

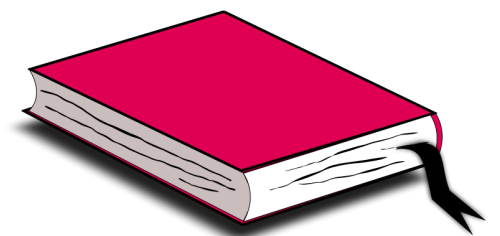
Sizzling Summer

Summertime is almost here, and students and teachers will have the next two months to enjoy some well-deserved leisure time. SNN highlights some options on how to spend your summer.

Must-eats

If you're looking for a quick bite this summer, here are some great alternatives to the regular fast-food joints.

- 1. Pizza Box**
A chill setting with good woodfire pizza is what Pizza Box offers in its hole-in-the-wall restaurant. At 923 Central Ave., this place offers fair prices and free Wi-Fi.
- 2. Smiley's Deli**
With only one item on this entire menu ringing up at \$10 it's safe to say that this is in anybody's budget. On 3441 Central Ave this underrated Cuban restaurant will fill you up.
- 3. Culvers**
Coming over from the Midwest this fast food chain, with a menu reminiscent of a '50s diner, will leave you and your wallet content. Go to 1451 34th St. N and ask for a Concrete Mixer.
- 4. Tony's Pizza**
Buy a whole pizza or a slice. Dine in or take out. With 15 unique pizzas, this is a can't miss place when grabbing a bite with friends and family. At 533 Central Ave.
- 5. Golden Krust Caribbean Bakery & Grill**
This homely restaurant is close to Lakewood on Uber Eats, so there is no excuse for you not to try it. One visit will turn you into a regular. At 3010 54th Ave S.



Must-reads

Top five books to read while you're lounging on the beach.

- 1. *The Hate You Give*** by Angie Thomas (Published Feb 28, 2017)
Starr Carter explores the bridge between her poverty-stricken community and the affluent prep school she attends. When she becomes the only witness to the fatal shooting of her best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer her statement of what happened that night, or lack thereof, could make or break her communities. This book teaches a valuable lesson about speaking up for what you believe in. The movie based on this book doesn't have a set release date yet.
- 2. *Simon vs the Homo Sapiens Agenda*** by Becky Albertalli (Published April 7, 2015)
Simon Spier is a junior in high school, in love with a guy he's never met, and is not-so-openly gay. While he is trying to navigate his life he finds himself in a stressful situation: He's being anonymously blackmailed and if he doesn't do what anonymous wants his sexuality will be revealed. As bad as that sounds this book is very uplifting and will leave you smiling. The movie that came out this year will do the same. *(See the movie review on Page 14.)*
- 3. *Dorothy Must Die*** by Danielle Paige (Published April 1, 2014)
In the first book in this series, you meet Amy Gumm and when Amy gets swept up in a tornado and transported to Oz, it isn't what it used to be. Dorothy found a way to come back to Oz and now she's wicked. You can't trust the Good Witch and winged monkeys can be executed and Amy's only hope is to follow the crumbling yellow brick road. There is talk that a tv show based off this book series is in the works for the CW.
- 4. *The 7 Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle*** by Stuart Turton (Feb 8, 2018)
How do you stop a murder that's already happened? At a gala party thrown by her parents, Evelyn Hardcastle will be killed and Aiden Bishop will live the day over and over again until he solves it. In this spiraling murder-mystery you will be captivated by the first chapter.
- 5. *Listen, Slowly*** by Thanhha Lai (Feb 17, 2015)
Mai, a born and raised California girl, finds out she has to spend the summer in Vietnam with her Grandmother. She wants nothing more than to go home and her grandmother wants nothing more than to find out what happened to her husband during the Vietnam War. Lose yourself in this nostalgic novel.
- By SNN Staff Writer Cristin Thomas

Donut factory serves tiny treasures



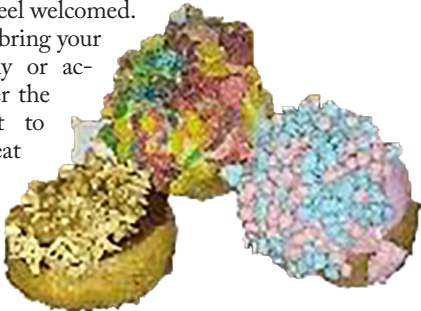
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The doughnuts at this store on Fourth Street N might be the best you'll ever eat.

By **JAMILA DEDMON**
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On the side of the building is a huge color-filled mural of a man holding two doughnuts over his eyes like binoculars. Next to him is a phrase in cursive saying, "Doughnut you look sweet?" This is the second Mini Doughnut Factory in Tampa Bay. It opened in December on 730 Fourth St N in St. Petersburg. I've been there three times and these doughnuts and shakes are slightly addictive. Their doughnuts are gluten free and so are their milkshakes and doughnut sundaes. The store also serves coffee, tea and smoothies. The idea here is to create your own doughnut choosing from a wide variety of toppings and icings and dough. You put your order in and the staff starts making them right in front of you. They have cotton candy topping, sprinkles, Oreos, Fruity Pebbles cereal, even maple flavored icing with real pieces of

bacon in it. Their store in Tampa has been open since 2015, and between the two stores, they have sold 1.4 million doughnuts. Their doughnuts and toppings come fresh and stay warm. Also, their icing doesn't harden and their dough is so soft and warm on the inside. The customer service is excellent with friendly staff who make you feel welcomed. This summer bring your friends, family or acquaintances after the movies or just to have a nice treat or hangout.



Hyppo, Hyppo, Hooray

The downtown St. Petersburg shop serves all-natural popsicles that have only four ingredients.

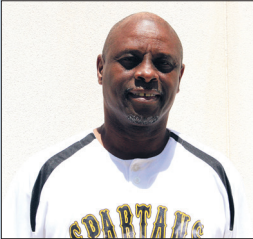
By **ANGEL MAY**
SNN Staff Writer

If you need a way to stay cool this summer, keep the Hyppo Gourmet Ice Pop shop in mind. Even though \$3.50 sounds like a lot for one popsicle they are made with just four simple ingredients: fresh fruit, fresh herbs and spices, low processed cane sugar and sometimes dairy. The shop has 450 flavors, including watermelon, Mexican hot chocolate and champagne mango. Other flavors are seasonal, like blueberry cheesecake, eggnog and papaya mango. I have only tried the watermelon popsicle because watermelon is my favorite fruit, and I was not at all disappointed. It felt like I was eating a chunk of frozen watermelon. The flavor doesn't taste like an artifi-



cial watermelon like other popsicles. It was very fresh and I will be going back soon to try more flavors. The shop, which opened in 2015, has eye-catching décor. It has several murals of under the sea and a popsicle city. It has a lot of open seating areas, where customers can enjoy their snacks. You can also buy other things like a cold drink or merchandise, such as shirts and plastic popsicle sticks so you can make your own at home. I would rate the shop 5/5 stars and I would encourage every fruit lover to go try their popsicles. The shop, at 627 Central Ave., St. Petersburg, is open from 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and from 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

What are your summer plans?



"We're going to Indiana for a youth convention. Two-thousand youths come together for Christian events. We play sports, have seminars and we have Bible quizzes.... We're also going to Germany to visit Larry West Jr."

Larry West, art teacher



"I'm going to Ohio for a wrestling camp and then I'm going to Costa Rica with my church for a mission trip. We're probably going to build someone a house."

Alonzo Harris, 10th grade



"I am going to celebrate my friend's birthday and get lit. I'll also be working at Panera Bread over the summer."

Camille Myrick, 11th grade



"I am going to Miami. I will be going to the beach and other different places. I'm going to find a job, but I don't know where I want to work yet."

Aryana Davis, 11th grade



"I'm going on a cruise to the Caribbean and going to Michigan to help my parents."

Justin Bending, science teacher

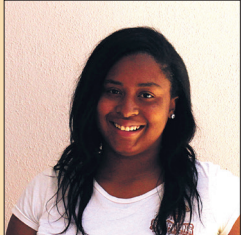
What is the best beach to visit this summer?

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"Anna Maria, because it's beautiful. The sand is nice, the view is magnificent and they have sand bars so you can collect sand dollars."

Ryan Molina, 11th grade



"Clearwater, because the water is cleaner and there are more people to communicate with."

Khylla Baylock, 11th grade



"Gulfport, is the best because there aren't that many people there."

Cornieshiana Thomas, 9th grade



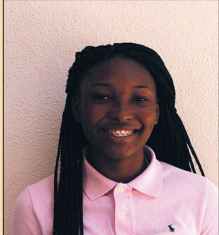
"Treasure Island is because it's easier to get to the sand bars."

Luis Rosario, 12th grade



"St. Pete Beach because the environment is good and the police don't care what you do."

Ani Agolli, 11th grade



"The best beach is Clearwater Beach because it's clean, the water is really clear, and there are always a lot of people there that are nice."

Bre'Nesha Hyman, 9th grade