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And All That *Free* JAZZ!

by Angela LeMay



Karl Hunter from Big Bad Voodoo Daddy
Photo by Brad Kugler



Grace Kelly performing at the Jazz Festival
Photo by Brad Kugler

CLEARWATER

Once again, one of the longest running and well known free live Jazz events in the country was a huge success.

The popularity of jazz in Clearwater began in the 70's with a 10 day series of jazz concerts held from the back of a flatbed truck at various venues around the City of Clearwater including concerts series performed at the historical Ft. Harrison Hotel. From there the jazz craze developed into our present day "Clearwater Jazz Holiday" drawing tens of thousands of jazz fans each year.

Over the years The Clearwater Jazz Holiday has presented in concert almost every jazz star and has become internationally renowned for hosting such legends as Woody Herman, Buddy Rich, Dizzy Gillespie, Herbie Mann, Dave Brubeck, Tito Puente, Stephan Grappelli, Stan Getz, and the Count Basie Orchestra to list a few.

Celebrating its 29th year, this year's 4 day 4 night event opened Thursday with a refreshing seventeen year old, Bernard "BK" Jackson from Tampa on saxophone.



Joe Sample performing at the Jazz Festival
Photo by Brad Kugler

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Knights Rule!

By Jude Barnes

PINELLAS COUNTY

Clearwater Academy International is the first ever, Applied Scholastics School to field a tackle football team. As part of the Florida Christian Association of Private and Parochial Schools League, known as FCAPPS, they are one of fourteen teams to participate in six-man tackle football.

Although this has been their inaugural season, the Clearwater Academy Knights have been dominant on the field with a record of seven wins and only one loss. With two games left in the regular season, the Knights have already clinched the Division Trophy and are looking strong heading into the playoffs.

Knights Coaches, Dirrell Ross and Casey Tibbs accepted the Divisional Trophy from the league commissioner Mr. Chuck Howard. Mr. Howard addressed the school and awarded the trophy at last week's Pep Rally. He commended the coaches and players for their professionalism, their sportsmanship and for the high standards they have brought to the field and the league. Mr. Howard went on to say how impressed he was with the school and their support for their team.

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Raph Schwyter (center)
Photo by Scott Chinchar

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Visitors sign in to see a preview of the new Fort Harrison premises
Photo by Brad Kugler

The Fort Harrison's Makeover, a Sneak Peek

The Birthplace of Clearwater Jazz Holiday

CLEARWATER

October 15, 2008, Downtown Clearwater—On Wednesday the 15th of October from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., The Church of Scientology hosted a cocktail reception in the lobby of the Clearwater Bank Building to showcase to the public for the first time the new designs, handcrafted furniture and special features that will be part of the historic Fort Harrison's makeover. The building, which has been an icon in Clearwater since 1926, is being renovated from top to bottom to modernize its facilities and polish up

its 1920's splendor. The announcement coincided with the Clearwater Jazz Holiday, which grew out of a series of jazz concerts held in the Fort Harrison during the 1970's. According to Chuck Adams, the co-owner of the former WAZE radio station and who was responsible for planning those concerts, "Back in those days, the Fort Harrison hosted the likes of jazz greats such as Woody Herman and his Thundering Herd, Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Stan Keaton, and Buddy Rich. That was when I realized how much Clearwater loves jazz."

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Bernard "BK" Jackson
Photo by Simaen Skolfield

"And All That Free JAZZ!"
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BK's energy in performance invigorated the audience who watched in awe as his adeptness far out weighed his years. Next the Kyle Eastwood Band wetted the crowd's appetite for the indefatigable 15 Grammy Award winning jazz signer, Tony Bennett. Tony who celebrated his 82nd birthday on August 3rd drew in bus loads of fans from all around.

The next 3 days were packed with jazz talent including, headliners Joe Sample, David Sanborn, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy and Patti Austin.

On Saturday another seventeen year old from Boston, Grace Kelly inspired us with her soulful signing and maturity (beyond her years) on sax. Grace has performed in many notable venues in the U.S., Europe and Asia such as Carnegie Hall, Birdland, Dizzy's Club Cocoa Cola and more.

Along with the spectacular jazz line up



Hundreds gather to enjoy the music and superior sound quality showcased at the Jazz Festival
Photo by Simaen Skolfield

at this years Clearwater Jazz Holiday there was great food from vendors and a fireworks show presented by Sandpearl Residences.

According to their website www.clearwaterjazz.com the Clearwater Jazz Holiday has also been center stage for scholarship and educational activities that benefit the music students of our community from the blues loving beginners to piano playing protégés.

This FREE community event funded by corporate partners, grants, foundations and individual contribution through "The High Note Society" is an interactive way for partners to reach their target markets through sponsorship opportunities and show community support.

The Clearwater Jazz Holiday is continually made Free by the collaboration of The Clearwater Jazz Holiday Foundation, City of Clearwater, and The Clearwater

Jazz Holiday Jazz Force and the volunteer staffs that help orchestrate every aspect of the event and make it better and better each year.



One of the most notable improvements in this year's event was to the sound quality. Jann Spalding who volunteered her time as a site service coordinator exclaimed, "This year the sound was just soooo much different... other people have noticed it too! Other people who

come here all the time I've heard them say it's different, its good... just wonderful!" Kevin Manning a fourth year stage crew volunteer who works as a Financial Advisor in his day job remarked, "The sound system is exceptional this year. The minute I got out of my car in the parking lot you could hear how much clearer it is all throughout the park; a major upgrade!

Norbert Hauser the CEO of KS Audio USA, based in Clearwater was the man

responsible for this years upgrade in the sound system. Upon moving here from Germany Norbert attended his first Clearwater Jazz Holiday five years ago. Norbert observed and admired all the hard work and investment that went in to making the holiday first class and keep it free. He had never seen anything like it in his life. Yet, when he heard the sound quality it puzzled him. So, he started developing a relationship with the powers that be and continued to approach them with his sound system which uses a technology that is not only unique to this country but is the only company in the world that has this technology. This year he obtained the opportunity to show his stuff. And, boy did he, Norbert not only customized the sound system specifically to meet the needs of Coachman Park but he also flew in a special technician from their manufacturing plant in Germany to assist the sound engineers who were new to this unique sound technology. Norbert proudly commented, "At the end of the day what's important is that the sound is clear, clean and pleasant."

We look forward to having Norbert Hauser and his KS technology as a returning star to next years event!

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Norbert Hauser the CEO of KS Audio USA
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Editor
Angela LeMay

From the Desk of Sheriff Jim Coats



For those of us who love living in the Tampa Bay area, boating and fishing rank high among favorite outdoor activities for many people. Serious anglers are willing to spend a great deal of time and money in pursuit of a wide variety of fish species. The expense often includes boats that are built for specific types of fishing. These boats range from flats boats that are designed to operate in very shallow water to large multi-engine boats designed to operate offshore in hundreds of feet of water.

Because these offshore boats are designed to operate at high speed in open water, they have a large fuel capacity and a long range. Over the past few months it has become clear that the large offshore boats are also popular with thieves. At least five of these very expensive boats have been stolen from locations along the Intracoastal Waterway where they had been stored, and investigators believe

that it is unlikely they are still in our area. In each of these recent cases the stolen vessel has been stored on a lift at or near a private residence. The thieves were able to lower the boats into the water, start the engines and drive away undetected.

There are many things a boat owner can do to prevent theft, in fact many of the same security precautions used to prevent auto theft are now available for boats. The most basic prevention tip is to lock all compartments and take the keys with you rather than storing them on the boat. It is also a good idea to turn off battery and fuel switches, especially if the boat is stored on or near the water.

Owners who store boats on a lift are encouraged to turn off electrical power at the lift breaker, and to lock the control or breaker box to prevent easy operation. Owners should consider using a high quality cable and locks to secure boats that are stored in the water at a dock. Boats that are stored on trailers should be secured to the trailer with a lock and cable. A latch and or hitch lock is recommended to prevent easy tow away. For any type of storage the use of alarms, security lights and a high quality surveillance

system is always a good idea.

Even after an owner has taken proper steps to prevent a theft, a determined thief may be successful in taking a boat. There are several types of security systems that have been developed in recent years that use Global Positioning System (GPS) technology to track stolen boats. Some of these systems can even be programmed to alert the owner if the boat moves beyond a predetermined distance from the storage location.

No matter what size boat you own or how much you have invested in it, securing your boat to prevent theft is important. Boat thefts frequently result in a large financial loss for the owner and/or their insurance company. Furthermore, large offshore boats capable of traveling long distances at high speeds are sometimes used in various types of smuggling operations when they are stolen, and they pose a serious border security risk.

For additional information about how you can secure your vessel, contact the Pinellas County Sheriff's Marine Enforcement Unit at (727) 518-3434. Preventing vessel theft is just one more way you can help us to achieve our goal of "Leading The Way For A Safer Pinellas."

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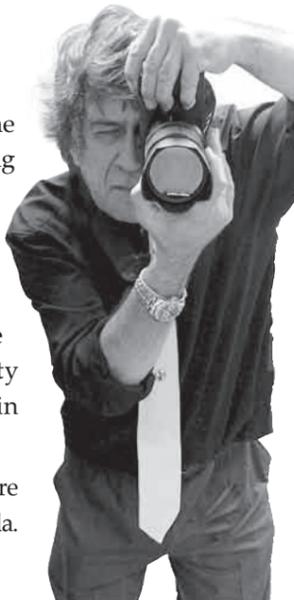
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The North Greenwood Neighborhood Coalition members holding the Mayor's Award of Excellence. (left to right) Maurice Mickens and Sherry Van Hootegem and Jonathan Wade
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City Rewards Community Involvement

"Clearwater Awards for Neighborhoods" - Where Everybody Wins

By Angela LeMay

CLEARWATER

The City of Clearwater encourages its residents to get involved with their neighborhoods through The Clearwater Awards for Neighborhoods. As a result of "CAN" with its tag line: "Unite, Achieve, Grow and Win!" Clearwater residents are teaming together in their neighborhoods and are making a difference.

This year the first place award for "The Mayor's Award of Excellence" went to the North Greenwood Neighborhood Coalition who was awarded \$2,500.

The following is what Mayor Hibbard had to add regarding the CAN program.

TBI: "Why is it so important for the members of our community to get involved in programs such as CAN?"

Mayor Hibbard: "In Clearwater we are dependent on strong neighborhoods and the CAN program

strengthens neighborhoods by bringing all the residents together for a common goal.



Sadly many neighbors don't interact like they did in previous eras; which is a real loss for society. I think people are reawakening to how important the neighborhood fabric is and how it can enhance their lives. I hope that through CAN we can reignite the pride neighborhoods once had."

TBI: "I understand that you have a background in finance, how do you feel that community involvement will help, in our current economic climate?"

Mayor Hibbard: "Right now the focus for many people is back to basics, simplifying their lives. We have tremendous needs in our community and giving back at a time like this can make all the difference for some people. I think we also find that it is more satisfying to help others than obtaining new things which none of us need in this country. We are a blessed nation but as it says in the Bible "the borrower is slave to the lender", I ask what we have enslaved ourselves to in this country? Is it cars, huge houses, and is it worth it, I don't think so!"

In the Mayor's closing comments he also advised:

"I know we are all concerned with the difficult economic times and the media only exacerbates the issue with consistently negative messages, but the United States is still the strongest most resilient country in the world both economically and as a people. I am always proud of America because when things are at the worst we show our best. So as community leaders I ask that people be positive, look for those in need and help according to your ability. I believe that as painful as this period is we will emerge stronger because of it."

To get involved, visit www.myclearwater.com and download the Clearwater Awards for Neighborhoods Booklet and TBI looks forward to seeing you at next years celebration!



The Clearwater Awards for Neighborhoods logo
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WHERE: Clearwater Bank Building in downtown Clearwater
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Greg Gorman competing with other racers in Daytona

The Way to Happiness Racing Team Makes Debut at Daytona

DAYTONA

The team raced a 2008 Kawasaki ZX-10R in four CCS races and in ASRA Superstock at the CCS/ASRA Race of Champions at Daytona with rider Greg Gorman.

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Friday, October 17th

In the GTO race, Gorman was in fifth and gaining on the lead group when his tire started over heating and chunking. Due to a miscommunication, a soft qualifying tire had been put on the bike. Still he managed to finished 9th.

"I was gaining on the lead group but started losing traction quite dramatically on lap six. In turns one and six, as soon as I started to get on the gas the

bike would slide. It was fun practice but very frustrating. On lap eight, I started to feel the rear tire vibrating and knew the tire had chunked so I slowed down and nursed it to the finish."

With a new tire and a plan to work with fellow Kawasaki ZX-10R rider Jeff Lampe, Gorman attacked ASRA Superstock qualifying getting a respectable 10th.

"Jeff and I planned that I'd follow him for two flying laps and then he'd follow me. On our second lap I drafted by him at the tri-oval and was headed into turn one on the inside of another rider. That other rider turned in a little early and was on a collision course with me. I stood the bike up and got on the brakes hard. Jeff later told me he didn't know how I missed that rider - he was saying prayers for me. It was a really close call. And that was basically it for qualifying. I qualified for 11th, place which became 10th when another rider was disqualified so I'm pretty happy with that."

Saturday, October 18th

Unlimited Supersport was the race of the day and Gorman finished in 12th.

"With the first lap blown, there wasn't much I could do. I got a lousy start and then dove into the chicane a little hot on the first lap. I was wide but I could have made it. A rider inside of me decided he couldn't make it and went into the run-off area. I had no choice but stand up and run through. I didn't quite know the procedure for re-entering so I took a little too much time there. Then, I caught up to a pack of three going into the tri-oval and was going faster than I normally do there and I blew past turn one and lost a lot of time there. From then on I was pretty much on my own."

Sunday, October 19th

ASRA Superstock turned out to be

a race of attrition as four riders did not finish. Despite the chaos, Gorman finished 7th, three places better than he qualified.

"That was actually a good race. I ran decent times and surprised myself. Of course I would have liked to have done better but the bike is in one piece and so am I, so good."

Gorman finished 14th in a frustrating Unlimited GP.

"I just wasn't getting traction. Turns one and six were especially bad. At first I thought it was the tire but now that I've had some time to think about it, I think the rear shock might be too soft as the lower is scraping a lot more than it was previously."

In the final race of the weekend, Unlimited Superbike, Gorman finished 12th.

"I got a bad start and really had to work hard to make up for it. On lap four I was running in eighth when I thought I felt a vibration coming from the rear tire. This time I knew I was on a soft so I pulled in to check it out. The tire was

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fine but I had already lost the three places."

"This was a good weekend. The team learned a lot, the rider learned a lot. Now we've got to take that knowledge and put it to use in December. When we get back to Daytona next year in March, we'll be a much better prepared team and rider. I also have to personally thank Steve Brubaker of Dunlop Race Tire Services. He went way beyond my expectations in trying to help me. At 230lbs, I'm not helping his tires at all. But I was doing 1:54s and that ain't too shabby."

The Way to Happiness Racing Team will race again at Homestead on December 6th and 7th. Visit us at www.twthracing.org

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Greg Gorman
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Cleveland Street was closed for the Jazz & Art Walk
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Surgei Clayson "turned himself gold" in tribute to our troops
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Cleveland Street "ROAD CLOSED"...

By Angela LeMay

CLEARWATER

Just when you thought you'd seen the last of the 'Road Closed' signs, more appeared. However, these signal exciting happenings on Cleveland Street.

The past two weekends Cleveland Street has been host to FREE community events. Starting off, Mike Reeves from Q105 celebrating their 35th Anniversary with live entertainment provided by Get Back! The Cast of Beatlemania.

Next was the Inaugural Jazz 'N Art Walk which added another depth of art to the already talent packed Clearwater Jazz Holiday venue. The turnout was awesome with visual artist displaying a wide array of aesthetic artwork.

Just above the streetscapes on the lamp post artistic jazz banners were displayed. The banners are part of the temporary art exhibit in

conjunction with the annual "Clearwater Jazz Holiday"

Artists Susi Galloway's "Jazz Town" (see next page) was one of ten banners that were selected by a panel of judges and displayed as a temporary

exhibition of artist-designed banners in the Cleveland Street District of Downtown Clearwater.

To participate in next years event or find out about upcoming public art events contact:

Christopher Hubbard, Public Art Specialist
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More Cleveland Street District/Clearwater Community Redevelopment:

I have heard various remarks from speculators ranging from business owners to residents regarding "what needs to be done" to revitalize Downtown Clearwater. Some say, there are not enough businesses in Downtown Clearwater. Others say nobody comes to Downtown Clearwater and some say it is a marketing issue. Although there is obviously more to do, the funny thing is I have noticed more positive change in the past 3 years



A classic Rolls Royce car displayed with others during Q105's 35th Anniversary Celebration
Photo by Simaen Skolfield



Calvin Walton with his music-themed works shown at the Walk
Photo by Simaen Skolfield



John P. Brennan showcases his colorful paintings
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Get Back! The Cast of Beatlemania
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Performers at the Jazz 'N' Art Walk
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Mayor Frank Hibbard gets involved and sells beads to Keep Jazz Free
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with regards to Community and Economic Redevelopment, than the entire 15 years that I have resided here in Clearwater.

When I ask Mayor Hibbard to comment he said, "I believe we have made great progress in downtown but much remains to be accomplished. The City has always felt that our responsibility is to create the right environment for the private sector to see value

in downtown and invest. The City has invested in the library, bridge, boat slips and streetscape. I think we are seeing the dividends from these investments and as the economy improves, and it will, we will see additional investment by the private sector."

When asked what needs to be done now and in the future? Mayor Hibbard Replied, "We have to be patient, St. Petersburg is a local

example of a great turnaround but it did not happen overnight. We need to make sure that we are continually improving downtown and using events to draw people into what can become the best urban downtown in Florida. We have momentum right now and with more residential coming online I am hopeful that we make another leap forward in the next several years."

UPCOMING CLEARWATER ART EVENTS

City Hall Lobby Art Exhibit

Sept. 3 - Nov. 21: Weekdays: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., excluding holidays

City Hall, 112 S. Osceola Ave., First floor lobby

Internationally celebrated artist, Robert Schoeller, has emerged as a modern master of classical and monumental works. His exhibit at City Hall will feature a 26-foot mural of a giant ocean wave in tribute to Clearwater Beach. Schoeller now resides and has studio space in Clearwater.

Related activities:

Artist's Reception and Studio Tour

Nov. 13: 7 – 9 p.m.

Robert Schoeller Gallery, 632 Drew Street, Clearwater

This champagne and hors d'oeuvres reception is a rare opportunity to see the gallery and warehouse studio space of master portrait artist, Robert Schoeller. The Austrian-native, now Clearwater artist, will be present to discuss his recent works.

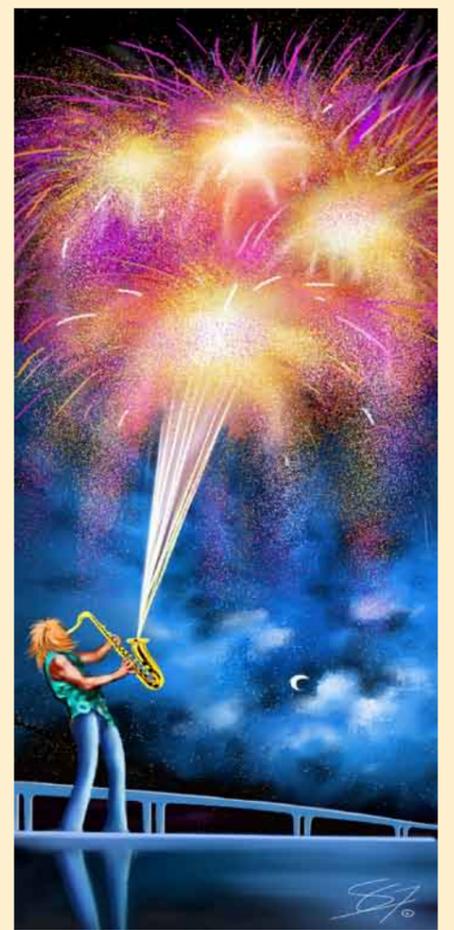
Artist's Talk and Brown Bag Lunch

Featuring Robert Schoeller

Nov. 20: Noon- 1:00 p.m.

City Hall, 112 S. Osceola Ave., Room 222

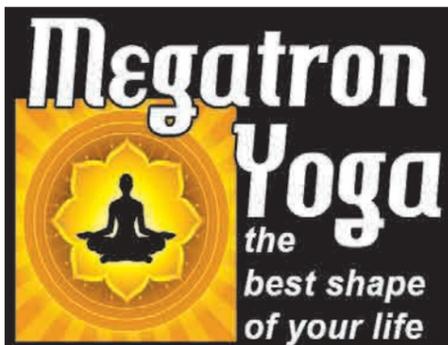
Bring your brown bag lunch to City Hall to hear internationally known portrait artist Robert Schoeller discuss his works including the painting currently on exhibition at City Hall. In addition, several of his detailed paintings will be on display for this event only. Beverages provided. Free and open to the public.



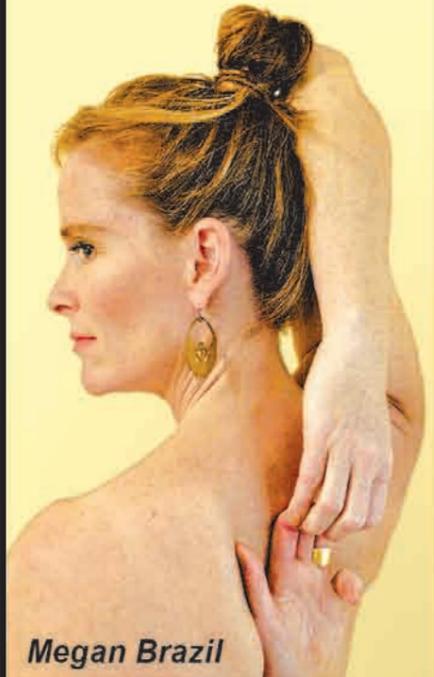
In conjunction with the annual "Clearwater Jazz Holiday" and the inaugural "Jazz 'N Art Walk", artist Susi Galloway's "Jazz Town" was one of ten banners that were selected by a panel of judges and displayed as a temporary exhibition of artist-designed banners in the Cleveland Street District of Downtown Clearwater. To participate in next years event or find out about upcoming public art events contact:

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Solving Mold Problems

By Marlene Hudson



Living Essential Oils is one of those sources offering serious solutions to serious problems such as mold spores. Young Living carries an entire product line called Thieves, which includes, household cleaner, hand sanitizer, hand soap toothpaste, mouthwash and an essential oil blend. Thieves, is a blend of cinnamon, clove, eucalyptus, rosemary and lemon. This blend was named Thieves from the British archive account of Perfumers who robbed homes during the Black Plague without catching the plague because of wearing these same spices and herbs around their necks.

Everyone is affected in one way or another in dealing with ridding mold effectively and permanently.

Whether you are trying to sell a house or concerned about the health of your small children, mold is a recurring problem. Typically a problem of moist climates, it has grown to a more global problem with flooded homes, towns and neighborhoods.

The universal solution to killing mold has always been a bleach solution even though it does not kill mold spores, but in fact encourages their return! The good news is there is a true solution to this growing epidemic in our homes. Essential oils. Pure essential oils must be distilled properly and be free of synthetic properties. While all essential oils kill microbes, certain oils destroy specific ones more effectively. It has been discovered that no pathogens (germs) can survive in cinnamon oil. Clove is additionally a powerful bactericidal.

For every problem we are faced with today, there is a solution. We just need to look in the right places! Young

Most people realize hand sanitizers and other commercial 'antibacterial' products actually encourage bacteria. That is because they contain synthetic chemicals. Synthetics do not kill germs! Exchange products that don't work for ones that do!

For more information on how to obtain these products and to learn more about every day uses of essential oils, contact: Marlene Hudson at (727) 596-5203 or e-mail, essentialeducation@msn.com

Marlene Hudson is a licensed Massage Therapist and founder of Essential Education, Inc., has studied Aromatherapy at the Pacific Institute of Aromatherapy and Apprenticed under Gary Young ND, founder of Young Living Essential Oils. She assisted Dr. Young in National Seminars and has traveled to Egypt, France and Ecuador in her continuing quest of knowledge of essential oils. Additionally she is a Reflexologist who uses essential oils in Therapy and is a Continuing Education Provider in Aromatherapy applications.



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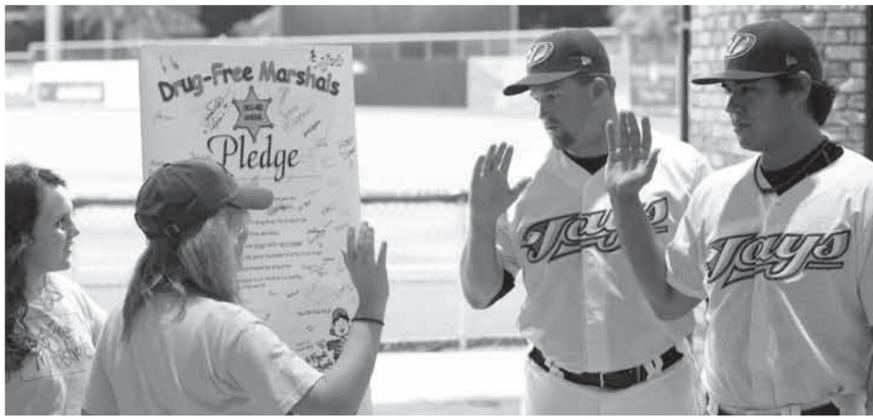
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Avery Dale, 11, and Sally Gatza, 12, swearing in Dunedin Blue Jays players Brian Pettway and Al Quintana as Drug-Free Marshals.

BLUE JAYS SUPPORT DRUG-FREE MARSHALS CAMPAIGN

The Dunedin Blue Jays minor league baseball team, were hosts to some very special guests. Besides entertaining fans with that "all American" game they welcomed the Foundation for a Drug-Free World and around ten of its Drug-Free Marshals.

The Drug-Free Marshals took the field before the game and stood with the players for the national Anthem, which was sung by 12-year-old Drug-Free Marshal Sally Gatza. A prominent banner displayed "The truth about drugs - what you don't know could kill you" get the facts www.drugfreeworld.org.

Centered around 10 drug-education booklets, the Foundation for a Drug Free World's "Say No to Drugs, Say yes to Life" program is the largest grass roots community-based program in the world today. Its purpose is to empower children and adults with the truth so that they can make an informed decision themselves not to take drugs.

The Drug-Free Marshals, are children who have pledged to lead a drug-free life and to inform and educate others about the dangers of these drugs. Two

of the Marshals, Sally Gatza and 11 year old Avery Dale swore in two of the Blue Jays players - Brian Pettway, number 29 and Al Quintana, number 3 as Drug-Free Marshals.

Over 200 "Truth About Drugs" booklets were distributed to fans and all children were invited to sign the pledge.

This was one of hundreds of simultaneous events held all over the globe in 100 cities to put the booklets into the hands of hundreds of thousand of people.

The long running "Say No to Drugs, Say Yes to Life" program has been carried out in 60 countries over the past 20 years, including 51,247,8433 handouts (with 21 million Truth About Drugs booklets), 280,000 billboards and posters, 98,000 public events and 3.4 million individuals pledging to be drug-free.

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Peter Gillham's Nutrition Center on Cleveland Street
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Downtown Clearwater's Peter Gillham's Nutrition Center Gets a Face Lift

By Bo Walker

Clearwater's rebirth of their main street has inspired many of its local businesses to do some remodeling of their own. In conjunction with this renaissance, Peter Gillham's Nutrition Center has undergone some recent changes; including a new management team and a new look for the store.

In the past couple of years, the face of Clearwater has changed a great deal. From the streetscape on Cleveland to the two new high-rise condominium complexes, it is clear to see that the future of this city is bright.

"We have seen this city go through many positive changes since the restoration and Main Street Project began and we want to be part of the Downtown Clearwater streetscape. We love

this city and the people in it. With all of the improvements going on around us, we couldn't help but be inspired to upgrade our business to best serve the city and its population," says Sarah Derr, one of the new managers at Peter Gillham's store.

Changes being made to the operation are not only cosmetic in nature but in personnel and store focus as well. The Peter Gillham Nutrition Center experience immerses the customer in proper nutrition, use of supplements and overall well-being.

Local nutritional consultant, Shelley Jaffe, has been brought in to help manage the store, bringing over 14 years of practical hands-on nutritional experience to enhance the

already sterling reputation of the Gillham name. Since Mr. Gillham is a nutrition and health pioneer, customers coming into the store expect to find knowledgeable personnel who can readily answer their questions and help them find the products they need. As a certified professional, Ms. Jaffe fills this need.

Customers will be able to get help on anything from a simple question to getting a full nutritional evaluation. Plans are in the works to offer free nutritional and health seminars in the near future.

"I have personally used Peter's products for over 17 years, as well as recommending them to my clients. I truly enjoy what I do as a nutritional consultant and am proud to be managing the store," Shelley stated.

In order to bring about the correct transformation, the Gillham staff focused their energies on the core concept of the company. Over the years, many miscellaneous products were included in the inventory that had nothing to do with health and nutrition. They removed those items from the sales floor and emphasized those world-class nutritional products that Peter has spent years developing.

"We are focusing on health and nutrition and finding better ways to service our customers. We had many miscellaneous items which simply didn't really fit into the plans for the

remodel of the store, such as various sundries like toilet paper. Rather than putting them on sale, we decided to donate them to RCS Food Pantry, the largest distributor of food in Pinellas County, as another means to help our community," said Sarah.

Both Sarah and Shelley have been busy surveying customers to see what other changes they would like to see and are implementing them where appropriate.

"We think it is important for businesses to be an integral part of their community. Part of that is by offering them the products and services they need and want. It also means giving back what we can to help others," say both Sarah and Shelley.

Store hours are Monday through Friday from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm and Saturdays from 10:00 to 3:00. Peter Gillham's Nutrition Center is located on 533 Cleveland Street in Downtown Clearwater.



Shelley Jaffe and Sarah Derr
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A determined player goes for the touchdown
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Jesse Chinchar making a pass
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"Knights Rule!" Continued from front page

Team Captain Jesse Chinchar has been ranked as the number one Quarterback in the nation by the nationally recognized football ranking system called Maxpreps. Several other members of the team are also ranked on this site.

Friday night home games have become a highlight in the community as several hundred interested parents, students and friends enthusiastically support the team each week. With a lawn chair in one hand

and a hotdog in the other, supporters are entertained by the Clearwater Academy Knights and acrobatic Cheerleaders.

If you would like to join the fun the team is playing their last home game for the season on Friday, October 24th at 940 Seventh St S, Safety Harbor, FL. 34695. Kick-off is at 7:30pm and admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 for students. Concessions are available. More information on the Clearwater Academy Knights can be found at the school website at www.clearwateracademy.org.



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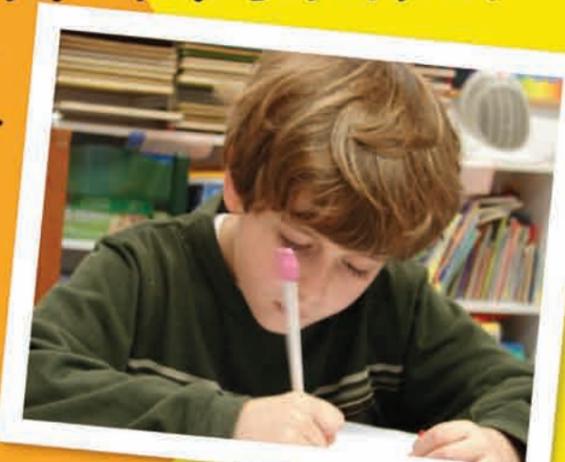
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"The Fort Harrison's Makeover" Continued from front page

According to Pat Harney, spokesperson for the Church of Scientology, which currently owns the Fort Harrison, the \$30 million dollar renovation project started in January of this year and will be completed in early 2009. While the building itself will be an attraction for its historical significance and updated splendor, the Church is opening up its dining facilities and state of the art event venues, which will greatly augment the redevelopment efforts of the downtown. These restaurants are the fine-dining

Hibiscus Restaurant, the Garden Restaurant which is the only poolside restaurant in Clearwater and the Hourglass Deli—a home-town deli with an international twist to appease every ethnic palate. The Grand Ballroom and Crystal Ballroom will offer up-to-date wedding and event venues. Present at the reception were the Downtown Clearwater City Manger, Courtney Orr, members of the Downtown Development Board and the Downtown Clearwater Partnership, the President of the Clearwater Chamber of Commerce, Doug Linder and dozens of business owners, developers and Downtown

Clearwater development enthusiasts. Eight-foot designs of the Fort Harrison interior and historical photos were on display at the reception as well as at the 4 days of Open House which followed for the general public. Also featured were several DVD loops displaying past weddings and events at the Fort Harrison, a flythrough of the new designs and construction photos of the ongoing renovations and some of the handcrafted furniture from the Church's mill. Clearwater looks forward to the reopening of the grand Fort Harrison Hotel in early 2009.



President of the Chamber of Commerce, Doug Linder speaking with other guests
Photo by Brad Kugler



Guests gather to watch a presentation of the new Fort Harrison premises.
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Rex Essilfie and Roy Binger
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A view of the remodeled rooms of the Fort Harrison Hotel
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