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Twins Amy, left, and Mary Beach have several things in common, including friends, food and 4.2727 grade-point averages. They were interviewed on "CBS Morning News" Tuesday morning.

Twin valedictorians make TV appearance

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network's Tuesday morning show.

Amy and Mary weren't sure at first if that was possible. They were supposed to be taking an advanced placement calculus test that day, something students typically can't miss without jeopardizing a college credit.

But school officials made arrangements for the girls to take a different form of the test later.

Talk about a dramatic schedule change: Monday morning, going through the paces during the last weeks of high school; Tuesday morning, being interviewed by "CBS Morning News" anchor Harry Smith and touring the Big Apple in a Lincoln Town Car.

"It was definitely scary," Mary said of the national TV interview.

"There were no catastrophes," added Amy. "I didn't turn yellow or anything."

After the interview, the twins and their mother, Rosemary, planned to get a cab to take in the sights. But Harry Smith arranged a car service for them instead.

"The driver took us wherever we wanted to go," Mary said.

The Empire State Building. Fifth Avenue. Central Park. And for lunch, Planet Hollywood.

Some Clearwater High teachers fitnagled TV sets into their rooms to watch the interview; others videotaped it to watch later.

"It's really been a boost to us here at Clearwater High," said Jan Hamilton, a clerk in the school guidance office.

Now that the excitement is over, Amy and Mary can get back to what they do best — cinching exams. They'll probably take the advanced placement test they missed on Monday.

"I really kind of wanted to get it out of the way," Mary admitted. "But that's OK. It was definitely worth it."

Detention deputies vote against union

By STEPHEN THOMPSON
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CLEARWATER — Jail detention deputies turned away the Pinellas County Police Benevolent Association Thursday in its bid to represent them in collective bargaining.

The deputies voted 375-106 against union representation.

Sheriff Everett Rice will continue to represent the more than 580 deputies at the jail.

Rice said the results show the deputies think he is their most effective bargaining agent.

"I think that's a landslide against the union," he said.

The union has wanted to represent the detention deputies since at least January, when it filed papers to hold an election.

The deputies' hourly wage and benefits are not an issue, said Bill LauBach, executive director of the association, before the election. Rather, the union is unhappy with the jailers' working conditions and grievance procedure.

Jailers might work 8 ½ or nine hours but get paid for only eight, LauBach said. They have to attend read-off before their shift begins, and they are not compensated if they are called back from their lunch break early, he said.

There also are too few jailers for the number of inmates they must handle, LauBach said.

As for the grievance procedure, it's stacked too much in the sheriff's favor, he said.

Jailers who have been disciplined may appeal to a five-member civil service board, but two members are appointed by the sheriff. The union would like to replace the system with an independent arbitrator.

Rice said he's in a unique political position to do the most for the deputies, including protecting them against unwarranted discipline.

The union represents public employees in about a dozen cities and towns in Pinellas County.

Staff writer Lynn Porter contributed to this report.

Museums

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Tarpon Springs cuisine awaits bite

By SHIRA CHESS
Tribune Staff Writer

TARPON SPRINGS — Ever want to take a bite out of Tarpon Springs cuisine?

This weekend, the Sponge Docks Merchants Association will give people with that hunger a chance at the second annual A Taste of Tarpon Springs Festival, at the Sponge Docks.

The festival, which is Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., will feature art, music and food reflecting the variety of cultures from the Tarpon Springs area. Admission is free.

Last year's festival was a success with about 20,000 people attending over the two days, said Louis Pappas, owner of Louis Pappas Riverside Restaurant and one of the festival's organizers.

"It worked out so well last year," he said. "So this year we spent more money on the entertainment."

The musical lineup includes country artists the Terry Thomason-Pinkham Band, plus top-40, Big Band, and Greek music and dancers.

Nine restaurants with dishes ranging from Greek to seafood will offer festival fare.

A craft show featuring local and out-of-town artists will showcase watercolors, oils, carved glass, stained glass and ceramics.

"It's going to be a weekend of great entertainment and great food," Pappas said. "It's just going to be a Taste of Tarpon Springs, exactly what it says."

AT A GLANCE

■ **What:** A Taste of Tarpon Springs Festival

■ **Who:** Sponge Docks Merchants Association

■ **When:** 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday.

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