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POLICE BEAT



PSTA bus crashes in Treasure Island

Treasure Island police say the driver of a PSTA bus may have suffered a medical episode June 27 while traveling west on 107th Avenue in Treasure Island, where bus struck a concrete pole with the right front of the bus shearing the pole from its base.

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LARGO

Summerfest for Good coming up

SummerFest for Good will take place Saturday, July 7, at The Plaza at The Palms of 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, as this year's 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.

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COMMUNITY

Madeira projects creating concerns

More than a dozen large-scale development projects are planned or underway in the city, bringing concerns of increased traffic congestion. An assessment by Florida Department of Transportation officials of the traffic impact of the two largest developments coming to the city's eastern gateway corridor along 150th Avenue and Madeira Way brought questions and concerns from commission members.

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SCHOOLS

USF chooses a familiar face for AD

Judy Genshaft, president of the University of South Florida System, recently announced the appointment of Michael Kelly as USF's new vice president of athletics. Kelly, who previously served as associate athletic director for external affairs at USF under former AD and Tampa Bay legend Lee Roy Selmon, returns to the university with nearly 25 years of experience in college and professional athletics.

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LARGO BUSINESS

Publix acquires Safeway stores

Largo Mall grocer will close in September, reopen as Publix in fourth quarter of year

By CHRIS GEORGE
Tampa Bay Newspapers

LARGO - In 2016, Albertsons Companies invested roughly \$10 million into rebranding and renovating its Largo Mall store into a Safeway in a bid to battle Publix and Winn-Dixie for market share in the Tampa Bay area.

It appears the investment was for naught, as Publix announced June 28 that it has entered into an agreement to purchase Safeway's only three Florida stores, which includes the one at Largo Mall. The others are in Altamonte Springs and Oakland Park.

"Publix continues to look for ways to expand within our operating area to better serve our customers," Publix CEO and President Todd Jones said in a press release. "We are excited for this opportunity to acquire existing stores within our home state."

The store at 10500 Ulmerton Road, which is just down the road from another Publix at 10411 Ulmerton Road, will continue operating as a Safeway until early September, but its pharmacy will close before then. Posters will be displayed within the pharmacy to advise

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Photo by LOGAN MOSBY

Publix announced June 28 that it has entered into an agreement to purchase Safeway's only three Florida stores, which includes the one at Largo Mall.



Photos by CHRIS GEORGE

Waypoint 6 Tavern & Geekery's owners Stephanie and Kevin Daniels, below, have plenty to celebrate this month. The couple are preparing for the first anniversary party of Tampa Bay's first geek bar, which was recently selected by the Syfy network's website, Syfy Wire, as the fifth-best geek bar in the U.S. or Canada.

If success is the best revenge, then Largo geek bar has silenced doubters after capturing national acclaim in its first year

Revenge of the

NERDS

By CHRIS GEORGE • Tampa Bay Newspapers

ABOUT 10 days after Waypoint 6 Tavern & Geekery opened, a patron of the bar that had been there before, O'Houston's Irish Tavern, walked in, looked around and ordered a beer. When he finished, he paid and told co-owner Kevin Daniels his bar would be shut down in three months and walked out.

"Whoever that guy is, come July 21 is one year, and we won," Daniels said.

Tampa Bay's first geek bar, which caters to avid gamers, cosplayers, fans and nerds, didn't just win by surviving the always difficult first year. As it prepares for its first anniversary party later this month, it has plenty more to celebrate, including recently being selected by the Syfy network's website, Syfy Wire, as the fifth-best geek bar in the U.S. or Canada.

"The only way it could get better is if George Lucas walked in here and gave us the thumbs-up and went nice job," said Daniels, a Star Wars superfan

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- Kevin Daniels, co-owner of Waypoint 6 Tavern & Geekery, referring to being selected as the fifth-best geek bar in the U.S. or Canada by the Syfy network's website, Syfy Wire

ELECTIONS UPDATE

Gerard and Eggers will return to their posts

No candidates challenged 2 county commissioners; 4 to vie for Morroni's seat

By SUZETTE PORTER
Tampa Bay Newspapers

Supervisor of Elections Deborah Clark announced June 22 that 35 candidates had completed the requirements necessary to qualify for county office. Qualifying period began June 18 and ended at noon June 22.

Seven of the 35 qualified by collecting petition signatures and the others paid a qualifying fee. Some candidates were unopposed and will not compete in the primary or general election.

In the race for County Commissioner District 2, which is an at-large position, incumbent Patricia "Pat" Gerard, a Democrat, was unopposed. For the single-member District 4 seat, incumbent Dave Eggers, a Republican, also was unopposed. Gerard and Eggers were first elected to the Commission in November 2014 and will now serve a second term. Gerard qualified by paying the fee. Eggers qualified by petition.

Four qualified to fill long-term

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HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

County plans education campaign on amendments

By SUZETTE PORTER
Tampa Bay Newspapers

CLEARWATER - For months now, local officials have been talking about the uncertainty of future budgets if voters approve an additional homestead exemption.

In 2017, the State Legislature voted to place Amendment 1 on the ballot. According to County staff, the additional exemption would not really effect state government since it is funded primarily by sales tax; however, county and municipal governments would take a big budget hit, if voters say yes, as they are funded primarily by property tax.

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ELECTIONS,
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Commissioner John Morroni's single-member District 6 seat. The late commissioner, who served since 2000, announced in 2017 that he would not run for re-election. Morroni died May 20 after a battle with cancer.

Registered Republicans and registered Democrats will pick the candidate of their choice during the Aug. 28 primary. The winners will compete for the seat in the Nov. 6 general election.

The Republican candidates are Larry Ahern and Kathleen Peters. Both have served in the state legislature. The Democrats are Barb Haselden and Amy Kedron, who are both newcomers to the political arena. Ahern and Kedron qualified by paying the fee, and Haselden and Peters qualified by petition.

School Board candidates

The Aug. 28 primary also gives voters a chance to decide who will fill four district seats on the Pinellas County School Board. This is a nonpartisan election, meaning registered voters can cast a ballot in the race, regardless of political affiliation. All of the candidates qualified by paying the fee.

Three candidates qualified to run for the District 2 at-large position, which is elected countywide, as opposed to single-member districts in which voting is restricted to those living within the district. The candidates are incumbent Terry Benjamin Krassner, Lisa N. Cane and Jeff Larsen.

For the at-large District 3 seat, three candidates qualified - incumbent Peggy O'Shea, Nicole Carr and Carl "Z" Zimmermann.

Three candidates qualified for the single-member District 6 position - Bill Dudley, Lorena Grizzle and Matt Steward. Linda Lerner currently represents District 6 and has since 1990.

Four qualified to run for the single-member District 7 seat, including incumbent Rene Flowers, Tharius K. Bethel, Bilan Joseph and Nicholas Wright.

Candidates in nonpartisan races must garner a majority, which is 50 percent plus one vote to win. If there is no majority, the two candidates with the most votes will compete in a runoff during the Nov. 6 election.

Other local races

A number of other local races will be decided Nov. 6, including who will serve on the East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control Commission. Four candidates qualified to run for Seat 2 - incumbent Tom "Steve" McQueen, Maryellen Crowder, Tom McKone and Peter Nehr. Two qualified to vie for Seat 4, including incumbent Randy Burr and Tom May.

Incumbent Kathleen Quinn Litton qualified for Seat 2 on the Lealman Special Fire Control District Board. She was unopposed. Gary Coffman is challenging incumbent Rebecca Harriman for Seat 4 on that Board.

Two qualified to run for Seat 2 on the Palm Harbor Special Fire Control & Rescue District Board - incumbent Julie Peluso and Patrick Bengston. James Angie qualified



Dave Eggers and former Largo Mayor Pat Gerard will serve their second terms on the County Commission after no one qualified to challenge them in the upcoming primary.

for Seat 4, which is currently held by Jim Nelson. Angie was unopposed.

Two candidates qualified for seats on the Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District Board. Incumbent David D. Gardella was unopposed for Seat 3, and incumbent Joseph Bruni was unopposed for Seat 4.

In the final local race on the Nov. 6 ballot, Don Dwyer was unopposed for Seat 3 on the Clearwater Cay Community Development District Board, and Patrick S. O'Malley was unopposed for Seat 4.

State, federal races

The Aug. 28 primary and general election will include a number of state and federal races, including the race for U.S. Senator. The incumbent, Democrat Bill Nelson, is running unopposed but Republicans will decide between



Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente and Gov. Rick Scott. Five write-in candidates also qualified.

In the race for U.S. Rep. District 12, the incumbent, Republican Gus Michael Bilirakis, is running unopposed; however, Democrats will have three names on the ballot - Chris Hunter, Stephen M. Perenich and Robert Matthew Tager. Angelika Purkis also qualified as a no-party affiliated candidate.

The incumbent, Democrat Charlie Crist, is running unopposed for U.S. Representative for District 13 in the primary. However, two Republicans are running for a chance to challenge Crist - George Buck and Brad Sostack.

It's a crowded field with 27 qualifying to run for the job of governor, including eight Republicans, seven Democrats, four NPA candidates, one Reform Party candidate and seven write-ins.

Republicans will choose between Don Baldauf, Ron DeSantis, Timothy M. Devine, Bob Langford, John Joseph Mercadante, Bruce Nathan, Adam H. Putnam and Bob White.

Democrats have a choice of Andrew Gillum, Gwen Graham, Jeff Greene, Chris King, Philip Levine, Alex "Lundy" Lundmark and John Wetherbee.

Two Republicans, two Democrats and one NPA candidate qualified to run for the office of attorney general. Republicans Ashley Moody

and Frank White will compete in August for a chance to run against the winner for the Democratic primary, either Sean Shaw or Ryan Torrens.

Only three qualified to run for chief financial officer: the incumbent, Republican Jimmy Patronis, who will be challenged by Democrat Jeremy Ring and a write-in candidate in November.

Four Republicans and three Democrats qualified to run for commissioner of agriculture. Republicans include Matt Caldwell, Denise Grimsley, Mike McCallister and Baxter Troutman. Democrats are Nicole "Nikki" Fried, Jeffery Duane Porter and Roy David Walker.

Two Republicans will appear on the primary ballot for the race of State Senator representing District 16 - Ed Hooper and Leo Karruli. Democrat Amanda Murphy was unopposed and will take on the Republican winner in November.

In the race for State Senator for District 24, the incumbent, Republican Jeff Brandes was unopposed, as was his challenger Democrat Carrie Pilon. The two will vie for the position in November.

Incumbent Republican James Grant has a challenger, Terry Power, who also wants the job as State Representative representing District 64. The winner in the primary will take on Democrat Jessica Harrington, who qualified unopposed, and NPA candidate Andy Warrenner in November.

Only two candidates, one Republican and one Democrat, qualified in the race for State Representative for District 65. Incumbent Republican Chris Sproles and Democrat Sally A. Laufer will compete for the position in November.

In the race for State Representative for District 66, two Republicans and one Democrat qualified by the June 22 deadline. Republicans Nick DiGeglie and Berny Jaques will compete in the primary and the winner will take on Democrat Alex Heeren in the November general election.

Incumbent Republican Chris Latvala faces no challengers in the primary election for District

67's State Representative. Two Democrats qualified, Dawn C. Douglas and Tom Ryan, who will compete for a chance to run against Latvala in the general election.

Incumbent Democrat Ben Diamond was unopposed for State Representative for District 68.

For State Representative District 69, Republicans Jeremy Ballie and Ray Blackledge will compete to go on the November election to take on the only Democrat that qualified, Jennifer Webb. The incumbent, Kathleen Peters, is running for county commission.

In the race for State Representative District 70, incumbent Democrat Wengay "Newt" Newton is being challenged by Democrats Keisha Bell and Vito D. Sheeley. No Republican candidates qualified in this race.

Other races

Four candidates qualified to run to serve on the District 2 Court of Appeals. Voters will choose between Anthony K. Black, Darryl C. Casanueva, Edward C. LaRose and Susan H. Rothstein-Youakim in this nonpartisan race.

Three will vie for Circuit Judge, 6 Circuit, Group 4 - Dustin Anderson, Dave Ellis and Roxanne Fixsen, and two qualified to run for Circuit Judge, 6 Circuit, Group 9, Claudia Elizabeth Blackwell and Christine Helinger.

In the race for Circuit Judge, 6 Circuit, Group 36, voters can choose between Doneene D. Loar, Donald McBath, and for Circuit Judge, 6 Circuit, Group 40, the choice is between Thomas H. "Tommy" Minkoff and Mike Trentalange. Two qualified to run for Circuit Judge, 6 Circuit, Group 45, Evan Frayman and Rebecca Hamilton.

Election information

The Elections Office is tentatively scheduled to mail ballots to military and overseas voters on July 13 and to domestic voters on July 24. The deadline to request a ballot be mailed is 5 p.m. Aug. 22. To request a mail ballot, email MailBallot@VotePinellas.com or call 727-464-VOTE (8683).

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The importance of connection in your community

Editor's Note: This is part of a series of columns provided by the city of Largo that will run quarterly and highlight the city's brand, mission, vision and values.

By **BRENDA CLARK**

For many, the announcement of Florida's tax-free weekend for hurricane supplies was enough to jumpstart conversations at home and in the workplace about what type of weather we might see this year. While it's impossible to know what the coming months hold, we do know that it's time to plan.

Our neighbors and communities are one bright spot as we think about the devastation that Irma brought us just months ago. Neighbors pulled together and talked with each other, checked on houses for friends who were away, invited others to stay with them and helped in picking up downed fences and branches.

We have long known that this type of connection at the neighborhood level is the foundation for good mental health, increased safety and overall community pride. Many felt that last September. As storms shifted away and the last of the debris was removed, neighbors returned to keeping to themselves and checking in less with their community.

Let's circle back to that. At least a little bit.

Although the city can't create social ties, active steps in ramping up community outreach to more efficiently serve those here in Largo have been taken. Departments performing work in the community are working together in creating ways to open up communication lines with local neighborhoods. Projects related to enhancing community ties include the creation of a Neighborhood Grant program, Speakers Bureau, Contact Collector and a neighborhood naming project. All efforts tie us back to the city's vision of being the community of choice in Tampa Bay.

Neighborhood grant program

The program provides matching grants to neighborhood groups interested in building strong relationships around community-driven beautification projects. All projects must result in an enhancement to the neighborhood's identity, enlist community

participation, foster a sense of community pride, be highly visible to the general public and be a project that can be permitted by City regulations.

Speakers Bureau

This project pulled together existing city resources and placed them all together for convenience. Community members can select a topic they are interested in learning about and have a speaker come out to talk to their neighborhood, civic group or business. Topics include: ALICE-Active Shooter Training, Economic Development and what's next for Largo, Fire Safety and Education, General Community which includes information on neighborhoods, city services, our neighborhood grant program and ways to participate in city government, Police and Community Watch, Police Senior Services, Recreation, Park & Arts and membership opportunities, Sustainability and Recycling and Tree Care among others.

That Map!

The city of Largo's first-ever crowdsourced neighborhood map, called That Map!, is an interactive exploration of the places we call home. That Map! enables area residents to literally put their communities on the map and contribute to their collective neighborhood identity.

Contact collector

A key goal of our outreach projects is to create stronger communication with local neighborhoods. Neighborhood leaders, community associations, and civic groups are invited to update their information with the city. Up-to-date contacts will allow speedier access to projects impacting the neighborhood and opportunities to provide immediate feedback.

These efforts are just a small fraction of how the city works, often behind the scenes, to improve the day-to-day life of community members. No matter what Largo may weather this season, we challenge the community to take action and connect with each other and with us, even before it's absolutely necessary.

All projects can be accessed at Largo.com/Connect.

Brenda Clark is the community outreach coordinator for the city of Largo.

City Briefs

Volunteer fair slated for July 7 at library

LARGO - The city of Largo will hold a volunteer fair Saturday, July 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Largo Public Library.

More than 25 community organizations, including medical and nature centers, the Girl Scouts, Habitat for Humanity and more, will be on hand to share information about the many possibilities that are available.

Library to host hurricane preparedness expo

LARGO - A free hurricane preparedness expo will be held Saturday, July 21, from 9 to 11 a.m., in the Jenkins Wing of the Largo Public Library.

Learn from Largo Fire Rescue how to be prepared before, during and after the storm with information including disaster kits and where to find shelter.

Meteorologist Mike Clay of Bay News 9 will open up the event, followed by preparedness tips from a panel that includes members of Largo Fire Rescue, Pinellas County Emergency Management, Largo Police Department, Pinellas County Animal Services and the Florida Division of Emergency Management.

Business vendors also will be on hand to answer questions related to preparation, disaster restoration and property maintenance.

Register at Eventbrite.com. For more information, call 727-587-6737.

ShredFest returns to recycling center July 21

LARGO - The city of Largo will hold a ShredFest event Saturday, July 21, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Starkey Road Recycling Center, 1551 Starkey Road.

The drive-through events allow residents to bring up to five boxes of

documents for free and secure on-site shredding and recycling. There is no need to remove staples, paper clips or rubber bands.

The Starkey Road Recycling Center is also a 24-hour facility where residents can drop off their mixed recycling at no-cost and pick up free, recycled mulch all year-round.

To learn more about ShredFest or other upcoming sustainability events, visit LargoRecycles.com or call 727-587-6760.

City invites artists to participate in new event

LARGO - Largo's Recreation Department is accepting artist applications for the inaugural Art in the Park event that will be held Sept. 8 in Largo Central Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Art in the Park was developed from resident feedback and interest in enhancing Largo's art culture.

The event will be an opportunity for artists to exhibit their works, all which must be original, handmade and hand-crafted pieces throughout the park.

Interactive and visual artists are invited to submit three photos showcasing their work to the Review Committee. All applications will be reviewed before approval by the committee, including panelists from the local art community, Creative Pinellas, Beach Art Center, Largo High School and the city.

The application deadline is July 13.

Complete applications should be emailed to SpecialEvents@largo.com.

Largo Middle School and Largo High School students will be given a shared space at no cost. Entry fees for Largo residents are \$30 and \$45 for nonresidents.

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customers once their prescriptions have transferred to the Publix pharmacy.

According to a press release, Safeway employees will be encouraged to pursue job opportunities at Publix and will be provided with details on how to apply for employment.

A grand opening date is expected to be announced within the fourth quarter of this year, according to Publix spokesman Brian West.

It took about six months of work and millions of dollars to revamp what was Tampa Bay's last Albertsons into the Safeway store, which had its grand opening in

June 2016.

The grocer hoped the store's fresh look, which included a Starbucks, on-site juice station, pizza bar and sushi bar, and new services such as grocery delivery, would help it compete with the Lakeland-based Publix, which has dominated the industry in Florida.

Publix, the largest employee-owned grocery chain in the U.S., employs more than 190,000 people at its 1,187 store locations, 787 of which are in Florida. In 2017, its retail sales reached \$34.6 billion and show no signs of slowing, as the grocer's sales in the first quarter of 2018 were \$9.3 billion, a 6.8 percent increase from last year's \$8.7 billion.

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County staff showed the County Commission some of the educational materials they plan to use to educate the public about the potential effect of Amendment 1 during a June 9 meeting.

If approved, Amendment 1 would allow homeowners to take a third homestead exemption on their primary residence if the assessed value is greater than \$100,000 up to \$125,000. The exemption would apply to all tax levies except school district levies, beginning Jan. 1, 2019.

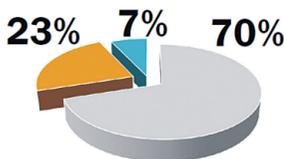
The projected loss in local government funds to support essential public services, such as police, emergency medical services, fire departments, libraries, parks and more is \$42.5 million.

The county wants the public to be aware of several important points. The first is that in Pinellas, two in three homes would not qualify for the additional exemption. In addition, businesses and renters would not benefit.

That means only one-third of the county's homeowners would save on property taxes, while two-thirds of homeowners, along with renters and businesses would pay a larger share of the total tax bill.

Currently, all homeowners with an assessed value from \$0-\$25,000 qualify for the first homestead exemption on their primary residence. The second homestead exemption applies to assessed values between \$50,000 and \$75,000. The proposed third exemption would apply only to assessed home values between \$100,000 and \$125,000.

Staff says that the first and second homestead exemption applies to most primary residences in Pinellas, but that's not the case for the proposed third exemption. Homes with an



Graphic courtesy of PINELLAS COUNTY
If voters approve Amendment 1 in November, 70 percent of homeowners in Pinellas would not qualify for the extra exemption. Seven percent would qualify for a partial exemption and 23 percent would qualify for a full exemption, according to information from the Pinellas County Property Appraiser.

assessed value of \$99,000 or less would receive no benefit. Homes with an assessed value of \$100,000 to \$124,999 would receive a partial benefit. Only homes with an assessed value of more than \$125,000 would get the full benefit.

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To find out if you qualify for a third homestead exemption, visit www.3hxe.com or www.pcpao.org, to use a statewide tool developed by the Pinellas County Property

Appraiser's office.

Staff reminds voters that the assessed value of a home is typically less than the just market value and assessed values are constrained by the Save-Our-Homes cap on property taxes.

To pass, Amendment 1 must receive support by 60 percent of voters.

A second amendment on the ballot – Amendment 2 – applies to owners of second homes, businesses and rental properties. Currently, a 10 percent cap limits the annual property tax increases for these non-homestead properties. That cap expires Jan. 1, 2019.

However, if voters approve Amendment 2, the cap would become permanent and continue to limit how much property tax goes up annually on non-homestead properties. If voters say no, the cap would expire and non-homestead properties would be subject to market values for property tax purposes, which could result in higher taxes.

If Amendment 2 doesn't pass, local governments could see revenue increases of an estimated \$32.5 million, which brings in more money to pay for services. However, County commissioners are concerned that higher taxes on rental property could deplete the supply of affordable housing in the county. Businesses also could be affected.

Besides Amendments 1 and 2, voters will see 11 other initiatives on the Nov. 6 ballot. For more information, visit dos.elections.myflorida.com/initiatives. Be sure to check the "Made Ballot" box on the top of the form before you run the query.

County staff has launched a webpage to help educate voters, visit pinellascounty.org/amendment1. Staff will be out in the community making presentation starting in early fall.

Around Largo

Gold's Gym hosts fundraiser for LHS football

LARGO – Gold's Gym Largo, 2178 East Bay Drive, is hosting a fundraiser for the Largo High School football team and Florida English Bulldog Rescue Saturday, July 7, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

The event will include a carwash, complimentary workout, 50 percent off smoothies, food, vendors and the bloodmobile will be onsite.

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 Benevolution 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. There will be a beach ball play space for kids of all ages, a toddler zone, face painting, and balloon art.

The Benevolution 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 thebenevolutionfoundation.org.

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.

Ride the miniature trains at Central Park

LARGO – Folks can ride miniature trains around Largo Central Park on Saturday-Sunday, July 7-8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Rides are free, but donations are accepted. Train rides can be accessed via the tan-roofed shelter at the east side of the park.

For more information, visit lcrailroad.com.

Enjoy 100 years of popular song at library

LARGO – Enjoy barbershop vocal harmonies at the Largo Public Library on Monday July 16, at 6:30 p.m. when the Florida Suncoast Chorus takes you on a journey through the most popular songs from the 1860s through the 1960s.

The performance will include popular folk music from the 1800s, show tunes from the 1930s and 40s, old-time blues and gospel numbers, film music such as "Over the Rainbow," as well as songs from the pop music charts.

The performance will be held in Gallery 120, which will be showing "Florida's Got the Blues," an exhibit that explores the tradition of the blues in Florida and the many notable artists with deep roots in the state.

The event is free and no registration is necessary.

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.

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-the-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.

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.

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 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.

Glo-night to light up Highland pool

LARGO – The Highland Family Aquatic Center will host glo-night Friday, July 20, from 8:45 to 11:45 p.m.

The event will include lasers, black lights and LED lights as participants splash down slides. Each admission will receive a free Glo-Necklace and lighted mohawk. Splash's Snack Bar will be open with \$1 hot dogs available. Door prizes and activities are planned.

Admission bracelets are on sale and limited to the first 250 sold at Highland Recreation Complex.

Highland hosts Itty Bitty Splashtime

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

Parents can spend quality time with their preschool-aged children

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Photo by CHRIS GEORGE

Waypoint 6 Tavern & Geekery, at 9057 Ulmerton Road, features several themed booths, including those for Harry Potter and Star Wars fans.

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who owns the tavern off Ulmerton Road with his wife, Stephanie, and mother, Marsha.

When Stephanie found out about the list via Twitter in June, she was so excited she couldn't even get the words out to tell Kevin, so she just pulled the article up online for him.

"I mean we're in the list with places in New York, California, Canada, Las Vegas and then there's Largo, Florida," Kevin said.

This isn't the first time, Waypoint 6 has received national attention online.

About a month after opening, when football season was ramping up, Stephanie placed a sign on the door in an effort to inform new customers of what they were walking into.

It read in part: "Sports Fans. Please be advised this is not a sports bar! Waypoint 6 Tavern & Geekery was designed by geeks for geeks to enjoy all of their geeky delights. ... We do not have a cable sports package. We will not be showing sports unless it is BattleBots, drone racing or Quidditch. There are over eighty-seven sports bars in this area to choose from but only one geekery."

It didn't take long for a picture of the sign to go viral and for the nerd community to rejoice.

"Last time we looked, it had like 700,000 views," Stephanie said. "We were getting messages from people in like New Zealand, Australia, Germany asking when are you going to open one here?"

"The guy from Australia was like, 'I'm digging a hole from Brisbane right now to you,'" Kevin added.

Local customers are also starting to take notice, if only by reading the sign.

"We had one guy who said, 'I drove by and saw your sign. It looked weird. I pulled in. I looked at the sign and it said Geekery. It can't be. Is this place all about stuff for nerds and geeks?' We were like, yes it is," Kevin said. "He was like, 'I'm home.'"

Lifelong geeks

While Internet fame happened upon them quickly, the road to opening Waypoint 6 was much longer in the making for Kevin and Stephanie, who say they were proud geeks long before it became trendy.

"From Day 1, I grew up watching 'Star Trek' with my dad, or Creature Feature on Channel 44 every Saturday," said Kevin, whose family moved to the area at a young age.

Not to be outdone, Stephanie, who was raised in Largo and went to Ridgecrest Elementary and Seminole High School, said she remembers faking an illness just so she could stay home and finish the "Lord of the Rings."

The self-proclaimed theater nerds even met at the Bay Area Renaissance Festival when it was in Largo. Kevin was directing the human chess match and Stephanie was part of the street cast.

Kevin continues to work at festivals and conventions, performing a stage combat comedy show.

His skill isn't limited to swords, though.

For 10 years, Kevin served as a Kenneth City police officer. He had hoped to keep his job and still run the tavern, but he learned a state statute makes it a misdemeanor for a sworn law enforcement officer to own an



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The tavern scored nerdy fans from around the globe when it posted a sign on its door that informed customers that it's a place for 'geeky delights,' such as the many games they offer, below, and not sports. A picture of the sign went viral and people from as far away as Australia reached out to Waypoint 6.



establishment that sells liquor.

So, now he teaches firearms and vehicle operations at the police academy.

"I still get to do all the fun stuff, all the driving and shooting and not all the paperwork," he said.

The tavern's about what?

Before law enforcement, he was a commercial fisherman with his family, who had owned a seafood restaurant on Seminole Boulevard.

About two years ago, his family was looking for a new venture when Kevin suggested giving

the food and beverage business another shot – but with a twist.

"We pitched them this idea, and it was met with some skeptic looks," he said.

Family members weren't the only ones who needed convincing.

When hunting for locations, the couple had to find a simple way of explaining the business to real estate agents.

"We eventually had to start explaining it like someplace the guys from the 'Big Bang Theory' would go hangout," Stephanie said. "Or like a Beef O Brady's for nerds. You can bring kids. There's no sports. Some people are going to be drinking, some people aren't."

A year's worth of hunting paid off when they came across the former Irish pub that already had the look and feel they were hoping for. All they had to do was change some of the decor by adding some nerdy touches, such as paintings, comic books and memorabilia.

"Eighty percent of everything on the walls is ours from our house, and then the rest of it is from artists and people who have donated," Kevin said.

The tavern also features a full menu of comfort food and drinks that reflects genres from Star Trek to Harry Potter. Some of the items include Dragon Ball Cheeze (pimento cheese fritters), Alien Eggs (jalapeno poppers) and Mario's fried mushrooms, while the kids' menu is under the heading – you guessed it – "The Next Generation."

Waypoint also hosts several events, such as watch parties for shows like "The Walking Dead," trivia nights or most recently its Summerween, which gave the Danielses an excuse to celebrate their favorite holiday, Halloween, twice.

Something for everybody

While the point of Waypoint might be fun and games, the couple said the most satisfying part of the first year has been how the tavern brings different kinds of people together.

Whether it's the customer who comes in with a tie and briefcase to play Magic the Gathering or a woman who learns about live-action role playing from other patrons so she can better understand her grandson, the Danielses say the tavern is for everybody.

"That's the best thing about this place," Stephanie said. "You don't have to be a fan of everything, but somewhere they (patrons) are going to find that common ground."

The tavern is also a place to gather for like-minded patrons to discuss or argue their favorite topics, such as the Marvel Cinematic Universe.

When "Avengers: Infinity War" came out, "we practically had to have support groups in here," Kevin said.

"These groups like to come here because we cater to them. We're their people."

With Orlando and its scores of themed restaurants and bars nearby, Stephanie said the hardest part has been living up to everybody's expectations.

Thus far, it must be, because the coolest nerd bar in Pinellas County will be holding its one-year anniversary party July 21 featuring live music by the Bawdy Boys.

"I'm still not 100 percent sure that we're cool," Stephanie said.

"We're definitely cool amongst nerds," Kevin responded.

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in a safe and playful aquatic environment. Enjoy the slides, sprays, zero depth pool area and more. Mom's clubs are welcome.

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

Extended parties will be held Fridays, July 13 and Aug. 3, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. for children ages 5 and under at the Aquatic Center.

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

Cost is \$2.50 per person.

Highland Rec offers day care

LARGO - The city of Largo offers Little Pals Preschool, a full-time day care for children ages 3 through 5. Licensed by the Pinellas County Licensing Board, Little Pals will promote a school readiness curriculum that works on developing children's social and creative skills and prepare them for kindergarten.

Preschoolers have access to a private outdoor playground and PlayWorld, a three-story indoor playground.

Head teacher Paula Squitieri has worked in child care for more than 17 years.

Little Pals Preschool is open Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cost is \$140 per week per child. Space is limited to 15 children and children must be potty trained.

Highland also has a VPK program available for eligible children.

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 to host

Flick-n-Float movies

LARGO - Bring your favorite float or chair to Southwest Pool on Friday, 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.

Group meetings

American Legion Post 119

LARGO - American Legion Post 119, at 130 First

Happy 95th birthday

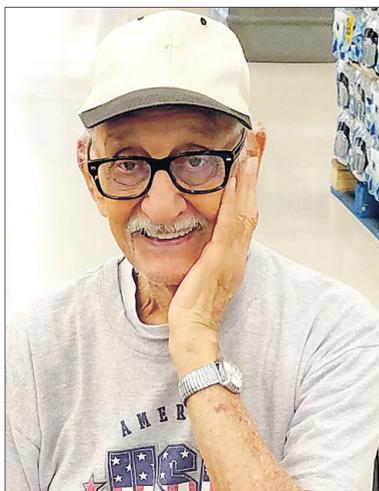


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Largo resident John J. Cirlingione recently celebrated his 95th birthday. Cirlingione was born June 24, 1923, in Pittsburgh. He retired from the engineering department of the city of St. Petersburg after 15 years having also worked for years as part of the parks and forestry departments. In 1943, John served in the Army, stateside, during World War II. In 1962, John and his wife (deceased) Norma, and three children moved from Pittsburgh to St. Petersburg. John resides now in Shadow Pines of Largo with his family, including his son John, daughter-in-law Eva, grandson James and daughter Jeanne.

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.

Kiwanis Club of Largo/Mid-Pinellas

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

Each meeting features a speaker and fellowship over a meal, where members plan service and fundraising projects

Kiwanis is a worldwide service organization founded in 1915 to serve the children of the world and at the local level.

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

Alzheimer's Caregiver support group

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

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

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

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Police Beat

PSTA bus crashes after driver has medical issue

TREASURE ISLAND – Treasure Island police say the driver of a PSTA bus may have suffered a medical episode about 10:36 a.m. June 27 while traveling west on 107th Avenue at First Street East in Treasure Island.

Police say the bus left the westbound lanes and continued traveling west in the eastbound lanes. It then jumped the southside sidewalk, traveled approximately 120 feet on the sidewalk before crossing back over the eastbound lanes into the westbound lanes where it hit a concrete pole on the sidewalk on the north side of 107th Avenue.

The bus struck the concrete pole with the right front of the bus shearing the pole from its base.

The bus continued to travel westbound on 107th Avenue before striking a median curb and coming to a rest partially onto Gulf Boulevard.

Prior to the PSTA bus crashing, a concerned motorist observed the bus traveling erratically but slowly on Treasure Island Causeway heading westbound for approximately one mile as it merged onto 107th Avenue, according to a press release from Treasure Island police. The motorist then saw the bus jump the northside curb at 107th Avenue and First Street East. The bus came to a stop and the only passenger exited.

Police say the concerned citizen exited his vehicle and walked over to the bus door and attempted to talk to the driver. The citizen recognized that the driver might be suffering from a medical emergency and saw the driver begin to drive away. The citizen jumped on the bus and the driver continued to accelerate continuing west in the eastbound lanes of 107th Avenue.

The driver did not respond to directions by the citizen and the citizen attempted to take control of the steering but could not access the brakes. The citizen was able to steer the bus off the sidewalk and into the westbound lanes before striking the concrete pole.

Police say that responding officers also found the bus driver to be awake but unresponsive to conversation.

The unidentified bus driver was transported to a hospital.

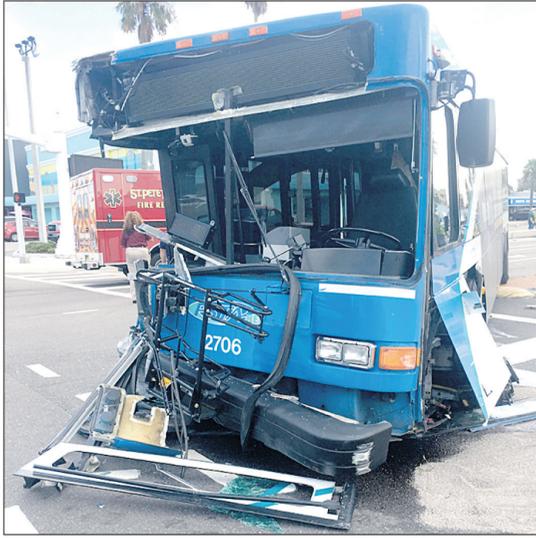


Photo courtesy of TREASURE ISLAND POLICE

A PSTA bus sustained damage June 27 after the driver lost control during what police believe was a medical episode while traveling westbound on 107th Avenue at First Street East in Treasure Island.

Tuesday morning and a small portion of Hillcrest Avenue was still closed as of 10:40 a.m. as city crews worked to repair the traffic signals at the intersection. Police say damage estimates to city property is about \$75,000. Speeding and alcohol are thought to be factors in the crash.

Detectives investigate drowning of 2-month-old

ST. PETERSBURG – Pinellas County Sheriff's detectives are investigating the drowning of a 2-month-old girl found submerged in the families bathtub about 2:45 p.m. June 24 at a home in unincorporated St. Petersburg. Detectives say the drowning appears to be accidental.

According to detectives, the mother of the baby Sureka Sivalingam, 32, prepared a bath for 2-month-old Kavina Navanetharaj. Sureka placed a transportable infant bathtub inside the residential bathtub and filled the infant bathtub with water.

Detectives say Sureka placed Kavina into the infant bathtub and Sureka climbed into the residential tub that was void of water.

After almost an hour, a family member went into the bathroom to check on Sureka and found her unresponsive inside the residential bathtub. Kavina was found unresponsive and submerged in the infant bathtub.

A family member pulled Kavina from the water and called 911. The family member performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation until Lealman Fire Rescue personnel arrived on scene. Paramedics took over CPR.

Kavina and Sureka were both transported by ambulance to St. Petersburg General Hospital.

Kavina was pronounced dead at the hospital at about 5:11 p.m. Sureka was treated and released.

Detectives say Sureka appears to have suffered a medical episode that caused her to lose consciousness while bathing Kavina. Kavina's death appears to be accidental in nature.

– Compiled by SUZETTE PORTER

MOSQUITO PREVENTION

County offers tips on how to Fight the Bite

By SUZETTE PORTER
Tampa Bay Newspapers

CLEARWATER – Pinellas County Commission joined the rest of the nation in declaring June 24-30 as Mosquito Control Awareness Week during a June 19 meeting.

Fight the Bite was the theme of the American Mosquito Control Association's education campaign, which is observed annually the week of June 26. The purpose of the week is to educate the public about mosquitoes and the service provided by mosquito control workers.

Several of the County's Mosquito Control employees attended the June 19 meeting. One message that was shared was the importance of getting rid of breeding areas. The best way to do that is to "tip and toss" to remove sources of standing water around your property. It only takes 1/4-inch of water to breed mosquitoes.

American Mosquito Control Association advises the public to "make your yard a mosquito-free zone."

Ways to do that include:
• Disposing of any tires. Tires can breed thousands of mosquitoes.

• Drilling holes in the bottom of recycling containers.

• Clearing roof gutters of debris.

• Cleaning pet water dishes regularly.

• Checking and emptying children's toys.

• Repairing leaky outdoor faucets.

• Changing the water in bird baths at least once a week.

In a press release, Joseph Conlon, AMCA technical adviser, said, "Encouraging your neighbors to also eliminate sources on their own property is critical to a community-wide control program. Mosquitoes require water to complete their life cycle. If their water source is eliminated, so are their offspring."

County Mosquito Control workers commented that many of the calls they respond to about mosquito problems are to homes or businesses that have standing water and are contributing to their mosquito problem by providing breeding areas.

"Summer is a crucial time to protect yourself and your loved ones from mosquitoes. Mosquito surveillance and control happens year-round in Florida, but the hotter, wetter months produce ideal conditions for disease-spreading mosquitoes, so be sure to lessen your risk of being bitten and eliminate potential breeding sites," said Wayne Gale, president of the Florida Mosquito Control Association said in a press release from the State Department of Health.

County and state officials as well as the American Mosquito Control Association agree that mosquitoes are more than just a nuisance.

Their bites can spread diseases such as Zika and West Nile Virus.

"We already have the mosquitoes. We are continually importing the diseases they carry," said Joseph Conlon, AMCA technical adviser. "We must be prepared to prevent their spread throughout our public health landscape – and this requires safe, effective, sustained mosquito control and awareness in the community."

AMCA also says that mosquito-borne diseases do not only affect humans – they also kill countless birds, reptiles, animals and endangered species each year.

"Awareness of these parasites – including canine heartworm, Eastern Equine Encephalitis and Western Equine Encephalitis – is another important component of mosquito control the general public must embrace," the AMCA says.

Pinellas County's Mosquito Control Department works year-round to create an environment as free of mosquitoes as possible for the comfort and well-being of the public, according to information found at www.pinellascounty.org/resident/mosquito_control.htm.

They apply larvicide to known breeding grounds and participate in the state's sentinel chickens program to monitor the area for mosquito-borne diseases. And they respond to the public's calls for help, usually within 24 hours.

Regardless of how hard Mosquito Control works or how vigilant the public is about removing standing water, the rainy season brings an influx of mosquitoes. So, it is important that the public use protection.

When outside, people are advised to apply mosquito repellent on exposed skin. The Center for Disease Control recommends products with DEET, picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus. Read and follow label directions with all repellents.

In addition, wear long sleeves, long pants, and light-colored, loose-fitting clothing. Mosquitoes are attracted by dark colors.

"While there is currently no active, ongoing transmission of Zika in Florida, residents and travelers should always take precautions to protect against mosquito bites," said State Surgeon General and Secretary Dr. Celeste Philip. "Zika is one of several mosquito-borne illnesses that occur in Florida, so be sure to drain water from any containers around your home, cover your skin with clothing and mosquito repellent and cover doors and windows with screens to keep mosquitoes out of your home or business."

For more information or to request a technician, call County Mosquito Control at 727-464-7503.

For more information on mosquito-borne diseases, visit www.floridahealth.gov.

Ex-St. Pete Beach mayor found dead in home

ST. PETE BEACH – Pinellas County Sheriff's detectives are investigating the death of a former St. Pete Beach mayor who was found dead in his home June 26.

Deputies responded to the home of Stephen Douglas McFarlin, 61, about 3:30 p.m. According to detectives with the Robbery/Homicide Unit, family members went to the former mayor's home on Tuesday because they were concerned after not hearing from him for some time.

They found McFarlin dead inside his home on Gulf Boulevard. They then called deputies who responded to the home and confirmed that McFarlin was dead.

Detectives say it appears that McFarlin died of a self-inflicted injury and that his death does not appear suspicious.

McFarlin served as St. Pete Beach mayor from 2011-2014.

Largo man injured in single-vehicle crash

CLEARWATER – Clearwater Police and Clearwater Fire & Rescue responded to a single-vehicle crash with serious injuries about 2:51 a.m. June 26 at Court Street and Hillcrest Avenue.

According to police, William Fralin, 48, of Largo was driving a 2002 Toyota Camry westbound on Court Street when the vehicle left the road, struck a couple street signs and then slammed into a large pole holding traffic signals. Police say debris from the car and the traffic signals was strewn over a large area and onto the campus of St. Cecelia Catholic School, 1350 Court St.

Fralin was transported to Bayfront Health in St. Petersburg and was reportedly in critical condition.

Court Street and Hillcrest Avenue were closed for about three hours

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Outdoors News

Sheepshead, tripletail, changes effective July 1

Several changes to the management of tripletail and sheepshead went into effect July 1, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has announced.

Changes include:

- Tripletail:**
 - The minimum size limit increased to 18 inches total length.
 - The FWC's recreational and commercial regulations for this species now extend into federal waters (including only allowing the use of hook-and-line gear and the new size limit).

Learn more about tripletail regulations at MyFWC.com/Fishing by clicking on "Saltwater Fishing."

Sheepshead:

- The recreational bag limit was lowered to eight fish per person, per day year-round.
- There will be a recreational vessel limit of 50 fish per vessel, per trip during March and April.
- FWC's recreational and commercial regulations for this species now extend into federal waters (including the new bag and vessel limits).

Guided hike offered at Brooker Creek

TARPON SPRINGS – Habitats and Communities, a guided hike, will be offered Saturday, July 7, 9 to 10:30 a.m., at Brooker Creek Preserve, 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs.

The hike will showcase shady hammocks, pine flatwoods and forested wetlands of Brooker Creek Preserve. Attendees will learn about the natural communities of the preserve and how they are connected to human activities.

Children age 15 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Children age 5 and younger may find this hike challenging. Volunteer hike guides will meet participants in the lobby of the education center 10 minutes before the scheduled start time. Attendees should wear sturdy closed-toe shoes, sneakers or boots. Insect repellent is strongly recommended.

Registration is required. Call 727-453-6800 or visit www.brookercreekpreserve.eventbrite.com.

Not that kind of dolphin



This 30-pound bull dolphin was caught off John's Pass recently. Present at the capture were, from left, Kurt Middleton, Tommy Mayo, Rick Zytek and Scooter Dagen.

Photo courtesy of TOM MAYO

Rain should make fish a little less wary, more eager to feed

With the onset of our rainy season it's now truly starting to feel like summer fishing out there.

The welcomed rain will help to change our water clarity from gin to a slightly off-colored green, making fish a little less wary and often more eager to feed, not to mention often lowering the water temperature a couple of degrees just after a storm.

Tarpon fishing should be good again this week, as long as the beaches stay nice and calm. Many of the fish will be migrating back north through the area along all of our beaches.

A large population of fish will also push their way inside of Tampa Bay. These fish become more stationary rather than migratory as they'll often find an area with some depth and a good concentration of bait and stay there for a few weeks. Target these rolling fish with sinking plugs like the



Fish Tales

Capt. Tyson Wallerstein

D.O.A. Bait buster. For the beach fish, anchor up along their course of travel and fish with corked live baits such as big pilchards or pinfish.

Flounder fishing has improved in our area quite a bit over the past couple of years. Last fall we saw a good push of flounder inshore along the deep pothole-laden grass flats as well as many structure areas along the beaches.

So far this summer looks pretty good as well; plenty of good sized flounder ranging from 14 to 20 inches can be targeted along pass jetties and near-shore reefs. A live pilchard fished on a drop-shot rig

will allow you to drag your bait along the edge of the reef or jetty without snagging up.

Trout are still hot throughout the Intracoastal Waterway. Grass flats around Terra Verde and the Clearwater/Dunedin areas are full of trout. Drift fishing while casting soft plastic jigs amongst the many potholes will provide all the action you need.

Also, there has been lots of trout along the beaches near the passes. Many times while snook fishing lately along the sand shoals we've hooked into some gator-sized trout.

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

McGough Park to host birds of prey show

LARGO – The Look Alive Bird Show will be presented Sunday, July 8, from 1 to 2 p.m., at the Narrows Environmental Education Center, 11901 146th St. N.

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

Cost is \$3 a person.

Obituaries

THE REVEREND BURNS, Thomas L.

The Reverend Thomas L. Burns, SCJ, a Wilkes-Barre, PA native, died Saturday, June 23, 2018, in Pinellas Park, Florida after a lengthy illness. Born September 12, 1938, he was the second of eight children



born to the late Thomas L. and Dorothy Ann Dugan Burns. Father Tom was a 1956 graduate of Saint Mary's High School, Wilkes-Barre. Father Tom spent one year studying at Dehon Seminary of the Sacred Heart in Great Barrington, MA; and went to the Sacred Heart Novitiate in Sainte Marie, IL for a special year of training for the religious vows, which he professed on September 8, 1958. After four years of college at Kilroe Seminary of the Sacred Heart in Honesdale, PA, Father Tom began his study of sacred theology at the Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology in Hales Corners, WI in 1962. On December 28, 1965, he was ordained to the holy priesthood at the Church of Saint Sebastian by the late Bishop Roman Atkielski of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. On January 2, 1966, Father Tom celebrated his first solemn Mass in his home parish of Saint John the Evangelist in Wilkes-Barre. Father Tom's first assignment led him to Massachusetts where he was appointed to the faculty of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary at Bellefontaine, in Lenox. In 1972, he earned his Master of Arts degree in French at Immaculata College in Worcester. Father Tom then began studying for certification as a high school principal and supervisor at North Adams State College and was subsequently named principal of the seminary in 1969. He served in that position until 1979. Later that year, Father Tom enrolled in the Institute of Spirituality and Workshop at the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, CA. After a two-year update in spirituality and post-Vatican II theology, he joined the faculty of Saint Joseph Notre Dame High School in Alameda, CA. In 1983, Father Tom was appointed the associate pastor of Saint Matthew's Parish in Houston, TX. He joined the Mississippi community in 1986 when he was named pastor of Queen of Peace Parish in Olive Branch. Then, in 1993, he became the pastor of Saint James Parish, Corinth, and the sacramental minister of Saint Mary's in Luka and Saint Francis in Booneville. After serving the faithful in that capacity for sixteen years, Father Tom retired to The Priests of the Sacred Heart retirement community in Pinellas Park, FL where he most recently resided. In addition to his parents, and several nieces and nephews who died in infancy, Father Tom was preceded in death by his sisters, Dorothy Ann McLaughlin and Joan Ann Calore; brothers, Neil Burns and John Burns; and brothers-in-law, Robert Calore and Frank Eick. Father Tom will be greatly missed by his brother, Joseph J. and his wife, Jo Ann Burns, Wilkes-Barre, PA; sisters, Carol Ann Eick, Wilkes-Barre, PA and Marie Ann and her husband, Kevin Mitchell, Harrisburg, PA; brother-in-law, William McLaughlin, Endicott, NY; sister-in-law, Geraldine Burns, Scituate, MA; many nieces and nephews, former parishioners and other family and friends. A funeral mass was celebrated in the Church of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Wilkes-Barre, Saturday, June 30, 2018. Interment was in Saint Mary's Cemetery. Memories and condolences may be shared with Father Tom's family at www.celebratehislife.com.

SMITH, Leonard P., age 67, passed away Wednesday, June 27, 2018. For service information, send condolences, or full obituary visit: www.MohnFuneralHome.com 727-393-3481

ROGERS, Erna



Erna Rogers, 83, passed away at Riverside Memorial Methodist Hospital in Columbus, Ohio on Monday, June 25, 2018. She was born in Augsburg, Germany on October 9, 1934, and eventually immigrated to the United States after World War II. Erna was a kind and loving person who enjoyed life to the fullest. She enjoyed interacting with people and spent many years working in the service industry in Florida before retiring and eventually moving to Ohio to be nearer to family. She was very fond of animals and nature and enjoyed bird watching. Over the years, she shared her home with numerous pet dogs that she considered part of her family and showered with her affection. But above all, Erna will be endearingly remembered most for the way she loved and cared for her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She will be sorely missed. Erna is survived by her daughter Renee Roggenkamp and husband Richard, of Worthington; two sons, Jack Rogers and wife Sue, of Oviedo, FL; Shan Rogers and wife Dawn, of Greensboro, N.C.; one brother, Edmund Kling, of British Columbia; six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son, Paul Rogers and her grandson, Colby Rogers. Her family will celebrate her life with a private memorial service. Memorial donations in honor of Erna may be made to the National Audubon Society at <https://action.audubon.org/donate/make-tribute-gift>. Arrangements have been entrusted to Schoedinger Worthington Chapel. Please visit www.schoedinger.com to send messages of condolence to the family.

Gardening News

Caledonia Brewing to host Blooms & Brews event July 10

DUNEDIN – The Pinellas chapter Florida Native Plant Society will present the inaugural Blooms & Brews event Tuesday, July 10, 6 to 8:30 p.m., at Caledonia Brewing, 587 Main St., Dunedin.

This casual evening for adults age 21 and older will feature a craft brew sampling, plant identification contest, door prizes and conversation. Caledonia Brewing has 19 small batch craft beers along with local guest taps and wine.

Admission is free. Beverages will be available for purchase.

For information, visit pinellas.fnps.org/index.php?id=blooms-n-brews&lang=en.

The mission of the Florida Native Plant Society is to promote the preservation, conservation and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida.

For information about the Pinellas Chapter and its activities, visit www.PinellasNativePlants.org.

Community Gardens Summer Brunch set

CLEARWATER – The fourth annual Clearwater Community Gardens Summer Brunch will take place Sunday, Aug. 19, 11 a.m., at the Fort Harrison, 210 S. Fort Harrison Ave., Clearwater.

Albert Latina, incoming president of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, will be the keynote speaker. Latina will be presenting about the event theme: "Gardening – Good for the Soul."

Attendees will celebrate the year's accomplishments.

Cost is a \$20 contribution to keep the community garden flourishing. Dress is casual.

For tickets, visit www.eventbrite.com/e/clearwater-community-gardens-4th-annual-summer-brunch-tickets-44646895065.

For information about the community gardens, visit facebook.com/ClearwaterCommunityGardens.

Garden Club to present program on pollinators

CLEARWATER – Jennifer Standley, a University of Florida Master Beekeeper student, will present a program Saturday, July 21, 10:30 a.m., at the Clearwater

Garden Club, 405 Seminole St., Clearwater.

Standley will discuss pollinators with a focus on bees. With native bee populations in decline, Standley will talk about why they are important, the problems they face and what can be done to help.

For details about the club, visit www.clearwatergardenclub.org.

To submit gardening news, 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.

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It's getting hard to determine who the good guys are

Attorney General Pam Bondi was harassed by protestors last Friday when she was at a movie theater in Tampa for a screening of the Mr. Rogers' movie "Won't You Be My Neighbor?"



Joe Henderson

Video of the incident went viral. Interestingly, it was captured by a member of Organize Florida who happened to be on the scene.

That group describes itself as "a community-based, nonprofit member organization of low and moderate-income people dedicated to the principles of social, racial, and economic justice and the promotion of an equal and fair Florida for all."

Very good. We need more of that. What we don't need are the guerilla tactics the video showed against Bondi.

They were inappropriate and juvenile. Wait a minute, Pam. Don't think I'm defending your decision to have Florida join a lawsuit that could end protections for people with pre-existing medical conditions.

That's what triggered the protest, and Bondi should be ashamed to be a party to that. It is cold, heartless, cruel and an unworthy partisan example of how she puts her Republican Party ideals over what is best for all the people.

And I did have to suppress a laugh when I saw her quote in the Tampa Bay Times about the incident.



Pam Bondi

"We were in a movie about anti-bullying and practicing peace and love and tolerance and accepting of people for their differences," Bondi told The Times. "That's what Mister Rogers is all about. We all believe in free speech, but there's a big difference there."

A good way to put anti-bullying, peace, love and tolerance into practice might be to stop trying to destroy people's insurance lifeline without replacing it with something that can provide the coverage they need and can afford. It's despicable.

Can you say that, Pam? Sure, you can. Actually, I doubt she could. This kind of stuff has been building since Donald Trump started his campaign for president. Progressives and Democrats, in general, despise him and the members of his administration - and, by extension, people like Bondi.

They believe Republican policies are designed to make the rich become richer and to screw the little guy. Often, they aren't wrong.

They believe Trump is a feckless bully whose fallback position is to lie about pretty much everything. Some of the people who support him believe they have a license to intimidate, mock, berate and stomp on people who have different ideas.

Democrats are fed up. The anti-Trumpies have had enough. But there is no excuse - none, zero - for some of the things we've seen lately.

Take Democratic U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters of California, for instance. She is acting just like the person she despises.

Saturday in Los Angeles, she said in a speech, "If you see anybody from that Cabinet in a restaurant, in a department store, at a gasoline station, you get out and you create a crowd and you push back on them and you tell them they're not welcome anymore, anywhere."

That's ignorant on so many levels that it's hard to know where to start. It's basically what Trump called for his supporters to do during the campaign. It's how he excused racists in Charlottesville for inciting violence. It's his fallback position whenever he feels the heat.

His opponents aren't as good at that game as Trump has been, and right now they are too filled with fury to grasp that their best weapon isn't a rock or screaming insults, it's a ballot on Election Day.

But even that won't work if the anti-Trump crowd keeps up this garbage. They shouldn't try to justify this junk with a "yeah, but ..." because they would be wrong.

Non-aligned voters already say they can't tell the difference between the two parties, and these actions reinforce that belief. And they tend to believe that while conservatives can be hardhearted, liberals can be clueless.

Democrats need to ask themselves a serious question. Florida has elected a Republican Governor in five consecutive elections. The vast majority of top officials in Tallahassee are Republicans.

Yes, gerrymandering can explain the GOP lockjaw on the Legislature, but that doesn't explain why Dems keep losing statewide races. It's just possible that Republicans have done a better job of articulating a vision enough Floridians agree with.

Hard to swallow, eh? If they want to change that narrative, it's time for leaders of the so-called "resistance" to show they can be something besides mad. Recent events aren't promising.

Joe Henderson has had a 45-year career in newspapers, including the last nearly 42 years at The Tampa Tribune.

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Here's how to play television poker

I'm not a gambler by nature. I'm too much of a tightwad and worrier (What if I should lose?!), plus the fact that I've seldom had enough extra cash to risk on a horse, a football game or a poker hand. But I've always admired people who possessed gambling talent, or thought they did.



Driver's Seat
Bob Driver

Instead, I've developed my own gambling game. It costs nothing. It's always available, each time I turn on my TV set. I call it TV Poker, but it's not really poker or any other card game. It simply consists of setting the odds on commercials, actors, speech patterns, hair styles, and other components of the mish-mash that today's local and network TV consists of.

Example: just before I turn on the TV to almost any channel, I bet myself that the first thing I see will be an advertisement. I set the odds at 2 to 1. And I usually win. That's because today's TV gives us almost as many commercials as it does minutes of reality-based content.

Just before a five-minute weather program starts, I wager on how many times the weatherman (or woman) will walk back and forth in front of the display. It's usually about seven. Sometimes as many as 10. If I'm correct with my guess, I award myself 100 points. If I'm wrong, I penalize myself 50 points for each back-and-forth stroll I missed with my estimate. I've always wondered why TV meteorologists feel compelled to wander around while they speak. Don't they know they're blocking the image of the water spout moving toward Punta Gorda?

Following are the odds I have set for the likelihood that the following persons will appear in today's TV commercials. (The lower the odds,

- the more likely the person will be shown.)
- A Caucasian: 2-1.
 - A person of color: 4-1.
 - An Hispanic person: 6-1.
 - An Asian-American: 16-1.
 - A clean-shaven man: 27-1.
 - A woman who is NOT a blonde: 12-1.
 - Any salesperson/presenter who does NOT wave his/her hands about while speaking: 30-1.

Here are other persons or things you're not likely to see in today's TV programming:

Any pharmaceutical advertisement that is not clearly designed to scare the daylights out of consumers. I cannot name a drug ad that does not list four times as many harmful side effects as benefits. I'll award myself 5,000 points any time such a commercial appears.

Any travel/resort ad in which every human shown is NOT smiling, laughing or having a drink.

Also, any such ad in which Afro-Americans are portrayed as actual customers of the hotel, resort, cruise ship or casino.

Commercials that have been shown for less than a year. Why can't sponsors come up with a new ad each month, instead of once every year or two?

Any hour of programming that does not show a commercial dealing with urinary or bowel movement difficulties; mesothelioma; or ambulance-chasing lawyers saying "Did you cut your finger opening a can of beans? If so, you deserve compensation. Call our office at once!"

Any news anchor or other presenter who received an "A" in his/her grammar class. I award myself 500 points each time I hear "between he and I" or "when police arrived, the victim was laying on the ground."

Any new-car advertiser with the guts to state "This new model will cost you \$44,000. Take it or leave it." Instead the TV ad will say something like "After a mere \$3,000 down payment you'll owe us only \$488 a month for the next seven short years. So, come on down!"

I may have exaggerated in some of my foregoing statements, but I'm sure the television companies and their sponsors will not notice. Or care. They can say, quite correctly, "Quit your complaining, pal. You can always change channels or hit the OFF button. Which I often do."

But a better way to think of TV is not as a time-consuming wasteland but as a potential storehouse of information, much of it useful. Instead of dismissing a program as a piece of junk, maybe we should take time to ask: Am I learning anything new from what I'm watching? Does it connect me with the outside world? Does it bring me closer to the human race?

Open-mindedness (about almost anything) may take more time and effort than judgmentalism, but the payoff can be life-changing.

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Who we are, what we do, matters

When I got to work today, I parked in the back, where most employees park, near our newspaper's back door. Like every other day, I ambled up to the door and tried to open it.

But I couldn't. It was locked. And it will remain locked - that is my new reality - and the new reality of hundreds of journalists across this country.

As news spread yesterday of a shooting at an Annapolis newspaper yesterday, there is no doubt in my mind that most - if not all - journalists, reporters, editors, photographers, salespeople all had the same deafening and terrifying thought:

That could've been me.

Sure, I only work for a weekly newspaper in a relatively small community (although, as someone from a Mississippi community that is infinitely smaller, trust me when I say small is a relative term indeed), but we have our share of disgruntled readers - even more prevalent now in Trump's era of vitriolic hate toward the media - and it's an unbearable thought to carry that one of them might turn that distaste into projectiles that pierce the very heart of who we are.

And who are we? Emblematically, we are the torchbearers against the dark - or as the Washington Post somewhat dramatically declared, we are those that work to prevent democracy from dying in the darkness.

Practically, we are the people who make sure you know what your elected officials are up to; the people who write about community events that matter to you; the people who make sure you know Macy's is having a 50 percent off sale for the Fourth of July.

I walked around my news office today and took a long hard look at the people I work with on a daily basis.

There's our receptionist - our first line of de-



Logan Mosby

fense when it comes to the outside world - a mother of all boys whose fashion sense and style puts those years younger than her to absolute shame. She takes your complaints with a smile and does her best to appease you.

There's our publisher, one of the savviest, kindest, most hilariously neat dudes you could ever meet. His door is almost never closed - and when it is, no one is afraid to knock if they need to.

Then there's our classified's department - a smart and dedicated tribe of women who keep me stocked in support, chocolate and floss, and who make sure people know about your weekend yard sale.

Our business department might be small but it is mighty. The ladies there work tirelessly to make sure this company and its employees run smoothly.

Our retail sales department is right up at the front of the building. These ladies hustle - there's no other word for it. They make lemonade out of lemons every single week for this company. If the newsroom is the meat of a sandwich, advertising is absolutely the bread.

Before I make it to the newsroom, I pass through our production department, where on any given day I'll hear conversations ranging from politics to the Walking Dead to whether or not wizards are real. These people make what you want to sell look pretty. And they do it well.

And finally, I make it to the heart of this company - the newsroom. I'm, of course, biased

when I call it that, but for me, well, it's where my heart has always been. We're not a big newsroom and we aren't fancy - and we aren't anything like you see on TV or in the movies. There are only four of us editors, one of whom I'm lucky enough to call my husband, and we cover close to a dozen communities within the pages of our respective publications. We have two proofreaders, one who is over 80 and still drives to work every day.

There are less than 50 of us within the walls of this building but we do everything we can to make sure our readers are in the know each week.

It really is a thankless job and but for our dedication to the communities we serve, the reward is almost never reaped monetarily. Trust me when I tell you that no one works in community journalism so they can make a lot of money. We do it because it's who we are and damn it, who we are matters. So, now you know.

I hope you remember that the next time you pick up your copy of the paper, You can bet I will.

Logan Mosby is editor of the Clearwater Beacon.

About the Cartoonist

A former editorial cartoonist for the Clearwater Sun, Chip Bok went on to Miami to draw a weekly South Florida lifestyle cartoon for the Miami Herald, illustrate Dave Barry's column.

His pilgrimage returned him to his home state where he became editorial cartoonist for the Akron Beacon Journal in 1987.

Since then he has won two National Cartoonists Society awards for Best Editorial Cartoonist.

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Pictured are, from left, Brenda George, 100 Women Who Care co-leader; Phyllis Schaefer, 100 Women Who Care member; Joanne Gilch, 100 Women Who Care member; Leah Slavensky, 100 Women Who Care member; Pamela Iusi, Community Dental Clinic executive director and 100 Women Who Care member; Kara Eads, Community Dental Clinic volunteer; Sally McLane Evans, 100 Women Who Care member; Colton Akins, Community Dental Clinic volunteer; Sheila Jasper, Community Dental Clinic Clinical Coordinator; Karen Snipes, 1000 Women Who Care member; and Julie Webster, 100 Women Who Care co-leader.

100 Women Who Care donate funds to Community Dental Clinic

CLEARWATER – 100 Women Who Care of Pinellas County presented the Community Dental Clinic with a donation of \$11,900 June 15.

The mission of the Community Dental Clinic is to provide low-income, uninsured or underinsured adults of upper Pinellas County access to basic dental care and education through volunteer service and community partnerships. In 2009, access to dental services was identified as the number one social service need in Pinellas County. For this reason, the Salvation Army, Clearwater Free Clinic, and The Arc of Tampa Bay collaborated to establish the Community Dental Clinic.

100 Women Who Care of Pinellas County is a philanthropic group that provides an avenue for women to join together to bring financial support to local, charitable organizations that have a 501(c)(3) status. Members commit to attending four meetings per year (one per quarter) and pledge to donate \$100 to an elected charity at each meeting.

The members have the opportunity to nominate any organization, three of the nominated organizations are then randomly selected to give a 5-minute presentation, a vote is taken, and then checks are written directly to the winning charity. Since February of 2013, the group has given \$183,000 to local charities.

The group's next meeting will take place Tuesday, Aug. 21, 7 to 8 p.m., at Cove Cay Golf Club, 2612 Cove Cay Drive, Clearwater. A social hour will run 6 to 7 p.m., at the Cove Cay restaurant. Drinks and snacks will be available for purchase.

Ruth's Promise Adult Day receives grant, announces new program

LARGO – Ruth's Promise Adult Day program recently received a grant from Senior Citizen Services Inc.

The grant will be dedicated to offering full and part scholarships to attendees to the respite program that meets Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. It has been through grants like this from Senior Citizen Services that participants have continued to benefit from Ruth's Promise Adult Day program despite financial difficulties.

Ruth's Promise Adult Day will present the first session of Navigating Dementia Care, a four-part summer series, Thursday, July 26, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., in the Prince of Peace Community Outreach Center, 455 Missouri Ave. N., Largo.

The series will highlight the first addition to the Ruth's Promise Caregiver library, the bestsellers collection of Teepa Snow of Positive Approach to Care. Terri Ziegler, RN, MSN; and Cate McCarty, PhD, chose this series because Teepa training has impacted their care approach through the years. Snow is one of the leading dementia educators in the United States and Canada. Each session will offer a selection of a DVD as well as discussion and application.

Sessions will include the following:

- July 26 – Challenging Behaviors in Dementia Care
- Aug. 23 – It's All in Your Approach
- Sept. 20 – The Art of Caregiving
- Oct. 25 – The Journey of Dementia

This monthly program is free. To RSVP, call Ziegler at 727-365-1866 or email tmsz@gmail.com; or call McCarty at 813-384-7571 or email catemccarty@gmail.com.

Morton Plant Mease partners with Threshers for Pitch for Pink

CLEARWATER – Morton Plant Mease will host the annual Pitch for Pink event Friday, July 20, at Spectrum Field, 601 Coachman Road, Clearwater.

The evening will begin with the Breast Cancer

Survivors Walk at 6 p.m. when Threshers players invite survivors of breast cancer to walk the bases. These courageous walkers will be cheered by players and fans and greeted near home plate by the physicians who treated many of them.

The game features the Clearwater Threshers, Class A affiliate of the Philadelphia Phillies, taking on the Florida Fire Frogs, Class A affiliate of the Atlanta Braves. To honor breast cancer survivors, Threshers players will wear special pink jerseys, which will be autographed and auctioned off in a silent auction along with autographed pink bats, gift certificates and spa packages.

The first 1,000 women through the gate will receive a commemorative Pitch for Pink identity safe wallet, courtesy of Banquet Masters.

The event is a way to increase community awareness about the importance of early detection and to raise funds to help support the breast health services and programs at Morton Plant Mease. More than \$290,000 has been raised through Pitch for Pink over the last 12 years.

"Through this partnership with the Clearwater Threshers and the support of the community, we have been able to fund many breast cancer programs that have helped countless women in our community," said Ernestine Morgan, president and CEO of the Morton Plant Mease Health Care Foundation. "We are grateful to the Threshers organization, and everyone who has had a part in this effort through the years."

Following is the event schedule:

- 5:30 p.m. – Gates open. The first 1,000 women through the gates receive a commemorative Pitch for Pink identity safe wallet, courtesy of Banquet Masters.
- 6 p.m. – Breast cancer survivors' walk
- 6:15 p.m. – Clearwater Threshers vs. Florida Fire Frogs

Postgame – Fireworks courtesy of Banquet Masters
Tickets for the Pitch for Pink event are \$6, \$8 and \$10 each. Group packages are available. To purchase tickets, visit ThreshersBaseball.com or call 727-467-4457.

Morton Plant Hospital performs milestone surgery

CLEARWATER – Doctors at Morton Plant Hospital continue to build on their reputation as healthcare leaders as they became the first in Tampa Bay to perform 1,000 Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement procedures.

The milestone surgery took place June 26. Since 2012 when doctors at Morton Plant partnered across specialties to introduce TAVR to the Tampa Bay area, hundreds of patients suffering from severe aortic stenosis have experienced this life-changing procedure allowing them to regain the quality of life that once seemed impossible.

TAVR, a minimally invasive heart valve replacement surgery, was originally used for patients with severe aortic stenosis who were not candidates for open heart valve replacement surgery. In the past few years, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has expanded the approval of TAVR to those patients at intermediate risk of complications from open heart surgery.

"This surgical milestone is more than a number. We are proud of the patients and families we have served," said Joshua Rovin, M.D., FACS, cardiovascular surgeon and medical director, Center for Advanced Valve and Structural Heart Care at Morton Plant Hospital. "Over the past six years, since we performed the first TAVR surgery at Morton Plant Hospital, we have given hope to countless individuals suffering from severe aortic stenosis who had no other hope for an improved quality of life."

Morton Plant's TAVR team includes cardiovascular surgeons, cardiologists and cardiac anesthesiologists who work together to determine the best medical or surgical options for each patient

School Notebook

USF names Michael Kelly

new vice president of athletics

TAMPA – Judy Genshaft, president of the University of South Florida System, recently announced the appointment of Michael Kelly as USF's new vice president of athletics.

Kelly, who previously served as associate athletic director for external affairs at USF under former AD and Tampa Bay Legend Lee Roy Selmon, returns to the university with nearly 25 years of experience in college and professional athletics.

"Michael Kelly is a proven leader with a wealth of experience across the national collegiate athletic landscape, as well as within Tampa Bay," Genshaft said. "He has a track record of promoting competitive excellence, building strong community relationships, developing marketing campaigns, reaching fundraising goals and supporting academic achievement. His future-focused vision and high moral character will ensure that our already strong USF Athletics program reaches new heights. I look forward to all that USF and the Tampa Bay community will achieve under Michael's leadership."

Since becoming COO of the College Football Playoff in 2012, Kelly has directed the organization's day-to-day operations and was instrumental in launching the playoff. In his role, Kelly managed the site selection process for the CFP National Championship and oversaw all aspects of the National Championship Game and associated ancillary events, including the event hosted by Tampa Bay in 2017. In addition, he served as the primary liaison to ESPN and managed the CFP's relationship with the "New Year's Six" bowl games. He also participated in all meetings of the CFP selection committee.

Prior to that, for six years Kelly served as senior associate commissioner of the Atlantic Coast Conference, overseeing football, broadcasting and communications. During his time with the ACC, he built strong relationships with coaches, media, television network partners, conference officials and university leaders throughout the country.

Kelly was selected after a national search announced by the university on June 4.

SPC to host open house

St. Petersburg College will host Get it Done, an open house event, Wednesday, July 18, 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., at several campus locations.

During the open house, new and returning students can meet with staff to wrap up any outstanding items in preparation for the fall term.

The open house will take place at the following campus locations:

- Allstate Center, 3200 34th St. S., St. Petersburg

- Clearwater Campus, 2465 Drew St.
 - Downtown Center, 244 Second Ave. N., St. Petersburg
 - Health Education Center, 7200 66th St. N.
 - Midtown Center, 1300 22nd St. S.
 - Seminole Campus, 9200 113th St. N.
 - St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus, 6605 Fifth Ave. N.
 - Tarpon Springs Campus, 600 Klosterman Road
- At the open house, students will have an opportunity to speak with an advisor, get help with financial aid, meet with a Career Services Specialist, attend a Getting Started Orientation and register and pay for classes.

The fall term begins Aug. 13. SPC has guaranteed scheduling, so no class will be canceled once it is posted. The last day to register for an online course for the regular session is Sunday, Aug. 13. Visit now. spc.edu/done.

Largo students honored

Several Largo students have been honored by colleges for their work in the spring semester.

- Those students include:
- Adam Frederick Schwartz, president's list at Clemson University
 - Alyssa Kitana Valdez, dean's list, Clemson University
 - Emily Pearl Akins, president's list, University of Alabama.

Teen named tops in MS Word

SEMINOLE – Seminole teenager Aydan Soto has been named Best in the United States at Microsoft Word, beating out 146 other finalists at the 2018 Certipoint Microsoft Office Specialist U.S. National Championship in Atlanta, Georgia.

Soto, a student at Osceola Fundamental High School, won a \$3,000 prize and an expense-paid trip to Orlando, where he competed in the world championships against students from 50 other countries. Some 350,000 competitors initially entered the contest. Certipoint is the leading provider of learning curriculum, practice tests, and performance-based IT certification exams that accelerate academic and career opportunities for learners.

Book Buses schedule available

This summer, two Pinellas County Book Buses will be visiting every Summer Bridge site and many Juvenile Welfare Board summer programs to deliver free books to students.

Each student will have the opportunity to pick out two books.

A complete schedule of Book Bus visits is available at www.pcsb.org/bookbus.

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MADEIRA BEACH – Business people, civic leaders, local elected officials and representatives of local chambers of commerce came together at Madeira Beach City Hall on June 21 with the aim of uniting in opposition to one single issue: drilling off the Gulf Coast of Florida. Some 30 people heard from local environmental activists about why it was important to keep Gulf beaches untainted by oil after the Trump administration recently showed signs of wavering on the drilling moratorium put in place following the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in April 2010.

David Yates, CEO of the Clearwater Marine Aquarium, noted that public perception about the state of the state's beaches was critical. Even though Pinellas County did not receive any damage

from the spill "we saw firsthand the impact of the oil spill." Hotels and tourism-related businesses lost bookings and income because out-of-state visitors believed the entire state to be blackened by oil. Many businesses closed. He said a year after the spill, 18 percent of Americans still thought the county had oil on its beaches. The result, Yates said, was a "multimillion-dollar impact."

Tourism is the biggest industry in the state, Yates continued, accounting for 1.5 million jobs. Out-of-state spending by tourist amounted to \$112 billion a year, about 10 percent of Florida's GDP.

The impact of another such disaster would not be short-term, he said. Potential tourists go elsewhere, find "they like it and they don't come back."

The issue of offshore drilling is a "surprisingly bipartisan issue," Yates added. He encouraged those

"to be vocal, be visible" and express their views to local, county, state and federal officials. "I can tell you your voice does matter."

If another spill occurred, he said, "the impact will be severe, thousands of jobs will be lost, on a long-term basis."

Yates' sentiments were echoed by the two other speakers at the forum, which was organized by the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce.

Andrew Hayslip, executive director of Tampa Bay Waterkeeper, was working for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at the time of the spill. His job was to produce maps to show the daily expansion and direction of travel of the oil spill, and he said he experienced a "level of terror" as the spill continued to balloon. The impact of the spill is still not fully known, he said.

Hunter Miller, the Florida

Gulf Coast organizer for Oceana, said the Trump administration's recent actions on offshore drilling were "extremely troubling." The president has issued an executive order to "reassess" the current offshore leases, he noted. While the federal moratorium on drilling in the eastern Gulf of Mexico does not expire until 2022, the Department of Interior released a draft lease proposal in January that encompasses nearly all of the U.S., he said, including the eastern coast of Florida, the Florida Straits and the eastern Gulf.

During the previous week, Miller added, some members of Congress had proposed levying hefty fines against states that opt out of federal offshore drilling.

The "few rules" that were put in place after the spill, such as requirements for a blow-out preventer, "are likely going to be overturned," he said, charging that

the oil industry was "actively trying to undo the rules."

"We've got to be vigilant because they really want this," he said.

Miller said he has encouraged local coastal communities to pass resolutions to document their opposition to offshore drilling. Some 70 resolutions have been passed, he said, including every member city of the Barrier Islands Government Council.

He asked attendees to join the Florida Gulf Coast Business Coalition, which he said was "laser-focused" on being a united business voice to protect Florida's coast.

Miller also encouraged passage of Amendment 9, which will be voted on in November. It would install a permanent constitutional ban on offshore drilling in state waters. Yates said that while there was a "very short term need to see this (drilling) stopped," the entire area needed to develop a long-term strategy.

Audience members offered their own questions and comments.

Chuck Wray, who said he had been in the tourism business for 29 years, also urged those present to act. He encouraged them to call or visit their state legislators because "it is not self-evident" that every Florida legislator is behind a drilling ban. When federal lawmakers consider such a major issue, he said, they look at "the will of our state government to be against offshore oil drilling."

Robin Miller, president and CEO of the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce, said that with elections in the air, she likes to ask candidates to state in public how they will act on the issue.

She asked each of those present to contact six other people to get them involved. Miller also encouraged them to become members of the Gulf Coast Business Coalition.

A watermelon world record



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At top, former Safety Harbor City Commissioner Scott Long organized the 2018 Melons for Moolah, a "competitive" eating contest July 1 at Safety Harbor Waterfront Park that raised more than \$10,000 for local charities and also set a new Guinness World Record, pending approval, for most contestants with 259 participants.



MADEIRA BEACH

Development boom creates traffic concerns for officials

By WAYNE AYERS
TBN Correspondent

MADEIRA BEACH – More than a dozen large-scale development projects are planned or underway in the city, bringing concerns of increased traffic congestion.

The developments and their status were on a list supplied by city Planning Director Linda Portal at the June 26 City Commission workshop meeting.

An assessment by Florida Department of Transportation officials of the traffic impact of the two largest developments coming to the city's eastern gateway corridor along 150th Avenue and Madeira Way brought questions and concerns from commission members.

Fourteen projects were on Portal's list of "major redevelopment/economic development activities" that she said were either planned or projected to be undertaken during the upcoming fiscal year, or underway now.

The project of greatest impact, Portal said, is the Town Centre on 150th Avenue and Madeira Way, with multiple hotel and condo buildings, which Portal said is in the site plan review process. Also, the Holiday Isles planned development, on the Intracoastal south of the Causeway Bridge, has begun design and preliminary site plan review. Both of these developments are massive. The Town Centre project is expected to cost \$16 million, according to Portal's report.

The other major projects on Portal's list include the Barefoot Beach Resort expansion, which is 80 percent complete, and the Madeira Bay condos, which will cost over \$7 million.

Others are Madeira del Mar Condominiums, in site plan review, the Madeira Shores subdivision, Gulf Grill restaurant, the large John's Pass Resort Hotel, which is still at the concept review stage, the Azul condos, and a large number of single-family home renovations and new construction projects.

Portal said her Community Development staff reviews over 100 development plans, "some large, some small," each month. "I don't see any slowdown in that," she said.

All the development going on caused the commissioners to critically question David Skrelunas, FDOT traffic engineer, when he explained the methodology used to assess the traffic impact after the Town Centre and Holiday Isles developments are finished.

When a new development is proposed, the FDOT does a traffic count to determine if the roadways can handle the additional traffic. Changes, such as adding a traffic signal or left turn lane, may be needed. Or, FDOT approval can be withheld if it is determined the road system will be overburdened in any case.

"If FDOT says the roadway meets all the standards, they by statute have to allow for development to occur," said City Manager Jonathan Evans.

Commissioner Nancy Oakley said she had not seen any traffic counts for the Town Centre or Holiday Isles developments. She also said the traffic study was done in the early morning rather than the afternoon, which she said was "a joke."

FDOT's Skrelunas said the traffic counts, done by a strip on the road, measure traffic all day.

Commissioner John Douthirt said there are other developments

that would affect the traffic counts on 150th and should be included in the traffic analysis. He pointed out that people going to new developments on Gulf Boulevard and at John's Pass Village would travel over the Causeway Bridge and 150th Avenue to get to their destination.

Skrelunas said a traffic count is done for each proposed development as it comes up, and that is added to the existing count before measuring the impact of another development.

"All the projects that have been approved are included," said Skrelunas.

Douthirt said he wants to make sure all the traffic concerns are addressed before FDOT approves a development.

"I just don't want this to be an after-the-fact type of situation," Douthirt said. "We don't want to say, 'We shouldn't have allowed that.'"

Douthirt also suggested the city do an independent traffic study to measure the impact of the developments, rather than rely only on FDOT, an action Evans said would be costly.

"A basic traffic study can be anywhere from 20- to 30,000 dollars," said Evans. He said the Holiday Isles development will be going through a traffic study, and "you may be better off to allow them to complete their study and then have an independent traffic engineer review the study," which would cost far less.

Evans said the traffic issue would be discussed further at a future meeting. Officials from the FDOT will review the commissioners' concerns and be invited back to address the traffic issue and answer some of the questions raised.

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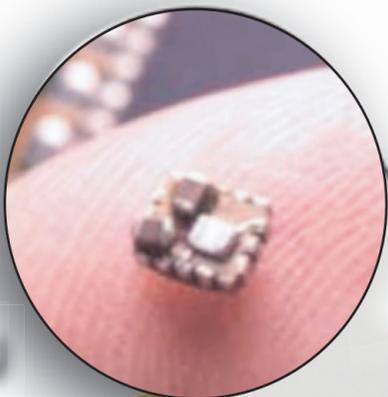
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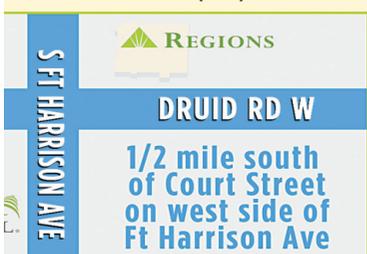
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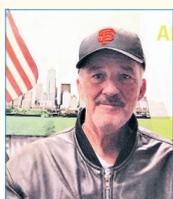
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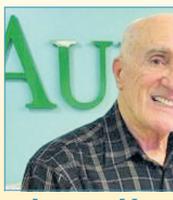
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Coheed and Cambria perform July 7 at Mid Florida Credit Union Amphitheatre.



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Evangeline Lilly stars as Hope van Dyne/The Wasp in Marvel Studios' "Ant-Man and the Wasp."

Opening this weekend

Thriller "The First Purge" hits theaters; Rudd & Lilly team up for 'Ant-Man and The Wasp'

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:

'The First Purge'

Genre: Thriller
 Cast: Y'lan Noel, Lex Scott Davis, Joivan Wade, Luna Lauren Velez, Marisa Tomei, Melonie Diaz, Mo'Nique, Steve Harris and Chyna Layne

Director: Gerard McMurray
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'Ant-Man and The Wasp'

Genre: Action and adventure
 Cast: Paul Rudd, Evangeline Lilly, Michael Pena, Michael Douglas, Bobby Cannavale, Judy Greer, Abby Ryder Fortson, Tip "T.I." Har-



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Joivan Wade stars as Isaiah and Lex Scott Davis as Nya in "The First Purge."

ris, David Dastmalchian, Michelle Pfeiffer, Laurence Fishburne, Hannah John-Kamen, Walton Goggins and Randall Park

Director: Peyton Reed
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The following will open in limited

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'Bleeding Steel'

Genre: Thriller, action and science fiction

Cast: Jackie Chan, Lo Show, Nana Ou-yang, Erica Xia-Hou, Callan Mulvey and Tess Haubrich

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Birchwood released "Pick Your Poison," his forward-looking new CD on Alligator Records, in May 2017.

On the new album, Birchwood - along with his band-saxophonist Regi Oliver, bassist Huff Wright and drummer Courtney "Big Love" Girlie - takes a major step forward, crafting visionary blues for a new generation of forward-looking fans.

With his fiery guitar and lap steel playing; his trailblazing, instantly memorable songs; and his gritty, unvarnished vocals, Birchwood is one of the most remarkable young stars in the blues. According to a biographical sketch provided by Alligator Records, Birchwood possesses a deep familiarity with blues tradition, which allows him to bust the genre wide open, bringing innovative new sounds, colors and textures. He delivers these with a distinctive style that blends a revival tent preacher's fervor and a natural storyteller's charisma.

Since the 2014 release "Don't Call No Ambulance," Birchwood's Alligator Records debut, the powerhouse guitarist's journey from playing small Florida clubs to headlining international festival stages can be described as phenomenal. "Don't Call No Ambulance" received the Blues Music Award and Living Blues Critics' Award

for Best Debut Album Of 2014. Birchwood also walked away with the 2015 Blues Blast Rising Star Award.

Over the last few years, Birchwood and his band have crisscrossed the United States and Europe repeatedly, delivering unforgettable live performances. Now, with "Pick Your Poison," Birchwood, along with his band - saxophonist Regi Oliver, bassist Huff Wright and drummer Courtney "Big Love" Girlie - is taking another major step forward, crafting visionary blues for a new generation of forward-looking fans.

Birchwood wrote and produced all 13 songs on "Pick Your Poison." His richly detailed, hard-hitting originals run the emotional gamut from the humorously personal "My Whiskey Loves My Ex" to the gospel-inflected "Even the Saved Need Saving" to the hard truths of the topical "Corporate Drone" and "Police State" to the existential choice of the title track. The cutting-edge songs are made all the more impactful by Birchwood's gruff vocals, his untamed musicianship and his band's seemingly telepathic accompaniment.

"I write and sing what I know," said Birchwood in a press release. "This album has a broad reach. It's for young, old and everyone in between."

Alligator Records president Bruce Iglauer signed Birchwood to the label shortly after the bluesman won the 2013 International Blues Challenge as well as the Albert King Guitarist Of The Year Award at the same event.

"Selwyn writes smart, infectious, fresh songs

and delivers them with a warm, conversational vocal style and a fun-loving attitude," Iglauer said. "He's a killer guitarist, switching between a regular six-string and lap steel. Live, he's a ball of energy, interacting with the audience like they were in his living room."

Birchwood was born in 1985 in Orlando. He first grabbed a guitar at age 13 and soon became proficient at mimicking what he heard on the radio. He quickly grew tired of the popular grunge rock, hip-hop and metal of the 1990s.

Then he heard some classic Jimi Hendrix. "He was larger than life," Birchwood said. "What he did was mind-blowing. When I realized Hendrix was influenced by the blues, I found my path."

By 17, Birchwood was deep into the blues, listening to Albert King, Freddie King, Albert Collins, Muddy Waters, Lightnin' Hopkins and especially Buddy Guy.

Birchwood announced his arrival on the international blues stage with 2014's "Don't Call No Ambulance."

The album is a fully realized vision of contemporary blues. Between his uninhibited sense of fun and adventure and his serious-as-a-heart-attack musicianship, "Don't Call No Ambulance" opened a door into a bright future for the blues.

"There's nothing I'd rather be doing than playing the blues," Birchwood said. "And I try to convey that with every song and with every performance."

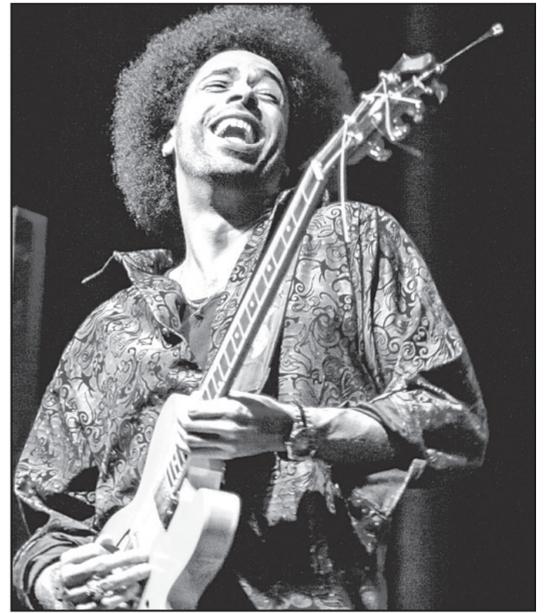


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Selwyn Birchwood plays Skipper's Smokehouse July 13.

Crossword

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- Across**
- Guinean seaport
 - They ___
 - Electromotive force
 - "McVicar" director
 - Monetary unit
 - Mother of Hermes
 - Broadway actress Daisy
 - Tobacco mosaic virus
 - Expression of surprise
 - African financial intermediaries
 - Fully ripe egg
 - Soothes the skin
 - Editors write them
 - Nashville-based rockers
 - Surgical tube
 - Lasting records
 - Member of Ghanese tribe
 - Being in a vertical position
 - Spasmodic contraction
 - Cartilage disks
 - Domestic help
 - A way of drying out
 - Small sponge cake
 - Distinctive practice or philosophy
 - Sword
 - Type of missile (abbr.)
 - Home to various animals
 - American comedian Tim
 - Scores perfectly
 - A major division of geological time
 - Spiritual leader
 - Unhappy
 - Unit of force (abbr.)
 - Door part
- Down**
- Academic degree
 - Expression of sorrow or pity
 - Large, stocky lizard
 - Romanian river
 - Stellar
 - A way to change
 - Surround completely
 - A Philly footballer
 - Dinosaur shuang___aurus
 - Slowly disappear
 - Large antelope
 - Not nice
 - Piece of footwear
 - Newt
 - Seriously mentally ill
 - Kilogram force (abbr.)
 - Terrorist group
 - Negative
 - Time zone
 - A blacksmith's workshop
 - Baked dessert
 - A way to perceive uniquely
 - Breeze through
 - Dry white wine drink
 - Treated with iodine
 - Not thorough
 - Famous museum
 - Supplements with difficulty
 - Polynesian language
 - Bangladesh capital (var. sp.)
 - ___ and flowed
 - Excessively theatrical actors
 - Prejudice
 - Swiss river
 - Nonsense (slang)
 - "Luther" actor
 - Resist authority (slang)
 - Pinch

Sudoku

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

Sudoku answers from last week

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Crossword answers from last week

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Horoscopes July 5, 2018

Aries

March 21 - April 19
Aries, when everything is going your way, you are absolutely glowing. But if things don't come naturally to you, frustration may set in. Find a balance between the two.

Taurus

April 20 - May 20
Taurus, planning stages are over and now you're about to turn your goals into reality. Just be sure to adapt to the changing environment as things unfold.

Gemini

May 21 - June 21
Gemini, you might be seeking ways to help others in need, but you do not have patience when things take longer than expected. Stick to the plan and see it through.

Cancer

June 22 - July 22
Cancer, it is important to support others' goals and the steps they take to achieve them, even if you do not necessarily agree with their formula for success.

Leo

July 23 - August 22
Happiness has less to do with what is happening in the world and more with your own perceptions. Leo, keep this in mind as you move forward in life.

Virgo

August 23 - September 22
Virgo, challenges at work may be tiring you out. People may seem like they are all over the map instead of working together. Try to get everyone going in the same direction.

Libra

September 23 - October 22
Avoid going too far off in your own direction this week. Libra, before making any rash decisions, take some time to ask questions and get answers.

Scorpio

October 23 - November 21
Scorpio, if something doesn't initially work to your liking, don't be shy about giving it another go. The challenges ahead will be worth it when you ultimately succeed.

Sagittarius

November 22 - December 21
Your creativity and emotions are linked this week, Sagittarius. Pour your heart and efforts into a special project that reflects just how you are feeling.

Capricorn

December 22 - January 20
Nothing in a current relationship is unfolding as you had expected. Capricorn, that's alright. This sense of adventure that keeps you guessing is a welcome change.

Aquarius

January 21 - February 18
Aquarius, working closely with others is one of your strong points. Disagreements on how to approach different projects can be tricky to navigate, but you're up to the task.

Pisces

February 19 - March 20
Pisces, this week there may be little separation between your career and personal life. If that works for you, forget the naysayers.

A&E news

Second Century Studios opens 'Art: After Hours' exhibit

CLEARWATER - Second Century Studios is currently hosting "Art: After Hours," a new employee art exhibit that features the original artwork of 11 city employees.

Second Century Studios, at 331 Cleveland St. Suite A, in downtown Clearwater, also announced new hours. The public may view the exhibit from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on July 6, 9, 11 and 13.

The exhibit includes original artwork from talented city of Clearwater employees in a range of mediums that includes acrylic paintings, oil paintings, photography, custom handmade knives, leather sheaths and mixed media. The studio has been supported by the city's Community Redevelopment Agency. Second Century Studios has hosted a number of art exhibits and art classes since its September 2017 opening.

The space also serves as a location to introduce the public to future Downtown Clearwater initiatives, including planned enhancements to Coachman Park, Cleveland Street and the Downtown Gateway.

To learn more about the art exhibit, call Anne Lopez at 727-562-4039 or email anne.lopez@myclearwater.com.

To learn more about activities and events in downtown Clearwater, visit DowntownClearwater.com.

Night in the Islands event set

TARPON SPRINGS - The city of Tarpon Springs will host its Night in the Islands Saturday, July 7, 6 to 11 p.m., at the Sponge Docks on Dodecanese Boulevard between Hope and Athens streets in Tarpon Springs.

This family-friendly event offers live Greek music, dancing in the streets, and authentic local dining. An hour of free Greek dance lessons will be offered by the Levendia Dance Troupe from 6 to 7 p.m. Ellada, an exciting band featuring Greek musicians Leonidas Zafiris (bouzouki), Elias Poulos (vocals) and Dino Theofilos (keyboard), will perform in front of the Sponge Exchange. Demetri Kousathanas will play Greek music on keyboard in the block between Hope and Roosevelt streets.

To reserve a table for dinner, contact participating restaurants Costa's, Hellas, Mama's, or Mykonos.

Thanks to funding from the National Endowment for the Arts and Tarpon Springs Merchants Association, Night in the Islands also will be presented Aug. 4 and Oct. 6.

For information, visit tarponarts.org.

St. Pete ArtWorks to host new exhibit

ST. PETERSBURG - A opening reception for a new exhibition of work by artist David Larson Evans will take place Saturday, July 21, 6 to 9 p.m., at St. Pete ArtWorks, 2412 Central Ave., St. Petersburg.

The event is free and open to the public. The exhibition will continue through Aug. 11.

While visitors to the gallery are familiar with Evan's nude paintings, most do not know that he is also an accomplished printmaker. The artist took up oil painting seriously in 2007 as a break from the life as a printmaker. He had many years of sporting ink stained hands while mastering that medium. The challenge now is to paint the "person." Not just the obvious, but to look closer toward the unique self and to subtly convey that to the viewer. His goal is to paint something significant, discover the beauty, and then contemplate it, a lifetime process.

For information, call 727-710-7716.

Gulfport Art and Gallery Walk set

GULFPORT - The next Gulfport Art and Gallery Walk will take place Friday, July 6, 6 to 10 p.m., on Beach Boulevard in downtown Gulfport.

Attendees will have an opportunity to shop for local art along Beach Boulevard, visit a gallery and catch a live band one of the independently owned restaurants. Entertainment will include performances.

The Gulfport Art and Gallery Walk event, produced by the nonprofit Gulfport Merchants Association, is presented first Fridays and third Saturdays, rain or shine, all year round. The event is home to dozens of artisans and craftsmen each month.

There is never an admission fee for visitors and complimentary parking is available nearby with courtesy trolley rides available to and from off-site parking areas. Gulfport events are always pet- and family-friendly.

For information, visit www.visitgulfportflorida.com or call 727-322-5217.

Interested artisans and craftsmen can view the guidelines at www.SIKpromotions.com.

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Erasure to perform at St. Pete's Mahaffey Theater July 7

ST. PETERSBURG – Erasure will perform Saturday, July 7, 8 p.m., at The Mahaffey, 400 First St. S., St. Petersburg. Tickets start at \$39.50. Call 727-893-7832 or visit www.themahaffey.com.

The English synthpop group featuring Andy Bell and Vince Clarke are touring in support of "World Beyond," a re-recording of their 2017 album "World Be Gone" as a post-classical rework. Erasure originally formed in London in 1985. "Who Needs Love Like That" was their debut single. "Sometimes," their fourth single, propelled the duo onto the UK Singles Chart. Erasure became one of the most successful artists of the late 1980s to mid-1990s.

"The Innocents," Erasure's third studio album, helped solidify their success. Released in 1988, the album went triple platinum in the UK and platinum in the United States. "The Innocents" generated three Top 20 hits, including "Ship of Fools," "Chains of Love" and "A Little Respect." The album was the first in a string of five consecutive No. 1 albums in the UK for Erasure. The other chart-toppers include "Crackers International," "Wild!," "Chorus," "Abba-esque" and "I Say I Say I Say."

In 1992, the duo released the singles compilation "Pop! - The First 20 Hits," which also hit No. 1 and went triple platinum. The compilation featured all the band's singles released from 1985 to 1992.

Erasure recently collaborated with Echo Collective, the Brussels based collective of post-classical musicians, on "World Beyond."

The collaboration sees the entirety of Erasure's latest album, "World Be Gone," re-imagined as a post-classical rework. "World Beyond" was recorded over 10 days by Bell and seven performers from the Echo Collective:

Margaret Hermant (violin, harp), Neil Leiter (viola), Thomas Engelen (cello), Jaroslaw Mroz (double bass), Gary De Cart (piano) and Antoine Dandoy (vibraphone, glockenspiel).

The album was produced by Echo Collective, mixed by Gareth Jones and arranged by the Echo Collective's De Cart, Hermant and Leiter.

"The process of this project was really deconstruction and re-purposing," Leiter explained in a press release promoting the album. "We started by listening to each track layer by layer, and then, using the layers that inspired us or we found essential, we reconstructed the tracks instrumentally. Each of the instruments in the band setup were chosen for their inherent capacities and roles. Often choosing which layer to put with each instrument was a question of matching roles and colors. By stripping so much away, we were able to find a new space for Andy to fill. The text of the songs became much more important in the overall construction of the songs, and Andy was free to explore more dynamics and vocal range."

The tracks featured on "World Beyond" show award-winning songwriters Clarke and Bell in a more reflective mood, giving the world and recent political upheavals a thoughtful examination. This new collaboration gives a new dimension to the tracks – including fan-favorites "Still It's

Not Over," which tackles the LGBT rights movement post-Stonewall; and "Lousy Some of Nothing," a ballad for our post-truth age – but the band's optimism about the future remains clear and bright.

"...the reinterpretations have brought such enormous context to the songs, it has created a new place for them," said Bell.

The original idea for the album developed from Clarke, who initially

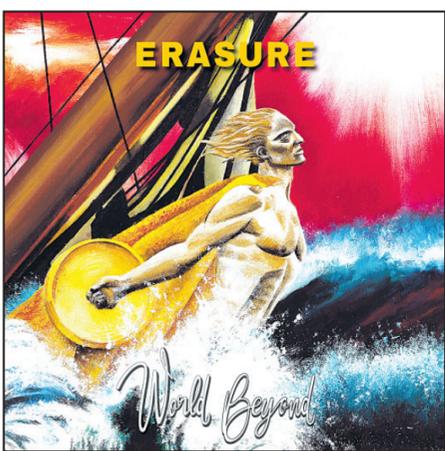


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Erasure is touring in support of their recent release "World Beyond," a collaboration with Echo Collective.



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The Mahaffey welcomes Erasure July 7.

suggested that a single from "World Be Gone" could be given an orchestral reinterpretation, but as the idea expanded and took shape, he spoke at length to the Echo Collective ahead of the recording.

"It was great to talk through ideas with Echo Collective and then see how their arrangements took shape," said Clarke. "The collaboration has given elements of the album a whole new feel and Andy's vocals remain as powerful and uplifting as ever."

The collaboration is a natural progression from 1987's "The Two Ring Circus," a companion EP for the band's second album, "The Circus," which included several orchestral interpretations.



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In an action-packed drama reminiscent of '80s techno-sci-fi thrillers, Jackie Chan stars as Lin, a police inspector in modern Hong Kong.

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'Sorry to Bother You'

Genre: Comedy, fantasy and science fiction
Cast: Lakeith Stanfield, Tessa Thompson, Armie Hammer, Terry Crews, Steven Yeun, Omari Hardwick, Jermaine Fowler and Danny Glover
Director: Boots Riley
Rated: R

In an alternate present-day version of Oakland, black telemarketer Cassius Green (Lakeith Stanfield) discovers a magical key to professional success, which propels him into a macabre universe of "power-calling" that leads to material glory.

But the upswing in Cassius' career raises serious red flags with his girlfriend Detroit (Tessa Thompson), a performance artist and minimum-wage striver who's secretly part of a Banksy-style activist collective. As his friends and co-workers organize in protest of corporate oppression, Cassius falls under the spell of his company's cocaine-snorting CEO Steve Lift (Armie Hammer), who offers him a salary beyond his wildest dreams.

'Whitney'

Genre: Documentary
Cast: Whitney Houston
Director: Kevin Macdonald
Rated: R
Whitney Houston broke more music industry records than any other female singer in history. With over 200 million album

sales worldwide, she was the only artist to chart seven consecutive U.S. No. 1 singles. She also starred in several blockbuster movies before her brilliant career gave way to erratic behavior, scandals and death at age 48.

The documentary feature "Whitney" is an intimate, unflinching portrait of Houston and her family that probes beyond familiar tabloid headlines and sheds new light on the spellbinding trajectory of Houston's life. Using never-before-seen archival footage, exclusive demo recordings, rare performances, audio archives and original interviews with the people who knew her best, Oscar-winning filmmaker Kevin Macdonald unravels the mystery behind "The Voice," who thrilled millions even as she struggled to make peace with her own troubled past.

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