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POLICE

Two injured in two-vehicle crash

Sunstar paramedics delivered two people to area hospitals Aug. 1 after a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of Seminole Boulevard and 119th Avenue in Seminole. A crash report from Florida Highway Patrol indicates that the incident occurred just after 9 p.m., when a 2000 Nissan Sentra collided with a 1995 Nissan pickup truck.

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OUTDOORS

Fish Tales

Spanish mackerel fishing is only getting better with each passing week. Hard-bottom areas within a mile of shore are holding good numbers of fish. Try Sand Key, Blind's Pass and the Redingtons. They should all be holding Spanish mackerel as well as the occasional cobia.

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Bitings celebrate anniversary

Don and Maxine Bitting celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 21, 2013.

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Fire chief to retire

George Bessler's last day set for Aug. 30; Terry Tokarz to step up as interim chief

By TIFFANY RAZZANO

SEMINOLE - After leading Seminole Fire Rescue for the last three years and 31 years of total service to the city, Fire Chief George Bessler is stepping down.

Bessler informed City Manager Frank Edmunds of his retirement, which goes into effect on Aug. 30, by email on Aug. 1. Terry Tokarz, currently the assistant fire chief, will take over as interim fire chief while Edmunds conducts a nationwide search for a permanent replacement.

In his email to Edmunds, Bessler wrote: "It has been my pleasure to serve the City of Seminole and the

greater Seminole community for over 31 years. I have truly enjoyed and have found it very rewarding to work with dedicated emergency response personnel that sincerely care about the wellbeing of each other and our community. I have also been fortunate to work for a City Manager that genuinely cares about the welfare of our employees and of the community."

Bessler, 53, will join the East Lake Fire Rescue Department as assistant fire chief of training/EMS. He served as training chief with Seminole Fire Rescue for seven years and said he "dearly loved doing that work, providing training for firefighters." While he said serving as fire chief has been "extremely rewarding," he wants

to finish up his career in public service in a position he loves.

"I enjoyed that aspect of the position, but I'm young enough and healthy enough to go back and do what I love doing," he said.

He plans to permanently retire when he's 60.

"George has served the greater Seminole area very well during his successful career and has



George Bessler

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Photos by TIFFANY RAZZANO

Above, St. Petersburg College constructed a new science lab in the Technology Learning Center building over the summer, allowing the Seminole campus to offer chemistry and microbiology classes for the first time. Other campus improvement projects include the construction of a Student Activities Center (top right) and a state-of-the-art tiered classroom (center right), and the relocation of the bookstore (bottom right) to an expanded space in the library building.

SPC focuses on campus enhancements over summer

By TIFFANY RAZZANO

SEMINOLE - In preparation for the fall 2013 semester, which begins on Monday, Aug. 19, St. Petersburg College's Seminole campus saw significant changes and construction this summer.

The college spent \$4.5 million, primarily from the state's Public Education Capital Outlay funds, to enhance 12 areas on campus.

"It's all part of a major thrust to put the facilities in place to ensure students' success," said Provost Dr. James Olliver.

The first construction project was completed in mid-July, when the college bookstore relocated from the University Partnership building to a larger space in the library building that once housed a café. This move cost \$150,000 and was funded entirely by Barnes and Noble.

The vacated space in the UP building will be used to expand the café in that building, doubling its size, Olliver said. This project will begin in the fall.

The most significant changes made to the UP building this summer include the construction

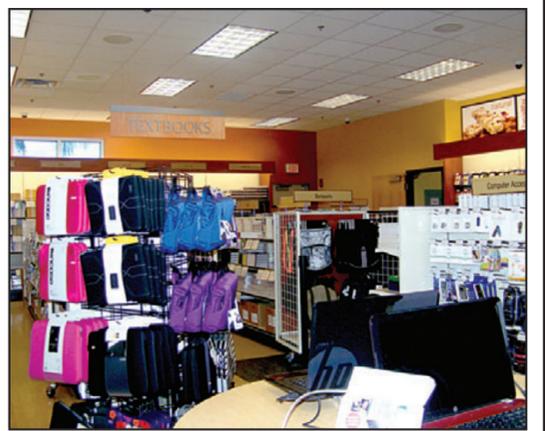
of a large recreational Student Activities Center and technology upgrades to the Digitarium video wall.

A computer lab was remodeled to create the SAC, which was previously located in a much smaller office. The college also recently promoted Malena Buck, formerly a student adviser, to coordinator of Student Life and Leadership. With this new space, she'll begin a peer advisory program this semester.

The Digitarium Video Wall, which hadn't been upgraded since it was originally constructed over 10 years ago, now features "leading edge technology," Olliver said. Previously, the wall used three screens, but now it's "one solid wall and the image covers the entire wall," he said.

The UP building's Artway, a small hallway used to showcase area and SPC artists, also saw enhancements this summer, including the installation of track lighting and more visible signage.

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Welch discusses budget, EMS services in second state of the county address

By SUZETTE PORTER

CLEARWATER - Pinellas County Commission Chair Ken Welch released his second state of the county address Aug. 2. Topics included next year's budget, emergency medical services, transit and surface water management.

The video is posted on Pinellas County's website, www.pinellascounty.org, the county's Facebook, Twitter and on YouTube, www.youtube.com/pctv1.

"This address is part of our ongoing effort to help our citizens stay connected with their local government," Welch said in a press release. "It's a way of keeping our citizens up to date with important issues as initiatives and projects move forward throughout the year."

Welch began his address with an update on development and the approval process for the fiscal year 2014 budget, which he describes as

"one of the main responsibilities of the commission." The \$1.7 billion proposed budget is available for review at www.pinellascounty.org/budget.

"There is still time to weigh in on next year's budget," Welch said. "From now through early September, the Commission will receive additional public comment on the 2014 budget, and we encourage your feedback via the website, by calling the budget office at 727-464-3596, or by attending and speaking at one of our Commission meetings or work sessions."

Two public hearings on the budget are scheduled. The first is Thursday, Sept. 5, and the second and final hearing is Tuesday, Sept. 17. Both begin at 6 p.m. in the fifth floor Assembly Room at the Pinellas County Courthouse, 315 Court St.

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Waters honored by the Florida League of Cities

SEMINOLE - The Florida League of Cities recently chose Seminole Mayor Leslie Waters as the Home Rule HERO 2013 for her outstanding legislative advocacy, protecting the home rule rights of residents of Seminole, watching out for the taxpayers of Seminole, and for monitoring legislation impacting municipal citizens throughout Florida.

During the 2013 legislative session in Tallahassee, Mayor Waters took her own personal time and resources to advocate both the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives. Her focus was one of several legislative bills and initiatives that would have been detrimental to the budget of the City of Seminole.

Mayor Waters, a former state legislator, appreciates the fact that legislators have scores of important issues to deal with each legislative session.

"It is crucial that local government officials educate legislators on issues of importance to cities, the government closest to the people," she said.

Her efforts were critical to the grassroots advocacy of the statewide FLC and the Tampa Bay region's Suncoast League of Cities.

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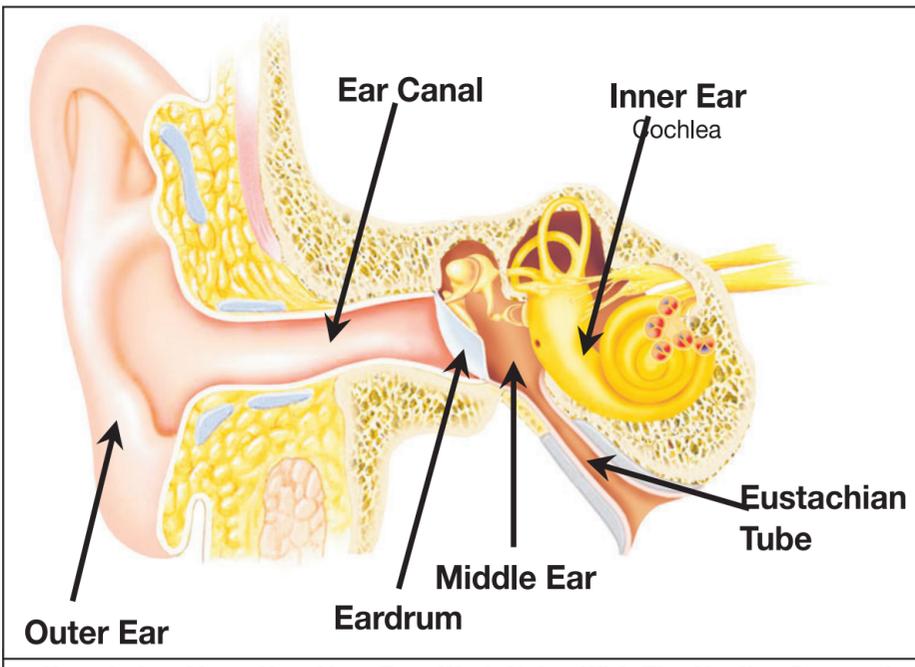
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- The Inner Ear**
 At the entrance to the middle ear, sound waves hit the eardrum. A damaged eardrum can not only be painful, but it can muffle natural sounds and make it extremely difficult to hear clearly. If you're experiencing hearing loss, it's important to find out if it is a correctable condition involving the middle ear.
- The Inner Ear**
 Sound vibrations travel through the middle ear and into the fluid filled inner ear where they are converted into signals that are sent to your brain. Damage to the inner ear can lead to deafness, so it's vital to make sure your inner ear is functioning properly.



Knowledge About How Your Ears Work Helps With The Healing Process!
It's important that you have a basic understanding of how your ears work. The healing starts when you first acknowledge that you have a hearing problem. The next step is to get your ears examined so you will know the cause and the degree (mild to profound) of your condition.

Problems with the inner ear often require surgery or medication. If the damage is irreparable, you'll want to ask about the new cochlea implants that can help restore your ability to hear again.

There is also new scientific and medical research with stem cell transplants that can regrow damaged inner ear hair follicles (known as *cilia*) that send electronic signals to your brain allowing you to translate sounds into language. Researchers at Stanford University say that they are 5-10 years away from a breakthrough that could possibly correct human deafness.

How Hearing Is Tested
To evaluate your hearing a specialist will perform a series of hearing tests. These tests are often performed by using a combination of electronic equipment and headphones.

What Hearing Tests Show
Hearing tests can determine whether a hearing impairment exists and what the cause may be. Your

hearing examination will also let you know the degree of hearing loss you are experiencing, from mild to profound, and what technologies are available to help correct your hearing loss.

The results of your hearing exam will provide you with the road map to what you should do next to regain and restore your ability to hear clearly again.

Why Do People Delay Addressing Hearing Loss?

In America, the average person with hearing loss delays dealing with it for 5 to 7 years. The big question is, "Why do people wait so long before confronting the obvious problems that come with an inability to hear clearly?"

Accepting & Correcting Your Hearing Loss
Researchers estimate that over 30 million people in the United States suffer from hearing loss, but almost 75% avoid scheduling a hearing test to determine the cause and how to remedy this condition. As the baby boomer generation ages, more people are going to experience hearing loss.



Thomas Edison Suffered From Hearing Loss!
One of the most famous people with hearing loss in history is the inventor Thomas Edison (1847-1931), who is credited with inventing the phonograph, light bulb, and movie camera. What many people are not aware of is that Edison became technically deaf in his early teens. It could have been from a childhood illness or the result of a "boxing" of his ears by a train conductor.

Most hearing losses don't require expensive hearing aids to help you with sounds you were missing, including those lost consonants, without introducing additional, distracting noises. Personalized programming adjustments ensure your hearing aid is set to your specific loss and unique needs.

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Many people with hearing loss do not take the steps needed to correct the problem. The first step starts with getting a hearing exam when you first notice you are experiencing symptoms. A hearing test can determine the cause of your hearing loss, and which state-of-the-art hearing devices can improve your quality of life. There is often a period of denial or hesitation that must be overcome before the appointment for the hearing test is made.

At first it may seem like you only have very mild hearing loss, if any, because you can hear someone talking to you, or you can hear the TV, radio, or a movie, you just can't catch every word. Or you may have trouble following conversations, but you always come up with a reason why it's too noisy, people are speaking too fast, or there are too many people talking at once.

and hear more clearly immediately, improving your overall quality of life.

Purchasing a hearing aid is not a decision made lightly. It's important that the person you are working with listens to you and works together with you to address your specific hearing needs. You need to be able to trust their guidance in choosing a solution to match your lifestyle.

In addition, hearing aids technology has an exciting future. Even now you can have your hearing aid connected to different external devices, such as an MP3 player, a cell phone, radio, or your TV. As microchips continue to get smaller, the amount of data processing power continues to increase at astronomical rates, allowing for hearing aids to be made smaller while continuing to improve sound quality. If you checked out hearing aids five years ago, you should take a look at the new models - you might be surprised at how far things have come and how easily hearing loss may be corrected.

The truth is that when you have early, mild hearing loss, you will start to have trouble hearing certain higher frequency sounds. Consonant sounds are in the higher range and are the first to go. While you may hear voices, you may find yourself mistaking similar-sounding words, like, "rent" and "sent" or "time" and "lime".

If you believe you have mild hearing loss, begin by getting a hearing exam. You can use the results of the hearing test to rule out or fix any correctable conditions, and then you can assess if any of the new and advanced hearing technologies can help you hear more clearly.

After your hearing test you will be able to make a more educated decision about what your options are to prevent further hearing loss

Advances In Hearing Care!
A hearing specialist with Audibel Hearing Centers will be available to answer all your questions and discuss the latest advances in hearing care. Even with the new technology, your brain still needs time to readjust to hearing sounds it may not have been hearing for years. You will be amazed at your own ability to reconnect with your life with the help of this advanced technology.

In addition, technology is constantly changing. A hearing test can now determine if you have even very mild hearing loss, and the new generation of digital hearing aids has nearly eliminated the problems of feedback, and extraneous noise that was bothersome with earlier models.

Hearing loss can affect people of all ages. If you were in the military, law enforcement, or simply exposed to the loud noises of machinery in a factory, you could have developed hearing loss at an early age. Don't be embarrassed by your inability to hear clearly - take action now and get a hearing test to find out what you can do to enhance your ability to hear clearly and prevent continued deterioration.

Start by having a hearing test and then take steps to decide if you feel comfortable with the new technologies. Think about it - how much time and energy are you spending apologizing because you misheard something, or asking someone to speak louder or to repeat themselves? Having a hearing test and wearing a hearing device can alleviate many problems caused by hearing loss - and that is priceless!

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Around Seminole

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 for more information.

Seminole Junior Warhawks registration underway

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Model train exhibit at library

SEMINOLE – Model trains, Thomas the Tank Engine and more will be on exhibit at the Seminole Community Library at St. Petersburg College, 9200 113th St. N., Thursday, Aug. 15 through Sunday, Aug. 18. Exhibit hours will be 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Aug. 15; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Aug. 16; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Aug. 17; and 1 to 5 p.m., Aug. 18. 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.

Senior Solos to join SCIPS for picnic

SEMINOLE – Senior Solos will join St. Cecelia's Inter-Parish Singles for a picnic in Seminole Park, Shelter 7, 7464 Ridge Road, on Sunday, Aug. 18, 1 p.m. Bring a dish to share plus \$5, or no dish and \$10. All singles 55 and older are welcome. Call Pat at 520-8797 for more information.

SPC Toastmasters to hold humorous speech contest

SEMINOLE – Seminole SPC Toastmasters Club 5899 will host humorous speech and evaluation contests on Tuesday, Aug. 20, 6 to 7:30 p.m., at the Seminole Community Library, 9200 113th St. These contests are open to the public. Winners could advance to regional, national and international contests.

For more information, call club president Barbara Goebel at 280-6964 or visit seminolespc.toastmastersclubs.org.

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. This event will be presented by Adam Struckoff, Professional Learning Coaches. Call 392-3245 or visit www.seminolechamber.net for more information.

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. Call 392-3245 or visit www.seminolechamber.net for more information.

Author to speak at library

SEMINOLE – Lisa Hein of "Manifesting God's Love in Your Family," will hold a talk/book signing at Seminole Public Library, 9200 113th St. N., on Tuesday, Aug. 27, 1 p.m. Contact Hein at 434-0155 for more information.

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 or call 319-8343 for more information.



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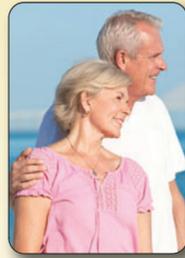
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Firemedic Nicolas Bean, right, was named the City of Seminole's Firemedic of the Year for 2013. Bean is assigned to Squad 29 and has been described by his officers as exceptional with his performance of his duties. He maintains a high level of compassion for his patients and is very proficient dealing with the high volume of calls that he responds to on Squad 29. As described by District Chief Bill Morelli, "Nicolas exemplifies what all employees should strive for." Bean is pictured with Fire Chief George Bessler after receiving his award on July 31.

Here and There

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

Community invited to join ombudsman program

LARGO - The local council of Florida's Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program needs volunteers to join its corps of dedicated advocates who protect the rights of elders residing in nursing homes, assisted living facilities and adult family care homes.

The local council meets to discuss the program's current activities and give the public a chance to provide comments about long-term care facility issues on the third Thursdays at the Mary Grizzle Building, 11351 Ulmerton Road, Room 136, in Largo. The open session of these meetings begins at 1 p.m.

The next council meeting is Aug. 15. Concerned citizens and those interested in volunteering are welcome to attend.

The local council is seeking additional volunteers to identify, investigate and resolve residents' concerns. Special training and certification is provided.

All interested individuals who care about protecting the health, safety, welfare and rights of long-term care facility residents - who often have no one else to advocate for them - are encouraged to call 888-831-0404 or visit the program's website at ombudsman.myflorida.com.

Silverliners to meet

TAMPA - The members of the Florida Gulf Coast chapter of Eastern Airlines Silverliners International will meet Thursday, Aug. 22, 1 p.m., at the Rusty Pelican Restaurant, 2425 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa.

Silverliners is an organization composed of former flight attendants for Eastern Airlines. The group also invites former flight attendants of other airlines to join.

For membership information, call Barbara Reed at 813-671-3078; or Janice Henry at 813-837-4312.

HEP receives donation to help families

CLEARWATER - The Homeless Emergency Project has been awarded a \$2,500 grant from the TD Charitable Foundation to help provide necessary financial support for struggling families in Pinellas County. Funding will be used to support key program activities within HEP's Family Transition Program, which is designed to assist families in crisis to access and sustain affordable housing and achieve community integration and economic stability. The program is anticipated to serve at least 50 families, many with young children, by the end of 2013.

"We are incredibly grateful to have been a chosen recipient of the TD Charitable Foundation's generous gift," said Zachary White, HEP's director of programs. "Recent census data from Pinellas County reveals an increase in the number of homeless children, from 1,944 in 2009 to 2,100 in 2011 - a 10 percent jump. The funding provided by TD Charitable Foundation will be used to help families who are struggling within our very own communities."

The foundation has donated more than \$100,000 to help various HEP programs and sup-

portive services aimed at breaking the cycle of homelessness. The recent grant follows a gift of \$5,000 made to HEP in August 2012 to support the same program. In fall of 2011, the foundation awarded HEP \$100,000 in support of the capital campaign to raise funds to build HEP West, which consists of a 32-unit apartment complex designed specifically for veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan and a clubhouse for use by all HEP veterans.

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.

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 Scottno 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.

Tail Waggin' Walk, 5K Race for the Hounds planned.

SAFETY HARBOR - The Tail Waggin' Walk for families and kids and 5K race for hounds will be held Saturday, Aug. 31, at the Safety Harbor Marina.

The sign-in is at 4 p.m. with the family and pet walk slated to begin at 5 p.m. The cost is \$25 per family through Aug. 23. The 5K race begins at 8 p.m. and is also \$25 per person through Aug. 23.

Marina food, fun and activities will be held from 4 to 9 p.m. A pub and restaurant crawl will be held at 7 p.m. Wristbands are \$5 through Aug. 23. Add \$5 to all fees for Aug. 23.

Call 726-2890.

Homebuyers seminar set

The Community Service Foundation will host a free, two-part first-time homebuyers seminar on Tuesdays, Sept. 3 and 10, 6 to 9 p.m., at Sunshine Center, 330 Fifth St. N., St. Petersburg.

The seminar is designed to help first-time homebuyers go through the process of purchasing a home and qualifying for down payment and closing costs assistance.

Participants must attend both sessions to earn a certificate.

The foundation also will host a free, two-part household budgeting seminar on Thursdays, Sept. 5 and 12, 6 to 9 p.m., at Pinellas County Housing Authority, 11479 Ulmerton Road, Largo.

This seminar is designed for people who want to live better on less and/or to save to buy a home. Participants must attend both sessions to earn a certificate.

For information or to register, call 461-0618, ext. 3, or visit www.csfhome.org.

"My belief is that most people start jobs with expectation of advancing throughout the rank," he said. "You don't start in fire service immediately as fire chief; you work your way up. And I've done that here."

He added, "I'm excited about the opportunity and looking forward to the number one challenge of being interim fire chief and ultimately applying for the job and seeing what happens. It would be the final exclamation point on a fabulous career here."

Bark Life expands offerings

SEMINOLE - Bark Life, 11220 Park Blvd., has expanded its offerings.

Its pet food section has grown, and Bark Life now carries Blue Buffalo, Nutro, Wellness, Holistic Select, and Stella & Chewy's brands.

The shop's collar selection has expanded to now include Guy Harvey collars, a Florida favorite.

Per customer request, the store also now has an organic coffee bar and patio for pet lovers and their pets.

Bark Life also has two mobile grooming units in addition to its cage-free in-store grooming.

For more information, call 399-3647.



Bark Life, 11220 Park Blvd.

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The Technology Learning Center building also saw significant improvements.

The Learning Center, where the majority of tutoring takes place, added an informal lounge area, with a TV, couch and reference materials.

"This is more of a relaxation area," said Jennifer Gregor, information services librarian. "It gives students the opportunity to see what's going on in the center."

Technological and visual enhancements were made to the writing and math labs, with new smartboards and a wall-to-wall whiteboard. And the main area of the Learning Center was repurposed, with more seating where students can plug in their laptops, and a layout that encourages collaboration and group projects.

"We're being much more intentional about our tutoring services," Olliver said. "Our focus is on student success."

The college also constructed a brand new addition to the TL building, a more informal area with TVs, tables and vending machines.

Olliver is most proud of the new science lab in the TL building, which allows SPC to offer chemistry and microbiology for the first time. A new classroom also was constructed in that wing and is ready to be converted into a second lab as soon as the funding and need is there, he said.

"This is a big deal for us," he said.

"It's very important programatically. Now we can offer things we weren't able to before."

New faculty offices were also created in the TL building, as well as in the library.

"For the first time since we opened this campus, all full-time faculty has an office," Olliver said.

These faculty members previously utilized space in the portable offices. Because they have relocated to new, permanent offices, this allowed the college to expand some of its programs into the portable buildings.

The veterans program now has more than double the space it once had, making a more inviting environment for veterans seeking services on campus. "Military Times" named SPC one of the top



Photos by TIFFANY RAZZANO

Above, St. Petersburg College built a brand new area in the Technology Learning Center building, as part of the Learning Center, where students can take a break from studying and grab a quick snack from vending machines. Below, the library now has a Silent Study room for students who need a quieter place to work.



15 most veteran friendly colleges in the country. Student Support Services also was able to expand into more space.

With so much space available for study groups and those collaborating on projects around campus, Olliver saw the need for a quieter study space. So the college created the Silent Study Room in the library.

"Some students need that kind of quiet environment," Olliver said.

Other changes in the library building include the relocation of Dr. John Chapin, the dean of Natural Sciences, as well as the Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions to new second-floor offices,

and the construction of the Center of Excellence in Teaching and Learning, and Faculty Development Center.

The major project in the library building, though, was the construction of a state-of-the-art tiered classroom. The classroom's design is based on Seminole's City Council chambers at City Hall, and Olliver said he hopes to hold a council meeting at SPC at some point.

"I think the community can be proud of what we've done this summer," Olliver said.

"We've added functionality and activities that ensure students success."

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Emergency management services

"One of the most important budget challenges facing our county involves our emergency medical services, or EMS fund," Welch said. "EMS is a vital service provided by the county in partnership with our cities and fire districts, and with our ambulance provider, Paramedics Plus doing business as Sunstar."

The county's EMS system responds to more than 136,000 calls for emergency medical assistance each year.

"When you dial 911 for a medical emergency in Pinellas County - world class medical response is only minutes away," Welch said. "The reality is however, that while the system is clinically excellent, it does face fiscal challenges due to a number of factors, including the decline in property values in recent years, combined with an increase in the cost of EMS services, including personnel, fuel costs, and medical supplies."

Welch promised to update the public in his November address about efforts to implement a plan by consultant Fitch and Associates that could reduce the cost of EMS. For more information, visit www.pinellas-county.org and look for the link to the Fitch Report in the Special Interest section.

Transportation

"One thing about our community that is not yet world class is our system of public transportation," Welch said. "This is especially true in the area of public transit - where Pinellas and the broader Tampa Bay region lag behind every other major metropolitan area in the United States."

He provided an update on the transportation and economic development plan, and the community transportation conversation - GreenLight Pinellas.

"The foundation of this initiative is a November 2014 referendum for a 1 percent sales tax to modernize our bus system (PSTA), and add light rail connections between Clearwater, Largo, Pinellas Park, Gateway and St. Petersburg, with an eventual connection to Tampa," Welch said. The plan also includes the elimination of the current PSTA property tax. For more information, visit GreenLightPinellas.com.

Surface water management

"An important part of our county's infrastructure is our surface water management program," Welch said. "Surface water management entails two important focus areas - water quality and storm water management. While many Pinellas cities have a dedicated funding source for surface water management, the county does not. With higher federal and state standards for water quality, combined with an aging infrastructure of pipes, ditches and drains in the unincorporated area, the time has come for Pinellas County to address the issue of water quality and storm water management in a more effective and sustainable way."

The commission is considering levying a dedicated fee to property owners in the unincorporated areas to pay for a comprehensive surface water management program. Welch said the fees would provide money to repair and refurbish older sections of stormwater pipe, dating back to 1978, which is at "high risk of failure."

"The program will extend the life of the entire stormwater drainage system and improve the health of our environment," he said.

If the commission approves the new fee, it would become effective in October. The 2014 fiscal year begins Oct. 1. For more information, visit www.PinellasCounty.org, and click the Surface Water Assessment link in the Special Interest section.



Pinellas County Commission Chair Ken Welch

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demonstrated true leadership skills during his tenure as Chief of the department," Edmunds said.

Bessler, who lives in Seminole, is president of the Rotary Club of Seminole Lake and is involved with the local Boy Scouts of America and Girl Scouts of America.

Tokarz, who has 25 years with Seminole Fire Rescue, said he's interested in applying for the fire chief position permanently.

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County sets public hearing on gender identity protections

By SUZETTE PORTER

CLEARWATER – Pinellas County Commissioners will consider amending its human rights ordinance to protect gender identity during a public hearing on Aug. 20.

The amendment would prohibit gender identity discrimination under Chapter 70 of county code relating to human relations that prohibits discrimination in employment, housing and places of public accommodation. Human Rights director Paul Valenti, said during a commission meeting Aug. 6.

Jurisdictions throughout Florida, as well as 17 states, have taken steps to stop discrimination stemming from a person's gender identity. In addition, legislation providing for those protections is pending in the U.S. Senate. Pinellas County leaders are evaluating the need in the local community.

Valenti said the county's code currently prohibits discrimination based on one's sex. He recommends striking references to sex and replacing it with gender. County code would define gender as including but not limited to sex, pregnancy, childbirth or medical conditions relating to pregnancy, gender-related self-identity, self-image, appearance, expression or behavior, whether or not such gender-related characteristics differ from those associated with the individual's assigned sex or physiology at birth.

The code exempts religious corporations, associations and societies and religious educational institutions in the areas of employment and places of public accommodation. The code also would not apply to the school district as an employer.

Under the ordinance, persons who identify with a sex different from their physiology, or their sex at birth, would be permitted to use restroom and other facilities of the gender with which they identify. If there are objections, every effort should be taken to ensure fair, non-discriminatory use of the facility for all people.

Businesses can still maintain dress codes, Valenti said, as long as they allow individuals to dress in a style that best fits their gender identity.

Commissioner Karen Seel, who along with Commissioner John Morroni voted against a similar amendment in 2008, asked if other jurisdictions had found it difficult to apply discrimination laws. Valenti said they had not.

"There was no nightmare scenario or apopleptic issue that came to fruition," he said.

She also asked if there had been problems with single-sex facilities. Valenti said there had been no "widespread issues." He added that improper conduct could happen regardless of sex, race or religion. He said the amendment did not require adding separate facilities for transgendered persons. He said no one would have to install a third set of restrooms.

Todd Richardson with Equality Florida told commissioners that the amendment would be a very important addition for Pinellas County, making it more attractive for employers and employees.

"It adds protection for all people," he said, "Protection no matter who they are."

Michael Keefe, executive director of Trans*Action Florida, thanked the commission for moving forward with a "courageous conversation."

Only former sheriff's candidate Greg Pound spoke against the amendment, accusing the commission of doing "evil."

Commission Chair Ken Welch said it was time for the "fear mongering" to stop.

"Forty years ago it was black people in restrooms ... No more fear mongering. I'm so over that," he said.

Commissioner Norm Roche said he supports scheduling a public hearing on the matter, but he didn't voice support for the amendment.



PCCTV screen shot by SUZETTE PORTER
Pinellas County's Human Rights Director Paul Valenti explains a proposed amendment to the human rights ordinance to prohibit discrimination based on gender identity.

"I'm not into creating laws that make attorneys money ... The way this country is going we're going to be back here adding political parties."

The public hearing portion of the Aug. 20 meeting will start at 6 p.m. in the fifth floor Assembly Room of the Pinellas County Courthouse, 315 Court St., Clearwater.

County news

Airport reports increase in traffic

CLEARWATER – St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport posts two consecutive months with more than 27 percent increases in passengers from the prior year.

In June, PIE served 94,566 pas-

sengers, a 27 percent increase over June 2012, and the airport's busiest June since 2004.

For the first six months of 2013, PIE served 530,141 passengers, an increase of 13 percent over 2012 passengers from January to June. With 25 destinations, Allegiant ac-

counts for about 90 percent of passengers. The airline began service to Asheville, N.C., June 6.

Airport Director Noah Lagos said, "Many Florida airports are experiencing a loss of service or seeing very little air service growth. The popularity of Allegiant's low-

cost, non-stop flights and the markets they serve has resulted in PIE's very impressive year to date passenger increase."

Governor appoints Dunbar to governing board

TALLAHASSEE – Governor Rick Scott appointed David Dunbar to the Southwest Florida Water Management District's Governing Board. Dunbar replaces Jennifer Closshey whose term ended on March 1 of this year.

The seat is a joint Pinellas/Hillsborough seat. Dunbar's appointment ends March 1, 2017. The appointment is subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate.

Dunbar, of Palm Harbor, is a commercial banker with Synovus Bank of Florida. Governing Board members are unpaid, citizen volunteers who are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Florida Senate. The board sets policy for the District, whose mission is to manage the water and related resources of west central Florida to meet the needs of current and future water users while protecting the environment.

Heritage Village closed during tree thinning project

LARGO – Heritage Village, Pinellas County's living history museum, will be closed from Wednesday, Aug. 14 through Wednesday, Aug. 28 as crews remove several pine trees from the village grounds during a pine tree management project.

Over the years, the pine trees at Heritage Village have achieved a density that is unhealthy for the trees and dangerous to Heritage Village's 28 historical structures. Many of the trees are stunted and could become stressed and vulnerable to disease.

Tree thinning has long been used as an environmental management tool to promote healthy forests. In addition, trees that are dangerously close to structures within Heritage Village will be re-

moved as well for the safety of the village and its many visitors.

NRP Contractors and Bodaca Timber Inc will do the actual tree removal. Some trees will be sold to provide revenue to Heritage Village; others will be saved for use in future restoration work.

Volunteer staff will be relocating benches and picnic tables, protecting pathways, roping off electrical boxes and then picking up stray tree limbs, repairing ruts and putting everything back in place when the tree-thinning project is complete.

Heritage Village is located at 11909 125th St. N. in Largo. For more information about Heritage Village, visit www.pinellascounty.org/heritage, or call 582-2123.



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Girl Scouts help turn plastic bags into mats for homeless

By JULIANA A. TORRES

LARGO – Six 11-year-old girls from troop No. 422 earned Girl Scout Bronze Awards by learning how to crochet plastic bags into sleeping mats for the homeless.

The award, the highest honor a troop of Girl Scout Juniors can achieve, is given after the girls each complete 20 hours of service. The girls worked with women at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Largo to learn how to cut the grocery bags into rings, tie the pieces into balls of plastic string and then crochet the strands into a soft sleeping mat.

"All of us made enough so somebody would be able to pick up the bag of the balls of yarn and be able to crochet the mat," explained Girl Scout Samantha West.

Samantha said she was able to crochet about a fourth of a mat on her own. "I'm very slow at it. It took me probably 15 hours to do that," she said.

The girls divided the tasks, most taking on the task of cutting and stringing the bags together. The task was tedious, and the plastic often ripped. The girls discovered that Target bags made the strongest links.

In the end, the girls made enough balls of plastic "yarn" to make seven mats.

"It took us months," fellow Girl Scout Catherine Litchy said. The resulting mat, made of about 365 plastic bags, is a soft and strong cushion against the hard ground. Catherine said the project was fulfilling, "just knowing that it was going to help people."

"It's something you don't really do every day," Sydney Chiles added. "You have fun together and while you're having fun you do a really good thing for the world."

Identifying their community was the first step in the project, said troop co-leader Melanie Litchy. Samantha pointed out that their project introduced the troop to new people in the community.

"You're giving them something to sleep on at night, and it's much better than the ground. And you're also recycling," Samantha said. Maggie Corrigan of St. Paul United Methodist Church worked with the girls, giving them the large crochet hooks needed for the project and showing them how to complete the task. The church members, after learning the skill from another church, began sleeping mat ministry in February. The mats are given out to people that need them through the church's Open Arms ministry, she said.

When she met with the girls July 29, Corrigan brought a completed mat, so the girls could see the end result of their hard work. "I thought that it was important for the girls to see the mats," she said.

Corrigan and other members of the church worked on the mats on their own time, like the girls did. "I would hazard a guess that I probably put 10 hours into a mat," she said. "It's kind of hard to tell because you can't stay at it very long because it's hard on the hands."

She also brought the giant bag of rolled up plastic yarn the girls donated to the ministry.

"I just made a dent in that big bag of bags," Litchy said the girls were a bit disappointed that they weren't able to complete a mat themselves, though Sydney and Samantha are still working on their partial mats at home.

"I think each girl truly felt like they made a difference, that what they did was really going to help someone," she said. "That's what it's about."

The troop had trouble initially picking out a project. "They wanted to help so many people and so many different things that narrowing it down was difficult for them," Litchy said. The troop was at first inspired to help animals before Litchy proposed the sleeping mat project. The girls were all excited about the idea and unanimously agreed to pursue it.



Photo by JULIANA A. TORRES
Girl Scouts from Troop No. 422 earned a Bronze Award by working with a ministry at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Largo to crochet plastic bags into sleeping mats for homeless individuals the church serves. Posing with rolls of plastic "yarn" and a completed mat are, from left, Samantha West, Catherine Litchy, Autumn Hodrick and Sydney Chiles, at the church July 29. Members of the troop who participated but not pictured are Anna-Rose Brown and Alexa Berg.

Even a few months after the project was completed, Litchy said she still hears the girls talk about it, as well as talking about their next service project to earn the more prestigious Girl Scouts Silver Award.

"They're really making the connection in how the project worked," she said.

Other members of the troop who helped with the project are Autumn Hodrick, Alexa Berg and Anna-Rose Brown.

One mother wonders, where did the summertime go?

The summer has come and gone in the blink of an eye. It seems like every summer goes faster and faster.

I thought maybe it was just me, so I asked a few friends if they thought this summer just flew by, and they agreed. I am trying to figure out where the time goes.



Mom 2 Mom
Kadi Hendricks
Tubbs

As I started thinking about the summer, I realized how fast my kids are growing up. They are moving up another grade level this year. It's hard to believe that my oldest daughter is going into fourth grade. In my mind, it seems like just the other day she was born. My youngest, my baby, isn't really a baby anymore:

she is going into second grade.

I remember the first time I took my oldest daughter to preschool. I thought it was going to be hard for her, but I think it was harder for me to let go. She was almost 4. She went to the preschool at our church and was in the VPK program, short for Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten, a state-funded preschool program. I remember thinking three hours a day, five days a week is just such a long time to be away from my daughter.

By the end of the year, those hours and days went by quickly. Before I knew it, she was graduating from VPK.

After VPK, I had another first with my daughter: kindergarten. It was her first time going to school all day. I had a hard time leaving my daughter, but my

daughter had a harder time letting me go. It was awful the first few weeks of school. My daughter cried every day for me not to leave her. She had a wonderful teacher, so it wasn't that. She just wanted me to be with her. After a few weeks it got better. It's just a transition kids have to go through, some more than others.

In first, second and third grades, it wasn't so hard leaving my daughter. Each year, it has gotten easier. I think I am more relaxed because I know the school more, and I know the teachers better.

As a parent, it's hard letting your kids go to school when you watch the news and see school shootings and kids being bullied. You want to protect your kids, but most of us can't be at school with our kids. We just have to just trust that they will be safe.

I would say it gets easier with the second child and

it does, but I still have had my moments. I remember leaving my second daughter for the first time at preschool and just bawling my eyes out. I was sad because I knew she was the last child I would have in preschool. With my oldest daughter, everything is a first. With my second daughter, everything is the last.

I still keep asking myself, "Do I really have a fourth-grader and a second-grader?" Moms with young kids, my best advice is to make sure you take the time to enjoy them. You can't get years back and you can't make time go any slower. I've tried by telling my girls they can't grow up, but it hasn't worked yet.

Kadi Hendricks Tubbs, mother of two girls ages 7 and 8, lives in Seminole. Visit her blog at Mom2Mom-FamilyFun.blogspot.com.

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Police beat

Two arrested for burglarizing boat

DUNEDIN - Pinellas County Sheriff's deputies responded to a call about a missing woman after her boyfriend lost sight of her in the water near the Dunedin Causeway about 4:45 a.m. Friday, Aug. 9.

The two were later arrested and charged with burglary of a boat and are suspects in a number of vehicle thefts in the same area.

According to the sheriff's report, deputies received the initial call from Daren Nailos, 36, of Palm Harbor, who reported that his girlfriend was missing. When deputies arrived on scene, Nailos informed them he had been swimming in the water with Jessica Frehe, 36, of Dunedin and at some point lost sight of her. Frantic she could be in distress, Nailos called for emergency personnel to respond to the scene.

As efforts to locate Frehe were underway, a deputy in the area spotted Frehe's vehicle driving from the scene. The deputy conducted a traffic stop and discovered Frehe as the driver. While talking with Frehe and verifying her well-being, multiple reports of burglarized vehicles in the immediate area began coming into the Sheriff's Office Communications Center.

After conducting further interviews with both parties it was discovered they had broken into a boat at 2671 St. Joseph's Drive East.



Jessica Frehe



Daren Nailos

While on the boat, they stole various items to include food and alcohol. After burglarizing the vessel, they both began to swim back to shore, and Nailos lost sight of Frehe and eventually reported her as missing and possibly in distress in the water.

Both admitted to the vessel burglary and were possibly involved with several vehicle burglaries nearby, the report said. Deputies are awaiting forensic results for additional charges.

Nailos and Frehe were booked into the Pinellas County Jail. Each charged with burglary. Bond was set at \$5,000. Frehe also is being held without bond on a Pasco County warrant.

Missing sunglasses prompt investigation

PALM HARBOR - Pinellas County Sheriff's detectives are asking for help from the public to locate a man wanted in connection with the theft of sunglasses from a Palm Harbor store.

According to detectives assigned to the burglary/pawn unit, the crime occurred between 3:50 and 4 p.m. July 29 at East Lake Eye Care located at 3434 East Lake Road, #3 in Palm Harbor.

A suspect was seen viewing sunglasses at the store. When he left, an employee noticed sunglasses missing from open racks. Surveillance photos show the man removing various types of sunglasses from the racks and putting them in his jacket pockets.

The suspect is described as a white male in his 50s, approximately 6 feet tall, heavy build with black, straight, collar length hair and a mustache. The suspect was last seen wearing a medium blue polyester

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The man in this surveillance photo is wanted for grand theft shoplifting in connection with the July 29 theft of sunglasses from a Palm Harbor eye care store.

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Photo by STEVEN HIRSCHFIELD

Firefighters/paramedics from Seminole and Largo remove a passenger trapped inside a vehicle after an Aug. 1 crash on Seminole Boulevard.

Two injured in two-vehicle crash

SEMINOLE – Sunstar paramedics delivered two people to area hospitals Aug. 1 after a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of Seminole Boulevard and 119th Avenue in Seminole.

A crash report from Florida Highway Patrol indicates that the incident occurred just after 9 p.m., when a 2000 Nissan Sentra collided with a 1995 Nissan pickup truck.

The Sentra was east in the driveway access of Winn Dixie Supermarket, 11900 Seminole Blvd., attempting to cross Seminole Boulevard onto 119th Avenue North. The Nissan was traveling northbound on Seminole Boulevard in the middle lane approaching 119th Avenue.

The Sentra failed to yield the right of way and the front end of the Nissan crashed into the right side of the Sentra. The driver, John Richard Walsh Dietrich, 23, of Seminole was cited for failure to yield at sidewalk from alley, building, private road or drive.

According to an eyewitness report, Seminole Fire Rescue was first on scene and extricated one of the injured, who was trapped inside a vehicle. One of two passengers in the Sentra, Ryan Laprova, 23, of Largo was transported to Bayfront Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries. The driver of the Nissan, Helen Marie Roop, 30, was transported to Largo Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries.

Largo Fire Rescue and Pinellas County Sheriff's Office also assisted on scene.

Motorcyclist dies in crash on Bay Pines Blvd.

SEMINOLE – A 20-year-old Ruskin man died from injuries suffered in a

crash about 2:49 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, on Bay Pines Boulevard near the entrance to War Veterans Memorial Park in Seminole.

According to deputies with the Pinellas County Sheriff's major accident investigation team.

According to deputies, Robert Sterner, 67, of Seminole was driving a 2002 Toyota Tundra, pulling a trailer with a pontoon boat westbound on Bay Pines Boulevard. As Sterner was making a left turn into the entrance of the memorial park, Justin Johnson struck the passenger's side of the truck with his 2004 Honda motorcycle.

Johnson suffered life-threatening injuries and was transported via ambulance a local hospital where he later died. Johnson was wearing a helmet at the time of the crash.

Sterner and four passengers from the Tundra were transported to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries. According to an eyewitness report, the truck came to rest against the large concrete sign for the park. Due to extensive damage to the truck, the driver had to be extricated by fire rescue personnel. Seminole Fire Rescue, Madeira Beach Fire Department, Lealman Fire Rescue, Sunstar Paramedics and PSCO responded the crash.

Deputies said alcohol does not appear to be a factor in the incident.

Trio charged in jail contraband case

CLEARWATER – Pinellas County Sheriff's Office reported Aug. 1 that three men had been charged after a "fishing expedition" led to arrests in connection with introducing contraband into a county detention facility.

The incident took place at the central division of the Pinellas County Jail, 14400 49th St. N.

According to the sheriff's report, at least two inmates and one civilian concocted a scheme where the inmates would lower a nylon rope from the sixth floor recreation yard of the detention facility to a subject waiting outside on the ground. The subject outside would in turn tie contraband to the rope so the inmates could pull it up through a rain drainage hole on the top floor.

Members of the detention investigations unit recently received a tip from other inmates this activity may be occurring.

After a failed attempt to bring in contraband Monday, July 29, the detention investigations unit discovered a grocery-sized bag hanging from the fourth floor of the facility. Inside the bag was approximately 29 grams of marijuana (valued at about \$1,500 in the jail), tobacco products, lighters and other miscellaneous items.

Inmate Mark Matthew "Red" Keating, 44, of St. Petersburg was charged with introducing contraband into the jail. He is being held without bond on a warrant from Palm Beach in connection with two burglary charges. He is also charged with grand theft and armed robbery in Pinellas County.

Inmate Phillip William Henderson, 38, of St. Petersburg also had introducing contraband into a detention facility added to his list of charges that include petit theft, grand theft and retail theft.

The man on the outside, Eric Scott Snook, 41, of Pinellas Park also was charged with introducing and possession of contraband into a detention facility. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Measures have been taken to prevent this activity from occurring in the future, according to a media release from the sheriff's office. A 6-foot chain link fence was erected in the courtyard where Snook tied the contraband to the rope. Other measures to deter this activity are being discussed.

As the investigation continues, additional charges and arrests are possible.

Search ends for missing fisherman

ST. PETERSBURG – Coast Guard crews suspended a search for a

Madeira Beach man Aug. 1, after spending 55 hours looking over more than 2,150 square miles.

Gary Keteleut, 53, was last seen aboard the 42-foot fishing boat, "No Bull," 78 miles northwest of Egmont Key, Wednesday, July 31.

A distress call came into the St. Petersburg Coast Guard station about 7:15 a.m. July 31, reporting that Keteleut wasn't aboard the vessel when its crew woke up at 6 a.m. The crew had stopped fishing about midnight. Keteleut was last seen sleeping at the bow.

A MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter crew and an HC-130 Hercules aircraft crew from Air Station Clearwater were launched. Coast Guard Cutter Hawk, an 87-foot coastal patrol boat homeported in St. Petersburg, was diverted to assist in the search as well.

"Our goal is for a positive outcome and we want to bring the missing home, so it's always difficult when we have to suspend the search," said Petty Officer 1st Class Josuah Cheers-Stevens, a search and rescue coordinator at the sector.

Keteleut was last seen wearing tan shorts with no lifejacket. The incident is under investigation.

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Milton

Meet Milton, an energetic 1-year-old hound mix. Milton arrived at the SPCA in June and has been receiving lots of training, love and care. Milton can be shy at first but warms up as soon as he meets another dog. Milton also hopes to find a home with older children to show him how to play with toys. Bring your family and help Milton learn proper doggie manners at the SPCA's Sniff University. His adoption fee is \$75, which includes his vaccinations, microchip and free 30 days of insurance. Visit him at 9099 130th Ave. N., Largo. Visit www.spcatampabay.org.

Eggbert

This handsome boy was born on Easter. Eggbert is extra sweet, a real lap cat and loves to sleep with his family members. He adores playing with his sister, Shelly, a beautifully marked tortoiseshell kitten. Eggbert has been neutered, is current on his shots and is microchipped. To meet this great kitten, call a Save Our Strays volunteer at 545-1116. Visit www.saveourstraysinc.com



Pet events

Gallery to host Dog 'Daze'

TARPON SPRINGS – The Dog Daze of Summer event will be Saturday, Aug. 24, at Artists' Faire, 111 E. Tarpon Ave.

The gallery and gift shop will welcome owners and their dogs. There will be treats for both four-legged as well as two-legged visitors. Kenny Hatcher, a professional photographer, will be taking photographs of owners and their pooches, free of charge, from noon to 2 p.m.

Canine art by gallery artists will be featured, including ceramics, paintings and photographs.

For information, call 934-2952.

Business to host Yappy Hour

ST. PETERSBURG – Yappy Hour will be Thursday, Aug. 15, 5 to 8 p.m., at Pawsitively Posh Pooch, 1425 Fourth St. N.

Pets and their people will gather together to socialize and shop. Wine, hors d'oeuvres and treats will be available. Proceeds benefit Pet Pal Animal Shelter.

Pawsitively Posh Pooch hosts Yappy Hour events first and third Thursdays.

Call 892-9303 or visit www.pawsitivelyposhpooch.com.

Rays Wives Food Drive set

ST. PETERSBURG – The Rays Wives Food Drive will be Sunday, Aug. 18, 11:40 a.m., at Tropicana Field, One Tropicana Drive.

The event will coincide with the Bark in the Park. The pet food drive will benefit the Pet Pal Animal Shelter. Dog and cat food will be collected to assist the shelter's effort to give every pet a nutritious meal. Pet Pal Animal Shelter is requesting Science Diet to maintain healthy and balanced digestion. Donations for the Rays Wives Pet Food Drive will be collected in the tbt* Party Deck from 11:40 a.m. through the conclusion of the second inning.

For information, visit www.petpalanimalshelter.com/rayswivepetfooddrive.

Pets for Vets fundraiser set

TREASURE ISLAND – A Pets for Vets fundraiser will be Sunday, Sept. 1, 3 p.m. to sunset, at St. Petersburg Lions Club Beach House, 9300 West Gulf Blvd.

The event will feature music of the '60s and '70s by Lee Jay Nelson Productions. There will be a flag ceremony presented by Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 552.

Food and beverages will be available for a \$15 donation. Food in-

cludes hamburgers, brats and hot dogs with coleslaw, baked beans or potato salad. Beach access and limited free parking will be available.

Admission is free. Proceeds will benefit America's VetDogs – the Veteran's K-9 Corps.

For information, call George at 608-354-9395, email Pelican way11@gmail.com or visit e-Clubhouse.org/sites/stpetersburgfl.

County to host 'Pittie-Party'

LARGO – There will be a Pit bull Pittie-Party on Saturday, Aug. 17, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Pinellas County Animal Services, 12450 Ulmerton Road.

Attendees will have an opportunity to adopt a pit bull for \$5 during the event. The party is designed to help find forever homes for all American pit bull terriers at Pinellas County Animal Services.

Pit bull and pit mix adoptions will be \$5 each during this special promotion and will come with a goody bag of special dog treats and accessories. The special adoption fee includes medical check-up, spaying/neutering, vaccinations, internal and external parasite control, heartworm testing, microchipping and county license.

Pit bulls are notoriously slow to be adopted at Animal Services and many have been at the shelter for several weeks. But all dogs are in fine health with friendly temperaments and any one of them would make an ideal pet for the right family.

During the month of August, other adoptable dogs and cats are available with reduced adoption fees of \$25, and \$5 rabies vaccinations are available with the purchase of a required license each Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m.

For more information, call 582-2600 or visit www.pinellascounty.org/animalservices.

Flea market to benefit Pet Pal

ST. PETERSBURG – An outdoor flea market will take place Saturday, Sept. 7, 8 a.m., at Antique Galleries of St. Petersburg, 450 34th St. N.

The business will host its second outdoor flea market to benefit Pet Pal Animal Shelter. The flea market will be presented in the large parking lot. Attendees will have a chance to shop for treasures and antiques as well as adopt a forever furry friend. There will be food by B&B Bar-B-Que.

For information, call 321-3331 or visit www.antiquegalleriesofstpetersburg.com/special_events.

Pet Walk, Race for Hounds set

SAFETY HARBOR – The Humane Society of Pinellas will partner with the Safety Harbor Chamber of Commerce to present the Tail Waggin' Family Pet Walk and a 5K Race for the Hounds on Saturday, Aug. 31, at the Safety Harbor Marina.

The event will feature food vendors, games and fun for the entire family. The festivities and walk/race check-in will begin at 4 p.m. The 1-mile Tail Waggin' Walk for families and pets will begin at 5 p.m. with plenty of refreshment and splash zones along the way. The Race for the Hounds 5K will take off at 8 p.m., followed by a pub/restaurant crawl in downtown Safety Harbor.

Advance ticket prices are \$25 for the family/pet walk, \$30 for the 5K run, and \$5 for the pub/restaurant crawl discount package. All ticket prices will increase by \$5 the day of the race.

For tickets and information, call 726-2890 or visit www.safetyharborchamber.com.

SPOT offers August special

PINELLAS PARK – Stop Pet Overpopulation Together is offering a spay and neuter special of \$25 for kittens and \$50 for puppies 3 to 4 months old through August at its clinic, 4403 62nd Ave.

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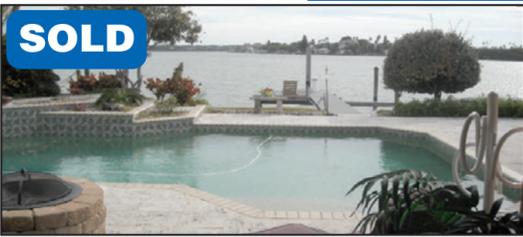
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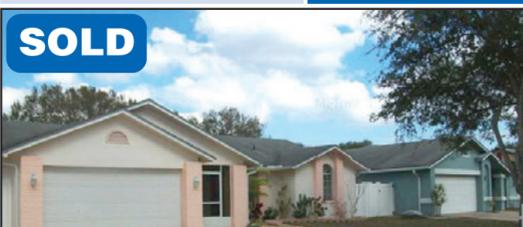
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Pool home with screened lanai.

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BRAND NEW 3/2/2
This home with volume ceilings was just built July, 2013. 2 of the bedrooms have walk-in closets. Ceramic tile floors throughout. Kitchen and both baths have solid wood cabinets. Upgraded Samsung kitchen appliances. All walls have upgraded insulation. Roof has a 30-year warranty. 40 gallon hot water heater. A/C is 16 seer. Windows are double pane, argon gas and tinted. Located just off Park St. N. close to shopping center that boasts, Kohl's, Ross, Starbucks and much more. Also close to dining and shopping in the Tyrone area with easy access to Bay Pines, beaches, downtown St. Pete. OWNER FINANCING AVAILABLE. MLS#U7590206. Sundell. \$178,900.

FAMILY FRIENDLY COMMUNITY
3BR/2BA/2-car garage home located on a corner lot in a NO flood zone. Wood laminate and tile floors throughout. Updated kitchen and main bath, vaulted ceiling and wood-burning fireplace. Roof new in 2009 and all windows have been updated. "L"-shaped screened, covered patio that can be accessed from both family room and master suite. Located in Bonnie Glynn subdivision, which is only minutes from the Gulf beaches, airports, shopping and downtown St. Petersburg. MLS#U7590438. Schnitzler. \$174,900.

3/2.5/2 – ON ALMOST HALF ACRE
Home has been totally updated AND has great curb appeal. Very open floor plan with all matching floors throughout the home. Gorgeous property, fenced-in backyard, plenty big enough for a pool, with a 6 ft. chain-link fence. 2 sheds one with electricity. This yard could be a gardener's DREAM and the parking is plentiful for your boat, RV or whatever! MLS#U7590534. Osborne. \$164,900.

REDINGTON BEACH POOL HOME
This true 3 bedroom home is all tile! Kitchen has new cabinetry with beautiful granite countertops and new lighting. Both baths have new tile, cabinetry and fixtures. Bedrooms have new carpet and new tile floors cover the rest of the home. Family room has a fireplace and sliding glass doors that open to a large screened porch with a hot tub. Whole back of the house overlooks the fenced backyard with a fabulous in-ground pool that has inlaid tile turtles swimming along the bottom. MLS#U7590582. Steiermann. \$324,900.

SHOWCASE CONTEMPORARY!
10 ft. textured ceilings and designer touches like crown molding, plantation shutters, decorative fans, fireplace, arched window and high shelves in most every room of this immaculate 3/2/2 home. Open kitchen with 42" wood cabinets, closet pantry and eating space. Breakfast bar opens to a gorgeous, spacious family room with shiny wood floors. French doors open to an oasis in the backyard to the elevated lanai, screened pool and spa heated with LP gas. New 5 ton, 16 SEER Bryant A/C system new March, 2011. Located in a small enclave of 17 homes all built after 2000 and conveniently located to stores, banks, interstate access to airport, and minutes to beaches. MLS#U7590776. Schroeder. \$279,000.

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Real estate news



Frank Slaughter

Prudential Tropical welcomes agents

Seven professionals recently joined the offices of Prudential Tropical Realty as real estate solutions providers.

Frank Slaughter joined the Clearwater office. Slaughter is a Tampa Bay area native and previously served as vice president of his family's successful plumbing business. A state certified master plumber, Slaughter's career background also includes several years as a loan originator with Republic Bank.

Joyce Cooper, Michael Melnyk, Nicole Brandon and Iryna Sokhnatska joined the Country-side office.

A Clearwater native, Cooper has been a real estate professional since 1993. She graduated from FAMU with a bachelor's degree in pharmacy. She is actively involved with the Martin Luther King Jr. Coalition and is a member of the FAMU alumni organization.

Melnyk is originally from Dunedin and graduated from the University of Florida with a master's degree in business administration. He has more than 14 years of experience in sales and marketing and is fluent in Spanish and English.

Brandon graduated from St. Petersburg College with a bachelor's degree in business management. She previously managed the social media development for a local construction company.

Sokhnatska attended Kyiv International University where she earned a master's degree in commercial law. Her extensive career background includes several years as a lawyer and as a state executor for the Chervonograd Municipal Board of Justice in the Ukraine. Sokhnatska is fluent in Ukrainian, Russian, Polish and English.

LeeAnn Pepper joined the East Lake office in Oldsmar.

Pepper is originally from Troy, Mich., and attended Oakland University in Rochester, where she earned a bachelor's degree in communications. Her extensive career background includes 10 years in sales and management in the IT field and more than 11 years in sales in the healthcare industry.

Cathy Waters joined the St. Petersburg office.

A Tampa Bay area native, Waters attended the University of Florida and the University of South Florida where she earned a bachelor's degree in public relations and an executive MBA. She has more than 20 years of experience in marketing and public relations. An active member in the community, Waters was the event organizer for All Children's Hospital and serves as vice president of the hospital's development council.

RE/MAX recognizes top agents

BELLEAIR - RE/MAX ACR Elite Group Inc. recently recognized its top agents in the Belleair office in closed sales for the month of July.

The No. 1 agent was Brenda Woolldridge. No. 2 was Joanne Brems and No. 3 was Marco Sokell.



Brenda Woolldridge



Joanne Brems



Marco Sokell

Listing, sales leaders named

CLEARWATER - The Coldwell Banker office in Clearwater recently announced its listing and sales leaders.

The Marcy Daniels Team was the top listing associate. Terry Tillung was the top sales associate.



Terry Tillung



The Marcy Daniels Team

Bates joins Team Heart and Sold

SEMINOLE - Brittany Bates recently joined Team Heart and Sold at Realty Executives Adamo & Associates.

Bates was born and raised in Seminole. Growing up, she was heavily involved in the Seminole Youth Athletic Association, cheerleading there for more than seven years. Going through Seminole Middle School to Seminole High School, she took several advanced placement classes to earn college credits, while working nearly full-time.

After graduating from Seminole High in 2008, she attended the University of South Florida St. Petersburg for two years.



Brittany Bates

Frankum, Donovan join Coastal Properties

CLEARWATER - Coastal Properties Group International recently added the team of Michael Frankum and Merry Donovan to its agent roster.

Frankum and Donovan were most recently top producers with Sand Key Realty. According to a press release, the team made the decision to join Coastal Properties Group International due largely to the company's global marketing exposure and its exclusive affiliation with Christie's International Real Estate for the Tampa Bay area.

"Christie's is the world's leading luxury real estate network," said Alex Jansen in the press release. Jansen is owner/broker for Coastal Properties Group International. "It makes perfect sense for luxury home specialists such as Michael and Merry to be a part of the Christie's network of high end real estate professionals."

"Coastal has the name, reputation and caliber of sales professionals that we want to be affiliated with," said Frankum. "In addition, they offer innovative technology and are the leaders in the luxury and waterfront segment of the market."

RE/MAX relocates

REDINGTON BEACH - RE/MAX All Star recently relocated to a new location at 16401 Gulf Blvd., Redington Beach.

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*Statistics from the Pinellas Realtor Organization June 2013 Monthly Market Report.

Health news

Diagnostic Clinic extends hours

CLEARWATER – Diagnostic Clinic recently opened an after-hours clinic at its Countryside location, 3131 N. McMullen Booth Road.

The clinic will be open Monday through Friday, 3 to 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The clinic will be a convenience for current Diagnostic Clinic patients, whose electronic medical records will be readily available. The clinic also will welcome new patients.

The clinic's goal is to offer convenient extended-hour access for family members of all ages while helping them avoid the long waits and high co-payments of hospital emergency rooms and urgent care centers.

Hospital seeks volunteers

TARPON SPRINGS – The auxiliary and volunteer program at Florida Hospital North Pinellas is currently seeking individuals interested in making a difference in the lives of patients, visitors and hospital team members.

Volunteers have the opportunity to work in all areas of the hospital – interacting with patients and visitors while distributing reading materials from the hospital's comfort cart, assisting with guiding visitors around the hospital, working in the hospital gift shop, serving food in the volunteer-run grill and driving a golf cart to shuttle patients and visitors from the main parking lot.

For information, call 942-5072 or visit www.fhnorthpinellas.com/about-us/volunteer-services to fill out an online application.

HLAA to meet

SAFETY HARBOR – The Clearwater chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America will meet Wednesday, Sept. 4, 12:30 p.m., at the Safety Harbor Library, 101 Second St.

HLAA reaches out to the deaf and hard-of-hearing in the area. Meetings are first Wednesdays, with no meeting in July and August. There are live captions provided, and the meeting room is looped. Admission is free.

For information, call 724-1525.

Balance seminar set

CLEARWATER – The Clearwater Aging Well Center, 1501 N. Belcher Road, will host A Matter of Balance, which is an award-winning, evidence-based program series designed to minimize older adults' risk and fear of falling while increasing their activity levels.

The classes will meet at the Aging Well Center on Tuesdays and Fridays, Sept. 3 to 27, 2 to 4 p.m.

"Fear of falling can be just as dangerous as falling itself," said Aging Well Center Supervisor Sheryl Crutchfield. "People who develop this fear often limit their activities, leading to further weakness, which further increases their risk of falling. The class aims to dispel that anxiety and lead participants into a stronger, more confident lifestyle."

Crutchfield will lead the class along with Kerry Marsalek, Office on Aging manager. Both are certified trainers for Matter of Balance. Space is limited, and preregistration is required. Call 724-3070.

Health department offering school immunizations

Avoid the back-to-school rush by making sure your child's immunizations are updated before Pinellas County schools are back in session on Monday, Aug. 19

The Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County provides immunizations at no cost for babies, children and young people through age 18. Center hours are weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. No appointment needed. Immunizations are available at the following centers.

- Tarpon Springs, 301 S. Disston Ave. Call 942-5457
- Clearwater, 310 N. Myrtle Ave. Call 469-5800
- Mid-County, 8751 Ulmerton Road, Largo. Call 524-4410
- Pinellas Park, 6350 76th Ave. N. Call 547-7780
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For information about the Pinellas County Health Department, visit www.PinellasHealth.com.

Paddle Against Cancer raises funds for Moffitt

TREASURE ISLAND – Paddle Against Cancer brought out approximately 200 local stand-up paddleboarders on May 25 and raised \$30,300 in support of Moffitt Cancer Center.

Gene Evans, a Stage 4 kidney cancer survivor and senior vice president at Clearwater-based USAmeriBank, created the paddleboarding event to give back to Moffitt and offer support for other cancer survivors.

The event, which featured 3-mile and 7-mile paddlers along with a poolside celebration in Treasure Island, attracted \$8,300 more in donations this year than in 2012. And since its first year in 2011, the event has raised a total of \$69,300.

Evans was diagnosed with Stage 4 kidney cancer in May 2009, and since then has recovered from four surgeries – including one to remove a tumor on his spine and another to remove one of his kidneys.

In Stage 4 kidney cancer, the cancer spreads outside the kidneys to multiple lymph nodes or distant parts of the body, such as the bones, brain, or lungs. Statistical figures show that the five-year survival rate for Stage 4 kidney cancer is only 8 percent. Evans, however, is a four-year survivor and attributes his successful fight

against cancer to his positive attitude and active lifestyle.

"Gene is an amazing role model, not only for those battling cancer but for each and every person who knows him," said Frank Vronis, M.D., M.P.H., Ph.D., in a press release. Vronis is chief of neurosurgery at Moffitt. He removed the tumor from Evans' spine. "We greatly appreciate all of the support and contributions his event has provided to Moffitt over the years."

Belleair Health Center names rehab director

BELLEAIR – Belleair Health Care Center recently appointed a new director of rehabilitation.

Michelle Newton, licensed in occupational therapy, will be responsible for managing the acquisition of new technology and equipment found in their newly renovated fitness center located at 1150 Ponce De Leon Blvd., in Clearwater.

In a press release, Newton reports that her careful choice in appointment was made with the facility's "incomparable demonstration of its rehabilitative outcomes that give measurable results."

"I'll direct an entire team of interdisciplinary professionals working together to provide cardiac, pulmonary and lymph edema care," Newton said. "Most importantly I want to ensure community access to our newly outfitted outpatient clinic."

With 12 years of occupational therapy practice in the state of Vermont, Newton now brings rehabilitative management know-how to a facility that specializes in comprehensive rehabilitative outpatient and inpatient services for short or long term care.

BRA Day set in October

My Hope Chest's second annual Hope Floats on Breast Reconstruction Awareness Day will be Wednesday, Oct. 16.

According to a press release, the event is a celebration of hope for healing and closure from the breast cancer journey.

"My Hope Chest's Hope Floats on BRA Day event encourages breast cancer supporters to create a

Butterfly Team at their workplace, civic group or place of worship to support My Hope Chest's mission to provide surgeries for women who need the final step of reconstruction," the press release explains.

This year, the charity will be adding an online fundraising component allowing friends and family the opportunity to meet fundraising goals set by each Butterfly Team.

Price varies by event. With a \$25 donation, attendees can order Butterfly Team shirts and additional items to raise donations aid in fundraising efforts. Orders must be placed by Aug. 25 to guarantee delivery by Oct. 15.

To register your event, order team shirts and for more information, call Kimberly Hall at 488-0320 or email Kimberly.hall@myhopechest.org.

Choe joins Suncoast Internal

LARGO – Suncoast Internal Medicine Consultants recently welcomed Leo Choe, D.O., to its practice.

Choe received his doctorate in osteopathic medicine at Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed his residency in Internal Medicine at Largo Medical Center.

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LETTERS

The definition of a republic

Editor:

What is our Republic? Perhaps you have asked this question yourself recently. There seems to be good reason for any confusions and uncertainty. Many different forms of government have called themselves a republic.

For instance, there was the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the current People's Republic of China. Both of these governments were formed out of communist revolution. Both are quite different from each other and neither stands up to the definition of a republic. And then there is the United States of America, a republic by definition. It too was formed out of the ashes of a revolution. What makes our republic different from others?

The basic description of republic found in dictionaries is that the power of a country is held by the people and their chosen representatives. But these definitions omit an important part that defines the uniqueness of our republic – that the people gain control of their own lives and fortunes. The government of our republic serves the interests of the people – the people do not serve the government's interests. This is an important distinction. This is the dream and ideal arrangement for men who wish to be free.

The basic mission statement of any republic includes transferring political power from an oppressive government (such as a dictator, emperor or monarch) to the people. This is the purpose which fires up the society to stand against an oppressive and often powerful government. However, there are differences in the actual formation of all these "republics".

The United States' republic was unique, because its founders were unique men. Where communist leaders rose to be masters of their populations, our founding fathers refused to take on that role. They served as elected leaders and then stepped down to live free lives amongst the rest of us, leaving society to select its leaders and representatives.

Instead of grabbing and holding the powers gained by the Declaration of Independence and the revolution, they forged two vessels in which the powers of the people were enshrined and locked away from tyrannical hands. Nested within these vessels were the power and future freedom of the people of the United States.

These two vessels are the Constitution and Bill of Rights, both based on ideals envisioned in the Declaration of Independence.

It is ironic that these documents sit in Washington, D.C., so they can be viewed by those who visit them, and yet have no home in our schools and education system. Instead, today our schools teach communist doctrine. The only vaults that guarantee the safety of the contents of these vessels and their continued use are the minds and hearts of each American and our future generations.

If you have a desire to understand what our republic consists of, you should not need to ask another person. The answers you seek lay in these three documents. Just because you did not learn about them in school is no reason to remain ignorant of them. By using various dictionaries and references on the Internet you can read and understand them.

If you have trouble with reading the originals, modern versions exist which make them easier to understand. Read these if you must, but never rely on any single interpretation and always go back to the original documents.

Mass ignorance of these documents is why we are losing what was fought for and created – for how can we continue to create something we no longer understand?

So, I'll answer the question now – what is our republic? It is the concepts laid down in these three priceless documents. Lose them, fail to understand them, fail to educate every generation on them and we lose the republic so bravely fought for – so caring and intelligently forged to guarantee freedom and equality under the law for all men.

That so many people are now asking the question, gives hope that we may someday actually achieve our republic. That we were never taught these documents in school and now have to ask the question is frightening.

David R. Young
Clearwater

Median landscaping unimaginative

Editor:

Failed attempts to beautify the road medians on Gulf-to-Bay Boulevard have raised a lot of eyebrows around Clearwater. The recently re-landscaped medians look even worse than the old ones did but, more to the point, why did they need to be replaced? And who do we need to thank for such a dismal and unimaginative piece of work and waste of money?

The city of Clearwater could learn something from Largo's road medians landscaping on East Bay Drive. For one thing, they do not use any drab, dull or messy bark mulch, instead they use flowering yellow ground cover. They also make good use of low maintenance blue liri-ope and other colorful shrubs such as Cuban gold duranta, plumbago and firecracker plants. The difference is very striking and obvious; it shows how well chosen plants and creatively landscaped medians can make a difference. The Clearwater Beach Causeway is another fine example of good landscaping. A trip to Sunken Gardens would have been more enlightening.

Michael Maribona
Clearwater

Walsingham Park: a wasteland

Editor:

Thanks to the current county commissioners, all the monies spent on Walsingham Park has turned into an unused, bug-infested wasteland of dead foliage everywhere and infested with exotic vines killing not only roadside foliage but trail paths that are impassable at times.

After personally burning up two expensive trolling motors in trying to negotiate just the upper portion of the lake, I have not put my boat in the water but once this year.

There have been times when people could not put a boat in the water due to clogged up ramps. So much for the millions of dollars spent to build a park that nobody uses.

Now the fishing museum is being forced to vacate its premises, which is a valuable tool for locals, visitors and especially the young people to learn valuable lessons on what Florida has to offer them.

Apparently, these things are no longer important enough for our leaders.

If you are not going to repair an empty property, tear it down. If you are not going to care for a park that costs millions to complete, close it up and prepare to pack your bags.

My last inquiry into the conditions at the lake and park in general resulted in the same old excuses: budget cuts and lots of personnel.

Apparently, the people that still have jobs are not interested in the conditions. How about this? Pool all the resources and personnel from all the parks and send them to a different park, the worst first, for several days to do cleanup, mowing, cutting out area foliage, removing exotics and cleaning up pathways and trails. If they can't do the job, get rid of them and hire people who are willing to work. Also, ask for volunteers. This was done years ago on Lake Seminole by the local fishing club and was a big success until people looking for political gains got involved.

I would also be interested in learning if our commissioners as a whole have ever walked, biked or driven through our parks in the last couple of years?

Bobby Jones
Seminole

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Which traits would kill your vote?

A number of politicians (male and female) have been scalded in recent weeks and years by their alleged sexual activities. Messrs. Weiner, Spitzer and Milner are only three of a crowded list of office-holders who have been damaged after being caught with their knickers down.

After witnessing the furor over these sexual adventures, I got to wondering: In today's culture, what other behaviors, traits or beliefs might be equally harmful to a politician's career? I came up with several possibilities, stated below in no special order.

GROSS TABLE MANNERS. If I were running for mayor or governor and assaulted a plate of spaghetti the way George Costanza of "Seinfeld" does, I wouldn't have a chance of being elected. Few things can turn off a potential voter faster than to see a candidate shovel food down his or her piehole and then compound the offense by talking with his mouth full.

OBESITY. William Howard Taft, our 27th president, tipped the scales at about 330 pounds. Obviously, his corpulence did not prevent his being elected to high office. But can you name many other really fat political leaders? I can't. Given their druthers, Americans prefer their politicians to be on the lean and good-looking side. New Jersey governor Chris Christie violates that dictum, but he's reported willing to shed significant poundage as he explores the path to the White House.

CHEATING AT CHESS. Would you vote for someone who cheats while playing chess with his 12-year-old daughter? I wouldn't. How could you trust such a person? I don't know of anyone like that who's now in politics, but as soon as we get all our hacking, wiretapping and illegal surveillance tools fully in place we'll be able to smoke out and prosecute such nasty people.



Driver's Seat

Bob Driver

FACE LIFTS. I've run into recent reports that Hillary Clinton has undergone some cosmetic surgery. "She's looking awfully good these days," said one informant. "It may be because she's no longer Secretary of State and can get some rest. But my money is on a face lift." Which indicates she'll be going for the presidency in 2016, right? If so, would you be biased against her for undergoing some cut-and-paste work? Some folks would, but I believe most voters would not. Cosmetic surgery is so common today it's almost not worth noting, except when the procedure is botched and the patient (whether male or female) ends up looking like a squint-eyed, frozen-smile kewpie doll. In such cases, pity – not criticism – is usually in order.

HYPER-FLATULENCE. Can you imagine a candidate winning a major election if he or she repeatedly broke wind, without meaning to, while making a speech or shaking hands with a crowd? I've never heard of that occurring with a candidate, although I have met a number of ordinary citizens thus afflicted. Would that handicap discourage voters from supporting the candidate? I believe such a delicate question should be widely debated beforehand, just in case a gaseous but otherwise highly qualified public servant one day comes on the scene.

GRAMMATICAL IGNORANCE. I hesitate to list this shortcoming as a possible black mark on a politician's score sheet, because so many

Americans neither know nor care about the basics of good grammar. Also, a significant number of excellent public servants have shown that their employing such linguistic lapses as "between he and I" and "nearly unique" have really not mattered.

ATHEISM. There was a time when a stated belief in God, Christ or some other well-established deity was an absolute requirement for anyone seeking an office more lofty than Animal Control. Americans – even those who themselves lack any well-defined religious faith – have felt more secure with a self-confessed Methodist, Jew, Catholic, or Muslim holding the reins of authority. That day may have passed. Recent surveys have shown that increasing numbers of citizens have no religious affiliation, and don't especially care whether you or I do. I doubt if many candidates in the next few years will blatantly declare themselves as atheists or agnostics, but a number of them will. And many voters will do themselves proud by viewing such a declaration as irrelevant to a candidate's overall merit.

SPEAKING THE WHOLE TRUTH. Pile all of the above-listed election risks together and they would not total half of the defeat-guaranteed potential as would total honesty. Someone has said that a completely forthright person in high office, such as the presidency, would be a catastrophe for the nation. He/she would be a ticking time bomb, just waiting for the moment to reveal some scandalous or distasteful fact about himself, his deepest beliefs, his enemies, allies, donors and his previously undisclosed track record. Two weeks of such absolute honesty could tear our country apart.

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Snowden savors the taste of liberty

An absolutely true news item: After spending a month confined inside a Moscow airport, former U.S. intelligence contractor and NSA leaker Edward J. Snowden has been granted temporary asylum in Russia.

Sweet freedom, at last!

I thought I'd never get out of that crummy terminal. After a month of gagging on Cinnabon fumes, even this sooty Moscow air smells like daisies.

Today I walk the streets a free man, accompanied by my two new best friends, Anatoly and Boris. They do NOT work for the KGB, OK? They're professional tour guides who came strongly recommended by President Vladimir Putin.

By the way, Vlad (that's what he told me to call him) has been a totally righteous dude about this whole fugitive-spy thing, unlike a certain uncool American president, who keeps trying to have me arrested and prosecuted for espionage.

The Russians have generously given me a Wi-Fi chip and free Internet, so I can go on-line anytime I want and see what the world is saying about me. A recurring theme in many blogs and chat rooms seems to be: What was that kid thinking?

First of all, I believe with all my heart that Americans have the right to know about the far-reaching surveillance tactics employed by our government to monitor its own citizens. I also believe I've restarted an important debate about national security and privacy.

Could I have handled this whole thing differently? Sure. In retrospect, there's definitely something to be said for anonymity.

But, hey, cut me some slack. I'm only 29 and this was my first time leaking classified intelligence data.

I'll be the first to admit that my plan was-



Carl Hiaasen

n't 100 percent seamless. For example, I should have figured out what new place I wanted to live in before I revealed my identity as the leaker. Clearly, I underestimated how difficult it would be to find a country that would welcome me, especially a country as free and open as the United States.

"I have no intention of hiding who I am because I know I have done nothing wrong," I declared in a video interview.

This was weeks after I'd left my place in Hawaii and flown to Hong Kong to meet secretly with reporters. The hotel was nice, but after the stories broke I couldn't go out anywhere.

How do you like your accommodations, Mr. Snowden? Can we bring you another pitcher of green tea? More noodles, perhaps?

I found another place to crash in Hong Kong and gave a new interview revealing that the U.S. National Security Agency had hacked government computers in China. I assumed that in gratitude for receiving this heavy-duty info, the Chinese authorities would let me stay as long as I wanted. Wrong.

No problem. Eddie Boy, says some WikiLeaks dude. We'll get you into Cuba.

Now I was seriously jazzed because Cuba's supposed to be a lot like Hawaii – sunshine, great beaches, good surf, a chill

music scene.

First connection (or so I thought) was at the Sheremetyevo airport in Moscow. There I scored a ticket to Havana on Aeroflot (which is sort of the Russian version of Jet Blue, minus the TVs in the seatbacks), and I'm ready to roll. Load up my iTunes with the Buena Vista Social Club but then?...

More bad news. Apparently the Cuban regime wasn't super excited about me moving there. I never really got the whole story. The plane left without me is all I know.

So I was stuck in the Moscow airport's "transit" area, feeling not so great about how this whistleblower stuff is playing out. The security guys wouldn't even let me into the main terminal to hit a Starbucks and check out the Sharper Image.

Meanwhile, President Barack Obama kept bugging the Kremlin to hand me over. Putin basically flipped him off, which bought me some time to scout other destinations that had fewer ice storms.

The Bolivian government has offered me asylum, but I've been thinking about what happened down there to Butch Cassidy and Sundance. I might take a pass.

Venezuela also said I could come down, and maybe that's where I'll end up in a few months. At least it's warm there. Ecuador sounds pretty sweet, too.

Don't get me wrong; I love the Russian people. Anatoly always insists on carrying my laptop for me, and Boris gave me a cell phone with unlimited minutes.

The coverage here is so amazing that somebody usually answers even before I finish dialing!

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Nature news

McGough to host night hike

LARGO - A night hike will be presented Saturday, Aug. 17, 6:30 p.m., at George C. McGough Nature Park, 11901 146th St. N. This will be a free interpretative nature hike through McGough's habitats. Call 518-3047.

Weedon to host photography hike

ST. PETERSBURG - A wildflower photography hike will be offered Saturday, Aug. 17, 8 to 10 a.m., at Weedon Island Preserve, 1800 Weedon Drive NE. The free event will offer participants the perfect opportunity to hone their skills. After a brief classroom session, highlighting specific wildlife behaviors, guides will assist participants in capturing the natural beauty in photos. Advance registration is required. Call 453-6500 or visit www.weedonislandpreserve.org.

Brooker to host guided hike

TARPON SPRINGS - A guided hike will be offered Saturday, Aug. 17, 9 to 10:30 a.m., at Brooker Creek Preserve, 3940 Keystone Road.

Attendees will take a walk through time on a guided hike. Participants will have an opportunity to look at how the land has changed over time and discuss the ecological footprints left by those changes. Sturdy closed-toe shoes are a must, and water and a hat are recommended. All ages are welcome, although children 5 and younger may find this hike challenging. Preregistration is required. Visit www.brooker.creekpreserve.org or call 453-6800.

Extension agent to discuss coyotes

TARPON SPRINGS - UF/IFAS Natural Resources Extension agent Lara Miller will host a free presentation on the coyote on Saturday, Aug. 17, 10:30 a.m. to noon, at Brooker Creek Preserve, 3940 Keystone Road. Miller will discuss a relatively new resident to Pinellas County: the coyote. She will explore the life history of the coyote as well as its ability to adapt and survive in urban environments. It is not rare to see a coyote in Pinellas. Attendees will learn about this nocturnal creature and its presence in the area. Advance registration is required. Call 453-6800 or visit www.brooker.creekpreserve.org.

Summer Spanish mackerel and trout fishing heats up

Spanish mackerel fishing is only getting better with each passing week. Hard-bottom areas within a mile of shore are holding good numbers of fish. Try Sand Key, Blind's Pass and the Redingtons. They should all be holding Spanish mackerel as well as the occasional cobia. Also, the artificial reefs from three to 10 miles out are also good places to target. On a recent snapper trip to one of the near-shore reefs we had the snapper and the mack-

erel chummed up behind the boat. Although only a few baits made it past the mackerel to the snapper, it was still really good fishing.

Fish Tales

Capt. Tyson Wellerstein



Upon returning from our trip offshore we decided to try for some trout along a deep grass flat just inside the pass. The tide was moving in quickly and packs of terns were dipping on schools of small fry bait. It definitely looked promising. After tossing out a couple of handfuls of frisky chummers, it didn't take long for the water to begin to boil. There were trout anywhere from 12 inches up to 18 inches, popping all around the boat. As we caught trout after trout all the while continuing to chum to keep the bites coming, we managed to lure in a school of Spanish mackerel, ranging in size from 18 to 24 inches, and

they definitely were the best mackerel of the day.

Catching bait has been good lately; small pilchards have been staged up right inside the swash channel all along the beach.

These baits are anywhere from an inch and a half up to 2 1/2 inches long so I would definitely recommend a quarter inch mesh cast net.

It also is a good idea to lighten up your hook so that your bait swims naturally.

A size 1 gold Aberdeen hook has been working great with the small baits and the slightly longer shank than a traditional live bait hook will help to prevent cut-offs from the Spanish mackerel.

Tyson Wellerstein can be reached at capt.tyson@hotmail.com. To get a fish photo in the paper, send the photo along with your name, when and where it was caught to editorial@TBNweekly.com or mail it to Tampa Bay Newspapers, 9911 Seminole Blvd., Seminole, FL 33772.

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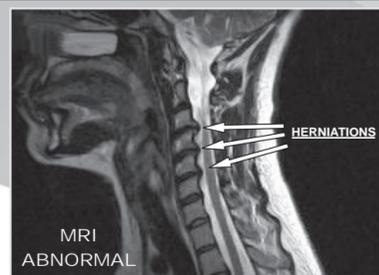
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Worship calendar

Cornerstone Community Church

ST. PETERSBURG - A Grief-Share group will meet Fridays, Sept. 6 through Dec. 13, 10 a.m. to noon, at Cornerstone Community Church, 6745 38th Ave. N. Childcare is not available at this time. For information, call 343-7747.

Bay Ridge Baptist Church

SEMINOLE - Awana Club registration night will be Wednesday, Aug. 28, 6:30 p.m., at Bay Ridge Baptist Church, 6155 113th St.

Parents may come to register children for the Wednesday night Awana Club. The event will feature games and snacks. Attendees will learn about what the club has to offer children age 3 through fifth grade. Awana Club is an evangelical club with the purpose of teaching children the gospel.

The church also has nursery available if parents would like to join in on a Bible study while their children are in the club.

For information, call 391-1935.

New Thought Center for Creative Living

CLEARWATER - The New Thought Center for Creative Living will present Your Confident Self, a three-hour seminar and workshop, on Saturday, Aug. 24, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Unity Church Peace Cottage, 2465 Nursery Road.

The workshop is designed to break through the barrage of negativity that promotes inadequacy. Gregg and Marla Sanderson will lead the presentation. The Sandersons have led seminars and workshops throughout the country for more than 30 years.

*Through advertising, entertain-

ment, and world news we constantly face messages that claim there's something wrong with us," Marla said in a press release. "The aim of this experience is to restore balance and emphasize that which is right with each individual."

Fee for the workshop is \$45. A \$20 discount is given for paid registrations by Aug. 18. To register, or for further information, call 475-8991 or email revmarla@newthoughtctr.org.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

CLEARWATER - In celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, God's Work Our Hands will be Sunday, Sept. 8, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 407 S. Saturn Ave.

Designed for those who are looking for a place to make a difference and those who would like to be surrounded by people called to action, the event will demonstrate how Lutheran churches within the community make a positive impact.

The day will begin with a complimentary breakfast at 9 a.m., followed by a "spirit-filled worship experience" at 10 a.m. Attendees will then "embark on a day of community service" at 11 a.m.

The service opportunities are as follows:

- Grace House - A ministry of RCS, Grace House provides apartment style emergency shelter to homeless families with children, for up to eight weeks.

- Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County - This organization promotes family stability by providing innovative and affordable housing solutions to qualified individuals and families.

- Homeless Emergency Project -

This program has facilities not only for emergency short-term shelter and meals, but also for long-term shelter for families with children and veterans as well.

- Lutheran Services of Florida - Lutheran Services of Florida recently took over much of the responsibilities once held by Children and Family Services. The organization provides opportunities for severely broken families to find aid and develop skills that will allow the families to remain together.

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Grace Bible Fellowship

PINELLAS PARK - Saturday Night Live In Christ will be presented Saturday, Aug. 17, 6:30 p.m., at Grace Bible Fellowship, 10999 60th St. N.

This event is billed as "relaxed, relational and relevant." The event will feature a "fun-filled Bible based talk with Bill Connolly."

Connolly has used his cartooning abilities to "picture out" complicated Biblical concepts making them more fun and easy to understand. For 25 years, he was writer/producer on top-rated radio morning shows, most notably on Q105 in Tampa, and currently contributes gags to internationally syndicated comic features.

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Bittings celebrate 50th anniversary

Don and Maxine Bitting celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 21, 2013.

The couple married July 21, 1963, in Kewanee, Ill. They have resided in the Seminole area since 1974. Both are retired employees of the Pinellas County School district. Don was a school administrator and Maxine was a teacher and grant manager.

The Seminole Chamber of Commerce for his community service honored Don as 1989-90 Mr. Seminole.

The Bittings have two daughters: Lisa, a teacher and swim coach at Palm Harbor University High School; and Melissa, an attorney who works for a U.S. magistrate judge in Augusta, Ga.

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Alzheimer Disease Facts

According to the 2012 Alzheimer Disease Facts and Figures, one out of eight older Americans has Alzheimer's, therefore it is likely you have a loved one or close friend touched by this disease. The more you learn to better understand this disease will help in how you communicate with your loved ones. As tempting as it might be to say, "Mom/Dad, you just said that," this is not helpful. If his/her statement seems to beg for a response, just say, "Oh, OK, Mom/Dad," or "Thanks for telling me," in a positive way, and move onto something else. When you remind him/her they are repeating themselves, what you're really doing is lowering their self-esteem. It is best not to make a person with Alzheimer's disease feel impaired or ashamed. Try to respond in a positive manner, directing conversation to focus on a memory topic they are still familiar with, thereby supporting their self worth.

Caring for a person with dementia is stressful. Seeking the help of support groups, and finding a responsible caregiver who can give you a break when needed is important. It is one thing to finally realize someone close to you has Alzheimer's. It's a completely different thing to accept that fact.

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Sports roundup

Rays offer ticket specials

ST. PETERSBURG – The Tampa Bay Rays, in partnership with WDAE 620 AM/95.3 FM, have announced 1,000 lower level seats at Tropicana Field will be available online through raysbaseball.com for \$9.53 for every remaining home game this season.

In addition, the Tampa Bay Times will offer buy two, get two free outfield seats for all remaining Tuesday home games. This offer is available online through raysbaseball.com via coupons that will be appearing regularly in the Times.

For the remainder of the regular season, fans that buy four or more tickets to a Rays home game through raysbaseball.com will receive 10 percent off face value.

"All of us at the Rays have been excited by the way the team has performed and the way our fans have responded," said Rays President Matt Silverman. "This second half push is designed to get all Rays fans out to the ballpark for 'One More Game.' We're grateful to our partners WDAE and the Tampa Bay Times for helping bring all

this together."

In their weekend series at Tropicana Field against the defending World Series Champion San Francisco Giants, the Rays averaged 28,700 fans for the three games, their best attended three-game home series since April 6-8, 2012.

The Rays twice drew 30,000 against the Giants, running their record to 48-16 when playing in front of regular season home crowds of 30,000 or more since 2008.

"It does make a difference for us," said Rays Manager Joe Maddon after the Giants series.

"I think we've entertained them very well the last couple of games and actually the entire season, especially at home. It's great to see them out there. Keep on coming."

The ticket specials described above are available through the official site of the Tampa Bay Rays at raysbaseball.com.

For ticketing information, go to raysbaseball.com or 1-888-FAN-RAYS.

Gator Club plans kickoff party

ST. PETE BEACH – The 2013 Pinellas County Gator Club's football kickoff tailgate will be held Saturday, Aug. 17, 2 to 5 p.m., at Sea Hags Bar & Grill, 9555 Blind Pass Road.

The guest speaker will be Brady Ackerman, a sports analyst for Gator Radio Network/Sun Sports.

Tickets for University of Florida Alumni Association members are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door; nonmembers, \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door; children 6 and up, \$10 in advance and at the door. Children 5 and under eat free.

Tickets include a buffet with hamburgers and cheeseburgers, hot dogs, bratwurst, wings, cole slaw, chips and salsa and soft drinks. A cash bar is available with Gator specials. Raffles will be held and vendors will be on hand.

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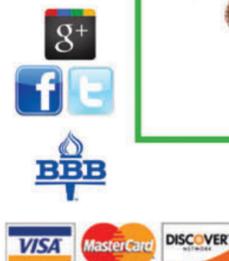
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Top Five Diversions

• **"Maybe Baby, It's You,"** by Charlie Shanian 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. "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.

• **Cannonball/Coltrane Tribute Quintet**, Friday, Aug. 16, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., in the Mary Alice McCleendon 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. This group pays a swinging tribute to two of the greatest jazz saxophonists ever - Cannonball Adderley and John Coltrane.

• **Shut Up and Laugh**, Friday, Aug. 16, 8 p.m., at the Mahaffey Theater, 400 First St. S., St. Petersburg. Tickets are \$29.50 in advance and \$30 the day of the festival. Call 893-7832 or visit TheMahaffey.com. WILD 94.1 will present Shut Up and Laugh with Bruce Bruce, DeRay Davis and Hannibal Buress. Bruce Bruce, one of the nation's favorite standup comics, started working right out of high school as a barbecue chef serving up laughs. His career took off after his first appearance on HBO's Def Comedy Jam and Showtime at the Apollo. DeRay Davis, described as a born hustler from Chicago's South Side, began his career in comedy clubs and was discovered at Atlanta's Laffalooza Festival. After moving to Los Angeles, Davis won Comedy Central's Laugh Riots competition and was a standout on the Cedric the Entertainer Tour and at the Montreal Just for Laughs Festival. Hannibal Buress, standup comic, actor and television writer, is listed on Variety's "Ten Comics to Watch in 2010" and has been featured on Comedy Central's The Awkward Comedy Show special and co-stars on The Eric Andre Show on Adult Swim.

• **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.

• **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.



Ashton Kutcher stars as Steve Jobs in "Jobs."

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Opening this weekend

Kutcher stars in 'Jobs' biopic; Whitaker portrays 'The Butler'

Compiled by LEE CLARK ZUMPE

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

'Jobs'

Genre: Drama
Cast: Ashton Kutcher, Dermot Mulroney, Josh Gad, Lukas Haas, J.K. Simmons and Matthew Modine
Director: Joshua Michael Stern
Rated: PG-13
It only takes one person to start a revolution.

"Jobs" is the extraordinary story of Steve Jobs, the original innovator and ground-breaking entrepreneur who let nothing stand in the way of greatness. The film tells the epic and turbulent story of Jobs as he blazed a trail that changed technology - and the world - forever.

'Lee Daniels' The Butler'

Genre: Biography and drama
Cast: Forest Whitaker, Oprah Winfrey, Mariah Carey, John Cusack, Jane Fonda, Cuba Gooding, Jr., Terrence Howard, Minka Kelly, Lenny Kravitz, Melissa Leo, James Marsden, David Oyelowo, Alex Pettyfer, Vanessa Redgrave, Alan Rickman, Liev Schreiber and Robin Williams
Director: Lee Daniels
Rated: PG-13

"Lee Daniels' The Butler" is set against the tumultuous political backdrop of 20th century America.

Academy Award nominated director Lee Daniels' epic drama tells the story of fictional White House butler Cecil Gaines (Forest Whitaker), who serves during seven presidential administrations between 1957 and 1986. The film is inspired by Wil Haygood's 2008 Washington Post article "A Butler Well Served by This Election" which chronicled the real life of former White House butler Eugene Allen.

The film begins in 1926 and follows a young Cecil as he escapes the tyranny of the fiercely segregated South in search of a better life. Along his arduous journey to manhood Cecil learns invaluable skills that ultimately lead to an opportunity of a lifetime: a job as a butler at 1600



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Bret McKenzie stars as Martin and Keri Russell as Jane Hayes in "Austenland."

Pennsylvania Avenue. There, Cecil becomes a firsthand witness to history and the inner workings of the Oval Office as the civil rights movement unfolds. At home, his loving wife Gloria (Oprah Winfrey) raises their two sons, and the family benefits from a comfortable middle-class existence enabled by Cecil's White House position. But Cecil's commitment to his "First Family" fosters tensions at home, alienating Gloria and creating conflict with his anti-establishment son (David Oyelowo). Through the eyes and emotions of the Gaines family, Daniels' film follows the changing tides of American politics and race relations; from the assassinations

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\$2,750,000

Plenty of room for everyone! The 3,700 Sq. Ft. floor plan features 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, living room and family room with double sided fireplace. This functional split floor plan has the master bedroom and 2nd bedroom on the main living level.
\$449,900

NEW LISTING

Move in ready Seminole pool home! Split floor plan offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, dining room, living room and family room. Throughout this home there is a beautiful tile in the main living areas, new carpet in 2 of the bedrooms & fresh paint throughout.
\$249,900

NEW LISTING

Plenty of room for everyone! This extra large property offers a spacious main house and an adjoining guest home or pool house that would be great for in-laws or roommates. The main home features 4 bedrooms & 3 bathrooms.
\$3,900,000

NEW LISTING

Move in ready Seminole home in a great location. Home features 3 bedrooms each with a view of the pool, 2 bathrooms including a full cabana bath, family room, dining area, living room overlooking the pool and extra closets.
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Venue Theatre auditions set

PINELLAS PARK – Open auditions for John Patrick's funny, profound, and touching comedy classic, "The Curious Savage," will be Sunday, Sept. 8, 7 to 9:30 p.m., at Venue Theatre, 9125 U.S. 19, Pinellas Park; and again on Tuesday, Sept. 10, 6 to 8:30 p.m., at the Safety Harbor Public Library, 101 Second St. N, Safety Harbor.

The production will run Friday through Sunday, Nov. 8-10, at the Safety Harbor Public Library. The show will then run the following two weekends, Nov. 15-17 and Nov. 22-24, at Venue Theatre in Pinellas Park.

The theater is hoping to use the same cast for the whole run of the play. The cast and crew will be receiving monetary compensation for the two-week run at Venue, based on the box office receipts for the six Venue performances. Double casting of certain roles is possible. This unique production schedule requires a cast that should be open-minded, creative, flexible and resourceful. The play is set in the Cloisters, a private New England asylum, in the early 1950s. The plot involves Ethel Savage's greedy children trying to commit her to the Cloisters in order to control her vast fortune.

The available roles and their suggested ages are as follows:

- Ethel Savage, 60-plus
- Fairy May, 20-40
- Lily Belle, 30-plus
- Miss Willie, 20s
- Florence, 40s
- Mrs. Paddy, 50-plus

- Hannibal, 40-plus
- Jeffrey, 20s
- Titus, 50-plus
- Samuel, 50-plus
- Dr. Emmett, 40s

Rehearsals will be at Venue Theatre most Sundays, 7 to 9:30 p.m.; and at Safety Harbor Library, most Mondays, 6 to 9 p.m. Small group scene work will be at Safety Harbor Library on Wednesdays, 6 to 8:30 p.m. A specific schedule will be available at auditions.

Auditions will include a cold reading from the script.

For information, email Richard Rosen at upstage111@yahoo.com.

Venue Ensemble Theatre also will host auditions for the musical "The Last Room," by Donna Tripp, on Sunday, Sept. 15, 7 p.m., at Venue Theatre.

The play tells the story of the Nativity from the viewpoint of the innkeeper, and how it affected his life. Director Vic Carr is seeking 12 men, ages 30 to 60; and three women, ages 30 to 50+.

All candidates should be good singers, with minimal choreography. Those auditioning should prepare 16 bars of a ballad from a musical and bring sheet music in their key, or a CD accompaniment in their key, or sing a capella.

The production will run Dec. 6-22, with performances on Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.; and Sundays, 3 p.m.

All roles will receive a stipend based on ticket sales. For information, call 822-6194 or email venueactorstudio@gmail.com.

Pirate invasion



Photo courtesy of ELIZABETH NEILY

Many attendees at the grand opening Aug. 9 of the Pirates of Florida exhibit at the Dunedin Historical Museum donned pirate attire. Museum Director Vinnie Luisi asked local collectors and dealers of military antiques, Don Ball, the Mel Fisher organization and Lester Dailey, if they would like to loan artifacts for the museum and they agreed to do so.

Crossword

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Across

- Circus cries
- ___ line (major axis of an elliptical orbit)
- Keats, for one
- Bang-up (hyphenated)
- C4H8O2, e.g.
- "I'm ___ you!"
- U.S. citizen of Hispanic descent (2 wds)
- Ace
- Reserve
- Sanctums in ancient temples
- "Sesame Street" watcher
- Computer acronym
- The "A" of ABM
- Blazer, e.g. (acronym)
- Almost boil
- Court figure
- ___ boom bah!
- Concurring person of age (2 wds)
- Anger
- Military surround and capture
- Start of a refrain (hyphenated)
- "To ___ is human ..."
- Very dry, as wine
- ___ Peninsula, where Kuala Lumpur is located
- Sun, e.g.
- Beasts of burden
- Harpsichord
- Penn State library
- Draws unspecific conclusion
- ___-mutton
- Winter coats
- Sonatas, e.g.
- Heavy cart
- Fastener
- "The Catcher in the ___"

- Arizona Indian
- Become unhinged
- ___ Wednesday
- "Harper Valley ___" (acronym)
- 18-wheeler
- Building
- Sharp ends
- "___ bitten, twice shy"
- Flight data, briefly
- A load
- Involves
- Catch a glimpse of
- Salts with I
- "Flying Down to ___"
- Sampler
- Columbus discovery of 1493
- Fungal spore sacs
- Harshly criticize
- Wicker weaver
- Beliefs
- Bar order, with "the"
- Fancy home
- Breakfast staple
- "Don't go!"
- Those who eat with small, quick bites
- Severe
- Sir Walter Scott novel (2 wds)
- Dust remover
- Fitness centers
- Icy
- "... happily ___ after"
- Prefix with phone
- "Don't bet ___!" (2 wds)
- Russian emperor
- Mysterious: Var.
- "___ quam videri" (North Carolina's motto)
- Large, Australian flightless bird
- Cabernet, e.g.

Down

- Brewer's equipment

Sudoku

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Sudoku answers from last week

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Crossword answers from last week

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Horoscopes August 15, 2013

Capricorn

December 22 – January 19

The stars realign, and fame and fortune are headed your way. Enjoy, Capricorn! Trouble brews at home, and a youngster stirs the pot. Move fast to put an end to it.

Aquarius

January 20 – February 18

Look out, Aquarius. Your love life heats up, and if you have yet to find your soulmate, the journey is about to begin. A business associate clues you in.

Pisces

February 19 – March 20

Career objectives are met, and the path to promotion is clear. Life at home brings many pleasant surprises. Wow, Pisces! What a week you have ahead of you.

Aries

March 21 – April 19

A senior pushes the envelope. Set them straight right away, Aries, or you will be dealing with the situation for some time to come. A new do inspires a new wardrobe.

Taurus

April 20 – May 20

Relationships grow deeper, bringing much happiness and peace to your home. Revel in the newfound security, Taurus. A financial review uncovers a secret.

Gemini

May 21 – June 21

Don't look now, Gemini, but a youngster is in the midst of setting some rather lofty goals for themselves. Take their intent seriously and give it merit.

Cancer

June 22 – July 22

Chaos is the theme of this week. Prepare for things to get messy, Cancer. A health issue eases for a friend with an alternative treatment.

Leo

July 23 – August 22

Live in the moment, Leo. Things are in too much of a dynamic state to do anything but. You can make plans later when the dust settles.

Virgo

August 23 – September 22

Darn, Virgo. You let a secret slip, and the rumor mill erupts. Move fast to make amends. A troubled teen finds peace in a furry friend. A special occasion draws near.

Libra

September 23 – October 22

Waste not, want not, Libra. There is far too much excess in your life. Trim the fat, and contentment will come. An email clues you in to a dilemma.

Scorpio

October 23 – November 21

It's true, Scorpio. You are a warm, generous soul, but by no means, should that make you a doormat. Tell your friends no and think of yourself first for a change.

Sagittarius

November 22 – December 21

Revenue grows, and you deserve much of the credit. Bravo, Sagittarius! Give yourself a pat on the back and find a way to keep the momentum going.

A&E news

'HMS Pinafore' auditions set

TARPON SPRINGS – Auditions for "HMS Pinafore" will be Monday, Aug. 26, 7 p.m., at the Heritage Museum, 100 Beekman Lane.

The production, presented by the Gilbert and Sullivan Players, will run Nov. 15-17. Directed and choreographed by Jamie Bierchen, with musical direction by Constantine Grame, "HMS Pinafore" is a classic Gilbert and Sullivan with an excellent score. People who are interested in auditioning for a specific principal role should bring a prepared song. There are several principal roles for adults, and a large chorus of children and adults. All ages and levels of experience welcome to audition.

For information, call Bierchen at 813-334-3747.

View the art of Ikebana

LARGO – The Royal Palms Multigenerational Community will present "Scarlet Sunset on Palms," an Ikebana exhibition Saturday, Aug. 24, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 200 Lake Ave. in Largo.

Enjoy arrangements by teachers and students of the Sogetsu School of Ikebana, founded in 1927 by Sofu Teshigahara in Tokyo, Japan. He taught that Ikebana, the art of arranging flowers, can be achieved anywhere, anytime, by anyone.

The event is free, and refreshments will be served. Be prepared for an afternoon of beautiful flowers designed for cool summer artistic enrichment.

Monique "Koreng" Noujaim will give a demonstration at 2 p.m., followed by a demonstration by Barbara "Koseki" Goss at 2:30 p.m.

Sunsation seeks singers

PINELLAS PARK – Now beginning its 10th season, Sunshine Show Chorus continues to offer first-rate entertainment singing tight harmonies of Broadway melodies, pop standards and fun classics.

The versatile chorus is seeking new members. Previous choral experience is helpful.

Starting Aug. 20, the group meets Tuesdays, 6:45 p.m., at the Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center, 4951 78th Ave.

Three two-hour shows are performed each season. The season runs November to April. In addition, a number of shows are performed at various senior homes and clubhouses throughout Pinellas County.

To schedule an appointment or for more information, call Ron at 321-8093. Visit www.sunsationshowchorus.com.

Venue offers acting classes

PINELLAS PARK – Venue Theatre and Actors Studio offers free acting classes for adults on Monday evenings, 7 to 10 p.m., at 9125 U.S. 19 N.

The classes are designed for those who considered taking up acting as a hobby or avocation as well as those who are shy or just plain scared of speaking in front of people.

Those interested may attend a free class any Monday, 7 to 10 p.m.

For information, call 822-6194.

TI Art Guild offers portrait workshop

TREASURE ISLAND – The Treasure Island Art Guild's Friday morning portrait workshop will be meeting for the summer months at Suntan Arts Center, 3300 Gulf Blvd., St. Pete Beach, next to the Don CeSar Hotel.

The workshop is offered Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to noon. The meeting day and times will remain the same through August. 9:30 to noon. Members and nonmembers are welcome to attend.

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of John F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., to the Freedom Riders and Black Panther movements, to the war in Vietnam and the Watergate scandal, Cecil experiences the effects of these events as both an insider and a family man.

'Kick Ass 2'

Genre: Action and comedy
Cast: Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Chloë Grace Moretz, Christopher Mintz-Plasse, Morris Chestnut, John Leguizamo, Donald Faison and Jim Carrey
Director: Jeff Wadlow
Rated: R

Kick-Ass, Hit Girl and Red Mist return for the follow-up to 2010's irreverent global hit: "Kick-Ass 2."

After Kick-Ass' (Aaron Taylor-Johnson) do-it-yourself vigilante bravery inspires a new wave of self-made masked crusaders, led by the badass Colonel Stars and Stripes (Jim Carrey), our hero joins them on patrol. When these amateur superheroes are hunted down by Red Mist (Christopher Mintz-Plasse) - reborn as a supervillain - only the blade-wielding Hit Girl (Chloe Grace Moretz) can prevent their annihilation.

When we last saw junior assassin Hit Girl and young masked hero Kick-Ass, they were trying to live as normal teenagers Mindy and Dave. With graduation looming and uncertain what to do with their shared calling, Dave decides to start the world's first superhero team with Mindy.

Unfortunately, when Mindy is busted for sneaking out as Hit Girl, she's forced to retire - leaving her to navigate the terrifying world of high-school mean girls on her own. With no one left to turn to, Dave joins forces with Justice Forever, run by a born-again ex-mobster named Colonel Stars and Stripes.

Just as they start to make a real difference on the streets, a new self-proclaimed super-villain assembles his own evil league and puts a plan in motion to make Kick-Ass and Hit Girl pay for what they did to his dad. But there's only one problem with his scheme: If you mess with one member of Justice Forever, you mess with them all.

'Paranoia'

Genre: Thriller
Cast: Liam Hemsworth, Gary Oldman, Amber Heard, Harrison Ford, Lucas Till, Embeth Davidtz, Julian McMahon, Josh Holloway and Richard Dreyfuss
Director: Robert Luketic
Rated: PG-13
The high stakes thriller "Paranoia" goes deep behind the scenes of global success to a deadly world of greed and deception.

The two most powerful tech billionaires in the world (Harrison Ford and Gary Oldman) are bitter

rivals with a complicated past who will stop at nothing to destroy each other. A young superstar, Adam Cassidy (Liam Hemsworth), seduced by unlimited wealth and power, falls between them and becomes trapped in their twisting, turning, life-and-death game of corporate espionage. By the time Adam realizes his life is in danger, he is in far too deep and knows far too much for them to let him walk away.

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

'The Patience Stone'

Genre: Drama
Cast: Golshifteh Farahani, Hamidrez Javdan, Hassina Burgan and Massi Mrowat
Director: Atiq Rahimi
Rated: R

In a country torn apart by war, Afghanistan or elsewhere, a young woman in her 30s watches over her older husband in a decrepit room.

A bullet in the neck has reduced him to a comatose state. He has been abandoned by his fellow combatants and even by his own brothers. One day, the woman's vigil changes. She begins to speak truth to her silent husband, telling him about her childhood, her suffering, her frustrations, her loneliness, her dreams, desires, and secrets. After years of living under his control, with no voice of her own, she says things she could never have spoken before, even though they have been married for 10 years.

Her husband has unconsciously become syngué sabour (the patience stone) - a magical black stone that, according to Persian mythology, absorbs the plight of those who confide in it. The woman's confessions are extraordinary and without restraint: real desire and love, her anger against a man who never understood her, who mistreated her, who never showed her any respect or kindness.

Through the words she delivers so audaciously to her husband, the woman seeks to free herself from suffering. But after weeks of looking after him, she begins to act, discovering herself in the relationship she starts with a young soldier.

The legend of the patience stone also says that when it has absorbed all that it can handle, it explodes, causing the world to end. But, for one brave Afghan woman, it is a risk she's willing to take to unburden herself and be free.

"The Patience Stone" is adapted from the best-selling novel by Atiq Rahimi, director and co-writer, with Jean-Claude Carrière, of the film adaptation. The novel "The Patience Stone" has been translated

in 33 languages and was winner of the 2008 Goncourt Prize, the most prestigious book award in France.

'Ain't Them Bodies Saints'

Genre: Drama and romance
Cast: Rooney Mara, Casey Affleck, Ben Foster, Keith Carradine, Nate Parker, Rami Malek, Kenadie Smith, Jacklynn Smith, Robert Longstreet, Charles Baker, Augustine Frizzell, Kentucker Audley and David Zellner
Director: David Lowery
Not rated

Bob Muldoon (Casey Affleck) and Ruth Guthrie (Rooney Mara), an impassioned young outlaw couple on an extended crime spree, are finally apprehended by lawmen after a shootout in the Texas hills. Although Ruth wounds a local officer, Bob takes the blame. But four years later, Bob escapes from prison and sets out to find Ruth and their daughter, born during his incarceration.

Set against the backdrop of 1970s Texas Hill Country, director David Lowery paints a poetic picture, evoking the mythology of westerns and saturating the dramatic space with an aching sense of loss. Featuring powerful performances by Affleck, Mara as well as Ben Foster and Keith Carradine, "Ain't Them Bodies Saints" is a story of love, motherhood and searching for peace while faced with an unrelenting past.

'Austenland'

Genre: Comedy
Cast: Keri Russell, J.J. Feild, Bret McKenzie, James Callis, Jennifer Coolidge, Jane Seymour and Rupert Vansittart
Director: Jerusha Hess
Rated: PG-13

"Austenland" is a romantic comedy about 30-something, single Jane Hayes (Keri Russell), a seemingly normal young woman with a secret: her obsession with all things Jane Austen.

But when she decides to spend her life savings on a trip to an English resort catering to Austen-crazed women, Jane's fantasies of meeting the perfect Regency-era gentleman suddenly become more real than she ever could have imagined. Based on the novel by Shannon Hale (who also co-wrote the script), the film was written and directed by Jerusha Hess and produced by Stephanie Meyer's Fickle Fish Films.

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Movie review

'Elysium' proves to be summer's most provocative action flick

It's a rare thing that a big-budget Hollywood summertime action flick turns out to be better than expected.

"Elysium" bucks the trend of cookie-cutter summer blockbusters by constructing a narrative around real-world political issues.

The film is director Neill Blomkamp's second, following 2009's surprise hit, "District 9," an action sci-fi film that revolved around themes of xenophobia and social segregation and served as an allegory for race relations in South Africa. With "Elysium," Blomkamp's social consciousness is again at work, this time crafting a science fiction thriller around a story about the haves vs. the have-nots - the 99 percent against the 1 percent, in more contemporary terms.

Set in the year 2154, Blomkamp paints a dystopian future in which only two recognizable classes endure. Most everyone lives in squalor in the global shantytown that is Earth. A handful of uber-wealthy aristocrats have escaped the post-industrial decay on the planet and inhabit the seemingly immaculate, exclusive orbital colony, Elysium.

Blomkamp gives the audience plenty of visual prompts to distinguish how very different these two extremes truly are. The rich have gone to a great, gated community in the sky: They dwell in comfort, breathe clean air, host poolside parties in a park-like setting and live in mansions equipped with medical devices that look like tanning beds and heal everything from minor boo-boos to cancer.

Down below, Earth is looking pretty bleak. Everything that could collapse probably has, from the economy to the ecosystem. Cities are in ruins. There is rampant overpopulation, poverty, crime - everywhere the viewer looks, Blomkamp's future Los Angeles is filthy, overcrowded and inhospitable. Oppressive police - in the form of robots - hassle the masses, and one gets the impression that all are assumed guilty of something until proven otherwise.

In this vision, the American Dream has been displaced by a daily struggle for survival.

Enter Max Da Costa, played by Matt Damon. Max is a former criminal trying to walk the straight and narrow path. An accident on the assembly line where



Photo by KIMBERLEY FRENCH/COLUMBIA TRISTAR
Sandro (Jose Pablo Cantillo), right, preps Max (Matt Damon) for surgery inside Spider's Lair in TriStar Pictures' "Elysium."

he works exposes him to a lethal dose of radiation and sets him on track to try to reach Elysium.

After all, a minute in one of those nifty panacea machines would make him good as new.

Max's tale serves as the vehicle for the action in "Elysium," but there is far more going on in Blomkamp's film. The director contrasts the crimes of the destitute and deprived against the ruthlessness of the ascendant class. The privileged residents of Elysium obviously don't care for ships full of "immigrants" crash-landing in their beautifully landscaped gardens - and the space habitat's Secretary of Defense Delacourt, played by Jodie Foster, takes "homeland security" quite seriously.

Casting Damon and Foster in leading roles could have been a misstep. A-listers generally impede suspension of disbelief in these kinds of films, particularly when someone less recognizable might give just as compelling a performance. For instance, when Damon is engaged in a brutal fight scene, it immediately calls to mind his role as Jason Bourne.

Still, Damon - aided by a bunch of temporary tattoos - manages to make Max credible and authentic. Sad to say, but the degree to which a viewer finds Damon's Max sympathetic may depend largely upon that viewer's own socioeconomic status. Damon sells it effectively enough - it's up to each individual audience member to buy it, or not.

Foster is less effective in her fascist persona. The actress employs a peculiar British/European accent, possibly to cast her as an "Aryan princess" type, which proves to be a distraction.

Reel Time

Lee Clark Zump



One thing she does get right is that unsettling air of self-righteousness: Delacourt, even when she is spouting the most malevolent and immoral viewpoints, always looks as though she believes what she is saying is ethically sound.

Meanwhile, Delacourt's go-to henchman, a psychotic mercenary named Kruger, is much easier to read: This is one bad dude. He is the big stick totalitarians use to beat the masses into submission. Kruger is portrayed by Sharlto Copley. Copley, who played the mild-mannered dupe Wikus van de Merwe in "District 9," does an excellent job bringing this character to its full potential. Copley's performance as Kruger is nearly as chilling as Heath Ledger's Joker.

Other notable cast members include Alice Braga as Frey Santiago, Wagner Moura as Spider, William Fichtner as John Carlyle and Jose Pablo Cantillo as Sandro. Emma Tremblay, who plays Frey's young daughter Matilda Santiago, gets few lines but scores one of the film's most memorable moments. Blomkamp is manipulating his audience a bit with this story twist involving the girl, but it doesn't cheapen the argument.

There are lapses of logic in the plot. There are omissions that could have been avoided with careful revision. Blomkamp may have sacrificed better character development in some instances to make time for more of the prerequisite action sequences Hollywood deems necessary to pack theaters. The ratio of brain to brawn may not be ideal but "Elysium" is easily the most intelligent, socially relevant entry into this summer's blockbuster pageant.

"Elysium" isn't nearly as perfect as "District 9," but it is far better than anticipated. It boasts a fresh story in a summer filled with sequels and retreads and it manages to blend exhilarating action sequences with evocative themes and a solid story. Out of necessity, the film leaves plenty of unanswered questions. Blomkamp can't possibly resolve all of the problems facing this future dystopia - that's not his intent. "Elysium" is an entertaining sci-fi thriller that features provocative concepts about social stratification and future challenges.

Looking Ahead

Clearwater

• **"Men Are Dogs,"** by Joe Simonelli, through Aug. 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. 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.

• **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.rutheckerd-hall.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 duo 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. 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.rutheckerd-hall.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 stu-

dio 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.rutheckerd-hall.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.

Gulfport

• **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.

• **Geckfest,** 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 Geckfest features live music, local artists and crafters, a kids' area, street performers, parade and costume contest. Visit www.geckfest.com.

Largo

• **"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. 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. 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. 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. 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. A down-and-out skid row floral assistant becomes an overnight sensation when he discovers an exotic plant

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Florida Holocaust Museum announces current exhibitions

ST. PETERSBURG – The Florida Holocaust Museum is currently hosting three exhibitions.

The following exhibitions are currently on display:

- “there is no why here,” through Sept. 8
- “Courage and Compassion: The Legacy of the Bielski Brothers,” through Sept. 29
- “Pursuing Justice: Nuremberg’s Legacy,” through Dec. 8

‘there is no why here’

The exhibit, “there is no why here,” features artwork from the permanent collection of the Florida Holocaust Museum.

Documentary photos and artifacts often speak for themselves and do not require discourse with their viewer. Likewise, in a digital age where photographs of the Holocaust are readily available, people can become desensitized to photographs of the Holocaust.

Art, on the other hand, requires a dialogue with its viewer, forming a bridge between knowing and understanding the history of the Holocaust. Because of this, the Florida Holocaust Museum has had a long-term commitment to collecting and exhibiting art about the Holocaust and other genocides and human rights abuses.

Artworks now on view are just a small sampling of the museum’s holdings. Viewers can expect to see works by artists such as Samuel Bak, Kathe Kollwitz, Emanuel Romano, Maureen Drdak and more. Works included in the show represent a number of different mediums including mixed media, sculpture, installation, painting and prints.

‘Courage and Compassion’

“Courage and Compassion: The Legacy of the Bielski Brothers” is a Florida Holocaust Museum original exhibition and is presented nationally by Bank of America. This multi-media exhibition showcases the heroic efforts of three brothers who helped save more than 1,000 Jews during World War II, which was featured in the 2009 major motion picture, “Defiance.”

In 1941, three brothers, Tuvia, Zus and Asael Bielski made the decision to take refuge in forests near Novogradok, now Belarus, to avoid falling victim to the Nazis as they began their takeover of Poland. In the forest, they formed a community of men, women and children that numbered more than 1,200 by the end of the war. The brothers led their group in

acts of sabotage and defense against the Nazis. It is through the brothers’ leadership that the group survived starvation, harsh winters, and the threat of Nazis and their collaborators.

“My father believed that saving an old Jewish woman was more important than killing Germans,” said Robert Bielsky, son of Tuvia Bielski. “My father and uncles risked their lives to mount the largest armed rescue of Jews by Jews in World War II. Their courage and leadership in the face of so much horror and death is a story that finally needs to be told.”

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“Pursuing Justice: Nuremberg’s Legacy” includes photographs and documents from the collection of the Florida Holocaust Museum as well as on loan from Stetson University College of Law.

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Harold L. Sebring, a judge at the Nuremberg Tribunal and former Florida State Supreme Court Judge and former Dean of Stetson University College of Law.

The exhibition focuses on the two sets of trials that have become known as the Nuremberg Trials: The International Military Tribunal for the major Nazi war criminals and the 12 subsequent

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About FHM

The Florida Holocaust Museum

is at 55 Fifth St. S., St. Petersburg. FHM honors the memory of millions of innocent men, women and children who suffered or died in the Holocaust.

The museum is dedicated to teaching members of all races and cultures to recognize the inherent worth and dignity of human life in order to prevent future genocides.

Admission is \$16 for adults. Discounted admission is offered to seniors, students, adult and student groups. Admission is free to active duty military, FHM members and children 6 and younger. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

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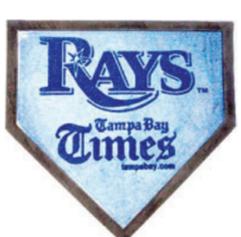
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• **Ambrosia**, Sunday, Oct. 13, 7 p.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets start at \$29.50. Call 587-6793 or visit largoarts.com. Ambrosia, five-time Grammy nominee in 1970s and early 1980s, had five Top 40 hit singles 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. 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. 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. 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 Limelites, 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. 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. 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 newstagelargo.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. 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.

• **Victor Wooten** with special guest Stu Hamm, Friday, Jan. 3, 8 p.m., at the Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets start at \$29.50. Call 587-6793 or visit largoarts.com. Five-time Grammy award winner, Wooten is known for his solo recordings, tours and as a member of the Grammy-winning super group, Bela Fleck & The Flecktones. He has won most every major award given to a bass guitarist. Wooten was voted Bassist of the Year by Bass Player Magazine three times and is the only person to have won the award more than once. Hamm has firmly established himself as one of the most influential electric bassists of the

past half-century. Hamm helped to reshape the contemporary concept of the bass guitar as an unaccompanied instrument with the utilization of polyphonic, two-handed tapping, slapping and popping techniques, chords, and harmonics.

• **"Title of Show,"** with music and lyrics by Jeff Bowen and book by Hunter Bell; Feb. 6-23, 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. "Title of Show" is a musical by two guys named Jeff and Hunter about a musical by two guys named Jeff and Hunter. Its very specificity gives it broad appeal, as it takes a thoroughly unique and comical look at the pleasures and perils of the artistic process.

• **"Thoroughly Modern Millie,"** with book by Richard Morris and Dick Scanlan, music by Jeanine Tesori and lyrics by Dick Scanlan; presented by Eight O'Clock Theatre, Feb. 28 through March 16, 2014, 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. "Thoroughly Modern Millie" is a fast-paced, energetic musical comedy set in the roaring '20s. Taking place in New York City in 1922, Millie Dillmount has just moved to the city in search of a new life for herself. It's a New York full of intrigue and jazz - a time when women were entering the workforce and the rules of love and social behavior were changing forever. Filled with frisky flappers, dashing leading men and a dragon-lady of a villainous audiences will love to hate, "Thoroughly Modern Millie" is a perfectly constructed evening of madcap merriment. The production will feature Linda Weir as director and Amy Phillips as choreographer.

• **"The Rainmaker,"** by N. Richard Nash; April 3-27, 2014, 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. Belief, hopes, and dreams are never as far away as we may sometimes think. Taking place during a great drought, we discover a girl whose father and two brothers are worried as much about her potential future as an old maid as they are about their dying cattle. When a man comes to town promising rain for a \$100 fee, he unintentionally changes more than just the weather. "The Rainmaker" is a feel good play for all ages.

• **"Grease,"** with book, music and lyrics by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey; presented by Eight O'Clock Theatre, May 2-11, 2014, 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. Here is Rydell High's senior class of 1959: duck-tailed, hot-rodding "Burger Palace Boys" and their gum-snapping, hip-shaking "Pink Ladies" in bobby socks and pedal pushers, evoking the look and sound of the 1950s in this rollicking musical. Head "greaser" Danny Zuko and new (good) girl Sandy Dumbrowski try to relive the high romance of their "Summer Nights" as the rest of the gang sings and dances its way through such songs as "Greased Lightnin'," "We Go Together," "There Are Worse Things I Could Do" and "You're the One That I Want" recalling the music of Buddy Holly, Little Richard and Elvis Presley that became the soundtrack of a generation. An eight-year run on Broadway and two subsequent revivals place "Grease" among the world's most popular musicals. This production will feature James Grenelle as director and choreographer.

• **"Hair,"** with book and lyrics by James Rado and Gerome Ragni, and music by Galt MacDermot; presented by Eight O'Clock Theatre, July 11-20, 2014, 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. "Hair" - the Broadway musical live on stage - is at once

both a joyous celebration of youth and a poignant journey through a tumultuous 1960s America. This exuberant musical about a group of teenagers searching for truth, peace and love in a Vietnam War era America has struck a resonant chord with audiences of all ages. "Hair" features a long list of chart-topping hit songs such as "Aquarius," "Let the Sun Shine In," "Good Morning," "Starshine" and "Easy To Be Hard." The themes and struggles in "Hair," although from another era, seem vital and relevant to modern times. This performance contains strong language, adult content and nudity and is recommended for mature audiences. This production will feature Michael Newton-Brown as director and James Grenelle as choreographer.

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 Showcase speaker will be Debby Mayne. Mayne is an author who writes mainly in the faithful fiction genre. She has published more than 20 books and novellas, approximately 400 short stories and articles, and dozens of devotions for women. Her latest book, "Pretty Is As Pretty Does," is the latest book in her Class Reunion Trilogy. Among her many accomplishments, Mayne has been managing editor of a national health magazine, creative writing instructor, and a copy editor and proofreader for several book publishers. She believes that writing Christian fiction allows her the freedom to tell stories without compromising her convictions. For information, call 773-2665.

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. 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. 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.

• **"Art,"** by Yasmina Reza, presented by American Stage Theatre, through Sept. 8; at the Raymond James Theatre, 163 Third St. N., St. Petersburg. Call 823-PLAY (7529) or visit www.americanstage.org. Generally, main stage performances are Wednesday through Saturday, 8 p.m. Matinees are Saturday

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• **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. The tropical mood jazz of Stolen Idols will take you to gorgeous beaches, South Sea Islands, and Far East gardens - all in one night.

• **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. 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. 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 after an introduction to Marvin Gaye, who featured them as an opening act. The 1976 release of their first album, "Maze Featuring Frankie Beverly," yielded a string of hit singles that included "Lady of Magic" and "Workin' Together." The late '70s and early '80s brought best-selling albums, "Golden Time of Day," "Inspiration" and "Joy and Pain" with chart-topping singles, "Traveling Man," "Feel that You're Feeling," "Joy and Pain," "Look in Your Eyes" and "Southern Girl." Three of the songs on their next album, "Live in New Orleans," landed on the United States R&B chart, "Running Away," "Before I Let Go" and "We Need to Live," establishing their reputation and popularity in both America and the United Kingdom. The release of "Silky Soul" in 1989, plus "Back to Basics" in 1993, attained gold disc status.

• **Artie Lange**, Saturday, Sept. 28, 8 p.m., at The Mahaffey Theater, 400 First St. S., St. Petersburg. Tickets start at \$32.50. Call 893-7832 or visit TheMahaffey.com. Lange is a comedian, actor, writer, producer, entrepreneur and radio personality who finds humor observing life and telling stories. He is currently hosting "The Artie Lange Show," broadcast locally on WHPT-FM, 102.5 The Bone. The Fox News Radio show is an offshoot of The Nick and Artie Show that he launched with comedian Nick DiPaolo in 2011. Before that, Lange was a popular regular on "The Howard Stern Show" for nine years. His memoir, "Too Fat to Fish," became a New York Times best seller. Lange gained a reputation as a class clown in school and performed his first stand-up routine when 19. He got his start in the comedy clubs of New York City where he helped create Live on Tape, the popular sketch comedy group, and wrote and performed with troupes such as Midnight Madness and The Improvables. His breakout work with "Live on Tape" landed him his debut television role as one of the original series regulars on Fox's "Mad TV."

• **India.Arie**, Saturday, Oct. 12, 7:30 p.m., at the Palladium at St. Petersburg College, 253 Fifth Ave. N., St. Petersburg. Tickets start at \$45. Call 791-7400 or visit www.rutheckerdhall.com. In support of her latest album, "SongVersetion," India.Arie makes a stop at the Palladium at St. Petersburg College. Sometimes you have to step back to move forward. Coming to that realization, let alone taking that crucial first step, can be a daunting endeavor. Now on the other side of a self-imposed four-year hiatus, India.Arie returns with the most illuminating album of her career. Born in Denver and having relocated to Atlanta as a teen, India.Arie went from singing under a tree in the park to the Grammy Awards stage in five years, earning seven nominations

for her 2001 double-platinum debut Acoustic Soul, which features her first hit single, "Video." That was followed in 2002 by the platinum-selling "Voyage to India," 2006's gold-certified "Testimony: Vol. 1, Life & Relationship," and its 2009 sequel "Testimony: Vol. 2, Love & Politics." "SongVersetion" reunites the Grammy-winning singer/songwriter/producer with longtime writing partner/co-producer Shannon Sanders. Recorded in Atlanta and Los Angeles, India.Arie's fifth studio album features additional production from singer/songwriter David Ryan Harris and songwriter Michael Ruff. The result is a compelling snapshot of her hard-won breakthrough to simultaneous personal and artistic growth.

• **"The Sleeping Beauty,"** performed by the Rudolf Nureyev State Ballet Theatre; Sunday, Jan. 5, 2014, 3 p.m., at The Mahaffey Theater, 400 First St. S., St. Petersburg. Tickets start at \$27.50. Call 893-7832 or visit TheMahaffey.com. The fairy tale ballet of "The Sleeping Beauty," set to the music of Tchaikovsky, is choreographed by Marius Petipa. The Rudolf Nureyev State Ballet Theatre is the youngest among the Russian theater companies and from Nureyev's childhood home of Ufa.

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• **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. 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."

• **Sigur Rós**, Monday, Oct. 7, 8 p.m., at the USF Sun Dome, 4202 E. Fowler Ave., Sun130, Tampa. Tickets start at \$29.50. Call 800-745-3000 or visit Ticketmaster.com. Sigur Rós is an Icelandic ambient/post-rock band from Reykjavik. The band won a record deal with the local Sugarcubes-owned record label, Bad Taste. In 1997, they released "Von," meaning "hope" and in 1998 a remix collection named "Von brigði."

• **Sesame Street Live: "Can't Stop Singing,"** Friday and Saturday, Nov. 1-2, at the USF Sun Dome, 4202 E. Fowler Ave., Sun130, Tampa. Tickets start at \$18.50. Call 800-745-3000 or visit Ticketmaster.com. Shows will be Friday, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; and Saturday, 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. When Elmo casts a spell with Abby Cadabby's magic wand, there's something in the air - and Sesame Street becomes a nonstop, all-singing, all-dancing musical montage! Grover and Baby Bear sing their highs and lows, Cookie Monster sings fast and slow, Bert and Ernie converse in song and Murray makes mouth music for all to sing along. Learn why it feels good to sing a song, but why it feels good to stop, too. What will Elmo learn about the power of musical magic? Join the conga line of fun to find out.

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