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## 'Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters,' 'We're the Millers' set to open

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### Model train exhibit headed to library

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**COUNTY**

### Normal watering schedule returns

Southwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board voted July 30 to eliminate all water shortage orders effective Aug. 1. Residents are encouraged to maintain year-round conservation and adhere to local government schedules. This summer's above-normal rainfall has brought significant improvement to aquifer and river levels. Major public water suppliers, such as Tampa Bay Water, now have enough water for meeting customer's needs. ... Page 4A.

### Commission sets millage rates

Pinellas County Commissioners set tentative millage rates for fiscal year 2013-14 during a morning work session July 30. Commissioners confirmed that there would be no separate millage for a stabilization fund. They also confirmed there would be no increase in the emergency medical fund millage. Short falls will be taken from EMS reserves, leaving a balance of 22.9 percent. ... Page 7A.

**OUTDOORS**

### Dolphin Watch

In the tropical temperatures of mid-summer Florida, Tommy Bahama probably comes to mind more readily than does Robert Frost. Yet it is the cool wisdom of the latter's famous poem, "The Road Not Taken," that wistfully frames something marvelous and mysterious that the dolphins do at sea: use roads. ... Page 12A.

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White House press conferences lack friction between camps. ... Page 11A.



## Barnhorn on the ballot

Seminole's vice mayor runs for second vice president of the Florida League of Cities

By TIFFANY RAZZANO

SEMINOLE - Vice Mayor Thomas Barnhorn is a candidate for second vice president of the Florida League of Cities. The election will be held at the 87th Florida League of Cities Annual Conference, Friday, Aug. 16 through Sunday, Aug. 18 in Orlando. Barnhorn, who has been a member of Seminole City Council since March 2006 and served as president of the local Suncoast League of Cities in 2011-2012, has been a member of the Florida League of Cities since 2007. He has sat on the FLC's Board of Directors, as the Eighth District Director, for the past three years. "He has put in a lot of work, time and energy over the years with the FLC [and] advocates state legislators on behalf of city issues," Mayor Leslie Waters said. "[He] has been establishing a sound foundation as he progresses into top leadership of this important organization." If elected second vice president of the FLC, Barnhorn said he will be on the fast track for the position of president, first bumping up to first vice president the following year, and then to president the year after that. Former Seminole Mayor Dottie Reeder,

who served as president of the league, introduced him to the FLC. "The league has been around 85 years this year. When you stop and think about it, it's amazing that we could have a second president from Seminole," Barnhorn said. "That's a big accolade for our very little city." In order to campaign for the position, Barnhorn visited all of the local League of Cities over the past few months - "from Miami to Pensacola," he said. There are 21 local leagues, he added, only 19 of them active. In April, the Seminole City Council approved a one-time \$2,500 increase to his travel and training account to help partially fund the campaign costs. If he wins, one thing Barnhorn plans to improve is the effectiveness of how the organization lobbies to state officials. The FLC heads to Tallahassee every year to advocate for the issues affecting its members, the cities throughout the state. "We'd bang on doors of senators and representatives and say, 'Please don't do this. Please don't do that,'" Barnhorn said. Barnhorn said his goal is to begin this advocacy

earlier in the year for more effective results. "We don't have to wait until we get up there," he said. "We can make things happen earlier." The benefits to Seminole would be numerous, as well, he said. Already, simply being a member of the league benefits the city. Membership in the league costs \$5,000 a year, Barnhorn said. As a member, the city receives a special insurance premium, with savings of \$19,442, he said. "That's not bad for a \$5,000 investment," he said. It also creates a sense of community between all of the cities and local leagues throughout the state. "We meet and advocate for each other," he said. "We have issues in the community that affect every city. Every single [local] league is run differently, but we have the same underlying problems. The strength of the [FLC] is that we're able to get together as one body, one voice." And if he becomes president, he'll be able to focus on the issues that are important to Seminole.



Thomas Barnhorn

## Dog days of summer

Seminole Library plans to extend its Reading with the Dogs program into the fall

By TIFFANY RAZZANO

SEMINOLE - During the summer, children are quick to toss aside the books and forget about schoolwork. So for the second summer in a row, Seminole Community Library decided to bring in some furry friends through its weekly Reading with the Dogs program and inspire children to read more during their time off. The eight-week program, held on Fridays each week, began on June 16. Children get to read to a therapy dog for 15-minute sessions starting at 10 a.m. Though the last sessions of the summer will be held on Aug. 10, this year the library plans to extend the program into the fall because of its popularity. No specific start date has been set for September yet, but those interested in the program can contact the Youth Services Department over the next few weeks, said Jill Storm, the library's youth services supervisor. "The key to reading is reading," said Storm. "The more you read, the better you get at it." The problem is, she said, many kids, as they're learning to read, feel intimidated and lack confidence in their abilities.



Ruth Carlin reads along with Willow, 3, and Sid during a Reading with the Dogs session on Aug. 2.

Photo by TIFFANY RAZZANO

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U.S. Navy veteran Bob Schum participates in the adaptive water skiing exhibition at Lake Seminole on July 15 as part of the National Veterans Wheelchair Games. Schum, a member of the Bay Pines VA Healthcare system team, captured one gold medal during the games for bowling.

## Vets bring home gold from Wheelchair Games

SEMINOLE - Twelve gold medals, two silver and one bronze. These were the spoils taken home by the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System's veteran team during the 33rd National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Tampa July 13-18. This was the first year the Bay Pines VAHCS entered the National Veterans Wheelchair Games as a team joining the nearly 600 athletes from the United States, Great Britain and Puerto Rico in the world's largest annual multi-sport wheelchair event for military Veterans. The competition featured 18 different medal-awarding events and two exhibition events with athletes competing against their peers

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## Coast Guard Auxiliary's military memorial wall gets first bricks

By BOB McCLURE

MADEIRA BEACH - A long-time vision for Marcel Traficante is coming to fruition on the south wall of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary building in Madeira Beach. Nearly two years since he got the idea to build a memorial wall to honor members of the U.S. military, a total of 47 memorial bricks have been attached to the wall next to an attractive, colorful mural. His goal is to fill the wall to capacity with about 360 more bricks, which are actually individual tiles. "I think it's our responsibility to remember those who have decided to unselfishly serve our great country," said Traficante, the division vice commander of Auxiliary Flotilla 11-3. "This is an opportunity to honor a family member or anyone who has served in the military." The concept came about after two of Traficante's friends were killed in Afghanistan. "Their wives were afraid their children would grow up not knowing who their father was,"



Marcel Traficante, division vice commander for U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 11-3, and public affairs officer Suzie de Miranda stand in front of the Auxiliary's military memorial wall at 299 Boca Ciega Drive, Madeira Beach.

Photo by BOB McCLURE

said Traficante. "We have memorials in Washington but really nothing out there nearby." In February 2012, Traficante went to work. He advertised on Craig's List for an artist to paint the mural and found Belinda Davis of St. Petersburg. She began work on the mural about four months later and a year ago it was dedicated at the Auxiliary headquarters, located at 299 Boca Ciega Drive. "After we got the mural finished, I thought why not do memorial bricks to honor current and past military members?" Traficante said. "We wanted to make sure the bricks were made in the U.S. and that was tough." After a little more searching, See WALL, page 4A

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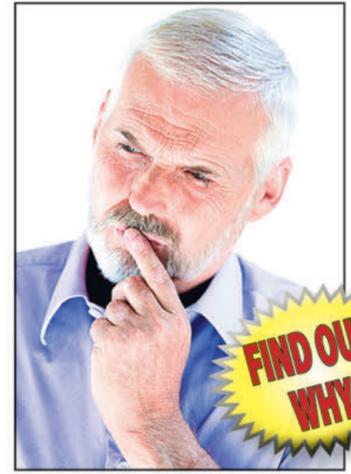


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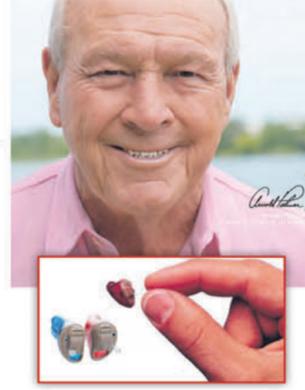
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# Around Seminole

## Flicks N Fins Family Fun Night planned

SEMINOLE – The Seminole Recreation Division presents Flicks N Fins Family Fun Night on Friday, Aug. 9, 7 p.m., at Seminole Aquatics, 9100 113th St.  
This month's movie is "Madagascar 3."  
Call 391-8345 for more information.

## Commemorate 10 years of joint-use library service

SEMINOLE – On Saturday, Aug. 10, 11:30 a.m., Seminole Community Library, 9200 113th St. N., will celebrate its 10th anniversary of joint-use library service.  
Join in the celebration of 10 years of cooperative library service between the City of Seminole and St. Petersburg College in a partnership that serves as a model for others.  
There will be face painting, children's craft activities and refreshments at this free event.

## Parents' information Session offered

SEMINOLE – The Seminole Chamber of Commerce, 7985 113th St. N., Suite 208, will host a free information session for parents on Wednesday, Aug. 14, 6 to 8 p.m.  
Adam Struckoff will speak on how to identify your child's learning potential.  
Call 392-3245 or visit [www.seminolechamber.net](http://www.seminolechamber.net) for more information.

## Model train exhibit at library

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Four exhibits will be featured. "Fun and Disasters" is a 16' x 38' model railroad layout in "S" gauge, expressing the trials, tribulations and triumphs of modern industrial life; "The Battle of Gettysburg" is a 4' x 8' layout in "HO" scale with more than 2,000 hand-painted soldiers, wagons, cannons and horses; "Thomas the Tank Engine" and his friends will be on display, sculpted in various media; and the

"Keen Mountain" display will feature an 8-foot tall mountain with "HO" scale train yards.  
The exhibit modelers and artists of the S-Modulators model railroad club will be on hand to offer commentary and answer questions about their creations.  
The Friends of the Seminole Library fund the exhibit.

## Free CPA program offered

SEMINOLE – The Seminole Chamber of Commerce, 7985 113th St. N., Suite 208, will host a free Quality 1031 Exchange Program for CPAs on Tuesday, Aug. 20, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
To RSVP or for more information, call Summit Advisors at 230-4890.

## Educator's workshop set

SEMINOLE – The Seminole Chamber of Commerce, 7985 113th St. N., Suite 208, will host an educator's workshop Wednesday, Aug. 21, 6 to 8 p.m.  
Adam Struckoff, Professional Learning Coaches, will present this event.  
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## Women's Leadership Council meeting set

SEMINOLE – The Seminole Chamber of Commerce, 7985 113th St. N., Suite 208, will host the Women's Leadership Council meeting on Thursday, Aug. 22, 8 a.m.  
The guest speaker will be Kathy Perry, social, mobile and Web coach.  
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## Kiwanis Breakfast Club meets Tuesday mornings

SEMINOLE – The Kiwanis Breakfast Club of Seminole meets Tuesdays at 7:15 a.m. in the third floor card room at Lake Seminole Square, 8333 Seminole Blvd.  
On the second, third and fourth Tuesdays of the month, the group features speakers from different organizations.  
Visit [kiwanisseminolebreakfast.com](http://kiwanisseminolebreakfast.com) or call 319-8343 for more information.

## High schools seek mentors

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For Osceola High, call Debbie Giovo at 547-7717, ext. 2002. To volunteer at Seminole High, call Ann Wilson at 547-7536, ext. 2136.

## Chess Club meets weekly

SEMINOLE – The Seminole Chess Club meets Wednesday, 6 to 9 p.m., at the Seminole Community Library, 9200 113th St. N.  
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Pictured with her mother, Sandy Speicher, Indian Rocks Christian School senior Emily Speicher, right, raised \$1,100 at a July 25 fundraiser at Chick-fil-A, 10790 Park Blvd., for Casa Angelina, a Guatemalan orphanage. Speicher, who has made four mission trips to the orphanage, is hoping to raise \$96,000 for a new building to house 15 orphans. For more information or to donate to the cause, visit [www.casasantiago.org](http://www.casasantiago.org).

**Cool training on a hot day**



Photo by BRAD DYKENS

Firefighters from Seminole, Pinellas Suncoast, Largo, Treasure Island and Madeira Beach Fire Departments participated in a unified training exercise on water rescue techniques in Madeira Beach on July 31. Rescuers learned specific skills on how to rapidly remove victims from water-related emergencies. Seminole firefighters pictured, from left, are Chief George Bessler, District Chief Bill Morelli, Firemedic Brett Garino, Lt. Joe Brandau and Firefighter Brandon Holcomb.

**Here and There**

**Foundation plans health fair, barbecue**

DUNEDIN - The Here We Grow Foundation Inc. is sponsoring its first back to school health fair and barbecue, Saturday, Aug. 31, noon to 3 p.m., at Here We Grow Learning Center, 1169 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.

The foundation's goal is to supply as many Pinellas County school students as possible with book bags and school supplies and is currently seeking vendors for this event. Tables and chairs will not be provided.

Any Pinellas County social service agencies and community organizations that would like to set up an informational table at the event should contact Meredith Scottino no later than Aug. 20 at 888-958-2788.

As of July 26, 100 Pinellas County families were receiving service provided by The HWG Foundation Inc. Diaper Bank.

The foundation looks forward to being able to provide more children and families with free diaper supplies to meet the diaper need that plagues at risk communities. The diaper bank continues to seek donations of disposable diapers and pull ups in all sizes (especially sizes 3-6), baby wipes and rash cream.

The foundation also offers free education and career counseling.

**MOAA to meet**

ST. PETERSBURG - The St. Petersburg chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will meet for its next luncheon Friday, Aug. 16, at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park.

Social hour will begin at 11 a.m. followed by lunch and a short program. The speaker will be Warren Brown, M.D., founding member of the Florida Aviation Historical Society.

The Military Officers Association meets for lunch third Fridays. Military officers that are retired, active duty or former officers and their spouses or widows are invited to attend.

For reservations, call Bill Bolin at 584-1595.

**Gracie's Big Splash set for Aug. 16**

BELLEAIR - Gracie's Big Splash VII will be held Friday, Aug. 16, 5:30 to 9 p.m., at the Dimmitt Community center.

"Gracie's Big Splash VII will be hosted by our newly formed foundation named in memory of our beautiful daughter Gracie who passed away April 21, 2008 of a rare brain tumor," said a press release from Llisiana and Martin Purdy.

The first Gracie's Big Splash was held in 2007 by members of the community to help Gracie and her family. As with all previous Gracie's Big Splashes since then, the Gracie G. Purdy Foundation will continue to help families whose children have been diagnosed with terminal or catastrophic illnesses, as well as donate toward pediatric cancer research and fund other youth oriented projects in Gracie's memory.

For more information about the Splash or to make a donation to The Gracie G. Purdy Foundation, please contact Llisiana or Martin Purdy by calling 559-0993 or send an email to Llisiana Purdy at [GBS@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:GBS@tampabay.rr.com)

**Volunteers needed to drive cancer patients**

The American Cancer Society said there is an urgent need for volunteers to drive cancer patients to their cancer treatment appointments throughout the county.

Call: 1-800-227-2345

**DOGS, from page 1A**

This is where therapy dogs can help.

"There's no judgment involved," said Storm. "The children sit down and read to the dogs. The dogs are just happy to have someone close to them, pet them and talk to them. Those dogs are not going to judge their reading."

Lola Gayton, 7, loves reading and dogs, though she doesn't have one at home, so the reading program was perfect for her.

But though she is a great reader, she'd often take out more books than she could finish each week. After reading to the therapy dogs all summer, her mother has noticed she's completing more of the books.

"Now she finishes a whole book, skips less pages and is a more consistent reader," her mother said.

Francis Foranda, grandfather of 3-year-old Dominic Foranda, said the program has greatly improved the attention span of his grandson, who reads at a third-grade level.

"He loves coming here each week," Francis Foranda said.

Last summer, Seminole resident Ellen Leber, who is part of Project PUP, along with her two Cavalier King Charles Spaniels - Georgy and

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Photos by TIFFANY RAZZANO

Nancy Barlow and her dog Maggie listen as Lola Gayton, 7, reads aloud during her Reading with the Dogs session on Aug. 2.



Dominic Foranda, 3, gives Sid a hug after spending the morning reading to him.

**GAMES, from page 1A**

according to wheelchair sports experience and agility. Besides producing national and world-class athletes, the Games also provide opportunities for newly disabled Veterans to gain sports skills and be exposed to other wheelchair athletes.

Members of the Bay Pines team included Lin Hales, recreation therapist and team coach; U.S. Army veterans Jimmy Green (four gold - Basketball, Javelin, Nine Ball, Discus; one bronze - softball) and Pam Kelly (five gold - bowling, motorized slalom, archery, motor rally, air guns); Air Force veterans Shawn O'Neil and Angel Watson (two gold - weightlifting, trap shooting; two silver - nine ball, table tennis); and Navy veteran Bob Schum (one gold - bowling).

"To be a part of this year's National Veterans Wheelchair Games was an amazing opportunity, to say the least," said Hales. "Despite our team being small in numbers, we were larger than life in effort, attitude, and energy. The team not only showed up and put forth 110 percent at their individual events, but they showed up all day long to cheer on each other. It was camaraderie and sportsmanship at its finest," she said.

For Green, a native of Largo, this was his 18th year of competing in the Games and first year competing on the Bay Pines VAHCS team. As a Games veteran with more than 50 medals under his belt and a former member of a National Wheelchair Basketball Association championship team, Green said he aims to build the team at Bay Pines and bring more awareness to the therapeutic benefits of adaptive sports.

"Every disabled veteran deserves the opportunities that I have received and the veterans at Bay Pines are no exception," he said. "I want to help build this program because I want every disabled veteran at Bay Pines to have that feeling that I got from discovering adaptive sports."

For Kelly, a resident of Pinellas Park, and U.S. Army veteran medic discharged from active duty military in 2006, this was her first time competing in the Games - and definitely not her last.

"The experience of the Games let me know that there is no obstacle I



Photo courtesy of BAY PINES VAHCS

U.S. Army veteran Pam Kelly smiles as she prepares to compete in the archery event during the 33rd National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Tampa on July 17. Kelly, a member of the Bay Pines VA Healthcare system team, captured five gold medals during the Games, including one for archery. In total, the Bay Pines VAHCS team amassed 12 gold medals, two silver and one bronze.

cannot overcome," Kelly said. "I have a lot of challenges in my life now, but I know I can get through day-by-day. I definitely know that I want to represent Bay Pines next year in Philadelphia, my hometown."

The Games are presented annually by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the Paralyzed Veterans of America. The James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital and the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America co-hosted the 2013 event locally.

**Pinellas returns to twice-a-week watering schedule**

By SUZETTE PORTER

Southwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board voted July 30 to eliminate all water shortage orders effective Aug. 1. Residents are encouraged to maintain year-round conservation and adhere to local government schedules.

This summer's above-normal rainfall has brought significant improvement to aquifer and river levels. Major public water suppliers, such as Tampa Bay Water, now have enough water for meeting customer's needs.

The U.S. Drought Monitor report issued July 23 shows no signs of drought in any part of Florida. The outlook through October continues to show Florida as drought-free.

Customers of Pinellas County Utilities can now return to the twice-a-week watering, according to a schedule set on street addresses. Customers using potable (drinking), well, lake or pond water can irrigate their lawns twice a week.

Addresses ending in an even number, 0, 2, 4, 6, 8, can water on Thursday and Sunday. Addresses ending in odd numbers, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, can water on Wednesday and Saturday. Addresses with mixed or no address can water on Tuesday and Friday. Properties that are two acres or more in size may water half the land on Thursday and Sunday and half on Wednesday and Saturday.

No watering is allowed between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Restrictions have been lifted on activities such as car washing, hand watering of plants, trees and shrubs, as well as pressure washing and operating fountains.

Irrigation of new lawns and landscaping must follow an 60-day establishment period.

Reclaimed water customers follow a different schedule with addresses ending in even numbers allowed to irrigate on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Addresses ending in odd numbers can irrigate on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. Addresses with mixed or no addresses can water on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Watering with reclaimed water is not recommended between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Residents should be aware that watering restrictions can change with little notice. Watering violations can result in a \$193 fine. Utilities customers can receive email notification of schedule changes. Make sure to update email addresses at [www.pinellascounty.org/utilities](http://www.pinellascounty.org/utilities). Click on the My eAccount button.

For more information, call 464-4000. Residents who do not receive water from Pinellas County Utilities are encouraged to check with their provider about possible watering restrictions.

**WALL, from page 1A**

he found Miami-based Bricks 'R Us, which not only sells the bricks but also does laser engraving.

The Auxiliary sells two sizes - a 4-inch by 8-inch brick for \$59 and an 8-inch square brick for \$79. Proceeds help to support public safety programs at the Auxiliary.

Both de Miranda and Traficante stressed that bricks can be purchased by anyone, military or civilian, for anyone who has served in the U.S. military, past or present.

One family, the Allaire family of Madeira Beach, purchased three bricks - for World War II U.S. Navy veteran Richard Allaire, U.S. Army Iraq veteran Patrick Allaire and his son Matthew, who is currently serving with the U.S. Army in Afghanistan.

They were among the initial 47 bricks to go up that took a little longer than originally anticipated.

"We discovered we needed to stucco the wall so the bricks would adhere better and then we had to seal them to protect them from the weather," said Traficante. "We weren't anticipating (the extra cost), but we wanted it done right."

The Auxiliary spent \$1,300 for the stucco work and \$400 for the sealant.

More bricks will soon be added to the wall. "We wish we had more," said Suzie De Miranda, the flotilla staff officer for public affairs. "We just want to get the word out that the wall is here. A lot of people don't know it's here. So we're considering putting up signs."

Other amenities planned for the wall include a battlefield marker encased in plexi-glass, landscaping, lighting that will allow 24/7 viewing of the wall and two benches facing the wall, compliments of the city of Madeira Beach.

Ultimately, Traficante said, he hopes to have services and an open house at the Auxiliary building on Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

For information on purchasing a brick, call 391-5185 or 482-6204.



Photo by BOB McCLURE

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary's memorial wall features a mural by St. Petersburg artist Belinda Davis and individual bricks honoring members of the U.S. military.

**Be prepared**



Photo by BRAD DYKENS  
Mayor Leslie Waters and Seminole Fire Chief George Bessler presented hurricane preparation information to residents at the Seminole Home Depot Hurricane Awareness Expo July 27. The event, sponsored by Home Depot, featured first responders and vendors delivering safety messages and preparation information to keep residents safe in case a tropical system hits the area. Hurricane season ends in November.

**Raising awareness in D.C.**

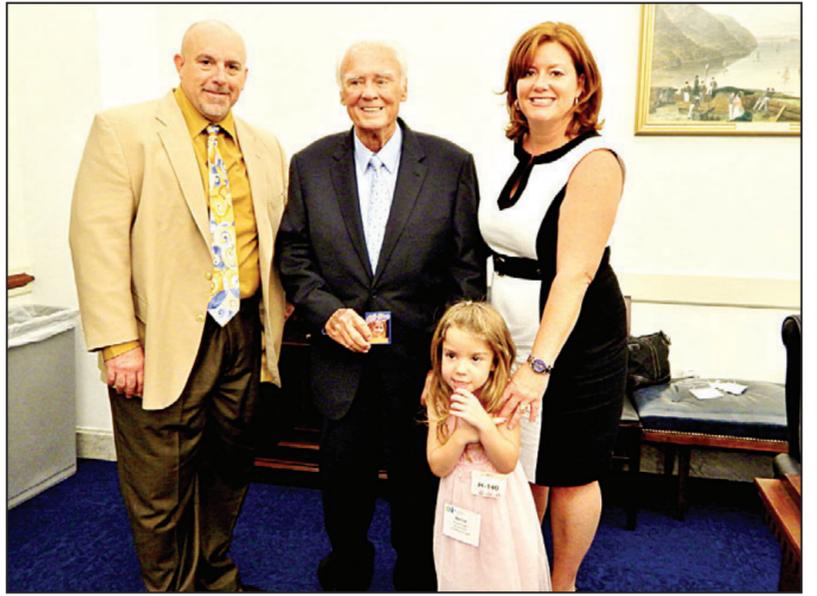


Photo courtesy of the MARASCO FAMILY  
The Marasco family traveled to Washington, D.C., with All Children's Hospital on June 20 to advocate for Medicaid awareness and funding for pediatric research. They also wanted to raise awareness of omphalocele, a birth defect. While there, they met with U.S. Representatives C.W. Bill Young and Kathy Castor. Pictured are, from left, Geno Marasco, Young, Nikki Marasco, and their daughter, Marina, who was born with omphalocele.

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Willy - suggested Storm add Reading with the Dogs to the summer children's programming at the library. Storm wanted to extend the program into the school year last fall, but couldn't get the legal paperwork together in time.

This year Leber was joined by Nancy Barlow and Maggie, a Pembroke Welsh Corgi, and Ruth Carlin and Sid, a schnauzer, both working as part of Therapy Dogs International.

"Maggie has the perfect temperament for this [kind of work]," Barlow said. "And she loves doing it." For Storm, her favorite part is seeing how the program affects young readers.

"I love to see kids who are reading and who need the extra practice enjoying reading more," she said.

For more information on Reading with the Dogs, call the Youth Services Department at 394-6913.

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# County moving forward with cost-saving EMS changes

By SUZETTE PORTER

CLEARWATER – Pinellas County Commissioners gave staff direction Aug. 1 to move forward with a consultant's plan that could help contain costs for emergency medical services.

Unlike many previous meetings on ways to balance the EMS fund, the room wasn't packed with fire chiefs, firefighters and paramedics opposed to a consultant's findings and recommendations. The Thursday morning meeting concluded in about an hour.

"This is a very important day," Commission Chair Ken Welch said at the beginning of the work session.

He said the work done by the consultant, Fitch and Associates, was a "good process" toward a "necessary discussion."

"That doesn't mean we'll agree on everything in the report, but it does give us enough information to make decisions."

He said the consultant's conclusion that Pinellas County had the finest EMS system in the United States – maybe the world – was good news. He also said it was time to move forward to "maintain the excellence of the system in an affordable way."

Robert Polk with Pinellas Suncoast Fire Rescue and president of the Pinellas County Fire Chiefs Association, outlined the areas in which the association agreed with the Fitch report, which he described as the "most comprehensive set of data we've ever had."

He complimented Fitch for its "interesting use of the data," which consisted of EMS calls from the year 2011, and said the association also agreed with Fitch's conclusion that the county's system was one of the most sophisticated in the United States.

The association agrees with Fitch in its opinion that the plan proposed in a 2011 study by consultant Mic Gunderson, one of the

principals with Integral Performance Solutions, was in theory achievable, but not implementable. The county's system is not in such "disrepair to need such a move," he said.

The association agreed with Fitch that using Sunstar instead of fire department first responders for low-level emergency calls would not save money. He also agreed with the findings that a centralized system created efficiencies.

However, he said, "Surge capacity must be present" in the system to ensure response to disasters. He also pointed out that fire departments and districts contribute to the system by providing equipment and personnel that "doesn't cost the county a dime."

He said for the first time, in 2014, the firefighters' contracts for EMS would be less than the contract with Paramedics Plus, a private company that provides ambulance service under the county's Sunstar brand. He cautioned



PCCTV screen shot by SUZETTE PORTER

Lt. Scott Sanford with Palm Harbor Fire Rescue tells Pinellas County Commissioners that he is glad Fitch and Associates proved that fire departments could provide transport service during an Aug. 1 work session.

that any changes made to the system would be complex and time consuming.

"This report provides a positive framework for dialogue and potential savings and long-term savings

enhancements," he said.

Lt. Scott Sanford with Palm Harbor Fire Rescue said he was glad that Fitch had demonstrated that a plan he co-authored with Capt. Jim Millican with Lealman Fire Rescue would work. The plan advocates ambulance transport by local fire departments instead of private ambulance service. However, he wasn't happy with the revisions made in the plan to address excessive workload, which Fitch said was a prob-

lem with the Sanford-Millican plan. Adding in units to balance workload made fire department transport too expensive to implement.

"It's somewhat of a relief to find closure on this," he said. "This is a life and death decision we're passing on to you."

Lealman Fire and Rescue Chief Rick Graham said the Fitch report showed the county's system was

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"effective and efficient." He objected to the notion that the system had "excess" capacity as opposed to "reserve" capacity. Reserve capacity is required, he said. He gave the example of recent thunderstorms as proof of its need.

"It's the difference between life and death. It's safety," he said. Graham is not sure that the CARES plan recommended by Fitch is something that can be implemented immediately.

"It's a good platform," he said. The CARES plan calls for a reduction in EMS staff during nighttime hours.

John Klinefelter, president of the Clearwater Firefighter's Association, talked about problems with the IPS and Fitch study, saying neither had been fully vetted. He objected to the county's move on priority dispatch. He said the CARES plan, cutting 10 hours from midnight to 7 a.m., did not ensure enough firefighters were on duty to respond at all times.

"It's not just about medical, it's also about fire," he said.

He said if the county did not fund personnel for those 10 hours, cities and fire districts would have to fund their own units. He said one-third of Clearwater's units were funded by the city now. He said if the county made cuts, they would have to do more with their advance life support engines, which could influence the level of service on Clearwater Beach.

"It's a huge cost shift to the cities and fire districts," he said.

Thus far, municipalities and fire districts have been silent in terms of a formal response to Fitch's report and the CARES plan. Commissioner Chair Ken Welch said the response had been favorable in conversations with some fire chiefs.

The commission directed staff to begin conversations with all interested parties as soon as possible to begin work toward implementing any possible cost savings from Fitch's plan. While the consensus was to push ahead sooner rather than later, commissioners realize it could take two to three years. Meanwhile, millage rates may have to be increased to pay for costs.

The commission agreed that "boundaries" of the discussion should center on the CARES plan, reduction of staffing for 10 hours between midnight and 7 a.m., addressing excess capacity, long-term financial sustainability and protecting the level of service.

Commissioners also asked for a status report on phase 3 priority dispatch. The commission had voted to implement phase 3 on June 1. Phase 3 calls for Sunstar to respond to low-level emergency calls instead of fire department first responders.

The Fitch report recommends the opposite approach - response by fire personnel instead of the private ambulance provider. County Administrator Bob LaSala said the decision would be up to the EMS medical director and Medical Control Board, but staff supports Fitch's recommendation. He said that Phase 3 was not in effect at this time.

Welch asked if the medical control board was still planning to move ahead with eliminating response to certain calls, such as hiccups. Bruce Moeller, director of Public Safety Services, said that plan was still undecided.

Commissioner Susan Latvala commented on the results of the Fitch study.

"We're now in a better place. There's more consensus in the community," she said. "We need a system that will sustain us in the future while maintaining the most clinically sophisticated system that we have and addressing excess capacity."

Commissioner Karen Seel, along with other commissioners, thanked Sanford and Millican for their contribution toward solving the EMS issue.

"But we still have a long-term sustainability issue. That's still the elephant in the room," she said.

# County Commission sets tentative millage rates

By SUZETTE PORTER

CLEARWATER - Pinellas County Commissioners set tentative millage rates for fiscal year 2013-14 during a morning work session July 30.

Commissioners confirmed that there would be no separate millage for a stabilization fund. They also confirmed there would be no increase in the emergency medical fund millage. Short falls will be taken from EMS reserves, leaving a balance of 22.9 percent.

Commissioner Norm Roche was absent.

Proposed millage increases are as follows.

- General Fund - countywide - an increase of 0.2650 mills from 5.0105 to 5.2755
  - Health Department - no change. Millage will remain at 0.0622
  - EMS - no change. Millage will remain at 0.9158
  - Municipal Services Taxing Unit - no change. Tax for unincorporated residents will remain at 2.0857
  - Library co-op - an increase of 0.0563 from 0.4437 to 0.5000
  - Pinellas Planning Council - an increase of 0.0035 from 0.0125 to 0.160
  - Palm Harbor Recreation - no change. Millage will remain at 0.2500
  - Palm Harbor Library - no change. Millage will remain at 0.2500
  - Feather Sound Community Services - no change. Millage will remain at 0.5000
  - East Lake Library Service - new taxing district. Tentative millage is 0.2500
- Millage rate changes are coming for four fire districts.
- Gandy will increase by 0.0375 mills from 2.2602 to 2.2977
  - Pinellas Park will increase by 0.6488 from 2.3675 to 3.0165
  - Safety Harbor will increase by 0.0487 from 2.7631 to 2.8118
  - Highpoint will decrease by an estimated 2.6700 mills from

4.1916 to a number yet to be finalized

County staff prepared a chart showing the effect of millage changes on the average single-family residence. A home with an assessed value of \$99,967 would be taxed an additional \$26.49 for general fund millage and 35 cents for the Pinellas Planning Council.

Residents living in a single-family home with an assessed value of \$191,018 in East Lake will save \$47.75 on library taxes. Residents living in a single-family home with an assessed value in the Gandy Fire District will pay \$1.87 more in taxes. Taxpayers in a home with an assessed value of \$104,176 in Highpoint Fire District will save \$92.81. Homeowners of a residence with an assessed value of \$115,305 in Pinellas Park Fire District will pay \$34.98 more, and owners of a single-family home with an assessed value of \$131,949 in Safety Harbor Fire District will pay \$5.62 in additional taxes for fiscal year 2014.

Commissioner Karen Seel pointed out that the figures did not include the 3.4 percent increase in property values county-

wide. Staff said the numbers were representational of the changes, not exact numbers.

Staff offered estimates of tax increases for the county's portion of the tax bill for some municipalities, including:

- \$20.66 for a home with an assessed value of \$76,945 in St. Petersburg
- \$27.07 for a home with an assessed value of \$100,835 in Clearwater
- \$17.63 for a home with an assessed value of \$65,660 in Largo
- \$26.96 for a home with an assessed value of \$100,428 in Tarpon Springs
- \$25.31 for a home with an assessed value of \$94,256 in Dunedin

The assessed values are the average for the municipality. The total includes millage for the general fund, EMS, Health Department and Pinellas Planning Council.

County Administrator Bob LaSala pointed out that the figures did not include the school board, municipal millage or any others not levied by Pinellas County.

Tentative millage rates will be reflected on the Truth in Millage

notices to be sent from the Property Appraiser's Office on Aug. 19. The rates can be lowered, but cannot be increased.

Commissioners will continue to take public comment on next year's budget and millage rates at two hearings in September. The first is on Sept. 5. The budget and millage rates will be approved at the second hearing on Sept. 17.

For more information, visit [www.pinellascounty.org/budget/14budget/budget/fy2014.html](http://www.pinellascounty.org/budget/14budget/budget/fy2014.html).

## Social action funding

Commissioners also discussed a plan to change the way nonprofit organizations that provide food and shelter to the needy are funded. The consensus was to restore the money for that funding to the budget for the coming year and take the difference from the stabilization fund.

Commissioners agreed that it was better to implement changes in fiscal year 2015 to give organizations time to prepare. Gwendolyn Warren, director of health and human services, is working on a plan that would ensure that the county's money is not used to pay administrative costs or duplicative services.

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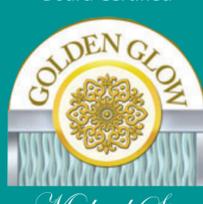
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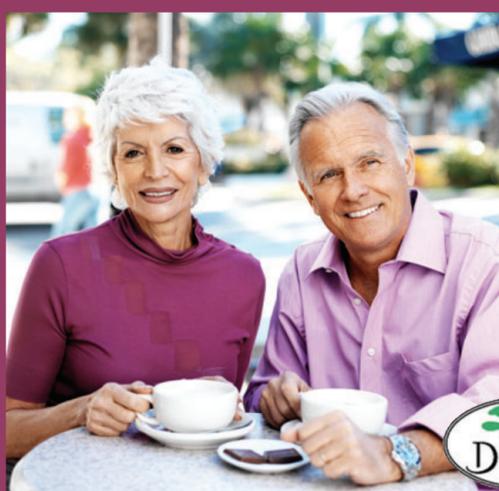
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Diamond is a calm Labrador/retriever mix girl who seems to always be deep in thought. At only 4 years old, she seems like she has seen a lot and has an old soul. Diamond would love to live her life with someone who is also peaceful and thoughtful. If that sounds like you, adopt Diamond at the Humane Society of Pinellas at 3040 S.R. 590, Clearwater. Call 797-7722 or visit www.humanesocietyofpinellas.org.



**Splice**

Splice is a 3-month-old female tortoiseshell kitten. She is a shy girl, but once she knows you, she loves to crawl up into your lap and purr. She is spayed, microchipped and vaccinated. To learn more about Splice and other adoptable animals, contact Pet Pal Animal Shelter at 328-7738 or visit the shelter at 405 22nd Ave. N., S. St. Petersburg. Visit www.petpalanimalshelter.com.



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Pebbles is a 5-month-old, 24-pound female Boston terrier/beagle mix. She is a cutie pie who would love to curl up on the couch with her human and watch episodes of The Flintstones. Pebbles is spayed, vaccinated and microchipped. Visit Pet Pal Animal Shelter at 405 22nd St. S., St. Petersburg. Call 328-7738 or visit www.petpalanimalshelter.com.



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**What is parvo? Vet discusses this disease**

I can still remember the first case of parvo virus that I ever saw. Unfortunately, it was only a necropsy sample of a dog's small intestine to take back to the University of Florida for evaluation for parvo. I was working in Branford Florida as a veterinary technician the year before I started veterinary school in 1980, and dogs were dying of a new disease in the area and we needed help in solving the dilemma.



**Speaking of Pets**  
Dr. Wade Matthews, DVM

These dogs would start to become depressed, most would vomit and all of them had severe diarrhea with lots of blood in it. We did everything we knew how to do at that time to save them, but we couldn't. It was a severe time for us because we really had nothing to offer the owners as their pet died from dehydration, despite having intravenous fluids given to them. Vaccine companies had been working on a cure for some time before the out-

break, and the next year, the veterinary profession had a new weapon to fight parvo.

It was like night and day difference when we were able to vaccinate puppies for this disease. When the disease first started, no pets had any immunity to it so very few actually lived to pass the antibodies on to their young. Now with the aid of vaccines, female dogs have antibodies to the disease and can pass them on through their colostrum, which is in the first 24 to 48 hours that the puppies nurse.

**Why is Parvo so bad in dogs?**

Pets need to have a certain amount of hydration for the body to work properly. They get water, electrolytes, minerals, carbohydrate, fat and protein from whatever they eat and drink. The bowel has billions of "villi" that form the lining of the bowel and that is where water and nutrients are absorbed. The parvo virus actually enters the villi to replicate, and this process causes the villi to die very quickly. With other viral diseases, the same thing happens, but the reason parvo is so severe is that it kills the whole villi and not just part of it. It leaves the bowel unable to digest or absorb almost anything. Even if the pet eats or drinks something, it passes right through the bowel undigested and un-absorbed. The villi will regenerate, but it takes many days for that to happen, so the pet is at major

risk of dying during that time.

**What can I do to protect my pet?**

When you buy a puppy, make sure that the mother was vaccinated before she was bred. This will help protect the puppy when it is very young. As they grow, they need to develop their own antibodies to protect them. Puppies should be vaccinated at least twice, and the second vaccine needs to be at 16 weeks of age or older. Our standard puppy vaccine schedule is to vaccinate them for parvo at 6 weeks, 9 weeks, 12 weeks and 16 weeks to do everything possible for them not to get this life threatening disease.

Dr. Wade Matthews graduated from The University of Florida in 1984 and has practiced at The Animal Hospital of Dunedin for 28 years.

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## Youth Advisory Committee to host Aug. 21 open house

CLEARWATER – Students who serve on the Pinellas County Youth Advisory Committee invite high school students who live in the county to attend an open house Wednesday, Aug. 21, 3 p.m., in the fifth floor Commissioners Conference Room at the courthouse, 315 Court St.

The open house will provide teens with information on the advisory committee and ways they can participate in local government. Refreshments will be served.

The Youth Advisory Committee, established in 2001, was developed as a vehicle for young people to provide input and assistance to the Pinellas County Commissioners. The committee assists the commission by helping to identify the needs of young people locally, to organize youth-based activities that benefit the local community, to suggest services needed by young people within Pinellas County and to become active participants, with their adult counterparts, in county programs.

Youth Advisory Committee members coordinate the Teens Behind the Scenes program that gives high school students a look at several county facilities to see how services are provided. Other projects, including community service, will be planned for this school year.

To RSVP for the open house, or for more information on the Youth Advisory Committee, call 582-2656 or visit [www.pinellascounty.org/yac](http://www.pinellascounty.org/yac).

### School news?

The Seminole Beacon seeks information about students winning awards, scholarships and upcoming school events.

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## School news

### Church to host children's health fair

LARGO – The 13th annual Back-to-School Health and Safety Fair will be Saturday, Aug. 10, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 455 Missouri Ave.

The fair will offer free school physicals, vision and hearing screenings for elementary- through high-school-aged children. No sports physicals will be offered. Free haircuts will be available; registration required.

Community physicians will provide the free physicals, along with the Clearwater Free Clinic. Last year, volunteer doctors and nurses provided more than 129 physicals, and volunteer stylists gave children a fresh start for school with a free haircut.

Community providers and after-school programs will offer information and registration. Largo Fire Rescue will be on hand as well as Largo police with their K-9 unit. Florida Blood Services mobile van will receive donations of blood and plasma.

There will be clowns, face painting, demonstrations, healthy snacks, a drawing for two new bicycles and other giveaways, along with school supplies for each school-aged attendee while supplies last.

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### School district to hold Volunteer Recruitment Fair

ST. PETERSBURG – Pinellas County Schools is holding a Volunteer Recruitment Fair Monday, Aug. 12, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., at St. Petersburg Marriott Clearwater Hotel, 12600 Roosevelt Blvd.

The school district is looking for dedicated and caring individuals willing to be engaged as mentors, tutors and school volunteers.

The fair will be a "one-stop" event for all attendees. Register to volunteer, obtain a background screening and attend a mentor workshop. Call 588-6000, ext. 1853 to register for a workshop.

### Area residents graduate from Eckerd College

ST. PETERSBURG – Residents from Clearwater, Seminole and Safety

Harbor graduated from Eckerd College on May 21.

Residents of Clearwater who graduated are: Kiva Alvarez, with a bachelor's in business management; Niya Case, with a bachelor's in business management and a minor in human development; Kelly Coston, with a bachelor's in communication and minors in journalism and management; Ann Debs, with a bachelor's in English with high honors; Sarah Entreken, with a bachelor's in East Asian studies and a minor in Japanese; Timothy Mathews, with a bachelor's in American culture and society; Kimberly Paczynski, with a bachelor's in American studies with high honors; and Lindsay Starling with a Bachelor's in human development.

Residents of Seminole who graduated are Byron Barnett, with a bachelor's in business management; and Laura Littlefield, with a bachelor's in communication and a minor in psychology.

Caroline Campbell, a resident of Safety Harbor, graduated with a bachelor's in communication and a minor in creative writing.

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**WSJ, REAL Trends honor Thorn Collection**

**BELLEAIR BLUFFS** – The Thorn Collection of Coldwell Banker is featured as one of the top 250 real estate teams in the country for 2012, based on closed transaction volume.

The impressive milestone is included in the Top Thousand, an annual list of America's top 1,000 real estate professionals and teams compiled by The Wall Street Journal and REAL Trends Inc. The designees represent the top one-half of 1 percent of more than 963,000 licensed Realtors in the country.

With closed transaction volume totaling \$69 million for 2012, the Thorn Collection is the only Pinellas County real estate team to be included in the prestigious top 250 list. The

Thorn Collection is a nine-member real estate team doing business under Coldwell Banker. Martha Thorn, a 26-year veteran real estate agent, leads it.

"We are so proud to be among such a distinguished group and are very pleased that our hard work has paid off with such a wonderful tribute," Thorn said in a press release.

The Thorn Collection of Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate specializes in the sale of homes in Pinellas County.



Martha Thorn

**Schaub joins Coastal Properties Group International**

**CLEARWATER** – Coastal Properties Group International, the exclusive affiliate of Christie's International Real Estate in Tampa Bay, recently announced that Jeannine Schaub has joined the company.

Schaub is a top-producing real estate sales professional with experience in waterfront and luxury homes. Previously with Century 21, she specializes in home buying and selling of luxury and waterfront properties in Pinellas County, including Palm Harbor, Belleair Beach, Clearwater Beach, Dunedin, and the Gulf Intracoastal. Schaub has been a Pinellas County resident herself since 2010, when she and her husband invested in their first Florida property. She currently owns and manages several homes from the Great Lakes to the Gulf Coast. She has been in the real estate industry since 1985.

In addition to having extensive property manage-

ment knowledge, Schaub has more than 35 years of corporate experience, including post-secondary education director and personal business ventures.

"We are excited to welcome Jeannine to Coastal," said Alex Jansen in a press release. Jansen is Coastal's owner and managing broker. "She brings a wealth of knowledge and real estate expertise to the company."

"Living waterfront is living like you are on vacation," said Schaub. "I think Clearwater Beach is the most beautiful beach in Florida. I am thrilled to be affiliated with the real estate firm that is the leader in the luxury home and waterfront markets."



Jeannine Schaub

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**Adamo & Associates names top agents**

SEMINOLE – Realty Executives Adamo & Associates recently announced its top agents for the month of July.

Laura Harrison was recognized as the top listing associate. Mary Butler was recognized as the top sales associate. Sandy Hartmann & Associates was recognized as the top listing and sales team.

**Laura Harrison** **Mary Butler** **Sandy Hartmann**

**Kemp becomes Waterfront Realty affiliate**

REDINGTON SHORES – Waterfront Realty recently announced the addition of its new business affiliate, Julya Kemp, with New Outlook Home Staging.

"We're excited to offer Julya's services as part of our upscale listing package," said Tim Johnson in a press release. Johnson is broker and owner of Waterfront Realty. "Seller's homes need to look 'market-ready,' and her talent as an organizer, de-clutterer and staging expert will certainly help our owners expedite the sale of their home."

According to the press release, Kemp's talents lie in using what the homeowners already have.

"You can do so much with your own furniture and give your home a new look by minimizing, organizing and using less," Kemp said. "There is no need to purchase new items."

Waterfront Realty specializes in the Pinellas County "bridge-to-bridge" beach areas such as Madeira Beach, Redington Shores, Redington Beach, North Redington Beach, Indian Shores, Indian Rocks, Belleair Beach and Clearwater Beach.

**Julya Kemp**

**What's Selling in Pinellas County**

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**Ashleigh Masi**  
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**Plumlee names top agent**

INDIAN ROCKS BEACH – Plumlee Gulf Beach Realty recently recognized its top agent for the second quarter.

Tim O'Neil was named the top listing and sales agent for the second quarter of 2013.

**Tim O'Neil**

**Coldwell's Chenault earns designation**

CLEARWATER – Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate recently announced that Michelle Chenault has earned the Graduate Realtor Institute designation.

"I would recommend this program to any real estate professional who wants to increase their professional awareness," said Chenault in a press release.

Chenault earned the prestigious designation from the Realtor Institute. The GRI program includes 172 hours of coursework on topics such as real estate law, standards and practices, marketing, technology and more.

"By earning the GRI designation, Michelle had made the commitment to provide the highest level of professional real estate service to her customers," said Julia Stander, managing broker of the Clearwater office.

**Executive Inc. relocates**

INDIAN ROCKS BEACH – Executive Inc. Homes, Condos and Investments and Executive Preferred Properties recently moved its office to the corner of Gulf Boulevard and 13th Avenue in Indian Rocks Beach.

Elizabeth "Liz" C. Seither, broker and president, has specialized in the sale, vacation and annual rentals and property management of waterfront and exclusive high-end homes and condos on Clearwater Beach for more than 35 years.

The new office is at 107 13th Ave., Suite 1, Indian Rocks Beach.

**Liz Seither**

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**Mary Kottich**

# Get rid of daily press briefings at the White House

A former Obama White House press aide is calling for an end to the White House's daily press briefings. "The daily briefing has become a worthless chore for reporters, an embarrassing nuisance to administration staff, and a source of added friction between the two camps," Reid Cherlin wrote in *New Republic*. "It's time to do the humane, obvious thing and get rid of it altogether."



Debra Saunders

Amen to that. My complaints about the briefings are different from Cherlin's. I don't think there's enough friction between the camps. As I watched Monday's briefing on streaming video, I spied a number of journalists looking at or typing on their phones. The press corps and White House spokesman seem like an old married couple; one knows what the other is going to say before the other says it.

The press corps doesn't come off well in many exchanges. President Barack Obama met for lunch with Hillary Clinton. America wants to know: What was on the menu? Spokesman Josh Earnest was ready with an answer: grilled chicken, pasta jambalaya and salad.

There's this awful trend in journalism that, in the rush not to be late, produces stories that preview what is going to happen. Then when, say, a speech is over, it's already old news, and so no one covers it.

So at the briefings, reporters ask: What will the president say? Then there's the inevitable answer: "I don't want to get ahead of the president's speech tomorrow."

Your average American would want to know why an administration does what it does, yet your average journalist wants to know when. In its first interview with the president since 2010, *The New York Times* asked the president when he would announce his decision on the Keystone pipeline and when he would name a successor to Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke.

When reporters stray from the usual routine, it doesn't do much good. On Monday, CBS News correspondent Major Garrett tried to get a yes or no answer as to whether the administration thinks the Egyptian military is responsible for the violence that has left so many dead.

Garrett's tactic enabled Earnest to engage in a typical press secretary dodge - referring to other officials' cryptic statements. Another handy tool: telling reporters to talk to another press secretary in a different department.

It cannot be good for reporters to just sit there as press secretaries spin and drill the same old talking points without saying anything revealing. As Cherlin wrote, if there were a Hippocratic oath for press secretaries at daily briefings, it would begin: "First, make no news."

No problem there; the beat reporters know the rules, including what not to ask. After George Zimmerman and his family received death threats, Gabe Finger, a high-school intern at *The Daily Caller*, asked press secretary Jay Carney whether the president planned on taking any action to protect the Zimmermans or were they "on their own."

Carney answered that he was not aware of any threats - another favorite dodge in this White House. Then he hit the intern for making a "ridiculous statement." You see, Finger asked a question that a conservative might ask. And to this White House, with this press corps, that is utterly ridiculous.

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## LETTERS

### Invest in residents' safety

#### Editor:

I have lived on Indian Rocks Beach for three and a half years and consider it paradise. The people, the nightlife, and of course the beach are splendid. One bothersome issue however is the lack of crosswalks at the beach accesses and for years I have heard that something will be done about it. Now it's too late.

One of my neighbors was recently hit by a vehicle while walking across Gulf Boulevard and has been seriously injured. I wonder if there is a quota on how many accidents have to happen before the city can invest in a few gallons of paint and make it safe for pedestrians to cross? It is too late for my neighbor but hopefully our local officials can see this as the one too many lives endangered by a lack of safety for pedestrians on Gulf Boulevard.

I have seen many close calls with children and their parents lugging stuff back from the beach and no safe place to cross. One resident seriously injured is one too many. Can we please make the investment in safety for our residents and especially our children?

#### Jimmy Suvo

Indian Rocks Beach

### Restaurant couponers, beware

#### Editor:

My husband and I had a very bad experience with a local restaurant when we tried to use our \$25 coupon. We were told that they were out of lobster tails and fillet mignon at 4:45 p.m. on a Monday, July 29. We had to order a minimum of \$37.50 in order to use the coupon. My husband ordered a special at the restaurant, which was not covered by the coupon so the entire \$37.50 was for me to order. Wow, have you tried to order that much without that steak or a lobster tail? This was our 52nd anniversary so needless to say, we walked out and won't ever go back. I do think that this restaurant pulled a fast one on us. Only wish that we could name it and give all the folks a heads-up on how they treat their customers.

#### Linda Simon

Largo

### A charity worthy of support

#### Editor:

Here in Pinellas County we have the Religious Community Services, which is not well known but has been in existence for the past 40 years and serves thousands of people every year.

The RCS is comprised of a thrift store on East Bay Drive, which helps finance the RCS Food Bank on Druid Avenue, the Grace House, which provides housing for homeless families, and the Haven of RCS and its outreach ministries for battered women and their children.

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# On the many uses of small talk

One of the most practiced conversational art forms is small talk. Sooner or later we must all engage in it, whether we want to or not.

Mrs. Havisham is waiting for her bus. Her neighbor, Mr. Flark, whom she barely knows, approaches and stands beside her. Neither of them really wants to chat, but neither wants to appear standoffish. What is the compromise solution? Small talk.

"Lovely morning, isn't it?"  
"Oh, yes. Although some rain is predicted."  
"Ah, yes. But we can use it."

Weather is probably the most common topic in doing small talk. That's because everyone is subject to it. The same thing goes for sex, although that sex small talk is trickier, and is usually confined to persons who know each other well.

Another area that small talkers are wise to avoid is religion. "Mr. Partridge, I've been reading that your church is trying to attract Guatemalan atheists into the fold. Are you crazy?" Such a remark usually ends the small talk, and may lead to gunfire.

Health issues can lend themselves to small talk. Again, discretion must be exercised. To use "My hemorrhoids are killing me!" as an opening line pretty well dooms the conversation from the very start.

Chitchat is an alternative form of small talk. Chitchat exchanges usually go on longer than small talk. Also, chitchat is more common among women. No self-respecting man would say, "Charlie and I were just chitchating. Or just chatting."

The No. 1 small-talk topic for men is sports. The opening line is usually, "How 'bout them Rays?" Better-educated men say, "How 'bout those Rays?" The British say, "Have you noticed the superlative perform-



Driver's Seat  
Bob Driver

ance of the Kent-Sheffield cricketers recently? Smashing, wouldn't you say, old boy?"

A frightening side of small talk is when you meet someone who obviously wants to do more than make idle, inane comments. This sometimes occurs when the airline pilot has developed food poisoning and the plane you're on will be 80 minutes late taking off. How do you thwart a determined would-be gabber, when you're hopelessly trapped alongside him or her? Here are a few lines that usually bring a halt to unwanted small talk:

"I have a knife in my pocket. It will stay there as long as you stay silent and don't move."

"Are you washed in the blood of the lamb?"  
"The spirit of L. Ron Hubbard shall never die!"

Another method of avoiding small talk is to speak in a foreign language, preferably one you've just made up. On one occasion, a wedding reception, I was placed next to a woman who began to regale me about her grandchildren. I replied, "Da novia meskup fa rangoo per ellingsstork." From that point we just sat quietly and enjoyed our duck d'orange.

At other times you may welcome small talk. To encourage a person to open up, just ask leading questions. "Have you ever been divorced? Please tell me about it. Whose fault

was it? Your spouse was a real dork, right?"

Art shows are the toughest places to make small talk with complete strangers, especially if you know very little about art. When that happens, you should gossip about the net worth of the guy hosting the show, and how he made his bundle. "Were you aware that his first wife was a bisexual niece of Picasso who stole six of his paintings and cashed them in?"

I live in a condominium complex, most of whose residents own a dog or a cat. These pets provide an excellent entry point for small talk.

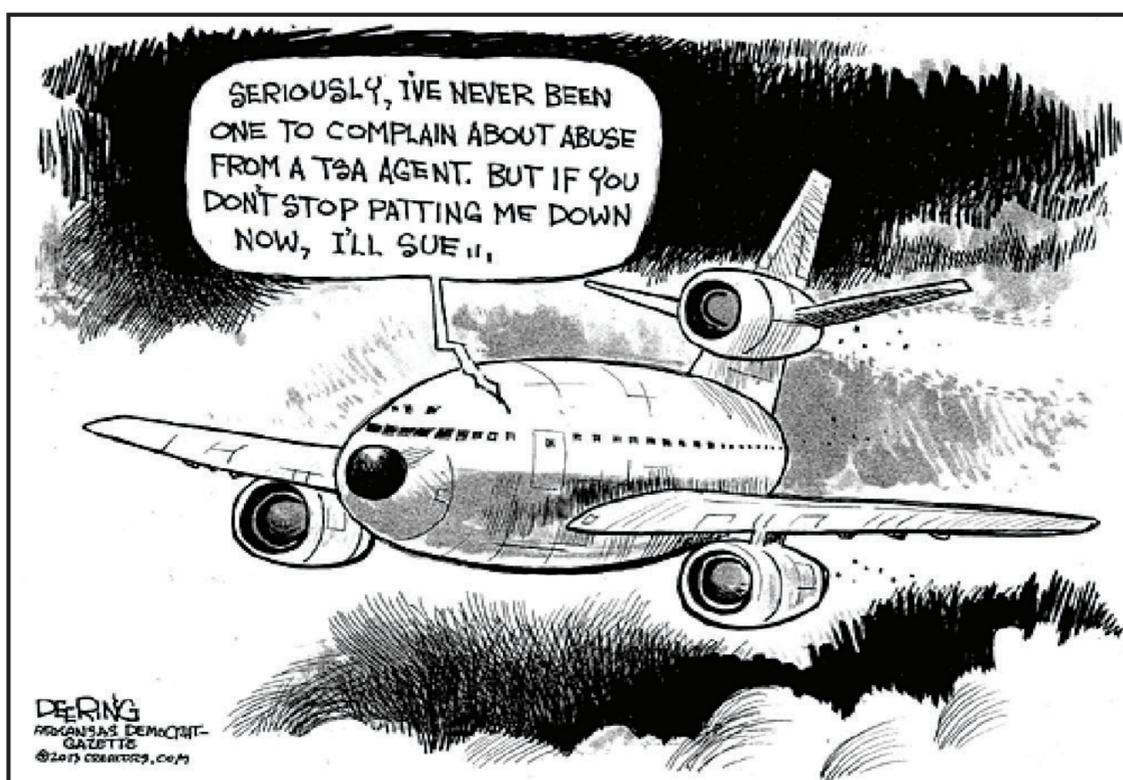
"That's a magnificent Great Dane you have, sir. Where did you buy his saddle?" "What a pretty kitty, m'am. What is her name?" "It's a boy. His name is Cedric." And so on.

I know the names of more pets than I do their owners. A lady on the 4th floor has a tiny dog, a female, called Fenway. The lady is a Boston Red Sox fan. Their home field is Fenway Park. That's how it goes with small talk. If you pay attention you can compile a huge amount of information.

At parties, a useful tool in escaping from a boring small-talk session is to carry a kitchen timer in your pocket. Set it in advance so that the beeper goes off after five minutes. When that happens, just smile and say, "Sorry, but it's time for my dialysis." Then walk away.

Better yet, ask a friend to come to your rescue when you give him/her a high sign, such as tugging your ear. When you signal, the friend rushes up excitedly and says to you, "Spielberg's office just called. He wants to talk about that script you sent him. You'd better ring him back right away."

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# Wrong playing field for town meeting

### More sunshine, please

I wonder if I should bring beer or a dessert to Belleair Shore meetings?

The town of Belleair Shore commission decided to hold a workshop meeting on July 22 at Commissioner Robert E. Schmidt Jr.'s home.

Such meetings, at the very least, violate the spirit of the state's Sunshine Law, which requires meetings of public boards to be open to the public.

According to a 2008 state attorney general's opinion, public boards or commissions "are advised to avoid holding meetings at places where the public and the press are effectively excluded."

I'm not sure that everybody, including some town residents, would feel comfortable walking into a home where a government meeting is held, even if there was a sign on the door that said, "Y'all come on in!"

The attorney general's opinion was in response to a question about whether the Village of Highland Park, located south of Lake Wales, would violate the Sunshine Law by meeting in a private home.

The attorney writing the opinion said he was "not aware that this office has directly addressed the matter of a public meeting being held in a private home," but suggested that the concerns expressed would apply to any space in which the Village of Highland Park chooses to hold its public meetings.

I know it's hard sometimes for Belleair Shore, population 87, to make meeting arrangements, and even get quorums among its board members. However, if the town's government fails to hold its commission meetings in places that are easily recognizable as public facilities, then the govern-



Tom Germond

ment may leave the impression that it is indifferent to the public's right to know, which is a cornerstone of a free society.

Even if baseball star Ryan Howard offered to open his mansion to the public for a commission meeting, I'd cry foul.

### Getting there

For those motorists who travel frequently through the intersection of Seminole Boulevard and Ulmerton Road and want to know what's up with the construction work, here's an update.

According to Florida Department of Transportation spokeswoman Kristen Carson, the section of the road work from 119th Street to the Seminole Bypass Canal is on schedule and expected to be finished in the fall.

"... the contractor is on time, however, we have had a pretty wet summer so we will continue to grant weather days as necessary," Carson said.

The right sections of Seminole Boulevard and Ridge Road are currently being widened and are having new curbs and gutters installed. The left roadway for 101st Street needs to be widened and have new curbs and gutters installed still. There is still remaining median work that needs to be done. Resurfacing and final striping also remains, she said.

Another phase of the project, from the Seminole Bypass Canal to El Centro/Ranchero Boulevard, is expected to be completed in the summer of 2015.

### Remembering Matthew

Slightly over a year ago, U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Matthew Sitton of Largo died of wounds he suffered while encountering an enemy explosive device in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan.

In a show of strong support, hundreds or more of area residents lined Ulmerton Road and other streets Aug. 10, 2012, as the soldier was brought in a mortorcade to a Belleair Bluffs funeral home.

Sitton, a paratrooper, was an outstanding soldier having been awarded a Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Army Achievement Medal and the Army Good Conduct Medal. His training included Airborne School, Long Range Reconnaissance Course, U.S. Army Ranger Course, U.S. Army Sniper School, Warrior's Leader Course and Advanced Leader's Course.

When he died Aug. 2, 2012, Sitton was on his second combat deployment to Afghanistan.

I wish his family well and hope that he remains in the thoughts and prayers of the community as when we honor the men and women in the Armed Forces who put their lives on the line for our country.

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# Dolphins use something like sunken streets

In the tropical temperatures of midsummer Florida, Tommy Bahama probably comes to mind more readily than does Robert Frost. Yet it is the cool wisdom of the latter's famous poem, "The Road Not Taken," that wistfully frames something marvelous and mysterious that the dolphins do at sea: use roads.



**Dolphin Watch**  
Ann Weaver

*Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveler, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth.*

A vivid example of dolphins using something like sunken streets occurred recently. Capt. John Heidemann and I watched 11 bottlenose dolphins trekking along one of their watery roads alone or in pairs.

That there are roads at sea at all is startling. Dolphin Watch reported this in 2006 as Do as I Do behavior, wherein one or more dolphin groups take the same course across a waterway as a dolphin group that preceded it.

It is hard to get used to the idea of undersea roads. From a boat, estuarine waters appear to be molded only by the visible shoreline. Yet, underwater paths appear to be as obvious to dolphins as paths through cornfields to Nebraska teenagers, mountain foliage to Utah moose, or thick reeds to African elephants.

*Then took the other, as just as fair,  
And having perhaps the better claim  
Because it was grassy and wanted wear,  
Though as for that the passing there  
Had worn them really about the same.*

The dolphin road we watched, a little grassy and just as fair, certainly was in want of wear. It stretches across a boxy bay that was more popular with dolphins years ago than it is today.

X and her yearling Xanion were the first to appear. Like this stretch of road, X is a periodic visitor. Her yearling announced their presence by bouncing and blurring around the boat. X may have called him back, for he abruptly returned to her side. They let us amble along as they flowed to the north shoreline and headed west.

About to head north ourselves to continue our survey, we glimpsed dolphins behind us. We headed back to see Forest and her 2-year-old Meadow. Done with the morning's hunting lesson, they literally rambled along the same route that X and Xanion had taken.

Again about to head north to continue our survey, we again glimpsed dolphins behind us. In a nautical déjà vu, we retraced the route yet again. Face and her yearling Facet took the same path as the two pairs before them. En route, Face demonstrated how dolphins sometimes encounter food that entices them to stop, spin and scare up a snack like an idly munching hiker.

*And both that morning equally lay  
In leaves no step had trodden black.  
Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
Yet knowing how way leads on to way  
I doubted if I should ever come back.*

As Face and Facet got to the north shoreline and headed west as X and Forest had done, the dorsal fin of a single dolphin flashed in the distance behind us. J's unmistakable fin showed that she had taken a side road to the north shoreline. We saw no sign of her newborn, which should have been four days old. J headed west like the three pairs before her, but unlike them vanished at speed.

Ready to head north to continue our survey, we scanned the waters behind us. A fourth pair appeared in the distance where we first found X. Heidemann retraced our steps once again. Valiant fell in step with us, swimming with protracted strokes that moved her forward gradually. Thus lingering,



Photo by ANN WEAVER

To us, the sea is a watery expanse as unchanging as a desert. To dolphins, the underwater world may be a maze of well-trodden streets.

She waited for the small fin darting off the path to eventually catch up: her calf Vidalia. Back on the path, they ambled to the north shoreline and headed west.

We had spent over an hour tracing the same watery route to watch four mother-calf pairs and one mom. But it wasn't over.

Unbelievably, a fifth pair of dolphins appeared behind us. It was difficult to catch up to them, for they were propelled by the vigor of youth. They veered off the path to surf a passing yacht. Only then did teen Juno and Pastel reveal themselves by slowing and strolling with X, Face and their baby boys.

*I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:*

*Two roads diverged in a wood, and I,  
I took the one less traveled by.  
And that has made all the difference.*

If tomorrow a behaviorist can say, that at two roads of low and high, a dolphin paused to ponder his way, regretting his choice some distant day, I too shall be telling this with a sigh.

Dr. Weaver studies wild dolphins under federal permit 16299, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Send her an email at [annstats54@gmail.com](mailto:annstats54@gmail.com) or visit her website [www.goodnaturestatistics.com](http://www.goodnaturestatistics.com). NOAA advises anyone who sees a stranded dolphin in the Gulf of Mexico to call 877-942-5343 or 877-433-8299.

## Great Bay Scallop Search set for Aug. 24 at Fort De Soto

TIERRA VERDE – Tampa Bay Watch is recruiting volunteer boats to participate in the 20th annual Great Bay Scallop Search, set for Saturday, Aug. 24.

The event is a resource-monitoring program where community volunteers snorkel to search for scallops in select areas within Boca Ciega and Lower Tampa bays. The event has been conducted annually since 1993 with the goal to monitor and document the health and status of the bay scallop population. Tampa Bay Watch will coordinate 45 volunteer boaters with more than 180 participants to search selected sites for the elusive bay scallops.

Volunteers with shallow draft boats are still needed for the event. For information, visit [tampabaywatch.org](http://tampabaywatch.org).

"We can witness the health of the bay by tracking the number of scallops found each year," said Peter Clark in a press release. Clark is president of Tampa Bay Watch. "Every year we hope the number of scallops found increases, which means that water quality and habitat are also improving in our estuary."

Some years, volunteers find many scallops and other years they don't.

Factors that may affect the scallop population include red tide, high rainfall and storms. An all time event high of 674 scallops were found in 2009.

Bay scallops, disappeared from Tampa Bay in the early 1960s when the bay water was highly polluted from dredging operations and industrial and municipal wastes. Tampa Bay's water quality and seagrass beds have since improved to levels that will once again support the bay scallop population. In fact, a 2013 research study data by Southwest Florida Water Management District's Surface Water Improvement and Management Program states Tampa Bay now supports 34,642 acres of seagrass beds, the largest amount of seagrass measured since the 1950s.

Reservations are required for the Great Bay Scallop Search. Registered scallop searchers will meet Saturday, Aug. 24, 9 a.m., at the eastern side of the boat ramp at Fort De Soto County Park, in Tierra Verde. There, they will receive survey equipment and instructions for the monitoring event. At each site, a weighted transect line 50 meters in length is laid along seagrass beds. Snorkelers count scallops along each side of the transect line, within one meter of each side, creating a 100-square-meter

survey area.

This year the Sea World Busch Gardens Conservation Fund and the Tampa Bay Estuary Program sponsor the scallop search.

Bay scallops – or *Argopecten irradians* – are secretive bivalves in the same family as clams and oysters. They may reach a shell size of 3 inches and spend their short 12- to 18-month life span hiding in seagrasses of waters like Tampa Bay. Scallops are filter feeders, therefore they are highly sensitive to changes in water quality and can be used to measure an ecosystem's health and signal changes in water quality. Adult bay scallops can pump as much as 15.5 quarts of water per hour improving water quality resulting in long term growth of seagrass beds. Although bay scallops are edible, it is illegal to harvest scallops in Tampa Bay in order for restoration efforts to be successful.

Tampa Bay Watch is a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) stewardship program dedicated to the charitable and scientific purpose of protecting and restoring the marine and wetland environments of the Tampa Bay estuary.

For information on upcoming events, becoming a volunteer or member, call 867-8166 or visit [www.tampabaywatch.org](http://www.tampabaywatch.org).

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# Health news

## Celebrate the TaTas fundraiser set

DUNEDIN – Celebrate the TaTas is a new fundraiser designed to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer research at Hadassah Medical Center in Israel – the premier medical center in the Middle East known for groundbreaking cancer treatment and research which is shared throughout the world.

This gala dinner will be Sunday, Oct. 27, 5 p.m., at the St. Petersburg Marriott Clearwater, 12600 Roosevelt Blvd., St. Petersburg.

Cost is \$136 a person. The gala honoree will be Dr. Peter Blumencranz, medical director of the comprehensive breast program and cancer services for Morton Plant Mease Health Care.

Blumencranz, an internationally recognized breast surgeon, practices in Clearwater. He has been widely involved in clinical research projects including breast cancer mapping studies, and trials designed to validate the efficacy of accelerated partial breast irradiation.

An advance event, Celebrate the TaTas Paint Day, was July 21, at Temple B'nai Israel, Clearwater. More than 50 models, of all shapes and sizes, had their torsos painted by female artists. The models were cancer survivors, loved ones of cancer patients and caring members of the community. Prior to being painted, models were tested by RNs for possible allergic reactions. Female photographers took photographs of the painted models, from the chin to the navel, assuring privacy and anonymity. The photographs will be exhibited at local galleries prior to being offered for sale at the Oct. 27 gala.

Celebrate the TaTas gala dinner sponsorship opportunities are available. For information, call Monica DiGiovanni at 430-6517 or email CelibrateTheTaTas@gmail.com.

## Walker joins Tampa Bay Orthopaedic Specialists

PINELLAS PARK – Dr. Jeff Walker recently returned to the Tampa Bay area.

Walker will be an affiliate of Tampa Bay Orthopaedic Specialists. He has been a board certified neurosurgeon since 1988 with more than 30 years of experience in the field of neurological surgery.

As an affiliate of Tampa Bay Orthopaedic Specialists, he will specialize in minimally invasive outpatient spine surgery, neck and spine injuries and interventional pain management.



Dr. Jeff Walker

## IQuit Smoking Now program set

ST. PETERSBURG – Gulfcoast North Area Health Education Center is partnering with the city of St. Petersburg to provide the IQuit Smoking Now program, a free tobacco dependence seminar.

The seminars will be presented Wednesdays, Aug. 14 through Sept. 18, 6 to 7 p.m., at J.W. Cate Recreation Center, 5801 22nd Ave. N.

Anyone interested in quitting tobacco can participate and will be provided with a free and optional supply of nicotine replacement therapy including patches, gum, or lozenges. This program is funded by the Florida Department of Health. For information and to register, call Nicole Kelly at 813-929-1000, ext. 204 or email nkelly@gnahc.org.

For other classes and locations, visit [www.ahcctobacco.com/calendar](http://www.ahcctobacco.com/calendar). Seating is limited. Attendees must be age 18 or older.

## Bon Secours recognized for quality of care

ST. PETERSBURG – Bon Secours St. Petersburg Health System recently was honored with the LeadingAge Florida Quality First Award at the 50th annual LeadingAge Florida Convention & Exposition in Orlando.

The health system was recognized among other LeadingAge Florida members for its commitment to ensuring an extraordinary experience of care as particularly outlined by LeadingAge Florida's 10 Elements of Quality. Over the past year, as an integral focus of its efforts to transform its health delivery, Bon Secours St. Petersburg has sought to enhance the potential of its staff in the delivery of skilled nursing and rehabilitation, assisted living, and home care services to seniors in the Tampa Bay area.

"In light of advanced medical practice and health reform's increasing shift to treat patients' conditions in the lowest cost settings of care, healthcare providers are experiencing an influx in the heightened acuity of patients across the continuum," said Karen Reich in a press release. Reich is CEO of Bon Secours St. Petersburg. "For instance, patients who were previously admitted to the hospital for days to undergo a hip replacement, are now being discharged overnight to inpatient rehabs, skilled nursing facilities, and even home. The delivery and coordination of exceptional care requires a workforce that is exceedingly proficient, apt to serve, and all-round extraordinary."

As Bon Secours St. Petersburg forges alliances externally to bridge the full continuum of care, the organization has also sought to drive continuous quality improvement in its own post-acute services by enhancing the engagement of its workforce – especially through the development of the nursing staff's clinical acumen. To accomplish this end, the organization developed a robust education plan to address the increasing acuity level of patients.

Using a competency-based model developed in coordination with its area hospitals but within the regulated scope of services for each entity, Bon Secours St. Petersburg strives to better define expectations and assess performance for its nursing staff. In 2012, in order to facilitate the work associated with the delivery of staff education, the organization created a full-time RN Clinical Education Coordinator to organize curriculum, coordinate its delivery, and assess outcomes. The oversight for this position is provided by Jane Woolley, the organization's Director of Quality & Risk, who holds a doctorate in education from Columbia University and who also serves as a licensed continuing education provider.

To date, the success of the education program can be demonstrated through Bon Secours Maria Manor's attainment of the Florida Gold Seal in 2013, as well as it and Bon Secours St. Petersburg Home Care's Joint Commission re-accreditation surveys in 2012.

"While health reform casts a cloud of uncertainty over the present state of healthcare operations nationally," said Emily Morgan, Bon Secours St. Petersburg's Board Quality Chair, "I am certain of Bon Secours St. Petersburg's ability to thrive and endure."

## Walk to End Alzheimer's set

ST. PETERSBURG – The Alzheimer's Association's Walk to End Alzheimer's will take place on Saturday, Oct. 19, at Bright House Field in Clearwater.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. The walk will start at 10 a.m.

Walk to End Alzheimer's is a united movement to reclaim the future for millions. Nearly 1,400 people from the Pinellas area are expected at this year's event to raise awareness and funds to fight Alzheimer's disease.

Participants will participate in a 2-mile walk and will learn more about Alzheimer's disease, advocacy opportunities, clinical trial enrollment, and support programs and services of the Alzheimer's Association. Each walker will also join in a meaningful tribute ceremony to honor those affected by Alzheimer's disease.

To start or join a team today, call 259-2317 or visit [act.alz.org/Pinellas](http://act.alz.org/Pinellas).

## Majeed receives award

ST. PETERSBURG – The Foundation Fighting Blindness, a national non-profit organization dedicated to finding treatments and cures for vision-robbing retinal diseases, recently recognized St. Petersburg resident Kamal Majeed with its Outstanding New Trustee Award.

The annual honor acknowledges notable contributions and sustained commitment to the foundation's mission during the first three years of trusteeship.

Majeed became a foundation trustee in 2010 and has worked to raise research funds and awareness within the Tampa Bay community. He has co-chaired the Tampa/St. Petersburg Dining in the Dark for the last three years, engaging top community leaders and philanthropists. Over the past four years, when Majeed has been involved with Dining in the Dark, the event has raised more than half a million dollars. President and CEO of Tampa-based NexTech Systems, Majeed is motivated in the fight against blindness because his late mother experienced vision loss later in life, and his mother-in-law is now losing her sight to age-related macular degeneration.

"Without inspiring trustee leaders like Kamal Majeed, the Foundation Fighting Blindness would not be in the position we are today-actually restoring vision in human clinical trials," said Bill Schmidt in a press release.

Schmidt is CEO of the Foundation Fighting Blindness. "We are truly grateful for his ongoing drive to make a difference for the more than 10 million Americans living with retinal diseases."

"I'm truly honored to receive this award from the Foundation Fighting Blindness," said Majeed. "Their mission and cause to stop these vision-robbing eye diseases is so important as I have experienced first hand the impact the loss of sight can have on an individual and their family. Being able to raise awareness and funds is one way I can take action in helping others who are affected by retinal eye diseases."

## Dunedin Blue Jays to host blood drive

DUNEDIN – The Dunedin Blue Jays will be holding a blood drive on Saturday, Aug. 10, in support of their Fight for the Cure Night at Florida Auto Exchange Stadium. The drive will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

## Health Department offers services for uninsured women

Early detection is the key to the successful diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer and cervical cancer, but women who have no insurance and are too young for Medicare often cannot afford to get these lifesaving screenings. In Florida, there's a state resource that can provide these screenings at no cost for those who qualify.

Women between the ages of 50 and 64 who cannot afford mammograms and cervical cancer screenings can apply to receive these tests at no cost through the Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program at the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County.

The program provides no-cost breast and cervical cancer screening exams to women in that age group who are low income, uninsured or have insurance that doesn't cover these screenings.

Women may call 824-6917 to see if they qualify for the program. An application can be mailed or it may be downloaded at [www.PinellasHealth.com](http://www.PinellasHealth.com). Click on the BCCEDP's link on the left menu bar for the application, more information and a notice of privacy practices.

Women who qualify will be notified of their first appointment by BCCEDP staff. Program clients can receive screenings at no cost for a full year once they qualify.

Women need to have their first cervical cancer screening at the age of 21 regardless of sexual activity. These tests should be repeated every three to five years if results are normal. A health-care professional should perform breast exams for adult women once a year. After the age of 40, a yearly mammogram is recommended.

For information about the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County, visit [www.PinellasHealth.com](http://www.PinellasHealth.com).

Donors will receive a ticket to the Dunedin Blue Jays vs. Brevard County Manatees game on Aug. 10 along with an autographed baseball.

To ensure a donation spot, register at: [www.oneblooddonor.org/index.cfm?group=op&expand=506189&zc=34698](http://www.oneblooddonor.org/index.cfm?group=op&expand=506189&zc=34698)

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**Burger King opens in Tyrone Square Mall**

ST. PETERSBURG – Quality Dining, the new operator of 54 Tampa Bay area Burger King Restaurants, recently opened its newest restaurant at Tyrone Square Mall, 2263 Tyrone Square.

The new restaurant is inside the mall's food court. The restaurant's hours of operation will be consistent with the mall hours.

"This unit is the second Tampa Bay area Burger King to open this year," said Daniel B. Fitzpatrick in a press release. Fitzpatrick is chairman and CEO of Quality Dining Inc. "On behalf of our management team we are proud to join the other outstanding merchants of Tyrone Square Mall. The mall is a growing and great destination for shoppers. We look forward to being the perfect complement to our guests shopping experience."

**Chamber to host Inspire Awards luncheon**

LARGO – The Central Pinellas Chamber of Commerce will present its fifth annual Inspire Awards luncheon on Tuesday, Aug. 13, 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., at the Largo Public Library, 120 Central Park Drive, Largo.

The Inspire Awards, presented by the chamber's Women in Business Council, celebrates individuals in Central Pinellas who have had a positive impact on the lives of others through their leadership in the workplace and/or involvement in the community. Dozens of nominations were accepted with five winners selected to be honored this year. Sponsors of the event include DEX Imaging, Creative Sign Designs, Dr. K's Med Spa, Greater Largo Library Foundation, Largo Medical Center and Peace Wealth Management Inc.

The cost to attend is \$20 for chamber members and \$25 for guests. The registration deadline is Friday, Aug. 9. To register, call 584-2321 or email events@centralchamber.biz.

**PeerGenius hiring top high school students**

PeerGenius Tutors is expanding throughout Florida and currently hiring top high school students in Pinellas and Hillsborough counties to be peer tutors.

PeerGenius Tutors is a tutoring service that trains and certifies high school students to help their younger peers in all K-12 subjects, study skills, organization and time management. After successfully implementing this high quality and affordable tutoring option in the Baltimore-Washington, D.C., area and Palm Beach County, the company will now offer its services to local families in Pinellas and Hillsborough counties.

PeerGenius will be hiring and training tutors throughout August and will begin offering services Sept. 1.

Hiring students as tutors is part of the company's growth strategy to create flexible, above minimum wage jobs for young people who help their peers.

"We have numerous jobs available for teens who are strong overall students and also students who excel in a particular subject area," said Peter Traub in a press release. Traub is co-founder of PeerGenius Tutors. "It's real work experience and looks great on college applications."

Students can get more information and apply online at [www.itspeer genius.com](http://www.itspeer genius.com).

**Hungry Howie's partners with Blessings in a Backpack**

Hungry Howie's is partnering with Blessings in a Backpack and local radio stations to raise \$24,000 by Aug. 16 to feed 100 underprivileged children in Tampa Bay for three years.

According to Blessings in a Backpack, there are more than 20 million children in the United States at risk of hunger. Providing access to nutritious food results in improved health, positive behavior, increased school attendance and higher academic achievement.

The Blessings in a Backpack program feeds elementary school children on the federal Free and Reduced Price Meal Program with a backpack of food to take home for 38 weekends during the school year. The program was named Charity of the Year in 2012 by People Magazine's Help Feed a Child Campaign.

"Blessings in a Backpack feeds the future of America and the value to our community is long lasting," said Jennifer Hearn in a press release. Hearn is president of Hungry Howie's Pizza Inc., which was founded in 1973 and is celebrating its 40th anniversary. "Many of these children go home to households with little food, and we are proud to help families with hunger relief and to give back to our community."

Backpack deliveries coincide with back-to-school time in August for Tampa Bay area schools. To contribute to Blessings in a Backpack, visit [www.blessingsinabackpack.org](http://www.blessingsinabackpack.org).

"We're thankful that Hungry Howie's is sponsoring this effort, and we're excited at the opportunity to inform the Tampa Bay community about who we are and what we do," said Nikki

Grizzle, National Director of Marketing & Public Relations for Blessings in a Backpack. "There are many children to feed in Tampa Bay, a lot more than people realize."

**WellCare employees donate school supplies**

As part of Metropolitan Ministries' annual Backpacks of Hope collection drive, employees of WellCare Health Plans Inc. recently donated more than 3,000 school supplies that will help approximately 200 local students during the new school year.

On July 27, a team of WellCare volunteers joined Metropolitan Ministries' staff to prepare the backpacks and landscape the nonprofit's Tampa campus.

"WellCare has made a commitment to serving our communities and helping Floridians in need," said David McNichols in a press release. McNichols is president of WellCare of Florida, and a member of Metropolitan Ministries' board of directors. "Through our collaboration with Metropolitan Ministries, we are able to provide basic tools children need to not only succeed in school, but to succeed in life."

WellCare and Metropolitan Ministries have engaged in a public-private collaboration since 2008. The partnership has leveraged the organizations' unique resources and expertise to address the needs of underserved residents in Tampa Bay.

"Metropolitan Ministries strives to be known for our compassion and innovation in helping struggling families and individuals achieve their highest potential for self-sufficiency," said Tim Marks, president and COO, Metropolitan Ministries. "With the support of companies like WellCare, we are able to provide assistance to the

**Giving back**



Photo courtesy of DONNA WAREHEIM  
American Woman Fitness Center, 9699 Bay Pines Blvd., raised money for CASA House in St. Petersburg at a July 27 Zumbathon. They raised \$210 in two hours. CASA House shelters battered women and their families. Pictured is American Woman owner Donna Wareheim handing a check to Stuart Berger, director of development of CASA.

community in times of need and help change people's lives for the better."

Metropolitan Ministries distributes the collected school supplies through its community partners. To learn about the eligibility requirements to receive a free backpack and school supplies, parents or guardians should call their child's school or Taking it to the Street Ministries at 546-5767. To organize a collection drive, individuals or organizations should contact Metropolitan Ministries at 813-209-1271 or visit [www.metromin.org](http://www.metromin.org).

**Dillard's fashion show to benefit education programs**

CLEARWATER – Dillard's will present its fifth annual fashion show on Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater.

The fashion show will benefit the educational programs at The Marcia P. Hoffman Performing Arts Institute.

The fashion show will feature the latest trends of the season, live entertainment, special guest appearances and will be hosted by comedian Tim Wilkins. This fun "girl's night out" will include wine tastings and special discounts in the Dillard's Boutiques in the Ruth Eckerd Hall Grand Concourse and West Gallery. Dillard's will have door prizes for the VIP Dinner and Great Room Reception attendees and there will be an Opportunity Drawing for a \$1,000 Shopping Spree.

Fashion show tickets are \$25, which include early entry for pre-show shopping. A limited number of VIP tickets, which include dinner on the Ruth Eckerd Hall Main Stage, pre-show shopping and fashion show, are priced at \$100. Tickets for the buffet reception in the Margarete Heye Great Room, which also include pre-show shopping and fashion show, are priced at \$50 each. Call 791-7400 or visit [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com).

**Synovus Bank hosts back-to-school supply drive**

ST. PETERSBURG – Synovus Bank of Florida recognizes that there are thousands of children in the communities it serves that are in need of school supplies for the coming year.

Each of the bank's 21 branches is actively involved in collecting much needed supplies for schools in their market area. Donations will be accepted through Aug. 30. Each Synovus Bank branch selected the individual school or organization they are supporting this year and have the school's "wish list" to help provide exactly what is needed.

"Our team members are committed to the communities we serve and this is just another way we can demonstrate our support," said Dominic A. DiMaio in a press release. DiMaio is president and CEO of Synovus Bank of Florida. "We are most grateful to our customers and team members for their generosity in helping ease the burden of school expenses for many parents in our local communities."

To make a contribution, visit one of the following Synovus Bank branch locations:

- Downtown St. Petersburg office, 333 Third Ave. N., St. Petersburg
- 49th Street office, 5801 49th St. N., St. Petersburg
- Roosevelt office, 12450 Roosevelt Blvd. N., St. Petersburg
- St. Pete Beach office, 6500 Gulf Blvd., St. Pete Beach
- Bryan Dairy office, 7490 Bryan Dairy Road, Largo
- Gulf-to-Bay office, 1680 Gulf to Bay Blvd., Clearwater
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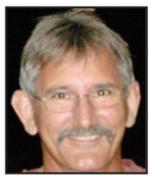
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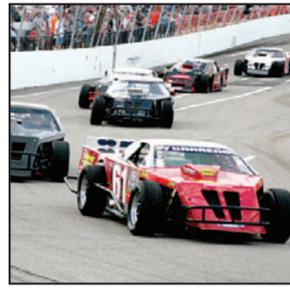
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## Top Five Diversions

• **“Men Are Dogs,”** by Joe Simonelli, Aug. 9-25, at West Coast Players Theatre, 21905 U.S. 19 N., Clearwater. Performances will be Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$17. Call 437-2363 or visit [www.wcplayers.org](http://www.wcplayers.org). Dr. Cecelia Monahan has a serious problem. As a therapist who runs a support group for single and divorced women, she must listen to a number of relationship problems from her unusual cadre of patients as well as dealing with the unsolicited advice of her live-in mother on subjects ranging from dating to cooking recipes. The doctor, however, is not above using some unorthodox methods of her own such as hiring out-of-work actors to role-play with her patients. It is only when Cecelia meets the new substitute package deliveryman that the doctor must learn to practice what she preaches. David Middleton will direct the play.

• **Adam Ant,** Friday, Aug. 9, 7:30 p.m., at the Palladium at St. Petersburg College, 253 Fifth Ave. N., St. Petersburg. Tickets start at \$25. Call 791-7400 or visit [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com). After a string of sold-out shows in the United States and the United Kingdom in 2012, Grammy-nominated pop icon Adam Ant and his band The Good, The Mad & The Lovely Posse are launching a sonic assault with his largest North American tour in 18 years to support his new album “Adam Ant is the Blueblack Hussar in Marrying the Gunner’s Daughter.” In concert, fans can expect all of the hits including “Goody Two Shoes,” “Stand and Deliver,” “Prince Charming,” “Ant Music,” “Strip” and “Wonderful” as well as deep cuts from Adam’s early days and selections from the new album.

• **Leftover Cuties,** Friday, Aug. 9, 7:30 p.m., in Jaeb Theater at the David A. Straz Jr. Center for the Performing Arts, 1010 North W.C. MacInnes Place, Tampa. Tickets start at \$23. Call 813-229-7827 or visit [www.strazcenter.org](http://www.strazcenter.org). From the opening theme of Showtime’s “The Big C” to the infectious happy “Big Smile” that propelled this Summer’s Olympic Samsung Galaxy S III commercial, Leftover Cuties are a band many heard but may not know yet. Securing “Game Called Life” as the theme for “The Big C” helped put Leftover Cuties on the map, but whether it’s the artful placement of “Through It All” on the hot FX series “Justified,” or their cover of “When You’re Smiling” that is now leading the way on a worldwide Hyundai campaign, the Cuties sound is starting to catch fire thanks to their irresistible combination of sultry vocals, pop-perfect songwriting and old-school musicianship. The band’s new album, “The Spark & The Fire,” was released July 23.

• **“Art,”** by Yasmina Reza, presented by American Stage Theatre, Aug. 9 through Sept. 8; previews Aug. 7-8, at the Raymond James Theatre, 163 Third St. N., St. Petersburg. Ticket prices range from \$29 to \$59 depending on the date and time of the performance. Call 823-PLAY (7529) or visit [www.americanstage.org](http://www.americanstage.org). Generally, main stage performances are Wednesday through Saturday, 8 p.m. Matinees are Saturday and Sunday, 3 p.m. However, during August, American Stage Theatre will have two productions running. For an updated schedule of performances, visit [www.americanstage.org](http://www.americanstage.org). How much would you pay for a white painting? Would it matter who the painter was? Would it be art? One of Marc’s best friends, Serge, has just bought a very expensive painting. This intelligent and witty Tony Award-winning play by Yasmina Reza asks the question, “What does our taste in art say about who we are as individuals?” When Serge, a novice art collector, asks his two friends to view his newly acquired work of art, this “priceless” piece tests their 15-year friendship and causes them to validate their self-worth. This production contains mature subject matter and language.

• **Backtrack Blues Band,** Saturday, Aug. 10, 8 p.m., at the Palladium at St. Petersburg College, 253 Fifth Ave. N., St. Petersburg. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 the day of the show. Call 822-3590 or visit [www.mypalladium.org](http://www.mypalladium.org). The five-piece Backtrack Blues Band, with their upbeat, electric blues sound reminiscent of the early Chicago blues scene, has been performing original blues music since 1980, and has performed with blues legends Stevie Ray Vaughan, B.B. King, Buddy Guy, Greg Allman, Koko Taylor, Johnny Winter, John Lee Hooker, and Robert Cray. Sonny Charles supplies great amplified harmonica and vocals. Spider Ingram (lead/slide guitar, vocals), Little Johnny Walter (rhythm guitar), Joe Bencomo (drums), and Winnie Seplesky (bass). Having spent decades refining its craft, the band delivers original electric blues with passion and integrity.



Clarisse (Leven Rambin), left, and Percy (Logan Lerman) navigate the myriad dangers of a closed amusement park that’s now home to some fearsome foes in “Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters.”

## Opening this week

‘Elysium’ pits Damon against Foster; Lerman reprises ‘Percy Jackson’ role

Compiled by LEE CLARK ZUMPE

A number of new movies will hit theaters this week, including the following films opening in wide release:

### ‘Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters’

Genre: Adventure and fantasy  
Cast: Logan Lerman, Brandon T. Jackson, Alexandra Daddario, Douglas Smith, Mary Birdsong, Yvette Nicole Brown, Missi Pyle, Nathan Fillion, Anthony Head, Paloma Kwiatkowski, Leven Rambin, Stanley Tucci, Robert Maillet and Zoe Aggeliki  
Director: Thor Freudenthal  
Rated: PG

Based on the publishing phenomenon, “Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters” continues the young demigod’s epic journey to fulfill his destiny. To save their world, Percy and his friends must find the fabled and magical Golden Fleece. Embarking on a treacherous odyssey into the uncharted waters of the Sea of Monsters (known to humans as the Bermuda Triangle), they battle terrifying creatures, an army of zombies, and the ultimate Evil.

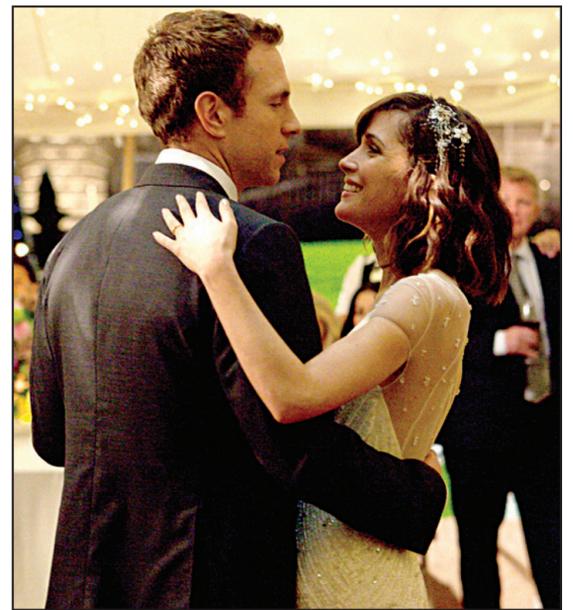
### ‘We’re the Millers’

Genre: Action and comedy  
Cast: Jennifer Aniston, Jason Sudeikis, Emma Roberts, Nick Offerman, Kathryn Hahn, Will Poulter and Ed Helms  
Director: Rawson Marshall Thurber  
Rated: R

From New Line Cinema comes the action comedy “We’re the Millers,” starring Jennifer Aniston and Jason Sudeikis.

David Burke (Sudeikis) is a small-time pot dealer whose clientele includes chefs and soccer moms, but no kids – after all, he has his scruples. So what could go wrong? Plenty.

Preferring to keep a low profile for obvious reasons, he learns the hard way that no good deed goes unpunished when he tries to help out some local teens and winds up getting jumped by a trio of gutter punks. Stealing his stash and his cash, they leave him in major debt to his supplier, Brad (Ed Helms). In order to wipe the slate clean – and maintain a clean bill of health – David must now become a big-time drug smuggler by bringing Brad’s latest shipment in from Mexico. Twisting the arms of his neighbors, cynical stripper Rose (Aniston) and



Raffi Spall and Rose Byrne star in “I Give It a Year,” a Magnolia Pictures release.

wannabe customer Kenny (Will Poulter), and the tatted, streetwise teen Casey (Emma Roberts), he devises a foolproof plan. One fake wife, two pretend kids and a huge, shiny RV later, the “Millers” are headed south of the border for a Fourth of July weekend that is sure to end with a bang.

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**\$700,000**

This wonderful Seminole townhouse features 3 levels of functional living space and screen enclosed balconies to enjoy the water and nature views. The community also has several boat slips that can be used by residents for day docking.

**\$175,000**

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**\$299,900**

Enjoy the water views from this lovely condo. Floor plan features 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, a great room and an enclosed patio to enjoy the boats and water view. Plus, there is a car carport.

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# Leftover Cuties to play Straz Center

TAMPA – Though the band's name may not be immediately familiar to most people, the music of Leftover Cuties has found its way into the public's collective consciousness.

Tampa Bay area residents will have an opportunity to see Leftover Cuties live in concert when the band takes the stage Friday, Aug. 9, 7:30 p.m., in Jaeb Theater at the David A. Straz Jr. Center for the Performing Arts, 1010 N. W.C. MacInnes Place, Tampa.

Tickets start at \$23. Call 813-229-7827 or visit [www.strazcenter.org](http://www.strazcenter.org).

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According to the band's biography provided by Girlie Action – a media, marketing and management company – Leftover Cuties embodied all of the good things in life on their debut album "Places To Go" – things such as "Love songs, California sunsets and the ukulele."

The album was produced by Tony Berg and features 11 "breezy, sophisticated songs evoke a magic-hour stroll on the beach with a special someone."

Their sound is difficult to describe. To call Leftover Cuties retro or



Photo by JOE GALL/GIRLIE ACTION

The Leftover Cuties perform Aug. 9 at the Straz Center in Tampa.

throwback would be too easy, yet, their music fits beside Billie Holiday. At the same time, it's remarkably current in its sex appeal, its sophistication and its confidence. The Cuties' music – plied with upright bass, accordion, the brushed drums and ukulele – is not slavishly old-timey, but honors its forebears in an appropriate and appealing way. There is a faithfulness to melody combined with sharp playing and stylized, confident, character-laden singing.

According to Girlie Action, when Leftover Cuties chanteuse Shirli

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# Geckfest brings circus to the streets

GULFPORT – The 13th annual Geckfest will bring entertainment to the streets during a daylong spectacle on Saturday, Aug. 31, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., along Beach Boulevard in Gulfport.

Amid the thousands of festival-goers, hundreds of vendors and dozens of live musicians on two stages, attendees will come face to face with live mermaids, magicians, jugglers, acrobats, fire dancers and more, creating an "up close and personal" circus atmosphere throughout the village.

Each year, Gulfport celebrates the end of summer with its largest festival of the year, dedicated to the town's unofficial mascot and favorite reptile. The festival has grown to become one of Tampa Bay's most anticipated events of the year. Entertainment in the streets is one of the hallmarks of Geckfest, with many both strolling and stationary performers interacting with visitors. This year's festival will bring more action, fun and thrills to the streets than ever before.

Live mermaids will be visiting in a rare display. The curator of the exhibit will give details on the history of mermaids, their habits and habitats, before drawing the curtain to reveal one of the visiting mermaids. These "sea women" of lore can be viewed up close behind the glass of a giant

water tank. Naturally curious, a mermaid may surface from the water to interact with onlookers. Getting close to her may mean getting splashed. The mermaid exhibit will be located in the heart of the festival.

The Mcandless Aerial Troupe will be on hand to perform acts of anti-gravity grace, including aerial acrobatics, long distance drops, hanging "Spanish web" rope maneuvers and more. The Acromaniacs will show off an array of thrilling acrobatics including "extreme flipping" and body balancing stunts combined with comedy. Dallas, a well-known Tampa Bay area performer, will combine comedy and juggling, as well as amazing feats of strength and balance.

Donning his trademark color orange, stunt comedian Wacky Chad will combine clowning with such stunts as carrying passengers on a miniature bicycle to balancing shopping carts on his face. His extreme pogo stick stunts will amaze festival goers and his comedy antics will keep visitors in stitches.

Seasoned magician, mentalist and entertainer Anton James will display a variety of illusions, including assorted magic tricks large and small, mind reading and "mind games," and other entertainment in a high-energy style.

Capping off the festivities, the Fireshow by Mayhem will showcase a troupe of performers who will dance with, play with, manipulate, swallow and have full body contact with fire. The finale will include a "rocket staff" spun by a performer like a baton with live fireworks attached to each end. Audience members will gather in a circle surrounding the performance area and are able to view the pyrotechnics from close up. The fire show returns to Geckfest by popular demand and has thrilled audiences on every occasion.

Attendees also will find face painters, balloon artists, stilt walkers, drummers, a "living statue" and more street entertainers throughout the day. Other costumed performers, including pirates, gypsies, faeries, and of course geckos will be strolling through the village during Geckfest, creating a quirky, vibrant and colorful scene enjoyable for visitors of all ages.

Geckfest visitors are encouraged to come in costume. Many of the Geckfest performers also will march alongside costumed visitors in the annual walking parade, which will be led by Gulfport's Mayor Emeritus, and include the "o-FISH-al" Gecko Goddess, as well as the new Gecko Queen and her Court. A costume contest with prizes will be held following the parade for children and adults.

Geckfest is sponsored by the Gulfport Merchants Association, and produced by SIK Promotions. For information, visit [www.Geckfest.com](http://www.Geckfest.com).

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### Across

- Dried coconut meat
- Alliance that includes Ukr.
- "Beat it!"
- Bailiwicks
- "\_\_\_ to Billie Joe"
- Fragrant resin
- Type of insect reproduction
- Buttonhole, e.g.
- Burning
- Assistant
- Kama \_\_\_
- Bread maker
- Log cutter
- Grand Canyon transport
- Aloof
- \_\_\_-guided
- Raised to the third power
- Obvious (hyphenated)
- Association of Southeast Asian Nations (acronym)
- Drunk, in slang
- "\_\_\_ Ng" (They Might Be Giants song)
- Affirm
- Adjusted
- \_\_\_ fly
- Alleviated
- Bookbinding leather
- Blatant
- Steals
- Government income (2 wds)
- .01 of rupee
- Dumfries denial
- American symbol
- Artist Max
- Armageddon
- Big Bertha's birthplace

### Down

- Beans
- Face-to-face exam
- Court enclosed by columns
- House rodent genus
- \_\_\_ Wednesday
- Kind of line
- "American \_\_\_"
- \_\_\_ lily
- Clinton, e.g.: Abbr.
- Leave (2 wds)
- Gum
- Organic compound containing CONH2 radical
- Moliere comedy, with "The"
- Swab target
- The America's Cup trophy, e.g.
- Gifts
- Amusement park features
- Galileo's birthplace
- Frosts, as a cake
- Contradict
- \_\_\_-Altaic languages
- Advance, slangily
- Embarkments
- Coastal raptor
- Pair
- Color retention
- Cancel
- Long, long time
- Lover of Dido, in myth
- Balderdash
- Navigational aid
- Dine at home (2 wds)
- Blew it
- Barn topper
- Brio
- Stubborn beast
- Caught in the act
- Backstabber
- Certain intersection

## Horoscopes

August 8, 2013

### Capricorn

December 22 – January 19

Truly, Capricorn. You work hard and deserve to be rewarded. Step up and take the credit. A buddy's riveting tale keeps everyone in stitches.

### Aquarius

January 20 – February 18

Goodness, Aquarius. You took a real beating, but it ended well. Grab a bite to eat and take a little time for yourself to recharge. You're going to need it.

### Pisces

February 19 – March 20

Eureka, Pisces! The item you've been searching for is finally yours this week. Enjoy. A design project nears completion. Rally the troops and finish with a flourish.

### Aries

March 21 – April 19

A coworker's bossiness becomes a bit much. Do your best to keep your cool, Aries. They may be in the lead now, but it won't last forever.

### Taurus

April 20 – May 20

Green is in, Taurus. Jump on the bandwagon, and you'll see a difference in your bottom line. A mistake is rectified, and amends are made.

### Gemini

May 21 – June 21

A crisis in faith comes to an end with the help of a good friend. Show your appreciation by paying it forward, Gemini. An announcement brings happiness all around.

### Cancer

June 22 – July 22

Ready to make your great escape, Cancer? You better be. An invite is coming, and it is not one you want to turn down. A youngster poses a question.

### Leo

July 23 – August 22

Joy, joy, joy, Leo. You have much to be thankful for each and every day this week. The journey to a new you begins, and it starts with changes to your fitness routine.

### Virgo

August 23 – September 22

Say too much, Virgo, and prepare for some backlash. Mum is the word this week. Keep your opinions to yourself and guard all confidences. Someone is watching.

### Libra

September 23 – October 22

Save it, Libra. Your loved one is not ready to listen. Give them some space, and eventually, they will come around. A proposal requires a leap of faith.

### Scorpio

October 23 – November 21

No, yes, maybe. Make up your mind, Scorpio. Your indecisiveness is testing the patience of those around you and impeding the progress of a project.

### Sagittarius

November 22 – December 21

Forgive and forget, Sagittarius. A loved one truly regrets what they have done. Accept their apologies and move on to a matter of more importance.

## Sudoku

9	1	6				7	3
8				7			1
		3	2				8
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3			6		8		
6				2	9		
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							3

## Sudoku answers from last week

8	6	1	9	4	3	7	5	2
7	9	2	8	5	6	3	4	1
4	5	3	7	1	2	6	8	9
6	3	7	2	9	4	8	1	5
2	1	5	3	8	7	9	6	4
9	8	4	1	6	5	2	3	7
1	2	6	5	7	8	4	9	3
5	7	8	4	3	9	1	2	6
3	4	9	6	2	1	5	7	8

## Crossword answers from last week

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B	U	D	G	E	T	S		E	T	E	R	N	A
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## Venue to present 'Misconception'

PINELLAS PARK – Venue Theatre will present the world premiere of "Misconception," a new and exciting comedy, opening Friday, Aug. 2, at the theater, 9125 U.S. 19 N.

"Misconception" is the newest play in a string of hits by local actor and playwright Joseph Alan Johnson. The play will run Aug. 2-18. Performances will be Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.; and Sundays, 3 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Call 823-2685 or email [zazuproductions@aol.com](mailto:zazuproductions@aol.com). Seating is limited and reservations are recommended.

"Misconception" is a sexy supernatural comedy about a young Hollywood couple who get more than they bargained for when they discover that the apartment of their dreams is haunted," according to a press release from ZaZu Productions LLC. ZaZu is handling the marketing and publicity for this production.

The cast features Brick, Karleigh Chase, Elaine Cloud Goller, Daniel H. Harris and Darrin Ortiz.

### About the playwright

Joseph Alan Johnson is a graduate of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts and an award-winning performer.

Johnson's recent plays "See You Next Tuesday," "Green Card Wedding Bridesmaid" and "Cellmate Confessions" were critical and artistic successes. "Misconception" is the seventh play he has written to be performed in Tampa Bay over the last 12 years.

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**'Disney's Planes'**

Genre: Animation, adventure and family  
 Cast: Dane Cook, Stacy Keach, Brad Garrett, Teri Hatcher, Cedric the Entertainer, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, John Cleese, Carlos Alazraqui, Priyanka Chopra, Gabriel Iglesias, Roger Craig Smith, Colin Cowherd, Sinbad, Oliver Kalkofe and Brent Musburger  
 Director: Klay Hall  
 Rated: PG  
 "Disney's Planes" is an action-packed 3D animated comedy featuring Dusty, a plane with dreams of competing as a high-flying air racer. But Dusty's not exactly built for racing – and he happens to be afraid of heights. So he turns to a seasoned naval aviator who helps Dusty qualify to take on the defending champ of the race circuit. Dusty's courage is put to the ultimate test as he aims to reach heights he never dreamed possible, giving a spellbound world the inspiration to soar.

**'Elysium'**

Genre: Action  
 Cast: Matt Damon, Jodie Foster, Sharlto Copley, Alice Braga, Diego Luna, William Fichtner and Wagner Moura  
 Director: Neill Blomkamp  
 Rated: R  
 In the year 2154, two classes of people exist: the very wealthy, who live on a pristine manmade space station called Elysium, and the rest, who live on an overpopulated, ruined planet. The people of Earth are desperate to escape the crime and poverty that is now rampant throughout the land. The only man with the chance to bring equality to these worlds is Max (Matt Damon), an ordinary guy in desperate need to get to Elysium. With his life hanging in the balance, he reluctantly takes on a dangerous mission – one that pits him against Elysium's Secretary Delacourt (Jodie Foster) and her hard-line forces – but if he succeeds, he could save not only his own life, but millions of people on Earth as well.

The following will open in limited release. It may be several weeks before these films appear in local

movie theaters.

**'I Give It a Year'**

Genre: Comedy and romance  
 Cast: Rose Byrne, Rafe Spall, Anna Faris, Simon Baker, Stephen Merchant, Minnie Driver, Jason Flemyng and Olivia Colman  
 Director: Dan Mazer  
 Rated: R  
 "I Give It a Year" is a brand new comedy from the writer of "Borat" and "Bruno" that lifts the veil on the realities of the first year of marriage. Since they met at a party, ambitious high-flyer Nat (Rose Byrne) and struggling novelist Josh (Rafe Spall) have been deliriously happy despite their differences. Josh is a thinker, Nat's a doer, but the spark between them is undeniable. Their wedding is a dream come true, but no one – family, friends and even the minister who marries them – is convinced that they will last. Josh's ex-girlfriend, Chloe (Anna Faris), and Nat's handsome American client Guy (Simon Baker) could offer attractive alternatives. With their first anniversary approaching, neither wants to be the first to give up, but will they make it?

**'In a World'**

Genre: Comedy  
 Cast: Lake Bell, Michaela Watkins, Demetri Martin, Rob Corrdry, Michaela Watkins, Ken Marino, Fred Melamed and Tig Notaro  
 Director: Lake Bell  
 Rated: R  
 Underachieving voice coach Carol Solomon (Bell) not only lives in the house of her egotistical father, Sam Sotto (Melamed), but also in the massive shadow he casts as the undisputed king of the vicious, male-dominated world of movie-trailer voice-overs. When Sam kicks her out to make room for his girlfriend Jamie (Holden), Carol lands her first voice-over gig with the help of charming sound engineer Louis (Martin), beating out industry bad boy Gustav Warner (Marino) for the job. Proving it's no fluke, she soon lines up two more projects in quick succession. At an industry party, Carol has a one-night



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Jason Sudeikis stars as David Clark and Jennifer Aniston as Rose O'Reilly in New Line Cinema's action comedy "We're the Millers," a Warner Bros. Pictures release.

stand with the seductive Gustav, neither realizing who the other is. It's only later that Gustav learns Carol is the "thief" who "stole" the V.O. job from him and vows to make her pay. Soon afterwards, Sam discovers Carol is in the running to become the official voice of a blockbuster, female-centered movie "quadrilogy." Threatened by his own daughter's rising star, Sam tries to discourage her while secretly pushing his reps to land him the gig instead.

As romantic sparks begin to fly between her and Louis, and with her budding career and sense of self on the line, Carol finds herself facing a momentous decision: Whether to give in to her father's bullying or go all out for the job and finally begin living life on her own terms.

**'Prince Avalanche'**

Genre: Comedy and drama

Cast: Paul Rudd, Emile Hirsch, Lance LeGault, Joyce Payne, Gina Grande and Lynn Shelton  
 Director: David Gordon Green  
 Rated: R  
 Driven by striking performances from Rudd and Hirsch, "Prince Avalanche" is an offbeat comedy about two men painting traffic lines on a desolate country highway that's been ravaged by wildfire. Against this dramatic setting, beautifully shot by Tim Orr, the men bicker and joke with each other, eventually developing an unlikely friendship. Funny, meditative and at times surreal, "Prince Avalanche" features a moving score by Explosions in the Sky and David Wingo, and was loosely adapted from an Icelandic film called "Either Way."

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# 'Dolphin Tale' sequel coming

Winter will share the spotlight with another rescued dolphin

By LESTER R. DAILEY

CLEARWATER – The press release that the Clearwater Marine Aquarium sent out on the morning of July 26 was short, cryptic and unexpected. Florida Gov. Rick Scott would be at the aquarium at 3:30 that afternoon to assist its executives and staffers in making a “major announcement” regarding the facility.

“This is a big day, not just for CMA but also for our city, county and state,” David Yates, the aquarium’s CEO, told the hastily assembled crowd of reporters and dignitaries. He then introduced Scott, who explained the importance of CMA and its movie star dolphin, Winter, to Clearwater, Pinellas County and the state of Florida.

To marine biologists, Winter is an Atlantic bottlenose dolphin. But to CMA officials, she is a cash cow.

Scott said that 750,000 people, including 400,000 from out of state, visited CMA last year. They were part of the 93 million visitors to our state last year. And he said that Winter was one of the state’s major tourist attractions. Scott then gave Yates an award for directly or indirectly bringing 3,000 jobs to Florida.

Scott said that, on a previous visit to CMA, he got into the frame of a photo of Winter that his wife was preparing to take. She told him to get out of the photo, thereby proving that Winter was a bigger celebrity than the governor of Florida.

Scott then said that at the urging of two lawmakers from Pinellas County, State Sen. Jack Latvala and State Rep. Ed Hooper, the state Legislature has agreed to subsidize a “Dolphin Tale” sequel to the tune of \$5 million.

“The odds are that we’ll get a



Photo courtesy of CMA

Hope, seen in the foreground, is Winter’s co-star in a sequel to a Dolphin’s Tale, scheduled for release in September 2014. This photo was taken in January not long after the two bottlenose dolphins began sharing the same tank at Clearwater Marine Aquarium.

great return on our investment,” Scott said. “I’m thrilled that “Dolphin Tale II” is going to be filmed right here in Florida. Films can work; we just need to get a great return.”

“How cool is that?” Yates asked the crowd. “We have a sequel, guys.”

Like the original “Dolphin Tale,” the sequel will star Winter, who was rescued from a crab trap line near Cape Canaveral when she was 3 months old. She subsequently lost her necrotic tail but learned to swim using a prosthetic tail and became the star of the CMA show.

It will co-star Winter’s friend, Hope, whose story is similar to Winter’s except that she didn’t lose her tail.

The \$5 million will be given to CMA with the stipulation that it only be used for the production of a “Dolphin Tale” sequel. Warner Brothers affiliate Alcon Enter-

tainment, which produced the original movie, will also produce the sequel.

“It is exciting, that all the (original) actors are back,” Yates said. They include Morgan Freeman, Kris Kristofferson, Harry Connick Jr., and Ashley Judd.

“Dolphin Tale was a great success, becoming a top hit,” Yates said. “The story will basically pick up Winter’s life story and introduce Hope.”

Production is expected to start in September of this year and end next January. The movie is scheduled to be released on Sept. 19, 2014.

“It is exciting,” Clearwater Mayor George Cretekos said of the sequel. “Winter’s is a story that inspires people” such as handicapped children and disabled veterans.

“It’s hot in Clearwater,” Cretekos added. “But we’ve got Winter 365 days a year.”

# Looking Ahead

## Clearwater

• **Chick Corea and Bela Fleck**, Friday, Aug. 23, 8 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Tickets start at \$45. Call 791-7400 or visit [www.rutheckerdhal.com](http://www.rutheckerdhal.com). The show is a new date for the March 24 concert, which was canceled. Tickets for the originally scheduled date of March 24 will be honored. The Grammy-winning duet will combine Corea and Fleck’s most recognizable tunes with the music from their Latin Grammy-winning album “The Enchantment.” With a mix of jazz and pop standards, crossing a myriad of genres including jazz, bluegrass, rock, flamenco and gospel, this will be a casual, intimate evening with two legends from different musical worlds.

• **“Seven Brides for Seven Brothers,”** with book by Lawrence Kasha and David Landay, music by Gene de Paul, Al Kasha, Joel Hirschhorn, and lyrics by Johnny Mercer, Al Kasha and Joel Hirschhorn; Sept. 5-22, at Francis Wilson Playhouse, 302 Seminole St., Clearwater. Performances are Thursdays through Saturdays, 8 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$26 for adults and \$13 for students. Call 446-1360 or visit [www.franciswilsonplayhouse.org](http://www.franciswilsonplayhouse.org). Goin’ courtin’ has never been as much fun as in this rip-roaring stage production. It tells the story of Millie, married and living in the Oregon wilderness in 1850, who plans to civilize and marry off her six rowdy brothers-in-law.

• **Joe Satriani**, Wednesday, Sept. 11, 8 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Tickets start at \$38. Call 791-7400 or visit [www.rutheckerdhal.com](http://www.rutheckerdhal.com). Satriani is currently touring in support of “Unstoppable Momentum.” Joining Satriani on the road are veteran band mate Mike Keneally on keyboards, a new rhythm section featuring bassist Bryan Beller and drummer Marco Minnemann. Satriani is ready to celebrate the recent release of “Unstoppable Momentum,” his fourteenth studio album. The Epic Records release hit radio stations earlier this year and highlights the first single “A Door Into Summer,” while the video for “A Door Into Summer” premiered exclusively on Rollingstone.com.

• **Steely Dan**, Saturday, Sept. 14, 8 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Tickets start at \$79. Call 791-7400 or visit [www.rutheckerdhal.com](http://www.rutheckerdhal.com). Legendary jazz-rock icons Walter Becker and Donald Fagen have announced that Steely Dan will hit the road again in 2013, taking their Mood Swings: 8 Miles To Pancake Day Tour to more than four dozen stops throughout North America. The tour includes a stop at Ruth Eckerd Hall on Sept. 14. Concertgoers can expect an evening of the same high level of musical excellence that garnered raves from fans and critics alike. Onstage, Donald and Walter will be

joined by eight brilliant supporting musicians, now appearing as The Bipolar Allstars, featuring Keith Carlock on drums, Freddie Washington on bass, Jim Beard on keyboards, and Jon Herington on guitar, along with The Borderline Brats — three sublime, soulful songbirds. Together, they will treat audiences to selections from The Dan’s extraordinary four-decade catalog, rich with infectious tunes, bodacious harmonies, irresistible grooves, and sleek, subversive lyrics, punctuated by blazing solo work and rich ensembles. As always with the adventurous Fagen and Becker, a few surprises may be in store as well.

• **“Wedding Secrets,”** a comedy by Joe Starzyk presented by West Coast Players, Sept. 20 through Oct. 6, at West Coast Players Theatre, 21905 U.S. 19 N., Clearwater. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$17. Call 437-2363 or visit [www.wcplayers.org](http://www.wcplayers.org). Bill and Susan are a young couple who meet, have a whirlwind courtship and marry. However, their families have never met the respective spouses, so the couple allows the families to believe they have only become engaged. Once the families gather, everyone else’s secrets come to life: money problems, medical problems, divorces, teenage rebellion, horrible dating choices and a strange relative living in the basement. This comedy deals with change and family dramas.

• **“Arsenic and Old Lace,”** by Joseph Kesselring; Oct. 10-20, at Francis Wilson Playhouse, 302 Seminole St., Clearwater. Performances are Thursdays through Saturdays, 8 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$21 for adults and \$11 for students. Call 446-1360 or visit [www.franciswilsonplayhouse.org](http://www.franciswilsonplayhouse.org). The comedy revolves around the Brewster family, an eccentric, disturbed and frequently murderous bunch. Mix two spinsters with lonely old men, stir in a lethal concoction and you have the recipe for a funny plot.

• **“Sugar Babies,”** by Ralph G. Allen and Harry Rigby, with music by Jimmy McHugh and lyrics by Dorothy Fields and Al Dubin; Nov. 7-24, at Francis Wilson Playhouse, 302 Seminole St., Clearwater. Performances are Thursdays through Saturdays, 8 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$26 for adults and \$13 for students. Call 446-1360 or visit [www.franciswilsonplayhouse.org](http://www.franciswilsonplayhouse.org). This show boasts a riotously funny, nostalgic trip to burlesque: chorus girls, tap dancing, fan dancing and double and quadruple takes. Song numbers include “I Can’t Give You Anything But Love Baby” and “Don’t Blame Me.” A sizeable Broadway show, “Sugar Babies” is glitzy, fabulous, fun with a very patriotic finale.

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## LEFTOVER CUTIES, from page 2B

McAllen steps up to the microphone, she commands attention because she’s got something to say – not to mention a beguiling way of saying it. Her voice is sultry and aching with longing, yet in control.

When McAllen first moved to Los Angeles from her native Israel (where she served in the army), she was still finding her way musically.

“I grew up listening to Israeli music, ‘90s grunge rock and singer songwriters,” McAllen says in the Girlie Action bio.

After a couple of years trying to make her mark in the city’s crowded singer-songwriter scene – a lot of good writers and singers, but not a lot of memorable personalities – she struck up a friendship with multi-instrumentalist and Cuties’ bass player Austin Nicholsen.

“One day, Austin walks in with a ukulele,” McAllen says. “I thought it was a toy. He started playing and I started singing the lyrics. We wrote ‘Game Called Life’ in about five minutes.”

With a newly defined musical direction, the duo dubbed themselves Leftover Cuties. Stuart Johnson (drums), and Mike Bolger (keys, horns, and accordion) came on board to flesh out the sound, and the band was off and running.

In 2010, that sweet tune written on a napkin in five minutes was tabbed as the theme song for the acclaimed Showtime series “The Big C” starring Laura Linney. The band’s fan base swelled exponentially.

## “The Spark & The Fire”

Now the band has a new album to promote. “The Spark & The

Fire” was released July 23.

“The title of the album stands for that yearning to hold on to the beginning of things,” says McAllen on the band’s website, [www.leftovercuties.com](http://www.leftovercuties.com). “The part where everything feels new and pure, where there’s excitement and promise of great things to come.”

The Los Angeles-based noir-pop quartet Leftover Cuties released their sophomore full-length album as well as its first single, “One Heart,” a powerhouse track filled with handclaps and stomping percussion. The band also released a video for “One Heart.” The Barcelona-filmed video features a brassy jazz-pop orchestra lead by McAllen in a prohibition-era mansion.

This time around, the band has created a 12-track journey that swings easily from smoke-filled Bourbon Street speakeasies to quiet island getaways. McAllen’s silky voice provides the hook as the band’s sound pulls listeners in with upright bass, accordion, piano, brass, brushed drums, and the trademark ukulele.

Like many second albums, the creation of “The Spark & the Fire” proved to be a difficult process.

“I think we all came into it with big expectations, and we put a lot of pressure on ourselves, McAllen says. “Sometimes that can get in the way, but we managed to rise above and make something we’re really proud of.”

Leftover Cuties are supporting the new album with a full U.S. tour. The band has performed alongside Shelby Lynne, Alabama Shakes, Saint Motel, the Be Good Tanyas and many more.



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The Leftover Cuties are touring in support of their new album, “The Spark & The Fire.”

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• **"Musical of Musicals (The Musical!),"** a comedic musical by Joanne Bogart and Eric Rockwell, presented by West Coast Players, Nov. 8-24, at West Coast Players Theatre, 21905 U.S. 19 N., Clearwater. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Call 437-2363 or visit [www.wcplayers.org](http://www.wcplayers.org). "The Musical of Musicals (The Musical!)" is a musical about musicals. In this hilarious satire of musical theater, one story becomes five delightful musicals, each written in the distinctive style of a different master of the form, from Rodgers and Hammerstein to Stephen Sondheim. Where else can you see one musical with an opera, rock music, a homicidal artistic genius and a dream ballet? This comic valentine to musical theater was the longest running show in the York Theatre Company's 35-year history.

• **Dave Koz and Friends Christmas Tour 2013,** Saturday, Nov. 30, 8 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Tickets start at \$35. Call 791-7400 or visit [www.rutheckerdhal.com](http://www.rutheckerdhal.com). Dave Koz and Friends Christmas Tour 2013 is an uplifting, high-energy show the whole family will love. Get into the holiday spirit as some of music's biggest names jam on fresh, lively arrangements of seasonal favorites, led by multi-Grammy nominee and saxophonist extraordinaire Dave Koz. Joining Koz this year are Japanese born pianist/composer/producer Keiko Matsui, who has shared the stage with everyone from Stevie Wonder to Miles Davis; world-renowned singer Oleta Adams, who first came to prominence when Tears for Fears asked her to appear on their "The Seeds of Love" album and who has released eight acclaimed CDs of her own, crossing effortlessly between R&B, jazz, popular and gospel music; and Jonathan Butler, who was the first black artist played on white stations in his native South Africa and has since earned accolades in the R&B, contemporary jazz and gospel fields.

• **"Our Town,"** by Thornton Wilder; Dec. 5-15, at Francis Wilson Playhouse, 302 Seminole St., Clearwater. Performances are Thursdays through Saturdays, 8 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$21 for adults and \$11 for students. Call 446-1360 or visit [www.franciswilsonplayhouse.org](http://www.franciswilsonplayhouse.org).

Wilder received the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1938. It is a play in three acts that explores the lives of the Gibbs and Webb families living in a small, quintessentially American town in New Hampshire. Wilder described it as a little play with all the big subjects in it. The Stage Manager is narrator throughout the play describing the locations (as scenery is sparse) and making key observations about the world the play creates.

• **Sixth annual Bowzer's Rock & Roll Holiday Party** hosted by Jon "Bowzer" Bauman, Saturday, Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Tickets start at \$35. Call 791-7400 or visit [www.rutheckerdhal.com](http://www.rutheckerdhal.com). The show will feature Lesley Gore, Lou Christie, Lenny Welch, Joey Dee, Bowzer & The Stingrays and Rocky & The Rollers with special guests Johnny Contardo and Henry Gross, formerly of Sha Na Na. While attending Columbia University in New York in 1969, student Jon Bauman along with his fellow classmates combined their love for the classics of Rock & Roll with a dynamic theatrical approach to form Sha Na Na. The '50s legends eighth professional gig was opening for Jimi Hendrix 44 years ago this summer at The Woodstock Festival. Bauman went on to become a VJ on the music channel VH-1 during its first two years. He's appeared on several television series, such as "Miami Vice." He also hosted the Hollywood Squares half of the Match Game-Hollywood Squares Hour. Bauman has spoken on behalf of musicians and helped pass legislation, known as the Truth in Music Act, that compels any group using the name of a classic group have at least one of the original members.

## Gulfport

• **The sixth annual Gecko Pub Crawl,** Saturday, Aug. 10, 5 to 9 p.m., at six Gulfport locations. Tickets are \$20. The first of three events kicking off this year's Gecko Season in Gulfport, the Pub Crawl will give attendees an opportunity to enjoy a beverage at six Gulfport locations for one \$20 ticket. Participating businesses this year are Cousin's Pizza, J's, Neptune Grill, O'Maddy's, Salty's and T & Me Tea Co, all located within easy walking distance in the Gulfport Waterfront Arts District. Drink offerings vary at each venue and no substitutions will be available. An After Party will be at J's from 9 to 10 p.m. and will feature drawings for prizes donated by local restaurants, inns and other businesses. A Poker Run featuring a game of five-card stud will add to the evening's festivities. Crawlers will be dealt a free card from a Crawl Ambassador at each participating location and each card will be recorded on the Crawl ticket. Up to three extra cards may also be purchased for \$5 each at J's when checking in with the ticket prior to the 9:15 p.m. deadline. The grand prize will be a two-night stay at the Sirata Beach Resort, awarded to the crawler with best poker hand. In the event of a tie, a high card draw will determine the grand prize winner. The Poker Run award and prize drawings will be presented at 9:30 p.m. Participants must be present to win. Tickets are available in advance at Gulfport businesses such as Beach Bazaar, Domain Home Accessories & Gallery, and Couture'd. Tickets will also be available during the hours of the Pub Crawl at each participating location. Only cash or checks will be accepted for ticket sales. For information, call Biff Lagan at 305-923-1803 or email [biffcop@gmail.com](mailto:biffcop@gmail.com). Visit [www.geckofest.com](http://www.geckofest.com).

• **Third Saturday Art Walk,** Saturday, Aug. 17, 6 to 10 p.m., in the waterfront district on Beach Boulevard, Gulfport. Attendees will have an opportunity to meet and purchase the works of talented independent artisans, craftsmen, authors and entertainers. The monthly event stretches over a half-mile up and down scenic Beach Boulevard. Live musicians including the New Horizons Band and the Double M Band appear at venues throughout the waterfront district. While browsing the art and craft booths, visitors also will find Gulfport's unique shops,

boutiques and galleries and may enjoy dinner at one of more than a dozen fine restaurants within the area. For information, call 322-5217 or visit [www.gulfportma.com](http://www.gulfportma.com).

• **USA Dance,** Monday, Aug. 26, 7 to 10:15 p.m., at Gulfport Casino, 5500 Shore Blvd., Gulfport. Admission is \$7 and includes a dance workshop, professional and amateur exhibitions, dance hosts and snacks. For information, call 397-5754.

• **Geckofest,** Saturday, Aug. 31, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., on Beach Boulevard South in Gulfport. This year's theme will be "Saturday Night Gecko" showcasing the 1970s. The annual Geckofest features live music, local artists and crafters, a kids' area, street performers, parade and costume contest. Visit [www.geckofest.com](http://www.geckofest.com).

## Largo

• **"Maybe Baby, It's You,"** by Charlie Sharian and Shari Simpson; Aug. 15 through Sept. 1, at New Stage Theatre, inside Country Day World School, 11650 131st St. N., Largo. Performances are Thursdays through Saturdays, 8 p.m.; and Sundays, 3 p.m. Tickets are \$25. Call 813-817-2585 or visit [newstagelargo.org](http://newstagelargo.org). "Maybe Baby, It's You" boasts a comedic night about the search for that most elusive of entities, the soul mate. Performed by local talents Chris Jackson and Alison Burns, the production covers ground from the first kiss to the not-so-golden age of marriage. The show promises to be a heart-felt night mixed with high energy as these two actors transform into 26 characters throughout the evening.

• **"South Pacific,"** with book by Oscar Hammerstein II and Joshua Logan, music by Richard Rodgers and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II; presented by Eight O'Clock Theatre, Sept. 6-22, at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Performances are Thursdays through Saturdays, 8 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25.50 for adults and \$12.50 for children 19 and younger with identification. A city of Largo handling charge of \$3.50 will be added to each ticket. Call 587-6793 or visit [largoarts.com](http://largoarts.com). Set on a tropical island during World War II, the musical tells the sweeping romantic story of two couples and how their happiness is threatened by the realities of war and by their own prejudices. Considered by many the finest musical ever written, the score's songs include such classics as "Some Enchanted Evening," "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outa My Hair," "Younger Than Springtime," "Bali Hai," "There is Nothin' Like A Dame," "This Nearly Was Mine" and "A Wonderful Guy." Its portrayal of Americans stationed in an alien culture in wartime is as relevant today as when it first thrilled audiences in 1949. The original Broadway production won 10 Tony Awards, including Best Musical, Best Score and Best Libretto. The 2008 Broadway revival won seven Tonys including Best Musical Revival. This production will be directed by Linda Weir and will feature Amy Phillips as music director and James Grenelle as choreographer.

• **Colin Hay,** Tuesday, Sept. 24, 7:30 p.m., at the Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets start at \$34.50. Call 587-6793 or visit [largoarts.com](http://largoarts.com). Best known as the lead singer for the platinum selling Australian band "Men At Work" and his 11 solo albums, Colin Hay is happy to announce his 2013 "Finding My Dance" World Tour coming to the Largo Cultural Center. The Largo performance is one of only three dates scheduled for Florida in 2013.

• **Benny Goodman's 75th Anniversary Tribute,** presented by the Capitol Center Jazz Orchestra; Wednesday, Oct. 2, 7:30 p.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets start at \$29.50. Call 587-6793 or visit [largoarts.com](http://largoarts.com). Jazz clarinetist and Benny Goodman alumnus Ken Peplowski is featured with the highly acclaimed Capitol Center Jazz Orchestra in celebrating the 75th anniversary of Benny Goodman's historical 1938 Carnegie Hall concert. This historic and revolutionary performance claimed a new place for jazz on the American cultural scene and has come to be seen as the most important jazz concert in history. This incredible evening of music will feature numerous classics from Goodman's historic 1938 performance, including "Don't Be That Way," "Memories of You" and the iconic "Sing, Sing, Sing."

• **Gary Wright,** Friday, Oct. 4, 8 p.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets start at \$34.50. Call 587-6793 or visit [largoarts.com](http://largoarts.com). Wright's hit song "Dream Weaver" has been featured in many movies including the "Wayne's World" feature film, "The People vs. Larry Flynt" and "Toy Story 3." Wright has continued to have success on the Billboard charts with "Really Wanna Know You" in 1981 and in 1986, he contributed the song "Hold On to Your Vision" on the soundtrack of Sylvester Stallone's movie "Cobra." "Better By You, Better Than Me," a song written by Wright, was also covered by Judas Priest on their 1978 album "Stained Class." Wright has continued to produce and create records through the decades and you may have seen him recently in 2008 and 2010 touring with Ringo Starr and His All Starr Band.

• **"Little Shop of Horrors,"** by Howard Ashman and Alan Menken; Oct. 10 through Nov. 3, at New Stage Theatre, inside Country Day World School, 11650 131st St. N., Largo. For performance times and ticket information, call 813-817-2585 or visit [newstagelargo.org](http://newstagelargo.org). A down-and out skid row floral assistant becomes an overnight sensation when he discovers an exotic plant with a mysterious craving for fresh blood. Soon "Audrey II" grows into an ill-tempered, foul-mouthed, R&B-singing carnivore who offers him fame and fortune in exchange for feeding its growing appetite, finally revealing itself to be an alien creature poised for global domination.

• **Ambrosia,** Sunday, Oct. 13, 7 p.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets start at \$29.50. Call 587-6793 or visit [largoarts.com](http://largoarts.com). Ambrosia, five-time Grammy nominee in 1970s and early 1980s, had five Top 40 hit singles including "Biggest Part of Me," "How Much I Feel" and "You're the Only Woman." Opening the show will be Twinkle Schasle and her band. Twinkle is an international singer-songwriter who released her first debut album, "Haunted By Real Life," through Warner Brothers and was produced by songwriter Patrick Leonard. The album garnered much attention on the

pop and jazz charts. Her music video, "Can't Get Love With Money" was featured on VH1 where she was a guest VJ on the Top 21 countdown.

• **"La Cage aux Folles,"** with book by Harvey Fierstein and music and lyrics by Jerry Herman; presented by Eight O'Clock Theatre, Nov. 1-17, at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Performances are Thursdays through Saturdays, 8 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25.50 for adults and \$12.50 for children 19 and younger with identification. A city of Largo handling charge of \$3.50 will be added to each ticket. Call 587-6793 or visit [largoarts.com](http://largoarts.com). After 20 years of un-wedded bliss, Georges and Albin, two men partnered for better-or-worse get a bit of both when Georges' son (fathered during a one-night fling) announces his impending marriage to the daughter of a bigoted, right-wing politician. Further complicating the situation is the family business: Albin and Georges run a drag nightclub in St. Tropez, where Albin is the star performer Zaza. Georges reluctantly agrees to masquerade as straight when he meets the family of the bride-to-be. But Albin has other plans, with hilarious results. The production features Michael Newton-Brown as director, Emi Stefanov as music director and James Grenelle as choreographer.

• **"Freckleface Strawberry,"** presented by Stages Productions, Saturday, Nov. 9, 11 a.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults and \$6.50 for children. Call 587-6793 or visit [largoarts.com](http://largoarts.com). Based on the beloved New York Times bestselling book by celebrated actress Julianne Moore, "Freckleface Strawberry" teaches kids to learn and love the skin they are in. In this beloved story, Freckleface Strawberry will do anything to get rid of her freckles – from scrubbing them with soap, to caking on makeup, and even wearing a ski mask to school. With the help of her loveable schoolmates, Freckleface learns that everyone is different – and that's what makes everyone special.

• **Roger McGuinn,** Friday, Nov. 22, 8 p.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets start at \$29.50. Call 587-6793 or visit [largoarts.com](http://largoarts.com). McGuinn, one of the founding members of The Byrds, is known as an innovator for merging folk and rock music in the 1960s. Prior to forming The Byrds, Roger toured and performed folk music with the Limelights, Chad Mitchell Trio and Bobby Darin as a guitarist and banjo player. His music has been a staple on the music charts as well as many movie soundtracks. Some hits singles include "Turn! Turn! Turn!," "Eight Miles High" and "Mr. Tambourine Man."

• **Diane Schuur,** Sunday, Nov. 24, 7 p.m., at the Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets start at \$34.50. Call 587-6793 or visit [largoarts.com](http://largoarts.com). Schuur is a two-time Grammy winner for Best Jazz Vocal Performance – Female and has a total of five Grammy nominations to her name. She has performed at some of the world's most prestigious venues including the Carnegie Hall and the White House. She has also toured the world performing with greats such as Quincy Jones, Stan Getz, B.B. King, Dizzy Gillespie, Maynard Ferguson, Ray Charles, Joe Williams and Stevie Wonder.

• **Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats,** Sunday, Dec. 1, 2 and 7 p.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets start at \$24.50. Call 587-6793 or visit [largoarts.com](http://largoarts.com). The Golden Dragon Acrobats represent the best of a time-honored tradition that began more than 25 centuries ago. This amazing group combines award-winning acrobatics, traditional dance, spectacular costumes, ancient and contemporary music and theatrical techniques to present a show of breathtaking skill and spellbinding beauty.

• **"Holiday Party of One,"** by Alison Burns with musical arrangements by Stan Collins; Dec. 5-20, at New Stage Theatre, inside Country Day World School, 11650 131st St. N., Largo. For performance times and ticket information, call 813-817-2585 or visit [newstage.largo.org](http://newstage.largo.org). This Tampa Bay holiday traditional finds a home at New Stage Theatre after its highly acclaimed run in 2012. Written by local talents Alison Burns and Karla Hartley, this hilarious holiday treat follows three overworked, out of touch, people as they, once again, get caught up in the mad rush of the holidays – that is until Lucky, a Christmas elf, comes to the rescue. The second half of the evening is a unique cabaret of holiday favorites. This production is fun for the whole family.

• **A Russian Christmas performed by the State Choir of Russia,** Tuesday, Dec. 17, 7 p.m., at the Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets start at \$29.50. Call 587-6793 or visit [largoarts.com](http://largoarts.com). Celebrate the holiday season with this unique cultural experience. This company of 45 singers was founded from the merger of the USSR State Chamber Choir and State Symphony Orchestra of the USSR. Music critics have praised this spectacular group and rave of the flawless vocal technique and crystal-clear, precise intonation.

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• **Mad Beach Bike Fest,** Sunday, Aug. 18, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., along Madeira Way, Madeira Beach. Presented by Monthly Madness on Mad Beach and BIKERSCAP, the inaugural Mad Beach Bike Fest will feature bike enthusiasts showing off their classic, antique, new and customized motorcycles from all eras. Food vendors will be on hand and other will be selling bike-related gear. Proceeds will benefit BIKERSCAP, a 501(c)3 organization. The organization provides much needed complete home computer systems to disadvantaged children. Activities will include chance drawings, a bikini bike wash and 10 class people's choice awards. There is no admission charge for this biker-friendly event. For information, call 322-5217 or visit [SIKPromotions.com](http://SIKPromotions.com).

## Palm Harbor

• **Author event,** Tuesday, Aug. 20, 6:30 p.m., at East Lake Community Library, 4125 East Lake Road, Palm Harbor. The featured Authors

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**Pinellas Park**

• **Regal Railways Train Show**, Saturday, Aug. 24, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Knights of Columbus Hall, 7177 58th St. N., Pinellas Park. Admission is \$5 for adults and free for children 11 and younger. The show will feature plenty of vendors with various train items from N to G Scale models. There is usually a small train layout on display for the children to watch as well as videos playing of trains. For information, call 244-1341.

**Safety Harbor**

• **Heart & Soul Cinema**, Sunday, Aug. 18, 1:30 p.m., at Safety Harbor Public Library, 101 Second St. N., Safety Harbor. The free screening will feature the 2005 romance "Prime," starring Meryl Streep, Uma Thurman, Bryan Greenberg and Madhur Jaffrey. This character-driven comedy set in New York City tells the story of Rafi, a 37-year-old career woman from Manhattan who meets Dave, a talented 23-year-old painter from Brooklyn. Dave is totally in love with Rafi, but matters are complicated when she discovers he is the son of her psychoanalyst. The MPAA rating for this film is PG-13. Call 724-1525, ext. 4112.

**St. Petersburg**

• **"Spring Awakening,"** with book and lyrics by Steven Sater, music by Duncan Sheik; based on the play by Frank Wedekind; through Aug. 18, at freeFall Theatre, 6099 Central Ave., St. Petersburg. Call 498-5205 or visit [www.freefalltheatre.com](http://www.freefalltheatre.com). Performances are Thursday, 7 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. Matinees are Saturday and Sunday, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$37 for adults and \$34 for students, seniors and military members. There is a \$7 surcharge for premium seating.

• **"My Name is Asher Lev,"** by Aaron Posner, adapted from the novel by Chaim Potok; presented by American Stage Theatre, through Aug. 25; at the Raymond James Theatre, 163 Third St. N., St. Petersburg. Call 823-PLAY (7529) or visit [www.americanstage.org](http://www.americanstage.org). Generally, main stage performances are Wednesday through Saturday, 8 p.m. Matinees are Saturday and Sunday, 3 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$29 to \$59 depending on the date and time of the performance.

• **New York Guitar Cats**, Friday, Aug. 9, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., in the Mary Alice McClendon Conservatory at the Museum of Fine Arts, 255 Beach Drive NE, St. Petersburg. The performance is part of the sixth annual Dinner and Jazz Series at the MFA. Admission is \$5 for museum members and their guests and \$10 for nonmembers. This includes admission to the exhibitions in the Hazel Hough Wing. The MFA Café will be open for dinner and a "beer and wine" cash bar will be available. Table reservations are strongly recommended. Call 822-1032 or 896-2667, ext. 258. The Museum Store will be open until 8 p.m. For series information, call 896-2667 or visit [www.fine-arts.org](http://www.fine-arts.org).

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• **"Art,"** by Yasmina Reza, presented by American Stage Theatre, Aug. 9 through Sept. 8; previews Aug. 7-8, at the Raymond James Theatre, 163 Third St. N., St. Petersburg. Call 823-PLAY (7529) or visit [www.americanstage.org](http://www.americanstage.org). Generally, main stage performances are Wednesday through Saturday, 8 p.m. Matinees are Saturday and Sunday, 3 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$29 to \$59 depending on the date and time of the performance.

• **Cannonball/Coltrane Tribute Quintet**, Friday, Aug. 16, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., in the Mary Alice McClendon Conservatory at the Museum of Fine Arts, 255 Beach Drive NE, St. Petersburg. The performance is part of the sixth annual Dinner and Jazz Series at the MFA. Admission is \$5 for museum members and their guests and \$10 for nonmembers. This includes admission to the exhibitions in the Hazel Hough Wing. The MFA Café will be open for dinner and a "beer and wine" cash bar will be available. Table reservations are strongly recommended. Call 822-1032 or 896-2667, ext. 258. The Museum Store will be open until 8 p.m. For series information, call 896-2667 or visit [www.fine-arts.org](http://www.fine-arts.org). This group pays a swinging tribute to two of the greatest jazz saxophonists ever - Cannonball Adderley and John Coltrane.

• **Second annual Craft Beer Experience**, Saturday, Aug. 17, 4 to 8 p.m., at the Mahaffey Theater, 400 First St. S., St. Petersburg. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 the day of the festival. Call 893-7832 or visit [TheMahaffey.com](http://TheMahaffey.com). Hand-crafted beer, a delicious array of downtown St. Petersburg's finest restaurant offerings and live music are part of the summertime, thirst quenching experience. Admission includes a commemorative 97X Craft Beer Festival cup, and guests will have the opportunity to win prizes throughout the day.

• **Rock the Bay**, Wednesday, Aug. 21, 7 p.m., at Northeast High School Auditorium, 5500 16th St. N., St. Petersburg. The worship event will feature the band About Grace and national speaker Bobby Petrocelli. "United in His Presence" will be the theme for this non-denominational, Kingdom event where all are welcome. Suggested donation is \$5. For information, call Petrocelli at 641-9245 or visit 10seconds.org.

• **Sasha Tuck**, Friday, Aug. 23, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., in the Mary Alice McClendon Conservatory at the Museum of Fine Arts, 255 Beach Drive NE, St. Petersburg. The performance is part of the sixth annual Dinner and Jazz Series at the MFA. Admission is \$5 for museum members and their guests and \$10 for nonmembers. This includes admission to the exhibitions in the Hazel Hough Wing. The MFA Café will be open for dinner and a "beer and wine" cash bar will be available. Table reservations are strongly recommended. Call 822-1032 or 896-2667, ext. 258. The Museum Store will be open until 8 p.m. For series information, call 896-2667 or visit [www.fine-arts.org](http://www.fine-arts.org). This versatile vocalist, composer, and arranger has performed at more than 100 venues and festivals, including the Morton H. Myerson Symphony Center in Dallas. She has been influenced by greats like Ella Fitzgerald and Billie Holiday and holds a master's degree in jazz studies from the University of North Texas.

• **Stolen Idols**, Friday, Aug. 30, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., in the Mary Alice McClendon Conservatory at the Museum of Fine Arts, 255 Beach Drive NE, St. Petersburg. The performance is part of the sixth annual Dinner and Jazz Series at the MFA. Admission is \$5 for museum members and their guests and \$10 for nonmembers. This includes admission to the exhibitions in the Hazel Hough Wing. The MFA Café will be open for dinner and a "beer and wine" cash bar will be available. Table reservations are strongly recommended. Call 822-1032 or 896-2667, ext. 258. The Museum Store will be open until 8 p.m. For series information, call 896-2667 or visit [www.fine-arts.org](http://www.fine-arts.org).

• **Engelbert Humperdinck**, Wednesday, Sept. 11, 7:30 p.m., at the Mahaffey, 400 First St. S., St. Petersburg. Tickets start at \$39. Call 893-7832 or visit [www.themahaffey.com](http://www.themahaffey.com). Humperdinck, born Arnold George Dorsey, was known on stage as "Gerry Dorsey" and took the name, Engelbert Humperdinck, a 19th century German composer of

operas, on the suggestion of his manager in the mid-1960s. It was Humperdinck, not Elvis, that made famous the sideburns and flamboyant leather jumpsuits. His 1967 signature tune, "Release Me (And Let Me Love Again)" from his debut album was a No. 1 hit in 11 countries and appeared on the British charts for 56 weeks, preventing the Beatles' double A-side release, "Penny Lane" and "Strawberry Fields Forever," from reaching the top position. It was his voice, a legend in the music industry for the last 40 years, that has endeared him to global audiences of all ages including royalty, presidents and heads of states. Humperdinck has released more than 80 albums of ballads earning 63 Gold, 24 Platinum record awards, four Grammy nominations and a Golden Globe for "Entertainer of the Year" in 1988. During his concert tour, Humperdinck will debut a virtual duet with Elton John and other selections from his upcoming "Duets" CD along with iconic songs from his vast catalogue, such as "Release Me," "Spanish Eyes," "There Goes My Everything," "The Last Waltz," "Am I that Easy to Forget," "A Man without Love," "Quando, Quando, Quando," "Ten Guitars" and "After the Lovin'."

• **Maze featuring Frankie Beverly**, Sunday, Sept. 15, 7 p.m., at The Mahaffey Theater, 400 First St. S., St. Petersburg. Tickets start at \$49.50. Call 893-7832 or visit [TheMahaffey.com](http://TheMahaffey.com). Maze, a soul/quiet storm band established in the early 1970s, will perform. Formerly known as The Butlers and later Raw Soul with the multi-talented Frankie Beverly as songwriter, record producer, arranger, singer, keyboardist and guitarist, the band became Maze.

**Tampa**

• **First Responders Tribute Concert**, Friday, Aug. 9, 7 to 11 p.m., at Hard Rock Café, 5223 N. Orient Road, Tampa. Visit [www.seminolehardrocktampa.com](http://www.seminolehardrocktampa.com). All first responders get in free with their badge, and the first 500 get a commemorative T-shirt. Mike "Cowhead" Calta of The Cowhead Show on 102.5 The Bone will emcee the benefit concert as well as perform with his band Pitbull Toddler. Scream Machine will also perform. The event is restricted to 21 and older. Cost is a suggested donation of \$10. There will also be a silent auction featuring rockin' items such as guitars signed by Sum 41 and Gavin DeGraw. All funds raised benefit first responder charities including the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office's Lynn Sowers Memorial Foundation and Hillsborough Firefighters Benevolent Relief Fund. Scream Machine was formed in 2010 with members Jay Hajj (vocals), Craig Johnston (guitar/vocals), Dave Wrenn (drums), and Brad Keith (bass). The band plays '80s, '90s and current hard-rocking hits. Formed out of the popular Cowhead Show in 2008, Pitbull Toddler has kicked in the door of the Tampa music scene with their combination of blues/metal driven originals and popular covers. The members, Cowhead (bass), Galvin (drums), John Brennan (guitar/vocals), Pete Larios (guitar) and Josh Maloney (vocals), have been performing for nearly a decade in separate projects throughout the area. It was not until Pitbull Toddler, however, that the five reached the potential, the decibel levels and high enough temperatures.

• **Eddie Money**, Sunday, Sept. 1, 9 p.m., at Hard Rock Café, 5223 N. Orient Road, Tampa. General admission tickets are \$40. Call 800-745-3000 or visit [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). Attendees must be 21 or older. Doors will open one hour prior to show. In 1968, after serving as a New York City police officer for two years, Money put his law enforcement career on hold to pursue music. He moved to Berkeley, Calif., and began performing at local clubs. In 1976, after changing his surname from Mahoney to Money, Eddie's fate changed when he was introduced to legendary promoter Bill Graham while performing at one of Graham's events. The two quickly became close, with Graham serving as both his mentor and manager. Money burst onto the scene with his eponymous debut album in 1977. Fans immediately fell in love with his sound, and the album, which went double platinum, featured hits like "Baby Hold On" and "Two Tickets to Paradise." Money followed the success of his debut album with a stream of Top 40 hits, as well as some of the era's most creative videos for songs like "Think I'm in Love" and "Shakin'." In 1986, the singer released "Can't Hold Back," which featured the classic, Grammy-nominated duet with Ronnie Spector, "Take Me Home Tonight."

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