City begins to take on tough budget choices

By TOM GERMOND

LARGO - Potential cuts in public safety services were a hot topic for some city commissioners at their work session March 23 as they discussed recommendations for reducing the city’s budget by $3.6 million for the next fiscal year.

Freezing salaries, raising fees and eliminating a parking garage starts at 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Individual or team registrations are open for a four person scramble with shotgun starts at 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

The tournament format will be 24 full-time positions are among options considered as city officials try to deal with bleak revenue projections.

Among the proposals on the table were cutting the staff at Fire Station 41 on Fourth Street from two to one person per shift and eliminating the positions of three sworn police officers.

Mayor Pat Gerard was adamantly opposed to cutting police staffing, noting that there were seven officers who were unfunded for the current fiscal year.

“I have a problem with that,” she said. “We managed to do without the three from last year, but I don’t see cutting another three.”

Police Chief Lester Aradi expressed concern about not having adequate supervision if a vacant sergeant position is unfunded and two police officers positions are filled.

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The Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office is investigating two March shooting incidents that resulted in the deaths of three men.

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Coalition thumbs nose at Tropicana Field

By SUZETTE PORTER

CLEARWATER - Tropicana Field has come to the end of its useful life.

For Major League Baseball to remain successful in Tampa Bay, a new first class, new generation stadium is needed.

Craig Sherr, a member of the ABC Coalition, told Pinellas County Commissioners that news as part of a report presented to the board on March 16.

The 60-member ABC Coalition, aka A Baseball Community, was initiated in 2008 by former St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Baker. Its purpose is to serve as a community-wide effort to ensure that major league baseball is vital, viable and successful longterm in the Tampa Bay Region.

The coalition’s final report recommends three locations for a new stadium. Only one of the three is in Pinellas County. The other two are on the other side of the bridge in Tampa.

Sherr said the coalition evaluated Tropicana Field and found it lacking. He said that although Tropicana Field opened in the 1990s, it was constructed in 1989 with an “end of the era design, not new.”

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Indy driver does not let diabetes slow him down

By BOB McCLURE

Charlie Kimball still remembers the day in 2007 when his life flashed before his eyes.

During a routine visit to a doctor, the 25-year-old Indy car driver learned he had Type 1 diabetes and immediately thought his long-time dream of winning the Indianapolis 500 would never be possible.

Much to his surprise, Kimball was told by doctors that with proper monitoring and control of blood sugar levels he could continue racing.

This season he will be competting for the third consecutive year with special monitors and injection equipment as a member of AFS Racing/Andretti Autosport in the No. 26 AFS Levinr FeltPen car.

He will race Sunday, March 28, at 12:45 p.m. in the
I had been suffering with severe throbbing, aches, and pains in my right leg for over two years. Sleeping at night was nearly impossible, due to the involuntary leg movements that occurred most nights. This caused me to have problems at work and in everyday life. All of this continued despite all my efforts to get relief (legs up on pillows, massages, prescription pills, drinking lots of water, support hose, money different types of shoes, and leg exercises at least twice a day). Long stretches of sitting, especially in a car or on a plane, caused excruciating pain.

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After taking a “relaxation pill,” the procedure was performed in his center. The vein was repaired in one session. The recovery was very rapid, with little to no pain. I was back to full duty at my Physical Therapy job the next day with no restrictions.

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CITY OFFICIALS ARE PROPOSING THE BUDGET CUTS BECAUSE OF A PROJECTED 10 PERCENT DROP IN THE TAX BASE SPURRED BY THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN AND TAX-CUT MEASURES. A FURTHER REDUCTION BEING DISCUSSED BY OTHER GOVERNMENTS OF 2 PERCENT WOULD RESULT IN AN ADDITIONAL $300,000 REDUCTION IN REVENUE.

Increased recreation fees also are proposed, such as raising recreational membership fees by $5. Currently, the fees are $85 for city residents.

Commissioner Mary Black said she would like to see various program fees cut and allow the membership fees to stay the same.

Residents are already paying property taxes for recreation and in addition they must pay for a recreation card. However, she said, they may not be participating in all the programs offered.

“The programs should be paying for themselves,” she said.

Reducing library hours, eliminating public swimming at the Southeast Pool during the winter, and closing the nature center at McGough Park also are being considered.

But closing any park, which spurred public backlash during last year’s budget discussions, didn’t appear on any commissioner’s radar screen.

“Whoever voted to close the park gets to keep the owl,” Craig said, jokingly, referring to an owl at McGough Park’s nature center.

Several budget discussions with the public and commissions are expected before the commission approves the budget and tax rate in September.

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Around Largo
City events

Adult and Senior Idol Competition and Show
Thursday, April 1, 1 p.m. until 3 p.m., Largo Community Center, 6540 North 4th St. NW.

Description: “Check out the area’s best talent as 12 performers duke it out on stage for the title of Largo Idol.” Tickets are $8 in advance and $10 at the door.

Call 518-3131
Harvest Marketplace
Thursdays, April 8, 15, 22, 29, 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., Ulmerton Park, 301 West Bay Drive.

Description: “Don’t miss this opportunity to take advantage of our steadily cooling weather by joining us Thursdays at the Harvest Marketplace. Outdoor shopping in charming Ulmerton Park offers healthy choices of fresh produce, specialty foods, green goods and original creations by local artists and craftsmen. The day will be filled once again with the sounds of live music, local vendors and neighboring shoppers.”

Call 587-6740, ext. 5015
Trashy Fashion Preview
Thursday, April 1, 4 p.m. until 6 p.m., Largo Public Library Gallery, 120 Central Park Drive.

Description: “Come to the gallery and see some of the previous entries in Largo’s annual Trashy Fashion Show. Learn about how they were assembled and get a close look at fashions that were made from at least 75 percent recycled materials.”

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Alameda has been employed by the police department for 5 1/2 years and has served as a DUI traffic enforcement officer since November 2007. “He is able to handle all tasks assigned to him and has been the most productive DUI Officer in the DUI unit’s history,” a city memo said.

Since he has served in the traffic unit, Alameda has removed more than 350 impaired drivers from the city’s streets. In 2008 Alameda arrested 146 DUI drivers and has been the most productive DUI Officer 2007.

Alameda has been employed by the police department since August 2009. “He is able to handle all tasks assigned to him in August 2009. He is ready to provide his skills and services to after-hours, evening and weekend patrol shifts. He is unwilling to train new volunteers “on each aspect of being a VIP, with patience and understanding,” the memo said.

Wallace has worked special events through the years and his more than 4,000 service hours qualified him for the President’s Lifetime Achievement Award, which was presented to him in August 2009.

Alameda and police civilian employee Debbie Andersen. The awards were presented at the Largo City Commission meeting March 16.
City sign ordinance may be discussed

LARGO - City commissioners will discuss the possibility of allowing more flexibility in their sign ordinance because of economic conditions and business closures.

The issue is expected to be discussed at a work session, Commission Chairman Michael Dore said March 16 what the city can do to help businesses. City Commissioner Harriet Crouter also said she had planned to bring the issue up. Commissioners Tim Holmes made similar comments at a recent meeting.

At least one business owner has asked city officials for relief. Mike Novak, general manager of Goodyear tire dealership at 1170 Seventh Ave. NE, has asked commissioners in an e-mail to “think about the big picture and keep these businesses and jobs within the city of Largo.” He said he was in response to a sign-violation notice.

Within the past year, six businesses have “either closed or gone out of business” due to the city’s traffic “in the Clearwater/Largo redevelopment area,” he wrote.

Novak said he has lost several thousand dollars at his business in the past year.

Land-use amendment approved; office complex proposed

LARGO - City commissioners voted 6-1 March 16 to approve a land-use amendment for properties of Highland Avenue that an applicant plans to use for a medical office building.

The properties are at 1170 Seventh Ave. NE and 1169 Eighth Ave. NE. City Planning Director Robert Klute, plans to combine the property with parcels on Highland Avenue to build the office complex.

A couple of residents of the area spoke against the change, saying that it will cause traffic problems and affect property values in the neighborhood.

The land-use amendment received support from several business owners and residents at the Feb. 16 meeting. They said that the office project will create jobs and improve the tax base.

City officials said that the plan proposed at the commission’s Feb. 16 meeting would require further approval through a development impact analysis, the planning and the city and the applicant. The agreement would require two public hearings, one with the Planning Board and one with the City Commission.

“See there is a pretty significant component yet to come before something can actually be built that will include public involvement.” Assistant Community Development Director Robert Khte.

Commissioner Mary Illick voted against the amendment.

The city Planning Board had recommended denial Feb. 4 by a 4-2 vote. Staff also recommended denial.

City schedules public meeting on budget

LARGO - City officials will host a community budget meeting Monday, March 29, 6 to 9 p.m., at the Largo Public Library, 120 Central Park Drive. This will be an open forum for the public to provide input, voice concerns and offer suggestions for city services and budgets.

City staff will present potential budget scenarios and service reductions for the 2011 budget. All members of the community are invited to participate.

City conducts survey on trails plan

LARGO - The city is conducting a survey for the proposed urban trails master plan. When complete, the urban trails master plan will include a citywide urban trail network that will provide bicycle and pedestrian access from neighborhoods to community centers, parks, schools, and transit stops.

As the city begins to prepare this plan, community feedback is needed to help determine which destinations to connect to the urban trails, what amenities should be provided along the routes and how to prioritize construction of the urban trail network.

Briefs

Firestone Indy Lights race at the Grand Prix of St. Petersburg.

“I went in with a skin rash and came out with diabetes,” said Kimball as he recalled his diagnosis three years ago.

During a casual post-exam conversation with his doctor, Kimball mentioned he had been “a little thirsty lately,” which prompted his doctor to order an insulin test.

When his physician found out Kimball had dropped 25 pounds and 4 percent body fat in a week, he ordered tests and asked Kimball to immediately cut down on his blood sugar levels.

“He said ‘even before the tests come back, I can tell you you’ve got diabetes,’” said Kimball. “I asked OK, give me prescription and we’ll take care of this. Then he explained how it would affect my life and I’d have to take insulin.”

Kimball used the FlexPen insulin injection pen, is the sponsor of his car.

“Getting my body ready. I check my blood sugar level before the race, said Kimball. “I like to see a higher blood sugar level before the race,” said Kimball. “I like to get in the car at about 200 [mg] and get out at about 120. I try not to see levels below 120 or 100 because it can affect reactions and mental clarity.”

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Sherr said the Rays were giving a “below par” standard attendance due to the location of Tropicana Field.

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Shortens a player’s career, he said.

“I’ve seen a lot of teams that have gone out of business because of Tropicana Field,” he said.

Someone once gave me a ‘no business’ traffic ticket, he said. He was fined $200 and given a 30-day suspension for playing with a dog in a no-dog area.

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Community members are encouraged to complete the urban trails survey online at www.largo.com/movetolargo. For more information about the urban trails, contact City Director Darrell Dore, program planer, at 587-6479, ext. 7350 or dldore@largo.co.
Police beat

Largo teacher arrested
A 55-year-old Largo elementary school teacher was charged with driving under the influence. Being to elude and possession of marijuana at her residence in Tampa.

According to a Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office spokesman, Lauren Fernandez of Tampa was arrested March 17 at her residence by deputies. She is an art teacher at Southern Oak Elementary School.

According to the spokesman, the Sheriff’s Office got a tip that a woman might be impaired was leaving a restaurant. Deputies, using their lights and sirens, tried to pull her over but the woman accelerated and wouldn’t stop. After deputies caught up with her at her residence, Fernandez performed a field sobriety test and soon after was arrested. The marijuana was found during the investigation, the spokesman said.

She was released on $8,000 bond from the Orient Road County Jail March 18.

Deputies arrest Largo man for DUI
LARGO – A Largo man was arrested for DUI on March 18 in connection with a Feb. 20 crash that injured a Seminole bicyclist.

According to the sheriff’s report, at about 2:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 20, detectives assigned to the Robbery/Homicide Unit began investigating a shooting at a private residence in unincorporated Clearwater that left two men dead and a third injured.

Patrol deputies initially responded at shots fired at the private residence located at 2201 Curtis Drive in Clearwater, the report said. According to detectives, two vehicles were shown up at that private residence in Clearwater where a party was taking place. Detectives said the two men were on the premises for their vehicle, which someone who was not at the residence. The altercation began between one of the men who later identified as 19-year-old Alphonse Miyawa of Clearwater, and another individual who was inside the vehicle. The shooter ended and, as a result, three people were wounded, the report said. Benjamin Andrew Kubis, 20, of Clearwater was pronounced dead at the scene. Ibrahim Sorie Kamara, 22, also of Clearwater was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead. The third victim, Dennis Alphonse Miyawa, 20, of Largo was transported to a local hospital for treatment of life-threatening injuries. Detectives said after the shooting, Epstein and a second male who came with him to the residence fled the scene.

Detectives began their investigation to locate the suspect in the shooting, who at that point had been identified as possibly being Epstein. Detectives received information that led them to the area of the residence on Poinsettia Lane in Clearwater.

Undercover detectives set up a perimeter around the residence. At about 2:30 p.m., the suspect exited the residence and began walking toward one of the undercover detectives. Undercover detectives challenged the suspect to stop. However, the suspect continued to walk toward the detective and began walking toward Clearwater. Undercover detective fired at Epstein, the report said.

Detectives said Epstein then stumbled back toward the residence still with the gun in hand. A second undercover detective then challenged the suspect to drop the gun. Epstein did not comply. The second detective also fired at Epstein. Epstein was pronounced dead at the scene.

Detectives said the alteration at the Clearwater residence where the shooting occurred might have been over a woman. The second male, who went to the home with Epstein, is not considered a suspect in any of the shootings and is cooperating with law enforcement, the report said.

As per policy, the two undercover detectives will be placed on paid administrative leave and the incident will be reviewed.
Amendment goes too far

A proposed state constitutional amendment to tax property by the market value today would require an unprecedented amount of new taxes and fees, says an editorial in the Leader. If the amendment is approved, it will reduce government revenues and force governments to either increase taxes or cut services.

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Don’t shout the messenger

Editor: Regarding a recent article, “Councilor questions terminology of the meas- ser.” As Patria Plantamura is presently the only geographically on the City Council, some re- democratization is inclusive because of the community’s stances. Does the average voter have the technical know-how to determine whether a proposed amendment would be a change in the best interest of the community and meet sound planning criteria? Will he or she take the time to analyze every

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Player’s Seat

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Food for thought

Some Florida lawmakers want you to make sure you eating that half-pound Kahunna burger, cheese fries and a double chocolate shake for lunch might be bad for you.

Proposed legislation would require restaurants to post nutritional information on menus as part of efforts to promote healthier eating and light obesity. It’s about time. In this day and age, the more we can tell people how many calories and how much sugar, fat and sodium is contained in a certain piece of food, the more likely they will be to make an intelligent decision about what to eat.

If I read that something on the menu has few calories, little fat or sodium, keep it away from me. I can’t imagine anything without those key ingredients tasting good. Such information is important, especially if you’ve taken a personal oath to follow a strict low-fat diet. But while they’re at it, why don’t our legislators require that other information be disseminated to keep the public informed and improve our quality of life in Florida?

For instance, why not adopt a law requiring all Florida legislators to post on their Web sites important facts about themselves?

Under a section called “the nutritional value of Florida legislators,” each legislator would be required to provide:

- Biographical information: Age, education and marital status — how many times they have been married, divorced or imprisoned.
- Health information: Whether legislators smoke, drink or have ever used illegal drugs.

Employment information:

What each legislator does for a living — current jobs and how many times they have changed jobs.

Financial status: All sources of income and expenditures would be listed. All legislators would have to report any gift they receive or any meal, drinks or services they bought for themselves.

What they’re up to: Legislator would have to reveal what meetings they attend in Tallahassee and how they vote on every issue and whether they have been caught lying in the St. Petersburg Times Politifact.

Social life: What legislators hang out with — any conversationalists they have with lobbyists, fellows, local officials and other politicians and the deals they have struck.

Party affiliation: Whether they belong to the Democratic party, the Republican party or the Libertarian party.

Whether they are tea partiers or party poopers.

- D Do you think churches or legislators attend? Do they believe in an after life? Do they think they’ll go to heaven?

- Sports: What teams do the legislators follow? Who are their favorite athletes? Do they think Tiger Woods would make a good legislator?

Ethics: Google Ray Sansom.

Diet: Are they on a South Beach diet or a healthy lifestyle diet? Have they eaten crow? Do they like pork on their plate? What kind of health drinks do they drink?

Just some food for thought.

Tom Germond

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Public offers opinions on county’s priority areas

By SUZETTE PORTER

The utility department. The survey, in general, was a priority, but solid waste franchising received a thumbs down as did free garbage collection and recycling. A small number of respondents also expressed concern about the lack of recycling.

Other low priority areas, which outnumbered priority areas, were listed on the survey. Included anything that requires hiring of more people, such as the citizens’ university, juvenile detention programs, environmental services, and forest services. The hurricane-hardened public works campus currently under construction was also a priority. Emergency management services, customer service, and emergency preparation and administration were also listed.

Art projects and beautification projects also made the priority list. In one case, a citizen suggested that “it is always a priority while others said it was not a priority.”

County employees were the only group that showed a preference for community development and community development was listed as a low priority.

Public comments revealed some common themes. Development was listed as a priority while others said that it was not a priority. Some people even suggested that the county as a whole. Some said funding for tourism was not a priority and suggested that the convention and visitor bureau be eliminated.

Citizens can continue to send in their thoughts on the following budget cuts via the county’s website, www.pinellascounty.org. For information and a copy of the application forms, visit www.pinellascounty.org/community/NOFA/default.aspx. Applications are due by April 2. For more information, call Bill Sines at 727-459-0095.
Bad news for people looking for a job: Florida’s unemployment rate for January equals the previous record set in May 1975.

According to a March 10 press release from the Agency for Workforce Innovation, Florida’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for January was 11.9 percent, up 0.2 percent from December.

In Pinellas County, January’s unemployment rate jumped from 12.0 percent in December to 12.7 percent in January, equaling a loss of 3,382 jobs.

Pinellas County’s workforce numbers 446,993, according to statistics from FAWI, and 56,861 are unemployed.

For the metropolitan statistical area of Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, which includes the counties of Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas, January’s unemployment rate was 13.1 percent, up 0.7 percent from December.

Hernando County was listed as having the second highest unemployment rate in the state at 15.7 percent. Flagler County had the highest rate in January at 17.1 percent.

The next 10-week Pinellas Citizen University course will begin Thursday, April 15.

Classes meet twice a week, usually from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Class enrollment is limited. Tuition for PCU is $835 which includes a class shirt, all course materials, graduation ceremony and diploma.

Enrollment applications and a complete course schedule are available online at www.pinellascounty.org/citizens or by calling 464-5197.

For those who wonder how county government works, and what goes on behind the scenes in the various departments that provide local services, PCU peels back the mystery.

Similar to other leadership classes, PCU will bring students face to face with county administrators and decision-makers. During the course, participants will go behind the scenes at many Pinellas County operations and talk to the experts as the class explores a wide range of county functions.

Students will meet and talk with county officials and elected county leaders. Through exciting field trips and decision making exercises, PCU participants will learn firsthand how Pinellas County provides services to nearly 1 million county residents.

Students will:

• Experience the drama of real 911 calls
• Study the county budget worth $1.6 billion
• Peek inside a Supervisor of Records office and learn how emergency medical services (EMS) works
• Tour the South Cross Bayou Water Reclamation Facility and find out how they make reclaimed water out of wastewater
• Sit in the grand jury room, and talk to the judges and attorneys within the criminal court system
• Find out how officials plan to evacuate Pinellas County citizens in the face of an approaching hurricane
• Tour the Pinellas County jail

New Pinellas Citizen University session starts April 15
The prescription drug epidemic

More people than ever before are addicted, killed by pain killers

Editor’s Note: This is the first of a two-part series about the problem of prescription drug abuse. The second installment will be published next week.

By THOMAS MICHALSKI
Annual Toso-Con set for March 27
LARGO – New horizons for Widowed People, a support group, will meet Saturday, April 3, at 2 p.m. at the 500 and 600 blocks of Cleveland Street between East and Fort Harrison avenues.

There will be a full slate of activities, including a costume contest and martial arts demonstration. There will be an “Artsy Alley,” which is a teen art display, guest speakers, games, karaoke and a whole lot more. Last year, more than 500 teens from all over the state attended Toso-Con, making it one of the largest teen conventions in the country according to the Clearwater Animal League. The Clearwater Animal League will offer microchipping for cats and dogs.

The teens spend months planning the event. The Clearwater Animal League’s pet food and supply drive, making it one of the largest teen conventions in the state attended Tosho-Con via social networking and word of mouth.

This year, the group will dine at a local restaurant. The group also plays cards at Stacey’s Buffet Restaurant, 1415 Missouri Ave. at 11 a.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Call Betty Laiing at 530-1026.

Pet Festival set
CLEARWATER – The Clearwater Downtown Development Board’s 6th annual Clearwater Pet Festival is set for Saturday, March 27, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., on the 500 and 600 blocks of Cleveland Street between East and Fort Harrison avenues.

There will be puppy races, a pet parade with pri...
Palm Sunday, Easter services

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**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**

LARGO — Holy week services will be presented at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 455 Missouri Ave. N.

Palm Sunday services, on Sunday, March 28, will be presented at 8:45 and 11 a.m., and will include a procession with palms.

Quiet Holy Communion will be offered Monday through Wednesday, March 29-31, noon. Holy Communion with stripping of the altar will be offered Maundy Thursday, April 1, 11:30 a.m.; Good Friday, April 2, will include reading of the passion, noon; Holy Communion at the Telenece, 7:30 p.m.

Easter services, presented Sunday, April 4, will be 8:45 and 11 a.m., and will include a festive choir with brass, timpani, bells, violins, harp, and trombones.

Call 585-8615 or visit www.poplaro.org.

**St. Paul United Methodist Church**

LARGO — Easter services will be presented Sunday, April 4, at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 1199 Highland Ave.

Services will include traditional worship in the sanctuary, 8 and 10:55 a.m.; and an Easter worship service on the church lawn, 9:25 a.m.

The celebration will feature a live praise band, an Easter message and the release of white doves.

Call 584-8165.

**Church by the Sea**

MADERA BEACH — Easter services will be presented Saturday, April 3, 7 a.m. and 11 a.m., at Faith Presbyterian Church by the Sea, 13701 Gulf Blvd.

The day’s schedule will include a sunrise service, 6:30 a.m.; and worship services, 7:45, 9:30 and 11:15 a.m.

Call 391-7706.

**Faith Presbyterian Church**

SEMINOLE — An Easter cantata will be presented Palm Sunday, March 28, 9:20 and 11 a.m., at Faith Presbyterian Church, 11901 Walker Ave.

The cantata, “Praise the God of Resurrection,” by Mark Hayes, Lloyd Larsen, Joseph Martin and Ruth Elaine Schram, will be directed by Dennis Clements.

A Maundy Thursday service, “Service of Shadows,” will be presented Thursday, April 1, 7 p.m.

Easter services, presented Sunday, April 4, will include a sunrise service, 7:15 p.m.; contemporary service, 9:20 a.m.; and traditional worship, 11 a.m. Sunday school will be offered at 9:20 and 11 a.m.

Call 391-0596.

**Oakhurst United Methodist Church**

LARGO — An Easter cantata will be presented Palm Sunday, March 28, 9:20 and 11 a.m., at Oakhurst Unit- ed Methodist Church, 13400 Park Boulevard.

The cantata “There Stands a Cross,” by Randy Vadder and Jay Rose, will be performed by a choir and orchestra.

Call 391-4789.
Competitors prepare for annual Highland Games

By LEE CLARK JUMPE

DUNEDIN – The 44th annual Dunedin Highland Games and Spring Clan Gathering will be Saturday, March 27, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Highlander Park, 1920 Pinehurst Road. Admission is $10 for adults. Children age 12 and younger will be admitted for free with a paying adult. Pets are not permitted.

The tradition draws Scottish bagpipers and drummers and clans as well as amateur heavy athletes who compete in a variety of contests designed to measure each contender’s brute force and fortitude. Pipe bands, drummers and Scottish dancers also will compete. The festival also will present demonstrations by sheep-herding dogs.

The centerpiece of the Dunedin Scottish Borras Week, the Dunedin Highland Games was established in 1965 as a way to raise funds to support the Scottish bands of Dunedin, including the City of Dunedin Pipe Band, the Dunedin High School Scottish Highlanders Band and the Dunedin Highland Middle School Band. The annual festivities also provide an opportunity to illuminate aspects of Scottish culture.

The athletic component of the Dunedin Highland Games will feature a number of events, such as:

• The caber toss, with the average caber being 19 feet in length and weighing 120 pounds
• Weight throws, including a 28-pound stone for distance, a 56-pound throw for distance and a 56-pound throw for height
• Clachneart, a 17-pound stone throw for distance
• The Scottish hammer, a 22-pound throw for distance
• The sheaf toss, a 16-pound bail of hay for hay throws for height
• The Dunedin 100-Pound Stone Challenge. Last year’s games attracted 42 athletes, including many competitors from out of state.

Scottish pipers and drummers will vie beginning at 9 a.m. with individual competition and continuing with the pipe band draw and the pipe band competition. Both the drum major competition and challenge will follow in the afternoon.

Premier and intermediate Highland dancers will compete at the pavilion beginning early Saturday morning. Beginners, novice and primary dancing competitions will begin in the afternoon. The competition will adhere to standards set forth by the Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing. Dancers will be judged on timing, technique and general deportment.

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Giant Easter Egg Hunt set CLEARWATER – The city will sponsor an Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, April 3, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Countryside Recreation Center, 2640 Sabal Springs Drive. The free event will feature a fun-filled day of activities for children of all ages. Activities will include face-painting, pony rides and a petting zoo, as well as a chance for children to find Golden Eggs. Each Golden Egg will contain a special stuffed bunny. Other fun activities include a petting zoo, a petting zoo, a shoe-throwing game, and face painting.

Attendees are encouraged to bring an Easter basket. This is a small fee for food and some materials. The hunt will start at 12:30 p.m. Visit www.clearwater.com/munityvolunteers.org.

Eggstravaganza Saturday, March 27, 2 to 5 p.m., at the Highland Recreation Complex, 400 Highland Ave. NE. Children ages walking to 12 years old will be placed into age groups and let loose to gather eggs and win prizes. Kids will also enjoy inflatables, crafts, prize giveaways and pictures with the Easter Bunny.

This year, the complex will honor its 50th birthday by having 50 golden eggs filled with special prizes. Space is limited to 75 children per age group. Cost is $8 plus child. Registration is in partnership with the St. Pete Beach Cite Association. Call 518-3016.

City to present Springfest Saturday, March 27, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., at Coachman Park, 301 Drew St. St. Pete Beach Community Center will host its annual Un-Derland Easter Egg Hunt set Friday, April 2, 4 p.m., at Pas-A-Grille, will be offering a children's area will provide activities for the kids. Additional family fun and face painting will be offered. There is only one rule that children can present concert ST. PETE BEACH – The St. Pete Beach Community Center in partnership with the St. Pete Beach Cite Association, will host an Easter Weekend Music Festival with live music on Friday, April 2, 7 to 10 p.m., in Horaon Park, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive. The Free Time Band will perform classic hits. The concert is free and open to the public. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and picnic food and beverages will be sold. Dolphin Landings, managing of the piano, will offer historic Pass-A-Grille, will be offering free bike rides for the Shell Key Shute to and from the concert. Concert-goers can ride to the concert at $10 for adults and $5 for children. The ferry will leave on April 3 at 5:30 p.m. and return on April 4 at 4 p.m.

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A cast of characters

Greg Bechtel of Largo used copper and other metals to create these animals. He also does custom work. Artists from all over the country attended the Artists Market March 20 at Largo Central Park.

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Greenberg,” starring Ben Stiller and Greta Gerwig, opened in limited release on March 19. Focus Features will be releasing “Greenberg” locally Friday, March 26, at the following theaters:

- AMC Woodlands Square, 3128 Tampa Road, Oldsmar
- Sarasota Opera Court, 500 Huron Lane, Sarasota

Sony Pictures Classics will be releasing “The White Ribbon” locally Friday, March 26, at the Tampa Theatre; 711 N. Franklin St.

“The White Ribbon” won the Palme d’Or at the Cannes Film Festival as well as the Golden Globe for Best Foreign Language Film. It also was nominated for the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film at the 82nd Academy Awards. “The White Ribbon” is a black and white drama written and directed by Austrian filmmaker Michael Haneke, takes place in a village in Protestant northern Germany on the eve of World War I. Children and teenagers of a choir run by the village school-teacher experience strange accidents that gradually take on the character of a punishment ritual.

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

### ‘Hot Tub Time Machine’

**Genre:** Comedy  
**Cast:** John Cusack, Rob Corddry, Craig Robinson, Clark Duke and Chevy Chase  
**Director:** Steve Pink  
**Rated:** R  
**Synopsis:** “Hot Tub Time Machine” follows a group of best friends who’ve become bored with their adult lives. Adam (John Cusack) has been dumped by his girlfriend, Lou (Rob Corddry) is a party guy who can’t find the party; Nick’s (Craig Robinson) ex-wife controls every move; and video game-obsessed Jacob (Clark Duke) won’t leave his basement. After a crazy night of drinking in a ski resort hot tub, the men wake up bound, in the year 1986. This is their chance to kick some past and change their futures – one will find a new love life, one will learn to stand up for himself with the ladies, one will find his mojo, and one will make sure he still exists.

### ‘How to Train Your Dragon’

**Genre:** Action, fantasy, kids and animation  
**Director:** Chris Miller  
**Cast:** Jay Baruchel, Gerard Butler, America Ferrera, Jonah Hill, Craig Ferguson, Kristen Wiig and T.J. Miller

**Synopsis:** When Hiccup is included in Dragon Training with the other chief … who just happens to be Hiccup’s father, Stoick the Vast (Craig Ferguson) and his offbeat sense of humor don’t sit too well with his tribe or its chief who … just happens to be Hiccup’s father, Stoick the Vast (Gerard Butler). When Hiccup is included in Dragon Training with the other chief … who just happens to be Hiccup’s father, Stoick the Vast (Craig Ferguson) and his offbeat sense of humor don’t sit too well with his tribe or its chief who … just happens to be Hiccup’s father, Stoick the Vast (Gerard Butler). When Hiccup is included in Dragon Training with the other chief … who just happens to be Hiccup’s father, Stoick the Vast (Craig Ferguson) and his offbeat sense of humor don’t sit too well with his tribe or its chief who … just happens to be Hiccup’s father, Stoick the Vast (Gerard Butler). 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The following will open in limited release.

‘Chloe’
Genre: Foreign, thriller and remake
Cast: Julianne Moore, Liam Neeson, Amanda Seyfried, Max Thieriot and R.H. Thomson
Director: Atom Egoyan
Rated: R

When David (Liam Neeson) misses his flight home from New York and, as a result, the surprise party his wife Catherine (Julianne Moore) has planned for him, Catherine is forced to swallow her disappointment and any suspicions and return to the waiting guests. Reading a text message sent to David’s phone the following morning from one of his female students, Catherine’s fear grows.

The successful couple have a 17-year-old son, Michael (Max Thieriot), and to an outsider, they have everything. But their careers and raising a child have put strains on the marriage: their relationship is suffering greatly from loss of communication and intimacy.

Two weeks after the surprise party, Catherine and David are at dinner with friends when Catherine excuses herself to use the restroom. There she meets an alluring young woman who, in those brief moments, connects with Catherine—it is Chloe (Amanda Seyfried). Returning to the table where they’re now playing “spot the hoiker,” Catherine watches with interest as Chloe approaches an older businessman. Michael (Aidan Quinn), with whom she has a brief affair the previous year. He has fallen in love with Lena and is going through a turbulent time. Eager to leave his wife to be with her. But all Lena is trying to do is extricate herself from this mess and just get through the next few days. Catherine finds herself on a journey that places her family in great danger.

Michael works as a volunteer for the world-renowned novelist Lena Morelle (Iben Hjejle), an author of books about ghosts and the supernatural, to look after. They become friendly and he eagerly tells her of his experiences. For the first time he has met someone who can accept the reality of what has been happening to him. However, Lena’s attention is pulled elsewhere. She has come to the festival at the bidding of world-renowned novelist Nicholas Holden (Aidan Quinn), with whom she had a brief affair the previous year. He has fallen in love with Lena and is going through a turbulent time. Eager to leave his wife to be with her. But all Lena is trying to do is extricate herself from this mess and just get through the next few days. Catherine finds herself on a journey that places her family in great danger.

Each year, the seaside town where Michael lives hosts an international literary festival, attracting writers from all over the world. Michael works as a volunteer for the festival and is assigned the attractive Lena. Morelle (Iben Hjejle), an author of books about ghosts and the supernatural, to look after. They become friendly and he eagerly tells her of his experiences. For the first time he has met someone who can accept the reality of what has been happening to him. However, Lena’s attention is pulled elsewhere. She has come to the festival at the bidding of world-renowned novelist Nicholas Holden (Aidan Quinn), with whom she had a brief affair the previous year. He has fallen in love with Lena and is going through a turbulent time. Eager to leave his wife to be with her. But all Lena is trying to do is extricate herself from this mess and just get through the next few days.

The festival progresses, the trajectories of those three people draw them into a life-altering collision. Embellished by the supernatural, The Eclipse is a film about the challenges of love, fear of the unknown and release from the burden of grief.
LARGO – The Largo Central Park Nature Preserve, 150 Highland Ave. SE, will serve as the site for this year’s Make a Difference Fishing Tournament, Saturday, April 3, 9 a.m. to noon.

Children with disabilities and special needs will enjoy fishing alongside family and friends.

Lunch will be provided and prizes will be awarded to participants. The tournament entry is free with registration. Visit www.makedaifferencefishing.org.

Registration is open to city residents for more than 60 funded summer camps. This year’s theme, “Licensed to Play,” includes full and half day summer camps for preschool, children and teenage children.

Families are chosen from more than eight full day camps, 21 sports camps, 19 specialty camps, theater and dance camps as well as pre- and post-camp days. Daily schedules will include at least 60 minutes of physical activity and staff will encourage physical fitness in all children, emphasizing the importance of healthy habits.

New summer camp brochures, listing all available programs, are located at any city recreation facility. Visit LargoCamps.com or call 518-3165 or 518-3125.

The Highland Family Aquatic Center, 400 Highland Ave. NE, is open for spring break. Dates are Sunday, March 29 through Friday, April 2.

The cost is $85 for residents with Largo recreation cards, $90 for nonresidents with Largo recreation cards and $80 for guests without the card. Children 2 years old and younger are admitted free. Call 518-3128.

The Southwest Recreation Complex, 13120 Vonn Road, is hosting The Largo 50, a free family-friendly event full of fun, races and contests on Saturday, April 3, 10 a.m. to noon, planned in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of Largo Recreation, Parks and Arts.

The event is open to people of all ages. Call 518-3165 or visit www.SouthWestRecCenter.com.

Fourteenth Annual Mayor’s Golf Tournament, April 9, 8 a.m., Largo Golf Course, 12500 Vonn Road.

Description: Tournament format will be a four person scramble with shotgun starts at 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Individual or team registration deadline is Saturday, April 3. Shotgun starts are limited to the first 96 golfers, so sign up today.

To download an application form, visit LargoGolf.com or call 518-3024.

Due to large amounts of rain, McGough’s family cookout and campout event has been rescheduled for Friday, April 16, 6 p.m. and will end Saturday, April 17, 8 a.m.

It includes a night hike, wildlife show, smores’ around a campfire, breakfast and more. The cost is $10 per person; children 2 and under are free. All children must be accompanied by an adult.


LARGO – Registration is now under way for High School Recreation Center’s “In the Zone Youth Basketball League” for children ages 7-16.

During the eight-week season, individuals will attend practices and playoffs while learning the basics of the game in a team setting. Participants are divided into age appropriate groups: 7-10, 11-13, and 14 and over.

Practice times vary and games will be held every Saturday at the High School Recreation Complex. 400 Highland Ave. Evaluations are scheduled for April 3, and season play runs from April 17 through June 12. League fees are $65 for residents and $68.75 for nonresidents. A league jersey will be provided.

Volunteer coaches are needed. For additional information or to register, contact the league coordinator at 518-3022.

LARGO – The Southwest Recreation Complex is offering co-ed flag football for youth, ages 7 through 17.

Registration is open now through Friday, March 26, with mandatory evaluations scheduled for Saturday, March 27. Practice will be held Tuesday nights at the Southwest Softball Field, 13120 Vonn Road.

Games will be played on Saturdays, April 10 through May 15.

The cost is $45 for residents and $56.25 for nonresidents. Call 518-3165 or visit PlayLargo.com.
Boating season is upon us, and in light of recent events it may be a good idea to re-evaluate your current measures of preparation. By law you need to have the following safety items on board your vessel in order to be in accordance: life preservers for passengers and a working fire extinguisher, a throwable (a square floatation device often used as a seat cushion) and if you plan on exiting the pass for the gulf you’ll need to up-date flares. Perhaps the single most important thing you can do is to have full weather awareness. Monitoring Web sites like NOAA will give updates every four hours on predicted weather and wind patterns.

If you go further into this site you can access marine weather and wind speed forecasts. Hour by hour wind prediction is key for knowing when’s a good time to pack it up and head in. On larger vessels a VHF radio is a standard feature, rest the case same goes for smaller boats. However, the reality is that the smaller vessels are the ones most likely to get into trouble offshore, so for less than the price of most fishing rods this should be a no-brainer. Class 2 life preservers are inexpensive and are often the choice of many boaters, but Class 2 life preservers (the type required for charter boats) would definitely be better suited for keeping a 250 pound person afloat for an extended period of time. Given even one step further, outfitting each vest with it’s own glow stick makes a lot of sense.

A first-aid kit and extra water will help keep the body and mind in tact in the event of being stranded. A back up battery costs about 850 bucks, but you would gladly pay quadruple that if you’re alive, well and your stereo happened to drain yourself out.

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Seminole Elementary finalist for character award

SEMINOLE – Seminole Elementary has been named a 2010 National Schools of Character finalist by the National Schools of Character awards program.

The awards program recognizes schools or districts that excel in exemplifying the Character Education Partnership’s Eleven Principles of Effective Character Education and demonstrate an outstanding character education initiative that yields positive results in student behavior, school climate and academic performance.

CEP chose 20 finalists from 166 applicants across the nation. Site visits will be conducted to all the finalists throughout the end of April and then in May, about 10 winners will be selected. Schools selected as the 2010 National Schools of Character will be honored at the 17th National Forum on Character Education Oct. 28-30 at the Hyatt Regency Embarcadero Hotel in San Francisco.

Additionally, Fuguitt Elementary in Largo and Oakhurst Elementary in Largo have been named NSOC Profiles in Character Education.

Buckley receives honor

SEMINOLE – Seminole High School student Kathleen Buckley was awarded third place in the McCormick Freedom Project’s national student expression contest, Seem & Heard, for her Web design entry entitled, “The Trauma of Television.” Buckley will receive a cash prize and an all-expenses-paid trip to Chicago to attend an awards ceremony at the Newberry Library where her winning entry will be displayed in a special exhibit.

In the Freedom Project’s National Student Expression Contest, Seem & Heard, students were asked to express their thoughts on contemporary social, political or economic issues using four media outlets: editorial cartoon, film, photojournalism and Web design.

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Through extensive outreach initiatives our audiences improve their understanding of the First Amendment and its importance to our democracy, engage in civic dialogue, and prepare for their role as citizens.

The McCormick Freedom Project is part of the McCormick Freedom Foundation. To learn more about the Freedom Project’s new outreach program visit FreedomProject.US.

Top ESE teachers

From left are Denise Noble, Autumn Hodrick, Doreen Sloan and Joey Thongdeng. Noble is Fuguitt Elementary School’s ESE assistant of the year and Sloan is ESE rookie teacher of the year.

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Pets of the week

Banshee
Banshee is a very handsome 9-year-old male kitty who is calm, quiet and loves to be petted, especially under his chin. He is on a special diet to keep his kidneys healthy. He can be shy, but once he feels secure in his new forever home he will be a great addition to the family. Meet him at the Humane Society of Pinellas, 31810 S.R. 590 in Clearwater. Call 797-7722.

Kenja
Kenja is the most affectionate and happy pup you’ll ever meet. He is a 2-year-old Beagle mix who loves to romp and play with other dogs. Kenja has a very high energy level, so he would do best with an active family. Call Pet Pal Animal Shelter at 328-7738 or stop by the shelter at 405 22nd St. S. in St. Petersburg. Visit www.petpalanimalshelter.com.
Networking groups, also known as leads groups, meet on a regular basis at various locations in the area. Some groups charge a fee to attend, and may require reservations. Persons considering attending any group for the first time are encouraged to make contact in advance.

The upcoming schedule is as follows:

- **Friday, March 26 – IBI Referral Masters, 7 a.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMillen Booth Road, Clearwater. Call Bill Mantooth at 639-6900 or visit www.ibireferralmasters.com.
- **Friday, March 26 – Professional Women emPower, Countryside Breakfast Club, 7:30 a.m., at Holiday Inn, 7230 19th St. N., St. Petersburg. Call O’Connor at 367-3737.
- **Friday, March 26 – Professional Leads Network, Bay Area Executives Chapter, 11:45 a.m., at Tumb Rhai, 32716 U.S. 19 N., Palm Harbor. Visit www.pro-leads.net.
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- **Monday, March 29 – Network Professionals Inc., 7:30 a.m., at Perkins Restaurant, 8841 Park Blvd. N., Largo. Call Ron O’Connor at 367-3737.
- **Monday, March 29 – Professional Leads Network, St. Petersburg Chapter, 7:45 a.m., at Ricky F’s, 6521 Fourth St. N., St. Petersburg. Visit www.pro-leads.net.
- **Monday, March 29 – Ready Set Grow Group, 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., at Hometown Family Restaurant, 10395 Seminole Blvd. N., Largo. Call Jamie Limbaugh at 831-2450 or e-mail jamieLifreeworkinginternational.com.
- **Monday, March 29 – Free Networking International, Clearwater Two Cups Connect Group, 2:30 to 4 p.m., at Bay Coast Coffee Market, 2525 Gulf to Bay Blvd., Clearwater. Call Wayne Porter at 642-6173, e-mail waynep@freeworkinginternational.com.
- **Tuesday, March 30 – Professional Leads Network, First Watch Chapter, 7:30 a.m., First Watch, 2581 Veterans Road, St. Petersburg. Visit www.pro-leads.net.
- **Tuesday, March 30 – The Board, Network Professionals, 7:30 a.m., at Panera Bread, Bardmoor Shopping Center, corner of Bryan Dairy and Pinellas Bayway roads, Largo. Call 742-6343.
- **Tuesday, March 30 – Business Network Internationa, Winners Circle, 7:30 to 9 a.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 119 Central Park Dr. E., Largo. Call Dave Profitt at 720-9249.
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- **Tuesday, March 30 – Yacht Club Breakfast, sponsored by Creative Business Connections, 7:30 a.m., at St. Petersburg Yacht Club, 11 Central Ave., St. Petersburg. Call Darrell Baker, area director, at 586-4999 or visit www.cbcnet.biz.
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American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, both first time and repeat homebuyers must enter a bidding contract by April 30, 2010 and close by June 30, 2010. Also, people with larger homes now can qualify for the credit with income limits increasing to $125,000 for individuals and $225,000 for married couples.
Along with the up to $80,000 first-time homebuyer extension, a new tax credit for up to $6,500 was passed for current homeowners who have owned their home for five consecutive years and are buying a new principal residence.
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Call Cathy Gabis at 813-625-2892.

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Catholic Charities opens doors to Haitians

By THOMAS MICALSKI

Catholic Charities of St. Petersburg, which three years ago opened the controversial but now successful Pinellas Hope tent city for Pinellas County's homeless, has now opened its doors to a flow of Haitian immigrants who lost their homes and property to the devastating 7.0 earthquake that rocked the island on Jan. 12.

Shelia Lopez, executive director of Pinellas Hope, said more than 100 immigrants already have been accepted into the Catholic Charities intake process, and in the past few weeks, Catholic Charities has spring into action to fight homelessness.

“Lopez said he did not know how many more would be coming into Florida. Catholic Charities is an arm of the Diocese of St. Petersburg that serves Citrus, Hernando, Pasco, Hillsborough and Pinellas counties.

It has launched a drive to obtain money, food, clothing, personal items and other needs for the new immigrants, most of whom arrived in Pinellas County with little more than the clothes on their backs.

The earthquake which devastated the Port-au-Prince area along with 52 aftershocks of 4.5 to 4.9 killed, approximately 230,000 people and left more than a million homeless. An estimated 250,000 homes and 30,000 commercial buildings were severely damaged or destroyed.

Lopez said most people are unaware of how the victims are suffering from their injuries.

“I have seen adults and little children without arms and legs,” Lopez said.

One woman who is now housed in Pinellas County was cooking a meal in her home when the initial quake struck. A pot of cooking oil was shaken off the stove.

“It fell on the woman and her child who was severely burned,” Lopez said. “The baby is doing as well as can be expected under the circumstances.”

Lopez said many of the immigrants want to remain in Florida, or in other states, to rebuild their lives.

Most have lost their homes, their property and their loved ones in the earthquake.

“The help we can provide in these trying times,” Lopez said. “The baby is doing as well as can be

Some of the help is being directed at a secret location in Pinellas County where they receive medical and other assistance before being moved to shelters, private homes and other facilities that are run by social organizations. Virtually all of the immigrants arrived at Tampa International Airport over the past few weeks.

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Catholic Charities has a critical need to assist hurricane victims and create volunteer forces to help survivors of all other disasters.

Persons interested in volunteering should contact Lopez at 654-2727. Donations of clothing, bedding and household goods, Catholic Charities has a critical need for the help we can provide in these trying times.”

Clearwater First Assembly of God

CLEARWATER – Crazy Cook's Kitchen, a cooking camp for kids, will be offered Tuesday, March 30, 6 p.m., at Congregation B'nai Israel, 1351 Bayside Blvd., Dunedin. Cost is $95. To register, visit kidsfirstchristian.com.

The Florida Suncoast Chorus annual show set for March 27

PALM HARBOR – The Florida Suncoast Chorus will present its annual show Saturday, March 27, at Palm Harbor United Methodist Church. The show features The Florida Suncoast Chorus, the 80-member United Methodist Chorus performing separately and together.

In addition to the Suncoast Chorus, the show will feature the G-Men Quartet, the Double Duty Quartet, the Rededem Gospel Quartet and the west coast's newest barbershop sensation, the Four-Tune Shad. Show time is 7 p.m.

Tickets are $12 per person, and a portion of the ticket sales will be donated to the Pinellas County school system to help support their public school music programs. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Call Gene at 421-6614 for tickets or more information.

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For information about the chorus, call Lance Lubin at 410-5696 or e-mail him at lance.lubin@gmail.com.

Congregation B’nai Israel

ST. PETERSBURG – Passover Second Seder will be held Thursday, April 1, 6-8 p.m., at Temple Beth Israel, 1739 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. In addition to the Suncoast Chorus, the show will feature the Florida Suncoast Chorus, the 80-member United Methodist Chorus performing separately and together.

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The Seder menu will include gefilte fish with ruby horseradish, chicken soup with matzah balls, fresh green salad with Passover dressing, roasted breast of chicken and potato kugel and glazed baby carrots. For members, cost is $45 for adults, $18 for children age 7 to 12 and $8 for children age 3 to 6.

For reservations, call Sara Latham at 381-4800, ext. 202, or visit www.cbibpete.org.

Church by the Sea

MADERA BEACH – There will be a bake and rummage sale Thursday through Saturday, March 25 through 27, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Church by the Sea, 13701 Gulf Blvd.

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Unity Community Church announces events

DUNEDIN – Upcoming events for Unity Community Church, 1315 Bayside Blvd., Dunedin are as follows:

Good Friday – 7 p.m. A Good Friday Sanctuary will be open for silent meditation, noon to 2 p.m.

Sunday, April 4, Easter Sunday, 10 a.m. “Risen Christ,” speaker Elie Harbin, spiritual leader, Easter brunch will follow. Love offering.

Sunday, April 11, 10 a.m. Guest speaker, Linda Carney, licensed unce teacher

Sunday, April 18, 10 a.m. “Fairs’ Elaine Silver will provide lecture and all music. She will present a workshop “The Easter Test” from noon to 3 p.m. The suggested love offering $30. Please register for the workshop at church or call 734-0635.

Sunday, April 25, 10 a.m. Diane Sharr, singer-chaplain board director will present the lesson.

Friday, April 30, 7 p.m. Movie “swing,” a dance and music-filled true story of a young man caught between his dream of following in his father’s footsteps and his desire to be a model. Love offering.

May 7, 10 a.m. May Series continues, speaker will be Marilyn Nase from Tallahassee. Nase says she used to be rebellious and out of control, blaming others for her life choices.

May 17, 10 a.m. “You are a spiritual being endowed with the power to create a life of love, abundance, health and joy through change,” speaker will be Lise Dabney. Love offering.

May 22, 10 a.m. “The use of the mind God gave you. We’ll show you how you can change your thinking, change your life!” speaker will be Dr. Daniel Thompson. Love offering.

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The sale will feature furniture, jewelry, arts, clothes, books and household items.

For information, Call the church, 734-0635 for further information.
24 Just For Fun

1. To the point
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4. Downey duck
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36. Corker
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60. 49. French softs engineering vendor
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8. Doing nothing
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July 23 – August 22
A neighbor has made too many changes to a design, and the results leave something to be desired. A comment made in jest is no reason for concern.

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September 23 – October 22
Turn away, Libra. Not all is on the up-and-up. A time-honored tradition must continue. Rally the troops. A painstaking project comes to a conclusion.

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The Clearwater GPWC Community Woman’s Club meets on the first and third Monday of each month. Call 652-1969.

Clearwater Main Library, 100 N. Osceola St. Call 394-2229.

Church and Community Outreach meets third Thursdays, 4 p.m., at the Safety Harbor Library. 101 Second St. N.

Church of the Isles Men’s Prayer Breakfast meets Tuesdays, 7:30 a.m., at the Village Inn, 11305 Ulmerton Road. Largo. Call 295-1038.

Church of the Isles Golf Group meets Tuesdays, 9:15 a.m., at the Clearwater Golf Course, 12001 Egnatia Ave. S. W. Call 595-1038.

Clearwater Civic Club meets first and third Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., at the Catholic Social Services Center, 2001 Congress Blvd. Call 568-3461.

Clearwater Community Affairs Radio Society meets second Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., in the auditorium of the Red Cross Building, 1421 Central Ave. East, through the north entrance. Call 415-1657.

Clearwater Chapter of Military Officers Association meets fourth Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. for lunch at the Cove Cay Country Club, 2612 Cove Cay Dr. All military officers, active duty, veteran or retired, and their spouses are welcome. Call Polly Tapp at 733-9405 for reservations.

Clearwater Focus on Business Group meets Mondays at 11:30 a.m. at Pasutino’s, 1750 Clearwater-Largo Road. Call Fred Kiehl 692-5510 or 559-0506.

Clearwater Networking Group meets Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at Joe’s Screamin’ 237 Gulf-to-Indian Blvd. Call Natanya Nerrigian at 298-0320.

Clearwater Women’s Aglow Community Lighthouse meets second Saturdays at the Holiday Inn, 20897 U.S. 19 N. The breakfast buffet is $8. Call 938-0688.

Colonial Dames of NJ-71st Chapter meets second Fridays in January, March, May and November, noon, at Stacey’s Buffet, 1451 Missouri Ave. N. Largo. They also have trips and shows at group dinners. People with membership in DAR or N. C. A. are welcome to join. Dues are $7 a year. Call 544-8506.

Council of Service Organizations, Upper Pinellas, General Membership meets first Mondays, noon to 1 p.m., in the meeting hall across from St. Paul’s United Methodist Church, 1520 Rosery Rd. Largo. Visit www.FWCWFL.org.

Florida West Coast Woodturners meets first Thursdays, 7 p.m., in the meeting room across from St. Paul’s UMC, 1520 Rosery Rd. Largo. Visit www.FWCWFL.org.

Florida Association of Professional Seminarians meets last Mondays from 9 to 10:30 a.m. The location is announced each month. Call 229-6863.

Florida Botanical Gardens offers weekend programs for adults and children ages 9 and older. Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Palm pavilion. 12175 125th St. N. Largo. Call 580-2210.

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