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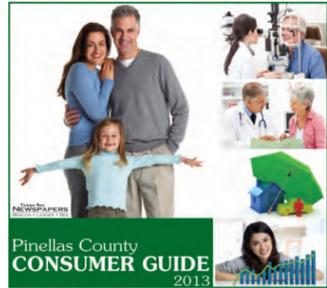


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New country fair to host fundraiser

Country fairs have been in Marjorie Hynish's blood since she was a little girl. Hynish, 83, of St. Petersburg went to her first county fair in 1935, when she was just 5 years old, and it changed her life forever. "My mother said when she walked out of there with me she knew I took that fair home with me," Hynish said. ... Page 6A.

SEMINOLE

Wrestling star opens academy

Wrestling star Big Vito LoGrasso is bringing a taste of the ring to Clearwater with his new wrestling academy. LoGrasso will celebrate the grand opening of Big Vito's Wrestling Academy at Sports Club 24, 2147 Pine Forest Drive, Saturday, Aug. 31, starting at 1 p.m. "It's another stepping stone in my legacy," he said. ... Page 14A.

COUNTY

Heritage Village collection donations

It may be the end of August but at Heritage Village thoughts are already turning to October, when the 35th annual Country Jubilee brings a celebration of autumn to Pinellas County with artisans, musicians, demonstrations and much more. ... Page 17A.

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Music in the Park

Seminole's annual concert series at City Park set to start Sept. 6 with SPAN

By LEE CLARK ZUMPE

SEMINOLE – The city's 17th annual Music in the Park series will swing into action Friday, Sept. 6, 7 p.m., at Seminole City Park, 7464 Ridge Road.

Kicking off this year's lineup, Waste Management of Pinellas will sponsor the local musical ensemble SPAN playing the music of Sinatra and friends.

SPAN is a ministry of Connect2Christ Church, which hosts worship services Sundays at 9:45 a.m., in the Freedom Square auditorium in Seminole. SPAN is an acronym for Singing, Praising, Acting, Nurturing. According to the Connect2Christ website, the

musical ministry team features 18 musicians and singers.

At Music in the Park, SPAN will be performing a selection of hits made famous by Ol' Blue Eyes himself, Frank Sinatra – along with tunes by some of Sinatra's closest musical friends.

The two-hour concert is the first of six on consecutive Friday nights at the park. Performances run 7 to 9 p.m. Following is a list of other scheduled performances:

- Sept. 13 – Yesterdayze
- Sept. 20 – Troy Duncan
- Sept. 27 – Tommy Roxx and the Big Deal

- Oct. 4 – The Sounds of Soul
- Oct. 11 – The Rocket Man Show.

Admission is free to all performances. Parking, also free, is available in the park and in a larger lot west of the park between Old Oakhurst Road and the Pinellas Trail. Attendees are invited to bring chairs and blankets. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

Once again, the city has selected a diverse group of entertainers, each act fluent in a distinctive musical style. The event usually attracts the interest of dozens

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SPC, City celebrate 10 years of joint-use library services



Photos by TIFFANY RAZZANO

Above, from left, Dr. James Olliver, provost, St. Pete College Seminole Campus; Dr. William D. Law, Jr., president, SPC; Mayor Leslie Waters; Dottie Reeder, past mayor of Seminole; and Dennis L. Jones, past Florida Senator pose behind a bench dedicated to the Seminole Community Library by the Friends of the Seminole Library. Top right, Jones addresses those gathered to commemorate 10 years of joint-use services between the library and the college on Aug. 22. Bottom right, Waters introduces speakers at the commemorative event at the library.

By TIFFANY RAZZANO

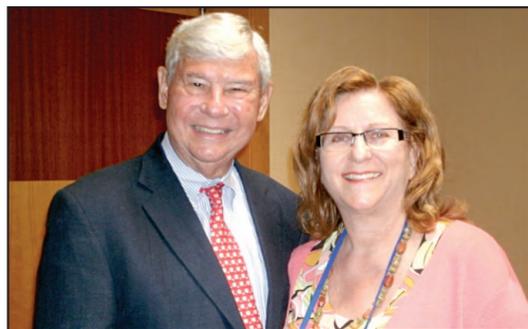
SEMINOLE – St. Petersburg College and the City of Seminole commemorated 10 years of joint-use library services on Aug. 22.

Many local leaders were on hand for the ceremony, including Mayor Leslie Waters; Dr. William D. Law, Jr., president, SPC; Dennis L. Jones, past Florida Senator; Dr. James Olliver, provost, SPC Seminole Campus; and

Dottie Reeder, past mayor of Seminole. Also in attendance were Michael Bryan, library director; Jean Cowan, president, Friends of the Seminole Library and Joseph Leopold; director of Learning Resources at SPC.

Utilizing funding from the city, the college and the state, the Dennis L. Jones Seminole Community Library at SPC, 9200 113th St., opened on Aug. 10, 2003.

See LIBRARY, page 4A



Former Senator and Governor Bob Graham with Seminole City Councilor Patricia Plantamura at the Florida League of Cities Conference held in Orlando Aug. 15 - 17.

City Council attends annual FLC conference

ORLANDO – Seminole City Councilors attended the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference in Orlando, Aug. 15-17.

Vice Mayor Thomas Barnhorn, Councilors Bob Matthews, Patricia Plantamura, and James Quinn, and Mayor Leslie Waters participated in educational workshops and sessions on city govern-



Mayor Leslie Waters was elected to the Florida League of Mayors Board of Directors.

nance at the World Center Marriott. The FLC advocates in Tallahassee for the concerns of member cities.

Approximately 1,000 officials from across Florida gathered to share ideas, discuss strategies for the state's future, and determine League policies. Topics included growth management and economic development, transportation, intergovernmental relations, ethics, and health care. Seminole's Vice Mayor Barnhorn moderated a discussion of Council-Manager Relations. Karl Nurse of the City

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Photo by BRAD DYKENS

Seminole Fire Rescue District Chief Chris Hengstenberg and Fire Lt. Frank Vento inspect damage to Tran's Mini Mart located at 5050 Seminole Blvd. on Aug. 22.

Building damaged after hit by car

SEMINOLE – Seminole Fire Rescue responded to the site of a single-vehicle crash Aug. 22 on Seminole Boulevard.

The crash occurred when Kelli Kupfer of Largo was forced off the road by an unidentified vehicle moving northbound on Seminole Boulevard, according to Brad Dykens, public education officer for Seminole Fire Rescue.

Kupfer refused medical care at the scene. Kupfer's vehicle crashed into the Tran's Mini Mart, 5050 Seminole Blvd. No one inside of the structure was injured. Building officials from the city of Seminole responded to the scene to assess structural damage to the building and Pinellas County Sheriff's deputies were investigating.

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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

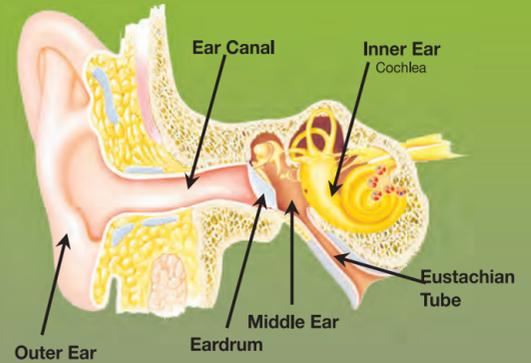
At the entrance to the middle ear, sound waves hit the eardrum. A damaged eardrum can not only be painful, but it can muffle natural sounds and make it extremely difficult to hear clearly. If you're experiencing hearing loss, it's important to find out if it is a correctable condition involving the middle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



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Why Do People Delay Addressing Hearing Loss?

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

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.

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Around Seminole

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. 28, and Sept. 11 and 18, 6 to 8 p.m., and Saturdays, Sept. 7, 11, at 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.tt.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. 28, 6 to 8 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

Cross Bayou Little League announces registration

SEMINOLE – Registration for Cross Bayou Little League's fall season will take place Wednesday, Aug. 28, 6 to 8 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 31, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Thursday, Sept. 5, 6 to 8 p.m., at 10150 98th St. N.

Registration is open to boys and girls ages 4 through 16. All skill levels are open.

Cost is \$40 per player. Call 397-1894 or visit www.crossbayouLL.com for more information.

Seminole Shooting Stars Soccer to hold registration

SEMINOLE – Seminole Shooting Stars Soccer will hold registration on Wednesday, Aug. 28, 6 to 8 p.m., at the Holland G. Mangum Recreation Complex, 9100 113th St. N.

Registration is for children ages 4 through 18. A Seminole rec card is required.

Fees are \$100 for U6 teams and \$110 for U8 through U19 teams. Fees include uniforms, tournaments and more.

The season begins Sept. 30 and runs through February. Visit www.shootingstarsoccer.com, email seminoleshootingstars@gmail.com or call 342-0762 for more information.

Seminole Little League registration dates set

SEMINOLE – Seminole Little League is holding registration for baseball and softball, for ages 5 to 17, at 12100 90th Ave. Players can register Thursdays, Aug. 29, and Sept. 5, 12 and 19, 6 to 8 p.m., as well as Saturdays, Sept. 7 and 21, 10 a.m. to noon.

The cost to play is \$60 and for players who didn't play in the spring, the cost is \$110. The fee includes cap and jersey.

For further information, email at jdekorte@aol.com.

Author to speak at library

SEMINOLE – Lisa Hein, of "Manifesting God's Love in Your Family," will hold a talk/book signing at Seminole Public Library, 9200 113th St., on Thursday, Sept. 5, 1 p.m. Contact Hein at 434-0155 for

more information.

City canned food collection set

SEMINOLE – The 5th annual Seminole Citywide Canned Food Drive begins Friday, Sept. 6 at the first concert in the Music in the Park series at City Park, 7464 Ridge Rd.

Citizens are encouraged to bring canned food items to the free concerts, which take place Fridays Sept. 6, 13, 20 and 27 and Oct. 4 and 11.

Other drop-off locations include Seminole City Hall, 9199 113th St. N.; the Seminole Chamber of Commerce, 7985 113th St. N.; and the Holland G. Mangum Recreation Complex, 9100 113th St. N.

Food will be collected through Oct. 11. Call Mayor Leslie Waters at 391-0204 ext. 102 or Sarah at the Recreation Center, 391-8345, ext. 306, for more information.

Rotary Club to host Brewfest

SEMINOLE – The Rotary Club of Seminole will host a Brewfest on Saturday, Sept. 14, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Seminole City Prk, 7464 Ridge Rd.

There will be 12 craft brews on tap, food vendors, music and more.

Advance tickets are \$20 and include admission, entertainment and 18 food and drink tickets. Tickets sold the day of the event are \$5 and only include admission.

Call 641-6773 for tickets and more information.

Seminole Recreation Division to offer new art programs

SEMINOLE – The Seminole Recreation Division begins offering new art programs at the Holland G. Mangum Recreation Complex, 9100 113th St. N. in September.

Painted Pottery, a ceramic painting class for all ages, is available Mondays from 6 to 8 p.m. and begins Sept. 16.

Pin With Us uses ideas from the Internet to create fashionable do-it-yourself crafts on Wednesday evenings, 7 to 8 p.m. This program is suitable for ages 13 and older and begins Sept. 18.

Art 4 Kids is a six-week session that stimulates creativity through various arts and crafts projects. This program is suitable for ages 6 to 12 and begins Wednesday, Sept. 18, 6 p.m.

Lil Picassos is a six-week toddler art program that runs simultaneously with Art 4 Kids. Acrylic painting, drawing, photography and scrapbooking classes also are available.

Call the Seminole Recreation Division at 391-8345 or view the Playzone brochure at www.myseminole.com.

SPC's Village Square to host dinner forum on immigration

SEMINOLE – Immigration reform, one of today's most hotly debated issues, will be the focus of a forum at St. Petersburg College's Conference Center at the Seminole campus, 9200 113th St. N., on Thursday, Sept. 19, 6 to 8:15 p.m.

The forum, "Immigration: Is the melting pot boiling over?", will kick off the fall season of The Village Square dinner series sponsored by SPC's Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions.

The panel includes Tim Curtis, chairman, Tampa 912 Project; Edwin Enciso, director, Campaign for Immigration Reform Now; and Tara Newsom, associate professor, social and behavioral sciences, SPC. Rob Lorei, news and public affairs director at WMNF, and host of "Florida This Week" on WEDU TV will moderate it.

Reservations are required by Sept. 13. To register,

visit www.spcollege.edu/survey/13844

Spirit Night fundraiser for SHS football set

SEMINOLE – The Seminole High School Warhawks football team will hold a Spirit Night fundraiser at Dairy Queen Grill and Chill, 10820 Park Blvd., on Friday, Sept. 27 and Tuesday, Oct. 8, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Twenty percent of all proceeds from purchases made during this time period will benefit the football team.

Email falle30@hotmail.com for more information.

Recycling and sustainability group to meet

SEMINOLE – The Seminole Discussion Group on Recycling & Sustainability will meet Monday, Oct. 7, 10 a.m. to noon, at the Seminole Community Library Program Room, 9200 113th St.

For more information, email queenofrecycle@hotmail.com.

Aqua Zumba classes held weekly

SEMINOLE – Aqua Zumba classes are held weekly on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 to 10 a.m., at the Holland G. Mangum Recreation Complex Aquatic Center, 9100 113th St. N.

Aqua Zumba is a Latin-inspired, easy-to-follow, low-impact water-based workout that's cardio-conditioning, body toning and calorie burning.

Those interested in taking the class do not need to be members of the rec center.

Cost for a drop-in class is \$7 for members and \$10.50 for nonmembers. A 10-visit punch pass is \$65 and comes with one free class; a 20-visit punch pass is \$120 and comes with two free classes.

For more information, call 397-6085 or email zum

badownwithmarybrown@gmail.com.

Kiwanis Breakfast Club meets Tuesday mornings

SEMINOLE – The Kiwanis Breakfast Club of Seminole meets Tuesdays at 7:15 a.m. in the third floor card room at Lake Seminole Square, 8333 Seminole Blvd.

On the second, third and fourth Tuesdays of the month, the group features speakers from different organizations.

Visit kiwaniseminolebreakfast.com or call 319-8343 for more information.

High schools seek mentors

SEMINOLE – Osceola Fundamental High School and Seminole High School are in need of mentors for students.

Training will be provided by Pinellas County Schools.

A goal of a mentor is to guide, support and empower students as they begin to understand how goals, interests, values, and experiences affect academic success.

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

Chess Club meets weekly

SEMINOLE – The Seminole Chess Club meets Wednesdays, 6 to 9 p.m., at the Seminole Community Library, 9200 113th St. N.

Everyone is welcome, though they should know the basics of how to play. Chess sets will be provided and there is no charge to play.

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Arbor Oaks Assisted Living
Thursday, September 5, 2013 at 2 pm
1701 68th Street North, St. Petersburg
(Near Tyrone Mall behind Chili's)

Largo Library
Friday, September 6, 2013 at 2 pm
120 Central Park Drive, Largo
(Just across from The Largo Cultural Arts Center)

Seminole Library
Monday, September 9, 2013 at 2 pm
9200 113th Street North, Seminole
(St. Petersburg College Seminole Campus))

Bruton Memorial Library
Friday, September 13, 2013 at 2 pm
302 W. McLendon Street, Plant City, FL 33563
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South Shore Regional Library
Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at 2 pm
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Here and There

Elks to host Patriot Day celebration

LARGO – The Largo Elks, Lodge No. 2159, invite Pinellas County residents to a Patriot Day celebration Wednesday, Sept. 11, at the lodge, 810 16th Ave. SE. The event will begin at 10 a.m. with coffee and cake, with a ceremony at 11 a.m. For more information, contact Debbie Farris, exalt-ed ruler, at 480-5902 or dfarris4@tampabay.rr.com.

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 Scott 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.

Club hosts train show

LARGO – The Suncoast Model Railroad Club will host a train show Sept. 7 and 8, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Minnreg Hall, 6340 126th Ave. N.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$1 for children; those 11 and younger are free. Food and snacks will be available. The show will feature more than 90 tables of train items in all scales.

During the show, the club will host free open house at 12355 62nd St. N. View a HO-scale railway, currently under construction.

For more information about the show and joining the club, visit www.suncoastmrrc.com.

Rotary donates to Big Brothers Big Sisters

DUNEDIN – The Dunedin North Rotary Club presented a \$3,000 check to Big Brothers Big Sisters

of Pinellas County recently, which will help serve children in the Dunedin area.

Bigs and Littles are matched based on location, personalities and preferences and are provided with professional support so the matches can grow into lasting, impactful friendships.

As of August 2013, there are 194 kids waiting to be matched with a mentor in Pinellas, Citrus and Hernando counties. On average, it costs about \$1,200 to make and professionally support one match per year. The money the Dunedin Rotary North Club provided will help recruit new Big Brother Big Sister volunteers, cover the costs of level-2 background screenings and insurance, offer one-on-one supervision and professional support for each match, and provide online interactive training designed to guide Bigs through their role as a mentor.

CLP to host seminar

ST. PETERSBURG – Community Law Program Inc., a local nonprofit legal services organization, will host a free seminar on Tuesday, Sept. 17, 5 p.m., at the Enoch Davis Recreation Center, 1111 18th Ave. S.

The seminar is designed to educate the general public about tenants' rights and responsibilities. Renters are often taken advantage of by landlords who do not maintain their properties and unlawfully threaten eviction. Also, in today's economy, many landlords are facing foreclosure on properties where tenants are currently residing.

Community Law Program has coordinated a team of volunteer attorneys to inform and educate the general public about their obligations and rights as tenants.

This event also will include information on how to respond to notices of evictions, the options available to tenants facing eviction, and what to do if a landlord is in foreclosure.

Additionally, participants will be able to speak with attorneys one-on-one about their concerns. Space is limited. To register, call 582-7480.

Volunteers needed for Clothes to Kids

ST. PETERSBURG – Volunteers are needed at Clothes to Kids at 3251 Third Ave. N., Suite 145, St. Petersburg every Friday morning and the second and fourth Saturday of each month, 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to help with shopping.

CTK is a nonprofit organization that provides free clothing to low-income school-age children in Pinellas County.

Call 327-7100 or visit www.clothestokids.org.

An unusual rescue



Photo by BRAD DYKENS

On Aug. 22, Seminole Fire and Rescue crews trained for a very unusual rescue. Responders practiced removing injured individuals from the "pit," a foam-laden hole in the floor, at Lafluers Gymnastics in Seminole. Gymnasts use the pit to cushion their falls during risky routines. Pictured is a team of firefighters practicing on one of their own. Firefighter EMT Elizabeth Bromley plays the part of an injured gymnast with a spine injury. Rescuers Firemedic Michael Nolletti, Lt. Jeff McManigal, Firemedic Nick Bean and Firefighter EMT John Gross placed Bromley on a long spine board while focusing on teamwork.

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of St. Petersburg chaired a discussion of Energy and Environmental Quality. Councilman Rick Butler, City of Pinellas Park, was a speaker at the Homelessness in Florida panel.

Mayor Waters, a member of the Pinellas County Mayors Council, was elected to the Florida League of Mayors Board of Directors at the conference.

The Florida League of Mayors, a statewide, nonprofit organization, was founded in November 2005. The purpose of the league is to provide educational outreach on civic, community, municipal and government issues, and to provide policy guidance to state and national leaders.

"I am very proud to now be part of a powerful voice that serves the 410 cities across the state of Florida," said Mayor Waters.

The Florida League of Mayors Board of Directors has 21 members, and includes mayors from cities of all sizes from various geographical regions of the state.

Senator Bill Nelson, Governor Rick Scott, and former Senator and Governor of Florida Bob Graham made appearances. Keynote speakers included James H. Johnson, Jr., expert on demographic changes and impacts, and Erik Qualman, author of "Socialnomics." Franklin Deese, a rehabilitated ex-felon who rose to become a mayor, spoke at the Presidents' luncheon.

Barnhorn campaigned for election as second vice president of the FLC, but was unsuccessful in his bid. Had Barnhorn won the seat, he would have been in line for promotion to league president in two years, as was former Seminole Mayor Dottie Reeder, who served as president in 2000-2001.

'Dolphin Tale' sequel coming

By LESTER R. DAILEY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The \$5 million will be given to CMA with the stipulation that it only be used for the production of a Dolphin Tale sequel. Warner Brothers affiliate Alcon Entertainment, which produced the original movie, will also produce the sequel.

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At the time, there weren't many models of library partnerships to base the library on, so SPC and the city held extensive public workshops. Today, the Seminole Community Library is considered a trailblazer and looked at as a model not just throughout the country, but internationally.

"Today, nobody would think of building a college library without consulting the city," Law said.

Waters lauded the library for taking on many roles in the community: classroom, office, den, newsstand, community



Photos by TIFFANY RAZZANO

Top right, Dr. William D. Law Jr., president of St. Petersburg College, addresses the crowd at the Aug. 22 ceremony celebrating the 10th anniversary of joint-use library services between the college and the City of Seminole. Bottom right, from left, Joe Leopold, director of Learning Resources at SPC; Dr. James Olliver, provost at SPC's Seminole campus; and Michael Bryan, library director.



MUSIC IN THE PARK, from page 1A

of local and regional musical performers, each vying for a headlining spot at the free concert series. This year's lineup represents a wide variety of musical genres.

The second band scheduled to perform, Yesterdayze, will take attendees on a magic carpet ride back to the 1960s. Yesterdayze will perform Sept. 13.

Yesterdayze plays a selection of Top 40 hits from 1960 through 1969 – everything from The Beatles and The Rolling Stones to Jimi Hendrix and Steppenwolf.

According to Alex Kinlaw, Yesterdayze was created in 2007 by a group of like-minded professional musicians who wanted to celebrate the incredible genius of the songwriters and performing artists of that tumultuous time period. Kinlaw, a founding member, had come up with the name Yesterdayze during the early 1990s while performing with his wife, MaryLu, who fronts the band. It resonated with this group, and Yesterdayze was born.

"The music from the decade that was the '60s impacted society like no other before or since," said Kinlaw in an email. "It remains in play today from radio to television advertising, and has never come and gone like so many other trends in modern music. It has certainly had a lasting influence on all of us – the musicians who lived it, and loved it ... and still do."

Yesterdayze, in the Tampa Bay area, plays fairs and festivals all over North America, having most recently returned from a mini-tour of Nebraska and Montana.

Some local fans who live in the Seminole area asked why the band hadn't played the Music in the Park series.

"We thought that was a good question," Kinlaw said. "So we looked into it, and the folks in charge thought we were a good fit. So here we are!"

The outdoor setting at Seminole City Park suits Yesterdayze perfectly.

"Probably the best thing about playing outdoor festivals is the closeness and intimacy with the fans," Kinlaw explained. "Every show can be a miniature Woodstock experience."

Following SPAN's salute to Sinatra and the '60s revival performed by Yesterdayze, the Music in the Park series will continue with Troy Duncan playing American country on Sept. 20, Tommy Roxx and the Big Deal serving up Southern rock on Sept. 27, The Sounds of Soul reliving the hits of Motown on Oct. 4 and Rus Anderson paying

tribute to Elton John in his Rocket Man Show on Oct. 11.

Anderson takes the final slot in this year's Music in the Park lineup – and the show is sure to be a must-see event for area Elton John enthusiasts. The Rocket Man Show is an exact re-enactment of a young Elton John concert, featuring replica costumes, 100 percent live instrumentation and a grand piano. Anderson has spent years perfecting his playing, vocals and mannerisms to deliver a compelling and energetic tribute, one that has been endorsed by the official Elton John Fan Club.

Anderson is originally from Scotland. He has lived in Clearwater for about 10 years.

"I attended SPC Seminole campus," Anderson said in an email interview. "So I have a lot of friends in Seminole. As a full time Elton John tribute, most of my shows are out of town – often out of state, so when I was approached by a local agent about performing a summer concert series here in Seminole with my band I was super excited. It's not too often I get to play to a home crowd!"

Anderson's show features a solid catalogue of Elton John's greatest hits, from the touching ballads to the blazing rock anthems. At every performance, he strives to give the audience a memorable night filled with nostalgia, singing, laughing and participation. He's particularly looking forward to performing at Music in the Park.

"The atmosphere at the band shell in the park here in Seminole is electric," Anderson said. "The backdrop is beautiful with all the trees and the lake, but most of all, there is a family-friendly, exciting energy when an event is taking place there."

Anderson has attended several events at Seminole City Park as an audience member, but this will be his first time on the performing end.

"It doesn't get much better than playing an open air stage at sunset to a rocking outdoor audience!"

In addition to the city of Seminole and Waste Management of Pinellas, other presenting sponsors include the Rotary Club of Seminole Lake, DeLoach and Hofstra PA, Seminole Title Company, Keller Williams Realty Gulf Coast, Dr. Sandra Lilo and Barnhorn Financial. Event sponsors include Humana Marketpoint, Oakhurst Medical Center, Seminole Historical Society, First Home Bank, Greater Seminole Area Chamber of Commerce, Rita's Italian Ices, Sapphire Signs, Seminole Beacon, Seminole Firefighters Local 2896, Suncoast Chrysler Jeep Dodge and Yoga4All.

For information, visit www.nysemnole.com.



Photos courtesy of the artists

Above, Yesterdayze is the second act in this year's Music in the Park concert series, taking the stage Sept. 13 at Seminole City Park. Below, closing out this year's Music in the Park series is the Rocket Man Show, an energetic Elton John tribute led by Rus Anderson of Clearwater.



Mom advocates children playing music at young age

In the past few months, both of my girls started playing musical instruments.

My oldest daughter Randi, who is almost 9 years old, plays piano and my youngest daughter



Mom 2 Mom
Kadi Hendricks Tubbs

I had a similar experience with Graci about a month before when she had her first concert after only playing guitar for a few weeks. Because she was so new at playing guitar her teacher just had her sing the song while

he played. Vocals are part of her lessons; I think that's why she loves guitar so much, because she loves to sing. We heard Taylor Swift's songs "White Horse" and "Never Grow Up" more times than we wanted to, but at least she was practicing.

Her concert was at a local restaurant and there were quite a few people there too. When her teacher called her up to sing, she got up and sang her little heart out. She had no fear whatsoever. I was shocked that she wasn't nervous at all. I guess all those modeling and etiquette

classes she's been taking since she was 3 are paying off.

After she got done she said how much she loved singing in front of people. In a few weeks, she has another concert in which she will be playing the guitar and singing.

My kids take private lessons because their school doesn't offer guitar or piano, but I do know there are public elementary and middle schools that offer guitar, piano and band classes. I know most high schools offer band. If your child has the chance to play an instrument, encourage them to do so. It is such a wonderful gift, and it will benefit your child throughout their life. Remember, getting them involved when they are younger may make it easier for them to learn.

Kadi Hendricks Tubbs, mother of two girls ages 7 and 8, lives in Seminole. Visit her blog at Mom2MomFamilyFun.blog spot.com.

Fun at Largo park



With a little help from his grandmother, Maria Vanderham of Seminole, Jordan Steijger, 3, also of Seminole gets his kite aloft at Largo Central Park.

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I know that for a fact because I am trying to learn guitar with my daughter. At her lesson and while she is strumming away, I just can't seem to get the chords.

Recently Randi had her first piano recital. She had to play two pieces of music. The first piece she had to memorize and the second piece was a duet with her teacher. Randi was a little nervous since this was her first time playing in front of a group. The recital was held inside a chapel, and it was full with excited parents, grandparents, siblings and friends. There were about 10 other students who played. Their musical abilities ranged from beginner to intermediate.

All of them did a fantastic job. While I was watching these young students play, I could only imagine how beneficial this performance was for them. It was such a great experience for my daughter and for the other students. It built their confidence and their self-esteem. After the recital my daughter asked her teacher when the next recital would be because she had enjoyed this one so much.

I know the parents enjoyed it too. I was watching their faces as their kids were performing, some taking photos and videos. I know I was proud of my daughter, and I could tell that the other parents were proud of their children too.

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New Pinellas Country Fair hosts fundraiser

By TIFFANY RAZZANO

PINELLAS PARK – Country fairs have been in Marjorie Hynish's blood since she was a little girl.

Hynish, 83, of St. Petersburg went to her first county fair in 1935, when she was just 5 years old, and it changed her life forever.

"My mother said when she walked out of there with me she knew I took that fair home with me," Hynish said.

From that point on, she was involved with the fair in some way each year, whether submitting to its various competitions or working at the fair in some capacity. And for the past 30 years, she served on the board of the Pinellas County Fair.

Now Hynish is the driving force behind the brand-new Greater Pinellas Country Fair, which will take place March 19-23, 2014 at England Brothers Park, 5010 81st Ave. N. The idea is to create a "true local country fair," she said.

The fledgling organization will hold its first fundraiser, a sock hop featuring music of the 1950s and 1960s, on Friday, Aug. 30, 7 to 11 p.m., at the Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center, 4951 78th Ave. N. Tampa Bay's The Impacts will perform, re-creating the classic feel of Dick Clark's Great American Bandstand. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.

The organization is also seeking support in other areas, from local talent to perform to volunteers for administrative work in the office Park Station to physically setting up and breaking down the fair to local businesses to sponsor the event.

Submissions for most competitions, which include arts, crafts, photography, computer art, sewing, quilting, horticulture, agriculture and more, begin in January.

The fair also will include carnival rides, a Miss Pinellas Country Fair Pageant, a science fair, toy tractor races, a 1950s soda shop, mud wars, live animals, car shows, a lumberjack show and more.



Tampa Bay's The Impacts will perform at the Greater Pinellas Country Fair's sock hop fundraiser on Friday, Aug. 30, at the Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center, 4951 78th Ave. N.

"It's such a positive thing," Hynish said. "It's so wonderful for the youth and new residents to see what the county used to be." For more information about the Greater Pinellas Country Fair, visit www.pinellasfair.org or call 800-9880.

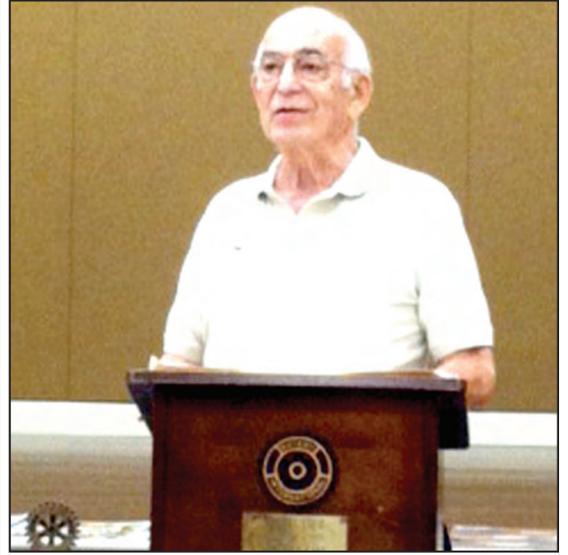


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Jimmy Vines speaking at the Rotary Club of Seminole Lake's Aug. 9 meeting.

Jimmy Vines speaks at Rotary Club meeting

SEMINOLE – Jimmy Vines, historian of the Seminole Historical Society and retired educator from Seminole High School, spoke at the Rotary Club of Seminole Lake's Aug. 9 meeting at Freedom Square.

Vines presented a history of the community from the earliest days, prior to the Civil War, when land sold for \$1.25 an acre, to the formation of the City in 1970 to the present. Vines also told the group that the city has reserved part of the old city hall building in Seminole City Park for the Society as a place to preserve the history of the Seminole community.

The Historical Society meets the fourth Wednesday of every month in room 210 B of the Holland G. Mangum Recreation Complex, 9100 113th St. N. Dues are \$10 per year and everyone is welcome to participate. Contact Vines at JAMusic@tampabay.rr.com.

The Rotary Club meets Fridays at 7:15 a.m. at Freedom Square Seminole's Roskamp Auditorium, 7800 Liberty Lane. For more information, visit www.seminolelakerotary.org.



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Bob Evans helps those with hearing loss 'recapture some of the sounds they're missing'

Stop. Listen.

Do you have to strain to hear things that once came easily to you? Do you have ringing in your ears?

Now think.

Do you have to ask people to repeat themselves? Do you get frustrated when speaking to family or friends because you have difficulty following the conversation? Have you begun to avoid social activities because it is difficult to hear?

These are a few of the more common signs and symptoms of hearing loss - cues that many people sadly ignore. Studies indicate that nearly 40 million people in the United States suffer from some degree of hearing loss ... yet, as few as a quarter of the people who could benefit from hearing aids actually use them - because many simply refuse to acknowledge the problem.

"The patient has to admit they want help," says Lynda



Angelika Stieren, M.S., CCC-A, Certified Audiologist

Evans of Bob Evans Hearing Center. Others may think their hearing loss cannot be aided by hearing devices. "Many times patients don't know what questions to ask or who to trust."

If you think you have hearing loss, schedule an appointment with the hearing professionals at Bob Evans Hearing Center. The staff will look at your hearing with one thing in mind - hearing health.

Like Visiting Family

Serving Pinellas County for more than 22 years, Bob Evans Hearing Center is a family practice with three locations. Bob is a Board Certified Hearing Instrument Specialist. Lynda, his business partner and wife, is Community Relations Director and Outreach Coordinator. Angelika Stieren, the center's Certified Audiologist, earned her degree at the University of South Florida. Bob Evans proudly sells American made products.

"We gain our patients' confidence by working with them until they achieve optimum satisfaction," Bob says.

Patients who choose Bob Evans Hearing Center will find quality service with a personal touch. As is the case in so many health care specialties, there's an appreciable difference between choosing a privately held practice over a nationwide chain.



Bob Evans, H.A.S., B.S., NBC-HIS
Lynda Evans, Community Relations and Outreach Director

"We are a family-owned, multi-line independent practice," Lynda says. "We take the time to care for you as we would for our family. As one patient stated, 'you have treated me so well, I feel like I just got a hug.'"

"I know what it's like to experience hearing loss," Bob says. He developed hearing loss while serving in the U.S. Marines. Having hearing loss enables him to understand his patients' challenges and he knows how to help them. "Trustworthiness is the key.

Trust and confidence in the hearing specialist is as important to people when buying a hearing aid as cost. "The most important components for patient success is our follow-up and Patient Care Coordinators," said Angelika. "Those who are new to hearing aids really need support and encouragement."

The Hearing Evaluation: What to Expect

New patients are warmly greeted and made to feel welcome.

After an ear inspection, the patient will undergo a thorough hearing exam in a booth certified by the American Na-

tional Standards Institute. Each center is outfitted with an audiometric testing room that has been tested for sound pressure levels and meets the specifications required by Florida law.

The results are evaluated and discussed in detail during the appointment. Bob Evans then makes a recommendation - a solution that fits your lifestyle and your preferences.

Bob and Lynda Evans stress the importance of having routine hearing evaluations.

"The hearing test is vital: It's important to have a baseline for their medical records," Lynda explains.

"Because hearing loss is usually gradual, many people don't realize it's happening and wait too long to seek treatment," Bob said. Delaying treatment can impair the brain's ability to understand speech. "If not discovered in time, the condition can become permanent."

In other words, use it or lose it. If you are missing the sounds of your life, what better time than this to schedule a hearing screening?

"A simple screening will determine if you have a hearing problem," Lynda said. "A full evaluation will assess the ori-



Left to Right: Tina, Patient Care, Steve Hollenbeck, G.M. Toni, Patient Care

gin of the loss, degree of loss and its impact on speech perception and discrimination."

Don't let hearing loss distance you from friends and family and lead to isolation.

"It's about quality of life: To enhance their ability to stay connected to the world," Angelika says.

"The saddest thing we see is when a person suffering from hearing loss starts to withdraw because they feel embarrassed," Bob says. "We're here to help a person to recapture some of the sounds they're missing."

Bob Evans Hearing Center locations include:

- 9156 Seminole Blvd., Seminole
- 1099 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater
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With more than 16,000 battery solutions, Interstate Batteries' All Battery Center doesn't turn anyone away. Located on 66th Street between Bryan Dairy and Ulmerton roads, Interstate Batteries' local warehouse carries a large inventory of stock including a new release of cutting-edge solar products and chargers for all of the most commonly used devices like iPods, iPads and cell phones, as well as laptops, radios and automobiles. "If we don't have it, we will find it, and if we can't find it, we will build it!"

Snyder says the store will happily order products for customers if they do not have it in stock.

Dedicated to service, our team continually rises to the top. "The reality is, I don't think people know that we will do anything from a watch battery to critical power. As a matter of fact, power tool rebuilds have become one of our highest demands," Snyder said. "Our mission, when it comes to power supply, is to be the leading one stop battery shop in the area.

Light it up

While the All Battery Center is designed for the public need, Interstate Battery also launched a business-to-business division to sell and deliver products to companies like

hospitals, hotels, schools and fire/police departments just to name a few.

Most common households have over 26 uses for batter-



L/R: Michael Moore, James Snyder, Russ Lipp, April Pollet, Mgr., Cliff Dillinger

ies. "It is amazing how many things require batteries," Snyder said.

Most people don't know what batteries they need, so the All Battery Center makes it a point to be as informative as possible while visiting their locations. This location covers all businesses whose billing is handled within Pinellas County.

"We are about service," Snyder said. "If you have a need, we want to meet it with a smile on our face."

Source for Recycling

"We've always been 'green,'" said Snyder. For decades,

Interstate Batteries has collected and recycled lead-acid batteries. "Not only do we make it easy to find the right batteries, but we also make recycling easy for all of your company used batteries."

Ensuring compliance with all environmental and transportation laws, Interstate Batteries works with local and national facilities to recycle or discard batteries in the most environmentally friendly manner possible. From dead car batteries, lifeless power tools and cell phone batteries, they do it all as your one-stop battery recycling center. Their recycling services include: customized recycling programs, drop off and scheduled pick-ups, and disposal of all sealed lead-acid, NICD, NIMH, lithium-ion, and lithium polymer batteries.

"Green may be the color of our batteries, but it also signifies our commitment to the environment and our customers," Snyder said. "Partnering with Interstate makes battery recycling easy for your company and allows you to spend your time and resources growing your business."

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As this picture from 1946 shows, Dean Roofing Company has been in business at the same location in Pinellas County for over 60 years.

For more than 60 years, Dean Roofing Company in Clearwater has provided honest and reliable roofing replacement and repair services to customers throughout the Tampa Bay area.

There is no better proof of Dean Roofing's excellent reputation than the A+ rating the company recently received from the Better Business Bureau. Based on customer satisfaction, reliability reports and an overall solid track record, Dean Roofing has repeatedly proven that it is the roofing company on which homeowners and businesses can rely.

It simply doesn't get any better than the highest honor of an A+ BBB rating.

A certified Owens Corning Roof Installer, Dean Roofing is the only Platinum Preferred contractor in Pinellas County. We are the roofing expert chosen for repairs to St. Petersburg/Clearwater International Airport and Tampa International Airport. Historic landmarks including South Ward School, Belleview Biltmore Resort and St. Mary's Catholic Church in St. Petersburg also turned to Dean Roofing for quality workmanship.

Whether you prefer tile, metal, shingle or gravel roofing, Dean Roofing Company will get the job done, with free estimates and fully-guaranteed work.

"We are very customer service oriented. We always make it right," said Dean Roofing Company President Bruce Williams. "We do detail work and you can always expect complete cleanup. We've worked hard at building and maintaining a good reputation in an industry that doesn't always have a great reputation. We stand behind our work and if there is a problem with our workmanship, even outside of warranty, we will fix it at no charge."

With many employees having been with the company for more than 20 years, customers know with confidence that Dean Roofing personnel are experienced and trustworthy. Fly-by-night roofing contractors come and go, but with over 60 years at the same location, Dean Roofing Company has proven that it is a solid member of the business community and is here to stay.

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Find your treasure at Design Furniture Outlet & Consignment

CLEARWATER – When you walk through the front doors of Design Furniture Outlet & Consignment, you'll be utterly astounded by the spectacle set before you.

Spread out across the store's sprawling, 12,000-square-foot showroom, appealingly staged, is an extensive selection of fine furniture and accessories from various time periods – but that's just the beginning. The store is a virtual treasure chest, full of fascinating finds at reasonable, realistic prices.

So, what precisely is Design Furniture Outlet & Consignment?

Though the owners have 20 years of experience in the retail furniture industry and carry a wide range of high quality new and used home furnishings, customers will find so much more as they browse the collections displayed in the gallery. Though shoppers may find select vintage pieces as they stroll through the showroom, the business is no stuffy old antique store, either. And though the surprisingly affordable prices might suggest otherwise, Design Furniture Outlet & Consignment most certainly isn't a cluttered thrift store.

The vast selection and professional, attractive style in which the inventory is exhibited truly makes Design Furniture Outlet & Consignment stand out from the competition.

"We have high-end furniture, lighting fixtures, costume jewelry, crystal, art glass and stemware," said Maddie Diaz, owner. "In our boutique, we have designer clothing, purses and footwear."

Shoppers also will find Oggetti glass, Jablonski glass, Franklin Mint plates, stunning oriental- and Asian-theme décor, collectibles, fine art prints, Polish hand-blown glass, artistic lighting, books, CDs, ceiling fans and much more.

"We have wonderful artwork ranging from as low as \$20," features a mix of new and used, store-owned and consignment items.

The low prices allow for a relatively rapid turnaround, which means new inventory arrives weekly. Shoppers will discover new treasures appear in the showroom regularly.

"The rapport I have with my customers is very important," Maddie said. "If a customer comes in looking for something specific and I don't have it, I try to find it." Maddie keeps a log of customer requests. She's always making connections between

buyers and consignors. "We take requests, and we do our best to fill them as quickly as possible."

That kind of commitment to customer service distinguishes Design Furniture Outlet & Consignment.

Interested in consigning?

Design Furniture Outlet & Consignment accepts a wide variety of furniture and accessories from all time periods,

They will come to pick up your furniture and price your pieces at a fair market value. The professional staff at Design Furniture Outlet & Consignment takes great care in artistically staging consignment items, presenting them in their upscale gallery and

making them irresistible to the right customer. They will pay you 50 percent of the selling price and automatically mail your proceeds to you on the 15th day of the month following the month in which it was sold.

Whether you are buying or selling, visit the spectacular showroom at Design Furniture Outlet & Consignment to see what kind of treasures await you. Stop by to check out all of the affordable designer and name brand furniture and the unique, quality accessories that this fashionable – yet reasonably priced – outlet has to offer.

Design Outlet & Consignment is at 1928 Gulf to Bay Blvd., Suite B, Clearwater. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 216-6432 or visit www.dfoutlet.com.



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Marcy Daniels – Successfully Selling In Today’s Challenging Market

Today’s real estate market demands you choose an experienced team to help you buy and sell your home!

Choosing the best Realtor today is one of the most important decisions you will make. You want to be able to trust your Realtor to successfully sell your property and help you, your family, your business associates and your friends when buying real estate.

Marcy Daniels began her real estate career in 1976 and has been recognized as the Top Agent for Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate’s Clearwater and Clearwater Beach offices. She also earned that “Top Spot” for the past 12 years. With a tradition of success, Marcy has been consistently listed among the top Realtors in her company and was included in her company’s “Top 100 in Florida” for 2012.

Marcy has decades of experience in our community, many awards noting her successful achievements and a long list of satisfied customers. Marcy and her team have become a “resource” to their clients who move to our area and to those who move out of the Tampa Bay region. She is joined by her husband, Scott, and their licensed assistant, Debbie Golomb. Together, they complete “the team” that their customers depend on to sell their homes and to help them purchase their properties in Pinellas, Hillsborough and Pasco counties. Marcy and her team are proud that they are now assisting “second generations” of children and parents of their customers with their real estate needs. The Daniels Advantage Team goal is that every transaction is seamless and stress-free from “contract to closing.”



Marcy, Scott and Debbie are a dynamic team selling beachfront homes and condos to golf course and planned communities in neighborhoods throughout Tampa Bay. The signature of their success is their integrity and professional service. Many businesses depend on them to assist with the relocation of new managers and employees moving here to Tampa Bay for the first time.

Marcy and Scott support many local organizations. They believe that volunteerism is the best way to help improve our communities. They support St. Petersburg College’s “Women on the Way” program. Marcy has received their “Woman of Distinction” award. Scott is an alum and past president of Leadership Pinellas and a leader of Pinellas Trails, Inc., the citizens’ organization that supports The Pinellas Trail. Marcy and Scott have “adopted a mile” on the Pinellas Trail and encourage others to do the same. Scott is an active board member of Lighthouse of Pinellas, the Safety Harbor Public Library Foundation and Coldwell Banker CARES Foundation.

Marcy is a Realtor/Broker and a Certified Residential Specialist (CRS). Since 1976, she has been providing a “tradition of exceptional service.” Together, The Daniels Advantage Team and Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate are two names you will want to remember when you want full-time, professional service. Marcy and Scott have earned the trust and confidence of their customers throughout Tampa Bay. They have a national network of other experienced, successful Realtors for anyone looking to buy or sell real estate in Florida and across

the country. For truly remarkable service, contact The Daniels Advantage Team by calling Marcy, at 727-560-8080 or visit online at www.MarcyDaniels.com.

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Managing Financial Stress!

Is the high cost of living and insurmountable debt problems putting stress on your health?

It’s in the news everyday: the cost of living today is rising much faster than it has in the past. We are seeing higher fuel costs, higher insurance premiums, higher food costs, etc. Many of these costs are well out of our control, and can push us to live outside of our means just trying to maintain a reasonable lifestyle. One way that some people deal with these rising costs is to take out a short-term, high interest loan – that can lead to even more problems trying to keep that monthly budget intact – and resulting in stress overload.

These financial strains can have a significant negative effect on your health, so getting your finances under control should be a top priority. There are solutions to your problems, but it can take time. You will want to review your expenses, cutting any spending that is unnecessary. Try to manage short term finances closely. Put in a plan to repay the outstanding amounts without having to borrow more money. Next, you will want to start a savings plan, no matter

how small, and put a bit aside each month for emergencies and other unexpected expenses.

Sometimes your situation may be caused by circumstances out of your control. A loss of income due to job loss, illness, divorce, or even the passing of a loved one can cause spiraling debt problems. In many cases a simple budget adjustment just won’t help. You may need to seek advice as how to best deal with the debt in these situations. Many times a legal expert can assist you in determining what options are available to decrease or even eliminate your debt, resulting in less stress for you and your family.

If you find that your financial problems are accompanied by mental anguish, stress, depression, or other physical health problems, reach out to your physician and ask for help. If you don’t have a physician, you can contact your county’s mental health center (www.samhsa.gov) for support options. The most important thing to remember is not to allow financial stress to take a toll on your most valuable asset – your health!



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Van Selow Design Build, LLC.

“Quality Construction with A Woman’s Touch”

Susanne Van Selow, owner of Van Selow Design Build, LLC., has truly carved a niche in the local building trade by providing customers with the best in quality and service.

Admired by her clients as both persistent and meticulous, Van Selow discovered her proclivity for drafting in high school. She began her design career at Mare Island Naval Shipyard in California as a receptionist but that didn’t last long.

“Turns out I had a talent for Computer Aided Design when it was first being used,” Van Selow said, “I taught it to young engineers and learned I really enjoyed designing. Soon they were sending me to Hawaii, Boston, everywhere to teach and I really loved it.”

Eventually, Van Selow settled down in the Tampa Bay area and was dismayed when she heard tales of standard work customers had received from some area builders and remodelers. Those grievances led her to earn a license and launch her own business in 2005.

In addition to being thorough and focused on each project, Van Selow remains personally involved in every job and also brings other advantages to the table as well.

The first advantage is Van Selow has integrated both the design and build phases. In years past, the design phase and the build phase were separated and when these two phases are separated it often leads to problems.

Van Selow said, “I recognized that many customers here in the Tampa Bay area were unhappy when their design conflicted with what could be built. In order to eliminate this issue I took my design and construction abilities, integrated them and specialized as a design build contractor. This design build system is able to bring both the design and build phase together where all aspects of the build is under one company bringing convenience as well as cutting costs, time and errors. Using one company improves communication as well as resolves disagreements between the designer and the construction crew.”

The second advantage working with Van Selow is one she embraces in her motto:



“Quality Construction with A Woman’s Touch”

She said, “I have found that most of my time is spent with the women who manage the household and they are much more comfortable communicating with a woman contractor. It has also been long known that one of the customer’s biggest complaints is that the design layout was not developed from the perspective of the woman who manages the household in most cases. I am able to bring both communication and organization of the designs from a woman’s perspective”.

Susanne Van Selow has been associated with the Tampa Bay Chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry since 2005 and she now serves as the ethics chair. She is a past president of the chapter and a recipient of the Remodeler of the Year Award. The Remodeler of the Year Award is presented to

recognize outstanding contributions in the remodeling industry and community service as well as awards and certifications obtained. Van Selow has received a multitude of awards for projects in many categories over the years but is particularly proud of her Kitchen and Bath design build recognition.

Van Selow is a certified kitchen and bath remodeler and a Green Certified Remodeler. She said, “I am in my eighth year as a Certified Building Contractor and have over 20 years of experience as a designer, working with architects and engineers.”

Van Selow Design Build, LLC., handles a wide variety of projects specializing in room additions, kitchens, baths and master suites. “We also can handle much larger projects as well,” Van Selow said.

Professional services available through Van Selow Design Build include:

- Design/Create Plans
- Residential Remodeling
- Additions
- Bathroom & Kitchen Updates
- Commercial Build-outs
- New Construction

“I am a hands-on design build contractor from the design development through to the completion,” she said.

Painstaking detail in design and workmanship integrating the owner’s lifestyle needs within the building footprint makes my clients feel comfortable during the construction process and overjoyed with the end results.”

For Van Selow, the greatest reward is the finished product.

“I love what I do and when my homeowners love what they have.”
For more information on Van Selow Design Build, call 727-391-2959 or visit • www.vanselowdesign.com

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Liza Campa-Flanagan: 'Know what you own'

CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ professional discusses the possibility of rising interest rates and the associated risks

Today's market is presenting specific fixed income risks and opportunities for investors according to Elizabeth (Liza, pronounced Lizza) Campa-Flanagan, CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ with Raymond James Financial Services Inc.

Liza is attuned to the financial climate. She recently sat down and explained how important it is that investors are aware that rising rates also pose some risks for portfolios.

"Interest rates have been at historic lows for a number of years and while no one is certain when or how fast rates will rise, the situation presents risks and opportunities to investors," Liza said. "Although rising interest rates may provide an opportunity for increasing income, the value of many fixed income investments may decline as rates begin to rise."

According to Liza, one concern is that many investors have sought higher yields in this low interest rate environment and some have taken on additional credit risk to obtain it. Given these and other risks, it's important for investors to understand the risks associated with widely held products – particularly packaged products – in the current, low-interest rate, yield-stretching environment.

"Credit quality of bond holdings within portfolios should be assessed to determine if they remain aligned with risk tolerance and investment objectives," Liza explained. "The ability to predict interest rates is, at best, speculative. To put it politely, no one is very good at it, but lately many industry experts and media pundits collectively seem to agree that there is a rise in interest rates on the horizon."

The CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ professional says the market sentiment for rising interest rates stems from the current historic low interest rate environment paired with an implication that rates can either stay relatively the same or increase. Given this possibility, the questions that follow include:

- Will interest rates rise?
- If they rise, by how much?
- How could this affect an investment portfolio?

Liza urges investors who own fixed income securities to be aware of the relationship between interest rates and the price of those securities.

"As a general rule, the price of a bond moves inversely to changes in interest rates," Liza said. "A bond's price will increase as rates decline and will decrease as rates move up. This relationship impacts not only individual bonds, but also investments that contain or attempt to mimic bonds."

In view of these facts, now may be an opportune time for investors to review not only how much price volatility they are willing to accept, but also – and more importantly – to discuss whether changes in interest rates are likely to affect their cash flow and impact the portfolios' ability to

continue to satisfy their financial needs and goals.

Duration

It is helpful to understand a risk measurement known as duration.

"There are different types of duration, but typically when duration is quoted, it is referring to a bond's 'modified' duration, an attempt to estimate how much the price of a bond will fluctuate in response to changes in interest rates," Liza said. "Simply put, a duration of 3 means that a 1 percent (100 basis point) change in interest rates will result in an approximate 3 percent change in the market value of a bond. Remembering the inverse relationship between interest rates and prices, a 1 percent rise in interest rates means approximately a 3 percent decline in market value."

According to Liza, this happens because, as interest rates rise, the valuation of existing securities must be adjusted to stay competitive in the new rate environment. For example, since a fixed coupon doesn't change when interest rates rise, the market adjusts the value of the bond in the form of a lower price.

"With individual bonds, this price adjustment is an unrealized change in value," Liza explained. "The lower value of the bond resulting from an interest rate increase is not realized unless you actually sell the security prior to maturity. If you hold onto the bond, the cash flows generated will remain unchanged. Barring a call at the issuer's option or a default by the issuer, the individual bond will return interest via its coupon payments and return the face value of the security upon maturity. Regardless of changes in interest rates and market value, if you hold a bond to maturity, cash flows will continue as originally scheduled, subject to the previously outlined conditions. Any sale of a bond prior to maturity may result in the investor realizing a gain or loss."

Of course, duration is more complex when evaluating multiple securities or investments that hold bonds.

"With multiple securities, a duration of three years could be a blend of five securities with durations of 7, 4, 2, 1 and 1 respectively," Liza said. "Each portfolio has a very different profile despite sharing a blended duration of 3. The second portfolio's duration risk could change quickly should any of the securities be sold prior to maturity."

Investors who own bonds in packaged investments rely on the manager's decisions to buy, sell or hold those securities. In these investments, such decisions are influenced by a manager's strategy and other factors.

Risk management

Liza advises investors to review their portfolio regularly and to know what they own.

"In any interest rate environment, it's a good idea to review your investments periodically to ensure that you are comfortable with the risks inherent in your portfolio," Liza said. "If you heed the advice of your financial adviser, you probably already review your account statements on a regular basis to monitor performance and change any investments whose time has passed."

The bottom line, according to Liza: *Investors should know what they own – and how it will react to rising rates – and understand today's risks.*

"Most advisers have the ability to run an analysis of individual bonds held to quantify the potential impact of rising rates on the value and total return of the bonds," she said.

Liza offers some strategies that investors can consider to manage risks with fixed income allocations:

- Shorten average duration – Shorten the average maturity of bond holdings to reduce sensitivity to interest rate movements.
- Purchase premium or higher coupon bonds – Higher coupons tend to be less volatile in a rising rate environment.
- Yield curve positioning/diversification – Yield curve positioning may help under various interest rate scenarios. Currently, the steepness of the yield curve offers opportunities to generate "roll returns" from a strategy known as "rolling down the curve. This may help protect principal and generate additional return in a rising interest rate environment and allow an investor to capture higher yields.
- Invest globally – Invest globally by seeking sovereign and corporate debt in both developed and emerging countries. Not every country will experience the same monetary policy as the United States.
- Bank Loan, Floating Rate Bonds, High Yield and other specific bond sectors – Some sectors of the bond market are less sensitive to interest rate risks and allow investors to accept different risks.
- Manage credit quality – Minimum "A" rating for municipal bonds. Investment grade or higher

for corporate bonds and preferred securities. Match risk and return with investor's needs, goals and overall risk tolerance.

• Diversify holdings among issuers – Maximum of 5 percent concentration per issuer state of sector. Limit risks of a single issuer downgrade or default creating large losses for the overall portfolio.

Navigating the financial maze

Liza helps her clients navigate the financial maze by first getting a grasp on their situation and then trying to help them find solutions that make sense for them.

"Since no one has a crystal ball, it's a matter of the client keeping me abreast of their situation," she said. "That includes emotions and feelings, because if they are becoming frightened, then we need to make a change."

She believes investors should diversify income sources.

"One way is to reallocate a portion of fixed income holdings to other income-generating securities, such as dividend paying stocks," she said. "In addition, an investor can consider other low-correlation strategies besides bonds and dividend paying stocks to mitigate interest rate risk and equity risk."

Liza is focused on providing an integrated advice platform for all clients – offering investments and capital markets solutions, as well as a full range of trust, banking and credit services accessible through the Raymond James Bank FSB, and Raymond James Trust Company.

Through Raymond James she can offer an array of investment alternatives and services equivalent to almost anything Wall Street has to offer.

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Diagnostic Clinic: All your medical needs under one roof

Diagnostic Clinic simplifies healthcare with 'one-stop medical home'

For more than four decades, Diagnostic Clinic has sought to provide the residents of Pinellas County a unique medical experience, combining technology, good service, and board certified physicians to deliver care with compassion, skill, and integrity.

Their expansive 150,000-square-foot, six-floor facility, located at 1301 Second Ave. SW in the heart of Largo's medical arts district, is specifically organized to maximize efficiency. Its design, however, evokes a feeling of a small physician's office. They also have a 50,000 sq ft multi-specialty clinic in the Countryside area at 3131 North McMullen Booth Road. Altogether, Diagnostic Clinic boasts more than 100 highly trained professionals on staff – and that's just the beginning.

"We are a little bit different," said James F. Rivenbark III, M.D., Chief Medical and Operations Officer at Diagnostic Clinic. "Few people realize that more than 60 percent of physicians in America now work for a hospital. However, we think that care is best directed by physicians and can be delivered more cost effectively in a non-hospital environment." Simply put, Diagnostic Clinic seeks to make healthcare less complicated and more efficient by eliminating the need to travel to multiple locations for doctor visits, medical tests, surgeons and healthcare specialists. Diagnostic Clinic has established a kind of "one-stop medical home."

"Patients can get almost all of their medical care in one location," said Rivenbark. "Our patients appreciate the fact that they can get all their laboratory tests, imaging tests, see their doctor or specialist and have therapy treatments all under one roof."

It seems to be a successful approach given that we now have approximately 100,000 active patients.

Integrated Services

Diagnostic Clinic was founded in 1969 by four physicians and has now grown to more than 100 healthcare providers serving as a one-stop medical home providing comprehensive integrated ambulatory care. "Diagnostic Clinic has sought to leverage technology and new processes to integrate diverse medical specialties and services for the benefit of the patient," said Dr. Rivenbark. "This allows us to provide efficient, quality care with good outcomes and an enhanced patient experience."

Diagnostic Clinic healthcare providers include primary care physicians, medical specialists and surgical specialists. Primary care physicians include internal medicine, family medicine, pediatrics and geriatrics. There are many medical specialists at Diagnostic Clinic working in fields such as cardiology, pulmonary medicine, gastroenterology, endocrinology, oncology, rheumatology, and dermatology. Surgical specialties include general surgery, urology, plastic surgery, gynecology, ophthalmology, and orthopedics.

In the both of Diagnostic Clinic's multispecialty facilities, patients will find an on-site laboratory and

digital imaging services, including X-ray, ultrasound, mammography, CT, and MRI. The Largo facility also has an advanced PET/CT scanner.

In keeping with its one stop medical home philosophy, Diagnostic Clinic also offers an ambulatory surgery center, as well as, ancillary services, such as physical therapy, an optical shop, podiatry, interventional spine care and audiology.

"If the primary care physician notes a problem needing urgent specialty care, they are able to walk the patient to the specialist's office," Dr. Rivenbark said. "I did this many times during my clinical career and integrating the personal touch with a wide variety of services and technology makes Diagnostic Clinic unlike any other provider in the local market. When it comes to great medical care with efficiency and service, we can't be beat."

A Model of Efficiency with a Human Touch

Diagnostic Clinic utilizes a sophisticated electronic medical record that is shared by all of its providers. That means no more paper charts, no more waiting for reports to be mailed from one physician to another and no duplication of tests.

"All of the physicians at Diagnostic Clinic – primary care physicians, surgeons, specialists – can view a patient's chart simultaneously which confers a tremendous advantage in terms of staying on top of what is happening with their medical care," Dr. Rivenbark explains. "At Diagnostic Clinic, if you see one physician and go to see another, they can log in and view your entire medical history from the desktop."

Communication between physicians is nearly instantaneous, yet patients can rest assured that the clinic's electronic records meet all Federal guidelines for security and privacy. This state-of-the-art technology enables Diagnostic Clinic to provide a much higher level of integrated and comprehensive medical care for patients. Contrast this with what medical consumers face elsewhere with reports having to be faxed or mailed in a paper format.

Diagnostic Clinic also offers an online patient portal allowing patients the ability to contact their physicians via secure email. "The patient can request prescription refills, make appointments, or even ask questions without having to make a telephone call," Dr. Rivenbark said. "The system is secure and meets all HIPAA guidelines." Patients also

can use the portal to update their personal information and pay medical bills.

Care Coordination

"We've worked hard to build a care coordination component within Diagnostic Clinic as another way to better serve our patients," Dr. Rivenbark said. The program targets those patients with chronic conditions who may be in need of "a little extra TLC." In addition, we focus on patients who have been hospitalized. Care coordination nurses at Diagnostic Clinic meet with patients in the hospital, schedule a follow-up appointment with their primary care physician within 6 days of discharge, as well as, arrange transportation if needed. After a hospital stay, they follow patients very closely for the first 30 days. "We are proud of the fact that this program has cut the readmission rate by about half and we hope to improve that even further," Dr. Rivenbark said.

Accountable Care Organization

Patients may also be surprised to learn that there is a Walgreens Pharmacy on the second floor of Diagnostic Clinic's Largo location. In keeping with its goal of improving patient experience, increasing quality, while reducing the cost of care, Diagnostic Clinic formed an accountable care organization with Walgreens. An ACO applies a physician-led, team approach to patient care in an innovative model that features pharmacists as an integral part of patients' care teams. Walgreens pharmacists and clinicians will work closely with primary care physicians in a collaborative program aimed at improving patient health and access to quality care, while reducing overall health care costs.

Walgreens works together with Diagnostic Clinic's healthcare providers to support and extend the care currently provided to patients by their primary care physicians. The partnership delivers personalized pharmacy care, emphasizing the benefits of physician-pharmacist collaboration. "We are proud to continue Diagnostic Clinic's leadership as a premier provider of highly coordinated and integrated care, and are thrilled to form this collaborative relationship with Walgreens."

Patient Response

Patients overwhelmingly approve of Diagnostic Clinic's one-stop approach to healthcare. Testimonials posted on the clinic's website applaud "the

best healthcare in town," praise the staff's "outstanding care, treatment and concern" and liken the rehab therapy program to a "well-oiled machine." "I used to run all over town, to this doctor's office for appointments and that laboratory for tests," reports one patient. "Since discovering Diagnostic Clinic, I now have to make just one stop for all my healthcare needs. From my husband to my kids, we all take advantage of the excellent care, timely referrals and quick results we receive at Diagnostic Clinic."

"Every new patient is offered a physician service survey," said Dr. Rivenbark. He explained that the clinic believes surveying first-time patients is the best way to gauge their quality of service. "It's a pretty tough survey." Survey responses range from the lowest, 1, to the highest, 5 – "The Best." According to Dr. Rivenbark, 54 percent of the responses rate a 5 – "The Best." More than 90 percent are rated as "Above Average or The Best." Additionally, to ensure Diagnostic Clinic maintains that level of satisfaction with good quality of care, they have an active physician quality improvement committee.

Community Involvement

Diagnostic Clinic takes pride in its dedication to the community through programs such as free health seminars, the clinic's doctors reach out to local residents. This kind of out-reach allows Diagnostic Clinic's healthcare providers an opportunity to help Pinellas County residents stay on the road to healthy living. They also have been active in the Pinellas County Schools employee health fairs for the past 3 years. Diagnostic Clinic helps to improve the quality of life in the area by supporting many Pinellas County organizations. They are a trustee sponsor of the Central Pinellas Chamber of Commerce, where Dr. Rivenbark has held a number of executive positions and will serve as its Chairman beginning in September 2013. They also sponsor the annual Diagnostic Clinic Golf Classic, with proceeds benefiting Diabetic Charitable Services.

Location and Contact

Diagnostic Clinic has three convenient locations to serve Pinellas County residents:

- The Largo facility is at 1301 Second Ave. SW, Largo. Hours are Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The after hours clinic is open Monday through Friday, 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.; and on Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call 584-7706.
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Dual citizenship won't do it for tea party favorite

Like another erstwhile freshman senator, named Barack Obama, Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, blew into Washington and promptly began eyeing the Oval Office. Also like Obama, the Cuban-American Cruz has to suffer the charge that he's not really American and hence not presidential material.



Debra Saunders

Cruz was born in Calgary, Alberta, to an American mother and a Cuban father. According to most legal eagles, he is "natural born" in the eyes of the U.S. Constitution.

In 2011, President Obama felt compelled to release his birth certificate to counter louche outs such as Donald Trump, who questioned whether the president was born in the United States.

Now it's the GOP's turn. To inoculate against "birther" rumors and show that he has nothing to hide, Cruz released his Canadian certificate of birth to The Dallas Morning News. The paper concluded that Cruz is a dual American and Canadian citizen.

And dual citizenship won't do for the Texas tea party favorite. "Assuming that is true," quote Cruz in a statement released to the media, "then sure, I will renounce any Canadian citizenship. Nothing against Canada, but I'm an American by birth, and as a U.S. senator, I believe I should be only an American."

On the one hand, an elected official's allegiance to this country and its Constitution should be unassailable. Hence, Cruz did what he had to do.

On the other hand, Canada is a valued ally whose troops have fought and died beside Americans in Afghanistan.

And Canadians are so polite. I once saw a group of Canadian bikers in Montana, and they obeyed the speed limit.

Cruz told CNN this brouhaha shows the "silly season of politics." No lie. Think "Canadian Bacon," the 1995 comedy in which the U.S. president, played by Alan Alda, saber rattled against kindly Canada in a bid to boost his flagging poll ratings.

Cruz argues that he didn't think he was Canadian, because his mom was born in Delaware, his family left Calgary when he was 4 and he has lived the rest of his life in America. Seeing as he never took affirmative steps to claim Canadian citizenship, he explained, he assumed "that was the end of the matter."

That's very close to the argument made by "dreamers" - illegal immigrants whose parents brought them to America when they were minors. Cruz strongly opposes DREAM Act legislation that would allow those kids, who grew up seeing themselves as Americans, to become citizens.

"Through no fault of his own, Canada imposed citizenship on him," quipped Democratic communications consultant Roger Salazar. He's a reverse dreamer.

This was going to be a column about the circus-ification of politics and how the "birther" movement has made solid Americans suspect. Born in Hawaii to an American mother and an African father, Obama represents this country's constant reinvention. Born on a U.S. military base in the Panama Canal Zone, Sen. John McCain rightly is proud of his family's military history. The son of a Cuban immigrant, who came to America with nothing, and an American mother, Cruz should be proud of his family's attainment of the American dream.

But the insanity runs deeper than I first thought, because when I think about it, there is no way Cruz didn't know he is a dual citizen.

"My guess is he never looked into it," said Sal Russo, co-founder of Tea Party Express. Russo's group supported Cruz in his Senate bid. At the time, Russo told me, Cruz gave "the lawyer answer" about his natural U.S. citizenship.

Sorry, but I don't buy it. Don't tell me Cruz didn't know about his dual citizenship.

Cruz says his mother told him that when he was in high school, he could claim Canadian citizenship.

He was a law clerk to Supreme Court Justice William Rehnquist. He's an expert on the Constitution. He understands the intricacies of Article 2's requirement that the president be a "natural born Citizen." He is a graduate of Princeton University and Harvard Law School who, in that heady environment, seemed to believe he was the smartest guy in the room.

If Cruz didn't know, he didn't do his homework. And Ted Cruz always does his homework.

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LETTERS

God deserves better

Editor

I have spent a better part of my life speaking well of God. I am a follower of Christ, a broken man, who is being put back together again and again by the loving work of God's holy spirit. I am quite sure that I will never be made perfect in this life, but look forward to the day when I may kneel down before a holy and loving God in eternity who has found a way to save me from myself and all the evil that contaminates the world in which we live. So what I am about to say comes from a grateful heart with no religion to defend, ax to grind, or compelling need to be right. I only want to speak from my heart about someone I have come to love. Remaining quiet no longer is an option.

God deserves better than he is receiving from the voices that criticize and ostracize Him in our society. It seems in this day that the critics are on every front. The national discussion is truly void of respect for the God of the Old and New Testament. Jesus has been minimized to no more than a character of a book that is considered unreliable, outdated, and merely an opinion of men rather than a miraculous revelation given to mankind by a God who is seeking to restore his relationship with them.

Few people have spent a lifetime studying, researching, and examining the Bible as I have. Public opinion has its foundation today on hearsay rather than fact. Many people search for truth on the Internet, in the newspaper, or the classroom rather than in the Bible. If the celebrity or news media personalities express their opinion, then it must be true.

Truth is relative in the national soul of our country and we have missed God.

The truth is Jesus said, "God did not send the son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through him." It was the love of God for all of his creation that was at the core of everything that he did. It was God's love that crushed the man-made rules of religion that separated ordinary people from God. It was the love of God that healed the sick and raised the dead. It was the love of God that cast out demons and delivered people from the power of evil. It was the love of God that found a way to heal the soul, through total and complete forgiveness of sin - because Christ laid down his life on a cross for our sins that we might be able to one day stand in the presence of a holy God in all eternity. The truth is that "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, and whosoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life."

Jesus Christ deserves greater respect than the public opinions of today proclaim. I am saddened that as a nation, it has become politically correct and even in vogue to disrespect Jesus Christ. I really believe we know not what we are doing. My heart breaks for my grandchildren and the future generations if we do not find our way back to God.

Mike Rogers,
Pastor, First Baptist Church
Palm Harbor

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A salute to my older brother Dave

This week my brother Dave reaches his 84th birthday, and so I thought I'd scribble a few words about him, even though he'll probably chew me out for doing so. He usually avoids the spotlight, even when he deserves it.

For the first 17 years of our lives, Dave and I were not only brothers but also best buddies. With our parents and our younger sister, Dave and I trekked from one tiny Pennsylvania hamlet to another, about 20 of them. When Dave was 6, our parents enrolled him in first grade. I was 14 months younger than Dave, but our landlady happened to be the first-grade teacher. So she squeezed me into the roster without anyone noticing. This allowed Dave and me to share our ragged academic careers - including two one-room schools and others of doubtful merit - side by side.

Moving to a new town each year can be a daunting adventure. Legend paints small town people as friendly and open-handed. Dave and I learned that those hands sometimes contained a rock or a snowball, ready to be aimed at any new kids on the block. Whatever the reception, Dave and I stuck together. Dave's presence at my side made life a lot less lonesome.

Once we settled into each new location, Dave made friends more easily than I did. Although neither of us was especially athletic, we spent a thousand hours a year in the back yard, playing pitch and catch. Dave was the pitcher, and by our junior year he had developed a blazing fastball. During his two-year career he pitched a no-hitter and won almost all the games he started. I was proud of him. But when he was 17, a touch of rheumatic fever ended



Driver's Seat
Bob Driver

Dave's pitching.

Not long after we finished high school, J. Edgar Hoover's agents came calling. "The FBI needs you two boys in Washington to search fingerprints and smoke out Commies in government." With cardboard suitcases in hand, Dave and I boarded a bus for the big city. For the next six months we shared a room at 1923 N. St. NW, just west of Dupont Circle. We rode streetcars to our night shift duties in the shadow of the Capitol. We ogled the women, and were told what a great man Mr. Hoover was. It was an exciting life for two country boys.

Our lives separated in July 1948 when I joined the U.S. Navy. Dave stayed in Washington for a while and married a fabulous woman named Pat. During the next 40 years they lived and worked in Pennsylvania, the Virgin Islands, Las Vegas and finally in Pinellas County. Dave usually worked two jobs, and Pat pulled on her oars right beside him. Their married daughters, Linda and Sue, had settled up north.

Early in 1990 Pat felt pain. Within a few weeks she died of cancer. Dave was suddenly alone. He stayed put in his home on a peaceful side street in north Pinellas. He found enough employment to give his days some structure. He formed friendships with a few congenial ladies. He and I swapped

occasional visits.

In 1999 my own wife died and I moved to New England. During the next decade, on each of my six-times-a-year visits to Pinellas, I hooked up with Dave for lunch or supper and a couple of hours of jawboning. He is a lively conversationalist, opinionated but always interested in the ideas of others. Dave and I slowly grew old together.

Two years ago Dave stopped meeting me, or anyone. He quit his job. Depression had set in, big time. I urged him to seek help. So did his daughters. He declined. The darkness deepened.

Then two angels stepped in. They took the form of a neighbor couple, Chris and Sharyn. They hadn't seen Dave for many days, and were worried. They entered his home and found him with one foot in the grave and the other on a banana peel.

Soon came an EMS squad, a hospital room, a brief stay in a rehab center. Dave's daughters quickly arrived and took charge. With the help of those ladies and their husbands, Dave was returned to the real world. He moved back to Pennsylvania and settled into a first-class independent living complex.

Today Dave is as happy as I've ever seen him. His health is good, his mind is sharp, and he's delighted to be alive. He's grateful to Linda, Sue, their husbands, Chris and Sharyn and others who served as his rescue squad. And so am I.

Next time you see someone who seems to be beyond help, I hope you'll think of my brother Dave. Happy 84th, bro!

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Pampered pets and monkey business

The casual conversation on trivia night at a local pub went astray, as usual.

"Do you know that there's a television show specifically for dogs?" Brad said, between questions.

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The pay channel's 24/7 programming "helps stimulate, entertain, relax and habituate dogs with shows that expose them to various movements, sounds, objects, experiences and behavior patterns, all from a dog's point of view," its website says.

Depending on the cable provider the cost is between \$4.99 and \$9.99 a month.

Yup, it's the latest contribution to the advancement of the joys of pampering pets.

"What's next?" Brad asked. "Pet pornography?"

Oh, why not.

If Richthofen the Doberman seems moody or out of sorts, what's wrong with perking up the Pinscher with a DVD such as "Penelope the Promiscuous Poodle."

"Don't you like the way that gal wags her tail, Richthofen? Beats hell out of watching Scoobie-Doo, doesn't it?"

More on pet pampering: Many communities are embracing regulations allowing people to bring their pets to restaurants. I have mixed feelings on this matter. I don't mind eating at restaurants where dogs are sitting at their owners feet - as long as the dogs don't smoke.

However, I also have seen people bring their dogs to restaurants and put them on



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blankets on the ground under the blazing summer sun. That borders on animal abuse, to me. I just hope I never have to give CPR to a dog, even if she's as cute as Penelope.

Speaking of animal abuse, I wonder if the time will come when mistreated, neglected or slandered dogs show up in court with an attorney?

One of the most clear-cut cases of cruelty to animals that has been ongoing for decades is practiced by one of our lower institutions of learning, the University of Georgia. There ought to be a law against any dog being forced to be a mascot bearing the name UGA after that loathsome school. Of course, being from Georgia, the poor bulldog is probably too dumb to figure that out.

Along those lines, what about pet protests? What if cats and dogs get tired of being paraded around in funny clothes, sunglasses and bonnets? Shouldn't they be allowed to march down Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C., marking every tree and fire hydrant they pass by en route to the White House?

Could be interesting. The longhaired Russkiys against the K9 unit. Film at 11, on

DOGTV.

Ever been to a pet cemetery? As a cub reporter, I wrote about one near Vero Beach several decades ago. One of the gravestone epitaphs read, "Sleep well, sweet nose." There also was a plot for a monkey.

I guess my light-hearted angle to the story angered some readers. I received a letter from a lady chastising me for not taking the death of a lifelong pet seriously. Her point was that pets are people, too. I let her have her say and didn't respond to her. Sometimes it is better to let sleeping dogs lie.

I wonder what DOGTV's ratings will be? This from the FAQ about the pay channel:

"My dog seems extra excited when watching DOGTV. Is this ok?"

"DOGTV was designed to offer your dog a variety of stimulations both exciting and relaxing. For the first few times, your dog might be extra excited just like when meeting a new friend."

Wait till the dog gets a load of Penelope.

I'm wondering if there will ever be a time when pets will enjoy the same constitutional rights and societal privileges as their owners. Will they wear tuxedos to weddings? Be the best man or flower girl?

What about death right for pets? Reason number 100 why I want to be cremated is that I don't want to be buried near any animal, such as a monkey.

Even worse, next to a Georgia Bulldog. Tom Germond is executive editor of Tampa Bay Newspapers. Email him at tgermond@TBNweekly.com.

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Big Vito LoGrasso opens wrestling academy

By TIFFANY RAZZANO

CLEARWATER – Wrestling star Big Vito LoGrasso is bringing a taste of the ring to Clearwater with his new wrestling academy.

LoGrasso will celebrate the grand opening of Big Vito's Wrestling Academy at Sports Club 24, 2147 Pine Forest Drive, Saturday, Aug. 31, starting at 1 p.m.

"It's another stepping stone in my legacy," he said.

With over 23 years of wrestling experience, LoGrasso has "done it all," he said, "from top to bottom." The superstar has wrestled for the likes of World Championship Wrestling (WCW), World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE), World Wrestling Federation (WWF), and other professional and independent leagues around the world.

"I've made it and I've learned the business from the bottom up," he said. "The one thing you learn in wrestling is that you pass it on. Now it's my turn to pass it on."

LoGrasso emphasizes that his program is an academy, not a school, and stands apart from other local programs because of its focus on discipline and honing the craft of wrestling.

"Plus, most of those schools don't have someone with my experience behind it," he said. "A lot of schools out there maybe don't have the credentials."

In addition to guiding his future students on the athleticism and fitness required in the ring, LoGrasso also will teach them about the



Wrestler Big Vito LoGrasso will celebrate the opening of his new wrestling academy at Sports Club 24, 2147 Pine Forest Drive, on Saturday, Aug. 31.

business side of the sport.

"I will teach my students everything from how to be a well-grounded grappler to how to take care of and present themselves," he said.

LoGrasso, originally from Staten Island, N.Y., has called the Tampa Bay area home for about eight years. He began wrestling in 1990 on the independent circuit before being approached by NOW Wrestling Federation based in Japan. Since then, he's wrestled for a number of wrestling organizations, donning ring names such as Skull Von Krush, Von Kruss and Big Vito.

"I got to travel the world, live with different cultures, experience different people," he said. "It's been wonderful. It made me a well-rounded person."

In addition to one-on-one personal training for wrestlers with professional aspirations, LoGrasso also will offer services for men and women simply looking for a unique way to get fit, and an after-school program designed to keep children active and teach them discipline.

He also is eager to align himself with the Clearwater community, and hopes to use his name and his wrestling academy for the good of local nonprofit groups and those in need.

"I think it's important to be a part of your local community," he said.

For more information about Big Vito's Wrestling Academy, visit www.bigvito.com or call 813-409-0469.



Wrestling superstar Big Vito LoGrasso looks forward to passing the torch to up-and-coming wrestlers through his new Big Vito's Wrestling Academy.

Sports roundup

Foundation hosts 18th annual Golf Classic

LARGO – The Community Service Foundation will host the 18th annual Golf Classic Friday, Sept. 20, at Bardmoor Golf & Tennis Club, 8001 Cumberland Road.

The event will start at 11:30 a.m. with check-in and a boxed lunch. Proceeds from the tournament, a four-player team scramble, will be used to support the foundation's mission to provide a healthy living environment, support services and training to help lower-income Pinellas County residents get on the path to self-sufficiency and financial stability. The organization currently serves about 1,000 families and individuals annually.

The event will feature a hole-in-one contest, sponsored by Dimmitt Chevrolet, and a putting contest, sponsored by Mugs Grill & Bar.

Current diamond sponsors are Publix Charities and Transamerica. Additional sponsors include Davidson, Jamieson & Cristini, P.L., ProVise Management Group, LLC, Regions Bank, Sir Speedy's in Largo, Wallace Welch & Willingham and Westminster Suncoast.

Individuals and businesses can help by entering the tournament, by sponsoring the tournament or both. For more information, call the foundation at 461-0618, ext. 5 or email at admin@csfhome.org.

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.

Sign up for 5K and half-marathon training

LARGO – Highland Recreation Center, at 400 Highland Ave., is hosting running training programs to help residents prepare for the Tampa Bay Times Annual Turkey Trot 5K or the Women's Running Half-Marathon.

The training will equip participants with group runs, tips on proper stretching and training plans to take home and follow for the remainder of each week. Classes are open to runners ages 16 and older. A city of Largo recreation card is required.

Training for the women's half-marathon meets Sept. 3 through Nov. 23 on Tuesdays, 6 p.m., and Saturdays, 7:30 a.m. The half-marathon race will be held Sunday, Nov. 24. The cost is \$99 for residents and \$123.75 for nonresidents.

Training for the Turkey Trot class meets Oct. 2 through Nov. 27 on Wednesdays, 6 p.m. The class will conclude with the race held on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28. The cost is \$50 for residents and \$62.50 for nonresidents.

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School news



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From left are Mary Griffith; Dorris Hanson, chairwoman of P.E.O.; BrandiLee Rabon, grant recipient; Marsha Hahn; and Jan Setzekorn. Other than the recipient, all are members of Chapter FO's Program for Continuing Education Committee.

Local student gets grant for nursing degree

CLEARWATER – A local student recently received a grant to complete her nursing degree. P.E.O., a philanthropic educational organization, is a national women's group dedicated to helping women pursue their higher education goals. Women of all ages, from all walks of life and foreign students can benefit from five well endowed, national scholarship, grant and loan programs, as well as three additional Florida state scholarships.

BrandiLee Rabon of Clearwater is a nursing student at St. Pete College and received a grant from this organization for \$1,800 to help defray her educational costs for tuition, books and supplies as part of P.E.O.'s program for continuing education.

Simmons named track and field coach

CLEARWATER – Calvary Christian High School has hired Stacey Simmons as its head track and field coach. Simmons takes over the program from Greg Thiel, who led the track program for the past five seasons.

Simmons is one of Pinellas County's most respected coaches, according to a school press release. 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. Simmons earned a full football and track scholarship to the University of Florida. As a Gator, 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. He 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. He has coached and trained many athletes to help them reach their potential in their sport.

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 in the spring by sending nine athletes to the FHSAA State Championships with seven of the athletes earning All-State recognition.

Countryside Library to host college essay class

CLEARWATER – The Countryside Branch Library will host an application essay preparation class. Saturday, Sept. 7, 2 p.m., at S.R. 580 at Countryside Blvd. The free one-hour class will be led by Countryside High School AP English teacher Maria Gerakios. The goal is to arm potential college applicants with the tools to take the stress out of completing the college application essay.

For more information, please call 562-4970 or visit www.myclearwater.com/cpl.

Clubs partner for back-to-school drive

With support from Staples, the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Suncoast kicks off the back-to-school season with an in-store call for school supplies or monetary donations to prepare kids and families in the Pinellas community for academic success in the 2013-14 school year.

"While an alarming number of Pinellas youth fail to graduate from high school each year, the truth is that many kids are falling behind in school, and life, before they even get started," said Nita Smith, president and

CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Suncoast. "Kids need basic school supplies, and through the Supply Drive, these donations will help us provide the needed supplies for back-to-school to keep kids on track for academic success and a great future."

From now until Sept. 21, the community can help Boys & Girls Clubs put thousands of school supplies in the hands of Boys & Girls Clubs members by donating money or supplies in local Staples stores' collection bins.

The National Supply Drive is part of Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Tools for Back-to-School initiative, a national back-to-school campaign designed to raise awareness about the need for community-based Boys & Girls Clubs that support academic success for youth during critical out-of-school hours.

For more information, visit www.greatfutures.org/backto-school.

LSF Head Start program accepting applications

LARGO – Lutheran Services Florida Head Start and Early Head Start is accepting applications for the upcoming school year at 2210 Tall Pines Drive, Suite 220, in Largo.

The Early Head Start program is for children who are 12 to 35 months old by Sept. 1. Head Start is for children 3 to 4 years old. Head Start also serves children with special needs or disabilities.

The program is a federally funded, income-eligible program that encompasses health, nutrition, education, mental health, disabilities, parent and male involvement as well as family and community engagement, all of which support strong healthy children and families. Head Start is a voluntary prekindergarten provider.

The following items are needed at time of application:

- A birth certificate and proof of guardianship or custody, if applicable
- Proof of residency in Pinellas County
- Proof of income for the past 52 weeks or previous calendar year – i.e. pay stubs, W-2 or 1040 forms or a statement from employer
- Documentation of child's disability, if applicable
- A picture ID of parent

For more information, call 547-5979 or visit www.lsfnet.org.

Scholarship winner



Photo courtesy of RUSHTON GREGORY COMMUNICATIONS

Margaret Jones, center, of Seminole, was awarded a college scholarship for the 2013-14 school year from the Coast Guard Foundation at the group's ninth annual tribute to the United States Coast Guard in Washington, D.C., in June. The Coast Guard Foundation is a nonprofit organization committed to the education, welfare and morale of all Coast Guard members and their families. Jones is pictured with her parents, Roger and Denise Jones. Roger is a retired Coast Guard CPO AMTC.

Forum on immigration set at SPC

SEMINOLE – Immigration reform, one of today's most hotly-debated issues, will be the focus of a forum Thursday, Sept. 19, 6 to 8:15 p.m., at the Seminole campus of St. Petersburg College.

"Immigration: Is the Melting Pot Boiling Over?" will kick off the fall season of The Village Square dinner series sponsored by SPC's Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions. Media sponsors include the Tampa Bay Times and WEDU.

The program is planned as Congress grapples with competing views on how to deal with the problems associated with more than 11 million undocumented immigrants in this country.

A comprehensive reform bill passed the Democratically-controlled Senate in June by a wide margin, but the Republican-controlled House is reluctant to take up the Senate bill.

Many Republicans favor a piecemeal approach, first securing the nation's borders, then addressing the problem of how to deal with the millions of undocumented immigrants already here.

A distinguished panel will discuss the pros and cons of the two approaches to resolving the debate. They include:

- Tim Curtis, chairman of the Tampa 912 Project, representing the anti-immigration point of view
- Edwin Enciso, coordinator for Comprehensive Immigration Re-

form Now, based in Tampa, representing the pro-immigration point of view

• Tara Newsom, associate professor of social and behavioral sciences, St. Petersburg College.

The moderator will be Rob Lorei, news and public affairs director of WMNF radio and host of the weekly news review show on WEDU-TV "Florida This Week."

The Village Square is a forum for non-partisan debate of key state and national issues. Past programs have focused on gun

control, climate change, FCAT and testing, and American civil liberties.

Reservations for this dinner event are required by Friday, Sept. 13. They may be made online or by mail: Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions, P.O. Box 13489, St. Petersburg, FL 33733. Admission is \$25 for Village Square members and educators, \$30 for guests and \$20 for students.

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Health updates

Miles for Men set

CLEARWATER - The name and time might have changed, but Morton Plant Mease's fourth annual prostate cancer awareness event, now known as Miles for Men, is still focusing on the same great cause of prostate cancer awareness.

Scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 7, the event is presented by Urology Specialists of West Florida, and benefits Morton Plant Mease community screenings and education services and assists prostate cancer patients who may not have the resources for treatment.

The race starts on the campus of Morton Plant Hospital in Clearwater. Along with a 5K (3.1 miles), the event features a 10K (6.2 miles) and a Kids Dash. The race will switch to an evening start, with the 5K and 10K starting at 6:30 p.m. Both courses will take runners through surrounding waterfront neighborhoods and over the Memorial Causeway Bridge.

The post-race party includes live music, along with food and beverages sponsored by Papa John's pizza and Sea Dog Brewing Company.

To register, visit Miles4Men.com.

The registration fees are as follows:

- 10K - \$30 until Aug. 31; \$35 Sept. 1-6; \$40 day of race
- 5K: \$25 until Aug. 31; \$30 Sept. 1-6; \$35 day of race.
- Kids Dash: \$10 through Sept. 7.

Late registrations are available on the day of the race for an additional \$5 fee.

The race is part of Morton Plant Mease's recognition of September as National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. Other events will include screenings and lectures.

"Our hope is that through this and other events that people are more aware that early detection of prostate cancer is vital," said Scott Klavans in a press release. Klavans is chairman of the race committee and a Morton Plant Mease urologist. "There is up to a 40 percent decrease in the death rate if caught early through screenings. And with the advanced treatments available, prostate cancer patients can ex-

perience a good recovery and a full and active life."

The event hopes to build on last year's successful event that attracted more than 600 participants, including a number of prostate cancer survivors.

According to the American Cancer Society, prostate cancer is the second most common type of cancer found in American men, and one out of every six males will be diagnosed with the disease during his lifetime.

Florida Hospital donate school supplies

TARPON SPRINGS - As part of a yearly promise to assist the needs of Tarpon Springs Elementary School's more than 500 elementary students, Florida Hospital North Pinellas employees recently donated a truckload of backpacks and school supplies for the school's teachers and students.

The hospital delivered the supplies on Aug. 16, prior to the start of the new school year this week.

"We are thrilled to be able to help provide much needed school supplies and backpacks to our local school," said Vernon Elarbee in a press release. Elarbee is the hospital's human resources director, and coordinator of the project. "Every school year our employees are very generous and donate to our School Supplies Fund so that our community's kids can benefit. We made a promise to the school a long time ago that we will continue this effort every year - I'm hoping we can keep increasing our donations year by year."

Florida Hospital North Pinellas, located in Tarpon Springs, is a member of The Florida Hospital network of the Adventist Health System.

Broome joins counseling center

PALM HARBOR - Mari Wilensky Broome, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, recently joined Palm Harbor Family Counseling Center providing psychotherapy to children, adolescents and adults in both the Palm Harbor location and the new downtown Dunedin location.

Broome specializes in the areas

of overall health and wellness, eating disorders, obesity, anxiety and depression, behavior modification and stress management. She is also a certified yoga therapy teacher and a certified children's yoga teacher.

HLAA chapter to meet

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

HLAA provides access to information for the deaf or hearing impaired. The room at the library is looped, and CART services are provided, which is the words that are being said shown on a screen.

The chapter meets first Wednesdays, with no meetings in July and August.

Call 724-1525.

Girl Talk program set

TARPON SPRINGS - The Florida Hospital North Pinellas Healthy Happenings Women of Wellness program will present Girl Talk - Everything You Wanted to Know But Were Afraid to Ask, a free event, on Wednesday, Oct. 30, 5 p.m., in Inverness Hall at Innisbrook Golf and Spa Resort, 36750 U.S. 19 N., Palm Harbor.

Girl Talk is open to the public. Men are welcome to attend. Reservations are required. Space is limited. For reservations, call 943-3600.

Attendees will have an opportunity to meet area vendors and organizations specializing in health and wellness. Attendees will have the option to receive several free screenings including blood pressure, foot and ankle screenings, and glucose testing. Ladies can also enjoy some free pampering provided by vendors before they sit down to enjoy a delicious dinner. Attendees will be able to participate in a question-and-answer panel discussion led by four local physicians with questions from the audience.

The panel of physicians will feature Rosemary Giuliano, ARNP, MSN, Florida Hospital North Pinellas' director of oncology and cancer initiatives and moderator; Dr. David Marler, OB/GYN; Dr. Cynthia Roever, in-

ternist and geriatrician; Dr. Effie Pappas Politis, plastic and reconstructive surgeon; and Dr. Lourdes Santiago, colorectal and general surgeon.

Doors will open at 5 p.m. with dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. Girl Talk with the Doctors will start at 7 p.m.

Center offers nitrous oxide/oxygen analgesia

LARGO - Breath of Life Women's Health & Birth Center is the first in the Tampa Bay area to begin offering nitrous oxide/oxygen analgesia for laboring women with their Nitronox System. This system delivers a fixed mixture of 50 percent oxygen and 50 percent nitrous oxide (better known as laughing gas) that is safe, effective, simple and popular with many laboring women.

"It is a primary aim of Breath of Life to allow clients free choice and autonomy in selecting the best form of labor pain management for each particular situation," said Chris Hilderbrandt, CNM, in a press release. Hilderbrandt is director of the center. "In the interest of allowing clients this process of choice, we now offer nitrous oxide analgesia which has been, and is currently, used extensively world-wide as a primary form of analgesia for labor and birth."

Labor Day blood drive set

ST. PETERSBURG - Over the long Labor Day holiday weekend, OneBlood will be hosting special blood drives at all Tampa Bay Donor Centers, as well as select locations of community partners, to help prevent blood shortages.

Prospective donors are encouraged to share their power to save lives by giving blood at any of the following area locations.

For a list of Tampa Bay Donor Center locations, visit www.oneblood.org/promotions/202513-Share-your-power-Labor-Day-Weekend.stml. Donors will receive a T-shirt and a free \$10 eGift Card.

For a list of participating movie theater locations, visit www.oneblood.org/promotions/202509-2-Free-Movie-Vouchers.stml.

Donors will receive two vouchers, each for a free movie ticket.

For a list of participating Walmart stores, visit www.oneblood.org/promotions/202324-Walmart-Blood-Drives.stml. Donors will receive a free \$10 Walmart gift card.

All donors also will enjoy a wellness check-up of blood pressure, pulse, temperature and iron count, including a cholesterol screening. In addition, donors who give blood twice between now and Sept. 30, 2013 will receive a voucher for a free steak dinner courtesy of Outback Steakhouse and be entered into a drawing to win "Outback for a Year"

For further details and rules, visit www.oneblood.org/outback.

St. Anthony's opens new garage

ST. PETERSBURG - The new 816-space Jackson Street Garage on the St. Anthony's Hospital campus is now open.

Drivers can enter and exit the Jackson Street Garage off Jackson Street North. The garage primarily serves patients and visitors at the Suncoast Medical Clinic, the Medical Arts Building and the main hospital including the Emergency Center.

Construction on the garage began in August 2012 to provide more parking for patients, visitors and team members to support the new Suncoast Medical Clinic, which opened on the St. Anthony's campus in January. In addition to the many Suncoast physicians, the clinic also houses BayCare Laboratories and BayCare Imaging.

"With the opening of our new garage, we continue our commitment to ensure providing our patients and visitors with the best experience on our campus," said William Ulbricht in a press release. Ulbricht is president of St. Anthony's Hospital. "The design fits in so well with the other buildings that it feels like the garage has always been here."

Like all parking on the St. Anthony's campus, parking is free in the new Jackson Street Garage and in the Seventh Avenue Garage. In the new garage, there is an air-conditioned elevated connector from the second level to Suncoast and a covered ground-level walkway from the garage to

the main hospital. There are 24 handicap-accessible parking spaces throughout plus three van-accessible spaces on the first floor. Three elevators provide accessibility from any level. Visitors may park on Levels 2 and 3.

Barody earns FHCA award

LARGO - Michael Barody, executive director of Regal Palms of Largo, recently was awarded the Florida Health Care Association's Assisted Living Facility Administrator of the Year Award.

Selection is based on candidates' qualities of leadership and demonstrated service to FHCA, along with their significant and measurable achievements in overall facility administration, work-force innovation, survey record and/or survey compliance in turn-around facilities, and implementation of quality improvement programs, including the Advancing Excellence campaign and culture change.

Barody has been working in senior living management for more than 20 years. A past president of FHCA and a Walter M. Johnson Jr. Circle of Excellence Award recipient, he is actively involved on FHCA's FCAL committee and is a strong and effective 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.

Nutrition program set

CLEARWATER - The Clearwater Countryside Library, 2741 S.R. 580, will host a nutrition program at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 28. The program is called, "You Are What You Eat: How Nutrition Affects Your Health and Well-Being" and will be led by Dr. Julia Jenkins.

The seminar is part of an ongoing partnership among the Clearwater Library System, the Aging Well Center and the Morton Plant Mease/Baycare Healthcare System.

Increase fitness with LARGO boot camps

LARGO - Tone muscles, build core strength, lose weight and increase overall fitness through weekly boot camps with certified instructors at Largo's new Highland Recreation Complex and Largo Central Park.

Join instructor Kevin Scibbe for boot camp at the park on Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:15 a.m., at 101 Central Park Drive.

Boot Camp with Instructor Darrell Philip also is available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 6 a.m. and 9 a.m., at the Highland complex, 400 Highland Ave.

Beginners are welcome to try out the cardio-focused exercises and drills both indoors and outdoors. Registration is now open.

Visit HighlandRecreation.com or call 518-3016.

Food Addicts

Anonymous meets

LARGO - The Food Addicts Anonymous meets at three locations in Pinellas County.

Meetings are held at Dr. Paul by the Bay, 140 Corey Ave., St. Pete Beach, on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. and at St. Giles Episcopal Church, 8271 52nd St., Pinellas Park, on Saturdays at 9:30 a.m.

A weekly meeting has started at the Largo Medical Center, 201 14th St. SW, in Largo from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Mondays.

There are no dues, fees, or weigh-ins.

For more information, Call 878-9657 or visit foodaddictsanonymous.org.

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County news

Prestigious honor awarded to Pinellas housing official

The Florida Community Development Association presented the Friend of Community Development award to Anthony Jones, executive director of the Housing Finance Authority and director of Pinellas County Community Development at its state conference in Clearwater Aug. 16.



Anthony Jones

The FCDA is a training and advocacy organization for Florida Community Development Professionals. The award was presented in recognition of the consistently high level of service, excellence and outstanding leadership in the field of community development.

Upon learning about the prestigious award Jones said, "It was a tremendous surprise. To receive this kind of recognition by one's peers is quite humbling. I'm inspired each day by the amazing dedication of our team to improve the communities we serve."

Michael Holmes, FCDA second vice president and housing manager with Clearwater recommended Jones for the award.

"Anthony was a natural choice," he said. "He has been instrumental in assisting Clearwater with our community development initiatives such as the Neighborhood Stabilization Program 3 Funds, Habitat for Humanity's Stevens Creek and Country Club Townhomes just to name a few recent programs. The list of accomplishments goes on and on."

Heritage Village accepting donated treasures

LARGO - It may be the end of August but at Heritage Village thoughts are already turning to October, when the 35th annual Country Jubilee brings a celebration of autumn to Pinellas County with artisans, musicians, demonstrations and much more.

A big draw to the event each year is the huge flea market and book sale, conducted by the Pinellas County Historical Society. Proceeds from this fund-raising activity go directly to the operations at Heritage Village and its success depends on the generosity of residents to donate their treasures for the sale.

Donations to the flea market and book sale are now being collected at Heritage Village during normal operating hours. The Historical Society is accepting books, tools, dishes, silverware, sports equipment, craft items, toys, jewelry, antique or small furniture, seasonal decorations and all types of antiques and housewares. Clothing, shoes, computers or televisions will not be accepted.

For more information on making a donation or to make an appointment to drop off more than a few boxes, call 582-2233. Smaller donations may be brought to the front desk.

The 35th annual Country Jubilee is scheduled on Saturday, Oct. 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will feature craft and artisan vendors, musical entertainment, tours of historical homes, a food court, traditional craft demonstrations and living history activities, as well as the flea market and book sale which occupies four buildings.

Vendors are still being accepted. Interested vendors can call 582-2233. Heritage Village is located at 11909 125th St. N. in Largo. This living history museum brings more than 150 years of local history to life. Tour 28 authentic buildings and structures, and experience historic Pinellas County through hands-on exploration. Paths wind through 21 acres and connect with the Florida Botanical Gardens and the Pinewood Cultural Park campus.

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. For more information on Heritage Village, visit www.pinellascounty.org/heritage or call 582-2123.

Radio airs bright energy saving tips

Being - and saving some - green is the focus of the Sept. 5 There's No Place Like Home radio show sponsored by the Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County.

The featured guest is Joe Triolo, program manager with Duke Energy. He'll talk about easy energy saving tips, the use of solar power and how to arrange for a free energy audit.

The radio program, which features different monthly issues, airs the first Thursday of each month from 10:05 to 10:35 a.m. on WRXB 1590 AM. The show also can be viewed on PCC-TV (Bright House 622, Knowledge 18 and Verizon 44) or www.pinellascounty.org/community/hfa/Media.htm.

Questions or comments about the show may be emailed to HousingFinanceAuthority@pinellascounty.org. Past shows can be found at www.youtube.com/pccvtv1.

County finalizes FY 2014 budget

Public hearings on millage rates, budget set on Sept. 5 and 17

By SUZETTE PORTER

CLEARWATER - Pinellas County employees will likely see a small boost in their paycheck during fiscal year 2014, which begins Oct. 1.

County Administrator Bob LaSala told commissioners during a meeting Aug. 20, he was budgeting for a 3 percent raise for county employees, who are part of the Unified Personnel system - a small boost from 2.8 percent he recommended in his initial budget released July 9.

LaSala said he was suggesting the increase in consideration of the work done by employees and trends in the workplace that merit the bigger pay raise. He said the money would come from departmental budgets and would not require a change to the proposed millage.

The proposed general fund millage rate for FY 2014 is 5.2755, an increase from the current year's rate of 5.0105. If approved county residents will pay just over \$5.27 for every \$1,000 of their properties assessed value. The portion of the tax bill for the general fund on a home with an assessed value of \$99,967 would increase \$26.49 if the rate is approved.

Tentative millage rates are shown on Truth in Millage Notices (TRIM) mailed from the Property Appraiser's Office Aug. 19. The rates can be lowered during the public hearings and final approval, but cannot be increased.

The commission has scheduled two public hearings on the millage rates and budgets. The dates are Thursday, Sept. 5, and Tuesday, Sept. 17. The hearings begin at 6 p.m. in the fifth floor Assembly Room of the Pinellas County Courthouse, 315 Court St. in Clearwater.

For more information on the budget, visit www.pinellascounty.org/budget.

Social action funding

Commissioners used \$561,550 in funds from the Service Level Stabilization Account to provide money for social action and homeless initiative agencies in FY 2014. Staff was asked to include that money in next year's budget.

Commissioners have been debating the timing of changes to how money is awarded to nonprofit organizations providing services to needy residents next year. The final decision was to wait until next year to give the organizations time to prepare.

Priority funding was given to Neighborly Care Network, which provides meals for homebound seniors, to help the agency deal with federal sequestration and budget cuts. Priority also was given to agencies providing emergency shelter for the homeless and shelter beds for families with children, agencies providing food access services, such as food pantries and food distribution centers, and agencies that use county fund to meet requirements for a matching grant.

Agencies receiving social action funding for FY 2014:

- Community law program
- Neighborly Care Network
- Operation Hope of Pinellas
- St. Petersburg Free Clinic
- Suncoast Epilepsy Association
- Tarpon Springs Shepherd Center
- Daystar Life Center

Agencies receiving funding for homeless initiatives:

- Community Action Stops Abuse
- Westcare Gulfcoast - Florida
- Young Women's Christian Association of Tampa Bay
- Pinellas County Homeless Leadership Board
- 2-1-1 Tampa Bay Cares

Agencies receiving social action and homeless initiatives funding:

- Religious Community Services
- The Salvation Army of St. Petersburg
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The commission asked staff to work with the agencies to find a way to lower administrative costs so more of the money could go directly for services.

"Seventy percent (of the money) is not getting to people who need help," said Commissioner Norm Roche. "Seventy percent ought to go to help people and the rest to salary and administrative costs."

Health and Human Services Director Gwendolyn Warren said she planned to begin working with the agencies in the spring closer to the time they begin work on their budgets.

Surface water fees

Commissioners also approved the non-ad valorem assessment agreement with the county tax collector to add a surface water management utility fee to the tax bills of property owners in unincorporated parts of the county.

They talked about a plan to assist with hardship cases to help make sure people don't lose their homes because they couldn't pay the new fee. The utility tax will be part of the property tax bill and must be paid in full within two years or risk the property being sold at auction.

Kelli Levy, section manager for Natural Resources section of the Department of Environment and Infrastructure, said no cities within the county offered exemptions or reduced rates for low-income property owners. However, she said, staff did find a policy in Bay County for qualifying senior citizens, low income seniors and disabled veterans and others who qualify for additional ad valorem homestead exemptions.

Levy said another county funding source was needed to fund the exemptions. She said any exemptions to the assessment fee must be paid back and that surface water assessment funds cannot be used. She said one funding source could be the Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU) contingency fund.

"Some people cannot pay another \$10 a month," Commission Chair Ken Welch said. "I thought a waiver would be there to protect these folks."

Commissioner Karen Seal suggested looking at starting a "Good Neighbor Fund," which is used by Duke Energy and the city of Clearwater. The programs allow private citizens to donate to the fund to help those in need pay their bills.

Levy said Duke Energy's program was funded by a federal grant. She did not know how Clearwater operates its program. The commission directed staff to work on establishing a Good Neighbor program.

In other business:

- The commission approved fee increases for FY 2014
- LaSala announced that Health and Human Service had received a \$600,000 federally funded Navigator Grant to help guide the process of the Affordable Healthcare Act.
- The commission approved an applicant for the Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund program. LaSala said the application was for 143 jobs with pay exceeding 115 percent of the annual wage requirement.
- The commission heard an appeal from an attorney representing Bright House about a lawsuit over cut cables during the construction of the Belleair Beach Causeway.
- The commission approved an amendment to an interlocal agreement with the county's constitutional officers allowing them to terminate and withdraw from the Business Technology Services Board.

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Socialization is critical for all people, regardless of age. But seniors can be more prone to a state of loneliness if there is little contact with others. Most seniors have spent a good portion of their lives, raising children and/or in the workforce. Once the children build lives of their own or possibly plans for retirement are near, socialization decreases, especially if the seniors are losing some of their independence such as driving.

An active social lifestyle is more important than ever in helping seniors maintain a sharp mind that will help keep them connected to the world around them and increase their feelings of happiness. Helping others is one of the best ways to feel better about you and at the same time continue to stay socially involved. Seniors who stay connected have less depression.

Volunteering in the local community is also a great way for seniors to stay active, involved and will enhance the feeling of belonging. There truly is a need for volunteers in various organizations. The skills and talents of seniors in our society are valuable and needed. Volunteering in a local hospital is very rewarding. Escorting patients, assisting with clerical tasks, staffing the gift shop or greeting visitors is just a few examples of possibilities.

If you have a parent or loved one whom you care for, acting as an advocate can be an intimidating task. But there are ways to remain positive, and proactive with your aging parents. The key is to be attentive, understanding, and involved with your parents as they age. Your positive attitude and your efforts to understand their feelings is a wonderful way to say "thank you" for all they have done for you over the years. If your parent is spending a lot of time alone and finding difficulty in completing tasks, call Comfort Keepers to learn about the companionship we provide along with assistance with meals, errands, walks, grooming and other daily tasks.

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Albares-Graybill



Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Joseph Graybill

Kelli Lyn Albares and Douglas Joseph Graybill were married on Saturday, April 13, 2013, at TradeWinds Island Resort, St. Pete Beach.

The bride is the daughter of David and Sandi Albares of Lakeland. She earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Central Florida. She is a Realtor at Realty Executives, Adamo & Associates.

The groom is the son of Tina Annin, of Canton, Mich.; and Douglas Graybill Sr., of Rochester Hills, Mich. The groom attended Michigan State University and then University of Michigan. He owns a private dental practice, Oakhurst Dental.

The couple honeymooned in Hawaii.

Cespedes-Valencia



Vanessa Cespedes and Cristian Valencia will be married in fall of 2014.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Cesar Alberto and Patricia Cespedes of Seminole. The groom-to-be is the son of Jaime and Maria Elena of Tampa.

Lovelace-Robbins



Ashley Marie Lovelace and Jeffrey Michael Robbins were married on Saturday, May 25, 2013, at Church by the Sea, Madeira Beach. Pastor David Ruth and Pastor Charles Reeb officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Joe and Marie Lovelace of Seminole. She graduated from Seminole High School and attended the University of Florida and Florida State Law School. She is an attorney for Geico Insurance.

The groom is the son of Mike and Sally Robbins of Pinellas Park and Asheville, N.C. He graduated from Northside Christian High School and attended Florida Southern College. He is employed by FIS Global.

A reception followed the ceremony at Marriott, Sand Key. The couple took a honeymoon trip to Italy, France and Spain. They reside in Largo.

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• **Robby Krieger**, Saturday, Aug. 31, 8 p.m., at the Palladium at St. Petersburg College, 253 Fifth Ave. N., St. Petersburg. Tickets start at \$26.50. Call 822-3590 or visit www.mypalladium.org. There are few guitarists in rock history that have managed to scale the heights that Robby Krieger managed while a member of one of the all-time great groups, The Doors. As guitarist, Krieger was also one of The Doors' principle songwriters, penning the classics "Light My Fire," "Love Me Two Times," "Love Her Madly," and "Touch Me." Now with his band, Jam Kitchen, Krieger continues to offer up original music that strikes a chord in music listeners worldwide. Krieger's new all-star band, Jam Kitchen, features Arthur Barrow of Frank Zappa's band, Tommy Mars of Frank Zappa's band, Larry Klimas and Tom Brechtlein. Dean Johannesen will open.

• **The 13th annual Geckfest**, Saturday, Aug. 31, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., on Beach Boulevard in Gulfport. The festival will feature live music on two stages as well as street performers, artisans, craftsmen, food vendors, a parade and a costume contest. The day will culminate with Gulfport's famous Street Dance, beginning at 8 p.m. and featuring The Urban Gypsies. For information, visit www.geckfest.com.

• **Sponge Docks Arts and Crafts Festival**, Saturday through Monday, Aug. 31 through Sept. 2, at the Tarpon Springs Sponge Docks, 50 Dodecanese Blvd., Tarpon Springs. The festival will run 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily and will feature 90 of the nation's top artists and crafters exhibiting and selling their homemade creations. Attendees will find jewelry, ceramics, plants, pottery, photography, paintings, homemade soap and more. Visit spongedocks.net.

• **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."



Selena Gomez stars as The Kid and Ethan Hawke as Brent Magna in Warner Bros. Pictures and Dark Castle Entertainment's action thriller "Getaway," a Warner Bros. Pictures release. Photo courtesy of WARNER BROS. PICTURES

Opening this weekend

'Closed Circuit' pairs Bana, Hall; Hawke, Gomez star in 'Getaway'

Compiled by LEE CLARK ZUMPE

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

'Closed Circuit'

Genre: Drama and thriller
Cast: Eric Bana, Rebecca Hall, Ciarán Hinds, Riz Ahmed, Anne-Marie Duff, Kenneth Cranham, Denis Moschitto, Julia Stiles and Jim Broadbent
Director: John Crowley
Rated: R

In the international suspense thriller Closed Circuit, a high-profile terrorism case unexpectedly binds together two ex-lovers on the defense team – testing the limits of their loyalties and placing their lives in jeopardy.

One morning, a busy London market is decimated by an explosion. In the manhunt that follows, only one member of the suspected terrorist cell survives: Faroukh Erdogan (Denis Moschitto), who is arrested and jailed. Preparations begin for what promises to be the trial of the century.

But there's a hitch: the government will use classified evidence to prosecute Erdogan, evidence so secret that neither he nor his lawyers can be allowed to see it. Hence the need for the Attorney General (Jim Broadbent) to appoint a Special Advocate, an additional government-approved defense lawyer, Claudia Simmons-Howe (Rebecca Hall), one who has clearance to see classified evidence and who can argue for its full disclosure when the trial moves to "closed" session.

The rules for the Special Advocate are clear: once the secret evidence is shared with her, Claudia will not be allowed to communicate even with the defendant or with other members of the defense team.

But just as the case is on the eve of going to trial, Erdogan's lawyer dies suddenly, and a new defense attorney, Martin Rose (Eric Bana), quickly steps in. Martin is tenacious, driven, brilliant – and an ex-lover of Claudia's. The two lawyers make an uncomfortable pact to keep their former affair hidden. But as Martin begins to piece the case together, the outlines of a sinister conspiracy emerge, one that will draw him and Claudia dangerously close again.



Zayn Malik appears in TriStar Pictures' "One Direction: This Is Us." Photo by CHRISTIE GOODWIN/TRISTAR PICTURES

'Getaway'

Genre: Thriller
Cast: Ethan Hawke, Selena Gomez, Jon Voight, Rebecca Budig and Bruce Payne
Director: Courtney Solomon
Rated: PG-13

"Getaway" is a gritty, heart-pounding action thriller starring Academy Award nominee Ethan Hawke, actress and international music sensation Selena Gomez and Academy Award winner Jon Voight.

Former racecar driver Brent Magna (Hawke) is pitted against the clock. Desperately trying to save the life of his kidnapped wife, Brent commandeers a custom Ford Shelby GT500 Super Snake, taking it and its unwitting owner (Gomez) on a high-speed race against time, at the command of the mysterious villain holding his wife hostage.

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22, 3 p.m., at 9125 U.S. 19 N.
The open house events will celebrate Venue Theatre's upcoming 2013-14 theater season. The celebration will allow attendees to become better acquainted with the exciting things happening at Venue Theatre.

The event is free, however reservations are required due to limited space. There will be a cheese and wine bar and entertainment.

For reservations, call 822-6194 or email to VenueActorStudio@gmail.com.

Sunsation seeks singers

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

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

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

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

Auditions set

LARGO - Dick Budin Productions will present "The Greatest Christmas Villain," a new-fangled, old-fashioned, "Hiss and Boo" musical melodrama in mid November at the Largo Community Center.

The play takes place in Alaska and features Santa, his Elves, the old Minor, little Nell and others in a minimum cast of 19 characters.

Auditions will be Sunday, Sept. 8, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., in Room A at the Clearwater Main Library, 100 Osceola Ave., Clearwater. Lisa Obst will direct. Mary Ann Boos is the music director. Many adult and young adult roles are available. Candidates should bring music in their own key. Auditions will include cold readings from the script.

Volunteers also are needed for backstage and tech crew. Those interested should attend the au-

ditions.
For information, email dickbudin@juno.com.

Art exhibit set

DUNEDIN - The Tarpon Springs Art Association will exhibit the work of 31 of its members for the month of September.

The exhibit will be on display at Stirling Art Studios & Gallery, found on the second floor of the renovated Stirling Commons building at 730 Broadway.

The local artists will be showcasing their paintings, photography and sculpture.

There will be an exhibit reception on Friday, Sept. 13, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Participating artists will attend the event. The reception will coincide with Dunedin's 2nd Friday Wine and Art Walk.

Stirling Art Studios & Gallery is an artist collective of nine working studios, a classroom for Dunedin Fine Art Center, the Miniature Art Society of Florida and Creative Clay's Transition's Program.

Visitors should enter in back



Images courtesy of THE TARPON SPRINGS ART ASSOCIATION
"Morning at the Box Car," by Dick Duncan, is part of the September exhibition of Tarpon Springs Art Association artists at Stirling Art Studios & Gallery in Dunedin.

of the building and take the elevator or stairs to the second floor. September gallery exhibit hours are Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sat-

urday, noon to 3 p.m. The gallery is open to the public. Admission is free.

For information, call Viv at 433-1420.

Venue Theatre to host open house

PINELLAS PARK - Venue Theatre will host open house events Friday, Sept. 20, 7 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 21, 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Sept. 22, 3 p.m., at 9125 U.S. 19 N.

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TI Art Guild offers portrait workshop

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

For information, call Pete Garino at 345-4150 or visit www.TreasureIslandArtGuild.org.

Venue offers acting classes

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

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

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TFO 2013-14 season

From Beethoven to The Beatles, Florida Orchestra announces concert lineup

The Florida Orchestra has scheduled a stunning selection of concerts for its 2013-14 season, which will feature performances in Tampa, St. Petersburg and Clearwater.

The season will include concerts from several different series, such as Tampa Bay Times Masterworks, Duke Energy Morning Masterworks, Raymond James Pops, Rock Concerts and morning Coffee Concert series.

Tickets are currently on sale.

Single-ticket prices for Tampa Bay Times Masterworks, Duke Energy Morning Masterworks and Raymond James Pops start at \$15. Single-ticket prices for Morning Coffee Concerts start at \$24.

Single-ticket prices for Rock Concerts start at \$35. Services charges and facility fees may apply.

For tickets, call 892-3337 or 800-662-7286; or visit www.floridaorchestra.org.

Tickets also may be purchased at The Florida Orchestra ticket center, found in the St. Petersburg College Building at 244 Second Ave. N., St. Petersburg. Business hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The season opener will be Beethoven's Symphony No. 9, scheduled for Friday, Oct. 11, 8 p.m., at the David A. Straz Jr. Center for the Performing Arts, 1010 N. W.C. MacInnes Place, Tampa; Saturday, Oct. 12, 8 p.m., at The Mahaffey Theater, 400 First St. S., St. Petersburg; and Sunday, Oct. 13, 7:30 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater.

The Master Chorale will join the orchestra in this performance of Stravinsky's solemn and baroque-tinged Symphony of Psalms together with Beethoven's beloved Symphony No. 9 with its life-affirming "Ode to Joy." Evan Rogister will conduct.

The 2013-14 season will run from October through May with most of its 14 Tampa Bay Times Masterworks concerts and eight Raymond James Pops programs being performed at the Straz Center for the Performing Arts in Tampa on Friday evenings, Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg on Saturday evenings, and Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater on Sunday evenings.

Also presented at the Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg, the orchestra offers three additional series: three Rock Concerts on Friday evenings; three Duke Energy Morning Masterworks on Fridays; and eight morning Coffee Concerts on Thursdays. There also will be three morning Coffee Concerts at Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater on Wednesdays.

The Florida Orchestra has sold out many concerts in the past few years and has grown its attendance base by 27 percent since the 2008-09 season, contributed to in part by lowering its ticket prices significantly on the Masterworks and Pops series, which was initiated as part of an accessibility initiative in the 2011-12 season. Because of the community's interest in a variety of musical styles, the orchestra has also introduced a three-concert Rock Concert series, and in recent seasons has staged some special performances that have include classic films with live orchestra accompaniment and programs of video game music.

Masterworks Series

The 2013-14 Tampa Bay Times Masterworks series of 14 concerts will feature symphonic favorites from Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, Mahler and more.

"The upcoming season offers a wonderful array of symphonic and choral works, including such favorites as Beethoven's Symphony No. 9, Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1, Rachmaninoff's Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini, Elgar's Cello Concerto, Brahms' Symphony No. 2, Bartok's Concerto for Orchestra and many other works that we know will provide extraordinary concert experiences to the Tampa Bay community," said Thomas Farquhar in a press release. Farquhar is the TFO board chairman. "In addition, concertgoers will be treated to a select group of solo artists, including some of our orchestra's principal musicians, along with some highly gifted guest conductors as we continue our search for the orchestra's next music director."

Following 10 seasons as The Florida Orchestra's music director, Stefan Sanderling will be returning to lead the orchestra in a concert program as conductor emeritus and artistic adviser. Stuart Malina, TFO's principal guest conductor, will also conduct a Masterworks program.

TFO has invited 12 guest conductors for this season's Masterworks series. Five conductors will be making their TFO debuts, including music director of the Berkeley Symphony Joana Carneiro, chief conductor and artistic advisor to Sweden's Norrköping Symphony Orchestra Michael Francis, music director of the Wichita Symphony Daniel Hege, former kapellmeister at the Deutsche Oper Berlin Evan Rogister, music director of both the Memphis Symphony Orchestra and the Chicago Sinfonietta Mei-Ann Chen.

Returning conductors include assistant conductor of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Teddy Abrams, music director of the New West Symphony Orchestra in Los Angeles and the assistant conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra Marcelo Lehninger, associate conductor of the Philadelphia Orchestra Cristian Macelaru, music director of the Princeton Symphony Orchestra Rossen Milanov, music director of the National Opera of Lorraine and the Orchestre Symphonique et Lyrique de Nancy in France Tito Muñoz, former music director of the Seattle Symphony Gerard Schwarz, and assistant conductor of the New York Philharmonic Joshua Weilerstein.

Two piano soloists will make their TFO debuts. Irishman John O'Connor will perform in Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 3. American Andrew von Oeyen will perform in Rachmaninoff's Rhapsody on a

Theme of Paganini.

Returning pianists include American Orli Shaham in Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 20, K.466, British artist Stephen Hough in Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1, and German pianist Markus Groh in Bartok's Piano Concerto No. 1. American violinist Caroline Goulding will debut with TFO performing Korngold's Violin Concerto. Cuban-American guitarist Manuel Barrueco returns to perform TFO's premiere of Roberto Sierra's *Concierto Barroco*. Additional string soloists include TFO principal cellist James Connors in Elgar's Cello Concerto; TFO concertmaster Jeffrey Multer in Bartok's Violin Concerto No. 2; and TFO principal harpist Anna Kate Mackle with principal flutist Clay Ellerbroek in TFO's premiere of Takemitsu's *Toward the Sea II* for alto flute, harp and string orchestra. TFO principal percussionist John Shaw will be the soloist in TFO's premiere of Tan Dun's *Water Concerto*.

Vocal soloists performing this season in Beethoven's Symphony No. 9, Choral, include soprano Katie van Kooten, mezzo soprano Nancy Maulsby and tenor Nathaniel Peake. The bass soloist is yet to be announced.

Following is the Masterworks Series lineup:

- Opening Night: Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 – Oct. 11, 12 and 13, 2013
- Also Sprach Zarathustra – Nov. 1, 2 and 3, 2013
- Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1 – Nov. 8, 9 and 10, 2013
- Elgar's Cello Concerto – Nov. 22, 23 and 24, 2013
- Mahler's Symphony No. 1, Titan – Dec. 6, 7 and 8, 2013
- Bravo Beethoven! – Jan. 10, 11 and 12, 2014
- Bartok and Brahms – Jan. 24, 25 and 26, 2014
- Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini – Feb. 21, 22 and 23, 2014
- Korngold's Violin Concerto – March 14, 15 and 16, 2014
- Bartok's Piano Concerto No. 1 – March 21, 22 and 23, 2014
- Mozart, Diamond and Brahms – April 11, 12 and 13, 2014
- Tan Dun's Water Concerto – April 25, 26 and 27, 2014
- Tchaikovsky's Pathétique – May 16, 17 and 18, 2014
- Ravel's Daphnis et Chloe – May 30 and 31, 2014

Pops Series

The 2013-14 Raymond James Pops series will be the first full season led by principal pops conductor Jeff Tyzik, a prolific arranger with many of his works featured throughout the pops season.

"I'm thrilled with our pops lineup for next season," Tyzik said in a press release. "We have an exciting mix of great music and guest artists. I'm looking forward to conducting TFO in my first season as your principal pops conductor."

Tyzik will conduct five of the pops concerts. Conductors for the other three concerts include Stuart Malina, TFO principal guest conductor; Michael Krajewski, principal pops conductor of the Houston Symphony, Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra, and Atlanta Symphony Orchestra; and Bob Bernhardt, music director emeritus of the Chattanooga Symphony and opera and principal pops conductor of the Louisville Orchestra.

The eight-concert symphonic pops series will cover a broad array of programs.

Cirque de la Symphonie will return with its troupe of jugglers, acrobats and aerial artists performing to popular symphonic favorites. *Let's Dance* will feature dancers making their moves to the tango, waltz, blues, swing, 50s rock classics and more. *Holiday Pops* offers highlights from Duke Ellington's *Nutcracker Suite*, traditional carols and Yuletide tunes. *Bond and Beyond* spotlights Broadway songstress Debbie Gravitte in a concert of music from the films about James Bond, Inspector Clouseau, Austin Powers and other spies and gum shoes.

Following is the Pops Series lineup:

- Cirque de la Symphonie – Oct. 25, 26 and 27, 2013
- Let's Dance – Nov. 15, 16 and 17, 2013
- Holiday Pops! – Dec. 13, 14 and 15, 2013
- Bond and Beyond – Jan. 17, 18 and 19, 2014
- A Evening of Rodgers and Hammerstein – Feb. 14, 15 and 16, 2014
- When Irish Eyes Are Smiling – March 7, 8 and 9, 2014
- A Tribute to Benny Goodman – April 4, 5 and 6, 2014
- A Stars and Stripes Hit Parade – May 23, 24 and 25, 2014

Coffee Concerts

The 2013-14 morning Coffee Concert series in St. Petersburg and in Clearwater will be presented under the direction of principal guest conductor Stuart Malina.

For the upcoming season, the orchestra is increasing the number of concerts from seven to eight on its highly popular and successful Coffee Concert series in St. Petersburg. This series of familiar symphonic favorites is presented at the Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg on Thursday mornings at 11 a.m. There also will be a three-concert Coffee Concert series at Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m.

Programming for the 2013-14 Coffee Concerts will cover musical highlights from symphonies, opera, Broadway, film and ballet. Program highlights include Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 4, Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 4 and Gershwin's *American in Paris*.

Malina will conduct seven of the eight programs and James Feddeck will be the guest conductor on one program.

Following is the Coffee Concerts lineup:

- From Russia with Love – Thursday, Oct. 24, 2013, at the Mahaffey Theater
- Music Around the World – Thursday, Nov. 14, 2013, at the Mahaffey Theater



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Above, Caroline Goulding plays Korngold's film-theme-inspired and crowd-pleasing Violin Concerto as part of TFO's Masterworks series, March 14-16. Below, Featured vocalist Randy Jackson joins TFO for its tribute to the music of Pink Floyd Nov. 29 at the Mahaffey Theater.



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- Sounds of Celebration – Thursday, Dec. 12, 2013, at the Mahaffey Theater
- Musicians in the Spotlight – Thursday, Jan. 16, 2014, at the Mahaffey Theater
- Something Old, Something New – Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2014, at Ruth Eckerd Hall; and Thursday, Feb. 13, at the Mahaffey Theater
- A Salute to Broadway – Wednesday, March 5, 10 a.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall; and Thursday, March 6, 2014, at the Mahaffey Theater
- Theme & Variation – Wednesday, April 2, 2014, at Ruth Eckerd Hall; and Thursday, April 3, 2014, at the Mahaffey Theater
- Earth, Wind, Fire & Water – Thursday, May 22, 2014, at the Mahaffey Theater

Rock Concert Series

Following the launch of a Rock Concert series during the 2012-13 season, TFO has announced that the 2013-14 season's symphonic rock series will showcase the music of The Beatles, Pink Floyd and The Eagles.

All three concerts will be on Friday evenings at the Mahaffey Theater.

During the 2012-13 season, TFO presented symphonic rock tribute concerts to the music of Simon and Garfunkel, Michael Jackson and The Doors. In recent seasons, the orchestra has also presented a variety of successful symphonic rock concerts featuring Dennis DeYoung and the Music of Styx, as well as tributes to the music of Pink Floyd, The Beatles, Led Zeppelin and Queen. The positive community response to those concerts encouraged the orchestra to add the Rock Concert series to varied concert menu to reach a wider audience and to better serve the broad musical interests of the Tampa Bay community.

Celebrating the 40th anniversary of "Dark Side of the Moon," TFO's tribute to Pink Floyd will feature retina-dazzling rock concert lighting. The orchestra will join forces with a full rock band to perform such timeless hits as "Money," "Learning to Fly" and "Comfortably Numb."

The featured vocalist for the concert will be Randy Jackson, the lead singer of the band Zebra. Arranger and conductor Brent Havens will be on the podium.

Following is the Rock Concert Series lineup:

- Classical Mystery Tour: The Music of the Beatles – Friday, Oct. 18, 2013
- The Music of Pink Floyd – Friday, Nov. 29, 2013
- The Music of the Eagles – Friday, May 9, 2014

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Capitol's inaugural season

Michael McDonald to be first performer on stage at all-new Capitol Theatre in downtown Clearwater

CLEARWATER – Zev Buffman, president and CEO of Ruth Eckerd Hall Inc., recently announced the first 30 performances at the all-new 750 seat Capitol Theatre in downtown Clearwater.

The schedule includes an inaugural concert by five-time Grammy Award-winner Michael McDonald, recording artist and star of "Smash" Katherine McPhee, multiple Grammy Award-winner Michael Bolton, entertainment powerhouse and cultural icon Joan Rivers and – direct from The Tonight Show desk – Jay Leno.

Leno's appearance will be his first area performance in more than 20 years.

"We are thrilled to announce the debut season at the all-new Capitol Theatre," said Buffman. "After an \$8 million renovation, the Capitol Theatre will be a state-of-the-art theater and the crown jewel in downtown Clearwater. We will offer the same diverse, top-notch programming in this intimate venue that patrons of Ruth Eckerd Hall have come to expect."

Tickets to all shows will go on sale to the general public beginning Friday, Aug. 23 at noon. Call 791-7400 or visit www.athecap.com.

Capitol Theatre is at 405 Cleveland St., Clearwater.

Following is a summary of Capitol Theatre's inaugural season:

• **Michael McDonald:** This Christmas – An Evening of Holiday and Hits, Wednesday, Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$82.

With a career that encompasses five Grammy Awards, numerous chart successes, personal and professional accolades, as well as collaborations with some of the world's most prominent artists, Michael McDonald remains an enduring force in popular music. From '70s-era Doobie Brothers classics such as "What A Fool Believes" and solo hits like "I Keep Forgettin'" through two highly-acclaimed Motown covers albums and recent genre-busting guest spots with alternative buzz bands "Grizzly Bear" and "Holy Ghost," McDonald is an artist whose work is both timeless and ever-evolving.

• **Sinbad,** Thursday, Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$39. Ranked by Comedy Central as one of the top 100 standup comedians of all time, Sinbad arrived on the comedy scene with a "hit 'em in the face" style of comedy that has kept audiences laughing in the aisles for over the past two decades. He freely admits that he doesn't know any jokes, except for the ones that his dad told him "back in the day." The basis of his humor comes from everyone he meets, everything he's seen and everything he's done.

• **Rockapella,** Friday, Dec. 20, 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$30. The world's most loved five-man contemporary pop vocal phenomenon is known for its astonishing live performances and Rockapella's holiday show is a "must see" event. With their completely original take on the holidays, Rockapella creates a light-hearted and unforgettable holiday experience as they travel the country spreading musical holiday cheer. From unique takes on classic favorites to brand new originals destined to become classics, audiences of all ages can expect to be charmed by a holiday performance like no other.

• **Katharine McPhee,** Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014, 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$50. Actress and Columbia recording artist Katharine McPhee spent the past two years shooting the highly anticipated Steven Spielberg/NBC TV series "Smash" in New York City. McPhee is currently in the studio working on her next solo record, due out later this year. McPhee's self-titled debut album exploded on the Billboard 200 and was the best charting debut for a female artist within

a two-year period. She has co-starred in the hit Adam Sandler comedy "House Bunny" and co-starred in episodes of "CSI-NY," "Community" and "The Family Guy." McPhee was featured on two hit PBS specials: "Foster and Friends" and "Chris Botti in Boston" alongside Sting, Andrea Bocelli and John Mayer.

• **Chris Botti,** Saturday, Jan. 18, 2014, 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$69. "Impressions," trumpeter Chris Botti's 2012 Columbia Records CD, is the latest in a stellar parade of albums starting with 2004's "When I Fall In Love." Botti followed with "To Love Again," "Italia" and the CD/DVD "Chris Botti In Boston." His music has made him a jazz favorite and lead to numerous sensational PBS specials. Add to that a Grammy win and three No. 1 albums on Billboard's Jazz Albums listings have firmly established him as the world's largest selling jazz instrumentalist.

• **Don Williams,** Friday, Jan. 24, 2014, 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$65. They came to call Don Williams "the Gentle Giant" in the decades he was a dominating country hit maker, recording hits like "Good Ole Boys Like Me" and "Til The Rivers Run Dry." He earned his nickname because of his unique blend of commanding presence and that laid-back, easy style that has appealed to adult men and women alike – cutting across national and genre boundaries. If those personal and musical qualities stood out strongly across the 1970s, the '80s and the '90s, they are all the more distinctive in 2012, when so many country and pop records seem to work as check-off lists of somebody's idea of how to be a man, or hard-sell attempts to indicate affection for a woman. Williams has never sounded like he felt the need to sell somebody something or to prove anything.

• **Shawn Colvin,** Saturday, Jan. 25, 2014, 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$35. In an era when female singer-songwriters are ever more ubiquitous, Shawn Colvin stands out as a singular and enduring talent. In the 23 years since the release of her debut album, Colvin has won three Grammy Awards including Record of The Year for the Top 10 hit "Sunny Came Home," released nine albums, maintained a non-stop national and international touring schedule, appeared on countless television and radio programs, had her songs featured in major motion pictures, and created a remarkable canon of work.

• **Jackie Mason,** Saturday, Feb. 1, 2014, 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$25. Once in a generation, a performer emerges who is so extraordinary, so brilliant, that he or she becomes the standard to which all others are compared. Jackie Mason is such a performer and is widely regarded as one of the greatest stand-up comics of all time. Now more popular than ever, Mason combines pungent political satire, insightful observations on the foibles of modern life, and impeccable timing to create material that leaves audiences laughing until they cry and critics raving show after show.

• **New Orleans' Own Dukes of Dixieland,** Sunday, Feb. 9, 2014, 2 p.m. Tickets start at \$35. The oldest continuing Dixieland band (the original configuration of this group dates back to 1949, the current band to 1974), these globe-trotting jazz ambassadors from the heart of the Big Easy blow traditional Dixieland into the 21st century, weaving strands of pop, gospel and country with authentic New Orleans sounds. The Dukes of Dixieland embody 39 years of tradition, offering jazz as it's meant to be: both durable and flexible. Strong tradition, new ground, great sounds – that's what the Dukes of Dixieland bring to audiences, whether they're performing in concert halls or offering dinner cruises on the

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• **Jay Leno,** Sunday, Feb. 9, 2014, 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$85. Direct from wrapping up his legendary late night career, Jay Leno returns to the area for the first time in more than 20 years for a unique experience in the intimate setting of the Capitol Theatre. Named America's Favorite TV Personality in the 2009 Harris Poll, Leno is best known as America's late night leader for almost two decades. In 2001, he traveled to Bosnia, where he performed for military troops associated with the war in Afghanistan. He also traveled to Aviano, Italy in 1995 to entertain military troops associated with the peace-keeping efforts in Bosnia. He remains passionate about performing in front of live audiences and appears regularly in Las Vegas, on college campuses around the United States and in other venues.

• **Pavlo,** Friday, Feb. 14, 2014, 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$29.50. Supported throughout his career by PBS, Pavlo's ninth album, "Six String Blvd.," incorporates the world's most exotic instruments into his classic Mediterranean sound. Influenced by his travels, he utilizes the Chinese ehru; the Portuguese guitarra; the Arabic flute; the Indian sitar and the Greek bouzouki. Pavlo has come full circle since he introduced his Mediterranean brand in 1998, once again recording an all-instrumental album. With all brand-new compositions, this album highlights Pavlo's unmatched ability to melodically unite world instruments into his sound seamlessly, all the while staying true to his distinct Mediterranean guitar signature.

• **Melissa Manchester,** Saturday, Feb. 15, 2014, 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$45. Melissa Manchester starred in the national tours of Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Music Of The Night" and "Song And Dance." In 1980, she became the first recording artist in the history of the Academy Awards to have two nominated movie themes in a given year: "Through The Eyes Of Love" and "The Promise." She won the Grammy Award for Best Female Vocalist in 1982 singing "You Should Hear How She Talks About You." Manchester has composed music for the animated feature "The Great Mouse Detective" and wrote the scores for the musical "I Sent A Letter To My Love" and for "Lady And The Tramp II," the sequel to the Disney animated classic. She also co-wrote the radio mainstays "Midnight Blue," "Come In From The Rain" and "Whenever I Call You Friend."

• **Edwin McCain,** Thursday, Feb. 20, 2014, 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$35. For the guy who always dreamed of a life on the road, McCain's

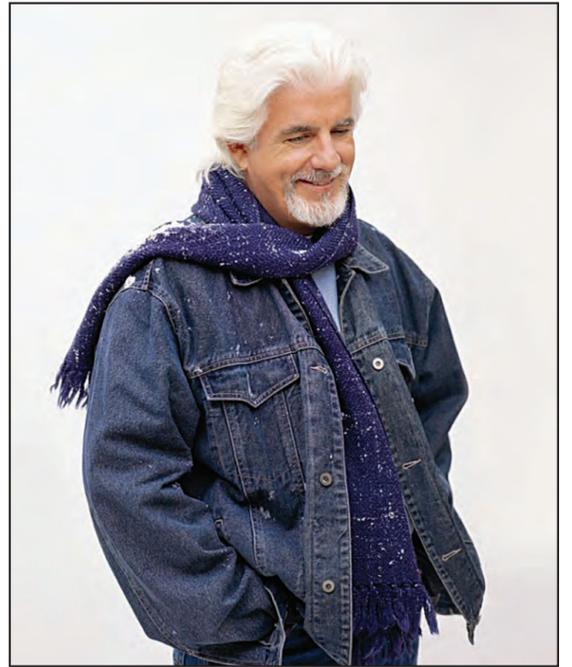


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Michael McDonald kicks off Capitol Theatre's inaugural season on Dec. 18.

massive pop hits "I'll Be" and "I Could Not Ask For More" were like pulling into glamorous, exciting towns along his never-ending tour. They were life changing and sent him off with incredible memories and nifty souvenirs but were always just a part of the journey, not the destination. By the time his vocals kick in, it's clear that this is no ordinary troubadour on the club circuit. This is the voice that is romance incarnate, has launched a thousand marriages and stirred up Southern soul for more than 20 years.

• **Tommy Emmanuel,** Saturday, Feb. 22, 2014, 8 p.m. Long one of Australia's most respected and best-loved musicians, his award-winning career now spans five decades and multiple genres including jazz, rock, blues and country. He is known for his distinctive "finger style" playing, using all 10 fingers – a technique he was inspired to try after hearing his hero, the legendary Chet Atkins, play in the early 1960s. In 1996, he and Atkins jointly recorded the album "The Day The Finger Pickers Took Over The World," for which Emmanuel received his first of two Grammy nominations. In 1999, at the 15th annual Chet Atkins Appreciation Society Convention, Atkins presented Emmanuel with a coveted Certified Guitar Player Award, an honor the Nashville icon bestowed on only four other guitarists before his

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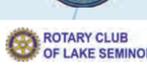
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death in 2001.

• **Dave Mason's Traffic Jam**, Friday, Feb. 21, 2014, 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$49. Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee, songwriter and legendary guitarist Dave Mason has been making music since the age of 18 when he teamed up with fellow England native Steve Winwood to form the band Traffic. Since then he has penned dozens of hits such as "Feelin' Alright" and "We Just Disagree." He has been linked with numerous other members of rock and roll elite, including Eric Clapton, Stevie Wonder, Michael Jackson, Fleetwood Mac, The Rolling Stones, Graham Nash, Stephen Stills, Rita Coolidge, Leon Russell, Ron Wood and Mama Cass Elliot. Mason has been performing to sold-out audiences for years and has sold millions of recordings worldwide.

• **Women of Ireland**, Sunday, Feb. 23, 2014, 3 and 6 p.m. Tickets start at \$35. The next generation of Ireland's finest female champion dancers and some of Ireland's finest female performers bring Irish and Celtic music when they return to the Capitol Theatre. This energetic, compelling and innovative concert production shares Irish music, song and dance, and a wealth of Irish talent.

• **Bob Newhart**, Saturday, March 1, 2014, 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$50. Bob Newhart's career has spanned two successful television shows and 14 feature films. Newhart has sold millions of albums worldwide and still performs to sell-out crowds all over the country. Fans flock to his live performances to hear such Newhart standards as "The Driving Instructor," "Sir Walter Raleigh" and "The Submarine Commander." These timeless classics are enjoyed by young and old alike in sold-out concert halls across America.

• **Don McLean**, Friday, March 7, 2014, 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$45. Don McLean is one of America's most enduring singer-songwriters and is forever associated with his classic hits "American Pie" and "Vincent (Starry Starry Night)." Since first hitting the charts in 1971, McLean has amassed more than 40 gold and platinum records world-wide and, in 2004, was inducted into the Songwriters' Hall of Fame. His songs have been recorded by artists from every musical genre, most notably Madonna's No. 1 recording of "American Pie" in 2000 and George Michael's version of "The Grave" in 2003.

• **Gino Vannelli**, Saturday, March 8, 2014, 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$55. Born in Montreal, Quebec, Vannelli studied music at McGill University. After a stint in New York City, Vannelli and his brothers went to Los Angeles, California where they were signed by Herb Albert and A&M Records. In 1974, "People Gotta Move" made it to No. 22 on the Billboard Top 100. Vannelli won Canada's Juno Award for Best Male Artist in 1976 and 1979. In April 1981, "Living Inside Myself" was on Bill-

board's Top 100 at No. 6. Vannelli's additional recordings of the 1980s include "Nightwalker" and "Big Dreamers Never Sleep." In 1990, "Inconsolable Man" received excellent reviews. On Vannelli's CD "Yonder Tree," he pays homage to his roots in jazz; additional recordings of the 1990s include "Live in Montreal" and "Slow Love." Vannelli's latest CD, "The Best And Beyond," contains re-workings of his Top 10 hits, which catapulted him to the world stage.

• **Michael Bolton**, Monday, March 10, 2014, 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$72. An unforgettable evening with Michael Bolton, the multi-Grammy Award-winning, iconic voice on more than 53 million records sold, with hits like "When a Man Loves a Woman," "How Am I Supposed to Live Without You," "Time, Love and Tenderness," "How Can We Be Lovers" and "Georgia on my Mind."

• **Joan Rivers**, Friday, March 14, 2014, 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$65. An entertainment legend of unparalleled accomplishment and talent, Joan Rivers is an internationally renowned comedienne, Emmy Award-winning television talk show host, Tony Award-nominated actress, bestselling author, playwright, screenwriter, film director, columnist, lecturer, syndicated radio host, jewelry designer, cosmetic company entrepreneur, and red carpet fashion laureate. Her continued relevance is made clear by her growing group of more than 1.5 million followers on Twitter. Above all things, however, Rivers is a proud mother and grandmother.

• **Aaron Neville & Dirty Dozen Brass Band**, Saturday, March 15, 2014, 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$52. Aaron Neville, whose recent PBS special showcases him as one of the world's finest singers, is revisiting the music he grew up with and adding a few new spins along the way with his latest record "My True Story." Neville's first release for Blue Note Records is a collection of 12 classic doo-wop numbers, performed in his utterly inimitable vocal style and co-produced by Blue Note president Don Was and Keith Richards. Neville explains that having internalized this music so deeply, he was able to show the musicians the genuine old-school feel that these songs require.

• **Finbar Wright, Anthony Kearns and Ronan Tynan: The Irish Tenors with Live Orchestra**, Monday, March 17, 2014, 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$50. Whenever thoughts turn to Ireland and Irish music, the Irish Tenors immediately spring to mind. Ranked as Ireland's premier ambassadors of song, they entertain audiences worldwide with a quality of performance which is unrivalled, incomparable and, most importantly in their eyes, worthy of the rich cultural heritage of the country of Ireland and the exquisite musical treasury created by Irish people everywhere throughout history. Finbar Wright, Anthony Kearns and Ronan Tynan return with a heartfelt and patriotically charged performance not to be missed.

• **Marc Cohn**, Friday, March 21, 2014, 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$45. Folk rock, singer-songwriter and musician Marc Cohn combines the precision of a brilliant tunesmith with the passion of a great soul man. He's a natural storyteller, balancing the exuberant with the poignant, and able to distill universal truth out of his often romantic, drawn-from-life tales. His career took off in 1990 with the recording of his critically acclaimed, self-titled debut disc, which yielded such classics as Grammy Award-winning "Walking In Memphis," "Silver Thunderbird" and "True Companion."

• **Al Stewart**, Saturday, March 22, 2014, 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$29. Like the fine wines that are his hobby, Al Stewart's gifts as a singer and songwriter have matured and ripened over the course of his musical career, stretching from the early '60s to the present and beyond. He is best known for "Year of the Cat" which was released in 1976 and spawned two Top 20 hits, the title song and "On the Border" which became a million-selling record. As he nears the 20-album mark, Stewart remains a distinctively literate and vivid storyteller, time traveling and teleporting himself and his listeners from World War I battlefields to '60s bedrooms, from ships to airplanes to ice floes, from the specific to the mysterious.

• **Van Cliburn International Piano Competition Gold Medalist Vadym Kholodenko**, Sunday, March 30, 2014, 2 p.m. Tickets start at \$35. Who might be the next young classical piano superstar? We continue our tradition by presenting the winner of America's preeminent piano competition, the best of 30 competitors from 14 countries, chosen from 225 applicants worldwide. The competition is held once every four years. Enjoy this opportunity to be among the first to experience the virtuosity of the 2013 winner, Vadym Kholodenko. Born in Kiev, Kholodenko won first prize at both the International Schubert Competition in Dortmund in 2012 and the Sendai International Music Competition in 2010. He has worked with Yuri Bashmet, Vladimir Spivakoy and other distinguished conductors and has performed across the globe. He currently resides in Moscow, where he attends the Moscow P.I. Tchaikovsky Conservatory.

• **Steve Hackett: Genesis Revisited**, Thursday, April 3, 2014, 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$65. Steve Hackett's work is featured on some of the greatest songs of the past four decades. Whether with Genesis, GTR or on his solo output, the man has been a giant of the prog-rock genre. His guitar style and range has been both innovative and inspirational and he's most definitely among the greats on the instrument, as you can tell by listening to Genesis classics like "Firth Of Fifth," "Supper's Ready" or "The Musical Box." His sense of drama and diversity was accentuated by a desire to try different ideas, something that's still true.

• **Nobuyuki Tsujii**, Wednesday, April 9, 2014, 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$35. Known for his refined and effortless playing, Nobuyuki Tsujii's spellbinding performances at the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition introduced him to hundreds of thousands of new fans around the

world and elevated him to superstar status in his home country of Japan. Blind since birth, Tsujii's achievements are even more remarkable because he has learned all of his music by ear. Despite this, he plays with unpretentious assurance, sensitivity and expressiveness. Experience this rising young star with brilliant musicianship when he returns to Clearwater for the first time since his sold-out performance in October 2010.

• **Judy Collins**, Friday, April 11, 2014, 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$49. A clarion voice of the '60s inspired by Woody Guthrie and Pete Seeger, interpreter of social poet Bob Dylan and others, Judy Collins's music is still strong and crystal clear. Particularly known for her renditions of Joni Mitchell's "Both Sides Now" and Stephen Sondheim "Send in the Clowns," this singer-songwriter, social activist, author, filmmaker, painter and more, a relentlessly creative spirit, is truly a renaissance woman. Collin's latest album "Bohemian" was released in 2011.

• **Megan Hilty**, Saturday, April 26, 2014, 8 p.m. Hilty is the star of NBC-TV's musical drama "Smash" as Ivy Lynn. Hilty was recently signed to Sony Music and her new album, "It Happens All The Time," was released in March. She made her Broadway debut as Glinda in "Wicked" and went on to perform the role in both the national tour and in Los Angeles. She was previously seen as Lorelei Lee, the diamond-loving blonde in the Encores! production of "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," to which she earned rave reviews. She can also be heard alongside Placido Domingo on the opera star's duet album. After receiving critical acclaim for her portrayal of Doralee Rhodes in Broadway's "9 to 5: The Musical," Hilty was honored with nominations for Lead Actress in a Musical at the Drama Desk Awards, Outer Critics Circle Awards, and the Drama League Awards, among others.

• **"I Love Lucy - Live on Stage"**, Friday, May 16; and Sunday, June 8, 2014. "I Love Lucy - Live on Stage" is the brand-new hit stage show adapted from the most beloved program in television history. It's 1952 and attendees are a members of the Desilu Playhouse studio audience, where they experience firsthand the filming of two hilarious "I Love Lucy" episodes, complete with charming host, '50s-style harmonies from the Crystallone Singers and the sidesplitting antics of America's favorite foursome - Lucy, Ricky, Fred and Ethel.

The Capitol Theatre, located in downtown Clearwater's Cleveland Street district, was constructed in 1921 and is one of Florida's oldest operating theaters. The Capitol Theatre, through a partnership between the city of Clearwater and Ruth Eckerd Hall Inc., is currently being renovated to be re-opened in December 2013.

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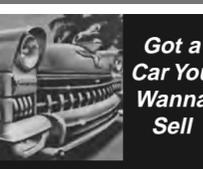
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