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• The Outer Ear

When sound waves reach the ear, they are gathered by the funnel-shaped outer ear and channeled into the middle ear. Sometimes hearing loss can be easily and quickly corrected by clearing blockage that can occur from wax build up.

Years of using q-tips to clean your ears can embed layers of wax so tightly that it affects your ability to hear clearly. That's why the first part of your ear exam will be with an otoscope to determine if there is any blockage that can open up your ear canal and allow you to enjoy the beauty of unmuted sound again.

• The Middle Ear

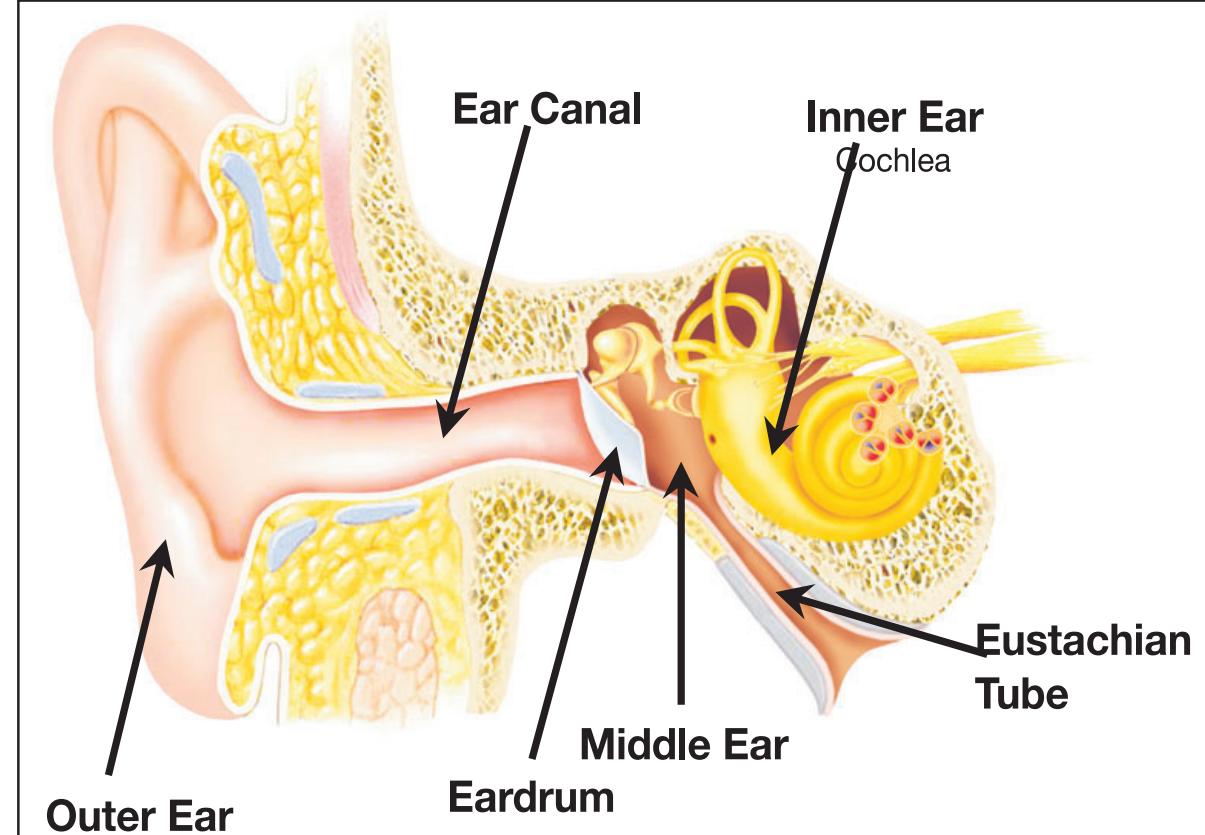
At the entrance to the middle ear, sound waves hit the eardrum. A damaged eardrum can not only be painful, but it can muffle natural sounds and make it extremely difficult to hear clearly. If you're experiencing hearing loss, it's important to find out if it is a correctable condition involving the middle 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.

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.



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.

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?



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.

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.

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.

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.

No One Will Know

It is true that hearing aids of past years did have a stigma attached to them. They were large and bulky, and usually they were visible to anyone who walked by. But just as the internal technology has changed, so have the external characteristics of digital hearing aids. New models are virtually invisible when worn making your Audibel hearing aid far less noticeable than your hearing loss. With advanced digital technology and miniaturization, nobody else has to know that you're wearing a hearing device.

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.

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

Women's 'Made to Crave' Bible study begins

SEMINOLE - Faith Presbyterian Church, 11501 Walker Ave., invites women in the community to its new six-week Bible study called "Made to Crave" by author Lysa Terkeurst. The program takes place on Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., and begins Aug. 21.

The program is for women interested in discovering the missing link between a woman's desire to be healthy and the spiritual empowerment necessary to make it happen.

The study will be led by Kris Hartland, Kadi Tubbs and Kristen Beiler. Childcare is available.

For more information, call 391-0596.

SYAA soccer registration set

SEMINOLE - Registration for the Seminole Youth Athletic Association's upcoming soccer season will take place at the SYAA Sport Complex, 12100 90th Ave. Registration is set for Wednesdays, Aug. 21 and 28, and Sept. 11 and 18, 6 to 8 p.m., and Saturdays, Aug. 24 and Sept. 7, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

To register, bring an original birth certificate, a headshot photo for the player's pass and cash, credit card or check.

Early registration is suggested; placement on teams after August is not guaranteed.

For more information, email andycap1@tampabay.rr.com or call 235-3378.

Seminole Junior Warhawks registration underway

SEMINOLE - Seminole Junior Warhawks baseball is currently registering players for its upcoming season. Registration will take place on Wednesdays, Aug. 21 and 28, 6 to 8 p.m., and Saturday, Aug. 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Seminole Junior Warhawks, 11500 125th St., Largo.

All ages from 3 to 15 are welcome to join.

For more information, visit www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=sjwaa&sid=287228310

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

National POW / MIA Recognition Day

September 20th is National POW/MIA Recognition Day. To honor these individuals Chapel on the Hill is hosting a Dinner followed by a Patriotic Concert. Tickets must be purchased no later than September 16th so the number of dinners can be planned. Tickets can be purchased by sending in a check or calling the office with your credit card information. Tickets will be held at the door.

Place: Chapel on the Hill, 12601 Park Blvd.
Time: Dinner at 6pm followed by concert
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Students can eat for free at 58 Pinellas County schools

By ALEXANDRA LUNDAHL

SEMINOLE – School is back in session, and now students at 58 Pinellas County schools can eat lunch for free – no matter what income-level their families are in.

Pinellas County Schools has been chosen for a federal pilot program called the Community Eligibility Option where schools that have at least 40 percent of low-income families qualify for free lunch for the entire student body.

"It's designed by the USDA in Washington (D.C.)" said Art Dunham, director of food services for Pinellas County Schools. "It's in test mode at the moment and is part of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, and Florida just got permission to be part of the pilot. And the folks in Tallahassee asked different districts if they would like to participate in it, and I thought it was a wonderful opportunity to provide meals to students easily."

Even students at schools other than the 58 chosen for the pilot program can benefit because a new district initiative beginning this year will allow the students at these schools who qualify for reduced-price lunches to receive lunch for free. However, families of these students will still have to submit applications for free/reduced priced lunches, whereas there is no longer any required paperwork at the 58 CEO schools.

"(The program) focuses on communities that are hard-hit economically," Dunham said. "They evaluate the students in each school, and they cross-check the services that are provided by the state to these families such as food stamps, welfare benefits, insurance benefits, Clothes to Kids benefits, Medicaid benefits. Anything that a social service program would be providing to families, and when those benefits are tallied and the community as a whole has 40 percent of the student body receiving these benefits, the state is deeming that it's a community that's eligible for free lunch."

One of the many great things about this program, Dunham said, is that it takes away the perceived stigma that many kids felt by receiving a free or reduced-price lunch. Now, everyone in those schools are on the same level and all they have to do is eat.

"That should increase the number of kids fed," Dunham said. "Some of the students who in the past qualified for these benefits wouldn't come to us because they didn't want to be identified in any way by their peers that they were needy. This takes that stigma away from that. So if the parent is making \$100,000 and can afford lunch and (his or her kids) happen to go to this particular school, the child gets free lunch."

Experts still expect busy hurricane season this year

By SUZETTE PORTER

Historically, the busiest time of the Atlantic Hurricane season begins in mid-August and continues through October.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration updated its season outlook Aug. 8. The experts said, "The season is shaping up to be above normal with the possibility it could be very active." The updated outlook calls for a 70 percent chance of an above-normal season.

"Our confidence for an above-normal season is still high because the predicted atmospheric and oceanic conditions that are favorable for storm development have materialized," Gerry Bell, Ph.D., lead seasonal hurricane forecaster at NOAA's Climate Prediction Center, a division of the National Weather Service, said in a press release. "Also, two of the four named storms to date formed in the deep tropical Atlantic, which historically is an indicator of an active season."

NOAA's updated outlook, which includes tropical storms Andrea, Barry, Chantal and Dorian, predicts a 70 percent chance that 13 to 19 named storms will form in 2013 with six to nine strengthening into a hurricane and three to five becoming a major hurricane, Category 3 or higher.

NOAA's forecast is slightly lower than the outlook issued in May, which predicted 13 to 20 named storms, seven to 11 hurricanes and three to six major hurricanes. However, the numbers are greater than the historical average of 12 named storms in a season with six hurricanes and three major hurricanes.

Philip J. Klotzbach and William M. Gray, hurricane experts from Colorado State University, also predict that the remainder of the 2013 season will have above-average activity. Hurricane season starts June 1 and continues through Nov. 30.

Klotzbach and Gray's updated forecast issued Aug. 2 calls for 18 named storms, eight hurri-

cane and three major hurricanes. Their forecast also gives odds of 63 percent that a hurricane will affect the state of Florida and a 28 percent chance of a major hurricane doing the same.

NOAA's experts said that current conditions are similar to those that have produced more active seasons since 1995. Those conditions include above-average Atlantic sea surface temperatures and wind patterns conducive for tropical storms and hurricanes.

The likelihood that La Nina will develop, which reducing wind shear, is one reason the experts changed the numbers slightly for the remainder of the season.

While most believe the same number of named storms will form, the intensity of those storms has been downgraded slightly.

NOAA said other factors that influenced the forecast include the lack of hurricanes through July, more variability in the wind patterns across the tropical Atlantic Ocean and slightly lower hurricane season model predictions.

"The peak of the hurricane season is almost upon us and it's important to remain prepared for hurricanes through November," said Joe Nimmich, FEMA associate administrator for Response and Recovery. "Make sure to review your family emergency plan, check that your emergency kit is stocked and consider insurance options. Learn more about how you can prepare for hurricanes at www.ready.gov/hurricanes."

Pinellas County Emergency Management also reminds residents about the increased threat of tropical weather, beginning this month. Hurricanes Andrew, Charley and Katrina were all devastating storms that made landfall in Florida in August. County residents are urged to complete hurricane preparations now.

For more information, visit www.pinellascounty.org/emergency or www.tbnweekly.com/special_section/hurricane_guide.

There's no more reduced-price meal and there's no more paid lunch."

In reality, there was no way for kids to tell who ate lunch for free and whose parents paid for it, but there was a perception that it was geared toward the free students, Dunham said, which reduced participation.

The school benefits from the new program, too, Dunham said, because there is no more paperwork to fill out by the parents and for staff to deal with at the beginning of the schoolwork regarding lunch. Furthermore, each school will submit to the federal government the percentages from last year of how many students received free lunch, how many had the reduced-price plan and how many had paid lunch, and the government will reimburse the school for each category.

According to the Food Research and Action Center, this program "allows for a healthier student body and a healthier school meal budget."

Last school year, Pinellas County started offering free breakfast to all students, said Melanie Marquez Parra, public information officer for PCS. Now, kids at the 58 schools with the Community Eligibility Option have the opportunity to eat two free meals a day at school.

"It's another opportunity to make sure as many students as possible have complete, nutritious meals so they can be successful in school," Marquez Parra said.

Dunham added that the free breakfast program was quite successful in many ways.

"We had free breakfast for everyone, and we've seen many, many students enjoying having breakfast together who might never have talked to each other before this," Dunham said.

Last year, Pinellas County Schools fed 69,000 students each day for lunch out of a total student body of 105,000, and this year Dunham hopes to feed an additional 17,000 students daily.

Proper nutrition is crucial for learning, he said.

"It's incredibly important," Dunham said. "Students can't learn when they're hungry. There are tests all over the nation that show that a student who is well-fed is happier. If he or she is happier, they tend to learn better and FCAT grades go way up."

Having healthier students will benefit the community as a whole, he said, because students will get better grades, will be able to get into better colleges, lead productive lives giving back to the community and also be free of some diet-related diseases. Also, with more kids eating school-provided lunches, they will often be eating healthier food than they otherwise would have.

"We're trying to provide the students with more fruits and vegetables and whole grain items with reduced or limited sugars," Dunham said. "Fats and sugars contribute immensely to obesity and heart disease

The following schools will offer free lunch to all students in 2013-14

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- Bardmoor Elementary
- Bay Point Middle
- Bayside High
- Bear Creek Elementary
- Belcher Elementary
- Belleair Elementary
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and diabetes. And our menus contain no added sugars – only natural sugars, and we're using whole grain products, so we should be able to reduce some of the obesity that's been a problem in America and have healthier students."

County news

Heritage Village tree thinning project canceled

LARGO – The pine tree management project scheduled for two weeks at Heritage Village was canceled due to inclement weather. The historical hands-on museum will reopen as usual on Wednesday, Aug. 21. The project is expected to resume in the spring.

The project was undertaken as part of a conservation effort to protect a majority of the trees, as well as the safety of visitors and the historical structures. The frequent rains, however, have made the ground too wet and the project was postponed.

Heritage Village is located at 11909 125th St. N. in Largo. Heritage Village is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. It is closed Mondays, Tuesdays and all Pinellas County holidays.

County's Purchasing Department earns award

Pinellas County's Purchasing Department was awarded the prestigious 18th annual Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award from the National Procurement Institute. Pinellas was one of 43 counties nationally – and one of six Florida counties – to obtain an award-winning score from judges, who looked at innovation, professionalism, e-commerce, productivity and leadership.

The National Procurement Institute Inc. is an organization that focuses on education and networking for member agencies and other professionals associated with public sector procurement and supply management. NPI is the Official Public Sector Purchasing Affiliate of the Institute for Supply Management. For more information, visit www.npicconnection.org.

PSTA continues to set ridership records

ST. PETERSBURG – Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority reports that July's ridership was up 6

percent over June and was the second highest July on record with more than 1.2 million boarding PSTA buses last month.

The 1,203,964 rides were only slightly lower than July 2012 with 1,208,915, but still a 6 percent jump over June 2013. PSTA officials say such strong ridership during what has traditionally been considered an "off" month is proof of the growing demand for better transit in the Tampa Bay area.

Riders also can keep up with the agency's plans for the future of transportation in Pinellas County and participate in the community conversation helping to shape those plans at www.greenlightpinellas.org.

PSTA Go Cards available at CVS/Pharmacy locations

Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority Go Cards are now available at 48 CVS/Pharmacy locations throughout Pinellas, nearly doubling the number of locations where the public can purchase bus passes.

"This is an exciting opportunity for the community as it will make buying GO Cards easier than ever," said PSTA Board Chair and St. Petersburg City Councilman, Jeff Danner. "PSTA ridership is at an all-time record high and this new partnership will make it much easier to meet the growing demand for GO Card outlets."

Danner joined officials from CVS/Pharmacy Aug. 5 at the store on Fourth Street and Ninth Avenue North in St. Petersburg to celebrate the new partnership.

On hand were CVS/Pharmacy District Sales Manager Brian Bache, Store Manager Scott Greer and Assistant Manager Joe Serrazza.

Pinellas CVS/Pharmacy locations now carry all PSTA passes except for Passports, Haul Passes and the 20 Ride Premium GO Cards, which can be purchased online at www.psta.net.

Here and There

Nominations accepted for Girl Scouts' Women of Distinction

The Girl Scouts of West Central Florida announces an open call for nominations for its Women of Distinction recognition.

Nominations also are being accepted for the Woman of Promise Award, which recognizes a deserving young woman under the age of 35. Nominations will be accepted through Wednesday, Sept. 11; applications can be downloaded from the council's website, www.gswcf.org.

Those selected as honorees are women who have achieved success in their chosen fields and whose accomplishments make them positive role models who inspire girls to achieve their own goals and dreams. They exemplify the Girl Scout Promise and Law through ethical leadership and a commitment to making a difference in the lives of their fellow citizens through community service.

The 2014 Women of Distinction and the Woman of Promise will be honored at the 13th annual Women of Distinction luncheon on March 18, 2014, at A La Carte Event Pavilion in Tampa. The luncheon benefits nearly 21,000 girls served by Girl Scouts of West Central Florida.

To be considered, Women of Distinction and Woman of Promise nominees must live within Girl Scouts of West Central Florida's geographic boundaries, including Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Marion, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, and Sumter counties. Nominees must agree to attend the luncheon in person on March 18 to accept the award. Women are not required to have been or currently be a Girl Scout to be nominated.

The Women of Distinction and Woman of Promise Selection Committee will review the nominations received on or before Sept. 11 and will select four Women of Distinction honorees and one Woman of Promise honoree, with all honorees being announced in late September.

For more information, contact Terri Costello, development manager, at 800-881-4475, ext. 1688 or tcostello@gswcf.org.

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 Grizelle Building, 11351 Ulmerton Road, Room 136, in Largo. The open session of these meetings begins at 1 p.m.

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.

For tournament rules, contact Tom at firemanjohnft@yahoo.com. There will be a mandatory registration meeting at Fat Cat Tavern, 6080 U.S. 19 N. in Largo, on Friday, Sept. 13.

For updates, visit www.facebook.com/FiremanJohn-FishingTournament or call 614-9368.

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.

New writer's group forming

SAFETY HARBOR – The Safety Harbor Public Library will host the Safety Harbor Writers and Poets Library Group, facilitated by Laura Kepner, on Thursday, Aug. 22, 6 to 8 p.m., at 101 Second St. N. The group will meet monthly on the fourth Thursday of each month.

This gathering of writers is meant to be a platform for those in search of forming a writers' group, connecting with others with similar writing goals, and as a mentor group for writers in need of constructive tips and ideas on how to make their current or future group successful. Participants are encouraged to bring something to share.

Ballet presentation set for Sept. 13

CLEARWATER – The Clearwater Main Library, 100 N. Osceola Ave., will host a workshop and presentation Friday, Sept. 13, 2 p.m., on classical ballet.

Children ages 5 to 9 are invited to learn about "Swan Lake," "Coppelia," and "The Nutcracker" with crafts followed by a demonstration of dance and acting out scenes from the three ballets.

Ballet terminology will be covered in conjunction with movement and dance improvisation. Parents and families are invited to the final activity: a short performance.

Preregistration is required for the free event.

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New Stage Theatre

New Largo theater company kicks off inaugural season with 'Maybe Baby, It's You'

By LEE CLARK ZUMPE

LARGO - There's a new professional theater in Pinellas, and it has found a home at Country Day World School in Largo.

New Stage Theatre and Conservatory was the brainchild of Chris Jackson and cofounders Alison Burns and Bruce Danielson. The theater was officially established last year when it joined forces with Country Day School. A fully functioning black box theater space was built, its doors opening last March - just in time to host a series of summer camp programs.

According to Jackson, New Stage Theatre and Conservatory came about fortuitously as analogous objectives merged.

"After being hired as Country Day World School's performing arts director, I helped design the black box theater in the new campus the school was building for their middle school program," said Jackson. "After seeing the success of the school's performing arts program, I presented Bruce Danielson with a program Alison and I were developing for the Largo area. It eventually became New Stage Theatre and Conservatory."

The relationship between the two entities - the theater and the school - is mutually beneficial. Jackson explained New Stage Theatre is in residence at Country Day World School.

"They have provided the theatre with a luxurious space to perform professional theater," Jackson said. "The partnership between these two entities certainly provides opportunities for Country Day students to explore performing arts in classes that are much more personalized than their regular curriculum."

That said, the professional productions planned by New Stage Theatre are just that: professional.

"As far as participating in the professional shows, there isn't much room for pre-professional students," Jackson explained. "For our productions we strive to hire union actors and designers so there is higher standard."

The community also has had a hand in helping New Stage Theatre a reality.

"The community thus far has been extremely kind to us," said Jackson. "There has been a great outreach via our website asking for volunteer opportunities, a really great way to get involved. We have even had a few sponsorship offers from local businesses. Professional theater is so healthy for this community both culturally and economically and I think that is recognized already in these early stages."

The theater is currently prepping for its first full season of main stage productions.

Kicking off the theater's inaugural season will be "Maybe Baby, It's You," by Charlie Shantam and Shari Simpson. The production will run 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. Jackson and Burns star in the show. 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.

Jackson explained that for this first season, New Stage Theatre selected plays the audience will have fun with.

"Our goal is for our patrons to relate to the material, to enjoy their experience," Jackson said. "We have chosen very difficult shows for our professional actors and designers, which is great. Artists love a challenge. The plays we have selected are award winning, critically recognized pieces."

New Stage Theatre and Conservatory's stated mission is "to strengthen our communities, our artists and our youths' minds by producing high caliber theatre and offering affordable pre-professional performance training for all." Jackson echoes that objective in describing the importance of theater in the community and what he, as artistic director, uses to measure the theater's success.

"Box office sales are great; it keeps the theater healthy," he said. "However, that should never be the goal of an artistic director. Professional theater offers something special to a community, on an economic level, a cultural level, and a spiritual level. As the first real form of story telling, theater has evolved and transformed as much as the people who create and view it. Success of a theater is reflected in the experience its audience has. If the audience doesn't feel fully satisfied, we are missing something. If the audience hasn't experienced professional theater, than we have a mission to get them in the theater."

Jackson observed that as technology increasingly serves as society's primary source of entertainment, live theater is perhaps more valuable than ever before.

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Commission divided on sale of land to Pasco County

By SUZETTE PORTER

CLEARWATER – Pinellas County has many good traits that appeal to residents and visitors alike, but it does not have a plentiful source of drinking water. Never has.

Compared to more inland areas of the state, the small coastal peninsula wedged between the Gulf of Mexico and Tampa Bay has limitations on quantity and quality of its drinking water supply. Due to its geography, the county is dependent on outside sources.

In 1970, well fields located in Hillsborough and Pasco produced 46.6 percent of Pinellas' drinking water and by 1977, the dependency on outside sources had grown to 52.6 percent.

So-called "water wars" were common between Pinellas, Pasco and Hillsborough counties and even private landowners. Unregulated pumping of groundwater from the Florida Aquifer resulted in the death of cypress trees, loss of wetlands, ponds, lakes and other water bodies dependent on ground water, as local governments struggled to provide adequate supplies of drinking water to support the region's fast-growing population.

To help satisfy Pinellas County's needs, in 1975, the Utilities Department purchased Crossbar Ranch, about 8,000 acres of land in central Pasco County located east of U.S. 41 and north of State Road 52. Seventeen active wellhead sites are located on 6.41 acres of the property. The wells began producing in 1980.

Al-Bar Ranch and its 4,100 acres adjoining Crossbar were added to Utilities' land portfolio in

1990. The combined 12,400 acres of land is valued not only for its water wells, but it also generated \$6.2 million from sale of pine straw and pine timber over the past 10 years. The land is a preserve for a variety of endangered species.

Pinellas County Commissioners discussed the possibility of selling the ranches to Pasco County to add to its environmental land holdings during an Aug. 13 work session. Commissioners Janet Long, Norm Roche and Commission Vice-chair Karen Seel are opposed to selling the land at this time. Commission Chair Ken Welch spoke in favor of the sale as did Commissioner Susan Latvala, longtime proponent of selling the land to Pasco. Commissioner John Morroni was absent.

Before the discussion, County Administrator Bob LaSala talked about what went on between Pinellas and Pasco counties and the state in 2008. Pinellas County had been poised to sell the property to Florida Forever to help fulfill the state-run program's goals of preserving the sites rare species, protecting, restoring and maintaining the quality of land and water in the state, and increasing the acreage of the groundwater-recharge area.

"The Crossbar/Al-Bar Ranch has a very high value as a water-recharge area," according to a 2008 report from Forever Florida.

The ranches were added to Florida Forever's acquisition list, but the recession and lack of funds put an end to the sale. According to media reports in 2008, Pinellas County wanted to sell the land to pay for a new Utilities plant.

The county reasoned that the need for the land and its water resources were no longer needed



Photo courtesy of PINELLAS COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS
This education center built by Pinellas County at a cost of \$1.3 million opened Dec. 9, 1993 at Cross Bar Ranch. Currently it is used primarily by Pasco County schoolchildren.

thanks to Tampa Bay Water, a nonprofit utility that now supplies wholesale drinking water to Hillsborough County, Pasco County, Pinellas County, New Port Richey, St. Petersburg and Tampa.

Pinellas County sold the wells and its water rights on the ranches in the mid-1990s as part of the deal that created Tampa Bay Water, which was established in 1998.

Latvala is confident that Tampa Bay Water will supply Pinellas County's future water needs. She prefers spending the county's available funds on land preserves within Pinellas County – not on land in another county.

According to a 2012 audit by the Clerk of the Courts Inspector General, over the 12-years prior, the ranches had a net loss of more than \$1.9 million. The county also spent more than \$1.3 million to build an educational center, which Latvala said is primarily used by Pasco County schoolchildren, and \$114,487 for two buses, which officials had planned to use for "safari" tours of the property.

Pinellas County paid \$11 million for the ranches. About half the land is used for conservation and preservation of endangered wildlife. The other half contains the well fields, as well as land set aside for timber and pine straw production and cattle operations and other activities. The four homes on the property are used by private contractors who provide land management and security services.

Timber harvesting began in 2011 and was expected to bring in about \$3.1 million over 10 years of time. Proceeds go to the property owner – Pinellas County Utilities. Any revenue after expenses from the pine straw operations also goes to Utilities. Some officials believe the ranches can pay their expenses now that timber harvesting has

begun.

David Scott, executive director of the Department of Environment and Infrastructure, said last year, Utilities made \$343,000 profit on pine timber alone. Seel said although revenue has been breakeven or no profit in the past, the potential for profit exists for at least the next seven years.

In 2012, Pasco County valued the land at \$58 million. In 2008, media reports show that the land was assessed at \$176 million.

Seel doesn't believe selling county property while the market is still depressed is the right thing to do. Seel voted against the sale of other county-owned property in recent years. She would like to wait until closer to 2017 to decide the fate of Cross Bar and Al-Bar. In 2017, a 35-year contract with the property manager expires.

Commissioner Norm Roche also is opposed to selling the land. He doesn't think it is a wise idea to count on Tampa Bay Water to take care of Pinellas County's needs forever. He believes it would be smarter to hang on to the land just in case.

"The property is our lifeline. It's our water," he said. "It's prudent for our future – 30 years from now – to preserve our option for future generations."

LaSala reminded Roche that Pinellas County no longer owns the wells or water rights on the property. He did admit that if something happened and Tampa Bay Water was dissolved, Pinellas County "in all likelihood" would have first claim to the wells.

"Thirty years from now that property could be very, very valuable," Seel said.

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She suggested looking at an agreement with Pasco County to give first right of refusal to buy the land at market rate should Pinellas ever consider selling.

"That should ease their concern of what we would do with it, if Tampa Bay Water ever went away, to protect our interests," she said.

Latvala argued that the state was moving toward creation of regional water supplies, moving away from pumping of ground water in favor of alternative water supplies.

"There is no justification for keeping the land," she said.

She said Pinellas County's ownership of the ranches is a "burden under their saddle," and the hard feelings between the two counties since the water wars had "bothered her" the whole time she's been in office.

"We've spent a lot of money, making a pristine habitat, a scrub jay habitat," Latvala said. "We've done a remarkable job. But our citizens have no use for it. It's too far away. It doesn't serve a purpose for our citizens."

Commissioner Janet Long wasn't keen on selling the property. She wanted to know why more people from Pinellas didn't visit the land. She asked why Pinellas County schoolchildren didn't use it the same as Pasco County's did.

"Land is one thing in the world we don't have anymore," Long said.

She said that due to economic conditions, it did not make good financial sense to sell the land. She wants to look for ways to promote its use.

"A lot of people today don't know much about it," she said. "It would be a mistake to sell it."

Richard Gehring, Pasco County's Planning and Growth Management administrator, explained Pasco's reasons for wanting to buy the land.

"It is our intent to add it to the framework of our land management," he said.

Money is available from the Penny for Pasco funds, which start in 2015.

He said owning the ranches would allow Pasco to form "critical linkages for wildlife to move through the system."

"We want it to stay rural and agricultural," he said, adding that plans involved a trail system and camping.

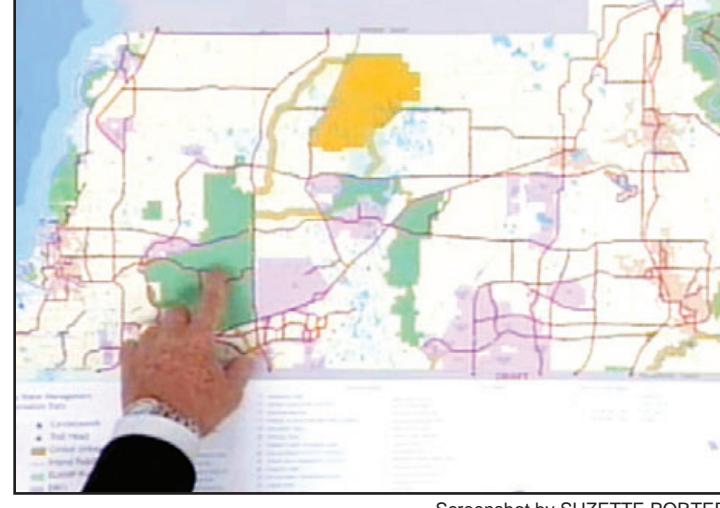
Pasco County is aiming for a 50-50 mix of urban and preservation for 500,000 acres. He said the county was now trying to assemble the land it needed to reach that goal.

Commissioner Charlie Justice asked to see a better analysis of costs and revenue potential. He requested information on how money from sale of the land could be spent,



Photo courtesy of PINELLAS COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS

Above, Cross Bar and Al-Bar ranches are part of the Florida Scrub Jay Management Program. Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission officially listed the Florida Scrub Jay as a threatened state species in 1975 and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service listed it as a threatened federal species in 1987. Below, the location of Crossbar and Al-Bar ranch in Pasco County is pointed out on a map during an Aug. 13 work session.



Screenshot by SUZETTE PORTER

since the property owner is Utilities not Pinellas County government.

"Pasco's goal is laudable. If the situation was reversed, we would probably seek something similar," he said.

Welch also pointed out the home rule issue.

"If another county owned a chunk of Pinellas, we would be trying to get it," he said, agreeing with others that now might not be the right time to sell.

"But I'm open to continue the discussion," he said.

Latvala said Tampa Bay Water paid \$140 million for the water rights on the property.

"The return on our investment is done," she said.

Pasco County wants to protect the land from future development and believes owning the property is the only way to stop a future Pinellas County Commission that "just sees dollar signs" from developing it or selling the land to a developer, she said.

"The No. 1 issue in the future globally is going to be water," Seel said. "That's why we need to keep this land in an abundance of caution."

Seel pointed out that \$80 million of the amount had gone

to put in new water pipelines to accommodate the type of disinfectant Tampa Bay Water uses.

She said nothing prevented Pinellas from collaborating with Pasco to protect home rule using an interlocal agreement or contract.

Roche agreed that an agreement giving Pasco first rights to buy the land if Pinellas decided to sell it in the future was a good compromise. He said perhaps Pasco could partner with Pinellas when the land management contracts come up for bid in 2017.

Tm not opposed to having a conversation with the Pasco County Commission," Long said.

Long suggested a field trip to visit Cross Bar and Al-Bar ranches, as well as all the preserves located in Pinellas. She said if Latvala was correct and budget cuts were doing harm to the county's preserves, perhaps budget adjustments were needed.

"Globally water is becoming our most precious resource," Long said.

"Water is important," Latvala said. "Tampa Bay Water solved that. We don't have to worry about our future."

Pinellas County approves Largo's land use change

By SUZETTE PORTER

CLEARWATER - Pinellas County Commissioners unanimously approved a request from the city of Largo Aug. 6 that allows reclassification of a 13.8-acre site located on Seminole Boulevard near the intersection of Ulmerton Road to Residential High.

The public hearing was a continuation from July 9 when commissioners delayed action to change the existing classification of Residential Estate and Residential Low Medium with Resort Facilities Overlay.

Commissioners wanted to make sure remaining residents of Briarwood Recreational Vehicle Park would have an affordable place to go. They asked the city of Largo to work with the property owner to provide additional assistance.

Attorney Ed Armstrong, representative for the property owner Dockside Investors who plan to build a 260-unit apartment complex at the site, said \$30,000 had been deposited in a fund to help pay relocation costs. The property owner also contracted for services from Community Services Foundation.

At the July 9 meeting, commissioners were told that about 50 adults were still living in the park, several testified about hardships that prevented them from moving.

As of July 24, approximately 30 families were still working on relocation plans, according to Tina Harper, Briarwood's property manager. Harper said four families were relocating Aug. 6 and two others planned to move this week.

In addition, she said Community Services Foundation had been meeting with residents about two times a week to assist them. The property owner has agreed to pay \$1,375 to those who would turn over the title to their RV to the property owner. Others could receive up to \$1,200 to help cover



PCCTV screen shot by SUZETTE PORTER
Carol Stricklin, Community Development director of the city of Largo, updates Pinellas County Commissioners Aug. 6 about efforts to relocate residents from Briarwood Recreational Vehicle Park.

moving expenses.

"Some can't just drive off," she said. "All have different needs."

Commissioner Norm Roche talked about making sure four residents, who are registered sex offenders, found a place to move and didn't end up on the streets. Roche was assured that efforts were ongoing to help all the remaining residents.

Christine Allamano, a lawyer with Gulfcoast Legal Services, said \$30,000 might not be enough to help all the remaining residents, especially those with special needs. She said best estimates showed moving costs of \$1,200 to \$2,000. She also talked about a rumor that one park was discriminating against residents who were receiving her legal services.

"I'm still concerned about the lack of affordable units set aside in the new development," she said.

The property owner's agreement with the city of Largo calls for the units to be rented at market rates.

Carol Stricklin, Community Development director of the city of Largo, also talked about the relocation efforts by the property owner and the city.

"In 30 days, we've accomplished a great deal," she said.

Stricklin said Largo had one more public hearing to get through - the second reading of an ordinance to amend the future land map. The rest of the approvals would be administrative, she said. She said the city would remain involved in the relocation process and would address outstanding concerns.

Commission Chair Ken Welch asked what would happen if the \$30,000 was not enough to help everyone. Stricklin said information was available about other relocation resources. She said the city would look at additional resources if necessary.

"The city of Largo asked for this and it is a significant improvement in their minds to the city," Commissioner Charlie Justice said. "It's up to them to make sure their residents are taken care of."

TBW seeks input through online survey

CLEARWATER - Tampa Bay Water is seeking community input on the region's future drinking water supply as it updates its long-term master water plan.

The agency is asking residents, businesses and community groups to complete an online survey at www.tampabaywater.org/FutureWater. The survey will be available until Aug. 23.

Tampa Bay Water is asking for input on seven future water project concepts, source water protection and regional water efficiency efforts.

"Community participation is a critical element to everything we do at Tampa Bay Water," said Ivana Blankenship, planning and outreach program manager for Tampa Bay Water. "More than 2.3 million people in the region receive our drinking water through our member governments. It is important for those residents to have a say in the planning process."

Updated every five years, this 20-year plan takes into account more than what the agency can build.

The long-term master water plan is a holistic approach to understanding the capabilities of its current system, helping its members with water efficiency programs, adhering to regulatory requirements for water quality and protecting regional drinking water sources.

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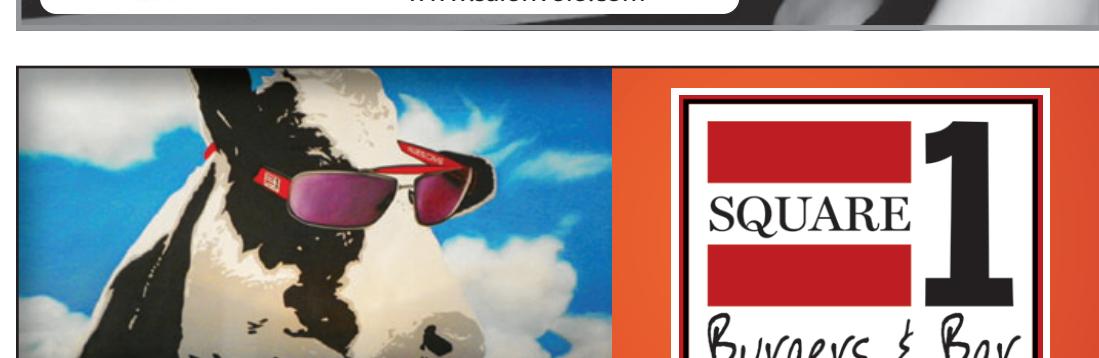
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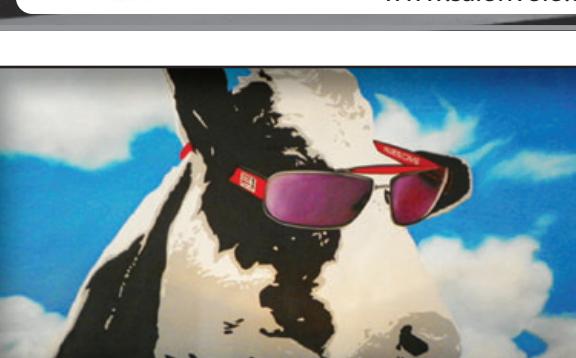
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PCSO reports on investigation of child's death

By SUZETTE PORTER

LARGO - A 5-year-old girl is dead, and now a woman has lost her job.

Elizabeth Holder died Jan. 19 at Mease Countryside Hospital in Safety Harbor. Pamela Wilson, a family support worker with Pinellas County Sheriff's Child Protection Investigations Division, was fired Aug. 13 for lying to investigators.

Sheriff Bob Gaultieri announced results of an administrative investigation Aug. 16 and the agency's review of policies and procedures surrounding the removal of children by the Child Protection Investigations Division and their timely health screenings.

Elizabeth was removed from her parent's care Jan. 11. She had been living in a mobile home at 2381 Gulf-to-Bay Boulevard in unincorporated Clearwater that Gaultieri described as "dirty and unfit to live in."

The Sheriff's Office got involved when Child Protection investigators were called to the home after the child was found wandering around the mobile home park unattended. Her mother was arrested for child neglect and transported to the Pinellas County Jail.

Gaultieri said the mother was on non-prescribed prescription medications and unable to care for Elizabeth or her 2-year-old sister. The father, Corey Holder, came by the day of the arrest, but he too was on prescription medications and unable to take care of the children.

A decision was made to place the children in foster care. Eckerd Community Alternatives, who serves as the Community-Based Care Lead Agency for child welfare and foster care in Pinellas, Pasco and Hillsborough counties, was contacted to make arrangements for the two children.

Elizabeth and her sister were placed in foster care the evening of Jan. 11. At a hearing the next day, a judge ruled there was sufficient cause to remove the children from their home.

State law requires that a child removed from their home undergo a mandatory health screening within 72 hours. Gaultieri said on Jan. 1, a family support worker tried unsuccessfully to set an appointment for Elizabeth to receive a screening. Neither the health department nor a private provider who had treated the child in the past could see her that day. An appointment was set with the private provider on Jan. 22 - well beyond the 72 hours.

On Jan. 18, a week after the children were taken away from their parents, the foster parents took Elizabeth and her sister to a

babysitter in Dunedin. The child went to bed about 9 p.m. and woke up about 8:30 a.m.

"She played, watched TV and she ate," Gaultieri said. "About 4 p.m., she began screaming and holding her head. She said it hurt and asked that it stop hurting. She went limp and went into cardiac arrest. 911 responded and she was transported to Mease Countryside Hospital where at about 5 p.m., she was pronounced dead."

The medical examiner found no sign of trauma, Gaultieri said. The cause of death was endocardial fibrosis with a contributory condition of tonsillitis.

Endocardial fibrosis is marked by a thickening of the lining of the heart chambers and is an uncommon cause of heart failure in infants and children.

Subsequent investigation

After Elizabeth's death, Gaultieri ordered a review of procedures and an investigation by Internal Affairs, which interviewed three Child Protection Investigations employees: Supervisor Sarah Pierce, Investigator Brett Edwards and Wilson.

The investigation concluded that none of the three was personally responsible for Elizabeth not receiving her health screening within 72 hours.

"It was a problem with procedure, it's a system problem, not any one individual's fault," Gaultieri said.

He made it clear that Wilson lost her job not because of the failure of the child to receive the health screening but because she lied.

"It was not because of what she did or did not do with the 72-hour health screening," he said. "During the investigation Pam Wilson lied and I'm not going to tolerate people lying to our Internal Affairs investigators or lying period as an employee of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office and especially to these subsequent matters."

"This is not the first time. In fact it is the second time in the course of her 30-year career here at the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office that Pam Wilson has had a substantiated complaint of being untruthful."

Wilson began working for PCSO July 25, 1983. The prior complaint involved being untruthful about the unauthorized use of an agency issued vehicle that was stopped by law enforcement in Tampa.

In the case of Elizabeth Holder, Wilson gave a variety of substantiated and unsubstantiated reasons why she didn't do her job properly, including having a migraine headache, working a partial shift, working overtime, having another case, not knowing procedure and others.

The state requires documentation about children who are removed from the home to be entered into a state-run computer system within 24 hours.

"She didn't do it and during the investigation lied several times about why she did not do it," Gaultieri said. "I'm not going to tolerate it. Pam was terminated because of untruthfulness, not because she didn't set an appointment (for the health screening)."

Problems with the system

Gaultieri said the review of procedures and protocols showed a variety of problems.

"Unfortunately this is not the first time we had not ensured that the 72-hour health screening was completed," he said. "In fact, the investigation revealed this happened many times."

In 2012, PCSO investigated more than 11,000 cases of abandonment, abuse and neglect allegations. Gaultieri said every year for the past several years, investigators had looked into more than 11,000 allegations.

"The numbers are up this year and we're on track to investigate between 14,000 and 15,000 allegations of abuse, abandonment and neglect," he said.

Of the 11,000 cases in 2012, 884 resulted in children being removed from the home. In 238 cases, it was not possible to tell if the health screening was done or not. The sheriff explained that the Family Support System is the state's computer system that Child Protection employees are required to use to document their actions.

"There's no field to enter the data to indicate whether the screening was done or not done," he said.

Employees used the notes section, which is not searchable by the computer.

"We had to manually search and by hand review every one of the

884 cases in 2012 to review these cases, and digging into them we were unable to tell whether they (health screenings) were done or not," Gaultieri said. "They might have been done. They might have been timely, or they might not have been timely or it might not have been done at all. I can't tell you."

He said of the 664 cases, it was confirmed that the screenings complied with law 279 times or in 43 percent of cases, another 198 were not done in a timely basis and 169 were not required to have a screening, for reasons including becoming a part of the foster care system at birth or while in the hospital. Of the 477 screenings that were done, 58 percent were one within 72 hours and 41 percent were not.

A number of reasons and factors contributed to the problem, he said. One cause is the ambiguity of the language in the contract between PCSO and Eckerd that says the health screening must be initiated within 72 hours, not completed. Eckerd's agreement with the state says Eckerd must do the screenings.

"Let me make it clear, this is not Eckerd's responsibility. Under the law, it says it has to be done but it does not say who has to do it," Gaultieri said.

He said because PCSO contracts with Eckerd for services it is ultimately the sheriff's responsibility.

"At the end of the day, it falls on us period. It doesn't fall on anyone else," he said.

Another problem was getting immediate access to health care providers for appointments. He said the employee who made an appointment for Elizabeth with a health care provider who had seen the child in the past was a good thing. A preference within the system is for the kids to be evaluated by someone who has familiarity with the kid, he said. But the delay in the appointment past 72 hours did not comply with the law.

"So when you start putting it all together, it is a series of things that contributed to it (the health screening not being done)," he said.

Fixes to the system

Child Protection Investigations employees now have purchasing cards to use to pay for health screenings. The children can be taken to a walk in clinic, emergency room or any other health care provider to make sure the health evaluation is done in accordance with the law.

"We really broadened the scope of the network where we can get the screening," Gaultieri said.

PCSO also has cleared up the "lack of clarity" in internal policies to make it understood who is responsible for making sure health screenings are done. The agency is also working toward better supervision and training for support workers.

"We're taking remedial action to fix all these details," Gaultieri said. "I take complete responsibility for this. It is something we should have done.

"The ultimate question that I don't know the answer to and nobody knows the answer to and may not ever know the answer to, is whether the failure to conduct the 72-hour health screening would have made a difference."

Gaultieri said he did not know of any other case, even arguable, where the lack of a health screening adversely affected a child.

"I really don't know as we stand here today whether the failure to complete the health screening would have made a difference," he said. "... If she had such a severe case of tonsillitis and it contributed to her death through the endocardial fibrosis and we had done the health screening within 72 hours and some physician had, as a result of the health screening, put her on antibiotics, by that Friday would it have made a difference, I don't know," Gaultieri said.

"But if it was viral, the antibiotics would have made no difference at all."

Gaultieri said no further details would be available, as litigation has started.

"The father is represented by a lawyer," he said.

However, he did say the investigation would continue and PCSO was moving forward to make sure sufficient protocols were in place for the future.

"But putting all that aside, putting the law aside, putting aside the whole issue of whether it was bacterial or viral or whether it (the health screening) would have made a difference, we should have done it and made sure she received a health screening," he said. "It would be a nonissue if we had accomplished that."



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Worship calendar

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.

Hope Presbyterian Church

CLEARWATER - Sunday school for all ages will return to its fall schedule in the coming weeks at Hope Presbyterian Church, 1698 S. Belcher Road.

Classes for 3-year-olds through 12th grade are set to begin on Rally Day, Sunday, Sept. 8, 9 a.m. Children and youth will enjoy a Bible-based curriculum designed to meet their age appropriate needs and have fun along the way. While the children are learning about Jesus, Hope adults are also learning through one of two Bible Classes: Wired Word or Bible Baffle.

Visitors and newcomers are welcome. For information, call 531-3200 or visit www.HopeFamily.com.

Oakhurst United Methodist Church

SEMINOLE - A GriefShare program will be presented Wednesdays, Sept. 4 through Nov. 27, at Oakhurst United Methodist Church, 13400 Park Blvd.

The church will offer two sessions: The morning session will meet 10:30 to noon and the evening session will meet 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The GriefShare program consists of several components, such as video, workbook, discussion, support and encouragement. The program will last for 13 weeks and each session is self-contained, featuring a new topic each week. The program is designed to help participants "travel the journey from mourning to joy."

For information and to register, call 391-4769.

Christian Fellowship Church of Largo

LARGO - A contemporary service is now being offered Sundays, 8:30

to 9:30 a.m., at Christian Fellowship Church of Largo, 900 Starkey Road. This service is designed to reach young adults and young families by offering upbeat music and expository preaching of the Word. All ages are welcome. The church also presents a traditional service at 11 a.m. For information, call 581-1742.

Faith Presbyterian Church

SEMINOLE - Free preschool for children 4 years old is offered at Faith Presbyterian Preschool, 11501 Walker Ave.

The state funded VPK program is free for all 4-year-olds born on or before Sept. 1 of the school year and who reside in Florida. All children, regardless of parent income, are eligible for this program. The VPK program goal is to better prepare a preschooler for kindergarten especially in the area of early literacy.

A school licensed for the VPK program must have qualified instructors, age appropriate curricula with a strong emphasis on early literacy skills, and a manageable class size.

VPK Provider Profiles of schools offering the program are available through the Early Learning Coalition. Visit www.elcpinellas.net/parent-vpk.php.

To register, visit www.elcpinellas.net/vpk-register.php. Parents also may call ELC at 400-4411.

Episcopal Church of the Ascension

CLEARWATER - Finding Hope: Pinellas County Drug Court will be presented Wednesday, Sept. 11, 7 p.m., at Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 701 Orange Ave.

Judge Dee Anna Farnell will serve as guest speaker. Farnell has presided over Pinellas County's highly successful Drug Court for the past seven years. The Drug Court philosophy is to provide treatment over punishment. According to a press release, 85 percent of Farnell's Drug Court defendants do not repeat the same offense.

For information, call 447-3469.

Sacred Heart Parish Center

PINELLAS PARK - The fall session of free English classes for speakers of other languages will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 3, at Sacred Heart Parish Center, 7951 46th Way N.

The classes will be presented Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8 p.m., in the parish center. Emphasis is on speaking, reading, writing and comprehension from beginning learners to those who wish to improve their skills. Every-

one is welcome.
For information, call 541-4447.

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

DUNEDIN - National Back to Church Sunday will be observed Sunday, Sept. 15, 9:30 a.m. to noon, at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 705 Michigan Blvd.

For information, call 734-5493.

Faith Presbyterian Church

SEMINOLE - A six-week Bible study will begin Wednesday, Aug. 21, at Faith Presbyterian Church, 11501 Walker Ave.

The program "Made to Crave," by author Lysa Terkeurst, explores the missing link between women's desire to be healthy and the spiritual empowerment necessary to make it happen.

The Bible study will take place Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Kris Hartland, Kadi Tubbs and Kristen Beiler will lead the study. Childcare is available.

For information, call 391-0596.

Chapel on the Hill

SEMINOLE - National POW/MIA Recognition Day will be marked with a dinner and patriotic concert on Friday, Sept. 20, at Chapel on the Hill, 12601 Park Blvd.

Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. followed by the concert. There also will be a guest speaker. Tickets for the dinner and concert are \$20 and must be purchased by Sept. 16. Checks can be mailed to the church office or call 391-2919 for credit card orders. The tickets will be held at the door.

Beth-El Shalom

ST. PETERSBURG - Rosh Hashanah will be celebrated Wednesday, Sept. 4, 7 p.m., at Beth-El Shalom Messianic Congregation, 1701 29th Ave. N.

Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, will be observed as the congregation celebrates the New Year and marks the beginning of the time of the High Holy Days. Attendees will hear the shofar blown close to 100 times and taste the special Rosh Hashanah foods.

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Flag football champs



The Seminole Recreation youth flag football league has wrapped up its summer season. In the 6- to 9-year-old division, the Steelers, above, and Bears played for the championship. In a hard fought game, the Steelers were triumphant over the Bears, winning 32-31 in overtime. Pictured from the Steelers: front row, from left, Lorenzo Campagnola, Blaise Reynolds, D'Mitry Lewman and C.J. Davis; middle row, Javier Lewman, Ben Bartley, Jacob Seaman, Jackson Graden and Jake Carrington; and back row, coaches Carey Davis, Jim Graden, Brian Bartley and John Seaman. In the 10- to 13-year-old division, the Broncos, below, played the Patriots for the championship title. The two teams battled throughout the game with the lead changing multiple times until the very end. The Broncos emerged victorious with a score of 40-32. Pictured from the Broncos: from left are Clark Hartman, Grant Thrower, Kelton Little, Michelena Barker and Jack McClintock with Coach Brent Thrower. Not pictured: Matthew Rivard.



Sports roundup

Calvary names head track and field coach

Calvary Christian High School is pleased to announce the hiring of Stacey Simmons as head track and field coach. Simmons takes over the program from Greg Thiel, who led the track program for the past five seasons. Thiel was hired as the head track and field coach at Southern Wesleyan University in South Carolina.

Born and raised in Clearwater, Simmons began his legacy as one of the state's premier student athletes at Dunedin High School, where he was an all-county baseball player and an all-American in football and track and field. Stacey earned a full football and track scholarship to the University of Florida. As a Gator, Simmons was an all-SEC performer and three times NCAA All-American, breaking three UF track and field records. Simmons earned the opportunity to compete internationally in track and field and was a member of the USA track and field team.

In 1990, the Indianapolis Colts in the NFL draft selected Simmons. After two seasons with the Colts, Simmons spent eight additional seasons in professional football, winning two world championships with the Tampa Bay Storm.

Simmons is a 20-year veteran in Pinellas County Schools where he has served as a science teacher and a coach for football, cross country, and track and field. Simmons has coached and trained many athletes to help them reach the pinnacle in their sport. Under his leadership, student athletes have earned track and field medals on the district, regional, and State levels.

In a press release, Calvary's Athletic Director, Darrell Don said, "We are thankful to have Stacey Simmons on our coaching staff. His experience and knowledge will enable our athletes to improve their mechanics, technique, and agility which will improve their performance on the track and in the field."

Simmons takes over the growing track and field program at Calvary, where the girls' team earned the 2012 Regional Championship, and was the 2013 Co-Champions. The boys' team showed promise this past spring by sending nine athletes to the FHSAA State Championship with seven of the athletes earning all-state recognition.

Calvary Christian High School is a 9th to 12th grade high school serving Pinellas County.

For more information, please visit the school's website at www.cchs.us or contact the head of school, David Kilgore.

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 person 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.

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Rays to give away Rodney figurine

ST. PETERSBURG — The Tampa Bay Rays have announced the return of the Fernando Rodney figurine, a special edition figurine capturing Rodney's "Shoot the Moon" celebration, available exclusively through the purchase of a Tampa Bay Times Ticket Tandem for the Rays-Yankees series at Tropicana Field, August 23-25.

The Tampa Bay Times Ticket Tandem program allows fans the opportunity to purchase a ticket for select games that includes an exclusive, limited edition keepsake.

Remaining promotional items available through the program include a Rays Messenger Bag (Sept. 20-23), in addition to the Fernando Rodney figurine.

The Tampa Bay Times Ticket Tandem is available for fans to purchase online or through the Rays box office.

All seating locations are included in the program.

Little League registration opens

LARGO — The West Pinellas Little League will host registration days for the fall season Wednesday, Aug. 21, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., and Saturday, Aug. 24, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Beef'O'Brady's, 13847 Walsingham Road.

The league address is 1507 First St., Indian Rocks Beach. For more information, including registration forms and boundary information, visit www.eteamz.com/westpinellas or call 417-7349.

Kickball tournament to benefit firefighters

LARGO — The Largo Firefighters are hosting a charity kickball tournament to raise funds for two of their own on Saturday, Aug. 24, 9 a.m., at Whitesell Softball Complex, 12555 119th St.

The event will benefit Largo Firefighters Curtis McClendon and Robert DiMarco, who both recently battled cancer.

Early registration is \$250 per team. Registration on the day of the tournament is \$300. Teams need a minimum of 10 players to play.

Raffle items will be accepted up to the day before the event.

To register, contact Macho Liberti at 365-6386 or largo@stf@gmail.com.

Star Wars Night returns to The Trop

ST. PETERSBURG — Star Wars Night returns to Tropicana Field Saturday, Sept. 21 when the Rays take on the Baltimore Orioles at 7:10 p.m.

This season, fans can purchase a special \$35 ticket package to receive a seat in the press level and a limited edition Jedi Zo bobblehead, a combination of Rays All-Star Ben Zobrist and the popular Star Wars theme.

Throughout the game, fans can take pictures with "Star Wars" characters, enjoy special graphics from the movies and participate in a variety of contests.

For more information or to purchase the special ticket package, visit raysbaseball.com/starwars.

Tickets must be purchased in advance and supplies are limited. The deadline to purchase is Sept. 19 or until supplies run out.

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No place in high school sports for any kind of PEDs

In recent weeks, events in Major League Baseball, the NFL and elsewhere have given us a vivid reminder that performance-enhancing drugs are pervasive in the sports world. Quite simply, they are a problem that must be dealt with.

The Florida High School Athletic Association has recognized this problem for some time, and has policies that prohibit the use of performance-enhancing drugs. But if anyone else wondered if concern is really necessary, their doubts should have been erased with news accounts indicating that the Biogenesis scandal wasn't limited to just professional and collegiate athletes. South Florida high school athletes have also been implicated among the clinic's possible customers, and there is no reason to believe the problem is limited to that clinic or that part of the state.

Under existing FHSAA sportsmanship bylaws and policies, student-athletes can be suspended from competing if they have used PEDs, until medical evidence proves they are clean. But now, in light of everything happening in the sports world, I have grown concerned that the existing policies may not be enough.

We must be sure our policies and procedures – which are in place, after all, to protect the well-being of our student-athletes and the integrity of the games they play – truly deter ambitious and misguided athletes, coaches and even parents who think it's okay to cheat in order to tilt the playing field to their own advantage. This win-at-all-costs mentality is not what high school sports are supposed to be about.

That is why I asked FHSAA's Sports Medicine Advisory Committee to conduct a top-to-bottom review of existing policies to make sure they do everything possible to discourage, detect and penalize the use of performance-enhancing drugs and human growth hormone by high school student-athletes. The 16 members of this committee include physicians, professors, physical therapists, athletic trainers and coaches – experts who understand sports and young athletes, and can bring an incredible amount of expertise to this important task.

The FHSAA's overriding priority is the safety, well-being and constructive development of young student-athletes, whose bodies and character are still forming. Performance-enhancing drugs undermine every aspect of this goal, and so it is imperative that our student-athletes adhere to a zero tolerance policy toward these inherently unfair and dangerous substances.

We must draw a line in the sand against performing-enhancing drugs and the inappropriate use of human growth hormone. School districts cannot tolerate coaches who encourage or look the other way when athletes use PEDs. These coaches cannot be allowed to keep their jobs or have anything to do with young athletes.

This is about more than safeguarding fair play – it's about saving lives.

I'm proud of the FHSAA's history as a leader in protecting the safety of our young student-athletes. In the last several years alone we became one of the first states to establish strict policies to address concussions and problems caused by extreme heat and inadequate hydration.

Now a careful review of PED policies will lead to the best approach to keeping these banned substances out of our high schools. This is another important step to protect our student-athletes.

The overwhelming majority of high school student-athletes will never compete at the collegiate level, and just a tiny percentage will ever have a shot at making a living playing the games they love.

We need to do everything we can to foster that love, to keep the games fun, and to protect these young men and women from harm. Performance-enhancing drugs simply have no place in high school sports.

Roger Dearing is executive director of the Florida High School Athletic Association, based in Gainesville. He is a former coach, athletic director and Manatee County School Superintendent.

LETTERS

Free preschool for 4 year olds

Editor:

Attention Florida residents, if you are the parent of a 4-year-old child, or a 3 year old who will be 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2013, your child is eligible for the Voluntary Prekindergarten Program. It is a state of Florida funded program open to all Florida resident 4 year olds regardless of family income. This program was voted in by residents and is funded by our taxpayers. The program has high standards that are maintained by routine inspections from the trained staff members of the Early Learning Coalition.

The VPK program gives your child a solid foundation on which to enter kindergarten. The expectations placed on kindergartners in today's world make it almost impossible for a child to be successful in kindergarten if they have not completed the VPK. The program is designed to be a prerequisite to kindergarten, offering the child experiences to grow in math, print knowledge, phonological awareness, and oral language and vocabulary skills. The child also builds social skills and valuable classroom experiences to enhance their growth.

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Parents, don't let this opportunity slip by you, take advantage of it and let your child reap the benefits of this incredible fun and exciting FREE adventure. The website again is vpkpinellas.net. Hope to see you and your child in one of our programs soon!

Krystal Gibbs,
director and VPK teacher at Wilhelm's School
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Random stuff I've noticed lately



Driver's Seat

Bob Driver

Have you become aware of some of the following things showing up in our passing parade?

MORE BRITISH ON THE SCENE. It's hard to turn on the TV or radio these days without hearing a British accent. It seems that half the foreign correspondents are British. When CNN or NBC News cuts to a reporter stationed in Syria or China, chances are the reporter will have a British accent. Or it could be Australian, Welsh or Scottish. Does the UK generate an over-supply of journalists, or what? In most cases, they usually speak a better quality of English than Americans do. Which is only proper, since the English invented the language in the first place.

THE DECLINE OF "DECIMATE." Speaking of language, have you noticed how the term "to decimate" has been downgraded to mean "annihilate" or "utterly destroy"? Not too long ago, when correct English was honored and sometimes even practiced, decimate meant "to execute one out of every 10 rebellious soldiers." That's how the ancient Romans often put down uprisings. Today, newscasters and other arbiters of public taste speak blithely of floods that "decimate" entire towns and populations. By drowning every tenth victim, we presume.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CNN AND FOX NEWS. These two companies battle each other to see who's on top of the national news game. Officially they both promise to bring fair and balanced coverage of news. Fox is often accused of leaning too far to the right. Conservatives paint CNN as a tool of the Establishment and even (horror!) of the Obama administration. I enjoy flipping back and forth between these news agencies, just to see what their non-political differences seem to be.

Both organizations tend to employ 20-ish, glib blonde women who chatter on about Mideast revolutions and Hungarian politics as if they actually knew where Cairo and Budapest are (and perhaps they do.) The faces of CNN's Wolf Blitzer and Anderson Cooper seem more familiar to me than the Fox News anchors do, but that doesn't mean they do a better job. I keep hoping that CNN will get rid of that prissy Englishman Piers Morgan, who gives the impression of stumbling over his lips as he spits out his commentary.

As a rule CNN's people appear more polished and informed than Fox's presenters. I feel guilty for letting appearance carry weight in forming my judgments. But then I remind myself that, in television news, good looks and slick delivery count for just as much as content and accuracy do. Sad, but true.

JUDGE JUDY DEFENDS OUR LANGUAGE. Earlier this year I wrote a column criticizing Judge Judy for her high-handed treatment of the contestants who appear before her. In an email from her husband, I caught unshirted hell for my remarks. I still would not want to face her in a courtroom showdown, but I'm mellowing in my attitude toward Judge Judy because of her impatience with plaintiffs/defendants whose speech habits are about two steps up from those of cave dwellers. The judge insists on "yes" as a response, not "yeah." And she

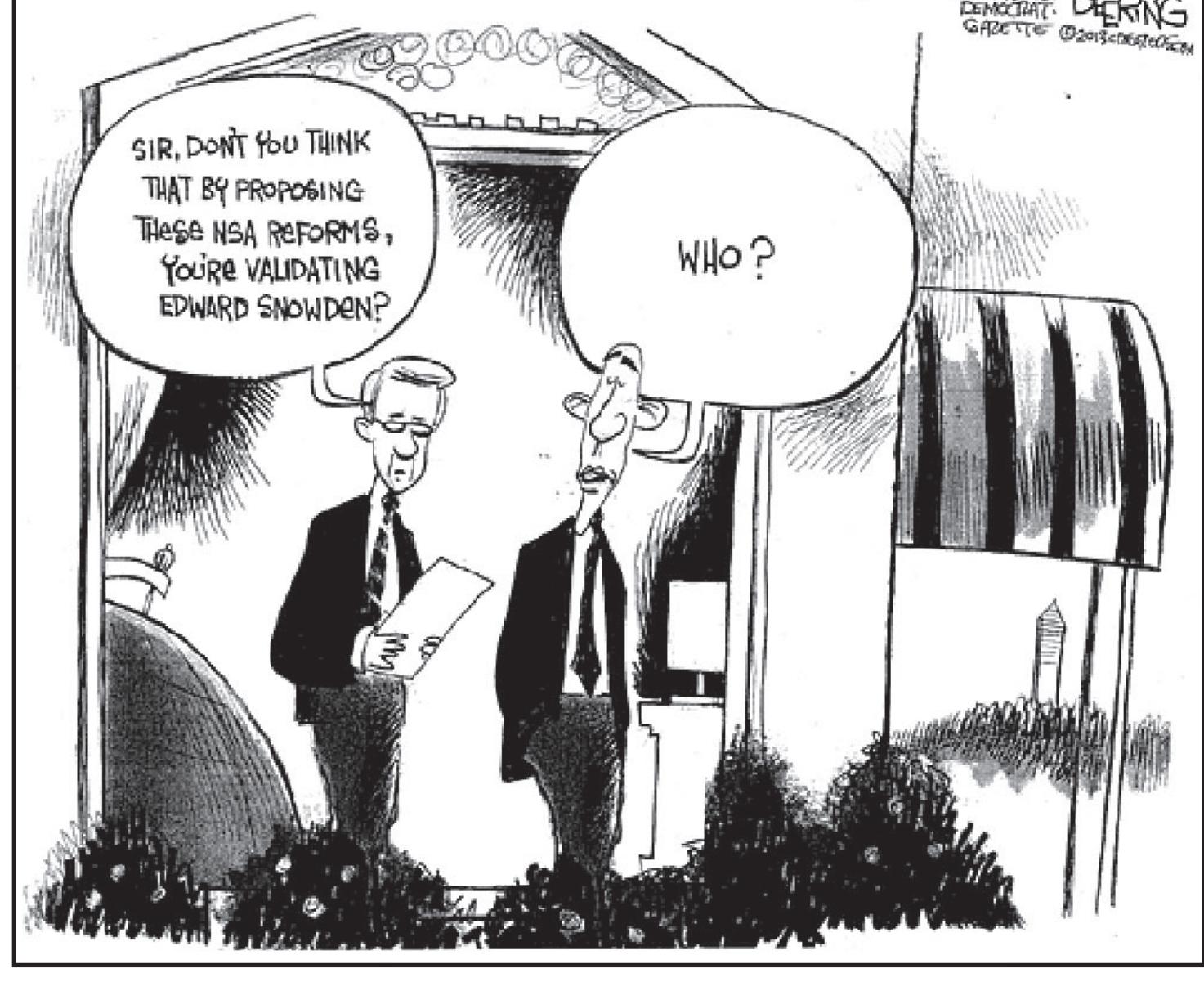
cracks down on the ubiquitous use of the useless filler word "basically" by persons giving testimony. Go get 'em, Your Honor. What this country needs is more grammar Nazis.

WHEN A MAJOR CRIME OR DISASTER OCCURS and the police chief or mayor promptly holds a televised press conference, have you noticed how the official usually puts enormous stress on how quickly the first responders arrived at the scene? It's as if the agency-in-charge is in a national competition to see who comes to the rescue the quickest. We all admire and respect the cops and firefighters who race toward danger, but do we really care whether they got to the scene within three minutes of the first alarm, rather than two and a half? The only explanation I can think of is that in many emergencies there may be a discontented watchdog standing by, timing the rescuers for possible legal or political reasons.

IT'S GETTING HARDER TO SURF THE WEB. Or so it seems to me. Not long ago, you could type in "Latest news," click a key and be flooded with news headlines. Today you're liable to get eight spam-type secondary websites saying "Asia news," or "Join our newshound chat room" before you finally fight your way through to useful content. You want lean-and-mean surfing, and instead you get embroidery.

DONALD TRUMP CONTINUES TO INSPIRE all of us with his consistency of behavior and attitudes. Other public figures may waffle, flip-flop, revise and take new positions, but the Donald holds steady and unchanged as one of the biggest jerks ever to appear on our national scene.

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Federal lawmaker, regulate thyself

"Washington is an island surrounded by reality," Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, likes to say.

In an effort to inject some reality into the Beltway, Grassley introduced an amendment to the Affordable Care Act to require that members of Congress and their staff get their health care from the new Obamacare exchanges. "Congress should live under the law it creates. That includes Obamacare," Grassley explained.

Enter Washington reality: The rules don't apply to the governing class.

Congress eventually passed the Grassley amendment, and it was included in the bill President Barack Obama signed, but that doesn't mean Washington insiders can't get around it.

There are two things for the political class not to like in the Grassley amendment.

To start, the 11,000 or so members and Capitol Hill staffers now enjoy Cadillac coverage as participants in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program. The Grassley provision is supposed to make that go away and force those individuals to buy their own coverage through the less prestigious Obamacare exchanges.

But also, the government – read: taxpayers – picks up more than 70 percent of the premiums. There was no language in the final Grassley provision to continue the federal subsidy.

Supporters have been able to sell Obamacare coverage as affordable because the

government subsidizes premiums for some middle-income workers. Senators and representatives make \$174,000, and their well-compensated staffers can make more than members. Thus, the Grassley amendment represents a pay cut for Hill aides.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi predicted the pay cut would cause savvy Capitol Hill staffers to stampede toward the private sector. Politico reported that both Republicans and Democrats were looking for a way around the law to prevent what wags had dubbed the coming Beltway "brain drain."

After Obama reportedly told Democrats behind closed doors that he would help, the Office of Personnel Management announced a proposed rule to save Congress from its own law.

So the government would continue to pay its employer contribution of premiums. On the one hand, that seems fair. Who wants to get a pay cut and a second-tier health package? On the other hand, this is another example of Washington's taking care of its own in order to prop up a health care plan that

costs taxpayers money by discouraging employers from hiring full-time workers.

In Congress, members cannot lose, but the public can.

Worse, the Office of Personnel Management didn't stop there. Its new proposed rule also would allow each member of Congress to "determine whether an employed individual meets the statutory definition" of "congressional staff." The OPM's rationale was that there is "no existing statutory or regulatory definition of the term 'official office.'" As if "official office" is an exotic cipher.

What do we pay these people for if they can't figure out what an official office is?

As a result of that brilliant maneuver, senators and congressmen will be able to exempt their staffers if they so choose. Capitol Hill, it turns out, is one colossal golden-domed exemption.

In pushing his amendment in 2010, Grassley rightly argued: "It's only fair and logical that administration leaders and congressional staff, who fought so hard to overhaul America's health care system, experience it for themselves. If the reforms are as good as promised, then they'll know it firsthand. If there are problems, public officials will be in a position to really understand the problems, as they should."

But there's this ugly reality on Obamacare Island: The rules do not apply to the people who make them.

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Biz notes



Mary Byington, manager of Curves in Seminole, seeks donations of school supplies for children in need.

Curves seeks school supply donations

SEMINOLE – Curves of Seminole has been actively involved in collecting much needed supplies for children in need for St. Vincent's De Paul for the last four years.

Curves is grateful for the generosity of its members. The business has collected supplies to help with the burden of school expenses for many parents in the community. Curves continues to accept donations at 8992 Seminole Blvd. For information, call Mary Byington at 320-9737.

Learn @ Lunch set

REDINGTON SHORES – Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce will host its next Learn @ Lunch on Thursday, Aug. 22, at Seabreeze Island Grill, 17855 Gulf Blvd.

Check-in will begin at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch at noon.

A panel of local Walgreens administrators will discuss how Walgreens can keep employers and their staff healthy and happy this flu season. As an added bonus, Walgreens will be handing out gift cards for those participating.

The cost to attend is \$15 for members and \$25 for future members. To register, call 360-6957 or email RSV@TampaBayBeaches.com.

Surf Style to host Flow Tour

CLEARWATER – Surf Style, at 311 S. Gulfview Blvd., will host a stop on the 2013 Carbon U.S. National Flow Tour on Tuesday, Aug. 27.

The Surf Style stop is last before the finals taking place in New Jersey on Aug. 31 and Sept. 1.

The Flow Tour is flowboarding's premier competitive tour featuring some of the world's best riders. It provides a platform for flowboarders and bodyboarders to enter competitions at any level and learn the fundamentals en route to the top. The 2013 U.S. Flow Tour presented by Carbon consists of 10 stops across seven different states, and with a prize purse of more than \$27,000.

During competition, each rider is given three runs in their respective divisions and their top two scores count for their total score. Scores are based on tricks and run execution, as well as overall impression, and difficulty. Each competitor's best six results are added together to crown the 2013 season champions in their respective divisions. The Surf Style stop, with their single indoor FlowRider, is the perfect venue for competitors to earn their last and all-important points.

MBA collects school supplies

ST. PETERSBURG – For the second year in a row, St. Petersburg-based human resource outsourcing company Modern Business Associates organized a school supply drive for the Academy Prep Center of St. Petersburg.

MBA set up collection boxes throughout the community and the items that were placed in them are being delivered to students and teachers at Academy Prep. MBA, along with Eckerd College and several other local businesses, participated in the school supply drive.

Academy Prep is a private middle school that provides scholarships to students in need. This school has changed the lives of hundreds of eco-

nomically disadvantaged children. School resources are limited and Academy Prep relies on the generosity of the community to help achieve its mission. These school supplies will help get their new school year off to a great start.

Local Lab opens new location

PINELLAS PARK – International Medical Laboratory Inc. will open a new location for patients on Tuesday, Sept. 3.

IML is a locally-owned, independent clinical lab that has been providing lab services for patients and physicians throughout the Tampa Bay area since 1980. Accredited by the College of American Pathologists, IML performs a wide variety of lab tests such as cholesterol, PSA, PT/INR and Hemoglobin A1C at its local laboratory.

The new Pinellas Park location will be the second IML collection site in Pinellas County, where patients can stop in without an appointment to have their blood drawn. IML is an in-network provider for many insurance plans, including Medicare, Tricare and United Healthcare.

MarineMax sponsors 'Reel Dream Makers'

CLEARWATER – MarineMax recently became a sponsor and supporter of the caring mission of the "Reel Dream Makers" program.

More than a fishing show, "Reel Dream Makers" is a television series of heart-warming accounts of fulfilling dreams while enjoying the simple joys of fishing and spending time with family. Wrapped in the story are the traditional tips and techniques. But, what makes the "Reel Dream Makers" fishing show different is that it features celebrities and the charities they support alongside one of their families in need.

TradeWinds Island Resorts provides the show's backdrop.

Last season, the stories varied from foster care families that scrimped and saved to keep their family functioning to a mother who is a war veteran suffering from PTSD and her young son, together fighting homelessness.

The show provides them with an escape in a world-class resort environment with all the accoutrements and the diversion of spending time fishing and reconnecting with themselves and their dreams.

"I can think of no better way to help a family re-connect and recover than time on the water, and when it is for a good cause, how can you beat that," said Josie Tucci in a press release. Tucci is vice president of MarineMax.

Headquartered in Clearwater, MarineMax is a recreational boat and yacht retailer. Focused on premium brands, such as Sea Ray, Boston Whaler, Meridian, Cabo, Hatteras, Azimut Yachts, Grady-White, Bayliner, Harris FloteBote, Crest, Scout, Sailfish, Aquila, Nautique and Malibu, MarineMax sells new and used recreational boats and related marine products and services as well as provides yacht brokerage and charter services.

Young Professionals to host forum

CLEARWATER – The Bay Area Young Professionals will host the Excellence in Leadership Forum Tuesday, Aug. 27, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., in the Margaret Heye Great Room at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road.

All young professionals ages 21 to 40 from the Tampa Bay area are invited to attend. The forum will offer a chance to explore new business opportunities and step outside the box. Attendees may expand their connections and meet some of the area's finest not-for-profit organizations and local businesses.

The forum will feature keynote speaker Ed Droste, co-founder of Hooters. Brooke Bennett, three-time Olympic Gold Medalist and sports broadcaster, will serve as master of ceremonies.

There is no admission charge for those who preregister. To register,

visit www.bayareyps.com/leadership. Cost is \$5 at the door.

Sage Supper Club hosts ribbon-cutting

CLEARWATER – Sage Supper Club and Events Venue celebrated its grand opening Aug. 16, at 22 N. Fort Harrison Ave.

Mayor Cretokos cut the ribbon officially opening Clearwater's newest entertainment venue. Although the Sage has been in business as a banquet hall for more than a year, it wasn't until the June arrival of TV celebrity chef Vincent Fiore that the supper club idea came to fruition. Fiore brings to the venue his culinary skills as well as acting, event/menu planning and master of ceremonies experience. Beginning this fall, Fiore will be taping his cooking show "Wise Guy Kitchen" here in Clearwater.

Big Vito's Wrestling Academy to open

CLEARWATER – Former ECW, WCW, TNA and WWE superstar Big Vito Lo Grasso will open his new school, Big Vito's Wrestling Academy, on Saturday, Aug. 31, 1 p.m., at 2147 Pine Forest Drive.

The opening ceremony will feature food and fun as well as a wrestling trivia contest. Big Vito's Wrestling Academy is a training facility and finishing school for those who want to be pro wrestling stars.

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Morton Plant schedules September programs

The Morton Plant Mease BayCare Health System will offer a number of programs in September at various locations.

Support groups and classes are free to the public unless a fee is noted. For information on upcoming programs, call 953-6877 or visit www.BayCareEvents.org.

Participating locations include:

- Axelrod Pavilion, 400 Pinellas St., Clearwater
- Bardmoor Medical Arts Building, 8839 Bryan Dairy Road, Largo
- Lansky Pavilion at Bardmoor Outpatient Center, 8787 Bryan Dairy Road, Largo
- Check-Powell Heart and Vascular Pavilion, 455 Pinellas St., Clearwater
- Mease Countryside Hospital, 3231 McMullen Booth Road, Safety Harbor
- Mease Countryside Hospital Medical Arts Building, 1840 Mease Drive, Safety Harbor
- Mease Dunedin Hospital, 601 Main St., Dunedin
- Morton Plant Hospital, 300 Pinellas St., Clearwater
- Morton Plant Mease Outpatient Center, 2102 Trinity Oaks Blvd., Trinity
- Powell Pavilion, 303 Pinellas St., Clearwater
- Ptak Orthopaedic and Neuroscience Pavilion, 430 Morton Plant St., Clearwater
- St. Joseph's Children's Specialty Center at Mease Countryside, 3253 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater

Following is a list of upcoming support groups and presentations:

Wellness – Cancer

- Cancer Support Group (Women) – Monday, Sept. 16, 6 p.m., Morton Plant Hospital, Axelrod Pavilion, Bernard F. Powell Conference Room, second floor.
- Cancer Support Group (Women) – Tuesdays, Sept. 10 and 24, 6 p.m., Mease Countryside Hospital, Shaffer Tower, Evelyn R. Simmers Oncology Resource Library, fourth floor.
- Coping With A Cancer Diagnosis: Toolkit for Patients, Families and Caregivers – Tuesdays, Sept. 3 and 17, 3 p.m., Mease Countryside Hospital, Shaffer Tower, Evelyn R. Simmers Oncology Resource Library, fourth floor.
- Coping With A Cancer Diagnosis: Toolkit for Patients, Families and Caregivers – Wednesdays, Sept. 11 and 25, 3 p.m., Morton Plant Hospital, Axelrod Pavilion, Oncology Services Conference Room, second floor.
- Head and Neck Cancer Support Group – Monday, Sept. 23, 7 p.m., Lansky Pavilion at Bardmoor Outpatient Center, Administrative Conference Room.
- Look Good, Feel Better – Monday, Sept. 9, 10 a.m., Morton Plant Hospital, Axelrod Pavilion, Oncology Services Conference Room, second floor.
- LUNA (Latinos United for a New Awakening) de Pinellas – Tuesday, Sept. 10, 6 p.m., Morton Plant Hospital, Axelrod Pavilion, second floor, Bernard F. Powell Conference Room.
- Multiple Myeloma Educational Group – Saturday, Sept. 7, 10:30 a.m., Mease Countryside Hospital, Meeting Room 3.
- Prostate Cancer Discussion Group – Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2 p.m., Mease Countryside Hospital, Shaffer Tower, fourth floor, Evelyn R. Simmers Oncology Resource Library.

• Thyroid Cancer Support Group – Saturday, Sept. 14, 10:30 a.m., Morton Plant Hospital, Tuttle Auditorium D.

• The Art of Well-being: Creative Class for Cancer Patients and Family Members – Thursday, Sept. 19, 6 p.m., Morton Plant Hospital, Axelrod Pavilion, Bernard F. Powell Conference Room, second floor. Space is limited, and registration required. Call 953-9038.

Wellness – Cardiac/Circulation

- ICD Support Group – Thursday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m., Mease Dunedin Hospital, Meeting room 3.
- Women's Heart Support Group – Tuesday, Sept. 3, 1 p.m., Mease Countryside Hospital, Medical Arts Building, Suite 105.

Wellness – Caregivers

- Alzheimer's Caregivers' Support Group – Mondays, Sept. 9 and 23, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Ptak Orthopaedic and Neuroscience Pavilion, Room 114.
- Early Stage Alzheimer's Support Group for Patients – Monday, Sept. 16, 1 to 2:30 p.m., Ptak Orthopaedic and Neuroscience Pavilion, Room 114.

Wellness – Parenting

- Big Brothers Big Sisters – Thursday, Sept. 19, 6 p.m., Morton Plant Hospital, Powell Pavilion, Community Room.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters – Thursday, Sept. 5, 6 p.m., Mease Countryside Hospital, fifth floor Conference Room.

• Birth Center Tour – Wednesday, Sept. 4, 5:15, 6:15 and 7:15 p.m., Morton Plant Hospital, Main Lobby.

• Birth Center Tour – Wednesday, Sept. 4, 5:15, 6:15 and 7:15 p.m., Mease Countryside Hospital, Schaffer Tower.

• Birth Center Tour – Sunday, Sept. 15, 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m., Mease Countryside Hospital, Schaffer Tower.

• Birth Center Tour – Wednesday, Sept. 4, 5:15, 6:15 and 7:15 p.m., Morton Plant Hospital, Main Lobby.

• Birth Center Tour – Saturday, Sept. 28, 10 a.m., Morton Plant Hospital, Powell Pavilion, Community Room, Fee: \$15.

• Breastfeeding – Sunday, Sept. 22, 7 p.m., Mease Countryside Hospital, Meeting Rooms 4&5, Fee: \$15.

• Breastfeeding Mothers' Support Group – Wednesdays, Sept. 11 and 25, 10 a.m., Mease Countryside Hospital, Shaffer Tower, 5th floor classroom.

• Breastfeeding Nursing Mothers' Care and Share Infants Group – Fridays, Sept. 6 and 20, 10 a.m., Morton Plant Hospital, Powell Pavilion, Community

Room.

• Breastfeeding Nursing Mothers' Care and Share Toddlers Group – Friday, Sept. 13, 10 a.m., Morton Plant Hospital, Powell Pavilion, Community Room.

• Car Seat Inspection – Thursday, Sept. 5 and Friday, Sept. 20, 9 a.m., 9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. appointments available, St. Joseph's Children's Specialty Center at Mease Countryside Hospital, Fee: \$15.

• Car Seat Inspection – Saturday, Sept. 14, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m., Morton Plant Hospital, Powell Pavilion, Community Room, Fee: \$15.

• Childbirth Preparation – ½ day intensive – Sunday, Sept. 8, 1 p.m., Mease Countryside Hospital, Meeting Rooms 4&5, Fee: \$25.

• Childbirth Preparation – Two weeks series – Mondays, Sept. 16 and 23, 7 p.m., Morton Plant Hospital, Powell Pavilion, Community Room, Fee: \$25.

• Infant/Child CPR – Saturday, Sept. 7, 10 a.m., Morton Plant Hospital, Powell Pavilion, Community Room, Fee: \$20.

• Newborn Care – Monday, Sept. 30, 7 p.m., Morton Plant Hospital, Powell Pavilion, Community Room, Fee: \$15.

• Newborn Care – Saturday, Sept. 14, 10 a.m., Mease Countryside Hospital, Meeting Rooms 4&5, Fee: \$15.

• Waterbirth – Tuesday, Sept. 10, 7 p.m., Morton Plant Hospital, Powell Pavilion, Community Room, Fee: \$25.

Wellness – Other

• AWAKE: Sleep Disorder Support Group for Apnea – Wednesday, Sept. 18, 6 p.m., Mease Countryside Hospital, Meeting Room 3.

• Bariatric Support Group – Tuesday, Sept. 3, 6 p.m., Mease Dunedin Hospital, Meeting Room 2.

• Bereavement Support Group – Wednesday, Sept. 4, 5:30 p.m., Mease Countryside Hospital, Shaffer Tower, fourth floor, Evelyn R. Simmers Oncology Resource Library.

• CPAP / Bi-PAP Clinic – Mondays, Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 9 to 11 a.m., Morton Plant Sleep Disorders Center, Ptak Orthopaedic and Neuroscience Pavilion.

• CPAP / Bi-PAP Clinic – Tuesdays, Sept. 3, 10, 17, and 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mease Countryside Hospital Medical Arts Building, Sleep Disorders Center, Ste. 120.

• CPAP / Bi-PAP Clinic – Wednesdays, Sept. 4, 11, 18, and 25, 9 a.m. to Noon, Bardmoor Medical Arts Building, Sleep Disorders Center, Ste. 210.

• Diabetes Support Group – Thursday, Sept. 12, 3 p.m., Mease Countryside Hospital, Meeting Room 1-3.

• Diabetes Support Group – Wednesday, Sept. 11, 6 p.m., Morton Plant Hospital, Heart and Vascular Pavilion, Community Room A.

Local director named administrator of the year

LARGO – The Florida Health Care Association named Michael Broady, executive director for Regal Palms of Largo, its 2013 Assisted Living Facility Administrator of the Year Aug. 6.

Broady has been working in senior living management for more than 20 years.

According to the association, Broady has an exemplary survey record and has implemented many quality improvement programs in partnership with his facility's clinical staff, including the adoption of a program to reduce the facility's hospital readmissions. His commitment to quality drives the staff at the Regal Palms of Largo, which was the first assisted living facility in Florida to achieve both the bronze and silver National Quality Award from American Health Care Association.

A past president of the association and a Walter M. Johnson Jr. Circle of Excellence Award recipi-

ent, Broady is actively involved on Florida Health Care Association's Florida Center for Assisted Living Committee and is an advocate for assisted living communities. In his newest role, he will represent Florida's assisted living communities on a national stage with the National Center for Assisted Living.

The Administrator of the Year is selected based on his or her qualities of leadership and demonstrated service to the Florida Health Care Association, along with his or her significant and measurable achievements in overall facility administration, workforce innovation, survey record and survey compliance in turn-around facilities and implementation of quality improvement programs.

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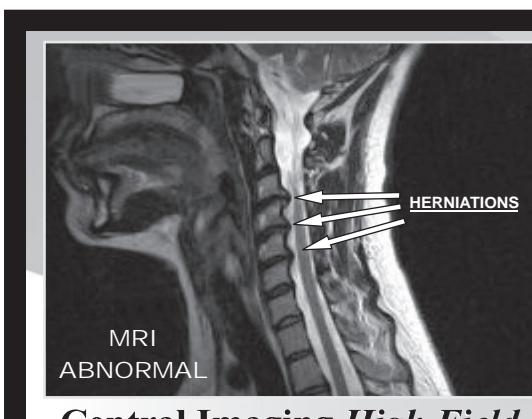
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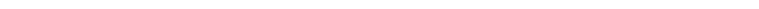




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The unremarkable bedfellows of torrid and tepid

Having grown up in Tarpon Springs, my office mate of many years sometimes reminisced about the summer nights of his youth. No one had air conditioning back then. All the windows in the house stayed open.

He once described a clammy routine: rousing in the steamy darkness groggily to flip over his pillow, whose bottom side was fractionally cooler than its topside.

Though a Midwestern suburbanite myself, months of fieldwork in Mexico saw me sleeping outside in a desert that peaked at 120 degrees F. during the day. Luckily, that desert bordered the sea, and that sea had islands, from whose beaches we would scoop out little body-sized trenches for settling into at sunset, watching until stars gave way to dreams. Though the breeze was as steady as the surf, I too had my share of pillow flipping.

To my knowledge, pillow flipping does not have a counterpart out at sea. How do our local dolphins handle the heat? Granted, their insulating coats of blubber become thinner during the summer than the winter, but never disappear entirely.

Moreover, dolphins have high metabolic rates that fuel their ceaseless swimming and keep them cozy; in other words, dolphin bodies generate a lot of internal heat.

One possible mechanism for handling seas that are some 85 degrees might be a simple mechanical one: slow down. That is what their behavior currently suggests, anyway. Their movements have grown almost tepid, swimming without ceasing as always more languidly than briskly of late.

Is it just the dolphins we have seen or is rushing around August seas just not worth the heat it generates?

This line of thinking began with a recent mother-child reunion between a weaned teen and her mother. FM and her current calf Fennel were in the company of a small adult, which turned out to be AM. FM had AM in 2005.

In the years since usurper Fennel made his appearance in 2009, AM has reunited with her mom FM and brother Fennel more often than is typical for this behavior. Although AM's mother-child reunions are more frequent, they are as characteristically fleeting.

Dolphin Watch

Ann Weaver



On livelier occasions, or cooler seas, Fennel plays a game of catch with a mangrove seedpod called a horsetail.

AM spent most of her time submerged, surfacing periodically for air. In the meantime, FM and Fennel tread back and forth over a short stretch of water so slowly and methodically that it nearly hypnotized Capt. John Heidemann and me.

Wiping off the ennui of their languor with our sweat, the next dolphin encounter was another example of torpid behavior. The sharp eyes of Capt. Heidemann spied tiny dark forms on the surface way in the distance. Deep in a side bay off the beaten track, two mother-calf pairs and a pair of bulls proceeded to take "island time" to a new level.

Courtney and her calf Cutlass oozed down a short finger, followed by the still-languid FM and Fennel. Big bulls N and Riptab followed indolently. The bulls' lingering surfaces gave us a good look at the parallel slashes across their rounded melons.

I was startled to see those slashes, called toothrakes, glaring under the August sun. This is because both N and Riptab had each been grabbed by the head by some very sharp teeth six months ago in March. Would you believe that some toothrakes are visible for over 8 months?

Courtney seemed to be the only dolphin with a mission in mind, albeit an unhurried one, and the others more or less followed her lead. She and Cutlass left the finger without haste and headed west. FM and Fennel wandered after them eventually, using the same patient lack of energy that had distinguished them earlier.

The bulls left the finger too but headed east instead of west. We watched them until they were dots in the distance and turned our attention to the moms and calves. They headed down the long wide waterway all the way to the end where it loops like a letter J. There they dispersed languorously and embarked on underwater waters.

Bulls N and Riptab returned and rejoined the ladies by and by. Judging from their swim speed, it may well have taken them to swim to the main road and back again!

Rather than search the seas slowly like the others, the big bulls swam among them indolently, pacing each other perfectly. Calves Fennel and Cutlass took a brief stab at active play, but the episode died as quickly as a firework. Much later, they all slowly wandered out again.

I wish I had a livelier tale for you, but those poor little dolphins act like sleep walkers.

Nature events

Brooker to present Book Time

TARPON SPRINGS - Book Time at Brooker will be offered Thursday, Aug. 22, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., at Brooker Creek Preserve, 3940 Keystone Road.

Designed for children ages 3 to 5, this free program connects attendees to the wonders of the natural world. In addition to hearing a great story, children will participate in a craft, game or other hands-on activity related to the story that is read. Space is limited.

Preregistration is required. Call 453-6800 or visit www.brookercreekpreserve.org.

Weedon to host Wee-Time

ST. PETERSBURG - Wee-Time at Weedon will be presented Thursday, Aug. 22, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., at Weedon Island Preserve, 1800 Weedon Drive NE.

This free program is designed to introduce children ages 3 to 5 to the wonders of the natural and cultural world. Every second and fourth Thursday of each month, children are treated to a variety of stories and hands-on activities that connect them to their environment.

Preregistration is required. To register, call 582-2100 or visit www.weedonislandpreserve.org. For information, call 453-6500.

Brooker to host guided hike

TARPON SPRINGS - A guided hike will be offered Saturday, Aug. 24, 9 to 10:30 a.m., at Brooker Creek Preserve, 3940 Keystone NE.

The free program is geared to

ward adults. The book list includes novels by Florida authors, past and present, with archeology, biography, politics and history storylines. The book selection for discussion is "Star Island" by Carl Haasen.

The club meets first Saturdays. Advance registration is required. Seating is limited. Call 453-6500.

Great Weedon Bird Quest set

ST. PETERSBURG - The Great Weedon Bird Quest will be Friday, Sept. 13, 8 to 10 a.m., at Weedon Island Preserve, 1800 Weedon Drive NE.

Guests will learn to identify marks and behaviors of the island birds while taking advantage of this free guided hike. Binoculars will be available.

Advance registration is required. Call 453-6500 or visit www.weedonislandpreserve.org.

Brooker to host bird hike

TARPON SPRINGS - The Birds of Brooker hike will be offered Saturday, Sept. 14, 8 to 10:30 a.m., at Brooker Creek Preserve, 3940 Keystone Road.

Birds seen and heard will be identified while attendees meander along a one-mile trail gathering information. Closed-toe shoes, water and a hat are recommended. Attendees also may bring binoculars, spotting scopes and cameras. The free hike is best suited for adults.

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Book club to meet

TARPON SPRINGS - The Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve will host Brooker Creek Book Club Saturday, Sept. 7, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., at Brooker Creek Preserve, 3940 Keystone NE.

The free program is geared to

Contest proceeds benefit Tampa Bay Watch

TIERRA VERDE - To honor Tampa Bay Watch's 20th anniversary, Norm and Maureen Dobiesz are hosting a contest to win a Dream Date for two to New Orleans.

The Dream Date includes round-trip transportation on a Learjet from St. Pete/Clearwater Airport, transportation in a limousine for a tour of the Lower 9th Ward and downtown New Orleans, brunch at world famous Brennan's restaurant, a walking tour and shopping in the downtown district and French Quarter, a one-hour private horse and buggy historical tour of New Orleans, an evening dinner downtown and limousine ride back to the airport.

Opportunity tickets are \$100 each, 12 for \$1,000 or 25 for \$2,000. Call Jennifer Silva at 867-8166, ext. 222, or email jlsilva@tampabaywatch.org.

A maximum of 1,000 tickets will be sold. The drawing will take place Saturday, Nov. 2, or when a pre-requsite number of tickets have been sold.

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Top Five Diversions

• **Steve Arvey**, Friday, Aug. 23, 8 p.m., at The Palladium at St. Petersburg College, 253 Fifth Ave. N., St. Petersburg. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 the day of the show. Call 822-3590 or visit www.mypalladium.org. The veteran bluesman will bring his unique take on blues history with his show "Mississippi to Chicago." The show traces the history of the blues from homemade instruments to full tilt Chicago Blues bands. It's a musical travelogue attendees can dance to.

Arvey learned from early blues legends Homesick James and Honey Boy Edwards as well as the Chicago blues masters Jimmy Rodgers, JR.Wells, Hubert Sumlin, Big Smokey Smothers, and a long list of other artists. The blues guitarist will be paying tribute to them all at this concert. Arvey will be performing with a full-band and backup. Band members include Josh Nelms on guitar, Otis T. Sugarbear on bass, Aaron Fowler and Steve Camilleri on drums and Tony Smith on harmonica.

• **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.rutheckerdhall.com. The show is a new date for the March 24 concert, which was canceled. Tickets for the originally scheduled date of March 24 will be honored. The Grammy-winning duet will combine Corea and Fleck's most recognizable tunes with the music from their Latin Grammy-winning album "The Enchantment." With a mix of jazz and pop standards, crossing a myriad of genres including jazz, bluegrass, rock, flamenco and gospel, this will be a casual, intimate evening with two legends from different musical worlds.

• **Sasha Tuck**, Friday, Aug. 23, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., in the Mary Alice McClendon Conservatory at the Museum of Fine Arts, 255 Beach Drive NE, St. Petersburg. The performance is part of the sixth annual Dinner and Jazz Series at the MFA. Admission is \$5 for museum members and their guests and \$10 for nonmembers. This includes admission to the exhibitions in the Hazel Hough Wing. The MFA Café will be open for dinner and a "beer and wine" cash bar will be available. Table reservations are strongly recommended. Call 822-1032 or 896-2667, ext. 258. The Museum Store will be open until 8 p.m. For series information, call 896-2667 or visit www.fine-arts.org.

This versatile vocalist, composer, and arranger has performed at more than 100 venues and festivals, including the Morton H. Myerson Symphony Center in Dallas. She has been influenced by greats like Ella Fitzgerald and Billie Holiday and holds a master's degree in jazz studies from the University of North Texas.

• **Hippiefest 2013**, Saturday, Aug. 24, 7 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Tickets start at \$45. Call 791-7400 or visit www.rutheckerdhall.com. Ruth Eckerd Hall has been hosting the annual Hippiefest event since 2008. This year, Hippiefest will showcase five iconic blues-rock artists. The evening will feature performances by such well-known artists as Ten Years After, Edgar Winter Band, Canned Heat, Rick Derringer and Pat Travers. The event also will feature a Hippiefest marketplace. Concessionaires will be selling beads, tie-dyes and other reminders of Woodstock, San Francisco's Haight-Ashbury district and the youth movement that introduced a whole new outlook to life. The marketplace will open at 5 p.m.

• **Kevin James**, Saturday, Aug. 24, 8 p.m., at The Mahaffey Theater, 400 First St. S., St. Petersburg. Tickets start at \$52.50. Call 893-7832 or visit www.themahaffey.com. James, comedian and star of the hit movies "Paul Blart, Mall Cop," "Zookeeper" and "Grown Ups," is known to fans as Doug Heffernan, the lead character of the sitcom "The King of Queens." James created the show in 1998. It garnered him a 2006 Emmy nomination for Outstanding Lead Actor in a Comedy Series and ran for nine seasons on CBS. Today, it continues to air daily in syndication across the country and around the world. James started his career as a stand-up on the Long Island comedy scene and was discovered at the 1996 Montreal Comedy Festival. He brought his stand-up act to television in "Sweat the Small Stuff," a one-hour special for Comedy Central in 2001. His big break on the big screen came in 2005 starring opposite Will Smith in "Hitch." In 2012, he starred in "Here Comes the Boom," a comedy about a high school biology teacher who becomes a mixed martial arts fighter to raise money for his beleaguered school. "Grown Ups 2" hit theaters this summer. James appeared in the sequel alongside Adam Sandler, Chris Rock, Salma Hayek, David Spade and Maya Rudolph.



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Opening this weekend

'City of Bones' hits the big screen; Pegg stars in 'The World's End'

Compiled by LEE CLARK ZUMPE

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

'The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones'

Genre: Fantasy
Cast: Lily Collins, Jamie Campbell Bower, Robert Sheehan, Kevin Zegers, Lena Headey, Kevin Durand, Aidan Turner, Jemima West, Godfrey Gao, CCH Pounder, Jared Harris and Jonathan Rhys Meyers

Director: Harald Zwart

Rated: PG-13

Set in contemporary New York City, a seemingly ordinary teenager, Clary Fray (Lily Collins), discovers she is the descendant of a line of Shadowhunters, a secret cadre of young half-angel warriors locked in an ancient battle to protect our world from demons.

After the disappearance of her mother (Lena Headey), Clary must join forces with a group of Shadowhunters, who introduce her to a dangerous alternate New York called Downworld, filled with demons, warlocks, vampires, werewolves and other deadly creatures. The film is based on the worldwide bestselling book series by author Cassandra Clare.

'The World's End'

Genre: Comedy
Cast: Simon Pegg, Nick Frost, Martin Freeman, Paddy Considine, Eddie Marsan and Rosamund Pike

Director: Edgar Wright

Rated: R

The tale of The World's End begins on June 22nd, 1990. In their suburban U.K. town of Newton Haven, five boys in the prime of their teenage youth celebrate the end of school by attempting an epic pub crawl together. Despite their enthusiasm and the downing of a slew of pints of beer, they fall short of seeing their quest through, to the last pub on their list, The World's End.

Twenty-odd years later, "the five musketeers" have each left their hometown and are now husbands, fathers, men with careers – with the flashing-red-light exception of their volatile onetime ringleader, Gary King (Simon Pegg), who is now a 40-year-old man trapped at the cigarette end of his teens. The irrepressible Gary, keenly aware of his



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Jace (Jamie Campbell Bower) and Clary (Lily Collins) gaze through a bookcase in Screen Gems' fantasy-action "The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones."

estrangement from his onetime closest friend Andy (Nick Frost), becomes hell-bent on trying "The Golden Mile" drinking marathon again. He convinces Andy, Steven (Paddy Considine), Oliver (Martin Freeman), and Peter (Eddie Marsan) to stage an encore, and one Friday afternoon they are all reunited. Gary is in his element: the mandate is one night, five guys, twelve pubs – imbibing at least one pint apiece at each establishment. Arriving in Newton Haven, they re-encounter Oliver's sister Sam (Rosamund Pike), for whom Gary and Steven each still carry a torch.

As the gang attempts along the way to reconcile their past and present, an increasingly insane and dangerous series of encounters with old haunts and acquaintances makes them realize that the real struggle is for the future, not just theirs but humankind's. Reaching The World's End is the least of their worries.

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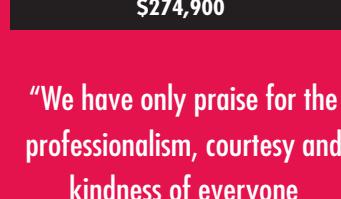
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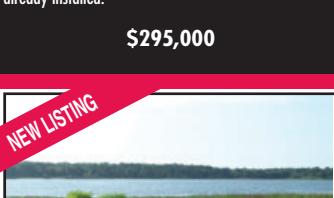
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'You're Next'

Genre: Horror
Cast: Sharni Vinson, AJ Bowen, Nick Tucci, Wendy Glenn, Joe Swanberg, Rob Moran, Barbara Crampton, Margaret Laney, Amy Seimetz, Ti West, Larry Fessenden, Lane Hughes, L.C. Holt, Simon Barrett and Calvin Reeder
Director: Adam Wingard
Rated: R

One of the smartest and most terrifying films in years, "You're Next" reinvents the genre by putting a fresh twist on home-invasion horror. When a gang of masked, ax-wielding murderers descend upon the Davison family reunion, the hapless victims seem trapped ... until an unlikely guest of the family proves to be the most talented killer of all.

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

'Devil's Pass'

Genre: Thriller
Cast: Holly Gross, Matt Stokoe, Luke Albright, Ryan Hawley, Gemma Atkinson and Richard Reid
Director: Renny Harlin
Not rated

Fact: In February of 1959, nine Russian hikers ventured into a remote area of the Ural Mountains in Russia.
Fact: Two weeks later, all nine were found dead.

Fact: What happened to them is a mystery that has baffled investigators and researchers for decades. It has become known as the Dyatlov Pass Incident.

Rumors have attributed their deaths to everything from alien encounters and government conspiracies to supernatural causes. To date, no one has been able to adequately explain what drove nine ex-

perienced hikers from their tents so frantically that they ripped through the material from the inside; or how their bodies came to be exposed to such dangerous amounts of radiation that it was still detected weeks later. And no one knows why they were discovered hundreds of yards from their camp, half dressed and with internal injuries including broken ribs and fractured skulls, but with no external wounds at all. The body of one young woman was even missing her tongue.

Present Day: Five ambitious American college students are issued a grant to return to the site of the original events in the belief that they can uncover and document the truth of what happened at Dyatlov's Pass. But what they find is more shocking than anything they could have imagined. Their trek through the Ural Mountains, retracing the steps of that ill-fated journey, is plagued by strange and increasingly terrifying phenomena, all of which suggest that in spite of their desolate surroundings, they are not alone. The forces behind the Dyatlov Pass Incident have been waiting for them.

The students' recently recovered footage - the only clue to what happened to them - was deemed too disturbing for public eyes. But, like everything else connected to Dyatlov's Pass, the truth has found its way out.

'Drinking Buddies'

Genre: Comedy
Cast: Olivia Wilde, Jake Johnson, Anna Kendrick and Ron Livingston
Director: Joe Swanberg
Rated: R

Kate (Olivia Wilde) and Luke (Jake Johnson) work together at a craft brewery.

They have one of those friendships that feels like it could be something more. But Kate is with Chris (Ron Livingston), and Luke is with Jill (Anna Kendrick). And Jill wants to know if Luke is ready to talk about marriage. The answer to that question becomes crystal clear

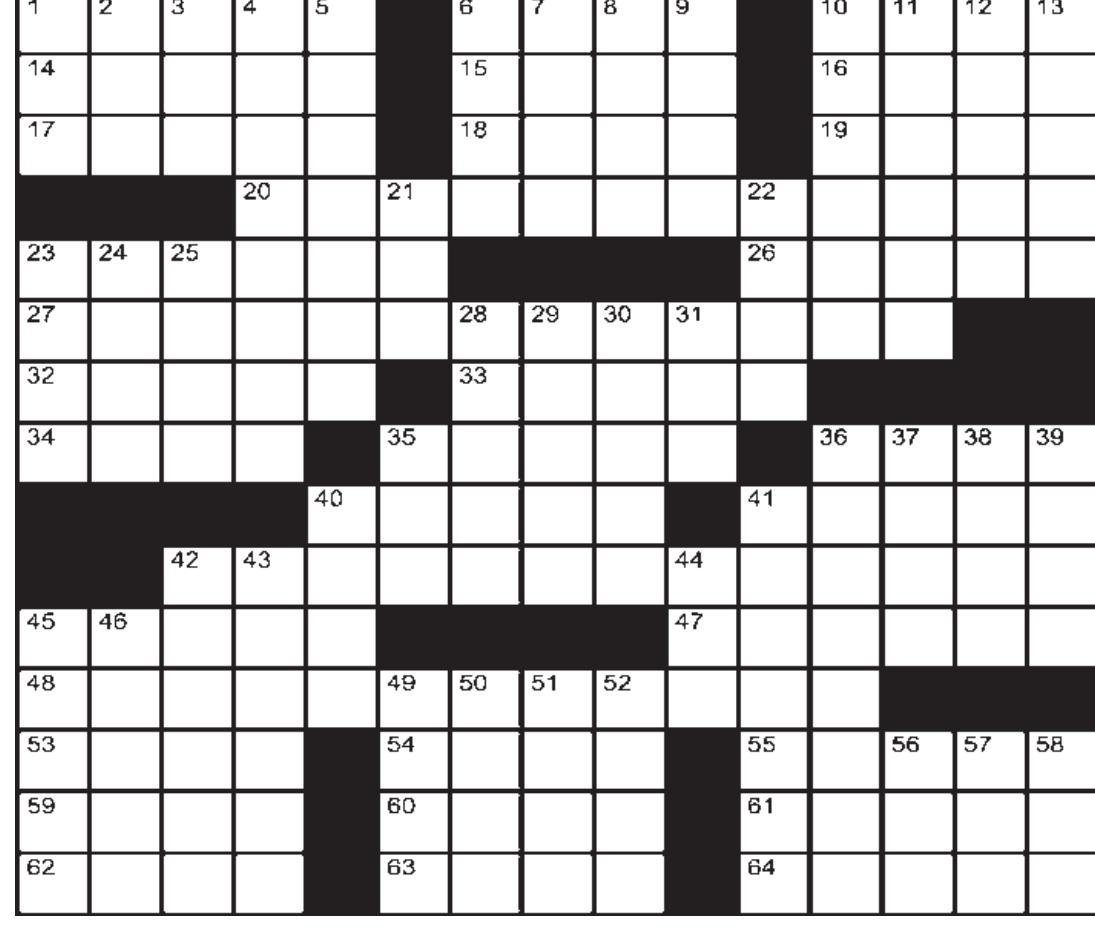


Above, Javier Núñez Florián and Anailín de la Rúa de la Torre star in "Una Noche." Below, Anna Kendrick and Ron Livingston star in "Drinking Buddies," a Magnolia Pictures release.



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Crossword



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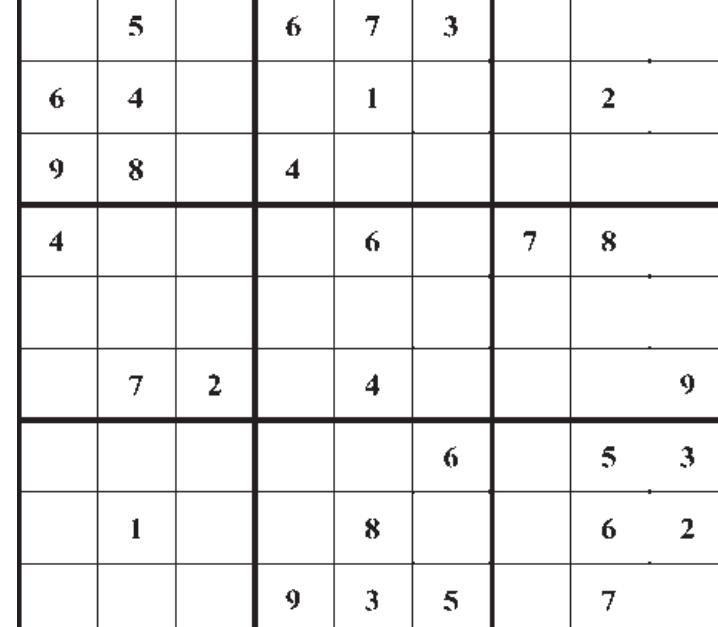
- Refuse
- South African village
- "How ___ Mehta Got Kissed, Got Wild, and Got a Life" (Kaavya Viswanathan novel in the news)
- Before the due date
- Hip bones
- Catch, in a way
- Skin swelling from insect bite
- Not yet final, at law
- "___ and the King of Siam"
- Governments controlled by the wealthy
- Expel from law practice
- Traction aid
- Occupancies
- Fruit drupes, as on blackberries
- Endured
- Caroled
- Lacks, briefly
- Handle roughly
- Blender button
- Mrs. Bush
- From the U.S. to England
- Basket material
- Extreme stupidity
- Having a 3D effect
- Beer buy
- Abstruse
- Care for
- "Tosca" tune
- Bell the cat
- Vineyard fruit
- Cleave
- Coaster
- Calyx part

Down

- Drops on blades
- "Go team!"

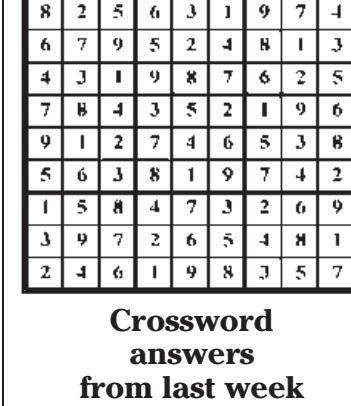
- Bauxite, e.g.
- ___ in the middle (2 wds)
- Course of study outline (pl.)
- Effort
- Assortment
- Reduced instruction set computer (acronym)
- Au ___
- Cassandra, e.g.
- Racehorses
- Breathing problem
- Minimal
- Altdorf is its capital
- Battery contents
- "Buenos ___"
- Ancient Andean
- Climb
- Ivan and Nicholas
- Baffled (2 wds)
- Fair-sized musical group
- Bunk
- Barbarian
- Beauty treatment for nails
- Mercury, for one
- Gout-causing ___ acid
- Delicate
- Reduce, as expenses
- Cargos
- Coordinates (2 wds)
- Look at printed material a second time
- Back talk
- Academy Award
- Gawk
- "What are the ___?"
- Close, as an envelope
- Wrap in a shroud
- Kind of column (hyphenated)
- 50 Cent piece
- Marienbad, for one
- Moray, e.g.

Sudoku

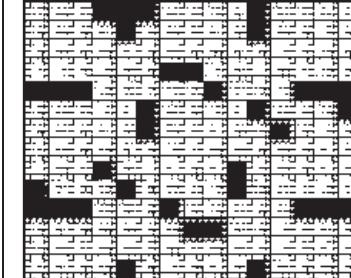


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Sudoku answers from last week



Crossword answers from last week



Horoscopes

August 22, 2013

Capricorn

December 22 - January 19

You've got a take-charge personality, and an authority will look to you to use it on an upcoming project. Do not disappoint them, Capricorn.

Aquarius

January 20 - February 18

Your appetite for information is insatiable. Lucky for you, Aquarius, a coworker whets it considerably. A mission in organization starts with a bang and ends with a whimper.

Pisces

February 19 - March 20

Tiny steps now will lead to big strides later, Pisces, so move with care. Approach the project as a process and learn to delegate at each phase.

Aries

March 21 - April 19

Humility is key to settling a family feud. There is no room at the table for arrogance, so squelch it every chance you get, Aries. A meeting provides finality.

Taurus

April 20 - May 20

Prayers are answered, and life looks rosier than it has in some time. Bask in the moment, Taurus, and take a leap forward. A friend keeps a promise.

Gemini

May 21 - June 21

Whispers are just that—whispers. The truth will come out by week's end. Give it some time to settle in, Gemini. A phone message is returned.

Cancer

June 22 - July 22

A new face is a dead-ringer for someone from your past. Don't be fooled, Cancer. There is no comparison between the two, as you will soon discover.

Leo

July 23 - August 22

Lucky Leo. You've got the magic touch, and the world knows it. Soon you'll have more on your plate than you have time for. Take help where you can get it.

Virgo

August 23 - September 22

Lots of love is on tap this week, Virgo. You're the hit of the party everywhere you go. A faceoff at home inspires you to make a few changes.

Libra

September 23 - October 22

Triumph over tragedy, Libra. Every cloud has a silver lining, even the one hanging over you. You will soon find the good in it and turn it around.

Scorpio

October 23 - November 21

You're tested this week, and you pass with flying colors. Share your insight with a friend who's stumbling, Scorpio. A party invite arrives by mail.

Sagittarius

November 22 - December 21

The scale tips in your favor. Go, Sagittarius, go! A friend down on their luck receives a helping hand. A cleanup task proves more challenging than thought.

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Looking Ahead

Clearwater

• "Men Are Dogs," by Joe Simonelli, through Aug. 25, at West Coast Players Theatre, 21905 U.S. 19 North, Clearwater. Performances will be Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$17. Call 437-2363 or visit www.wcpplayers.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.

• "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.

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.

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

Largo

• "Maybe Baby, It's You," by Charlie Shanian and Shari Simpson; 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 newstage largo.org. "Maybe Baby, It's You" boasts a comedic night about the search for that most elusive of entities, the soul mate. Performed by local talents Chris Jackson and Alison Burns, the production covers ground from the first kiss to the not-so-golden age of marriage. The show promises to be a heart-felt night mixed with high energy as these two actors transform into 26 characters throughout the evening.

• "South Pacific," with book by Oscar Hammerstein II and Joshua Logan, music by Richard Rodgers and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II; presented by Eight O'Clock Theatre, Sept. 6-22, at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive,

Largo. Performances are Thursdays through Saturdays, 8 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25.50 for adults and \$12.50 for children 19 and younger with identification. A city of Largo handling charge of \$3.50 will be added to each ticket. Call 587-6793 or visit largoarts.com. 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 Outta My Hair," "Younger Than Springtime," "Bali Ha'i," "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.

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.

St. Petersburg

• "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 Yasmine 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 and Sunday, 3 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$29 to \$59 depending on the date and time of the performance.

• Stolen Idols, Friday, Aug. 30, 6:30 to 9:30

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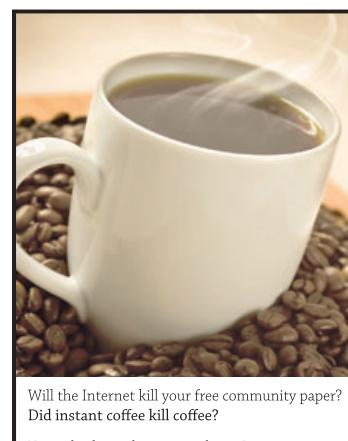
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Music scene

Diana Ross to play Mahaffey; Steely Dan returns to REH; concert series kick off in Dunedin, Seminole

By LEE CLARK ZUMPE

Tampa Bay area venues, both large and small, will welcome a diverse selection of musical artists in the coming weeks.

The **Starlight Concert Series** will kick off on Friday, Sept. 6, at Highlander Park, 903 Michigan Blvd., Dunedin.

The series will feature free music under the stars through September on Fridays, 7 to 9 p.m. Concessions will be available, or attendees may bring a picnic basket, blanket or lawn chair. The lineup for the Starlight Concert Series is as follows:

- Sept. 6 - Fast Lane
- Sept. 13 - Mudflappers
- Sept. 20 - Betty Fox Band
- Sept. 27 - Legendary JC's

For information, call 812-4531.

September also will see the return of a favorite series of outdoor concerts in Seminole.

The city's annual **Music in the Park** series will kick off Friday, Sept. 6, at Seminole City Park, 7464 Ridge Road, Seminole.

The music will run 7 to 9 p.m. Admission is free. Six concerts are planned, including the following in September:

- Sept. 6 - SPAN: An evening with Sinatra and friends
- Sept. 13 - Yesterday
- Sept. 20 - The Troy Duncan Band
- Sept. 27 - Tommy Roxx and Big Deal

For information, visit www.myseminole.com.

Blair Crimmins and the Hookers will perform Saturday, Sept. 14, 7:30 p.m., at the St. Petersburg Coliseum, 535 Fourth Ave. N., St. Petersburg. Tickets are \$20. Call 892-5202 or visit ticketmaster.com.

Crimmins began his current music career in Atlanta, Ga., with a determination to bring ragtime and 1920s style Dixieland jazz to new audiences. What he created was a sound that is at once modern while being deeply rooted in the past. Crimmins is touring to support his forthcoming album "Sing-a-Longs," set for release Sept. 10. The Hookers will be playing in the enormous ballroom of the St. Petersburg Coliseum to benefit the UPARC Foundation of Clearwater.

For information, visit www.stpete.org/coliseum.

The sixth annual **Tangerine Blues Fest** will take place Saturday, Sept. 28, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., on the Tangerine Greenway at 49th Street and 18th Avenue South in Gulfport.

This free event will bring to the stage an impressive lineup of performers. The first part of the festival will feature bluegrass artists. Be-



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Right, Maroon 5 performs Sept. 13 at the Mid Florida Credit Union Amphitheatre at the Florida State Fairgrounds. Below left, Depeche Mode brings its tour to Mid Florida Credit Union Amphitheatre at the Florida State Fairgrounds on Sept. 14. Below right, Diana Ross performs Sept. 10 at The Mahaffey Theater.

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ginning at 4 p.m., the blues bands will take over. Following is a summary of this year's scheduled acts:

- Boilin' Oil - 10 a.m.
- Sycamore Shade - noon
- The Blue Grass Sound Band - 2 p.m.
- Charlie Morris - 4 p.m.
- Lauren Mitchell Band - 5:30 p.m.
- TC Carr - 7 p.m.
- Selwyn Birchwood - 8:30 p.m.

The festival also will include an arts and craft show as well as food and beverage vendors. For information, visit www.tangerinebluesfest.com.

Following is a list of other music scene events in the coming weeks:

Hard Rock Café Tampa

- Eddie Money, Sunday, Sept. 1, 9 p.m.
 - Blues Traveler, Thursday, Sept. 26, 8:30 p.m.
- Hard Rock Café Tampa is at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, 5223 N. Orient Road, Tampa. Call 800-745-3000.

Jannus Live

- Blue October, Friday, Sept. 6, 7:30 p.m.
 - Rancid, Saturday, Sept. 7, 6:30 p.m.
 - Pepper, Wednesday, Sept. 11, 8 p.m.
 - Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros, Thursday, Sept. 12, 8 p.m.
 - Rebelution, Thursday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m.
- Jannus Live is at 16 Second St. N., St. Petersburg. Call 565-0550 or visit www.jannuslive.com.

The Local 662

- Icon for Hire, Thursday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m.
 - Iamdynamite, Thursday, Sept. 26, 7 p.m.
- The Local 662 is at 662 Central Ave., St. Petersburg. Call 258-4829.

The Mahaffey

- Diana Ross, Tuesday, Sept. 10, 7:30 p.m.
 - Engelbert Humperdinck, Wednesday, Sept. 11, 7 p.m.
 - Pet Shop Boys, Friday, Sept. 13, 8 p.m.
 - Loretta Lynn, Saturday, Sept. 14, 8 p.m.
 - Maze featuring Frankie Beverly, Friday, Sept. 27, 8 p.m.
- The Mahaffey is at 400 First St. S., St. Petersburg. Call 892-5767 or visit www.themahaffey.com.

Mid Florida Credit Union Amphitheatre at the Florida State Fairgrounds

- Jason Aldean, Friday, Sept. 6, 7:30 p.m.
 - John Mayer, Saturday, Sept. 7, 7:30 p.m.
 - Maroon 5, Friday, Sept. 13, 7 p.m.
 - Depeche Mode, Saturday, Sept. 14, 7:30 p.m.
 - Kid Rock, Sunday, Sept. 15, 6:45 p.m.
 - Miranda Lambert, Friday, Sept. 20, 7 p.m.
- The Amphitheatre is at 4802 U.S. 301 N., Tampa. Call 813-740-2446 or visit www.livenation.com.

The Palladium at St. Petersburg College

- Billy Cobham, Friday, Sept. 20, 8 p.m.
- The Palladium at St. Petersburg College is at 253 Fifth Ave. N., St. Petersburg. Call 822-3590 or visit www.mypalladium.org.

The Ritz Ybor

- Zedd, Saturday, Sept. 7, 9 p.m.
 - Thomas Gold, Wednesday, Sept. 18, 10 p.m.
 - Gramatik, Wednesday, Sept. 25, 9 p.m.
- The Ritz Ybor is at 1503 E. Seventh Ave., Tampa. Call 813-247-2518.

Ruth Eckerd Hall

- Joe Satriani, Wednesday, Sept. 11, 8 p.m.
 - Rick Springfield, Friday, Sept. 13, 8 p.m.
 - Steely Dan, Saturday, Sept. 14, 8 p.m.
 - Classical Albums Live - Zepp II, Thursday, Sept. 19, 8 p.m.
 - Brian Wilson with Jeff Beck, Saturday, Sept. 28, 8 p.m.
- Ruth Eckerd Hall is at 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Call 791-7400 or visit www.rutheckerdhall.com.

Skipper's Smokehouse

- Come Back Alice, Friday, Sept. 6, 8 p.m.
 - Gumbo Boogie Band, Sunday, Sept. 8, 5 p.m.
 - Coo Coo Ca Choo, Friday, Sept. 13, 8 p.m.
 - Del McCoury and the TPA Collective, Saturday, Sept. 14, 7 p.m.
 - Ana Popovic Band, Sunday, Sept. 15, 5 p.m.
 - The Haggis, Friday, Sept. 27, 8 p.m.
- Skipper's Smokehouse is at 910 Skipper Road, Tampa. Call 813-971-0666 or visit www.skipperssmokehouse.com.

State Theatre

- Goodie Mob, Saturday, Sept. 7, 8 p.m.
 - Geto Boys, Saturday, Sept. 21, 8 p.m.
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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 non-members. 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 www.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 www.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 Improbables. 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, "SongVersation," 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." "SongVersation" 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.

• **Cristian Castro**, Wednesday, Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m., at The Mahaffey Theater, 400 First St. S., St. Petersburg. Tickets start at \$29. Call 893-7832 or visit www.themahaffey.com. Castro, a perennial chart presence since the early '90s, is a Grammy Award nominated Mexican pop star and sex symbol. The son of renowned actress and singer Veronica Castro and comedian Manual Valdes, Castro started as a child actor appearing alongside his mother on the telenovela "El Derecho de Nacer." He branched out with the release of his first album, "Agua Nueva," in 1992. His music career was launched a year later with the song, "Nunca Voy a Olvidarte" ("I Will Never Forget You") which became a No. 1 hit on the Hot Latin Tracks chart. Touring catapulted him into the limelight. Castro was nominated for Pop New Artist of the Year at the Lo Nuestro Awards (best of Latin music) in 1993 and Male Pop Artist of the Year in 1993. His biggest hit to date is "Amor Eterno," a Hot Latin Tracks topper that cracked the Billboard Hot 100 climbing all the way to No. 78 despite its Spanish-language vocals. He continues to record romantic

love ballads in Spanish. Earlier this year Castro released a live album, "Primera Fila," that features well-known favorites and original songs.

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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 www.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."

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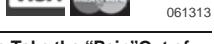
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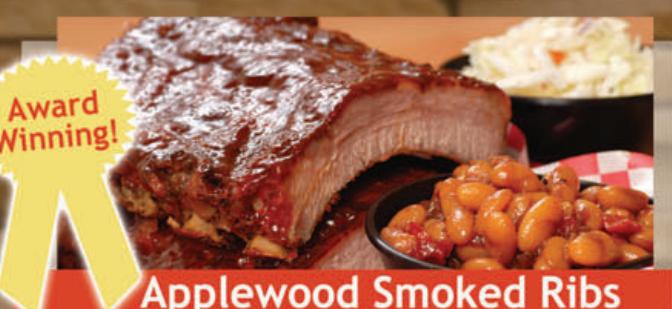
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