenevolencefoundation.org.

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.

West Coast Swing is a six-count, slotted partner dance that uses a variety of music formats.

For more information, visit www.tbwca.com.

Largo Central Park

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

Largo set to celebrate Fourth of July

LARGO – Fireworks will once again illuminate the night sky over Central Park during Largo's annual Fourth of July celebration.

The event begins at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 4, and will feature food, entertainment and activities for all ages, followed by a fireworks show starting at approximately 9:15 p.m. The celebration also will include a pie-eating contest, which is free to the first 125 participants, and inflatable activities for a \$10 wristband.

Admission to the event is free, and wristbands will be available for purchase on site for \$10 (cash only).

One Blood will be accepting donations, and all donors will receive a free movie ticket, T-shirt and wellness checkup that includes blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and a cholesterol screening.

No alcohol, coolers, pets, personal fireworks or sparklers are permitted in the park.

Onsite parking will be available for \$10 (cash only). Parking at Largo High School will be \$5.

Free park and walk also will be available from Largo Middle School and the former Everest University.

For more information, call 727-587-6740, ext. 5014.

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.blogspot.com, 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.

McGough Nature Park

McGough Nature Park is at 11901 146th St. N. and includes the Narrows Environmental Education Center. Visit largoparks.com or call 727-518-3047.

Center to host Look Alive Bird Show

LARGO – The Look Alive Bird Show will be presented Sunday, June 24, from 1 to 2 p.m., at the Narrows Environmental Education Center.

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.

Highland Recreation Complex

Highland Recreation Complex is at 400 Highland Ave. Visit HighlandRecreation.com or call 727-518-3016.

Walk the plank at Splash's Treasure Hunt

LARGO – Kids can hunt for hidden treasure at this year's Splash's Treasure Hunt on Saturday, July 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Children ages 12 and younger can enjoy age-group treasure hunts, and all ages can take advantage of a four-hour swim session.

Admission wristbands are available at the Highland Recreation Complex for \$6 for members and \$9 nonmembers. Admission is limited to the first 350 attendees.

Splash's Snack Bar will be open with \$1 hot dogs.

Highland to host glow in dark yoga

LARGO – Join instructor Lynn Winters-Hicks for a special glow in the dark yoga class Thursday, July 12, 7 p.m. Glow sticks and glow in the dark body paint will be provided. Bring your own yoga mat or one can be provided.

Cost is \$20 for members and \$40 for nonmembers.

Preregistration is required. Participants can register online or visit any of the city's three recreation facilities.

Teen nights take over Highland this summer

LARGO – This summer, teens will take over Highland Recreation with the new Summertime Half Nighter on Saturday, July 14, from 6 p.m. to midnight.

For \$30, teens will enjoy going to Xtreme Fun Center, Airheads and Liberty Lanes, transportation and a light snack provided. Kids are encouraged to bring extra money so they can make purchases throughout the night at each destination.

Teen Takeover Night will also return on Saturdays June 30, July 21 and Aug. 25, for \$10 each.

A signed participation ID form is required at the first visit for Summertime Half Nighter and Teen Takeover Night. Preregistration is required for Summertime Half Nighter and encouraged for Teen Takeover Night.

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Class to teach kids how to become a mermaid

LARGO – Local children won't have to go to all the way to Weeki Wachee to learn how to become a mermaid because Highland Recreation Complex will host Mermaid 101 on Saturday, July 14, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Using swimmable mermaid tails, instructor Karen Tickner will teach kids age 6-13 mermaid swimming skills and underwater tricks. Participants will also receive an "Official Mermaid Certification."

The cost is \$59 for each child. For an additional cost, mermaids can take home their own tails.

The class is limited to eight participants, who must be able to float on their back, roll over on the surface, and can swim 25 yards unassisted and be comfortable in deep water.

Lifeguards will be on duty.

Southwest Rec Complex

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

Southwest hosts Flick-n-Float movies

LARGO – 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.

Aqua bike cycling classes offered

LARGO – 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.

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 Desselle 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

• Open Mic Night: First Fridays, 7 to 10 p.m. Bring 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.

• Line dance parties: Fourth Fridays, 7 to 10 p.m. Line dancing is a low-impact exercise for all ages. Beginner dancers can easily follow the more seasoned dancers on our split floor setup in the Goodman Ballroom. Admission is \$8 per person.

Group meetings

American Legion Post 119

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

Lunches featuring burgers and specials will

be served Monday and Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. On Wednesday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., a steak hoagie special will be served. Lunch will not be served Thursday or Friday, but takeout orders are accepted by calling 727-584-2038.

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.

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.

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

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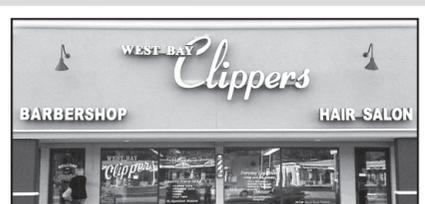
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LETTERS

New neighbors every week?

Editor:

Municipalities had the ability to control short-term rentals until 2011. At that time, the Florida Legislature passed a bill that prevented municipalities from implementing new zoning regulations for short-term rentals while also voiding any existing regulations if any changes were made. As recently as 2018, legislation has been presented that would open all residential neighborhoods up to short-term rentals despite any zoning or ordinance that restricts or regulates frequency or location.

The negative results of any legislation that would remove ordinances regulating such rentals includes noise, traffic, parking, garbage and safety. Accordingly, all of these issues would be handled by local law enforcement. However, unlike a permanent resident who can be communicated with on a continuing basis, the weekly (or nightly) turnover of people would cause repeated violations of same offenses. Opening up the residential neighborhoods to these issues is counterproductive to the peace, serenity and safety that we currently enjoy in our homes – all of which are not for sale for any amount of tax revenue as touted by proponents of these bills.

The best government is the government that is closest to the people. Home rule, which is the ability of local government to represent the wishes of their constituents, is slowly being eroded by Tallahassee politicians whose perceived values and opinions are not reflective of the people but more reflective of businesses and lobbyists.

All of our elected officials should make it a priority to educate the public on the negative effects that vacation rentals will have on their neighborhoods and the importance of our current zoning laws that separate business areas and residential communities.

Mayor Alan Johnson, St. Pete Beach
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Mayor Mary Beth Henderson, Redington Shores
Mayor Pat Soranno, Indian Shores
Mayor Cookie Kennedy, Indian Rocks Beach
Mayor Leslie Notaro, Belleair Beach

Big buses bothersome

Editor:

The bus issue in Pass-A-Grille has several facets. The first is the size of the buses. Once they were charming trolleys. Today they are full-sized city buses, albeit some dressed up to look like old-fashioned trolleys. Our streets in PAG are not as wide as Gulf Boulevard or Central Avenue. The buses are simple too large. They did considerable property damage to our side streets during the first phase of our road construction.

Also, the buses are much bigger than needed. I live near the end of the line and more times than not there is nobody either getting on or off the buses, which run every 20 minutes. The buses frequently speed, occasionally run stop signs and make illegal U-turns at 9th Avenue and Gulf Way rather than going down to First Avenue as they are supposed to. And, as our city commissioner pointed out, there is no reason for the buses to travel on any residential avenue except 21st and 1st, and yet they do without consequence.

To be clear, we want public transportation in Pass-A-Grille, but we need it to be appropriately sized and driven with consideration for those of us who live here and our many visitors.

Chris Core
 Pass-A-Grille

Reader takes swing at golf course

Editor:

This is in response to the Belleair town commissioners enthusiastically embracing more expansion plans for the unneeded Pelican Golf Club project. Does anybody realize that there are already 18 golf courses in Pinellas County? I'm not necessarily happy that there will be more commercial golf course grass being allowed to be watered every day, while I won't be allowed to water my own lawn because I'm on emergency drought water rationing again this summer.

Scott Morton
 Largo

They said it

Quotes from famous people born in June.

"No dream is too big. No challenge is too great. Nothing we want for our future is beyond our reach."
 – **Donald Trump**

"If slaughterhouses had glass walls, everyone would be a vegetarian."
 – **Paul McCartney**

"The more I expect, the more unhappy I am going to be. The more I accept, the more serene I am."
 – **Michael J. Fox**

"The Titanic was built by professionals. The Ark was built by volunteers."
 – **Barbara Bush**

"If you don't lose, you cannot enjoy the victories. So I have to accept both things."
 – **Rafael Nadal**

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.

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Donald Trump's laundry and Ellee

Driver's Seat
Bob Driver

The media have examined almost every nook and cranny of President Trump's life and personality. The Donald has commanded and mostly enjoyed more publicity-per-day than any White House occupant in modern history.

But several areas remain unexplored. One of them is Trump's personal clothing – the pajamas, shirts, underwear and socks that he presumably puts on each day of his life. Why should we care about this? Answer: we shouldn't. Except for one angle or aspect: when his freshly-washed garments are returned to his living quarters, does the president fold his own laundry, or does he allow someone else to do it?

This question came to me this week as I folded my own laundry. I undertake this chore every couple of weeks, and I'm always comforted each time I do it. I arise from that task more relaxed and with lower blood pressure than when I started. I can't help wondering if President Trump might not be benefited if he, too, took the time to fold his laundry.

For one thing, laundry warm and fresh from the dryer is delightfully clean and unthreatening. "Where else can Trump experience that? Not in the Oval Office, for sure. The problems, decisions and threats that land on the president's desk each day are uniformly of the PF (political feces) variety. This malodorous quality hangs over him everywhere he goes.

Another reassuring benefit of folding clean clothing is that, for at least during the short time required, you know what you're doing. No

one looks over your shoulder to say, "hankies first, then your shirts, and don't get your zippers tangled." You are the boss. You arrange each item exactly as you wish, and the hell with what MSNBC or Rachel Maddow might think.

It would also help Trump's peace of mind if he had a cat to help him with the laundry. I don't know if the president owns a dog or cat. As my 38 Faithful Readers know, I have a cat named Ellee. She is a sweetheart who radiates serenity each time she enters the room. Her favorite time (except for chasing the laser beam I flash around the floor) is laundry-folding day.

It usually involves three piles of clothing. I take the first pile from the dryer, carry it into my bedroom and deposit it as a clump in the center of the bed. Sharp-eyed Ellee watches. Half an hour later as I return with the second installment of clothing, Ellee sits atop the first array as if she had belonged there from the moment of her birth. "This is my kingdom, old man!" she seems to say. My response: I simply dump the latest laundry pile on top of her.

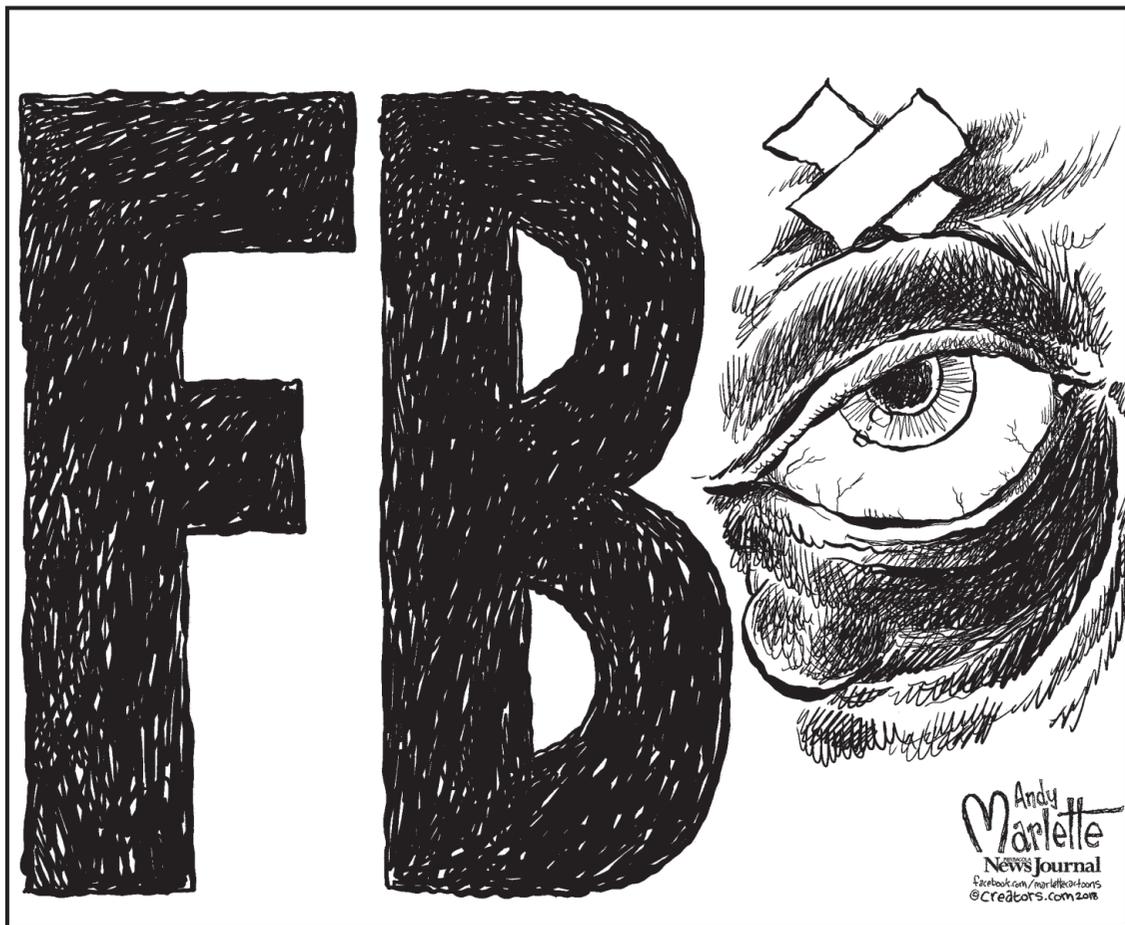
For the third and final segment of this panormna, Ellee is nowhere to be seen. Has she skulked off in a tiff, enraged at my

ungentlemanly treatment of her? Not on your life, or mine. As I study the morass of my garments for a moment, I spot a likely aperture and remove a sock or washcloth to the side. A worshipful, thoroughly contented feline face peers out at me. Ellee's only laundry flaw: she refuses to help me fold my clothing.

Would Trump's indulging in such a ceremony in the White House family quarters with his own cat or other pet bring him the shot of serenity that Ellee gives to me? Who knows? Perhaps not. Rumor has it that the president sets a high value on being obeyed by all creatures (human or otherwise) in his presence. So a cat might not last long.

As I write this column about clean laundry, I'm wondering if, or how many, readers will be wondering if I will follow up with some snide comments about Mr. Trump's personal dirty laundry. That's a fair question, I suppose, and I'm not above tossing in my two cents worth of criticism about Trump or any other high and mighty office-holders. But Trump is already being worked over, with apparent cause, by a baying chorus of journalistic hellhounds. My own comments would be drowned out by the howls of the big dogs, so this time I'll stay on the porch.

A note to any readers who may have emailed me in recent days: my own email system collapsed during my purchase of a new laptop. I'm trying to resurrect my files and will reply to you as soon as I'm able to.



Summit ends with vague commitments

SINGAPORE – Because it started so differently – with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un inviting President Donald Trump to a face-to-face meeting, which the mercurial Trump promptly accepted – Tuesday's summit in Singapore held out the promise of delivering something big and transformative.

Instead, the summit wrapped up like most other international jaw fests – with vague commitments and a piece of parchment that is not binding, but at best aspirational.

The joint statement signed by Trump and Kim presented a step back. It omitted the usual U.S. demand that North Korean denuclearization be both "verifiable" and "irreversible." It's hard to not see that as a win for the hermit kingdom.

"I gave up nothing," Trump insisted to reporters. Wrong. He gave up two words that would have made it clear that Pyongyang needs to deliver.

Trump doesn't see that. "There is no longer a Nuclear Threat from North Korea," he tweeted later. I guess he thinks he's that good.

To die-hard boosters, any criticism of a Trump accomplishment is a cheap shot. When pundits and policy luminaries criticize Trump, his base figures, he must be doing something right.

This time, however, apart from the knee-jerk detractors, there are many who want this deal to succeed and who crave a reason to believe it can and will. But they're not seeing it.

"We did expect more detail than what came out of the meeting – some more solid direction of where we're going, on how we plan to get there and why this time is different," said Stimson Center research analyst Jenny Town.

When reporters asked how long it will take



Debra Saunders

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to denuclearize the Korean peninsula, Trump refused to offer even a rough timetable.

"It takes a long time to pull off complete denuclearization," he said.

Trump noted that some experts say that it could take 15 years, but he didn't think that's accurate. "We don't know, but it will come pretty quickly," he said.

Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, issued a statement of support with a warning. "I am hopeful that the negotiations can achieve these goals. In the past, however, North Korea has used talks to stall while continuing its nuclear and missile programs, and empty promises

cannot buy more time."

Perhaps Portman also saw a president who doesn't trust in specific goals, but in trust itself. Trump repeatedly made the same points: Trump trusts Kim; Kim trusts Trump. So at the end of this improbable meeting between two long-time opponents, Trump ended up looking like other American presidents who got gulled by a hellhole strongman.

At Sentosa Island, site of the summit, Trump posited that denuclearizing North Korea could save 30 million people or more. The metropolitan Seoul area has some 26 million residents. Trump argued he was willing to give Kim a global public relations victory if that's what it took to protect his potential targets.

Ditto the odd video Trump showed Kim to sell North Korea's top gun on the prospect of ruling over a prosperous nation if he only puts away his big bombs. I have trouble believing the buddy-movie the White House played could prevent nuclear war – but maybe this is the sort of weird play it takes to get there.

Having seen Trump prevail when he seemed bound to fail, I don't count him out easily. And it would be something of a win if the Singapore summit yielded a freeze in Kim's nuclear and missile works, although that might have happened with "maximum pressure" sanctions alone.

Bottom line: If Trump wants this handshake to denuclearize North Korea, he'll need more support in Washington. Moreover, if Trump wants the deal to last beyond his tenure, he has to sell it based on more than good feelings.

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Ruth Eckerd Hall continues renovation

CLEARWATER – This summer, the north façade of Ruth Eckerd Hall will be torn down to expand the current 1,000-square-foot lobby to six times the size. The work is part of the ongoing Expanding the Experience renovation.

The new space will include expanded food and beverage service and the Kate Tiedemann and Ellen Cotton Cabaret Theatre, which will be a new pre-show performance venue for students in the Ruth Eckerd Hall education programs and The Florida Orchestra. Technical students will collaborate with student performers to stage live performances before the main stage shows.

The Dress Circle Lounge for Circle of Stars members will be doubled in size, giving it a modern makeover and locating it adjacent to the new grand lobby. A second bar will be added downstairs. Members will experience a new level of pre-show hospitality by having access to twice as many amenities as they currently enjoy in the much larger space.

Construction will continue on the outside of the venue beginning with the England Family Welcome Pavilion, a new outdoor entertainment area that will welcome patrons to the venue on their walk from their vehicles. Students in the Ruth Eckerd Hall education programs, as well as other area youth and the Florida Orchestra, will perform live music. This pavilion will feature seating as well as food and beverage service and will be adjacent to the new arrival plaza and the Raymond James Financial Ticket Office.

The new arrival plaza will be expanded to accommodate patrons with more room to drop off members of their party, avail themselves to valet parking or temporarily park their cars on non-show days while purchasing tickets at the Raymond James Financial Ticket office. The Raymond James Financial Ticket Office will be renovated to include a substantial overhang, designed to mirror the ones at the entrances to the Murray Theatre and Ruth Eckerd Hall's administrative offices, which will provide protection from the elements.

The first phase of the Expanding the Experience renovation began in 2015, when the Murray Theatre at Ruth Eckerd Hall began and completed a \$1.5 million dollar renovation that included a new ticket office, lobby and bar area, state-of-the-art upgrades in lighting and sound and a variety of seven new and available seating configurations.

Other phases included the recreation of the 350-person capacity Margarete Heye Great Room, a new HVAC system, physical and aesthetic improvements to the roadway leading from McMullen Booth Road to Ruth Eckerd Hall and changes to the main parking lot. A revised traffic pattern will enable patrons to pull directly in to the parking lot without having to drive around the building. New signage, lighting and landscape will be added along the roadway. The majority of these changes will be completed by August of this year.

Free pet stress seminar set for June 25

NORTH REDINGTON BEACH – A free seminar on how to achieve stress-free vet visits and help nervous pets manage anxiety will be presented Wednesday, June 27, 7 p.m., at Dr. Kathy's Veterinary Care, 16701 Gulf Blvd., North Redington Beach.

Refreshments will be served. Seating is limited. To RSVP, call 727-317-0099 or email info@drkathys.com.

BBA takes in some art



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Members and guests of the Bluffs Business Association meet recently for the monthly after-hours mingle hosted by Art Lovers Place, 1300 Clearwater-Largo Road. Attendees enjoyed refreshments while making new business contacts. The next mingle will be Thursday, Aug. 9, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., at Fitness Together, 2917 West Bay Drive, Belleair Bluffs. All businesses regardless of location are invited to attend. Attendees may bring a door prize and give a brief commercial about their business. For more information, visit BluffsBusinessAssociation.com or call 727-686-8797.

Clearwater Beach hotel wins chamber award

CLEARWATER – McKibbin Hospitality, an award-winning leader in the hotel development and management industry, recently announced that Hampton Inn & Suites Clearwater Beach won the 2018 Best Hotel/Motel/Inn of the Year Award from the Clearwater Beach Chamber of Commerce.

The hotel is managed by McKibbin Hospitality and owned by Page Hotels & Resorts.

"It is an honor to be recognized as the best among the many great accommodations in Clearwater Beach," said Randy Hassen, president of McKibbin Hospitality's hotel management division, in a press release. "The Hampton Inn & Suites Clearwater Beach being selected by local voters and peers is a testament to the hard work of the hotel associates to provide top guest experiences for Clearwater visitors."

Two other hotels managed by McKibbin Hospitality and owned by Page Hotels & Resorts were finalists in the category: the Coconut Cove All-Suite Hotel and Quality Hotel Clearwater Beach Resort. Winners in 14 categories were determined by surveying the 300 members of the Chamber of Commerce.

The award was presented at the 23rd annual Clearwater Beach Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet held June 5 at the Wyndham Grand Resort.

Pinellas Park set to open Public Works Center

PINELLAS PARK – The city of Pinellas Park's new Public Works Operation Center will host a grand opening and open house Thursday, June 28, 11 a.m., at 6250 82nd Ave. N., Pinellas Park.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be at noon. All of the Public Works Department is now under one roof. The center includes Utilities, Construction, Transportation, Stormwater, Parks, Facilities Maintenance and a new Fleet Maintenance facility. The city's emergency operations center will also soon be located in this building.

Home Helpers offers wheelchair transportation

CLEARWATER – Wheelchair riders in northern Pinellas County have a new option when it comes to getting to and from destinations ranging from doctor's appointments and grocery shopping to social engagements and more. Home Helpers of Clearwater is starting a new safe wheelchair transportation service with a customized van, professional drivers and a state-of-the-art dispatching system.

For information, call 727-942-2539 or visit HomeHelpersHomeCare.com/Clearwater.

Obituaries



SALHANY, Charles C. (Butch)

Charles C. (Butch) Salhany, 65, of Largo, FL, passed away at his home on Wednesday, April 11, 2018. While no one person is able to fully recount the passage of his life, facts and recollections include: Born on August 13, 1952, in Akron, OH, Butch spent his formative years with his parents in a household of three located in

Akron's Ellet neighborhood. Following high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving 1970-1971, with his last duty assignment aboard the destroyer USS Vesole, based at Charleston, SC. At the conclusion of his military service, Butch returned to the Akron area, later relocated to Burgaw, NC, and finally, circa 1984, moved near Largo, FL, where his parents were residing in retirement. During the 1970s-90s, Bruce married four times. He made use of his wide range of mechanical skills for his livelihood; among these were gunsmithing, but his primary field was in the maintenance and customizing of motorcycles. Until he ceased riding in his mid-50s, Butch's principle outdoor diversion, throughout his adult life, centered on motorcycles. He also enjoyed times spent at nearby beaches with friends and family. Butch is preceded in death by his parents, Charles G. and Dorothy L. Salhany and also by a few of his close friends, including Mike Morgan. Surviving first cousins reside in Iowa, Kentucky, and Ohio. Services including Military Honors will be held Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. at Bay Pines National Cemetery, 10000 Bay Pines Blvd., St. Petersburg, FL. Arrangements are entrusted to Grasso Funeral Services, (727)223-4965.

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Real estate newsmakers

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices receives Golden Barrel Award

TAMPA – Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Properties Group recently received with the prestigious Golden Barrel Award from Metropolitan Ministries, an organization that cares for the homeless and those at risk of homelessness in the Tampa Bay area.

"We believe strongly in Metropolitan Ministries' mission and work, and we are honored to receive this recognition," said Allen Crumbley, broker/owner of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Properties Group. "As demonstrated by our enthusiastic agents and team members, our company is dedicated to give back to the communities in which we live and work. We are committed to supporting Metropolitan Ministries' efforts to provide hope to area residents and families."

Metropolitan Ministries' Gold Barrel Award is presented quarterly to a business partner which best exemplifies dedication and outstanding service to others. Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Properties Group was recognized for its Cabernet Sleigh Drive, which takes place annually during the November/December holiday season. During the 2017 drive, the real estate firm collected and delivered more than seven tons of food (approximately 14,500 pounds), more than \$4,000 in gift cards and cash, and more than a thousand gift items to the nonprofit organization.

In addition to the Cabernet Sleigh drive, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Properties Group participates in donation drives of furniture and household items and provides Metropolitan Ministries with in-kind gifts and volunteer support at the organization's Tampa and Pasco County campuses throughout the year.

RE/MAX ACR Elite Group Inc. names top agents

BELLEAIR BLUFFS – RE/MAX ACR Elite Group Inc. recently recognized the top agents in the Belleair office in closed sales for the month of May.

The No. 1 agent was Tom Varga. The No. 2 agent was Gina Ruffner and the No. 3 agent was Dorita Mayeux.

RE/MAX ACR Elite Group Inc. has two offices located in the Tampa Bay area, with the local office being on West Bay Drive in Belleair Bluffs.

Mega Open House Weekend set

TAMPA – Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Properties Group will host its popular Mega Open House Weekend on Saturday, June 23, and Sunday, June 24.

In addition to Mega Open House Weekend, events are planned for July 21-22 and Aug. 25-26.

Since launching the Mega Open House weekends more than a year ago, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices has showcased nearly 500 homes and attracted thousands of visitors.

"We are thrilled with the success of our Mega Open House events, making it possible for prospective buyers to view dozens of beautiful homes that are currently for sale in one weekend," said Allen Crumbley, broker/owner of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Properties Group. "We have hundreds of homes in a wide range of styles and prices available throughout Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, Hernando, Polk and Highlands counties."

For the Mega Open House, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Properties Group agents have assembled their best listings for the event. For those interested in selling, the Mega Open House weekend offers wonderful exposure.

"We encourage sellers to contact us if they want their home listed and included in our Mega Open House Weekend events," said Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Properties Group Broker/Owner Dewey Mitchell. "These events are an excellent way to reach prospective buyers."

To view the homes featured in the Mega Open House Weekend, visit bit.ly/MegaOpenHouseWeekend. The list of open houses is continuously updated until the day prior to the event.

Realty Executives Adamo & Associates recognizes top associates

SEMINOLE – Realty Executives Adamo & Associates recently named its top agents for May.

Pam Raymond was recognized as the top listing associate for the month of May 2018. Raymond also was recognized as the top sales associates. Team Forrest Murphy was recognized as the top listing team and top sales team for the month.

Century 21 Real Estate Champions welcomes new agent

MADEIRA BEACH – Century 21 Real Estate Champions recently welcomed new agent Elizabeth Ghansiam-Mohabir.

Ghansiam-Mohabir will soon be receiving her bachelor's degree in finance. Her prior experience remodeling homes resulted in her being

featured on the DIY Network.

"I am very excited and proud to be a part of and work for this Champion team," said Ghansiam-Mohabir in a press release.

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices named 'Brand of the Year'

TAMPA – Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices, part of the HSF Affiliates LLC family of real estate brokerage franchise networks which includes Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Properties Group, recently announced their network was recognized as Real Estate Agency Brand of the Year and Most Trusted Real Estate Brand in the 30th annual Harris Poll EquifTrend study.

More than 77,000 U.S. consumers rated 3,000 brands in about 300 categories in the online study earlier this year. Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices received the highest ranking in the Real Estate Agency category based on consumers' perception of its brand familiarity, quality and purchasing consideration, among other qualifying factors.

Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate names top associates

BELLEAIR – Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate's Belleair and Clearwater Beach office recently recognized its top independent sales associates for their effort in May.

Terry Tillung, Alex Leousis, Tricia Priest, Bobbie Kahler and Laura Trundle were the top agents. Within The Thorn Collection, Brigett Cerce was the top sales agent in units and Allison Bouchard was the top listing agent and top sales agent in volume.

New Century 21 Champion agent announced

MADEIRA BEACH – Todd Harper recently joined Century 21 Real Estate Champions.

Harper will utilize his active marketing and promotion experience, and his ability to use cutting-edge technology to integrate into hundreds of Internet and social media sites to provide unsurpassed exposure to properties. He will get listings in front of qualified, potential buyers with a custom marketing plan tailored for each property. He capitalizes on the market reach and branding power of Century 21 and his brokerage Real Estate Champions to reach buyers and sellers across the country.

Raised in Seminole, Harper attended Seminole High School and the University of South Florida. He resides in Belleair Beach with his wife.

Cushman & Wakefield tapped to market Marina at John's Pass

MADEIRA BEACH – Cushman & Wakefield has been selected to market the Marina at John's Pass, a mixed-use waterfront property in Madeira Beach.

The property contains 138,715 square feet, including a parking garage, and is leased to restaurants, shops and tourism-related businesses.

The retail investment advisory team of managing director Jason Donald, managing director Patrick Berman and associate Todd Tolbert are marketing the property for sale on behalf of the owner, LCS Associates LLC.

The Marina at John's Pass is part of John's Pass Village & Boardwalk, which is a top tourist destination in Pinellas County. It is well-positioned in a high-traffic, densely populated area, with frontage along Gulf Boulevard, which runs north to south, connecting Tampa Bay's beaches, with a traffic count in excess of 20,000 vehicles a day.

The property is 81 percent occupied with a dynamic mix of tenants that are considered "internet-resistant, or non-threatened by the rising popularity of eCommerce, due to their experiential nature."

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ST. PETERSBURG – Weichert Real Estate Affiliates Inc. recently announced that several Weichert affiliated agents have successfully completed its Fast Track training.

Agents who completed the recent training include Kelly Reynolds, Patsy Levitz, Elena Rist and Julie Hurguy. The agents are all with Weichert Realtors – Equity.

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

"Our Fast Track program covers everything a real estate professional needs to know to help an agent start out on the right track towards a successful career in real estate," said Bill Scavone in a press release. Scavone is president and chief operating officer of Weichert Real Estate Affiliates Inc. "This program is designed to offer a unique learning experience to get our new associates productive as quickly as possible."

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Faith & Family Briefs

Lutheran Services collects enough shoes for foster children for the next 15 months

LARGO – During the month of May Lutheran Services Florida partnered with 25 community organizations to host Step for Success, a shoe drive.

The shoes were donated to Eckerd Connects Raising Hope, a store-front like room filled with necessities for foster kids. The goal was to collect 1,000 new pairs of shoes to represent the number of kids LSF serves through this program. With the help of the community, LSF surpassed that goal and collected 1,250 pairs of shoes, which will help outfit kids in care for the next 15 months.

"Kids in care who have lived through some of the most traumatic situations deserve this level of community support and engagement," said Heather King in a press release. King is the executive program director for LSF. "Every day many of these organizations that participated work together to provide stability and care for foster kids, but this campaign has brought us together in new and exciting ways. I promise to continue championing drives that bring out Tampa Bay's most compassionate people to help deliver daily life essentials to our foster kids."

The generosity from Tampa Bay was overwhelming as local businesses like Kookie Krumbs in Dunedin were trading cookies for shoes. Anyone who brought in a pair of shoes received a half dozen cookies. The Tampa law firm of Frank Charles Miranda Trial Attorneys gave a \$500 donation, which bought 25 name brand sneakers for teenage boys from the local Nike outlet.

Local churches also joined the cause. Heritage United Methodist Church hosted a barefoot Sunday service where parishioners attended church that day with a new pair of shoes for the drive. Others directly involved in the system like the Florida Department of Children and Families in Pinellas/Pasco collected an unbelievable 132 pairs of shoes.

During a celebration party, all the shoes collected were carried by community partners to Eckerd's Rooms of Hope, which are set up like small stores and filled with fresh clothing, pajamas, shoes, hygiene items, diapers, school supplies and other necessities.

Seminole church seeks vendors for fall market

SEMINOLE – Lake Seminole Presbyterian Church is now accepting applications for the 2018 Fall Market.

The 2018 Fall Market will take place Saturday, Nov. 3, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the church, 8505 113th St., Seminole.

Past markets have included handmade wood items, a variety of handcrafted fabric items, cosmetics, books, baked goods, women's clothing, handcrafted jewelry and many more. An application form can be picked up outside the church office. Forms also may be requested by email at lakeseminolepc@gmail.com.

Church to host movie night

CLEARWATER – A movie night will be presented Thursday, July 5, 6:30 p.m., in Keldsen Hall at Sylvan Abbey United Methodist Church, 2817 Sunset Point Road, Clearwater.

Snacks and drinks will be provided. Everyone is welcome. For information, call 727-796-3057 or visit SylvanAbbeyUMC.org.

To submit news and events, email editorial@TBNweekly.com. Submissions also may be faxed to 727-397-5900, dropped off at the office or mailed to Tampa Bay Newspapers, 9911 Seminole Blvd., Seminole, FL 33772. Please include contact information on all submissions. Announcements are printed as space allows.

Health Briefs

Largo Medical honored for stroke, heart care

LARGO – Largo Medical Center received four Quality Achievement Awards from the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association during the hospital's recent annual Stroke Smart event.

The awards recognize Largo Medical Center's commitment to ensuring stroke and heart disease patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines based on the latest scientific evidence. The awards received include the Get with the Guidelines-Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award; the Get with the Guidelines-Heart Failure Silver Plus Quality Achievement Award; the Get with the Guidelines-AFIB Gold Quality Achievement Award and the Mission: Lifeline – STEMI (Heart Attack) Receiving Center – Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award.

"Our hospital is dedicated to improving the quality of care for our heart disease and stroke patients by implementing the American Heart Association's guidelines for each initiative behind these awards," said Anthony Degina, Largo Medical Center CEO, in a press release. "The tools and resources provided help us track and measure our success in meeting evidence-based clinical parameters developed to improve patient outcomes."

Largo Medical Center's stroke patient treatment achievements are measured based upon the proper use of medication, other stroke treatments, patient education and transition services. Heart failure patient treatment achievements are based on the proper use of medicine, aggressive risk-reduction therapies, patient education and transition services. Atrial fibrillation patient achievements are based on providing appropriate medications and aggressive risk reduction therapies to stabilize the heart, prevent stroke, treatment of additional heart disease, patient education/counseling on managing their condition and follow up care. STEMI patient achievements were for meeting standards of performance for quick and appropriate treatment through emergency procedures to re-establish blood flow to blocked arteries.

"We are pleased to recognize Largo Medical Center's staff for their commitment to patient care," said Dr. Eric E. Smith, national chairman of the American Heart Association's Get with the Guidelines Steering Committee. "Research has shown hospitals adhering to clinical measures through the Get with the Guidelines quality improvement initiative can often see fewer readmissions and lower mortality rates."

DOH-Pinellas introduces Farmers Market Guide

June is National Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Month, which means it's a great time to visit local farmers markets in Pinellas.

To encourage residents and visitors to eat more vegetables and fruits, the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County developed a one-page map to help you find your closest fresh-food location.

The 2018 Pinellas County Farmers Market Guide lists markets by location, times and days of the week the markets are open, as well as links to various websites for more information.

Fresh fruits and vegetables are high in many important vitamins and minerals. People who eat more vegetables and fruits as part of an overall healthy diet are likely to have a reduced risk of some chronic diseases.

To download the 2018 Pinellas County Farmers Market Guide, visit pinellas.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/wellness-programs/health-promo-school-health/index.html.

For information about DOH-Pinellas, visit www.PinellasHealth.com.

Couple donates \$1M for nursing scholarships

CLEARWATER – Longtime area residents Doug and Sally Bailey recently made a \$1 million gift in support of the Morton Plant Mease Healthcare Foundation's Nursing Excellence Campaign, which will fund need-based scholarships for aspiring Morton Plant Mease nurses.

To honor this gift, the nursing education building at Mease Dunedin Hospital will be named the Sally L. Bailey Nursing Education Building.

Both Doug and Sally are grateful for the scholarship help they received that made college possible and want to pay it forward so others can benefit as they have.

The Baileys moved to the area in 1970 and enjoyed successful careers, he as a senior executive with Eckerd Corp. and she in commercial real estate. He is a former member of the Morton Plant Mease Healthcare and BayCare board of directors.

"Our community could have the best beaches, restaurants, theaters, arts and culture, but if we don't have our health to enjoy it, it means nothing," Doug said in a press release. "Health care is our community's greatest asset and we feel honored to do our part in supporting the hospitals."

"We are so appreciative that the Baileys have recognized the importance of an excellent health care system in our community and have invested their resources to allow us to help aspiring nurses achieve their education and career goals," said Ernestine Morgan, president and CEO of the Morton Plant Mease Health Care Foundation.

The Foundation offers nurses several innovative programs to help them grow in their careers.

Whooshing and racing



Photos by TOM GERMOND

Participants in the amateur AquaX personal watercraft class prepare for a race June 16 as part of the two-day Grand Prix of the Gulf at St. Pete Beach, held in front of the Postcard Inn, attracting a crowd of spectators. More than 100 boats participated in races. At right, Kristen Smoyer of Sebastian, a world-class fly board rider, held a demonstration during the Gran Prix. A flyboard rider stands on a board connected by a long hose to a watercraft. Water is forced to a pair of boots with jet nozzles underneath that provide thrust for the rider to fly up to 49 feet in the air.



Beautiful weather, strong tides help inshore and offshore shine

Great weather and strong tides this past week were key factors for what has been some hot fishing. Inshore anglers are catching tarpon, snook and redfish, often all in the same trip. Offshore anglers are enjoying good catches of red snapper, gag grouper and red grouper.

Tarpon enthusiasts have been gathering for the outgoing tides at Egmont the past several days. As the fish stack up in the deep hole they will often feed aggressively on the outgoing tide when thousands of crabs flush from the shallows of the bay out to the depths of the famous 90-foot hole. Free lining live crabs as you drift along with the tide can result in several hook-ups in a short period of time. Savvy anglers will often spend time either the day prior or on the incoming tide netting crabs to be prepared for the event. Tarpon can also be found in good numbers roaming



Fish Tales
Capt. Tyson Wallerstein

the beaches as well as holding to some degree in all of the passes along our coastline.

Snook are schooled up in big numbers right now around all of the passes. Jetties and nearby sand shoals offer the right environment for the snook to spawn. Target the strong part of either tide incoming or outgoing, with the afternoon outgoing being the best. Live grass grunts and pinfish free lined are your best bet.

Redfish numbers are strong right now throughout the Intracoastal Waterway. Look for the mullet schools to move onto the flats during the incoming tide and redfish to follow. Bottom bouncing

soft plastic jigs rigged weed-less will catch plenty of redfish as will a free-lined pinfish or a fresh chunk of ladyfish.

Offshore bottom fishing has been excellent the past couple of weeks as we have had a long stretch of calm days. Red snapper will close July 21, however the gag and red grouper will remain open. Those making the run out to 100 feet-plus have been doing the best on all three. Finding a bait school on the bottom will give you a chance to limit out on one spot. Live pinfish and grass grunts will work good. However, bring plenty of frozen sardines as they seem to be working a bit better.

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

ST. PETE BEACH

Attorney: City must act to protect beach access

By MARK SCHANTZ
TBN Correspondent

ST PETE BEACH - The city has to act quickly if it wants to preserve a legal doctrine that allows cities to argue customary use of beach areas by the public, above the mean high-water line, cannot be restricted or prohibited.

A change in the state law prohibits municipalities from enacting ordinances that protect beach access to private or public beaches. To gain access to a restricted beach area, a city or group would have to get court approval after a lengthy legal battle.

City Attorney Andrew Dickman advised city commissioners to protect its rights the city must enact a "customary use ordinance," codifying the public's customary use of beach areas above the mean high-water line, before the new law takes effect on July 1.

The action is designed to reduce the impact of the state's attempt to make it more difficult for local communities to raise and use a customary-use doctrine protection argument, Dickman explained.

Dickman said he wants to preserve the city's "ability to be able to raise the defense in court if the city has to."

The city attorney explained in "Legislature adopted as a last-minute 'walk-on' CS/HB 631 that is confusing and perceived by some to preempt local governments from adopting or maintaining ordinances that regulate "dry" sandy areas of beaches, particularly those areas owned by upland owners, subject to the "customary use" by the public for recreation and other customary uses."

The city has to act quickly because "local governments have home rule authority to regulate all lands within its jurisdiction for the public health, safety and welfare, and the statute does not deprive a governmental entity from raising customary use as an affirmative defense in any proceeding challenging an ordinance adopted before July 1, 2018," he explained.

Mayor Al Johnson said taking action before July 1 could give the city a head-start and if the city does nothing it could get involved in long legal battles.

Some residents have already tried to erect fences to keep the public off their beachfront property, commissioners noted. Commissioner Ward Friszolowski said people expect to have access and use of the beaches in Florida and this is a good step at this time.

"As of this date, there are no pending proceedings, but there have been situations in the city in reaction to the new statute, and it is impossible to predict what proceedings may happen in the future," Dickman said. "The statute makes establishment of 'customary use' by the public a vaguely defined judicial process, many questions remain about the cost and what happens after the court rules."

"This draft ordinance is somewhat patterned after one pending in Naples and Fernandina Beach. There is reason to believe that this statute may be unconstitutional and could be amended in the future. This ordinance preserves the city's right to raise customary use as a defense in a legal proceeding," he advised.

Commissioners advised Dickman and staff they want to

pass the ordinance before the new law takes effect.

City bans marijuana dispensaries

In other legal action, St. Pete Beach commissioners passed an ordinance, on final reading, to ban medical marijuana dispensaries.

Johnson said he has "no issue with medical marijuana. I have an issue with the state coming in and telling us how to run these things."

Like in most other cities, legislators in Tallahassee created dissension over home rule more than a debate concerning medical marijuana dispensaries; in a state where more than three-fourths of voters approved medical cannabis use. Many municipalities object to state legislators telling them if they want to approve medical marijuana dispensaries they have only two choices; if a city wants to permit medical marijuana dispensaries it must regulate them the same as pharmacies. The only other alternative is to ban marijuana dispensaries altogether.

Commissioner Terri Finnelly said this gives St. Pete Beach time to see what happens in other areas or with the state Legislature.

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BELLEAIR

Town park named in honor of fallen officer

By LIL CROMER
TBN Correspondent

BELLEAIR - June 13 was 25 years to the day that Officer Jeffery Tackett lost his life while on duty in Belleair.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held in the park adjacent to the Town Hall parking lot; the park was officially named the Jeffery W. Tackett Park, and the dedication was the town's way of honoring his memory and his sacrifice.

The event was slated to be held outside on the site of the park, but lightning in the area caused the event to be moved inside Town Hall.

Chief Bill Sohl, who hosted the event, was amazed at the turnout, somewhere in the neighborhood of 100 people. The FHP presented the colors and one member of the

detail sang the national anthem.

Largo Police officer Randy Chaney was the first to respond to "officer down" 25 years ago. He gave an emotional account of the night he found Tackett shot to death outside a condo complex in Belleair. Tackett had found a suspect attempting to break into an occupied residence.

The keynote speaker was Deputy Mayor Karla Rettstatt.

"Each and every day, law enforcement officers put themselves at risk keeping their communities safe and secure," she said. "Most of us take this for granted as we move through our day. In our small town, our law enforcement officers and staff have become more like family. So, on June 13, 1993, when Jeffrey Warren Tackett, a young 28-year-old patrolman, was called upon to make the ultimate sacrifice, not

only did we lose a great officer, we lost a family member. We lost a friend. Tackett was a five-year veteran who excelled in his duties. His death forever impacted his wife, his brother, his parents and our town."

Tackett's mother received a proclamation and cut the ceremonial ribbon, and his widow, Alice Tackett Delana, received a resolution proclaiming the park be dedicated to Tackett.

The commission and staff were there as well as representatives from police departments of Largo, Clearwater, St. Petersburg, Gulfport and Pinellas Schools. The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office and Florida Highway Patrol were also represented.

The staff will be working with the Town Commission and private donors on site plans to complete a full park renovation.



The FHP honor guard presents colors during a dedication ceremony for the Jeffrey W. Tackett Park.

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Orange Festival

returns for 9th year
DUNEDIN - The Dunedin Orange Festival returns for the ninth year on Saturday, July 7, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., in Edgewater Park next to the Dunedin Marina.

The day's festivities will be filled with fun and games, with entertainment on stage beginning at noon with the Jack & Josie Band. Following them will be the Cadillac Cowboys and the TBone Hamilton Band. The Hot Rod Hornets will wrap it up at 7:30 p.m.

Back for the third year is the Dunedin Orange Festival Craft Beer Brew Off. A \$20 ticket purchases samples from seven Dunedin breweries. Beer and sangria sales will begin at 11 a.m.

Also returning this year will be the Ms. Orange Festival Pin-Up Girl Contest. Register at dunedinmuseum.org.

"Orange Bonnets" created by downtown merchants will be sold off in a silent auction, while orange juice samples will be available.

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150 Belleview Blvd, #704, Belleair \$399,000

Susie Jinks 727-458-5196

This lovely condo is in great shape and ready for a new owner to move right in! There are wonderful water views from this 7th-floor unit. The kitchen is open to the living area and has been remodeled with new appliances. There is also a large pantry adjacent to the kitchen that has a 2nd refrigerator in it, something very rare in most condos. There are beautiful wood floors throughout most of the home and has some custom built-in cabinetry in the dining area and office. Text ☎ 567125 to 35620 for more details.



240 Sand Key Estates Dr., #261, Clearwater Beach \$370,000

Laura Scott 727-458-4868

Spectacular!!!! Look no further. This impeccable condo showcases an outstanding water view from every room. Unit has a wonderful open floor plan that features split bedrooms. The inside laundry room is equipped with washer and dryer. The Master bedroom has a large walk-in closet. The Master bath has double sinks. There is an assigned covered parking space and large storage unit. Amenities include a tennis court, fishing pier, heated pool, grilling and picnic area, and plenty of guest parking. There are boat slips available for rent or sale. Text ☎ 595052 to 35620 for more details.



100 Bluff View Drive #102A, Belleair \$369,000

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220 Belleview Blvd. #603, Belleair \$259,000

Bobbie Kahler 727-460-9068

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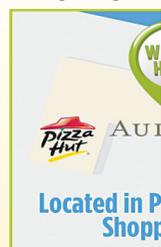
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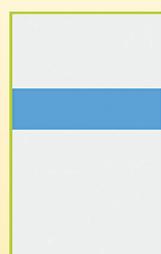
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• **Jaded - The Ultimate Aerosmith tribute**, Friday, June 22, 8 p.m., at Central Park Performing Arts Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets are \$19.50. Call 727-587-6793 or visit largoarts.com.

Jaded will perform a hard-charging, blues-based rock 'n' roll tribute to one of America's greatest rock and roll bands. Jaded's players have, through the study of the music being reproduced, discovered a true love for this truly American rock and blues answer to the British Invasion's Rolling Stones and Led Zeppelin. Their passion for the music shines through in each performance.

• **Dave Koz**, Friday, June 22, 8 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Tickets start at \$37. Call 727-791-7400 or visit www.rutheckerdhall.com. Koz will lead a powerhouse lineup as he kicks off his Summer Horns tour. Koz and friends will be performing songs off the new album "Dave Koz and Friends: Summer Horns II." Guests will include Gerald Albright, known for his acclaimed solo recordings and performances with Anita Baker, Whitney Houston, and The Temptations; Rick Braun, chart-topping trumpeter, who has collaborated across genres with Rod Stewart, Sade, and REO Speedwagon; and Richard Elliot, a former member of Tower of Power who has since forged a successful solo career.



Photo by ANTONIO DIXON/CONCORD MUSIC GROUP

Dave Koz is assembling a powerhouse lineup for his Summer Horns tour. Koz and Friends visit Ruth Eckerd Hall June 22.

• **The 16th annual Downtown Dunedin Craft Festival**, Saturday and Sunday, June 23 and 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Main Street in Dunedin. Admission is free. For information, visit www.artfestival.com. The popular outdoor craft festival offers a chance for residents to peruse and shop for practical and whimsical works of quality, handmade art while enjoying the beautiful Florida weather.

• **Weezer and Pixies**, Saturday, June 23, 7:30 p.m., at Mid Florida Credit Union Amphitheatre, at the Florida State Fairgrounds, 4802 U.S. 301 N., Tampa. Tickets start at \$14. Call 813-740-2446 or visit www.livenation.com. Weezer originally formed in Los Angeles in 1992 and signed to Geffen Records in 1993. They promptly released their debut self-titled album, also known as the "Blue Album," in 1994. The album spawned a string of successful songs - all supported by memorable music videos - including "Buddy Holly," "Undone - The Sweater Song" and "Say It Ain't So." The Pixies' live shows are unadulterated magic - simultaneously electrifying and lo-fi with focus on the music with almost no between-song banter. On this tour, fans can expect 75 minutes of Pixies playing "anything they want," one song right after the other, chosen from all points of their career, the classics and the new gems.



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The Indoraptor stalks its prey - including, from left, Owen (Chris Pratt), Claire (Bryce Dallas Howard) and Maisie (Isabella Sermon) - in "Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom."

Opening this weekend

Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard return to Isla Nublar in 'Jurassic Park: Fallen Kingdom'

Compiled by LEE CLARK ZUMPE
 Tampa Bay Newspapers

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

'Jurassic Park: Fallen Kingdom'

Genre: Thriller, action, science fiction and adventure

Cast: Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard, James Cromwell, Ted Levine, Justice Smith, Geraldine Chaplin, Daniella Pineda, Toby Jones, Rafe Spall, BD Wong and Jeff Goldblum

Director: J.A. Bayona
 Rated: PG-13

It's been three years since these park and luxury resort Jurassic World was destroyed by dinosaurs out of containment. Isla Nublar now sits abandoned by humans while the surviving dinosaurs fend for themselves in the jungles.

When the island's dormant volcano begins roaring to life, Owen (Chris Pratt) and Claire (Bryce Dallas Howard) mount a campaign to rescue the remaining dinosaurs from this extinction-level event. Owen is driven to find Blue, his lead raptor who's still missing in the wild, and Claire has grown a respect for these creatures she now makes her mission. Arriving on the unstable island as lava begins raining down, their expedition uncovers a conspiracy that could return our entire planet to a perilous order not seen since prehistoric times.



Photo courtesy of IFC FILMS

Sienna Miller stars as Estella Huni and Paul Rudd as Moe Berg in Ben Lewin's "The Catcher Was a Spy," an IFC Films release.

With all of the wonder, adventure and thrills synonymous with one of the most popular and successful series in cinema history, this all-new motion-picture event sees the return of favorite characters and dinosaurs - along with new breeds more awe-inspiring and terrifying than ever before.

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

movie theaters.

'The Catcher Was a Spy'

Genre: Biography

Cast: Paul Rudd and Guy Pearce

Director: Ben Lewin

Rated: R

This gripping, stranger-than-fiction espionage thriller brings to life the incredible true story of Moe Berg, the professional baseball

player who became a World War II spy.

A Jewish, Princeton-educated, multilingual catcher for the Boston Red Sox with a closely-guarded private life, the enigmatic Berg (Paul Rudd) was already a man of mystery when, in 1944, the U.S. government's wartime intelligence agency enlisted his services. His mission: go behind enemy lines in

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Summertime craft spectacular

Two-day annual outdoor Downtown Dunedin Craft Festival attracts craft enthusiasts to Main Street

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DUNEDIN – Works from more than 100 craft artisans will be on display and available for purchase at the 16th annual Downtown Dunedin Craft Festival, set for Saturday and Sunday, June 23-24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Main Street in downtown Dunedin.

The snowbirds are officially gone, leaving residents of Dunedin and the Tampa Bay area to enjoy the lazy days of summer. The Downtown Dunedin Craft Festival is a local tradition boasting summer green market wares as well as thousands of hand-crafted made-in-America artisan-created pottery, jewelry, paintings, and more. Presented by American Craft Endeavors, the two-day outdoor festival will feature more than 100 craft artisans from around the country.

The popular, outdoor craft festival offers a chance for residents to peruse and shop for practical and whimsical works of quality, handmade art while enjoying the beautiful Florida weather – all without the high-season crowds. The juried outdoor craft showcase will present unique gifts and original crafts at prices set to suit all budgets. Participating crafters are hand-selected from hundreds of applicants. All crafters remain on site for the duration of the festival. Attendees can expect to see a vast array of artistic media, such as folk art, pottery, personalized gifts, handmade clothing, basket weaving, beaded utensils, candles, cork assemblage, fabric design, fiber quilts, fused wax and glass, hair accessories, handbags and accessories, handmade cards, leather, mosaic, wood, painted wood, plaster craft and stained glass.

Pets on leashes are always welcome to join their human companions as they stroll through the festival, which includes a full greenmarket of live plants, handmade soaps, delicious edibles and more. Adding to the pleasure of the outing, patrons can meet the artisans behind the works and discover the techniques and inspirations behind each creation.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Downtown Dunedin Main Street local economy.

Gulfport's Robin Short is among the Pinellas County crafters taking part in this year's event. She has been quilting and sewing for most of her life and has been inspired by her mother, Ellen Plankey, who is a well-known award-winning artist.

Short loves putting together great fabrics, colors and high-quality products to create usable and unique items for her customers. A lot of her ideas come from customers who can't find exactly what they are looking for. She then goes home, develops a pattern that will be useful and fun. She has been working with American

Craft Endeavors for just over four years and truly enjoys working with them and the customers they bring out to the craft fairs.

St. Petersburg College student Ashley Brown will bring her "collision creations" to the annual Downtown Dunedin Craft Festival.

Brown describes herself as a "one-of-a-kind car metal artist." Every piece of art she creates is unique and 100 percent re-purposed from crashed cars.

"I've been making this type of art for five years now," Brown said in an artist bio provided by American Craft Endeavors. "Each piece is designed, drawn, then cut out of metal according to my customers' requests."

Brown creates everything herself with her own hands out of car steel or aluminum, and in any color imaginable.

"The art I create is and has always been a passion of mine," Brown said. "I first recognized my love for art at an early age, but when I entered high school I knew that art was my passion and will be my future."

Terry Andrews of Ocala will take part in this year's Downtown Dunedin Craft Festival.

The award-winning glass sculptor uses copper and fused glass to create his unique and oftentimes whimsical sculptures. His work can be seen in private collections around the world and graces the permanent collections of the Carter Center in Atlanta, Georgia, as well as the Carrolton Museum of Contemporary Art in Carrolton, Georgia.

Andrews also participates in juried fine art festivals across the country. This Florida native is also an accomplished musician. Originally from the Tampa area, he pursued a career in music until 1994. Always having an interest in glass, Andrews dabbled with the medium, first with blown glass and lamp work, heavy flat and carved glass sculpture.

His work has now evolved to include copper and fused glass sculptures. The fusing work is done in a kiln.

Like many of Florida's seasonal residents, Chris Adamo splits his time between his home in Cape Cod and his winter escape in Sarasota. Together with his wife Nancy, Chris creates and sells unique handcrafted jewelry. But the Adamos' idea of running a business didn't include the "brick and mortar" model. Instead, they opted to sell their creations online and at local craft and artisan fairs.

The result is inspired, distinctive jewelry crafted from the finest gemstones, crystals and silver.

"We take our inspiration from the beautiful coastal areas where we live," Chris says on his website, "but, also in the beauty and spirituality of the natural world around us."



Attendees browse the work of more than 100 crafters at the annual Downtown Dunedin Craft Festival, set for June 23-24.

Annette Kapfer of St. Pete Beach creates kiln-fused dichroic glass artwork that is then creatively patchworked, affecting three-dimensional views of nature's art objects. Though the technique is time-consuming, the results are aesthetically pleasing and readily appreciated. Festival-goers will find an extensive selection of Kapfer's stunning earrings and pendants on display and available for purchase.

Annette grew up just outside of Oslo, Norway, but relocated to Florida. Already a collector of glass objects, she discovered the seemingly magical properties of dichroic glass, which she uses in her studio to capture the spirit of the restless ocean.

St. Petersburg's Don and Cristina Williams are also scheduled to take part in this year's festival. These two pottery artists create beautiful raku ceramic pieces. Each one is thrown by hand and totally unique. The Williamses frequent many pottery shows, arts and crafts shows and galleries around the Florida area.

"I was born to do art," Don said in an email. "I love it, live it and love to share with others. I have been doing pottery almost 30 years now. My wife Cristina is very talented as well and we do a lot of collaborative pieces like our penguins and cats. People can see us and our work at the many shows we do around Florida with Howard Alan Events & American Craft Endeav-

ors." The Williamses collaborate on each piece they create, perfecting their skills in the ancient Japanese art of shino glaze, a process that has not changed in centuries, yet yields a different effect with each finished piece. They welcome the opportunity to meet and speak with art enthusiasts and potential investors.

About American Craft Endeavors

American Craft Endeavors produces some of the nation's most exciting high-end juried craft shows in many of Florida's vibrant downtown areas and popular tourist destinations including the Corey Avenue Art and Craft Festivals in St. Pete Beach, the Siesta Fiesta Craft Festival and the Downtown Stuart Craft Festivals, among others. The group's founders personally select unique, culture rich cities for their show locations, providing a complete outdoor experience unmatched by other festivals. All crafters are hand-selected from hundreds of applicants in order to ensure a superior event featuring diverse art media and the highest quality of original handmade crafts.

For additional information on the Downtown Dunedin Craft Festival and other American Craft Endeavors craft shows, visit www.artfestival.com or call 561-746-6615.

Ruth Eckerd Hall's 2018-19 Broadway Series spans three venues

CLEARWATER – Celebrating its 35th season, Ruth Eckerd Hall's 2018-19 Broadway Series will include multiple Tony Award-winners "Spamalot" and "RENT" along with a full lineup of other favorites.

Single tickets for Broadway performances start at \$35. Broadway Series packages are also available. Tickets start at \$37. Call 727-791-7400 or visit www.rutheckerdhal.com.

In addition to "Spamalot" and "RENT," the series includes "The Sound of Music," "The Wizard of Oz," "Something Rotten!," "Finding Neverland," "Legally Blonde" and the holiday classic "A Charlie Brown Christmas Live on Stage" along with the Florida premiere of "Jukebox Hero – The Musical," based on the music of Foreigner. The Capitol Theatre will present Pulitzer Prize finalist "Love Letters" starring Barbara Eden and Hal Linden and "Friends! The Musical Parody," another Florida premiere. Mickey Spillane's and Max Allan Collins' Mike Hammer returns with an all new theatrical world-premiere of "The Little Death" starring Gary Sandy of "WKRP in Cincinnati."

"For the last 35 years, Broadway has always been a staple at Ruth Eckerd Hall, but we've never presented so many options to our beloved patrons," said Zev Buffman, Ruth Eckerd Hall president and CEO, in a press release. "It's truly Broadway your way, with titles for the young and the young at heart with three different venues to choose from – Ruth Eckerd Hall, The Capitol Theatre and The Murray Theatre."

Ruth Eckerd Hall is at 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Capitol Theatre is at 405 Cleveland St., Clearwater.

Following is a summary of Ruth Eckerd Hall's 2018-19 Broadway Series. Times and dates are subject to change.

- "The Wizard of Oz" – Sunday, Dec. 9, 3 and 8 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall
- "Charlie Brown Christmas Live on Stage!" – Wednesday, Dec. 12, 7 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall
- "The Sound of Music" – Saturday, Dec. 22-23, 8 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall
- "Something Rotten!" – Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019, 8 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall
- "Monty Python's Spamalot" – Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019, 2 and 8 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall
- "The Little Death" – Jan. 17-27, 2019, in Murray Theatre at Ruth Eckerd Hall
- "An Intimate Evening with Kristin Chenoweth" – Friday, Feb. 1, 2019, 8 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall



Photo by DENISE S. TRUPE/RUTH ECKERD HALL
Ruth Eckerd Hall presents "The Wizard of Oz" Dec. 9.

- "Finding Neverland" – Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019, 2 and 8 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall
- "Love Letters" – Saturday, March 9, 2019, 8 p.m., at Capitol Theatre
- "Legally Blonde: The Musical" – Sunday, March 10, 2019, 3 and 8 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall

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Tarpon Art Guild to present Americana art exhibit

TARPON SPRINGS – An exhibit featuring artwork revolving around an Americana theme will be presented during the month of July at the Tarpon Art Guild, 118 E. Tarpon Ave., Tarpon Springs.

A reception will take place Friday, July 6, 6 to 9 p.m., at Tarpon Art Guild's two galleries on Tarpon Avenue. Light refreshments will be offered free of charge.

The artists featured include Frank Hipp, Anneke Hulstein, Patsy Renz, Heather Risley, and Petera Semple of Tarpon Springs; Susan McCubbin of Palm Harbor; Kathy Detrano and Jan Wojcik of New Port Richey; Mary Louise Pollock of Dunedin; Tom Wilke of Clearwater;

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• "Jukebox Hero: The Musical" – Thursday, March 14, 2019, 8 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall

• "Friends! The Musical Parody" – March 21-23, 2019, at Capitol Theatre

• "RENT" – April 11-12, 2019, at Ruth Eckerd Hall

For more information on Ruth Eckerd Hall's 2018-19 Broadway Series, visit www.rutheckerdhal.com.

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Fathom Events to present 'Bandstand' at select theaters

"Bandstand," Richard Oberacker and Robert Taylor's Broadway musical directed and choreographed by three-time Tony Award winner Andy Blankenbuehler, will bring high-octane, heart-stopping, spectacular dancing to movie theaters nationwide this summer in "The Boys Are Back - Bandstand: The Broadway Musical."

In addition to the feature content, audiences will enjoy behind-the-scenes and never-before-seen footage of the production.

Tickets for "Bandstand: The Broadway Musical on Screen" are available online at www.FathomEv

ents.com and at participating theater box offices.

Presented by Fathom Events and Sing Out. Louise! Productions, this special two-night event will premiere in more than 700 U.S. cinemas on Monday, June 25; and Thursday, June 28, at 7 p.m. local time through Fathom's Digital Broadcast Network. For a complete list of theater locations, visit www.FathomEvents.com.

"Bandstand" is scheduled to be shown in the following local movie theaters:

- AMC Woodland Square 20 with IMAX, 3128 Tampa Road, Oldsmar

- Regal Park Place Stadium 16 with RPX, 7200 U.S. 19 N., Pinellas Park

- AMC Sundial, 151 Second Ave. N., St. Petersburg

"This stunning film captures the spirit of the Broadway production, but at the same time allows the audience to get closer than they ever would be able to in the theater," Blankenbuehler said in a press release. "It is a powerful reminder about the importance of honoring all the sacrifices that have gotten us to where we are. Service men and women, teachers, mentors, parents ... they have built a foundation un-

derneath all of us. And this beautiful story shows us that art and love can heal the soul no matter how deep the injuries go."

America's soldiers come home from war in 1945 to ticker-tape parades and overjoyed families, while Private First Class Donny Novitski (Corey Cott), singer and songwriter, returns to rebuild his life with only the shirt on his back and a dream in his heart. When NBC announces a national competition to find the nation's next great musical superstars, inspiration strikes. Novitski joins forces with a motley group of fellow veterans, each an astonishing

musician, and young war widow Julia Trojan (Tony Award nominee Laura Osnes), an aspiring jazz singer. Together, they form a band unlike any the nation has ever seen. Along the way, they discover the power of music to face the impossible, find their voice and finally feel like they have a place to call home.

"Bandstand" is presented in special partnership with the military nonprofit TAPS, which cares for the families of America's fallen heroes. The Broadway musical was also the first live entertainment production ever to be "6 Certified" by Got Your 6, for its accurate portrayal of the



Image courtesy of FATHOM EVENTS
"The Boys Are Back - Bandstand: The Broadway Musical" comes to movie theaters June 25 and 28.

veteran experience. "It's very exciting to bring an original musical of this stature to the big screen," said Gordon Synn, Fathom Events chief content and programming officer. "This show has not only world-class singing and dancing but also a lot of heart and a great message that we hope will touch cinema audiences across the U.S."

"It is a great honor and thrill to bring this completely original musical, filled with heart and hope, to the big screen," producer Tom Smedes said. "While on Broadway we saw firsthand how much this story resonated with audiences and, most especially, veterans. It's a tribute to them and all American heroes and we are overjoyed that the film of the Broadway musical will now be able to reach the entire country."

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Europe to assassinate the Nazi's chief nuclear scientist before the Germans develop an atomic bomb.

Trading in his catcher's mitt for a trench coat, Berg must rely on his formidable, steel-trap intellect in a high-stakes game of cat and mouse - with the fate of the world hanging in the balance.

'Distorted'

Genre: Thriller
Cast: Christina Ricci, Brendan Fletcher and John Cusack
Director: Rob W. King
Rated: R

Lauren and Russel Curran decide to move away from the bustle of the city and into the peaceful oasis of The Pinnacle, a coveted luxury condo boasting ultra-modern design, state-of-the-art features and security systems.

Lauren begins to suspect the building has a dark side and seeks the help of Vernon, an investigative journalist with an interest in cyber conspiracy. Together, they come to believe that The Pinnacle may be brainwashing unsuspecting residents.

'The King'

Genre: Documentary
Cast: Ethan Hawke, Ashton Kutcher, Alec Baldwin and James Carville
Director: Eugene Jarecki
Rated: R

Forty years after the death of Elvis Presley, two-time Sundance Grand Jury winner Eugene Jarecki's new film takes the King's 1963 Rolls-Royce on a musical road trip across America.

From Memphis to New York, Las Vegas, and beyond, the journey traces the rise and fall of Elvis as a metaphor for the country he left behind. In this groundbreaking film, Jarecki paints a visionary portrait of the state of the American Dream and a penetrating look at how the hell we got here.

A diverse cast of Americans, both famous and non, join the journey, including Alec Baldwin, Rosanne Cash, Chuck D, Emmylou Harris, Ethan Hawke, Van Jones, Mike Myers, and Dan Rather, among many others.

'Boundaries'

Genre: Drama and comedy
Cast: Vera Farmiga, Christopher Plummer, Bobby Cannavale, Kristen Schaal, Christopher Lloyd and Peter Fonda
Director: Shana Feste
Rated: R

Laura is a single mother living in Seattle, who has a constant need to put others and animals before her.

When her estranged, criminally-minded father Jack is kicked out of his retirement home, Laura agrees to drive him down the coast to live with her sister JoJo in LA. Along for the ride is her bright but troubled son Henry, and an assortment of animal charity cases.

Without telling Laura, Jack convinces Henry to help him sell off his copious supply of marijuana at every stop of their journey, resulting in unexpected reunions with old friends and family.

For more movie news, visit www.TBNweekly.com. Lee Clark Zumpe is TBN entertainment editor. He can be reached at 727-397-5563, ext. 341, or by email at lzumpe@TBNweekly.com.

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Capitol does Broadway

Capitol Theatre to present musical movie series celebrating 2018-19 Broadway season at Ruth Eckerd Hall

CLEARWATER – To celebrate the recent announcement of Ruth Eckerd Hall's 2018-19 Broadway season, Capitol Theatre will present Tony Award-winning musicals that have made their way to the big screen.

These classic films of iconic Broadway musicals will be screened on select dates at Capitol Theatre, 405 Cleveland St., Clearwater. General admission tickets are \$5. In addition, general admission tickets – priced at \$9 – are available and include one general admission seat and unlimited fountain soda and popcorn. A limited number of VIP boxes, which includes seating for four in a private luxury box and unlimited fountain drinks and popcorn, are available and priced at \$75. Family four-packs, which include four general admission tickets, unlimited fountain soda and popcorn, are also available and priced at \$30.

Call 727-791-7400 or visit www.atthecap.com. General admission seating will be available on a first come,

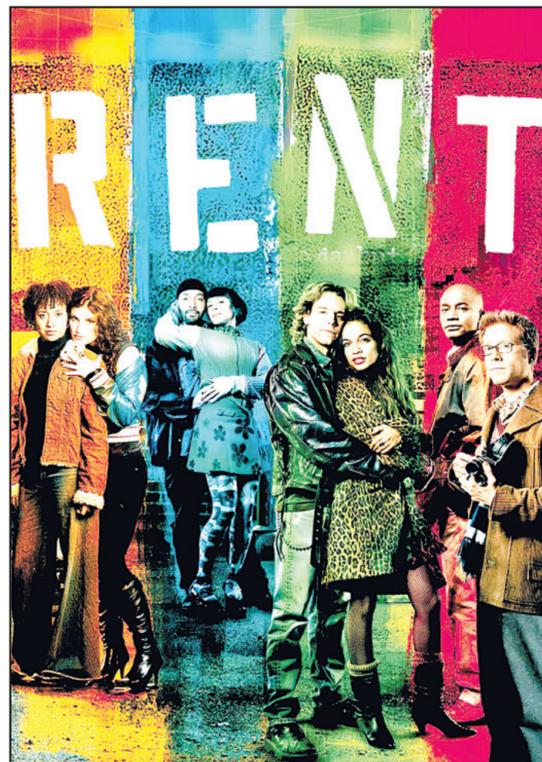
first served basis. Snacks and refreshments will be available for purchase.

Following is a list of screenings:

- "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" – Friday, July 6, at 7 p.m. This nine-time Tony Award nominee, including for Best Musical, follows the story of Sweeney Todd, who returns to London to uncover the past. Along the way, he meets Mrs. Lovett and begins to start his life of crime.
- "Chicago" – Friday, July 13, at 7 p.m. The 1979 Tony Award-winning Best Musical about murderesses Velma Kelly (Catherine Zeta-Jones) and Roxie Hart (Renée Zellweger) who find themselves on death row together and fight for the fame that will keep them from the gallows in 1920s Chicago.
- "Mary Poppins" – Wednesday, July 18, at 3 p.m. A 2007 Tony Award nominee for Best Musical takes place in turn of the century London, where a magical nanny (Julie Andrews) employs music and adventure to help two

neglected children become closer to their father.

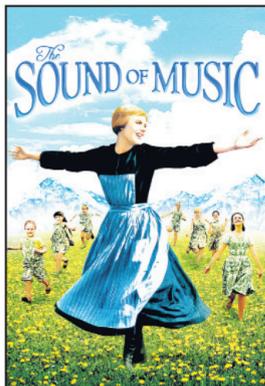
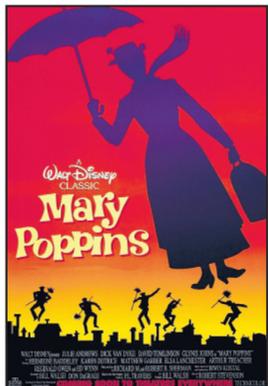
- "RENT" – Saturday, July 21, at 7 p.m. This is the film version of the Pulitzer and 1996 Tony Award winning musical about Bohemians in the East Village of New York City struggling with life, love and AIDS and the impacts they have on America.
- "The Sound of Music" – Sunday, July 22, at 3 p.m. The 1960 Tony Award-winning Best Musical and 1965 Oscar-winner for Best Movie stars Julie Andrews as a young Austrian nun who leaves the convent to become a governess to the children of a retired naval office widower (Christopher Plummer).
- "Disney's Frozen Sing-A-Long" – Sunday, July 29, at 3 p.m. The 2018 Tony Award Best Musical nominee follows the story of the newly-crowned Queen Elsa who accidentally uses her power to turn things into ice to curse her home with infinite winter. Her sister Anna teams up with a mountain man, his playful reindeer, and a snowman to change the weather conditions.
- "Across the Universe" – Sunday, Aug. 5, at 7 p.m. Directed by Julie Taymor, Tony Award winner for Best Direction of a Musical, this film uses the music of The Beatles and the Vietnam War to form the backdrop for the romance between an upper-class American girl and a poor Liverpoolian artist.
- "Disney's The Lion King" – Saturday, Aug. 11, at 3 p.m. This 1998 Tony Award-winning Best Musical is about a lion cub crown prince tricked by a treacherous uncle into thinking he caused his father's death and flees into exile in despair, only to learn in adulthood his identity and his responsibilities.



Images courtesy of RUTH ECKERD HALL

Capitol Theatre plans to celebrate the announcement of Ruth Eckerd Hall's 2018-19 Broadway season with a series of film screenings based on Tony Award winning musicals.

All movies, dates and times are subject to change. For information on the movie series, visit www.atthecap.com. For information on Ruth Eckerd Hall's 2018-19 Broadway Season, visit RuthEckerdHall.com.



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Taking a hands-on invitation approach

Invitations are a key component of wedding planning. Not only can invitations set the tone for a wedding — giving guests an idea of whether it is formal or casual while offering clues to the theme — but also they are essential for conveying important information about the festivities.

While it was once common to work with a specialized printing and engraving company when ordering wedding invitations, couples tying the knot now have more options. Due in large part to computer and internet access, and myriad user-friendly design applications, it's easier than ever to design high-quality wedding invitations.

According to the wedding industry survey site TheWeddingReport.com, the average price for 150 invitations and response cards is \$245. To maximize efficiency and come away with wedding stationery they will love, couples can employ the following tips and techniques.

Start with the paper

The heavier the stock, the more luxurious the invitations will feel. Quality stock also costs more. Wedding invitations should be printed on substantial stock so they don't bend or feel flimsy. Industry experts say that 100 percent cotton paper is the most costly

paper. Couples can choose from linen stock and textured surfaces as well. Expect to pay more for natural or handmade papers. Those concerned about price can choose the highest-quality stock within budget and then play with other invitation elements to conserve funds.

Engraving and letterpress

Engraving and letterpress techniques are an art form and create unique wedding invitations. Engraving creates raised lettering while letterpress presses the lettering into the paper. Many people do not have the equipment necessary to produce these designs at home, and if they want a truly high-end invitation, they'll need to use a professional printing service. Thermography is an alternative that can deliver raised print using heat and special inks.

Printing companies

Options abound in regard to in-store and online printing companies. Many companies offer self-service design templates that enable customers to tweak text and placement of some graphic elements and then have the invitations printed and shipped to their homes. Companies may provide stock samples and

examples of lettering so that couples can touch and see the invitations prior to placing an order.

At-home printing

One of the more accessible invitation production methods is at-home printing. However, there are some limitations when printing at home. For example, couples who do not have a high-end printer may find that the text on their invitations is not as crisp and the ink may smudge. Also, paper options may be limited to what the tray feeder can accommodate. Stock that is 80 pounds or 12-point stock is preferable, but anything more may jam around the print head. It may take some trial and error (and wasted paper) to perfect alignment and achieve the desired look.

DIYers also need to know about "bleed" designs. According to the advice site A Practical Wedding, bleed is a printing term for design elements or images extending beyond the trim edge so that unwanted white space is eliminated. Again, it may take some practice to get the desired look.

Couples have many different options when designing their wedding invitations, and some may even be able to design and produce their own.

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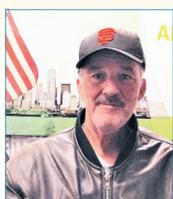
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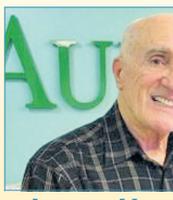
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