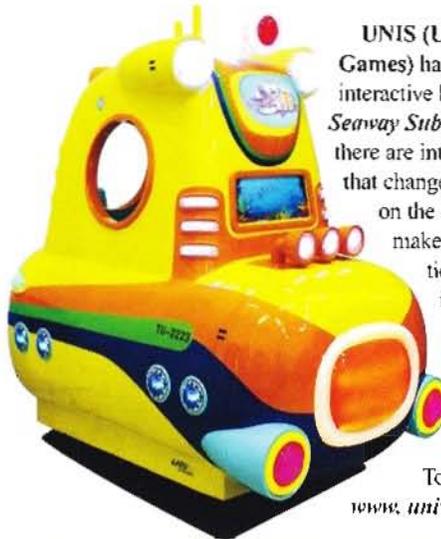


## UNIS Shipping New Submarine Kiddie Ride



UNIS (Universal Space Video Games) has launched a new, interactive kiddie ride called *Seaway Submarine*. On board, there are interactive option buttons that change the color of the sub on the screen, add effects and make it go faster. An educational game is also included in which players throw a net to catch fish, all while learning their names and interesting facts.

To learn more, log on to [www.universal-space.com](http://www.universal-space.com).

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**May 22-31:** VNEA World Pool Championship, Bally's Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, Nev., [www.vnea.org](http://www.vnea.org).

**May 22-26:** Bullshooter Dart Championship, Hyatt Regency O'Hare, Chicago, Ill., [www.bullshooter.com](http://www.bullshooter.com).

**June 20-22:** NDA Junior Tournament, Ramada Airport, Bloomington, Minn., [www.ndadarts.com](http://www.ndadarts.com).

**June 26-29:** VNEA Junior Pool Championship, Kellogg Arena, Battle Creek, Mich., [www.vnea.org](http://www.vnea.org).

**July 10-12:** LeagueSMART Educational Conference, Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark, St. Louis, Mo., [www.ndadarts.com](http://www.ndadarts.com) or [www.vnea.org](http://www.vnea.org).

**August 4-8:** AAMA Annual Membership Meeting and Distributor Gala, Hilton Lisle, Lisle, Ill., [www.coin-op.org](http://www.coin-op.org).

**November 18-21:** IAAPA Attractions Expo, Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, Fla., [www.iaapa.org](http://www.iaapa.org).

## Florida Cracks Down on Internet Café; Gambling Expansion Bill Sidelined

A Florida Illegal Gaming Task Force, overseen by the state's Department of Law Enforcement, served search warrants last month in five Florida counties targeting Internet cafés. Meanwhile, Florida lawmakers put the brakes on a major gambling expansion bill.

Officials said the warrants represent a continuing crackdown on the operators of illegal gambling centers around Florida known as Internet cafés. One facility owner was charged with keeping a gambling house, manufacture, sale and possession of coin-operated devices, lottery and plays at games of chance.

Search warrants were executed in Duval, Columbia, Marion, Brevard and Lake counties. During the execution of the warrants, Gaming Task Force investigators seized computers, cash related to the illegal activity, banking records and employee rosters.

"These warrants will likely lead to the arrests of key figures within these organizations for racketeering and money laundering," said Florida Department of Law Enforcement Commissioner Gerald Bailey. "This is a warning to other so-called Internet café operators. If you operate outside the law, you are a target."

In addition to warrants served by the task force, local law enforcement agencies served additional warrants in their jurisdictions, including Lake and Brevard County sheriff's offices and Rockledge, Palm Bay and West Melbourne police departments and Monroe County. The Brevard County Sheriff's Office arrested five Internet café site managers as part of the operation.

A day before the raids, in seemingly unrelated news, the Florida legislature "pulled the plug" on a comprehensive plan to expand legalized gambling in that state, according to report by the Associated Press. The bill was also being considered as a vehicle to amend legislation enacted last year that severely limited amusement prize redemption.

Members of the Florida Attractions Association declared in a recent newsletter that they support amending the redemption provisions through one of two stand-alone bills, SB 668 and HB 945, both also pending in various committees of the state legislature. The group represents theme parks and FECs.

"Clarifying and updating the family arcades issue as a part of broader gaming bill does not serve our industry well," the group said. "Family arcades should not be held hostage to the confusing and politically charged issues related to pari-mutuel facilities, racinos, casinos, card rooms, slots, etc. Family arcades are in the entertainment business, not the gaming business."

The stand-alone bills would remove the requirement that games be exclusively "coin-operated." Another key change would be the elimination of provisions that required locations offering prize redemption to have as many as 50 games. Games that function based on an "application of skill" would be limited to prizes of \$5.25 or 15 times the cost to play the game, whichever is less. HB 945 also says that these prize values "may be accumulated and carried forward across multiple machines and games played." Prize merchandise machines would be limited to \$50 prizes.