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Sept 19th National POW/MIA Recognition Day

Sept 22nd Rosh Hashanah

Sept 26th Love Note Day

Sept 29th National Coffee Day

Sept 30th National Puppy Mill Survivor Day



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Joanne Durann has written for The Examiner, Yahoo.com, Axs, Out On The Town Magazine, and is a writing instructor. She has authored multiple books, new articles, and entertainment pieces. She has interviewed the likes of Geoff Tate, Mark Daly, and Rudy Sarzo, among others. After a successful career in education, Joanne's passion for the Florida lifestyle and the Tampa Bay area landed her in Apollo Beach. Joanne has worked in the real estate industry at Keller Williams with the Lovitch Group since her move to Florida from Pennsylvania, and she loved what she did. Joanne has a certification from the University of Michigan in Negotiations, has studied remotely with Harvard University, and is a member of The Working Women of Tampa Bay, WISE Tampa Bay, and the National Association of Professional Women.

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Howard Durann - Sales and Marketing



Howard Durann is a dynamic sales and marketing executive at Tampa Bay Sports and Entertainment (TBSE), where he plays a key role in driving fan engagement, sponsorship growth, and strategic brand initiatives.

With over a decade of experience, Howard specializes in blending data-driven strategy with creative execution to maximize impact in the arena and beyond. At TBSE, he has executed integrated marketing campaigns and secured high-value partnerships.

Howard brings a passion for innovation, a deep understanding of the sports and entertainment landscape, and a commitment to building lasting relationships with corporate partners, the media, and the community. His leadership continues to contribute to TBSE's success.

Phil Stoecker grew up the son of journalists, and youngest of eight children in a small town outside of New York City. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1979, serving as a cryptologist aboard submarines and at overseas duty stations. After his 10-year stint in the Navy, he was hired by the Department of the Navy, where he served as a civilian analyst until he retired 27 years later and moved from the Washington D.C. area to the Tampa Bay area with his wife, Trish, the Managing Editor. Phil indulges his hobbies as an amateur photographer and writer, and strumming one of his seven guitars, one of which is pictured above in Trish's arms. He hopes to make entertaining contributions to this publication.



Phil Stoecker - Photo Journalist

Mrs. Universe USA Amber Uhler

In the world of pageantry, where grace, poise, and intelligence are measured, a powerful platform can elevate a contestant from a beautiful face to an inspiring force for change. This is the story of Amber Uhler, the reigning Mrs. Universe USA. Her journey to the crown is a testament to resilience, a commitment to a life-saving cause, and the power of a second act.

Uhler's path to pageantry is deeply personal and rooted in a harrowing childhood experience. As a young girl, she was a non-fatal drowning victim, an event that forever shaped her understanding of water safety. Years later, her dedication to the cause was solidified when she had the opportunity to save a drowning child's life. These two pivotal moments became the foundation of her mission: to advocate for drowning prevention and water safety education.

This isn't just a cause for Uhler; it's a calling. As Mrs. Florida America, she tirelessly worked to raise awareness, organizing drowning prevention workshops and volunteering at countless events. Her efforts even played a role in the advocacy for a bill that provides free swim lessons to children who need financial assistance, a clear example of her commitment to creating tangible change.



Beyond her advocacy, Uhler's story is one of profound personal transformation. She embarked on a remarkable weight loss journey, shedding 160 pounds and choosing "the hard difficult road of trying to be fit" over a life of constant health struggles. This journey, she says, was not just about physical change, but about overcoming self-doubt and inspiring others to bet on themselves. This message of self-belief and perseverance is as central to her platform as her work in water safety.

As Mrs. Universe USA, Uhler now has a global platform to amplify her message. She is set to represent the United States at the Mrs. Universe pageant, where she will continue to champion her cause on an international stage. Her "servant queen" approach, as she's known in her community, is a refreshing reminder that true beauty lies in a purpose-driven life. Amber Uhler's reign is not just about a crown; it's about a mission—to ensure no family has to endure the heartbreak of a preventable tragedy and to inspire women everywhere to embrace their power and create real change.



The 48th edition of Mrs. Universe 2025 will be held from October 1–9, 2025, in Manila, Philippines.



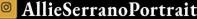
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Bryson City, NC: Where Timeless Charm Meets Mountain Magic Trish Stoecker

Bryson City isn't just someplace you drive through—it's a place that pulls you in with the low whistle of a steam train, the murmur of the Tuckasegee River, and a history that runs deep, like the roots of the surrounding Smoky Mountains.

Founded in the late 1800s, the town was originally called Charleston before being renamed Bryson City in 1889 to honor Colonel Thaddeus Dillard Bryson, a key figure in its early growth. The railroad soon followed, connecting this tucked-away mountain community to the rest of the world and shaping it into the welcoming destination it is today.

That same railroad still runs, now as the Great Smoky Mountains Railroad, carrying passengers on scenic excursions that wind along the Tuckasegee River and through the breathtaking Nantahala Gorge. With each puff of steam and stretch of track, it feels like stepping back in time.

But Bryson City is more than its trains. Step off the depot platform and you'll find McClanahan's Store, a true old-school general store where the creak of the floorboards feels like part of the charm. Hungry? CJ's Grille is a family-friendly, pet-friendly spot that serves up hearty plates in a welcoming atmosphere—perfect whether you've got kids in tow or a four-legged friend tagging along.









If you're craving a taste of the local scene, stop into the Bryson City Brewery for a flight of mountain-made beers, or treat yourself to something unexpected at The Artsy Olive & Gourmet, where infused olive oils and specialty treats bring a refined twist to any meal.

The Tuckasegee River flows right through downtown, inviting visitors to stroll along its banks, cast a line or just sit and watch the water roll by. Just across a small bridge is Bryson City's Island Park, a charming green space perfect for kayaking, picnics, or simply enjoying a quiet afternoon.

History buffs will also appreciate the town's roots. The stately Swain County Courthouse, built in 1908, still stands proudly in the heart of town, while deeper history can be felt in the land itself—the Cherokee once called this region home for thousands of years, leaving a lasting cultural imprint that is still honored today.

And getting here? From Tampa, the drive is about 617 miles—roughly nine to ten hours of scenic highway that builds anticipation until the Smoky Mountains rise into view. By the time you roll into Main Street, you'll already feel like you've stepped into another world.

Bryson City has a way of blending the simple with the spectacular. Whether it's a steam train ride, a frothy local brew, a riverside stroll, or a taste of gourmet olive oil, this little mountain town delivers a getaway that feels both timeless and refreshingly genuine.

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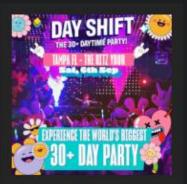
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In the world of entertainment, there are those who follow a traditional path, and then there's Kurt Deimer. A true modern-day renaissance man, Deimer has built a career that defies easy categorization, seamlessly transitioning from a successful businessman to an actor and a hard-rocking musician. His story is one of perseverance, second acts, and the unwavering pursuit of a lifelong passion.

Deimer's journey into the spotlight began not on a stage, but in the corporate world. As a successful entrepreneur who founded and built his own oil companies, he had a life that seemed far removed from the glitz and grime of Hollywood and rock and roll. However, a chance encounter during a product placement deal for his brand in the John Travolta film *Trading Paint* led to an unexpected cameo. This small role ignited a spark, and a year later, he found himself with a speaking part in John Carpenter's 2018 reboot of *Halloween*, where he was famously killed by Michael Myers. This experience, as he's said, was a catalyst, inspiring him to create his own horror franchise, *Hellbilly Hollow*, which he not only produced and directed but also starred in.

But Deimer's creative ambitions weren't limited to the screen. He had a deep-seated love for music that dated back to his college days, and it was a passion he had put on hold to focus on his business and family. The acting bug reignited his creative fire, and he began collaborating with his friend and songwriter Ben Trexel. This musical partnership ultimately led him to connect with some of the biggest names in the industry. He began working with legendary producer Chris Lord-Alge (known for his work with Green Day and the Rolling Stones), who was so impressed by Deimer's unique style and gravelly voice that he took him under his wing.



This collaboration would prove to be a game-changer. Deimer's debut EP, *Work Hard, Rock Hard*, released in 2021, featured collaborations with renowned musicians like Phil X of Bon Jovi and Geoff Tate of Queensrÿche. His music, which he describes as his own "brand of rock," is a blend of hard-hitting riffs, bluesy undertones, and powerful, literal lyrics that speak to modern-day issues. He's not afraid to tackle difficult topics, and his songs are often infused with messages of hope, perseverance, and authenticity.

Since his musical debut, Deimer has been a force to be reckoned with on the touring circuit, sharing the stage with rock giants such as TESLA, Drowning Pool, and Skid Row. He's a tireless performer who believes in connecting with his audience face-to-face, a philosophy that harks back to the grassroots approach of classic rock bands. His latest album, *And So It Begins...*, solidifies his place as a legitimate artist, a testament to his "never give up" attitude and his belief in the power of a second act.

Kurt Deimer's story is a powerful reminder that it's never too late to pursue your dreams. He's a testament to the idea that talent, when combined with a relentless work ethic and the courage to take a leap of faith, can open doors you never knew existed. From the boardrooms of the corporate world to the back alleys of haunted houses and the bright lights of the rock stage, Kurt Deimer is blazing his own trail and proving that the most compelling stories are often the ones you write for yourself.

The Man Behind the Scream: The Enduring Legacy of Steve "Zetro" Souza

Steve "Zetro" Souza is a name synonymous with Bay Area thrash metal, a man whose powerful, high-pitched scream has been a defining element of the genre for decades. From his early days in the scene to his current role as the frontman for legendary thrash band **Exodus**, Souza's journey is a testament to perseverance, passion, and the raw power of his unique vocal style. Souza joined Exodus in 1986, replacing the band's original singer Paul Baloff. His arrival marked a new era for the band. With Souza at the helm, Exodus released some of their most iconic and influential albums, including **Pleasures of the Flesh** (1987) and **Fabulous Disaster** (1989). These albums, characterized by Souza's signature vocals and the band's ferocious riffing, became essential listening for any thrash metal fan.

Souza's vocal style is often described as a nasally, high-pitched wail or shriek, a sound that sets him apart from many of his contemporaries. It's a style that perfectly complements the frantic, aggressive nature of thrash metal, adding a sense of chaotic energy to the music. While some initially found his voice polarizing, it has since become a key element of the Exodus sound and a beloved part of thrash metal lore. Following his departure from Exodus in the early 1990s, Souza continued to be an active force in the metal world. He fronted the band **Dublin Death Patrol**, a side project he formed with his former Legacy bandmate Chuck Billy of Testament. The band's name is a nod to the Bay Area thrash scene's tight-knit community and their shared history.

Souza's journey came full circle when he rejoined Exodus in 2014, much to the delight of longtime fans. His return breathed new life into the band, and they went on to release **Blood In, Blood Out** (2014) and **Persona Non Grata** (2021). These albums proved that Souza had not lost his edge, delivering a performance that was just as intense and powerful as in his prime.

Steve "Zetro" Souza's legacy is more than just a list of albums and bands. It's about his unwavering dedication to his craft and his unique vocal style that helped shape a genre. He is a thrash metal icon, a man whose voice is as raw and uncompromising as the music he sings. His journey serves as an inspiration to all who aspire to create and endure in the world of heavy metal. He continues to be a vibrant and active force in the music industry, proving that the fire of thrash metal still burns brightly within him.





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Sept 25th 7:00 pm Carolanne Milijavac

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Here is the latest helpful information for Veterans courtesy of the VA, RallyPoint, the VFW and more. Update on Fort McClellan Study: The Honoring Our PACT Act of 2022 (Public Law 117-168) authorized a

comprehensive epidemiological study of veterans who served at the Fort McClellan Army base in Alabama, which operated from 1917 to 1999. Phase I of the study is complete, identifying and cataloging toxic

substances at the installation, while also evaluating the feasibility of further research into the potential health effects. VA is now seeking a research partner to conduct Phase II to assess morbidity and mortality

associated with the identified toxins. This next phase could yield critical scientific evidence to support future determinations regarding presumptive service connection for affected veterans.

For more information, click here:

https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/fort-mcclellan/

Community Care Authorizations Extension: VA has announced it is extending community care authorizations to one year for 30 standardized types of care, providing veterans with 12 months of uninterrupted treatment before requiring reauthorization. This change aims to improve continuity of care, reduce administrative burdens for both veterans and providers, and enhance health outcomes. The new policy applies to an array of specialty referrals for services including cardiology, dermatology, eye care, mental health outpatient, neurology, oncology, orthopedic and pulmonary.

For more information, click here:

https://news.va.gov/press-room/va-offers-yearlong-community-care-authorizations-for-30-services/

Don't keep that near-miss – or repeated - blast off your medical record Have you ever been on a patrol where you took mortar or RPG fire, or maybe an IED-blast – but no shrapnel – and just continued mission like it was another day on the job? What about time spent at the range or a shoot house with lots of high caliber rounds or other explosives detonating near you? Do you deal with sleep and other issues that may have come from these past incidents? If this sounds like your experiences, some other symptoms you may want to look for include unexplained vision, balance, hearing, headaches, memory issues, emotional challenges, or incidents losing your temper with your team, family, or friends.

If you are still actively serving in the military, make sure you raise your concerns to your doctor and mention the concussive events so they are documented in your medical records. If you don't want to bring it up now because you are not sure if you really have these symptoms and don't want it to keep you from your next promotion, I get it. Just make sure you have these issues documented the moment you drop your papers to end your military service. If you are already out of service, and you didn't have anything documented and are looking for a path forward, then talk to your doctor. If your doc is not at the VA, consider getting VA care as their docs see a lot more brain trauma patients than most of their civilian counterparts: https://rly.pt/VAapply. For more information, click here:

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Two week minimum supply of medication, regularly used medical supplies, and a list of allergies
A list of the style, serial number, and manufacturer information of required medical devices
Batteries
Flashlights Do not use candles
NOAA Weather Radio Battery operated or hand cranked
Cash Banks and ATMs may not be available after a storm
Cell phone chargers
Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

Phone Numbers

Maintain a list of important phone numbers including:
County emergency management office,
evacuation sites, doctors, banks, schools,
veterinarian, a number for out of town contacts, friends and family

Clothing

Rain gear such as jackets, hats, umbrellas and rain boots
Sturdy shoes or boots and work gloves

Special Needs Items

Specialty items for infants.
small children, the elderly,
and family members with
disabilities

First Aid

☐ First Aid Manual
 Sterile adhesive bandages of different sizes
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 Aspirin or other pain reliever
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Food and Water

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	Food Nonperishable packaged or canned food and beverages, snack foods, juices, baby food, and any special dietary items to last at least 7 days
	Water
	1 gallon per person per day
	Non-electric can opener
	Paper plates
	Napkins
	Plastic cups
	Utensils

Important Documents

☐ Insurance cards
☐ Medical records
☐ Banking information
☐ Credit card numbers
 Copies of social security cards
Copies of birth and/or marriage certificates
Other personal documents
Set of car, house, and office keys
 Service animal I.D., veterinary records, and proof of ownership
Information about where you receive medication, the name of the drug, and dosage
☐ Copy of Will
*Items should be kept in a water proof container

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Pet Care Items

Pet food and water to last at least 7 days
Proper identification
Medical records/microchip information
A carrier or cage
Muzzle and leash
Water and food bowls
Medications
Supplies for your service animal

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The Tampa Bay Buccaneers announced today that the team has signed cornerback **Zyon McCollum** to a multi-year contract extension. McCollum has appeared in 47 career games, with 29 starts, since being selected by Tampa Bay in the fifth round (No. 157 overall) of the 2022 NFL Draft. He has also appeared in all four of Tampa Bay's postseason contests over that span. To date, McCollum has recorded 163 career tackles, 27 passes defensed, two interceptions, two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery.

McCollum has decreased his completion percentage allowed and his passer rating when targeted across each of his three seasons played, culminating in career-best marks in 2024 with a 58.4% completion rate allowed and an 85.7 passer rating allowed. Last season, McCollum also posted career highs in tackles (82), passes defensed (17) and interceptions (2). During the 2024 season, his 17 passes defensed tied for the third-most in the NFL.

"Zyon has developed into an every-down starter for us and continues to elevate his game each year," said Buccaneers General Manager **Jason Licht**. "His athleticism, paired with his ability to limit opposing receivers, gives us a dependable and dynamic defender in the secondary. We are excited to keep an ascending player like Zyon in Tampa as we continue building around a young, talented core."

Despite defending the third-most pass attempts in the NFL in 2024 (101 targets), according to Next Gen Stats, McCollum ranked fifth in lowest completion percentage when targeted (58.4%) and ninth in lowest opponent passer rating allowed (85.7). Per Pro Football Focus metrics, among cornerbacks with at least 1,000 snaps played in 2024, McCollum was the seventh-highest rated cornerback in the NFL in 2024. A native of Galveston, Texas, McCollum played collegiately at Sam Houston State (2017-21), where he appeared in 56 career games and earned First-Team All-Conference honors three times (All-Southland 2018, 2020; All-Western Athletic Conference 2021).



The Tampa Bay Rays have released their 2026 regular-season schedule, which begins with a three-game series against the St. Louis Cardinals at Busch Stadium March 27-29. The Rays are slated to return to Tropicana Field April 6-12 for a six-game homestand against the Chicago Cubs and New York Yankees. In coordination with Major League Baseball, all 30 major league clubs released their 2026 schedules today. The schedule is subject to change, and game times will be announced at a later date.

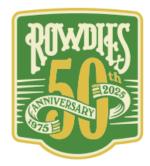
The Rays will begin their 29th season with a three-city road trip against the St. Louis Cardinals, Milwaukee Brewers (March 30–April 1) and Minnesota Twins (April 3-5). It marks the second time in 17 seasons since 2010 the Rays will open on the road, joining 2021 (at Miami Marlins), and the eighth time in the franchise's 29 seasons. The Rays are 15-13 all-time on Opening Day and 3-4 when they open on the road.

In addition to their season-opening road trip, the Rays are scheduled for one other three-city road trip: a nine-game swing against the Colorado Rockies, Seattle Mariners and Athletics from August 3-12. They have three homestands that feature three opponents: June 19-28 (Washington Nationals, Kansas City Royals, Arizona Diamondbacks), July 24–August 2 (Cleveland Guardians, Texas Rangers, Chicago White Sox) and September 11-20 (Houston Astros, Athletics, Boston Red Sox).

From June 19–July 12, the Rays will play 17 of their final 23 games before the All-Star break at home, including a seven-game homestand against the New York Yankees (July 6-9) and Seattle Mariners (July 10-12) leading into the break.

The Rays have seven home games and six road games against the Baltimore Orioles and New York Yankees, while they will have six home games and seven road games against the Boston Red Sox and Toronto Blue Jays. The Rays will play seven games against the Kansas City Royals and Texas Rangers and have six games against the Athletics, Chicago White Sox, Cleveland Guardians, Detroit Tigers, Houston Astros, Los Angeles Angels, Minnesota Twins and Seattle Mariners. After playing 15 of 21 games at home August 20–September 20, the Rays will close the season with a six-game road trip to New York-AL and Philadelphia September 22-27.





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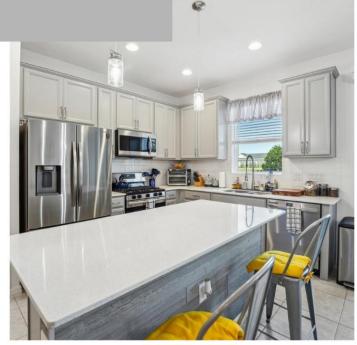


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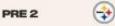
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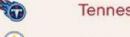


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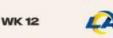












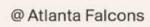


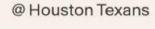




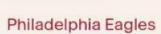




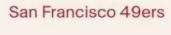




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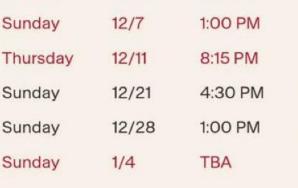
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A Brush with the Digital Sublime: Deconstructing the Van Gogh Immersive Experience

In an era where technology has redefined our relationship with art, the "Van Gogh Immersive Experience" stands as a testament to this evolving landscape. Far from a traditional museum visit, this multi-sensory spectacle invites attendees to step into the swirling, vibrant world of Vincent van Gogh. But what is this phenomenon, and why has it captivated millions worldwide?

The experience is less an exhibition of physical paintings and more a conceptual video installation. Held in large, cavernous venues, it uses cutting-edge projection technology to transform walls, floors, and even ceilings into a canvas. Van Gogh's most famous works—from the tranquil "Bedroom in Arles" to the breathtaking "Starry Night"—are animated, their brushstrokes seemingly moving and their colors bursting to life. This visual feast is meticulously synchronized with a stirring soundtrack, creating an atmosphere that is at once mesmerizing, dramatic, and deeply emotional.

The experience is a carefully choreographed journey through Van Gogh's tumultuous life and creative spirit. While it may not offer a scholarly deep dive into his techniques or art history, it provides something else entirely: a visceral, emotional connection. Crows fly across the wheatfields, stars swirl in the night sky, and sunflowers bloom in a continuous, hypnotic loop. The sheer scale and dynamism of the projections make it easy to get lost in the moment, to feel a part of the paintings themselves.

This digital reinterpretation of a master's work has not been without its critics. Art purists argue that the experience, by its very nature, separates viewers from the authentic, tactile quality of Van Gogh's brushstrokes. They contend that the spectacle commodifies a complex man and his profound art, reducing it to a series of stunning visuals and photo opportunities. Indeed, the immersive experience is a different beast from viewing an original painting in a quiet museum, where the focus is on the artist's hand and the stillness of the work.

However, for many, the immersive experience offers a new and accessible entry point into the world of art. It removes the often intimidating and formal barriers of traditional galleries, inviting people of all ages and backgrounds to engage with Van Gogh's genius. The spectacle of the show, coupled with interactive elements like coloring pages and virtual reality experiences, democratizes art appreciation, making it a communal and shareable event. The VR Headsets take this to a completely different level. Don't miss them at the end!

Ultimately, the Van Gogh Immersive Experience was a fantastic adventure of sight, sound, and brilliance for me as a lover of art. I believe it truly allows all audiences a way to either start their deep dive into the beauty of art and Van Gogh or even to enhance their current experiences. This stunning display is for everyone, regardless of age or background, to experience the talent and beauty of Van Gogh at their own pace and on their own terms.







TAMPA BAY – Vinik Sports Group (VSG) and Benchmark International, a global leader in mergers and acquisitions, today announced a multi-year naming rights partnership that will usher in a new era for Tampa Bay's premier sports and entertainment venue. Beginning August 13, 2025, AMALIE Arena will officially become Benchmark International Arena.

"We're proud to welcome Benchmark International as the new naming rights partner of our venue," said Vinik Sports Group CEO Steve Griggs. "Benchmark International is a well-respected brand with global reach and strong ties to the Tampa Bay community. This partnership reflects a shared commitment to excellence, service and community impact. As we transition to this new era, we are grateful for our long-time naming rights partner, AMALIE Motor Oil, who will continue to be a corporate partner of our organization."

Benchmark International is a global mergers and acquisitions firm that provides business owners and operators with creative, value-maximizing solutions for growing and exiting their businesses. They bring decades of experience and an impressive track record, having closed more than \$12.5 billion in transaction value across multiple industries. With headquarters in Tampa and offices worldwide, the firm is known for its strategic guidance and exceptional results for business owners and operators around the globe.

"This is a proud moment for Benchmark International, and another first in our market space," said Benchmark International's Chairman and Co-Founder, Steven Keane. "We are honored to partner with Vinik Sports Group and the Tampa Bay Lightning, organizations that, like us, are committed to delivering excellence and giving back to the community. Benchmark International Arena will continue to be a destination where unforgettable moments and community connection come together under one roof."

As part of the partnership, the arena will undergo a complete rebranding that includes new exterior and interior signage, digital integrations and the official renaming of its premium club level to the Benchmark International Club Level, featuring The Mark as its signature all-inclusive experience. The agreement also includes joint community initiatives with over \$3,000,000 in non-profit financial contributions that align with both organizations' desire to make a meaningful impact in Tampa Bay.

"This partnership is a celebration of the people who make Benchmark International what it is, from our dedicated team members across the globe, to the clients who trust us with the most important decisions of their lives," added Tyrus O'Neill, CEO of Benchmark International Americas. "We've built our reputation on delivering extraordinary results, and this opportunity allows us to bring that same energy into this exciting new chapter. Benchmark International Arena represents our continued investment in Tampa Bay, our passion for new ventures, and our belief in building something that lasts. We are proud to have our name on such a prestigious venue."

Since opening in 1996, the arena has hosted millions of fans, marquee events and celebrated three Stanley Cup Championships. Today, it stands as the centerpiece of Tampa's vibrant sports and entertainment district in the heart of the Water Street neighborhood. This new partnership ensures continued investment in the guest experience while honoring the arena's great legacy as a world-class venue.

The rebrand to Benchmark International Arena will roll out in phases, with new signage and activations debuting ahead of the 2025-26 Lightning season, presented by AdventHealth. To celebrate the naming transition, VSG and Benchmark International will host a series of free community events in mid-October. Details will be announced in the coming weeks.

"This arena belongs to everyone in Tampa Bay," added Griggs. "We're excited to invite fans, families and the entire community to be part of this historic new chapter."

This landmark partnership was developed in collaboration with Oak View Group's Global Partnerships division, the team that connects world-class brands with premier live event and meeting destinations.

Additional sponsorship announcements, including new food and beverage experiences in collaboration with Oak View Group, will be unveiled in the lead-up to the 2025-26 Lightning season, presented by AdventHealth, at Benchmark International Arena.

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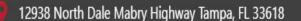
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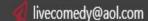
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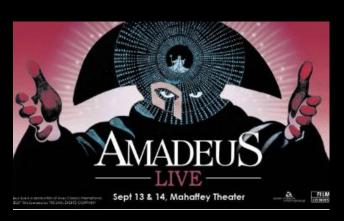




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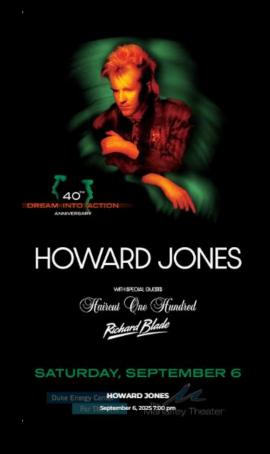
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October 4	8:00 pm	Amy Bruni: Walking with Ghosts
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