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# Investigation underway

# Community Development director allegedly makes threat against city councilor

By TIFFANY RAZZANO

SEMINOLE - City officials are looking into allegations that Community Development Director Mary Ely made a verbal threat against Councilor Patricia Plantamura

According to a Pinellas County Sheriff's Office incident report filed on May 7 by Plantamura and City Clerk Rose Benoit, Ely allegedly told Benoit that "if the [City Council] could they would put a 'hit' out on Council Woman Plantamura.

valedictorian, delivers her commencement speech.

Ely denies making the statement.

"It's simply not true," he said. "I thought Clerk Benoit and I had a collegial relationship, but I guess that's not

No criminal charges were filed against him after police determined that Ely did not directly threaten Plantamura or Benoit.

Benoit told police that Ely made the comment on May while discussing an email that was to be sent to Plantamura in response to a public information request she'd made regarding the City Charter.

City Manager Frank Edmunds tasked Benoit with the job of drafting a response to the email, she told police. Edmunds also assigned Ely to assist her with the email. According to the police report, Ely provided Benoit

with the response and told her that she, rather than Edmunds, would send the email. In a June 4 memo sent to Pat Mickunas, a human

resources officer in the city, and copied to Edmunds and City Attorney John Elias, Benoit wrote, "I refused to

See INVESTIGATION, page 4A

# **Class of 2014**



Above, from left, Emily Holwerda, Ginger Hahn, and Becca Griffin recognize family members in the audience at Seminole High School's June 2 graduation at Tropicana Field. Right, Mikayla Bridges,

by Taylor

Brooke.







Courtney Newell waves to family members during the graduating class of 2014's processional.

# Inspector general clears PSTA's Greenlight campaign

By SUZETTE PORTER

Right, Julia Davis

makes a final adjustment on

Duncan's bow

tie before the

processional

Thomas

Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority broke no state laws in its funding of the Greenlight Pinellas marketing plan, according to the Florida Department of Transportation.

FDOT Inspector General Robert E. Clift released a 35page report June 2 detailing results of an investigation initiated by state Sen. Jeff Brandes.

"The Senator questioned whether PSTA expended public funds to advocate for the referendum included in the Greenlight Pinellas transit development initiative,"

Clift said in the report.

According to Florida Statute, "local government entities and their staff are prohibited from expending funds on behalf of, or advocating for, an initiative that is political in nature and pending consideration by referendum of the electorate.'

A referendum on the Greenlight Pinellas plan and 1 percent transit surtax is on the Nov. 4 ballot.

Brandes asked the Inspector General's Office to review about \$800,000 in expenditures by PSTA for a Greenlight Pinellas educational campaign. The review "disclosed no evidence that PSTA Greenlight communications contained text prohibited by law," Clift said. State funds available to PSTA through department grants agreements were reviewed to see if they were used according to "laws, rules, regulations and provision of the grants.

"We determined that PSTA did not use state funds to pay for the Greenlight campaign," Clift said.

Florida Statue also prohibits public agencies from spending public funds on political advertisements - defined as a "paid expression in a communications

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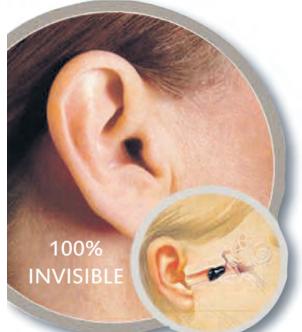
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# Around Seminole

### Flicks and Fin Family **Fun Night planned**

SEMINOLE - The Seminole Family Aquatic Center, 9100 113th St. N., will host Flicks and Fins Family Fun Night Friday, June 13, 7 p.m.

Catch a special showing of "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2" and enjoy the pool. There also will be music and games. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

Cost is \$2 for adult members, \$1.50 for child members, \$4 for adult

nonmembers and \$3 for child nonmembers.

### **Registration underway** for kids' triathlon

SEMINOLE - The 10th annual "Tri If You Dare" Kids Triathlon is set for Sunday, June 29, 7:15 a.m., at the Holland G. Mangum Recreation Complex, 9100 113th St. N.

This event is open to kids 5 through 15. Entry fee is \$40 before June 22 and \$50 after that date.

Children 5 to 6 will run 1/4 mile, bike 1 mile and swim 25 yards. Children 7 to 10 will run 1/2 mile, bike 2 miles and swim 100 yards. Children 11 to 15 will run 1 mile, bike 4 miles and swim 150 yards.

Contact Jim Sheets at 687-6948 or visit www.myseminole.com/tri.htm.

### **Bauder offers Summer Science Camp**

SEMINOLE - Bauder Elementary School, 12755 86th Ave. N., offers its 13th annual Summer Science Camp Monday, July 14 through Thursday, July 17, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The camp includes hands-on science activities studying earth, life and physical sciences; computer technology; arts and crafts; and outdoor games and fun.

Snack, group games and prizes are provided daily. Students will bring a bag lunch. Pizza will be provided on July 17, the final day of camp. Camp is for students enrolled in kindergarten through fifth grade for

the 2013-14 school year. Bauder teachers will serve as the counselors. Space is limited to 125 students, with 15-20 per class.

Cost is \$125 per student. Call 547-7829 for more information.

### **SPC Toastmasters** meets weekly

SEMINOLE - Seminole-SPC Toastmasters meets at 6:15 p.m. Tuesdays at the Seminole Community Library, 9200 113th St.

This personal development program is ideal for supervisors and other leaders, or those aspiring to learn vital leadership and communication

Contact Dennis Hamel at 374-2612 or visit seminolespc.toastmaster sclubs.org for more information.

### **Gaming Club** to meet monthly

SEMINOLE - The Seminole Recreation Division now offers an adult Gaming Club that meets the third Thursday of every month, 5 to 9 p.m., at the  $\bar{\text{Ho}}$ lland G. Mangum Recreation Complex, 9100 113th St. N.

This group is open to individuals 16 and older. Various board and card games will be available.

This program is free for members and \$3 for nonmembers. Call 391-8345 for more information.

### Yoga class offered

SEMINOLE - A New World Yoga class will meet at the Holland G. Mangum Recreation Complex, 9100 113th St. N., Monday evenings, 7:15 o 8:15 p.m. It will be followed by an optional meditation class.

Cost for members is \$8 per person and \$12 for nonmembers. Visit www.yseminole.com or call 391-8345 for more information.

### **American Legion** hosts weekly events

SEMINOLE - American Legion Post 252, 11433 Park Blvd., holds a cookout every Saturday and Sunday at the Tiki Bar from 1 to 5 p.m. Breakfast is held the first Sunday of every month from 8 to 11 a.m. and the monthly spaghetti dinner is held the first Tuesday of each month

from 5 to 7 p.m.

The dining room is open to the public. Legion membership is required to purchase alcohol.

For more information, call 391-6324.

### Children's martial arts program offered

SEMINOLE - The Holland G. Mangum Recreational Complex, 9100 113th St. N., offers a martial arts program for children ages 5 through 12 on Mondays, 6:45 to 7:30 p.m.

Cost is \$45 per month for members and \$67.50 per month for nonmembers.

For more information, call 391-8345.

### **Kiwanis Club of Seminole** meets weekly

SEMINOLE - The Kiwanis Club of Seminole meets Thursdays, 6:15 p.m., at Freedom Square's Town Hall.

All are welcome. There will be guest speakers twice a month. For more information, call Terry Carr at 394-2582.

### **Free West Coast Swing** dance lessons offered

SEMINOLE - Free West Coast Swing dance lessons are offered on Fridays, 6 p.m., at Crystal Blue Ballroom, 10527 Park Blvd. N. Lessons are free for anyone under the age of 30.

Call Renee at 698-0171 for more information.

### **Kiwanis Breakfast Club** meets Tuesday mornings

SEMINOLE - The Kiwanis Breakfast Club of Seminole meets Tuesdays at 7:15 a.m. in the third floor card room at Lake Seminole Square, 8333 Seminole Blvd.

On the second, third and fourth Tuesdays of the month, the group features speakers from different organizations.









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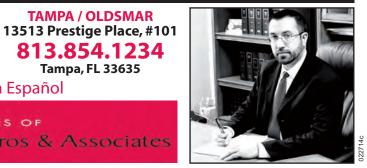
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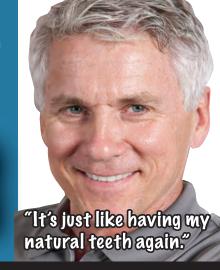
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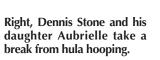
# **Kids Appreciation Day**



Photos by GRETCHEN CAIN WELLS Kids Appreciation Day, chaired by Dr. Steve Nickse, celebrated its 35th anniversary June 4. Held each year on the last day of school, it is a community event made possible with the help of a planning committee and is co-presented by the Seminole Chamber of Commerce and City of Seminole. The main sponsors this year included Oakhurst Medical Clinic, East Bay Medical Center, Casper Company/McDonalds of Seminole, One Hour Air Conditioning, Pinch A Penny of Seminole and Winn-Dixie #2511. Games, refreshments and prizes were provided for elementary school age children as a reward for a job well done during the school year and to encourage summer integrity. Above, Dr. Nickse plays to the crowd of kids as they anxiously await the drawing of numbers and the chance to win a bicycle and other prizes.



Left, Sparky the Seminole Rescue mascot, makes friends with 'Mr. Seminole" Fred Zinda. Seminole Fire Rescue was on hand for safety and educational purposes.







The watermelon-eating contest put on by Seminole Rotarians is popular with the kids



The bounce house was a huge success. Leona Broussard, left, and Kathy Briggs helped children in and out

# Immigrant group calls for driver's licenses for all

By BRIAN GOFF

CLEARWATER - Allowing everyone to be able to obtain a driver's license would make our roads safer and less harrowing due to those who are driving without a license, said dozens of members of Latino Immigrants of Clearwater at a news conference June 9.

Organizer Elisa Huapilla said thousands of people in Pinellas County are suffering hardship because they are not allowed to have a driver's license due to their undocumented status.

"Public transportation just isn't reliable in Pinellas County for the simplest of things," she said. "Going to the store or taking the children to the doctor, taking the bus in most cases just isn't an option. We will continue to fight so these people can someday get a li-

cense.' Businessman Juan Cruz said allowing people to get driver's licenses will have a major impact on safety in the county.

"It will definitely make things safer on the streets," he said. "It will also help the police because a driver's license is a good form of identification. Unlike people who are driving illegally, those with licenses will be required to learn the rules of the road and will be required to take a test to show they know what they are doing. Let's drive Florida forward."

With that last remark the crowd, which had gathered around, broke into applause and waved their signs with slogans such as "Floridians deserve safe

Another businessman, Felix Mendoza, said the campaign to allow undocumented immigrants to get driver's licenses must continue.

"We're going to fight," he said. "Families who are driving without licenses are putting themselves in danger. They are driving afraid and know that if they get stopped by the police for the smallest of infractions, they could get deported. Allowing them to get licenses would keep everyone safe.'

One theme that came up over and over again was the inadequate bus system in Pinellas County. People spoke of having to wait long intervals for buses in the rain and hot sun. Dave Kovar, who is part of an environmental group, which supports better public transportation, reminded the crowd that they can help themselves by supporting the Greenlight Pinellas

"Taxes in this county have been frozen for some

time, yet costs continue to go up," he said. "If we don't Greenlight Pinella campaign then the bus company will have no alternative but to shut down some buses. They will start with the feeder routes, then without them, the middle buses will have to go; then of course the main line buses will end. There are people in this county who would be glad to see that

happen." Kovar said the way to prevent that is to mobilize all the voters and support Greenlight Pinellas, which would see a 1-cent sales tax increase in the county, all of which would go toward better public transporta-

"That would mean there will be more buses running, in the evenings and weekends and during the day. They would come more frequently, and you would not have to wait as long in the rain or the heat. Better service means you would be in a position to get better paying jobs. Vote yes in the referendum on Nov.

Seminole Councilor Patricia Plantamura also is a supporter of the driver's license initiative and agreed it is a matter of public safety

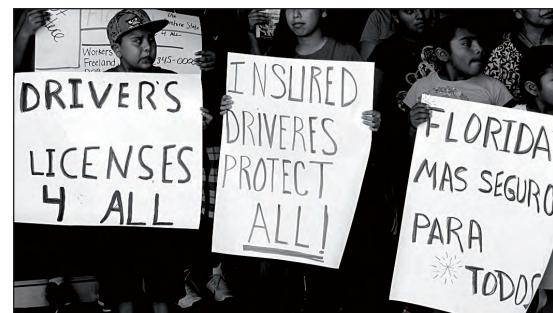
"It means more than that," she said. "As our immigrants are being given more access to higher learning, we have a right to ask, what point is it to allow an immigrant to go to a university if they have no way of

An organizer for the American Civil Liberties Union, Paola Calva Florido, lamented the fact that a bill, which would have allowed undocumented immigrants to obtain driver's licenses, did not pass the Florida Legislature in this session.

"We have to make this a year of public pressure," she said. "We have to make our politicians understand that this is not an immigrant issue, it is not a Mexican issue, and it is not a Hispanic issue. It is a human issue. We've all heard stories of human need as it pertains to getting a driver's license.

Huapilla reminded the crowd that they can make a change in the law despite what happened this year.

"The November election for the Florida Legislature gives advocates an opportunity to inch towards their goal since they can be voting for politicians who can push the issue," she said. "For this reason, a grassroots movement will begin to propel Latinos to get out to vote and hopefully set an example for other communities to form their own movement in their own counties to advocate for driver's licenses for everyone."



Dozens of people gathered to show support for the idea that undocumented immigrants should be allowed to obtain driver's licenses.



Organizer Elisa Huapilla speaks to the crowd at a news conference in Clearwater. The group Latino Immigrants of Clearwater wants to allow undocumented immigrants to obtain driver's licenses.

# **INVESTIGATION**, from page 1A

accept the draft and stated that I was not going to send someone else's words as my own in an email that called for a response from City Manager Edmunds.

Ely "then got an attitude" with her, she told police, and made his alleged threat against Plantamura.

Unsure what to do immediately after the May 1 incident, Benoit waited a week before contacting Plantamura to tell her about the alleged threat.

They met for lunch on May 7 and decided independently to file a complaint with the Sheriff's Office, Plantamura said.

Sheriff's Deputy Damian Peyinghaus, who took Benoit's and Plantamura's complaints, visited Edmunds and Ely at City Hall on May 14 to follow up on the incident.

Edmunds said that neither Benoit nor Plantamura reported the incident to him and he learned about it from the deputy's visit. This goes against city protocol, he said.

"At no time was my office made aware of the incident ... The process would typically be that when there is an incident that offends or disturbs an employee they're encouraged to report it within three days," he said.

He added, "It's unfortunate that Clerk Benoit and Councilor Plantamura elected to not make me aware of the alleged event.'

Though Peyinghaus determined that no direct threat was made, he recommended that the women report the incident to the city's Human

Resources department. "It is apparent that the Deputy sensed a hostile work environment," Plantamura wrote in a June 2 email to Edmunds that also was distributed to Elias, the City Council and the Sheriff's Office.

"I took [Ely's] statement to be offensive, malicious and intimidating," Benoit wrote in her memo to Mickunas. "I take verbal threats and/or comments very seriously. Such comments and/or behavior are improper, unacceptable, and disrespectful and must not happen again in the work place. Statements of violence are sometimes a warning of a possible danger to an intended party and disrupt the peace of mind and safety of any individual. I feel that this type of behavior and/or actions and/or communications make doing my job impossible.

Benoit also complained to Human Resources about the way Edmunds handled the incident after meeting with Deputy Peyinghaus. In her June 4 memo, Benoit stated that Edmunds set up a May 23 meeting that included Ely. But Edmunds wouldn't provide the nature

of the meeting or allow her to invite Plantamura, Mickunas or Deputy

Peyinhaus, she wrote.

"I was totally surprised by the lack of concern City Manager Edmunds showed towards the seriousness of my allegation," she wrote. "His main concern during the meeting was why I did not report the incident to him first. I expected City Manager Edmunds to be vigilant, to investigate the complaint and address the complaint. Instead I found myself being treated as the offender because I reported the offense; the verbal threat!"

Plantamura also said she's concerned that Edmunds isn't taking the incident seriously enough.

In her June 2 email to him, she wrote, "It is still troubling to me that you, as Manager of our City, did not telephone to advise me of any concern, whether a threat was made or if it was not, with assurance that there would be zero tolerance in Seminole administration or government for any such behavior. Any reasonable person and certainly the Manager of a City should take this report seriously."

Edmunds said he will review Benoit's complaint to Human Resources and discuss it with legal counsel. He said he can't provide an accurate timeframe for the investigation because "the timing of her complaint is now 30 days after the alleged incident.'

He added, "There's no evidence that I'm aware of to support either the allegation or the denial."

Community 5A Seminole Beacon, June 12, 2014



Stand-up Librarian Meredith Myers wearing her James Joyce-inspired literary accessories. She'll be performing at Wilson Book . World's Bloomsday event Monday, June 16.

# Bloomsday event celebrates James Joyce

ST. PETERSBURG - To celebrate the life of variety of Irish-themed refreshments, all with Irish writer James Joyce and his groundbreaking novel "Ulysses," Wordier Than Thou, StandUpLi brarian.com and Wilson's Book World present Bloomsday - BYOBook event on Monday, June 16, 7 to 9 p.m., at Wilson's, 2394 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St. N.

Hosted by Stand-Up Librarian Meredith Myers and Jeff Morris of Wilson's Bloomsday -BYOBook will feature readings from "Ulysses" and performances honoring Joyce, plus offer a the mission to unite the community in reading one of the most important works of modernist literature.

The event is completely free and also will feature special Bloomsday/James Joyce-inspired literary accessories by Stand-Up Librarian Designs.

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# County delays decision on Bayside Health Campus

partment to bring in more money.

ty we all agreed would do great service.'

ing to do and who are we trying to serve.

This clinic is just one piece.'

how to move forward," she said.

year to get this solved.

well," he said.

health department could be the answer.

She said the issue was another "chicken or the egg."

not enough money," Latvala said. "This is an opportuni-

solved with the most important being, "what are we try-

"We are all committed to the homeless, but there is

Woodard said several related issues needed to be re-

"We went from providing a bridge to providing a high-

way to help people find services," said Commission

Chair Karen Seel. "What is our vision for health care?

Commissioner Janet Long requested a report on how

"We keep reinventing the wheel and forget about the

Commissioner Norm Roche concurred with Long and

"There are a lot of issues on this and we need to

"We don't want to move fast as much as make sure

we do this right," said Commissioner Ken Welch. "We

got here for a reason. Maybe it is time to change the

model. Maybe it is time to hit the reset button here as

Dr. Claude Dharamraj, director of the Florida De-

partment of Health in Pinellas County, encouraged

commissioners to find a way to accept the federal grant.

She suggested that a smaller facility be constructed

that would meet the terms of the grant, but not over-ex-

"We don't want a black mark on Pinellas County as

"You don't need a Taj Mahal for \$5 million. You don't

She suggests building something smaller at a cost of \$500,000 to \$800,000. Instead of turning down the

grant, the county would ask the federal government for

a smaller one. A clinic could be located at Safe Harbor,

which is taxing Largo Fire Department's resources due

to emergency calls for health care. It also would be close

"Go back and say we cannot use the \$5 million, but

Dharamraj is not in favor of relying on the mobile

"Care is always better in a building than a van," she

She added that once the county had an operating

"If you build a building, you would be eligible to get

clinic, it would allow them to apply for grants to pay for

medical unit, which often experiences mechanical prob-

tend the county's capacity to provide services.

we have in the state of Florida," she said.

She suggested a compromise.

enough to serve Pinellas Hope.

we want a smaller project," she said.

money," she said. "No clinic, no money."

need that big," she said.

agreed with Latvala that a millage increase for the

move faster," he said. "I don't think we have another

person on the street who needs services as we debate

much money was being spent on indigent health care.

By SUZETTE PORTER

CLEARWATER - Despite encouragement to "build something" from the director of the county's director of health, Pinellas County Commissioners chose to schedule a work session for more discussion before making a final decision on construction of the Bayside Health

Time is growing short to comply with terms of a \$5 million federal grant. An extension will be required, if commissioners decide to go forward.

But, commissioners are struggling to determine if a "bricks and mortar" clinic, offering full "wrap-around" care is the best way to provide for the homeless. "Wraparound" care includes podiatry, pharmacy and respite.

Area hospitals favor having a place where homeless patients can recover after they are released. Those with no place to go other than the streets, often have to be re-admitted for additional hospital care, which is expensive. A respite care facility would provide cost avoid-

Ongoing cost is a big issue. The federal grant would pay for construction of a 15,000 square-foot facility, but provide no money for operations or maintenance.

Latest estimates show it would cost about \$3 million a year to provide the level of care staff recommends. Officials still have to solve the problem of how to get those who need care to a fixed location.

If the state had accepted federal money to expand the Medicaid program, the health campus likely would have been a breakeven operation, Lynda Leedy, director of Health and Community Services, told commissioners during a June 3 meeting.

A consultant estimates an annual loss of \$872,000 in operating expenses without increased Medicaid money to pay for care of newly eligible clients. Cost to provide pharmacy and specialty care is estimated at an additional \$2.2 million a year.

Commission Chair Karen Seel would like to explore expanding the mobile medical unit program. The commission also continues to work with local agencies that are currently providing care to the homeless population.

Everyone supports that there is "lots of unmet need, but not for profit organizations have no money to support" a new facility, Leedy said.

Leedy has talked to the federal government about the probability of getting a grant extension to meet construction deadlines. Repeated delays in moving ahead mean the county now cannot be finished in time.

Leedy said it was likely the county would be given an extension.

"As long as we can demonstrate progress, it should not be a problem," she said.

Interim County Administrator Mark Woodard added that getting an extension wasn't a sure thing.

"The issue is can we afford to do this and pay for

services," said Commissioner Susan Latvala.

She suggested raising the millage for the health de-

# County news

### **PSTA rolls out** service improvements

ST. PETERSBURG - Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority began several new service improvements Sunday, June 8, including adjustments to schedules and routing to reduce transfer times, improve schedule accuracy and better accommodate all-time record ridership.

More buses for Route 52, PSTA's most crowded bus route is top of the list.

"We've wanted to make this improvement for a long time, but didn't have the money" said PSTA CEO Brad Miller. "Property taxes make up a large portion of our operating funds and the drop in property tax revenue from the recession has limited our ability to add service."

The agency has lost more than \$40 million dollars since 2008, PSTA officials said.

Miller said that due to all-time record ridership and efficiency-related cost savings identified by staff, PSTA is now experiencing a budget surplus, which is being used to provide the long-awaited improvements to the Route 52, which runs from downtown Clearwater to downtown St. Petersburg primarily along East Bay/West Bay Drive and 49th St.

"We're adding five trips in each direction. It will definitely help with the overcrowding on this one route and we're thrilled to improve this service," Miller said. "But PSTA still has too many routes that operate infrequently and end too early to be reliable to our customers. It's a proven fact that increased ridership results from increases in bus frequency. That's why the Greenlight Pinellas Plan focuses on a frequent network of routes and rapid services through all parts of Pinellas County including Northern Pinellas where the 52 doesn't run."

The Greenlight Pinellas Plan for countywide transportation improvements will be on the Nov. 4, ballot and will ask voters to change PSTA's funding from its current .7305 mill property tax to a 1

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Transit Authority is adding five trips, starting June 8, in each direction on Route 52, which runs from downtown Clearwater to downtown St. Petersburg.

Pinellas Suncoast

Photo courtesy of PSTA

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medium ... by means other than the spoken word in direct conversation, which expressly advocates the election or defeat, or the approval or rejection of an

The report stated that per a Supreme Court ruling, a prohibited political advertisement must contain "magic words," such as "vote for," "oppose," "cast your ballot for" to express advocacy.

The Inspector General found "no evidence PSTA campaign expenditures violated the advocacy provisions of state law," Clift said. "Communications on PSTA's Greenlight Pinellas website, advertisements and promotional items contained no text prohibited by law nor any 'magic words,' which expressly advocate for electors to vote 'yes' in the referendum."

### Financial review

The review found that FDOT had reimbursed PSTA only for operational assistance and costs of operations, according to terms of grant agreements. FDOT issues cost reimbursement grants.

To get funds, PSTA is required to submit invoices and quarterly progress reports, including route productivity, passenger trip revenue, revenue miles and revenue hours. FDOT's District 7 monitors PSTA's services through monthly evaluations. PSTA is required to publish performance metrics annually in a newspaper. The authority must submit an annual audited budget.

"For fiscal year 2013, PSTA went above this requirement by submitting a more extensive Comprehensive Annual Financial Report prepared by an independent auditor for review by the District,"

The review revealed that PSTA had actually spent \$620,525 on the Greenlight education campaign, comprised of \$239,656 in Federal Transit Administration grants and local funds of \$290,569.

Yes on Greenlight, a pro-referendum campaign funded through private campaign contributions, was included in the review. The inspector general also looked into comments that Yes on Greenlight's logo was similar to the logo used by Greenlight Pinellas.

PSTA officials explained that the Greenlight Pinellas logo was not copyrighted and other organizations were using its variations.

"Additionally, they denied any affiliation between Greenlight Pinellas and Friends for Greenlight or the Yes on Greenlight campaign," the report said. PSTA CEO Brad Miller welcomed the news.

"We are thankful for the very thorough review by the inspector general, and commend him and his staff for their diligence," Miller said. "PSTA strives to be a responsible steward of taxpayer money, whether keeping nearly 200 buses on time daily or educating Pinellas residents about their transit options."

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# Pinellas and PSTA agree on transit surtax

By SUZETTE PORTER

CLEARWATER - Pinellas County Commissioners voted 6-1 to approve an interlocal agreement with Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority to govern the use of a 1 percent transit surtax should voters approve it during the November election.

Legal teams from the county and PSTA have spent months hashing out the details of the agreement ahead of the Nov. 4 referendum. Approval of the 1 percent tax levy would provide a funding source for countywide transportation projects outlined in the Greenlight Pinellas plan. The plan includes an expanded bus system with bus rapid transit, increased frequency and extended hours and local passenger rail and regional connections.

The next step is approval by the PSTA board.

The interlocal agreement gives the county the authority to withhold distribution of the surtax proceeds and/or reduce the surtax levy if PSTA exercises its ad valorem taxing authority. It allows PSTA to pledge surtax proceeds against any debt or other obligation incurred by PSTA for the Greenlight plan.

It allows the county to reduce or terminate the surtax if certain defined events occur. It requires consent from the county to undertake defined activities and provides reimbursement to the county for costs paid in

Commissioner Norm Roche voted against the agreement.

"I'm concerned about not eliminating the ad valorem," he said, calling it a "red flag."

He also is concerned about responsibility versus liability, saying the county as the taxing authority could be liable for bonds issued on behalf of Greenlight projects if PSTA is dissolved at any point in the future.

"The interlocal doesn't give back confidence," he said.

Thomas Rask, who is running for a seat on the county commission, also said the agreement did not protect the taxpayers against double taxation because PSTA could reintroduce the ad valorem tax.

"It's a very strong agreement," Commissioner Ken Welch said. "It does assure that the ad valorem will go away. We'll be able to repeal the whole tax. It is really very strong."

The interlocal states that if the state Legislature votes to change PSTA's Special Act to eliminate its authority to levy the ad valorem tax, sections pertaining to withholding or reducing surtax money would no longer be in force.

Welch pointed out that even Gov. Rick Scott is now supporting transit and rail. He said he believed the legislative delegation also would support

"Every part of the state is moving forward (with transit)," he said. Welch said the interlocal agreement was something "to be proud of." Commission Chair Karen Seel agreed.

"This agreement is very unusual in the state of Florida," she said. "We did it to be accountable to our citizens."

The interlocal sets forth a schedule of milestones, which includes such items as expansion of night and weekend bus service and the start of paperwork for Phase 1 of bus rapid service by the end of calendar year

By 2017, purchases of standard and coach buses take place to increase frequency of service and completion of capital purchases and installation of equipment for bus rapid service. Similar milestones continue through the year 2024 with the opening of light rail transit.

The interlocal calls for a review after the 50th anniversary of the surtax and each 20th anniversary thereafter. It provides the county with the au-

on an interlocal agreement with **Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority.** 

**Pinellas County** 

the lone no vote

Commissioner Norm Roche cast

thority to reduce or terminate the surtax when all projects are complete and debt is retired. The tax also could be reduced or eliminated if PSTA decides to discontinue projects, defaults on payments under a trust agreement, or uses proceeds for something other than the Greenlight plan.

PSTA must seek the county's permission to make any substantial amendment to the Greenlight plan, to enter into any partnership that is materially adverse to the county's interests, to amend debt and investment policies or the trust agreement.

Commissioner John Morroni said Congressman David Jolly, who doesn't favor the tax, has said if voters approve it, he will do all he can to support local transit. Commissioner Susan Latvala said the local legislative delegation also would "be on board" if voters say yes.

"We have years invested in this moving into the 21st Century," she said.

"Really, this is about leadership and having a vision about what the county will look like in 20 or 30 years," said Commissioner Janet Long. "This is not for us. It's for our kids and our grandkids."

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percent sales tax, which will not be applied to groceries, medical items and limited to the first \$5,000 of any purchase.

Changing PSTA's funding method would allow for significant improvements to the county's transit service - greatly enhancing transportation choices and options. Details of the plan, Q&A and background data are available at www.greenlightpinellas.com.

Other changes that went into effect for PSTA June 8 were new schedules that more accurately reflect bus arrival times for the Routes 30 and 23. Plus, a detour around the Betty Lane closure in Clearwater on the Route 78 will become permanent due to the popularity and increased ridership along the detour.

The new timetables are available at PSTA's Customer Service Centers, on board the buses, via mail, and in digital form at www.PSTA.net.

### JWB achieves national accreditation

CLEARWATER - The Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County has achieved national accreditation through the New York-based Council on Accreditation, one of the largest and most prestigious

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The esteemed COA designation has been granted to only five other government entities in the state of Florida and only 47 other government entities nationwide. Plus, no organization like JWB, including Florida's Children Services Councils, has ever achieved COA accreditation. Not only is it rare for a publically funded agency to receive this honor, but JWB was expedited through the accreditation process, as COA reviewers did not grant any "out-of-compliance ratings" during the entire review period.

"This extraordinary achievement was made possible by the commitment and hard work of JWB staff and with the support of the JWB Board, Community Councils, funded partner agencies, and other community stakeholders," said Dr. Marcie Biddleman, JWB executive director.

COA accreditation is an objective, independent, and reliable validation of an agency's performance. The COA accreditation process involves a detailed review and analysis of an organization's administration, management, and service delivery functions against international standards of best practice. The standards driving accreditation ensure that services are well coordinated, culturally

competent, evidence-based, outcomes-oriented, and provided by a skilled and supported workforce.

COA accreditation demonstrates accountability in management of resources, sets standardized best practice thresholds for service and administration, and increases organizational capacity and accountability by creating a framework for ongoing quality improvement.

To achieve COA accreditation, JWB first provided written evidence of compliance with the COA Standards. Thereafter, a group of specially trained volunteer Peer Reviewers confirmed adherence to these standards during a series of on-site interviews with trustees, staff, stakeholders and consumers. Based on their findings, COA's volunteer-based Accreditation Commission voted that the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County had successfully met the criteria for accreditation.

The Juvenile Welfare Board was created as an independent taxing authority by the citizens of Pinellas County in 1945 who believed all children mattered and made investments to improve their futures. Today, JWB responsibly invests in programs with proven results and creates innovative partnerships that benefit tens of thousands of children and families each year. These efforts not only strengthen children and families, but also neighborhoods, communities and

"For nearly 70 years, Pinellas County agencies who serve children and families and receive public funds from JWB have been held to the highest standards through contractual agreements and onsite evaluations," Biddleman said. "It was time we held ourselves to these same high standards by inviting an independent body - one of the highest regarded in the industry - to review our organiza-

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# Theater project offers a peek into the lives of local teens

By TIFFANY RAZZANO

CLEARWATER — Delve into the secret life of teenagers through Project: Shattered Silence.

This Ruth Eckerd Hall theater project features candid student performers from throughout Tampa Bay sharing their own true stories. Performances take place at REH's Murray Studio Theater Thursday, June 12, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, June 13, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, June 14, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, June 15, 2 p.m.

Project: Shattered Silence, which takes place throughout the school year, began five years ago as a theater program for teens to learn how to craft their own stage productions and write short scripts. The program's artistic director, Jared O'Roark, initially intended for all of the pieces to be fiction, though many of the stories and themes were rooted in the teens' real lives.

"I thought, 'Wow, these are just exaggerated stories of what they go through in real life," he said.

Then the program took a dramatic turn halfway throughout the year when one of his students came to him crying because she was having difficulty coming up with an idea for her piece.

As they talked, the conversation drifted and she began to tell O'Roark about how her Puerto Rican grandmother and Cuban grandfather fell in love, and her disconnection with that part of her family

"I thought, 'Let's do that. That's really cool," O'Roark said.

Other students in the program decided to write true stories from their lives as well and that first performance wound up being half fiction and half non-fiction pieces.

"We realized pretty quick that the non-fiction, the ones that were true, got the best response,' O'Roark said.

So Project: Shattered Silence has focused on true stories ever since. Topics range from sexuality and self-image issues to eating disorders to more lighthearted topics.

"We still have the lighter stories — about being a redhead, stereotypes," O'Roark said. In fact, he insists that there's an even amount of funny stories and pieces on more difficult topics. "It would be horrible if it was all sad... because who is all

Most of the students who find their way to Project: Shattered Silence aren't interested in theater, he said, and the theater students who do participate often have the most difficult time with the subject matter.

"You don't get to hide behind a character," he

Last year, a documentary on Project: Shattered Silence aired on WEDU, the local PBS station. Since then, its been honored by the Suncoast Regional Emmy Awards, accepted into a film festival in Ohio and picked up for syndication by PBS stations throughout the country.

"I'm hoping that what we're doing will catch on in other states," O'Roark said.

Tickets for Project: Shattered Silence, which runs June 12-15 at Ruth Eckerd Hall are \$15. Tickets are buy one, get one on Sunday, June 15.

For more information, visit www.projectshatteredsilence.com.

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CLEARWATER - The public is invited to make a memory collage on Saturday, June 14, 1 to 3:30 p.m., will involve making a creative collage, which could commemorate any milestone or event, such as Father's Day, a pet, family, children, an event, a vaca-

Bring anything personal you would like to use. Seating is limited. To RSVP, call 797-1199 or visit

# Heritage Village

LARGO - Tampa Bay area antique experts will be

on Saturday, June 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Appraisal fees are \$5 per item or \$12 for three items.

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The Pinellas County Historical Society sponsors this event, and the fair's proceeds go directly to benefit Heritage Village operations.

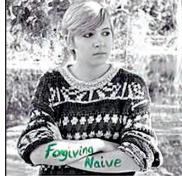
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### **MOAA** to meet

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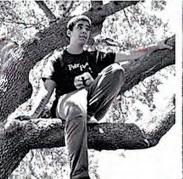
Social hour will start at 11 a.m., followed by lunch and a short program. Military Officers that are retired, active duty or former officers and their spouses or widows are invited to attend.

For reservations, call Pauline Edwards at 360-2936.



















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### **Aborculturist group** hands out awards

The Florida Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture recently announced its annual awards in which it honors a select group of arborists, educators, researchers and business owners.

The winners were recognized at an awards ceremony June 10 at Innisbrook Resort, in Palm Harbor.

"Each year, the chapter recognizes five individuals who have contributed significantly to the practice of arboriculture in the state of Florida," said Joe Samnik in a press release. Samnik is the awards chairman for the Florida chapter. "The ISA is a professional organization dedicated to continuing education for arborists, tree care research, and serving tree care consumers around the world. The Florida Chapter shares this same dedication and serves the needs particular to Florida arborists and tree care consumers"

The 2014 award winners are:

• Bob Brennan of Miami, staff arborist for Fairchild Tropical Gardens in Miami, received the Award for Excellence in Education given to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the education of Florida Chapter members or the sum knowledge of arboriculture.

• David Reilly of Tampa, forester examiner with the city of Tampa, received the Award of Distinction bestowed upon a long-standing active member (10 years or more) who has provided substantial, long-term contribution to the advancement of the purpose and substance of the Florida

• Apollo O'Neil of Palm Harbor, owner of O'Neil's Tree Service in Ozona, received the Loren Westenberger Award given to an individual who has practiced the professional principles of arboriculture consistent with the mission and objectives of the Florida Chapter to better the environment for future generations.

• Lori Ballard of Seminole, partner with Samnik and Ballard, Expert Tree Consultants in Palm Harbor, received the President's Award of Merit bestowed upon an individual active chapter member to recognize outstanding meritorious service in advancing the principles, ideas and practices of progressive arboriculture. This award is chosen by the Florida Chapter ISA immediate past president.

• Norm Easey of Sarasota, CEO of the Florida chapter of ISA headquartered in Sarasota, received the Edward W. Bok Award which is the highest award category awarded by the Florida chapter ISA. This award is presented as deemed appropriate by the awards committee to an individual whose lifetime achievement is exemplary to the goals and mission statement of the Florida chapter.

For more information about the ISA Florida Chapter awards program or to see past winners, visit www.floridaisa.org/awards.php.

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### **Chamber presents awards**

CLEARWATER - The Clearwater Beach Chamber of Commerce hosted its 19th annual awards dinner on June 3 at the Holiday Inn & Suites Clearwater Beach.

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Festivities began with cocktails and appetizers under the Duval Conference Center. This year, the cocktail hour had a Cajun theme, right down to the music.

Sponsors of this year's event were Clearwater Gas Systems, Radiance MedSpa, Clearwater Marine Aquarium, Tampa Bay Times, Things To Do Around Here,

Barefoot Beach House, Brighthouse Networks, Comegys Insurance Agency and Sunsets at

Pier 60 Daily Festival.

Pat Largo was emcee for the evening and awards were presented to the business community,

sponsors, and the winners for Restaurant Week. The Ryan Wells Foundation was presented with the proceeds from the

fundraising efforts during Restaurant Week. Business award winners included:

- Large Business of the Year Publix Supermarket, Island Estates, Louie Stravropoulos
- Small Business of the Year The Segway Adventures, Jean Varn • Volunteer of the Year – Trisha Rodriquez, The Tropics Boat Tours
- Tourism of the Year Lisa Chandler, Pier 60 Sugar Sand Festival • Citizen of the Year - Lt. David Dalton, Clearwater Police Department
- Non-Profit of the Year Clearwater Marine Aquarium, David Yates Restaurant Week award winners included:

• Most Enthusiastic Chef - Chef Bobby Shirley, Clear Sky Beachside

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# FRF recognizes state retail leaders

Caroline Caudill, owner of The Chandlery, located in the historic district of downtown Melbourne, recently was named by the Florida Retail Federation as the 2014 recipient of the Florida Retailer of the Year

Business owners from St. Petersburg and Tarpon Springs also were recognized.

In reviewing the group of nominees, the selection committee also chose to honor three additional retailers, naming them Florida Outstanding Retail Leaders. This award is presented to individuals who place in the top tier of scoring for the annual Retailer of the Year Award.

The following Pinellas County retailers received the honor:

• David King, DoMA Home Furnishings, St. Petersburg • Sheri Wilken, Mad Hatter General Store, Tarpon Springs

For information aabout the FRF, visit www.frf.org.

### **Chamber Learn at Lunch set**

ST. PETE BEACH - The Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce will host its next Learn at Lunch program on Thursday, June 26, at Harold Seltzer's Steakhouse, 3500 Tyrone Blvd., St. Petersburg,

Check-in and networking will begin at 11:30 a.m. and will be followed by lunch at noon. Cost is \$15 for chamber members and \$25 for nonmembers. To register, call Jennifer McKenney at

360-6957 or email RSVP@tampabaybeaches.com.

The featured guest speaker will be Juliet Kyes from ActionCOACH

The presentation Buying Customers will key in on an innovative breakthrough in customer acquisition, lead generation, and customer service with proven strategies that consistently drive repeat business.

### Tampa Bay Times names managing editor

ST. PETERSBURG - Jennifer Orsi recently was named managing editor of the Tampa Bay Times.

Orsi, who began her career as a Times intern 28 years ago and went on to become an accomplished journalist, will now oversee the day-today operations of the newsroom. Orsi, known as a natural leader, is the first woman to be the sole managing editor at the Times.

Orsi grew up in Clearwater and went to Indiana University, where she

earned an internship to her hometown paper. She landed full-time work at the Times in 1988 and worked as a reporter or editor touching every aspect of the local news operation.

Three new deputy managing editors also were named, including the following:

- Ron Brackett will now be in charge of tampabay.com as well as presentation and copy desks.
- Amy Hollyfield will expands her portfolio to include political coverage, PolitiFact operations, business news, Perspective, and Floridian maga-
- Chris Davis will continue to lead the Investigative team and oversee the research division and build a data team that will help the Times tell powerful data-driven investigations and use data more effectively in our daily journalism.

### Walmart presents \$2,000 grant to HEP

CLEARWATER - A local Walmart Supercenter at U.S. 19 and Coachman Road, began partnering with the Homeless Emergency Project in November of 2013 by selecting the organization to participate in its annual Fill-A-Truck toy drive benefiting underprivileged children.

In a new spin on the event, HEP was permitted to ask for personal care items for the veteran and adult population it serves, including soap, shampoo, linens, clothing and other toiletries. In addition to allowing HEP to ask for donations from store patrons, Walmart itself donated over \$750 worth of gift cards, as well as bicycles and other items for HEP's children. Once the

Fill-A-Truck event wrapped up, Walmart continued to partner with HEP, providing regular donations of items such as pallets of bananas and strawberries, blankets, school supplies, and household items which were distributed to HEP's residents.

Most recently, Walmart awarded the organization a \$2,000 community grant to help sustain its meal service program.

Store reps presented the check to HEP's leadership team in front of 20 guests from various Walmart locations. Following the check presentation, Jackie Dryden, HEP development director, provided the group with an overview of how HEP is able to maintain its model success rate, breaking the cycle of homelessness for thousands each year.



Walmart representatives present a check for \$2,000 to the Homeless Emergency Project, one of the oldest and largest providers of emergency housing in Pinellas County. From left are Terrance McAbee, HEP president and CEO; Laurie Gearhart, Roma Vesselov, and Maurice Lewis, Walmart representatives; and Bruce Fyfe, HEP board chair.

### Beach motel earns TripAdvisor honor

CLEARWATER - North Sunrise Motel in Clearwater Beach recently announced that it had received a TripAdvisor certificate of excellence award. The accolade, which honors hospitality excellence, is given only to establishments that consistently achieve outstanding traveler reviews on TripAdvisor, and is extended to qualifying businesses worldwide. Establishments awarded the Certificate of Excellence are located all over the

world and represent the upper echelon of businesses listed on the web-

When selecting Certificate of Excellence winners, TripAdvisor uses a proprietary algorithm to determine the honorees that takes into account reviews ratings. Businesses must maintain an overall TripAdvisor bubble rating of at least four out of five, volume and recency of reviews. Additional criteria include a business' tenure and popularity ranking on the site.



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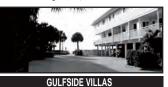




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# Award-winning filmmakers

# VonHenry's latest project, 'Horses and Heroes,' focuses on Renaissance fair re-enactors

By TIFFANY RAZZANO

PINELLAS PARK - When Yvonne and Hank Charneskey formed VonHenry Productions in 2006 to film events for others, on a contract basis, they certainly weren't thinking they'd become award-winning documentary filmmakers.

But less than a decade later, the Clearwater couple's first feature-length documentary, "Go Mickey Go," was named Best Documentary Feature at the Los Angeles International Underground Film Festival, and they're hard at work on their next two documentary projects.

And this is all while tending to the day-to-day needs of their business.

After about a year of shooting wedding videos, VonHenry Productions morphed into VonHenry Media, Yvonne said.

"I'm not 22 anymore and I can't stand on my feet for 12 hours at a time," she said.

Besides, the gigs were monotonous, Hank said. "It's the same script over and over."

So they tweaked the name of their company and shifted their focus toward commercial projects and marketing content for businesses.

"We call it DICE," Yvonne said. "Documentaries, industrial films, commercial projects and educational training films."

While that list handily sums up what services they offer, it's constantly evolving. No two projects are alike, and their schedule and workload changes

They've done everything from filming a DVD series for a local church to creating commercials for a variety of businesses - attorneys, Realtors, lawyers, nearby resorts. They've provided contract services to local media outlets, including Bright House and Patch news sites. The couple also makes short video book trailers for authors, trains media and marketing professionals so they can create their own video materials, and recently have begun to offer whiteboard explainer videos to clients.

"We try to keep up with the trends," Yvonne said. "We have a lot to offer in this economy. You have to be able to do that."

Then two years ago, Mickey Wright's management company approached VonHenry about making a full documentary film about Wright, a female racecar driver from Clearwater who got her start at 45. The result was "Go Mickey Go."

The creative couple realized making this documentary would be the next step for them, after years of filming "mini documentaries" for commercial projects and news outlets, Hank said. "So we were learning to tell documentary stories in two or three minutes. It was just a matter of building [on them] and building them up.'

In addition to taking Best Documentary Feature

at the L.A. International Underground Film Festival, it was accepted into three other festivals, including the upcoming Ritz Theatre Film Festival in Winter Haven on June 21.

They never expected to win awards with it, Hank said. "We would have just been thrilled if it got in somewhere.'

Their latest project, "Horses and Heroes," is in post-production. It's "99.9 percent" done, Yvonne

The film provides a behind-the-scenes look at Sarasota's War Horse Farm. The farm's colorful performing troupe, New Riders of the Golden Age train horses and the knights who ride them into battle at Medieval and Renaissance festival re-enactments throughout the country.

The couple was introduced to the entertainers several years ago while shooting a video for Patch. They were immediately drawn to their story.

"These people were so in character when we met them and I was so impressed," Yvonne said. "They were in character even behind the scenes and I really felt like I was in medieval times. They had this integrity and chivalrous way, and they treated their horses really, really well. That impressed me more than anything."

They've also finished filming B-roll footage for their next film, tentatively titled "Matriarchal Chants: Your Life, Your Chance."

This film features the empowering storytelling programs for girls and women offered by Fran Powers at Tampa's Powerstories Theatre.

"I'm so enthralled by what she does," Yvonne said. While filming her speaking at a workshop for women in the corporate world, "it hit me that she was a really good storyteller and that this was a story worth telling."

Hank said that the way Powerstories transforms young girls is amazing.

"A lot of these girls come in shy, very unsure of themselves and they learn leadership skills through song and dance," he said. "And they learn not only how to be a leader, but when to step back and follow, and when they need to be in the spotlight."

VonHenry Media is a member of the Pinellas Park/Gateway Chamber of Commerce. Hank now sits on the board, and in January, their company was named the 2013 Small Business of the Year by the chamber.

"It's really one of the best chambers I've ever seen," Yvonne said. "They give back so much."

So VonHenry gives back to the chamber as much as it can. It's even filmed videos about the chamber itself and the formation of the Pinellas Park Medical

"It's a beautiful piece," she said. "It really gives the medical district a soul."

For more information, visit www.vonhenry.com.



Yvonne and Hank Charneskey



From left, Herb Graves, Kelly Bailey and Sam Kuecker from Sarasota's War Horse Farm in a still from VonHenry Media's "Horses and Heroes."

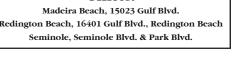
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# Health news-

### Brookdale locations receive honors

SEMINOLE - Two area Brookdale communities are being recognized for their commitment to improving the lives of residents through quality care.

The recognition comes from the American Healthcare Association and the National Center for Assisted Living. Freedom Square Rehabilitation and Nursing Services and Seminole Pavilion Rehabilitation and Nursing Services were both notified last week that they will receive a 2014 Bronze AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award.

"We're honored to receive the 2014 Bronze Award," said Michael Mason, executive director of Freedom Square. "The process created a sense of continuous improvement guiding us to achieve sustainable progress. It uncovered within our associates, residents, and families ideas for innovation, exceptional clinical skills, and an inspirational caring spirit to ensure we provide the best possible care and

Applicants are assessed on the ability to describe links between their mission, key customers, strategic position and to show improvements driven by their performance management system. Centers must receive an award as each level to progress to the next levels of Silver and Gold.

Freedom Square and Seminole Pavilion will be honored as two of the 390 recipients to receive the award during the AHCA/NCAL's 65th annual convention and exposition in Washington, D.C., in Oc-

### Chick-fil-A plans blood drive

Select Tampa Bay area Chick-fil-A restaurants are hosting a blood drive Saturday, June 14, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., where donors can receive a coupon for either a free Chick-fil-A grilled chicken sandwich, an eight-count of grilled chicken nuggets or a three-count Chick-n-Mini's coupon, plus a voucher for a free movie ticket.

Bloodmobiles will be at these Chick-fil-A locations:

- Clearwater, 2516 Gulf-to-Bay Blvd.
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- Seminole, 10790 Park Blvd.

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Walk-in clinic offers free exams CLEARWATER - The Doctors Express Urgent Care franchise in Clearwater began offering free physical exams for Tampa Bay Spe-

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"Special Olympics Florida – Pinellas County is such an important organization that transforms lives," said Paul Peiffer in a press release. Peiffer is owner of the franchise. "And, an important part of a healthy life is physical fitness. We felt that by offering free physical exams we could do our part in supporting Special Olympics Florida Pinellas County and potential Special Olympics athletes.'

Doctors Express, located at 1500 North McMullen Booth is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. No appointments are necessary.

We encourage anyone with a potential Special Olympics Florida -Pinellas County athlete to come in for their free physical and become a part of the Special Olympics, now celebrating its 45th year," Peiffer

To learn more about Special Olympics Florida - Pinellas County, visit www.specialolympicsflorida.org.

### St. Petersburg General recognizes nurses

ST. PETERSBURG - St. Petersburg General Hospital registered nurses Carla Comp, Michelle Kieffer, Renee Jackson and Andrea Wislotsky recently accepted the Nursing Excellence Award presented to them by Dr. Herman Zaharowitz, chief of staff of the hospital.

The award is highly regarded and highlights the dedication and excellence St. Petersburg General Hospital has come to expect from its nurses.

### **Osteopathic Foundation** names board president

LARGO - Dr. Anthony Ottaviani was recently named president of the American Osteopathic Foundation board of directors.

Ottaviani became president on Jan. 1 and will complete his term at the end of the year. He has served on the AOF board of directors since 2009. He is the chief academic officer for Largo Medical Center, overseeing 130 residents and fellows in 13 programs with 60 medical students on campus. He developed and serves as program director of the center's Pulmonary and Critical Care Fellowship.

Ottaviani received his bachelor of arts from Gannon College in Erie, Pennsylvania, and completed medical school at the Kansas City College of Osteopathic Medicine. He served his internship and a one-year residency in anesthesiology at Riverside Hospital in Trenton, Michigan, followed by a residency in internal medicine at Deroit Osteopathic Hospital.

He then served a Pulmonary and Critical Care Fellowship at the Wayne County General Hospital - University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and the University of South Florida, College of Medicine in Tampa. He has been appointed as a clinical associate professor of Medicine at the University of South Florida. He also received a Master in Public Health degree from Nova Southeastern University.

Ottaviani was in the practice of pulmonary and critical care medicine with Sun Coast Internal Medicine Consultants for 40 years.

### Mental health forum set at Bay Pines

The Bay Pines VA Healthcare System will host a mental health recovery symposium on Friday, June 13, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the JC Cobb room located on the first floor of the C.W. Bill Young VA Medical Center in Bay Pines.

Titled "Stomp on Stigma: Recovery Thrives," the purpose of the symposium is to illustrate and showcase veteran stories of recovery through the use of the healthcare system's various mental health programs available through its Mental Health and Behavioral Sciences Service. The event will also highlight recovery oriented programs and support available to Veterans and families. "This is a great opportunity to showcase our recovery focus of treatment a personal journey that highlights strengths and abilities, provides hope and empowerment and helps the veterans achieve personal goals and manage their condition in the community of their choosing," said Alfonso Carreno, M.D., in a press release. Alfonso is chief of the Mental Health and Behavioral Sciences Service. "Recovery from mental illness is a dynamic process triggered by an individual's goals, energized by hope, supported by resources, facilitated by family and friends, and achieved through personal determination. This symposium will celebrate the recovery journeys of Veterans with their personal stories and a musical performance from the Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery Centers (PRRC) Band.'

The event is open to the public. For information, visit www.baypines.va.gov.

### Park Place Stadium to host blood drive

PINELLAS PARK - Regal Park Place Stadium 16 Theater is hosting blood drives every weekend in June, July and August 2014, where all donors can share their power to save lives and receive a voucher for a free movie ticket

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### Pets of the week



Willow

Who says a moustache on a girl can't be

pretty? Willow is a sweet, 3-year-old terrier

mix in search of a loving family. When

Willow's last family realized that she was

heartworm positive and in need of medical

care, she was brought to the SPCA Tampa Bay

to find a new home. Willow is better now and

ready to start life with her new family. This

sweet girl will make a great family dog, even

with young kids. Her adoption fee is \$160,

which includes her microchip, spay surgery, vaccinations, and heartworm treatment. Meet

her at 9099 130th Ave. N., Largo.

Kennel cough is a respiratory

disease that dogs can acquire by

being in close contact with other

dogs. Kennel cough usually in-

volves more than one infectious

agent. Some of the infectious

agents include bordetella bron-

chiseptica (bacterium), canine adenovirus 2 (virus), parainfluen-

za (virus), canine influenza (virus),

and canine distemper (virus).

Having your dog vaccinated for

these diseases does not guarantee

prevention. Most vaccines help

decrease the severity of the symp-

toms should your canine friend

come down with kennel cough.

Other agents known to be in-

volved with kennel cough are My-

coplasma canis (neither a virus

nor a bacterium), and Canine re-

The symptoms of kennel cough

are either a deep, honking-like

cough or a cough that sounds like

the dog is hacking up a hairball.

Sneezing, nasal discharge, and

runny eyes can be seen as well.

Most cases will resolve within one

to two weeks, however, the dog could be infectious for up to three

months. Some of the more com-

plicated cases can progress to

pneumonia. If your dog does not get better in a week to 10 days

with treatment, have your pup

rechecked. Treatments for kennel

cough may entail antibiotics, anti-

inflammatories, and/or cough

suppressants. Rest is extremely

important when recovering. With

### Tom

Tom is a brown tabby with white on his snout, chest and paws. He tends to have a surprised look because of his big, round, golden eyes and a dark chin that makes it look as though his mouth is open. He has big, pointy ears with tufts of hair on the ends, big paws and a long tail. He is smart, affectionate and would be a wonderful addition to your home. Visit him at the Clearwater PetSmart on Gulf-to-Bay Boulevard and U.S. 19 or call Pat with Second Chance for Strays at 535-9154.



### Simon

Meet Simon, a 4-year-old gray tabby who was abandoned on the doorstep of a vet's office. He has been waiting to be adopted for far too long and sadly watches as other cats and kittens find homes. Simon loves people, gets along with other cats but does not care for dogs. Simon would do best in an adultonly home. He is waiting to be adopted at the Suncoast Animal League at 1030 Pennsylvania Ave., Palm Harbor. Call 786-1330.



### Marlin

Who could resist this face? Marlin is a 1-yearold mastiff mix. This handsome boy weighs 70 pounds. He is shy at first but will come around quickly and becomes your new best friend. **Bring this article to Pinellas County Animal** Services and adopt him for \$25. He has been neutered and is up to date on his shots. Visit him and the other adoptable animals at 12450 Ulmerton Road, Largo. Call 582-2600.

Help your dog and get the facts about kennel cough

least two weeks. With the emer-

gence of doggy day care facilities,

dog parks, and more restaurants

allowing dogs, the exposure to

these diseases becomes more like-

ly. If your dog frequents these or

dog shows, groomers, or boarding facilities, then it is a good idea to

have your dog vaccinated. Borde-

tella vaccines are labeled for one

year, but some facilities require

dogs to be vaccinated every six

months if they are going to be ex-

posed to a lot of other dogs. Bor-

detella vaccines are available in

injectable, oral, and intranasal

forms. It is always good to have

your dog vaccinated two weeks

before he or she is exposed to other dogs. Getting vaccinated the

day of boarding is not ideal, but if

your dog gets vaccinated every six

to 12 months, then there will be

some immunity. Those dogs that

have not been vaccinated in the

past and then get vaccinated the

day of boarding are more at risk

It is important to note that res-

piratory diseases in dogs are

highly contagious, and even the

most immaculate of places cannot

be 100 percent sterilized, since

the particles are in the air. Kids

that go to school get sick because

they are in close contact with

things that other kids are touch-

ing and are coughing and sneez-

ing in the environment. We see

more cases of kennel cough dur-

ing our own flu season and dur-

for developing disease.

excitement and exercise, airflow

through the trachea and lower

airways increase, which causes

the irritation that induces more

coughing. More coughing equals

more irritation so the vicious

cough cycle continues. Using a

harness instead of a collar will

help to relieve any pressure on

the trachea, which can also cause

The incubation time from expo-

sure to showing clinical signs is

from two to 14 days. Many pup-

pies and dogs from shelters or

rescues commonly get sick after

they are brought home. This is

why it is always important to iso-

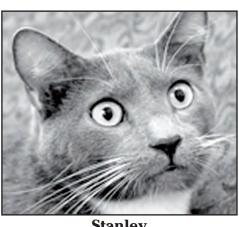
late a new dog from any other

dogs in your household for at

coughing.

**Speaking of Pets** 

Kim Donovan, D.V.M.



### Stanley

Stanley is a real find. He is super friendly and craves attention. Plus, he is very handsome and has a solid gray fur coat accented with a white bib and paws. Stanley was returned with his brother, White Cloud, who is a pure white jewel who is also hoping to find a family who will give him the attention he deserves. Stanley and White Cloud have been fully vetted and microchipped. These kitties hang out at the Save Our Strays Cat Haven in Pinellas Park, as they get along well with other cats. To adopt them, call a volunteer at 545-1116

ing the holidays when a lot of

dogs are boarding, even with the

best precautions. If you must ex-

pose your dog to a place where

other dogs are gathered, there is a

small chance that your dog could

Coughing should not be con-

fused with something called a "re-

verse sneeze." Many dogs get

rushed to the emergency clinic

because of this type of episode. To

see what a reverse sneeze looks

and sounds like go to YouTube

and type in "reverse sneeze in

dogs." You can also see what ken-

nel cough sounds like on

YouTube. Many people think their

dogs are choking when in reality

they are coughing or reverse

sneezing. If a dog were really choking then he/she would not

be passing air and you would

need to do the Heimlich maneu-

ver right away to try to clear the

airway. The trip to the ER may be

great CPR and first aid books that

they publish for both dogs and

cats. The books come with a DVD

as well. This is a great investment

and may actually save your ani-

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sociate veterinarian and medical

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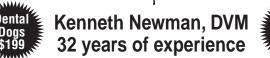
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# An unlikely pair



This month's Pet of the Month winner is Silky the rabbit and her once-adopted son, Cecil the squirrel. Silky lives in Largo with his humans, Mark and Robin Hansen, human brother Christian, and doggy brother Coco the chocolate Lab. Silky is a 5-year-old Rex rabbit, and she was adopted from the SPCA four years ago. Cecil the squirrel was found with a hurt leg and tail and was abandoned from his nest. He was so tiny that Christian had to feed him with droppers for the first few weeks, and the family kept him in a cat kennel so he could heal. Once he started walking and eating better, the Hansens opened the door and put him on the porch, where Silky lives. At first Silky was annoyed by this furry intruder, but soon she would look for her squirrel baby and would snuggle up with Cecil. Robin thinks this companionship may have helped with Cecil's healing. Since squirrels are not pets, he only stayed with the family until he could care for himself. As Pet of the Month winners, the Hansens and Silky won a \$25 gift certificate to either Largo Feed or Park Feed in Pinellas Park. Send your pet photos to Alexandra Lundahl at alundahl@TBNweekly.com.

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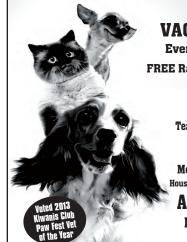
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# Congratulations to graduating seniors | Top students

As the 2013-14 school year ends, I want to take a moment to congratulate the thousands of graduating seniors, commend them on their innumerable accomplishments and wish them well as they enter the next phase of their lives.



I also want to thank all of those who have guided and supported them, and all of our students, this past year. Parents, teachers, coaches, extended family members, support staff and our community partners all play such a pivotal role in the success of our students, and I offer my heartfelt apprecia-

Our community has so much to celebrate as the school year comes to a close. This past year, Pinellas County Schools was named an Advanced Placement District of the Year for increasing access to AP coursework and raising the pass rate percentage. We were also honored nationally as a model district by the Ford Foundation for its Ford Next Generation Learning Academies of Pinellas fiveyear plan. I am particularly thrilled about the significant gains that so many of our students showed this past year on their reading, writing and mathematics scores on various standardized tests. We are truly raising expectations and our students are showing they are up to the challenge.

This year, we gained traction on a number of new initiatives focused on boosting student achievement. This summer, for the second year, we are continuing our Summer Bridge extended learning programs throughout the district. These summer programs, including a new Algebra boot camp for middle school students, are designed to mitigate summer learning loss to better position students to start next school year at or above grade level. This past year, we also instituted programs that facilitated additional time for instruction in reading, math and science, and provided a wealth

of digital resources for students to support their learning outside of the classroom. In addition, we Mike Grego have greatly increased the number of STEM Academies at our schools in an effort to better prepare students for

the global demands of the 21st century.

We are aggressively confronting achievement gaps with the district's new Bridging the Gap plan. The initiative, which aligns with the district's Strategic Plan, has five key goals aimed at raising achievement levels, increasing graduation rates and improving student engagement for African American students throughout the district

To further support student achievement, we have launched "Pinellas Pathways to Graduation," which helps students successfully complete the requirements for earning a high school diploma, and assists them with planning for their future.

While we have made many gains this year, there is still much work to do. In the coming months, I will share with you some of the projects and programs we are diligently working on to help us as we continue to strive for 100 percent student suc-

I hope all of our students find time to relax this summer and spend time with family and friends. I also hope that families will help provide students with educationally enriching activities this summer. Research shows that students lose knowledge over extended breaks, so it is of vital importance that they flex those brain muscles over the summer. Please encourage the children in your lives to read a little each and every day this summer. The benefits will be evident as we prepare to begin the 2014-15 school year in just a few short months.

Michael Grego is superintendent of Pinellas Coun-

Have a safe and restful summer!

# Anona Elementary hosts Science Extravaganza

LARGO - About 300 parents and students were in attendance at Anona Elementary's inaugural Family Science Extravaganza May

Individual students and classes were able to showcase their science fair projects. These projects ranged in a variety of topics from physical to life science and engi-

Anona's own Duke Energy STEM Academy students demonstrated their robotic cars and rocket launcher. Other highlights of the evening were the dissection demonstration by parent and teacher Marta Bradley. Participants were able to get a closer look at the night sky using the Magna Telescope provided by local engineer Brian Crandall. Anona's gifted students held an Egyptian Fair to culminate their

Fifth grade teacher Bill Black, who was instrumental in organizing the event, was thrilled with the participation and excitement among the families.

Several local organizations were on site to give families some great hands-on experiences. The Clearwater Marine Aquarium allowed students the opportunity to touch one of Winter's prosthetic tails. Mad Science excited audiences with its slime demonstration. Mc-Gough Nature Park taught stu-



Photo courtesy of STEPHANIE WAGER Meghan Girard is ready to launch a rocket.

dents about its resident owls and bearded dragon. Other sponsors included Olive Garden, St. Pete

College for Kids, and Great Explorations.

"The evening was filled with

many great scientific learning opportunities," said Stephanie Wager, assistant principal at Anona Elementary. "We are looking forward to an even bigger event next year!"

Mikayla Bridges was named valedictorian of Seminole High School's Class of 2014.

She graduated with a 4.8 weighted GPA and will attend Clemson College in the fall. She plans on becoming a

Jared Hayduke and Christina Price were named co-salutatorians at SHS.

Hayduke graduated with a 4.74 weighted GPA and will attend the University of Central Florida in the fall. He hopes to become an engineer.

Price earned a 4.76 weighted GPA. She will attend University of Florida in the fall and wants to become a pediatrician.



Mikayla Bridges

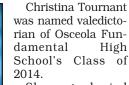
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Megan Johnson



graduated with a 4.76 weighted GPA. She plans to study engineering,

with a focus on physics or biology, at college

Megan Johnson was named

Osceola's salutatorian.

Johnson graduated with a 4.729 weighted GPA. She plans to attend the University of Florida and will study math and/or science, with a focus on clean energy and sustainable manufacturing.

# School news

### SPC to host 'Four Generations' forum

SEMINOLE - The 4Generations Institute of Tallahassee and the Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions at SPC will present "Our Families' Four Generations: Ready or Not, Here We Are!" on Tuesday, June 17, 7 to 9 p.m., in the Digitorium of the SPC Seminole Campus, 9200 113th St. N.

The Tampa Bay Times is presenting sponsor. The public is welcome. Advance registration is required. To register, visit solutions.spcollege.edu.

Advances in medicine, workplace safety, risk management and healthy nutrition practices in the last 50 years have vastly increased life expectancy in the United States. As a result, Americans are experiencing an unprecedented demographic shift: Four full generations in relatively good health living side by side.

Florida is a model of the demographic reality the nation will face in 40 years. There are currently 3.3 million Floridians age 65-plus living in the Sunshine State - 18 percent of the population, and over 500,000 of them are over 85. Pinellas County's age demographics are even more tilted to graying: 21.5 percent of its population are 65 or older, and 4 percent are 85-plus.

How these four generations - children, parents, grandparents and super-elders - can live in harmony and mutual support is the subject of this Community Conversation.

A panel of experts representing programs serving each stage of life will explore how, by creative action and effective advocacy, the four generations can leverage the assets of each age group for the betterment of all.

The Community Conversation, moderated by Levine, will include six Pinellas County leaders whose organizations serve one or more of the four

- Marcie Biddleman, executive director, Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County
- Eileen Boyle, executive director, Allegany Franciscan Ministries
- The Hon. Rene Flowers, member of the Pinellas County School Board
- Judge Raymond Gross of the Sixth Judicial Circuit Family Court
- Jeff Johnson, director, AARP of Florida
- Shannon Reid, vice president of Education and Practice Management, Raymond James Fi-

For information, call David Klement at 394-

### Rotary donates \$1,000 to Starkev Elementary library

SEMINOLE - Rotary International has always emphasized literacy as one of the important programs that all Rotary Clubs need pursue.

The Rotary Club of Seminole Lake has refurbished the Osceola High School library in the recent past and has presented a book to the Starkey Elementary Library in the name of each of their weekly speakers. This year, in lieu of giving a book in the name of each speaker, the club recently donated a \$1,000 check to the library at Starkey.



Receiving a \$1,000 check from Rotarian Curtis Camp, is Starkey Elementary librarian Sheryl Adams.

### FREF awards scholarship

CLEARWATER - The North Pinellas County Florida Retired Educators Association recently awarded a \$500 scholarship to Emilie Davis.

The scholarship was presented to Davis by Marie Grein, scholarship chairman. The scholarship is from the Florida Retired Educators Foundation. The award was presented at the

Country Club.

Davis was a senior at Largo High School this year. She was very active at her school. She was a member of the National Honor Society, Historian of National Honor Society, president of Spanish Honor Society, president of Future Educators of America, president of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Big Brother Big Sister volunteer and she also worked with the Parks and Recreation department with the city of Clearwater.

Davis plans to attend St. Petersburg College in the fall, and major in elementary education.

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### LETTERS

### Wrong message

**Editor:** 

At first I was pleased with the sheriff's notion to provide a temporary, flashing road-side sign encouraging prom attendees of Dunedin High School to "Make Good Choices."

The Beacon also made the suggestion to "Promise."

And the final thought: "Don't Drink and Drive." At first passing I thought that it was great to remind our teens to be responsible. But pause there for a minute. Think about it. Our teens. Our teens need to be reminded to not get behind the wheel after tossing back a few? Doesn't this message quietly read: "We know you're going to drink anyway, so go ahead ... but just don't drive after"? I don't think this is the appropriate pre-prom admonition, especially from our Sheriff's Office. Drinking under the age of 21 is still illegal, and those breaking this law should be treated as such. Perhaps then drinking at the prom will cease to be a foregone conclusion, and our children can be safe a little longer. Our sheriff needs an editor. The sign should have read: Don't Drink!

Cyndi Foisy Dunedin

### A positive result in Madeira Beach

**Editor:** 

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Elaine Poe, Deputy John Luckett along with a good number of deputies, the city of Madeira Beach, our mayor and my neighbors whose combined efforts restored calm and peace to our neighborhood on 147th Av-

The patience and professionalism exhibited by each one of you has had a direct and very positive impact on my family and my neighbor's lives.

Thank you Elaine Poe for issuing the clarion call on our nuisance neighbor situation, arranging meetings and providing helpful information. You made yourself available 24/7. I will always be

Thank you Deputy Luckett and the Sheriffs Office for every call you answered and for your resolve.

Thank you the city of Madeira Beach for applying pressure to the landlord to dissuade him from continuing to rent out to unruly, costly and troublesome individuals.

The community, the city and Sheriffs Office all worked together to a very positive result. Well done.

Robert Foster Madeira Beach

# Forever Friends a success again

**Editor:** 

On behalf of the Richardson, MacCollom and Ruzecki families, they would like to thank the Seminole community for another successful round of golf at the Fifth Annual Forever Friends Golf Tournament held on April 5.

This tournament was started to give remembrance and hope from a tragedy. After the accident on April 10, 2009, the families of the boys wanted to give back to the community by allowing students to continue to achieve their goals, either through sports and academics. The tournament was the best way to reach out to the Seminole community and Pinellas County to gain support and keep the boys' memories alive.

Over 140 golfers were able to enjoy a fun filled day with good weather and entertainment, while they played 18 holes of championship golf. The tournament featured both a lunch and dinner along with live music provided by Carlos and Joe. A raffle, silent and live auction kept people in a competitive mood as people bid for competitive prizes such as golf packages and prize packages donated by local restaurants and businesses. Golfers and members of the community were able to view memorable photos and videos of Keith MacCollom, Nate Richardson, Joey Ruzecki, and LeShawn Smith inside the clubhouse.

After golf play was completed and during dinner, the crowd and families received a surprise from the Pinellas County Commissioner Janet Long who read a proclamation decreeing that April 10, 2014 as "Forever Friends Day" in Pinellas County.

After the auction, the families and friends participated in a butterfly release and delivered a heartfelt thank you to over 300 guests and friends. Along with Seminole Lake Country Club general manager Norm Haglund and golf pro Bruce Chaleff, they thanked the continuing support of the golf course along with the countless volunteers that helped make the event run smoothly for the afternoon

The families would like to thank gold sponsors: the Orr Family, the Kenny Family, Clear Tech Pools, Relief at Hand, Helinger Advertising, Twiss Transport, and Pavimento Inc., as well as silver sponsors: District 66 Florida House of Representative Larry Ahern, Ferman Automotive, and bronze sponsors the Bluett Family, JLG and Associates, Angry Pepper, CM Management LLC O'Hanlan Family, the Hano Family and FedEx.

They were able to raise money that will benefit high school students and athletes with their college and career plans; along with giving local children the opportunity to follow their dreams to play football, baseball, basketball and soccer. Proceeds from the tournament will go to benefit The Keith MacCollom Hoops and Heritage Memorial Scholarship fund; the Joey Ruzecki Memorial Scholarship Fund; The Nate Richardson Memorial Baseball Scholarship Fund; the YMCA of Largo and Play for Us Memorial Foundation.

On May 13th, the families presented awards to the winners of the scholarships. Winners for the Keith MacCollom Hoops and Heritage Memorial Scholarship award were Max Mason, Sara Lynn Stiehler, Connor Frain and Tanner Cowan. Winners for the Nate Richardson Baseball scholarship award were Nicolette Mevers on the softball team and Doug Borgh, Kyle Frickman and Cody Miller on the baseball team. Winners for the Joey Ruzecki Memorial Scholarship were Connor Frain, Max Mason, Brianna Morgan, Liam Murphy, Haley Weaver and Madeline Zanga.

The families hope to see the continuing support next year when the tournament will be held on April 11th at the Seminole Lakes Country Club. For more information about the Forever Friends Golf Tournament, please visit www.foureverfriends.org.

The Richardson family Seminole

# What do you think?

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# What do you think?

John Deering is chief editorial cartoonist for the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, the state's largest newspaper. Winner of the National Press Foundation's 1997 Berryman Award, Deering also gained top honors in the 1994 national John Fischetti Cartoon Competition and was the seven-time winner of the Arkansas Press Association's Best Editorial Cartoonist award.

# The watchdogs that surround us

Every month my electric company sends me a letter telling me how I compare with my neighbors as far as power usage goes. The company has three ratings (and the phrasing I use here is mine, not theirs).

(1) You are a good boy, Bobby. You don't use more electricity than is really necessary. Keep up the fine work.

(2) You are in the middle ground, sir. You are not a power hog, but you could cut back on the kilowatts per month if you really tried.

(3) You should be ashamed of yourself. If everyone consumed as much power as you, the system would collapse and we'd all be plunged into darkness and despair.

I appreciate being told where I fit in, re electricity consumption. All my life I've been ruled by the nagging question, "How am I doing?" Not just on electricity use, but on almost every aspect of my behavior. I assume that other people are troubled in the same way. And now it's possible for all of us to be graded and rated on dozens of living standards, not just on electric power consumption.

That's because we are now under continuous visual observation, tape recording, record keeping and other forms of monitoring. Today we have not just one Big Brother, but also hundreds of them. They can watch and catalog almost everything we do.

For example, when you rolled out of bed this morning at 7:18, that fact was probably noted by a tiny gadget installed beneath your mattress (without your knowledge) by the National Institute of Bedroom Behavior. This shadowy group is able to tabulate everything you do in bed or in your bedroom. One day you may receive a monthly notice like this: "Miss Clark, you go to bed most nights 17 minutes earlier



that other females of your age group. You snore 8.5 minutes per night, and visit the bathroom 1.8 times. Your average wake-up time is 6:45 a.m."

By now we're all aware that our smartphones and iPads reveal most of what we say, do or think during the day. Added to that are our postings on Facebook, Twitter and the latest social network, Numbskull Natterings. But were you aware that your TV set can spy on you? The FCC, the NSA and the TV industry now have the ability to send the following notice to any of us:

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American Grocery Snoops (AGS) is able to tell you this: "Your April 2014 purchase of pork butts, chocolate syrup and Pringles exceeded the quantities recommended by AGS health experts. We suggest you balance this by buying more kale and sugar-free sauerkraut.

The late-model cars we drive may soon be able to send us to jail. A traffic cop will pull us over and attach electronic cables to various

parts of our car. A few minutes later he/she will hand us a printed report and say, "You're under arrest. Your car's monitors show that in the past week you exceeded the posted speed limits of Largo, Tarpon Springs and Lealman. Also, on March 3 while crossing the Howard Frankland Bridge, you were drinking from an open container of an alcoholic beverage. It was beer. Bud Light. Please exit your car. You have the right to remain silent.....

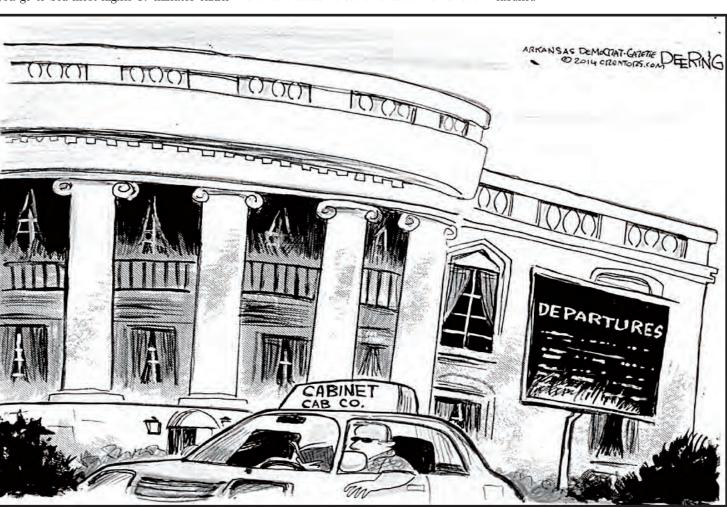
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If you think I'm exaggerating, think again. Modern technology is gradually wiping out every vestige of personal privacy. The culprits are not just the right-wingers or the liberals. It's a host of snoopers and bright boys, many of whose only rationale is simply, "We know how to spy, so let's do it!"

But you and I (the laboratory rats) will one day prevail. We'll learn how to invade the snooper programs and scramble the data so thoroughly it will explode into chaos, allowing us to resume our unexamined, uncharted and joyfully unplanned lives.

The hope still lives, and the dream shall never die. Avanti! Excelsior!

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# Police, press don't always get along

Journalism was different decades ago when I covered crime beats in New York and New

Reporters and cops always maintained a guarded rapport. Officers often barred journalists from entering their secret world, but if you were among the privileged few to be accepted into their ranks as one to be trusted than you received tips about arrests or ongoing investigations.

Back in the 1960s when I launched my career in the news business police precincts had rooms set aside for the press. We were allowed to read crime reports from which stories were gleaned. We were invited to go along on drug raids, to sit in on interrogations, and even interview suspects in jails and precinct holding cells. Often reporters rode to crime scenes in patrol cars.

In exchange the police expected a fair shake. Journalists who went out of their way to assail law enforcement received very little sanctioned cooperation. One colleague who decided to expose all the real or imagined gossip about police and politics lasted two months before being reassigned to the lawn and garden beat.

Through cop friends I connected with entertainment and political figures. I was introduced to unsavory characters, murderers and gangsters. Once I shared dinner with a New Jersey police captain and his friend who just happened to be a shylock enforcer who broke legs and arms for a living. When the bill arrived I found myself short a few dollars. The bone crusher offered to make up the difference. I refused in fear of having an ear severed or my knees smashed for the five bucks I was short. (I used a credit card to cover the

Today's relationships between cops and the media is more guarded than ever before. Once a deputy sheriff went ballistic because I leaned over a yellow crime scene tape to take a picture. "Get away from there," he yelled.

Another time a female officer insisted that I leave the location of an incident where a po-



lice K-9 dog made a happy meal out of his

handler's groin. Florida reporters are not allowed the freedom of their peers in northern metropolitan areas. Official press credentials are virtually unknown in the Sunshine State, whereas press cards and auto visors are issued by law enforcement agencies in New York City and New Jersey. Some states even issue distinctive license plates to working members of the

Walking into a police station to peruse police reports is now taboo. To speak with a cop within the confines of a stationhouse requires an escort to the appropriate office and another escort to leave the building.

A small number of officers really do take themselves way too serious. Some possess a "them against us" attitude, believing that they really are new centurions and we civilians are mere mortals. Once while being ushered down the hall of a local stationhouse I asked my policewoman-escort what would happen if suddenly ran down the hall and into an of-

She didn't think that was very funny. None of this is to say that cops are not sympathetic about the job of the press. The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office boasts the finest press relations division of all local agencies. A few police departments are not as friendly, for whatever their reasons. A spokesman with an attitude once boorishly accused me of peeking through a window where a murder had taken place.

Police routinely decline to comment on breaking stories. They often withhold information and even the names of suspects and vic-

tims. And they become irritated when reporters circumvent their bureaucracy to independently contact neighbors and others to gather information for stories.

I think cops are inhibited because of the bad press they occasionally receive. Then there are court decisions that have forced changes in law enforcement procedures. Now most media requests go through a public information officer or division. That is partially because some investigations, such as bank robberies, are investigated by multiple agen-

Information is withheld during ongoing inquiries in cases of sex crimes or juvenile incidents, and even to protect the rights of certain "persons of interests," as suspects now are la-

You can't blame the police for protecting themselves from possible retribution during trials, or civil suits launched by lawyers whose imprudent billboard and television advertisements have become so common.

The police and press mostly do work in sync, and continue to shuck baggage from an era when some journalists saw cops as brutal, evasive and cynical. Too, reporters often are viewed as self-appointed experts who know little about police procedures and the inherent dangers. Misbehavior on both sides is not un-

As Police Chief magazine in its May 2014 story on police/press relations said, "Working with the media is not complicated. Collaborating positively is a lot more rewarding than fighting with each other. Police leaders and reporters have a lot to offer each other. Each can help the other succeed. Together, they can really achieve that rarest of scenarios: a win-win situation. But best of all, the taxpayers benefit, from learning about the threats to public safety and what their law enforcement officers are doing about those threats. The ensuing free flow of information benefits all involved."

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### **One-mile winner**



More than 270 swimmers came out for Swim Across America, a half-, 1- and 2.4-mile open water swim, May 31 at Clearwater Beach. The event was a fundraiser for the Moffitt Cancer Center. The total amount raised exceeded \$207,000. Three-time Olympic champion and cancer advocate, Brooke Bennett, attended and participated in the swim, along with other Olympic athletes.

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# Sports roundup

### Senior billiards league forming

PALM HARBOR - A new daytime billiards league is forming at Stroker's Billiard Hall, 30901 U.S. 19 N., beginning Thursday, July 10.

Local residents Bob Miller and Demenic DeBlasi are starting Silver Strokers, a program open to men and women ages 55 and older. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. every Thursday.

Play will begin with individual competition and advance to team play when enough players begin to participate. It will be an 8-ball tournament with

double-elimination under BCA rules. A yearly membership in Silver Strokers is \$5. The weekly playing fee will be \$5. All funds will be fun-

neled back to the players. For more information, contact Miller at 754-4094 or DeBlasi at 462-2645.

### Rowdies partner with Chargers Academy

ST. PETERSBURG - The Tampa Bay Rowdies have announced a partnership with the Chargers Soccer Club, which makes the Rowdies the official professional soccer partner of the Chargers U.S. Develop-

Based in the Tampa Bay area with chapters in Clearwater, Tampa and Lakewood Ranch, CSC is a member of the United States Soccer Development Academy, which provides the optimum developmental environment for the nation's top youth soccer players. With a direct connection to U.S. National Team programming, the academy emphasizes long-term development through quality training and limited, meaningful competition.

The Rowdies will have an advisory role in the development and execution of the technical aspects of the Academy (coaching selection, technical staff selection, player selection).

"The Chargers Soccer Club is very excited to be partnering with a professional organization with an incredible reputation such as the Rowdies." Chargers director of coaching Peter Mannino said. "The vertical integration of youth soccer through the professional level is something that we have been striving to achieve. The real winners from this partnership are the players and fans. At the end of this process, the

benefits to both organizations involved will be outstanding."

Chargers Academy teams play at the U-14, U-16 and U-18 levels. Current Rowdies Brian Shriver and Kyle Clinton both played youth soccer for the Chargers. Shriver is the reigning NASL Golden Boot Winner, awarded to the league's top goal scorer.

"This partnership also allows the Rowdies to identify, develop and mentor top local, homegrown players through the Rowdies-Chargers Development Academy. This will ultimately elevate our game performance for many years, much like the top tier soccer clubs in the United States and around the world," Van Der Beck said. "Once again, the Rowdies ownership has proven a deep commitment to the sport of soccer at all levels. This is a winning partnership for the entire

### Rays Watch parties set at Guy Harvey Outpost

ST. PETE BEACH - The Tampa Bay Rays plan the following Rays Watch parties at the Guy Harvey Outpost, 6000 Gulf Blvd.

- Sunday, July 20, 2:10 p.m., vs. Minnesota Twins
- Sunday, Aug. 10, 2:20 p.m., vs. Chicago Cubs • Sunday, Aug. 24, 1:07 p.m., vs. Toronto Blue

Sunday, Sept. 28, 1:05 p.m., vs. Cleveland Indi-

The games will be broadcast on a huge screen directly on the beach and Rays radio will broadcast live. Rays announcer Rusty Kath and the Rays Street Team also will be on-hand with fun giveaways. Food and beverages including cookout items and buckets of beer will be available for purchase.

Coolers are not allowed, but fans are encouraged to bring their own beach chairs, umbrellas and towels.

Guests can try the new "bucking shark" ride for \$4 per ride and slide passes also will be available for \$15 (normally \$37).

Beginning at noon, \$10 parking will be available at the Guy Harvey Outpost and at the neighboring TradeWinds Island Grand.

For additional information, visit www.JustLet Go.com/Rays or call 367-6461.

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# Longoria, Rays team up with credit union for summer reading program

ST. PETERSBURG - Evan Longoria and the Rays Baseball Foundation have teamed up with the Suncoast Credit Union Foundation for this year's "Reading with the Rays - Read Your Way to the Ballpark" program.

This summer, the Suncoast Credit Union Foundation, Longoria and the Rays Baseball Foundation will host the seventh season of Reading with the Rays, an incentive-based reading program that encourages kids to avoid summer learning loss by reading 24 hours during the summer months. Participating libraries track kids' progress and award prizes for reaching certain goals, including a free ticket to a Rays game.

Reading with the Rays is made possible with the help of the Tampa Bay Times Newspaper in Education and public library systems in Hillsborough, Pinellas, Manatee, Citrus, Polk, Pasco, Hernando, Sarasota and Charlotte counties. "Reading with the Rays has grown to become

a pillar of our community outreach efforts," vs Senior Vice President Mark Fernandez

said. "We are proud to be joined by our partners at Suncoast Credit Union in delivering this program to more children than ever and significantly impacting reading development over the summer months throughout our region."

Kids can pick up their Reading with the Rays game card at a participating library to begin reading around the bases anytime on or after June 8.

"Reading with the Rays compliments our mission of supporting educational initiatives for children in the local community," said Mary Tlachac, executive director of Suncoast Credit Union Foundation. "Reading is a wise investment of time and because there are many benefits to establishing reading habits at an early age, we believe this program will encourage and excite children to read beyond the school year."

Longoria, the program's spokesman, will make surprise visits to local libraries in the weeks following the kick-off.

For more information about the program, visit avsbaseball com/reading





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# 14-year-old runs from burglary, city employees chase down suspect

By JULIANA A. TORRES

LARGO - Two employees from Largo's solid waste division tackled and held down a man who reportedly was breaking into a house where a 14-year-old girl was home by herself June 5.

Largo police got the call about the burglary on Lexington Court at 2:10 p.m. that day. A man had knocked at the door, but the teenager didn't know him and so didn't answer it. She then noticed the same man trying to break into the rear door of the home, which is inside a fenced yard.

The teenager called her mother. While talking to her, the man removed a screen from the window. The mother told her daughter to get out of the

The 14-year-old ran out the garage door and saw a solid waste truck manned by several employees. She told Michael Kowalke and Michael Gordon that a man was breaking into her house. The burglary suspect meanwhile climbed back over the fence and fled north.

Kowalke tackled the suspect in the front yard of a neighbor's house while Gordon pinned him down. The suspect - later identified as Matthew Jordan Olver, 20, of Pinellas Park - struggled against the men and at one point tried to stab them with a large knife, police reported.

The employees managed to take the knife from Olver. Another employee, Michael Fitzgerald, picked it up until police officers arrived and took Olver

into custody. Police Chief Jeff Undestad called the solid waste employees heroes in a city email explaining their feat.

"If not for their help, this burglar would have gotten away," he wrote. Olver was charged with armed burglary and two counts of aggravated assault, all felonies. Police pointed out that the teenager never answered the door, and nothing indicated that Olver knew the house was occupied.

Olver has a previous history of battery and burglary, police reported. According to Pinellas County Jail records, he was charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon causing great bodily harm in October 2012.

# June is Move Over – Slow Down - Save a Life month

TALLAHASSEE - Move Over. Two simple words can mean the difference between life and death to the first responders who work alongside Florida's busy highways.

In an effort to bring new awareness to Florida's Move Over law, the Florida Highway Patrol and law enforcement agencies across the state have declared June as "Move Over - Slow Down - Save a Life" month.

During the month-long safety campaign, law enforcement officers will work together to better educate the public about the law and the threat that ignoring it can pose to first responders.

"Our troopers are out there every day working traffic stops and crash scenes along busy highways with cars speeding past them, often just feet away," said Col. David Brierton, FHP director. "And every day they face the real possibility of never going home to their families because someone fails to obey the Move Over law."

Florida's Move Over law protects law enforcement officers, emergency workers and tow truck drivers stopped along roadways while performing their jobs;

It requires motorists to move over when a patrol car, emergency vehicle or tow truck/wrecker is stopped on the side of a road with lights flashing. If such movement cannot be safely accomplished, motorists shall slow down to a speed of 20 mph below the posted speed limit.

Motorist should approach emergency vehicles with caution. Violating the Move Over law puts motorists and public safety professionals at risk.

The phrase Move Over is more than just words. It is an action required on everyone's part to make Florida's busy roads safer for everyone - whether they are first responders or stranded motorists waiting for assistance. If you see anyone on the side of the road, Move Over for their safety. A life depends

Read more on Florida's Move Over law at www.flhsmv.gov/SafetyTips /MoveOverTips.htm.

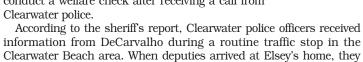
# Police beat-

### Transient arrested in Dunedin murder

DUNEDIN - Pinellas County Sheriff's detectives arrested a 26-year-old transient Saturday morning in connection with a murder of a Dunedin man.

Arthur Michael DeCarvalho, formerly of Crescent Springs Kentucky, was charged with murder in the first degree. He is being held without bond in the Pinellas County Jail.

Detectives assigned to the Robbery/Homicide Unit went to the home of David G. Elsey, 50, on Summit Way in Dunedin about 5 a.m. Saturday to conduct a welfare check after receiving a call from



Arthur Michael

Alan Timothy

found that he was dead. He had blunt upper body trauma. Detectives have reason to believe that Elsey recently met DeCarvalho online. The investigation continues.

### Man charged with abusing young girls

PINELLAS PARK - Pinellas Park police charged a 71-year-old man with three counts of lewd and lascivious molestation of two young girls.

Police report that a complaint came in June 5 that Alan Timothy McGann of Pinellas Park has molested a 5-year-old child who had visited his home. Police interviewed McGann at his residence and he denied the allegations.

At 10:19 a.m. June 6, "McGann walked into the police station and told our call taker that he wanted to surrender himself on charges of child molestation," the report said.

Pinellas Park police officers talked to McGann who reportedly admitted to touching the victim June 5 under her clothing and rubbing her on two separate occasions. According to the police report, he also admitted that he had touched another little girl, who was known to him, four or five years ago when she was age 5, and again about a year or two ago when she was between 8 and 9 years of age.

McGann was booked into the Pinellas County Jail. No bond was set. Pinellas Park police said he could receive a sentence of life in prison for each offense.

### Man arrested at marijuana grow house

CLEARWATER - Detectives with Pinellas County Sheriff's Narcotics Division arrested a Clearwater man Tuesday evening in connection with a marijuana grow house at his residence on Keene Road in unin-

According to detectives, the investigation began in early March after they received a tip about a possible grow house. Detectives met with Grey L. Lopez, 41, June 3, and Lopez gave consent to search his residence. Upon entry, detectives discovered evidence of a grow house operation. During a search, 133 marijuana plants were seized and removed from the home.

Lopez was arrested and charged with manufacture of marijuana and trafficking in marijuana. Lopez was transported to the Pinellas County Jail. Bond was set at \$55,000.

### Deputy injured in multi-vehicle crash

MADIERA BEACH - A Pinellas County Sheriff's deputy and two others were injured in a multi-vehicle crash about 2:13 p.m. Tuesday, June 3, in the area of 135th Avenue and Gulf Boulevard in Madeira

According to investigators with the sheriff's Major Accident Investigation Team, the driver of a 2013 Toyota RAV 4 was stopped at 135th Avenue preparing to make a left hand turn to travel northbound on Gulf Boulevard. Deputy Alida Perez was traveling southbound in the curb lane on Gulf Boulevard in a marked cruiser and the driver of a

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2010 Jeep Cherokee was also traveling southbound on Gulf Boulevard in the median lane.

The driver of the Toyota RAV 4 began to accelerate to make the left turn and struck the front of the deputy's cruiser. The impact from the crash pushed the cruiser into the side of the Jeep Cherokee.

The driver and the passenger of the Toyota, identified as Donald Funk, 58, and Linda Funk, 67, of Dunnellon were transported to a

local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Perez, who was on duty at the time of the crash, transported herself to the hospital as a precaution and for treatment of minor injuries. The driver of the Jeep Cherokee, identified as Jack Buns, 65, of Largo

was not injured during the crash. It does not appear that alcohol or drugs were related to the inci-

### Man arrested for exposing himself

CLEARWATER - Pinellas County Sheriff's detectives arrested a male transient June 2 after he reportedly exposed himself to a 17year-old female, who was walking to school about 8 a.m. on South Arcturas Avenue north of Gulf-to-Bay.

Jason Newsome, 34, was charged with one count of exposure of sexual organs and violation of probation for lewd and lascivious be-

Detectives believe that Newsome approached females who were walking to ask for directions. They believe there may be other victims in the area. He has been driving a new white Ford Fusion, a new black Ford Fusion and an older model black Chevrolet Cavalier.

Anyone with information on this investigation or other potential victims are asked to contact the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office at 727-582-6200.

### Five teens arrested for senior prank

ST. PETERSBURG - Pinellas County Sheriff's deputies arrested five teenagers for burglary after they "tagged" more than 200 exterior windows, doors, benches, columns and vending machines at a high school in St. Petersburg as part of a senior prank.

The incident happened about 3:20 a.m. June 3 at Dixie Hollins High School, 4940 62nd St. N. All the students are from St. Petersburg.

According to a sheriff's report, deputies responded to Dixie Hollins High School after a citizen observed a group of juveniles jumping a fence to gain access to the school. Deputies established a perimeter around the school assisted by the Sheriff's Flight and K-9 units.

Deputies first located Jaime Shaughessy, 17, and Shalleya Codrington, 18, in a breezeway of the school. Deputies said the two were in the process of vandalizing several doors and windows with multi-

Three others, Tyler J. Greenberg, 18; Stephanie Sousek, 18; and Andre Szymanski, 17; were arrested at a private residence at 31st Terrace North in St. Petersburg, when deputies responded to that location to contact Codrington's parents.

Deputies said the teens used markings such as 2014 and Seniors Rules, as well as vulgar markings on the school property. They also caused damage to the building where markings could not be removed.

Deputies interviewed the teens, some scheduled to graduate June 3, who reportedly said they wanted to "go out with a bang."

All five were arrested for burglary. Codrington, Greenberg and Sousek were transported to the Pinellas County Jail. Shaughessy and Szymanski were transported to the Pinellas Juvenile Assessment Center.

### Man charged after stabbing grandmother

ST. PETERSBURG - A 70-year-old woman is in stable condition at a local hospital after being stabbed multiple times by her grandson just after midnight Monday, June 2.

Pinellas County Sheriff's deputies responded to a private residence on 50th Avenue North in St. Petersburg after a male calling from the home reported he had stabbed his grandmother. Upon their arrival, they found the victim, Eula Powless in the home with multiple stab wounds to her upper torso and neck area. She was transported to a local hospital with life-threatening injuries.

Deputies identified a suspect, Joseph Richard Levan, 23. Detectives assigned to the Robbery/Homicide Unit met with Levan who reportedly admitted the allegations and said he had been planning the attack for the past several days.

Levan was charged with one count of attempted murder in the first degree.

# Submit tips to Crime Stoppers

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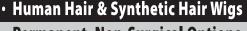


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# **Top Five Diversions**

• The Happy Together Tour, Friday, June 13, 7:30 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Tickets start at \$40. Call 791-7400 or visit www.rutheckerdhall.com. The Happy Together Tour is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year with a lineup that will include The Turtles featuring Flo & Eddie, Chuck Negron formerly of Three Dog Night, Mark Farner formerly of Grand Funk Railroad, Gary Lewis & The Playboys, Mitch Ryder & The Detroit Wheels. During the show, the multi-media highlights during each of performances will reference the time period of the music. Listeners can truly feel and see the soundtrack of their youth during a Happy Together show as their transported back in time. The Happy Together tour began in 1984 with mainstays The Turtles. It started up again in 2010 and this is it's fifth consecutive year.

• The Sounds of Soul, Friday, June 13, 8:30 p.m., at The Manhattan Casino, 642 22nd St. S., St. Petersburg. The show and hors d'oeuvres costs \$30 per person. Call 823-4240 or 423-9825 for tickets. The Sounds of Soul will share the hits of Motown with audiences. This exciting, high-energy group unleashes superior vocals and slick dance moves powered by pure soul. The group is composed of six seasoned performers who have excelled as outstanding singers, dancers, and songwriters. Each member has shared the national recording spotlight driven by the power of Capital Records, Big Apple Records, and R & S Records to name but a few. For information, call Gerry Cachia at 423-9825 or visit thesoundsofsoul.com.

• St. Petersburg Second Saturday Father's Day ArtWalk, Saturday, June 14, 4 to 9 p.m., at venues throughout the Waterfront Arts District, Central Arts District, the Edge Dis-

Central District, and the Warehouse Arts District. Most venues are open throughout the month, however many studios and galleries are open to the public only on this special night. Galleries, artist studios, and some museums open from 4 to 9 p.m. for ArtWalk. The red trolley and white coach bus (with guides) will take attendees to more than 35 studios and galleries featuring the warehouse arts district. The two shuttles run from the roundabout at 10th Street and Central Avenue to the heart of the Warehouse Arts District. In addition, the Central Avenue Trolley - cost is \$.50 - serves galleries on and near Central Avenue; and a third free trolley, the Downtown Looper, serves the Waterfront Arts District. Free parking can be found on First Avenue North and First Avenue South, from 15th Street to 30th Street, as well as large lots at Soft Water Studios, St. Pete Clay Company, the Florida Holocaust Museum and the Clay Center of St. Petersburg. For information, visit www.stpeteartsalliance.org.

• Ottmar Liebert and Luna Negra, Saturday, June 14, 8 p.m., at Capitol Theatre, 405 Cleveland St., Clearwater. Tickets start at \$35. Call 791-7400 or visit www.atthecap.com. Liebert's incredible global success on a musical level often seems like a simple outgrowth of his cultural background and powerful wanderlust in his formative years. Born in Cologne, Germany, he began playing guitar at 11 and traveled extensively through Europe and Asia intent on fully absorbing each musical tradition he encountered. After pursuing his Rock and Roll dreams first in his native Germany and then in Boston, he abandoned the frustrations and settled in Santa Fe, New Mexico. In 1989, he formed Luna Negra and he has become one of the most successful instrumental artists, thrilling audiences worldwide and releasing a catalog of classic recordings. Best known for his "Nouveau Flamenco" guitar playing style, his debut album sold doubleplatinum and is still one of the best selling guitar albums of all time. He has received five Grammy nominations and more than 35 gold and platinum award certifications in the U.S. alone.

• The Summerland Tour 2014, Saturday, June 14, at Vinoy Park, 701 Bayshore Drive NE, St. Petersburg. Doors will open at 2 p.m. General admission is free. VIP tickets also are available for \$29.75. Visit www.summerlandtour.net. The musical lineup includes Everclear, Soul Asylum, Eve 6 and Spacehog.



Hiccup (Jay Baruchel) and Toothless make plans for their next adventure in "How to Train Your Dragon 2."

# Opening this weekend

Hiccup and Toothless return in 'How to Train Your Dragon 2'

Compiled by LEE CLARK ZUMPE

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

### 'How to Train Your Dragon 2'

Genre: Action, adventure, animation and family

Cast: Jay Baruchel, Gerard Butler, Kit Harington, Cate Blanchett, Djimon Honsou, Craig Ferguson, America Ferrera, Jonah Hill, Christopher Mintz-Plasse, T.J. Miller and Kristen Wiig

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From DreamWorks Animation comes the highly anticipated sequel to the Academy Award-nominated "How to Train Your Dragon," based on the children's book series by Cressida Cowell.

In the thrilling second chapter of the epic trilogy, five years have passed since the heroic young Viking Hiccup (Jay Baruchel) befriended an injured dragon and forever changed the way the residents of Berk interact with the fire-breathers. Now, Vikings and dragons live side-by-side in peace on the fantastical isle that has been transformed into a dragon's paradise.

But when grown-up responsibilities loom on the horizon, Hiccup and his faithful dragon Toothless take to the skies in search of answers. It's much more than he bargained for, though, when Hiccup discovers that a mysterious dragon rider is really his long-lost mother Valka (Cate Blanchett) and that the peace between dragons and Vikings is threatened by the power-hungry Drago (Djimon Hounsou) with help from the dragon trapper Eret, son of Eret (Kit Harington).

As Astrid (America Ferrera), Gobber (Craig Ferguson) and Viking friends Snotlout (Jonah Hill), Fishlegs (Christopher Mintz-Plasse) and twins Ruffnut (Kristen Wiig) and Tuffnut (T.J. Miller), lend their support, Hiccup, his mother and tribal chief father Stoick the Vast (Gerard Butler), must work together to protect the dragons they have grown to love. In the process, Hiccup finds the answers he has been looking for in ways he could never have imagined.

# '22 Jump Street'

Genre: Action and comedy Cast: Jonah Hill, Channing Tatum, Ice Cube, Amber Stevens and Craig Roberts



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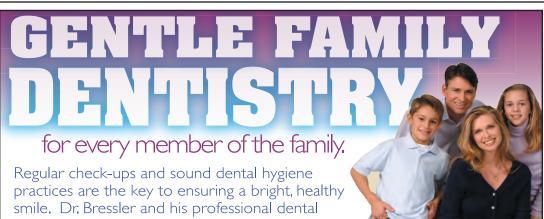
Jonah Hill, left, and Channing Tatum star in Columbia Pictures' "22 Jump Street."

Director: Phil Lord and Chris Miller Rated: R

After making their way through high school (twice), big changes are in store for officers Schmidt (Jonah Hill) and Jenko (Channing Tatum) when they go deep undercover at a local college.

But when Jenko meets a kindred spirit on the football team, and Schmidt infiltrates the bohemian art major scene, they begin to question their partnership. Now they don't have to just crack the case – they have to figure out if they can have a mature relationship. If these two

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# Keeping it clean

# H2O Comedy Tour brings family-friendly humor to Pinellas Park

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16. Borrowed car

18. Pander Zine

22. Mixes up

25. Easy mark

27. Barbecue site

28. Sick-looking

32. Glossy linen

41. Born's partner

45. "Don't give up!"

51. Mozart's "L'\_\_\_ del Cairo"

55. Toothed wheel with a pawl

62. High place offering a view

66. Tend to, as a bad lawn

60. Prescribed order of a religious ceremony

46. Stout, hoofed mammals with a long, fleshy upper

30. Ace

34. Emcee

39. Accord

35. Deductive

42. \_\_\_-greeter

44. Large pigs

52. Absolute

54. Control

64. Allow

67. Caught

57. Pigeon pea

59. Icelandic epic

65. Much less (2 wds)

17. Felt bitter about

19. Assayers' stuff

20. Makeshift shelters

31. "\_\_\_-Team" (2 wds)

23. Greek island in the Cyclades

PINELLAS PARK - H2O Comedy Tour heads to the Performing Arts Center, 4951 78th Ave. N., Saturday, June 14, 7 p.m.

But don't expect the typical comedy show. You won't hear any vulgarity or foul language. In fact, the comics, who also openly embrace their

Christian faith, are known for keeping it clean.

"It's totally clean," said Pinellas Park-based comedian Juanita Lolita yes, that's her real name - the troupe's founder. "But we don't want people to think we do Christian comedy. We just happen to be clean and Christian. Our humor isn't bible-based."

She added, "We do have joy in Christianity but our shows don't cram it down your throat.'

The four comedians who make up H2O - Lolita and Bill Ohse, also from Pinellas Park, Lakeland's Johnny Roberts and New Port Richey's Rahn Hortman - each perform regularly on their own, bringing their squeaky clean acts to comedy clubs throughout the state.

"Being clean in a comedy club is already something completely different," Lolita said. "When we perform, you don't even realize we're clean because you're so busy laughing."

They primarily cull their material from relatable experiences of day-today living. And audiences must be enjoying what they hear. Last year, Lolita was named Tampa's Funniest Female in Florida's Funniest Comedian competition. Hartman was named Tampa's Funniest Comedian overall in the same contest.

Lolita founded H2O - Humor to Outreach - in January 2013. Eventually, her husband Rick Williams, a music and sound engineer, built the group an eye-catching stage display.

"He took us from being four comedians with a microphone to being a

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10. Clamorous

13. Most cheerful

26. 14-line poem

29. Moderate heat

33. Arranged in layers

35. One who loathes

36. Local anesthetic

40. Mouth, in slang

47. Spanish dish

48. Not alfresco

50. Quenched

52. Fissile rock

53. Deep black

63. Amscrayed

56. 27, to 3

49. Fixed

38. Driver's lic. and others

58. "\_\_\_ go!" (contraction)

43. Tiny security window in a door

61. Certain digital watch face, for short

31. Not just "a"

37. Boat races

14. \_\_\_ gland in males

21. Public road in a city

11. Actors

2. Spain and Portugal

6. Homebuilder's strip

7. Depleted (2 wds)

3. Offer previously bought for sale

4. Phenol derived form coal tar

8. Bureaucratic stuff (2 wds)

12. Short liturgical text sung responsively

24. Comme ci, comme ca (hyphenated)

9. Antiquity, in antiquity

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H2O Comedy Tour is a clean, Christian-based comedy production heading to the Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center June 14. But don't worry, said Juanita Lolita, the troupe's founder, they "don't cram it

full-scale production," she said.

Often, they bring their quick-paced act to churches whose patrons are more used to humorists telling longer stories rather than jokes with

"When we get into a church setting, they're blown away," Lolita said. "They're not used to anything like it."

They also perform for more mainstream audiences, like at the upcoming PAC show. But their shows still benefit the community. Tickets to the June 14 show cost \$12, and part of the proceeds will benefit a variety of organizations, including the Pinellas Park Thunderbirds and Children's Miracle Network.

For more information, visit www.h2ohumor.com.

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# **Horoscopes** June 12, 2014

### Capricorn December 22 - January 19

Finances are the topic of the

week, Capricorn. Lucky for you, a family friend lends you their expertise. Perfection comes at a price. Be careful.

### Aquarius

January 20 – February 18

Fun is on tap, Aquarius, and it begins with a trip someplace new. A report receives rave reviews. Take out that special someone to celebrate.

### Pisces

February 19 - March 20

Careful, Pisces. What you want isn't necessarily what everyone else wants. Be prepared to compromise. A youngster's story is music to your ears.

### Aries

March 21 - April 19

A minor windfall allows for a major purchase. Be savvy, Aries, to ensure you get the most bang for your buck. The tide changes at work.

# Taurus

April 20 - May 20

An investment of time means more than an investment of money. Volunteer, Taurus. A crash diet is not the answer. Fitness goals must improve.

# Gemini

May 21 - June 21

Flexibility is to be admired. Give a little, Gemini. A wonderful sight over the weekend gets the creative juices flowing. Time to finish some projects.

# Cancer

June 22 – July 22

Whispers run rampant at the office. Pay them no heed, Cancer. A tryst ends, and a friend looks to you for comfort. Be there for them.

# Leo

July 23 - August 22

Call it quits? Never, Leo. Keep plugging along, and you will come out smiling. A tickle of the ivories gets the party started. Get ready for a rip-roaring time.

# Virgo

August 23 - September 22 The chase begins. Go, Virgo, go!

Communication ceases at home, resulting in a mishap. Take steps to ensure the issue never happens again.

# Libra

September 23 – October 22 A tragedy remembered provides

impetus for real change. Take the initiative, Libra. A crass remark at the end of a meeting hits home. Act on it.

# Scorpio

October 23 – November 21

Soon, Scorpio, soon. Soon the spotlight will be on you, and you will not disappoint. A journey of self-discovery begins for a friend. Be there for them.

# Sagittarius

November 22 - December 21 The to-do list grows, and help is in short supply. Keep at it, Sagittarius, and don't worry about deadlines. Missing one might not be such a bad thing.

# Liebert returns to Capitol Theatre

CLEARWATER - According to Ottmar Liebert, "flamenco is a music both romantic and dangerous; it is an attitude as much as it is a musical genre."

Liebert and his band Luna Negra will perform Saturday, June 14, 8 p.m., at Capitol Theatre, 405 Cleveland St., Clearwater. Tickets start at \$35. Call 791-7400 or visit www.atthecap.com.

Liebert's philosophy regarding his music catapulted him to fame at the end of the '80s with an engaging mix of subdued flamenco guitar and South American percussion, rock, jazz, and pop influences. His attitude actually suppresses the more challenging and dangerous aspects of flamenco in favor of the romantic and the stylish. He's not a technical wizard on the guitar, but he has a feel for the music's innate sensuality and a gift for creating memorable melodies.

Liebert was born in Cologne, Germany, to a Chinese-German father and Hungarian mother. He was 11 years old when he began playing guitar. During his youth, he had the opportunity to travel extensively to European and Asian destinations. At each vista, Liebert absorbed each musical tradition he encountered.

Liebert initially pursued a different dream: He tried to get a foothold in the rock and roll industry, both in Germany and later in Boston. He eventually abandoned his aspirations, leaving the East Coast and settling in Santa Fe, N.M. According to Segue Entertainment, it was only after years of

trying to hit the big time in various jazz-funk bands that Liebert began playing acoustic guitar in Santa Fe restaurants. His first self-produced cassette, "Nouveau Flamenco," was basically recorded for friends, but the album received heavy radio airplay in Los Angeles. In 1990, Higher Octave Records re-released it nationally, expanding the artist's audience.

His subsequent album, "Borrasca," quickly climbed the charts and Liebert was picked up by a major label, Epic. Since then, Liebert has brought flamenco to mainstream America with a level of class and accessibility. His prowess as a composer and instrumentalist has steadily improved over the years.

According to the biography on the artist's website, by 1989, Liebert had founded the first incarnation of his band Luna Negra. Those transitional years proved to be quite a culture

"I was honestly happy playing this music in hotels and restaurants in Santa Fe, and going in one year from doing that to opening for Miles Davis was a pretty intense jump," he said in the biography. "Most shocking for me was to realize how many different people from so many diverse cultures embraced it."

Liebert is now recognized as one of the most successful instrumental artists of the past quarter century, performing before loyal fans on the road and releasing a series of classic recordings. His discography includes the remix collection "Euphoria (1995), the live album "Viva!" (1995), the double CD "Opium" (1996), "Leaning into the Night" (1997), "Little Wing" (2001), "Arms of Love" (2002), "The Santa Fe Sessions" (2003), "La Semana" (2004), "Winter Rose" (2005),

Well into his career - after 22 releases - the award-winning guitarist released a daring and unadorned recording in 2006, "One Guitar," on his own record label SSRI. "One Guitar," Liebert's first solo guitar recording, is flled with gorgeous soulful performances and a palette full of intimate moods and lush landscapes. The album earned Liebert his fourth nomination for a Grammy.

Since then, Liebert has continued to record and release new material, including "Up Close" (2008), "The Scent of Light" (2008), "Petals on the Path" (2010), "Santa Fe" (2011) and "Dune" (2012).

Liebert's newest studio recording, "three-oh-five," was released this year. In its review, the website Cultural Court described the album as "music that is relaxed, but has that sort of down low playing that hipsters everywhere commit crimes to achieve" and said it features "Moorish, Andalusian, American Bluesy" strains

which are "wedded with a sort of African Genesis boogie." Liebert also released "Bare Wood" this year.

"Bare Wood is a compilation of pieces I created between 2002 and 2012," Liebert said on his website. "For this album I deleted all electric or electronic instruments from the original recordings and removed anything that was not Flamenco guitar or Cajun. I recorded additional Flamenco guitar parts and Jon recorded entirely new upright acoustic bass tracks for every piece. What emerged was the essence, the soul, the bare wood of the music."



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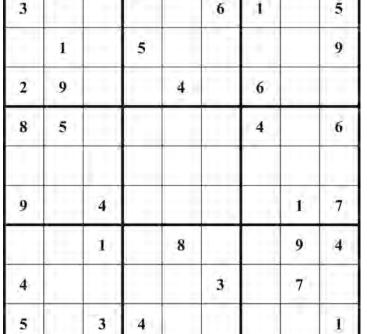
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The 30th anniversary of the tour that celebrates the biggest hits of the '60s and '70s kicked off June 7 at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Biloxi, Mississippi. The tour hits the Tampa Bay area on June 13 with a show at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater.

Tickets start at \$40. Call 791-7400 or visit www.rutheckerdhall.com.

Every night, listeners will hear their favorite songs from The Turtles Featuring Flo & Eddie, Chuck Negron formerly of Three Dog Night, Mark Farner formerly of Grand Funk Railroad, Gary Lewis & The Playboys and Mitch Ryder & The Detroit Wheels. The performers will play numerous hits including "We're An American Band," "Some Kind of Wonderful," "Devil With A Blue Dress," "Good Golly Miss Molly," "Mama Told Me Not To Come," "Joy To The World," "This Diamond Ring" and "Happy Together."

During the show, the multi-media highlights during each of the performances will reference the time period of the music. Listeners can truly feel and see the soundtrack of their youth during a Happy Together show as they are transported back in time.

The Happy Together tour began in 1984 with mainstays The Turtles.

It started up again in 2010 and this is its fifth consecutive year. The overwhelming response and love for the music has endured, and now The Happy Together Tour enters its 30th year anniver-

### The Turtles

"Happy Together" by The Turtles hit No. 1 on the charts in 1967 – displacing the Beatles' "Penny Lane" - and remains a staple on classic rock radio to this day. Although their biggest hit and signature song, it's just one of their nine Top 40 hits, which include such popular songs as "She'd Rather Be With Me," "Elenore," "You Showed Me" and "It Ain't Me Babe." In 1968, far ahead of their time, they would release one of music's first concept albums, "The Turtles Present the Battle of the Bands," where they pretended to be 11 different bands with different names, each providing a song in a different genre. The album showcased their

CLEARWATER - This summer, classic music incredible range of vocal talent and spawned the hits "Elenore" and "You Showed Me," both peaking at No. 6 on the Billboard charts.

Mark Volman and Howard Kaylan have remained plenty busy over the years with both The Turtles featuring Flo & Eddie and their extracurricular music activities. The band has sold over 60 million albums worldwide and continues to please audiences with their fun-filled performances.

"This Happy Together Tour 2014 sizes up to be the strongest and most rocking summer we've had so far," said Mark Volman in a press release promoting the tour. "The artists who are with us make us excited to get started and the audience is in for a great night of music and memories.'

### **Chuck Negron**

Chuck Negron co-founded the hugely popular, multi-platinum band, Three Dog Night in 1967.

The group went on to become one of the most successful bands of the late '60s and early '70s with 21 Top 40 hits and three No. 1 songs including "Joy to the World," "Black and White" and "Mama Told Me (Not to Come)."

The band's first gold record was "One," which featured Negron on lead vocals as did "Joy to the World" and many other of the band's biggest hits including "Old Fashioned Love Song." Negron has kept the music that he helped make famous "alive" by continuing to perform throughout the decades.

"Don't miss this show," Negron said. "It's magi-

### **Mark Farner**

Mark Farner is best known as the enigmatic frontman for Grand Funk Railroad. His singing, writing and performing are the stuff of legend.

At 21 he performed at Shea Stadium and at 65 the man simply won't be denied as his latest single "Take You Out."

Farner's hitmaking is well documented with "The Locomotion," "Bad Time to Be in Love," "I'm Your Captain/Closer to Home," and "Some Kind of

"Summing it up... I am proud to be suckin' air and still able to do what I love doing," said Farner.

See HAPPY TOGETHER, page 8B



Above, The Turtles Featuring Flo, left, & Eddie.



Left, Chuck Negron













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# A&E news-

### Open mic focuses on storytelling

Wordier Than Thou, a local literary arts organization, has two upcoming storytelling and prose open mics.

The group will meet Thursday, June 12, at the Showcase Arts Foundation, 1714 County Road 1, Suite 2, Dunedin. The featured reader will be author Lisa Rose.

They'll gather again to share their stories on Tuesday, June 17, at The Studio@620, 620 First Ave. S., St. Petersburg. The featured reader for this event will be Stephanie Hayes, young adult author and the performing arts critic for the Tampa Bay Times.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for both events; readings begin at 7

Anyone can sign up to read. Each reader will get a 10-minute slot in the order they signed up. No poetry or music.

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For more information, visit www.facebook.com/WordierThan Thou or email WordierThanThou @gmail.com.

### Pipe organ concert set

PINELLAS PARK - The monthly Wurlitzer pipe organ concert will take place on Tuesday, June 17, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the City Auditorium, 7690 59th St. N.

This performance is free to the

### **Downtown** market moves

LARGO - Largo's last downtown market and community festival of the season will be held Saturday, June 14, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 4825 E. Bay Drive.

The event will feature live music, food trucks, arts and crafts and local vendors. The market outgrew its former location at Ulmer Park. There will be no market over the summer.

Join the community and support local businesses. Vendor booths are available as well as sponsorship opportunities.

For information, call Tanya Pistillo at 465-8558.





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### **OPENING**, from page 1B

overgrown adolescents can grow from freshmen into real men, college might be the best thing that ever happened to them.

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

### 'A Coffee in Berlin'

Genre: Drama Cast: Tom Schilling Director: Jan Ole Gerster Not rated

Jan Ole Gerster's wry and vibrant feature debut "A Coffee in Berlin," which swept the 2013 German Oscar Awards, paints a day in the life of Niko, a 20-something college dropout going nowhere fast.

Niko lives for the moment as he drifts through the streets of Berlin, curiously observing everyone around him and oblivious to his growing status as an outsider. Then on one fateful day, through a series of absurdly amusing encounters, everything changes: his girlfriend rebuffs him, his father cuts off his allowance, and a strange psychiatrist dubiously confirms his 'emotional imbalance'. Meanwhile, a former classmate insists she bears no hard feelings toward him for his grade-school taunts when she was "Roly Poly Julia," but it becomes increasingly apparent that she has unfinished business with him. Unable to ignore the consequences of his passivity any longer, Niko finally concludes that he has to engage with life.

### 'All Cheerleaders Die'

Genre: Image Entertainment

Cast: Caitlin Stasey, Sianoa Smit-McPhee, Brooke Butler, Amanda Grace Cooper, Reanin Johannink and Tom Williamson

Director: Lucky McKee and Chris Silverton Not rated

Teenage outsider Maddy is keeping some dark secrets and holding a seious grudge against the captain of the Blackfoot High football team.

When Maddy joins the school's elite and powerful cheerleading squad, she convinces her new friends to help inflict her revenge. After a late-night party goes awry, their plans take an unexpected turn for the worst and all of the girls die. A sinister, supernatural power intervenes and the girls mysteriously appear at school the next day with a killer new look ... and some unusual new appetites.

### 'Hellion'

Genre: Drama

Cast: Aaron Paul, Juliette Lewis, Josh Wiggins, Deke Garner, Jonny Mars and Walt Roberts

Director: Kat Candler Not rated

Excellence 2013

Writer/director Kat Candler's "Hellion" paints the powerful portrait of a family on the brink of dissolution set against the haunting backdrop of the

Obsessed with heavy metal, dirt bike racing and partaking in the occasional act of vandalism with his band of delinquents, the behavior of 13year-old Jacob Wilson (Josh Wiggins) has begun to raise concerns around town, especially when it starts to involve his younger brother Wes (Deke Garner). While the boys' father Hollis (Aaron Paul) loves his sons, he is still reeling from the loss of their mother, spending more time drowning his sorrows at the local bar and working on his damaged beach house than being an active parent.

When the local authorities catch wind of the increasingly volatile situation, Wes is taken into custody by his Aunt Pam (Juliette Lewis), leaving Jacob and Hollis to fend for themselves. In Wes' absence, Jacob becomes increasingly obsessed with two things: winning a local motocross championship and getting his brother back.

### 'I Am I'

Genre: Drama

Cast: Jocelyn Towne, Kevin Tighe, Jason Ritter, James Morrison and Simon Helberg

Director: Jocelyn Towne

Not rated

"I Am I" is the story of a young woman, Rachael (Jocelyn Towne), who meets her estranged father Gene (Kevin Tighe) at her mother's funeral.

Eager to get to know her father, Rachael later tracks him down at an assisted living home only to realize that Gene suffers from memory loss and thinks he is still a young man. He has no recollection of having a daughter and instead is convinced that Rachael is actually her mother. After trying and failing to make him remember her, Rachael eventually decides to go along with her father's delusions by pretending to be her mother in order to get to know him. Before long, Rachael is visiting Gene every day, finding new ways to bring elements from his past into their present relationship. What began as a search for understanding has become romantic and joyful, but it can't go on forever.

### 'Ivory Tower'

Genre: Documentary Director: Andrew Rossi

Rated: PG-13

As tuition rates spiral beyond reach and student loan debt passes \$1 trillion (more than credit card debt), "Ivory Tower" asks: Is college worth the cost?

From the halls of Harvard, to public colleges in financial crisis, to Silicon Valley, filmmaker Andrew Rossi assembles an urgent portrait of a great American institution at the breaking point.

Through profiles at Arizona State, Cooper Union, and Sebastian Thrun's Udacity – among several others – "Ivory Tower" reveals how colleges in the United States, long regarded as leaders in higher education, came to embrace a business model that often promotes expansion over quality learning. But along the way we also find unique programs, from Stanford to the free desert school Deep Springs to the historically black all women's college Spelman, where the potential for life-changing college experiences endure.

### 'Witching & Bitching'

Genre: Comedy, crime, horror and thriller

Cast: Hugo Silva, Mario Casas, Pepón Nieto, Carolina Bang, Terele Pávez and Jaime Ordóñez

Director: Álex de la Iglesia Not rated

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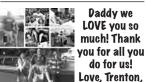
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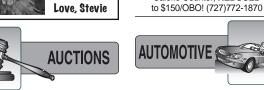


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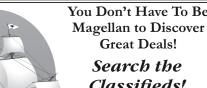
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**HAPPY TOGETHER, from page 3B** 

"Rock has a grip on my soul and our fans rally to the call and bring it out of our innermost being time after time."

### **Gary Lewis & The Playboys**

Aficionados of the '60s pop classics have cause to rejoice with the return of Gary Lewis & The Playboys.

It was the summer of 1964 when producer Snuff Garrett discovered Garv Lewis & The Playboys. By the following year, they had a song go straight to the top of the charts called, "This Diamond Ring." After the second hit titled, "Count Me In," went to No. 2, Gary and the band proved they would be a continued success. They followed with more Top 10 songs such as "Save Your Heart for Me,"

"Everybody Loves A Clown," "She's Just My Style," "Sure Gonna Miss Her" and many more.

In 1965, Lewis was Cash Box magazine's Male Vocalist of the Year, winning the honor over other nominees Elvis Presley and Frank Sinatra. He was the first and only artist during the 1960s to have his first seven releases reach Billboard magazine's Top 10 on the Hot 100 chart. Still going strong, Gary released a new single last year titled, "You Can't Go

"I'm excited and looking forward to bringing you more fun memories in this year's Happy Together Tour," said Lewis.

### Mitch Ryder & **The Detroit Wheels**

High octane, turbo, high performance,

explosive, super-charged - Mitch Ryder & The Detroit Wheels do not need to hail from the Motor City for those adjectives to be tossed their way, but it certainly was appropriate that they call Motown home.

It was Ryder and his band who served as the musical bridge between the Motown soul factory and the high-energy, take no prisoners rock 'n' roll that would roar out of Detroit via Iggy & The Stooges, MC5, Ted Nugent and Bob Seger.

Ryder's hit "Jenny Take a Ride" features the explosive musical quality that has been there from the very start, with the way the introductory chords are chomping at the bit to swoop down into the double-time mid-section. Or how the thundering bass drum triggers the ecstatic roll that kicks off "Devil With A Blue Dress On," which climbed to No. 4 on the

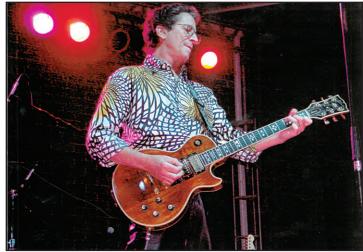


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