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New gallery fosters art in Largo

Wandering Star owner is on a mission to create downtown community

By JULIANA A. TORRES

LARGO - Tanya Pistillo has been leading a revolution, bent on the creation of a downtown community stimulated by a thriving visual art scene.

Wandering Star Gallery is the epicenter of her one-woman charge. Pistillo, 37, began transforming the vacant and run-down building at 220 W. Bay Drive in February, with little resource and fewer funds. But in only a few months, the gallery has become home to works of art from about 50 undiscovered artists in Largo.

"Part one of my vision is uniting Largo through art," Pistillo said.

Her vision extends beyond the boundaries of the new gallery. Pistillo hopes to revitalize the downtown itself, help marginalized populations through art therapy and bring events to the green space across Bay Drive from the gallery, Ulmer Park.

The Largo native said that she used to sit in the pavilion of that very park as a high school student, writing poetry and dreaming of her very own eclectic shop.

Even then, Pistillo knew she never wanted to be considered "normal" in society's view.

In October, she quit her job as an inventory control analyst for a company that imported goods from China - a job that caused an "internal war every day" within the keep-it-local advocate, she said. Pistillo and her husband moved into a house in downtown Largo in January. She knew she wanted to pursue art, but it wasn't until she saw a sign for the Greater Largo Library Foundation's 2013 Art Hop that a bigger plan began to unfold.

In her quest through downtown Largo to find out more information about the Art Hop, Pistillo said she realized that not only did the businesses along West Bay Drive not know about the event, but they also didn't talk to each other.

"It really bothered me that there was a disconnect in the community," she said. "And it was consistent."

She began an informal poll, asking business owners if they knew their neighbors and where they would go to

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Photo by JULIANA A. TORRES
Tanya Pistillo drinks coffee inside her new business, Wandering Star Gallery, in downtown Largo. Her mission is to unite the city of Largo through visual art.

Cancer survivors celebrated

By JULIANA A. TORRES

LARGO - Upbeat music from the Largo High School's marching Band of Gold led cancer survivors through the first lap of the Relay for Life held in Largo Central Park April 20.

The circle through the park was one of many in the 18-hour event that began at 2 p.m. and didn't end until 8 a.m. the following day. Relay for Life is the main fundraising event of the year for the American Cancer Society.

The local branch of the organization is committed to raising \$35,000 before August this year. Before the Relay started, the organization had \$23,000 under its belt, said community representative Lauren Hagwood.

"Every year, we increase our goal. I think we'll hit it," Hagwood said. "I have faith."

Funds raised in the Largo Relay for Life support American Cancer Society initiatives close to home, Hagwood said. One of the most requested patient services is Road to Recovery, which provides transportation to and from cancer treatments.

Other funded initiatives include the Hope Lodge in Tampa, one of two sites in Florida that provide housing and emotional support for cancer patients; cancer resource rooms, where patients can find donated wigs, breast prostheses, bras and turbans and cancer research.

"It's nice to see what all

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Above, a group of cancer survivors take the first lap of the Relay for Life of Largo, held in Largo Central Park April 20. At left, emcee Steve Hernandez commends "heroes of hope," before they begin the first lap. "You inspire us with your strength and courage and we celebrate you," he said. "Let's get this party started."

Photos by JULIANA A. TORRES

Forgotten wall tribute to WWI veterans discovered

By: LESTER R. DAILEY

CLEARWATER - When young American soldiers marched off in 1917 to fight in the "Great War" in Europe, they were called "doughboys." When the war ended, they were called heroes. Cities from Clearwater to Cleveland erected statues and monuments to honor them.

As far as anybody knew, the bronze soldier and sailor statues in Clearwater - refurbished when the new Memorial Causeway Bridge was opened in 2005 - were the city's only monuments to the men who fought in the First World War.

Fast-forward to 2013, and workers tearing down a wall in the ladies' room of the historic Capitol Theatre - which is being renovated and enlarged - find dozens, perhaps hundreds, of names neatly painted in alphabetical order on a brick



Photos by LESTER R. DAILEY
Workers remodeling the Capitol Theatre discovered a long-forgotten wall listing the names of Clearwater men who served in the 'Great War.'

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Tampa Bay Water asks public to reduce water use

By SUZETTE PORTER

CLEARWATER - Tampa Bay Water officials are asking the public to reduce water use as much as possible.

The agency, which provides wholesale drinking water to Tampa, St. Petersburg, New Port Richey, as well as Hillsborough, Pinellas and Pasco counties, announced April 17 that it is in a Phase 4 water status, under the agencies modified Water Shortage Mitigation Plan.

Alison Adams, spokesperson for TBW, said the Phase 4 design-

nation is part of a system to monitor supply and demand.

"It has to do with supply availability, water supply readiness," she explained "With the reservoir out of service, and as dry as it is now, we have no surface water, which is why we have a level 4 water supply shortage."

Phase 4 is the highest alert, signifying a critical shortage due to the lack of surface water.

Water levels in the Alafia River and Tampa Bypass Canal

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City calendar

Largo Central Park

The Largo Central Park is at 101 Central Park Drive. Within the park are Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, the Largo Public Library, at 120 Central Park Drive, and the historic Largo Feed Store, at 295 Central Park Drive. For information about special events, call 587-6740, ext. 5014 or visit LargoEvents.com

Movies in the Park

LARGO - The city of Largo will show the movie "Here Comes the Boom" on an outdoor big screen on April 26 in Largo Central Park. The movie begins at dusk and is free. Themed activities for the movie will start at 7 p.m. Onsite parking and concessions will be available. No alcohol permitted. A campfire will be available. Other scheduled movie events include "Wreck it Ralph" on May 3 and "Mirror, Mirror" on May 10.

Family History Assistance Day

LARGO - Pinellas Genealogy Society and Largo Public Library are offering "Family History Assistance Day," on Saturday, April 27, noon to 4 p.m., in the Jenkins Room on the first floor of the library. Bring information about your family and receive free one-on-one assistance from a consultant from the society. Beginners are especially encouraged to attend and experience the process of tracing their genealogical history. Society members also will be giving tours of the li-

brary's Genealogy Center and available classes. For more information about this Pinellas Genealogy Society event, email Bob Bryan at BBryan84@gmail.com or call 595-4521.

Train Weekend

LARGO - Ride miniature trains around Largo Central Park on Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., during the first full weekend of the month. The next train weekend is May 4-5. For more information, visit the "Train Weekend" link at www.LargoEvents.com.

Saturday In The Park With Mom

LARGO - The Sun Coast Osteopathic Foundation will host a free community event celebrating mothers and promoting healthy families called Saturday In The Park With Mom on Saturday, May 11, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Largo Central Park. The event will feature a health and wellness fair and include live music, children's activities, entertainment and educational experiences for family members of all ages. Admission and parking are free. Food and beverages will be available. Children are invited to take part in a "Rokkball" demonstration, a fun, high-energy baseball clinic for youth players. Fitness expert Carmen Baxter will lead participants in warm-up exercises to get them ready to move in rhythm. For music lovers, the main stage will host hours of non-stop entertainment, featuring Tampa Bay singers and songwriters Jim Lanier and local tenor Nathalie Hernandez, who recently competed on NBC's "The Voice." Families also can enjoy off-stage performances by clowns, jugglers and magicians. A special children's play area will feature inflatable jumpers, miniature train rides through the park and a commemorative photobooth picture. A \$5 donation will be accepted for the play area and a commemorative photograph. Call 483-0661 or visit www.SaturdayInTheParkWithMom.com

Library closing

LARGO - The Largo Public Library will be closed Monday, May 20 through Monday, May 27 for an upgrade of the check-out/check-in system, RFID tagging, and improved self-checkout technology. The library will reopen on Tuesday, May 28. Call or visit the other libraries in the Pinellas County Cooperative while the Largo library is closed. To find member libraries, visit www.pplc.us.

Memorial Day Sunset Ceremony

LARGO - Join the city of Largo and the Memorial Day Planning Committee for a Memorial Day sunset ceremony Monday, May 27, 7 p.m., at the Military Court of Honor in Largo Central Park.

Honor those who have lost their lives while fighting for our country. The ceremony will include music, a keynote speaker and a time of remembrance through a wreath presentation. The event is free.

Genealogy classes

LARGO - The Pinellas Genealogy Society offers a variety of free classes every month at Largo Public Library. Topics in April include How to use familysearch.org, DNA Testing for Genealogy, Using Google for Genealogy, Courthouse Records and more. Topics in May include: How to use ancestry.com, immigration and ship's passenger lists, naturalization records, using newspapers in genealogy. For a complete listing, visit www.flpgs.org/classes.aspx. For more information, email Bob Bryan at BBryan84@gmail.com or call 595-4521.

Largo Community Center

Largo Community Center is at 400 Alt. Keene Road. Visit LargoCommunityCenter.com or call 518-3131.

Picnic in the Park

LARGO - The city of Largo will present an old-fashioned picnic Thursday, May 9, noon to 2 p.m., at the Largo Community Center. The cost is \$7.

Weekly events

- **Square dancing:** Fridays, 7:30 to 9:45 p.m. Spend the evening dancing country-style to professional caller Allen Snell. The cost is \$6.
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Southwest Recreation Complex

Southwest Recreation Complex, which includes an aquatic complex, is at 13120 Vonn Road. Call 518-3125 for recreation or 518-3126 for the pool. Visit PlayLargo.com.

Aqua Zumba Classes

LARGO - The Largo Aquatics Division now offers Aqua Zumba, a high-energy water exercise class, on Wednesday evenings, 6:15 p.m.

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Vehicle crashes into church

By JULIANA A. TORRES

LARGO – A Toyota hatchback crashed into the sanctuary of the St. Paul United Methodist Church the morning of April 22, Largo Fire Rescue reported.

The driver was hospitalized but no one else was injured. The driver was headed south on Highland Avenue when he lost control of his vehicle and crossed over Rosary Road and through the lawn of the church at the southwest corner of the intersection, said department spokesman Assistant Fire Chief Michael Handoga.

The crash caused a hole in the brick wall on the north side of the church. Largo Fire Rescue's technical rescue team assessed the damage to the building to ensure it wouldn't collapse and covered the hole, Handoga said.

The driver had a medical incident that caused the crash, Largo police reported. He was not cited with a traffic violation.

The address for St. Paul United Methodist Church is 1199 S. Highland Ave.

For more photos from the scene, see the department's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/LargoFireRescue.



Photos courtesy of LARGO FIRE RESCUE

Largo firefighters work after the driver of a Toyota hatchback crashed into the side of the St. Paul United Methodist Church April 22.



Highland Rec celebrates grand opening

LARGO – The city of Largo announced that the grand opening of the new Highland Recreation Complex will be celebrated on Sunday, June 2, noon to 5 p.m., at 400 Highland Ave.

The event is free. The new facility features an indoor walking track, double gymnasium, indoor three story playground, indoor active gaming room, fitness room, party rooms and more.

Highland Recreation will open in time for the start of the Cool Kids summer camp at the complex. Largo Recreation offers a total of 10 full day camps, 17 sport camps, 26 specialty camps, theater and dance camps, aquatic camps, as well as pre-camp

days this year, beginning June 10.

The Highland complex currently hosts Tiny Tot Story Time for ages 5 and younger on second Fridays, 10:15 to 11 a.m. and Lego Friends, for ages 5 and older, on third Saturdays, 11 a.m. to noon.

The city is seeking instructors for fitness, preschool and school age classes at Highland. Contact Mandy Petersen or Christina Heubel at 518-3016.

For more information about Highland Recreation Complex, call 518-3016.

For more about Largo's summer camps, visit LargoCamps.com, pick up a Play Magazine at all Largo recreation facilities, Largo City Hall or Largo Public Library or call 518-3125 or 518-3131.

Craft Brews Fest returns

LARGO – The Armed Forces History Museum's 2013 special event series presented by Maggi Tax Advisory and Veteran Solutions continues with the return of the Red, White and Craft Brews Fest on Saturday, May 18, 5 to 9 p.m., at 2050 34th Way N. Tickets, priced at \$25, can be purchased at www.armedforcesmuseum.com, by calling 539-8371 or in person at the museum.

The success of last year's inaugural event prompted the museum to welcome it back again. This year, the event is being held during the Brewers Association's eighth annual American Craft Beer Week (May 13-19), a celebration of U.S. craft brewers across the country.

The Red, White and Craft Brews Fest features more than 75 craft and specialty beers and complimentary food, thanks to the Florida Restaurant Purchasing Group. Additionally, the first 300 guests will receive a free souvenir beer tasting cup.

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Instructor Angelique Renaud will lead the class in 4 feet of water, so no swimming skills are required. However, participants should be comfortable in waist-deep water and must be at least 12 years old.

Aqua Zumba is a drop-in class; no preregistration required or punch cards accepted. Classes are \$5 per person for Largo residents, \$6.25 for nonresidents or \$9.25 for guests.

SilverSneakers program

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County Commission tackles big issues at work session

By SUZETTE PORTER

LARGO – Pinellas County commissioners discussed a variety of subjects during a lengthy work session April 18 at St. Petersburg College's Collaborative Labs in Largo.

According to a "real-time record" of proceedings, the commission and staff spent much of the time talking about the continuing challenge of balancing the budget during a time when revenues are less than required.

County Administrator Bob LaSala likened the commission's work to "right-size" county government by balancing revenues and expenditures to days of the Renaissance.

"We're in a studio where Michelangelo is looking at a big block of marble and envisions a statue of David," LaSala said. "Having a strategic vision, he sees David inside that block of marble. His goal is to free that statue. He starts by knocking big chunks off the block of marble to get to his vision. That's what we've been doing. We took bold, dramatic steps to balance the budget and to begin to understand the fiscal realities beyond one budget. Hewing out a strategic direction. As we do these big things, we begin to make the cuts a little finer."

LaSala told commissioners that problem solving would not be part of the day's work; instead, a to-do list would be created to provide guidance to staff as work continues to prepare next year's budget.

Assistant County Administrator Mark Woodard then talked about the "Age of Enlightenment" during the late 1980s through about 2006, followed by the "Dark ages," during which time about 1,700 county positions were eliminated.

"We are down to staffing levels of 28 years ago. General fund budgets have been reduced by 35 percent. All of the things that happened in the Age of Enlightenment came out of the budgets. We've had to cut even more. Parks took a 50 percent cut," he said.

Woodard talked about the service level stabilization fund that the commission created by making deeper cuts in past years to "create a bucket of money that we could apply as things improved" and prevent

the need to eliminate more positions or services.

The past few years, staff has been implementing cost-savings measures through consolidations, sales of surplus properties, initiating energy and conservation measures and technology improvements.

LaSala said he would be recommending additional consolidations and optimization of the use of personnel and other measures for the coming budget year.

"We're not going to get big savings by simply swinging that hammer on that block of marble," he said. "It will take careful analysis and carving and that will be an ongoing process."

He then talked about a number of challenges, including having an aging workforce, the high cost of public safety and funds, including transportation and emergency medical services, that don't receive enough revenue to pay for themselves.

"We need to be sensitive to the stakeholders' capacity to absorb tax increases," he said. "We need to align options with services. If you can show more directly the outcome with the tax, you are likely to get support. Penny for Pinellas is a good example of that."

Reserves for the transportation and EMS trust funds are forecast to be gone by 2017. Rising personnel costs – benefits and retirement, will most likely deplete the estimated 2 to 4 percent increase in ad valorem revenue coming in. In addition, employees have not received a pay raise in five years.

LaSala said he would be recommending a millage increase for the general fund and EMS for the next budget year. Commissioners also discussed increasing the gas tax, a new stormwater tax for residents in unincorporated areas and others, including the upcoming referendum to change the way Pinellas pays for its transit services.

Another topic was East Lake Library and the continuing complaint that the money the library receives is not a fair share compared to the amount paid into the Pinellas County Library Cooperative. East Lake wants to create a dependent taxing district, a concept opposed by at least one commissioner. The consensus was to ask staff to prepare an ordinance for a future agenda that would create a separate MSTU (unincorporated area municipal services taxing unit) for East

Lake in lieu of a referendum.

Commissioners also talked about the future of the tourist development fund. After fiscal year 2015, the fund will no longer be paying the debt service for Tropicana Field or the Dunedin baseball training facility. By 2016, estimates show a surplus in revenue of \$10.6 million. Several organizations have already requested a share and the future of the Tampa Bay Rays' request for a new stadium is up in the air. Also, with the uncertainty of continued funding from federal and state sources for nourishment of local beaches, the use of the surplus will need careful consideration.

"Between us and TDC (Tourist Development Council), we'll have to prioritize these things," commission Chair Ken Welch said. "Everything with the feds is up in the air."

The commission is still waiting for a consultant's report on EMS, specifically the most cost-effective and quality method of providing ambulance services. The draft report expected in April is not coming until June, which brings into question the implementation of phase 3-priority dispatch scheduled to begin June 1. The final report from the consultant is not expected until July 1.

The commission has a lot riding on the report, in terms of finding a way to put a stop to a never-ending rise in cost to provide EMS services. Commissioner Janet Long pointed out that EMS millage increases over the past three years has totaled nearly 58 percent.

"We have been working on this," Welch said. "EMS is just as complicated. We are working with 19 fire districts and we have limited authority. The legislature has stepped in with its own authority."

A new topic was a discussion on creating a service level continuation account, which LaSala said could be funded with a "slight increase in millage ... probably around 0.3 of a mill."

The consensus was to wait until all the budget requests were in before talking about additional millage increases.

"I think we should move forward to see what the numbers are. We have recovery to do first, and then to have a savings account is another thing. I think we need to see the numbers," said Commissioner Charlie Justice.

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find visual art. The community named Dunedin and St. Petersburg as centers for art, but not Largo.

"They all wanted to stay here. They all wanted something fun here. They all wanted something very different than everybody else," Pistillo explained. "Largo has an absence of visual art. We have fantastic performing arts, but Largo's not known for visual arts."

On Feb. 16, Pistillo again sat in the pavilion in Ulmer Park and drafted a mission statement to bring the community together. And she noticed the storefront at 220 W. Bay Drive.

Another poll of the downtown business community, this time to find out the owner of the vacant building, brought Pistillo to tears, again frustrated at the fractured community. But she did eventually get a name and a meeting with her eventual landowner.

Without hope of affording the rent, Pistillo laid out her vision. She didn't anticipate walking away with a deal and signing a lease just four days later, on Feb. 20. But the owner was intrigued.

"He jokes that he did everything he could to get me in here, short of giving me the building, which I am extremely appreciative for," Pistillo said.

The building wasn't fit for a gallery. Inside, it had a "bad negative feel" and stank horribly," Pistillo remembered. The floor was painted black and the back room was covered in grease. The refrigerator was "full of rotten black soggy bags of something," she said. Pistillo wondered what she had gotten herself into.

She did much of the repairs and clean up herself, asking the community to pitch in with donations. Several artists and others interested in her project offered paint, cleaning supplies, a sewing machine, fabric for curtains, furniture and floors, which Pistillo learned how to install herself.

Saddled with a need to pay rent and utilities, Pistillo decided to open in a month, scheduling a grand opening on March 23.

"I wanted to just help people. I wanted to give people a home through each other," she said.

The task was difficult, but help came at opportune times, like that of Alexis Perez, the Wandering Star's painting instructor, who was inspired by Pistillo's blog, found her on the floor of the gallery crying because she wasn't sure how she would pull off the opening and offered to help.

Along with being a gallery, Wandering Star offers classes for children and adults. As a daughter and friend to many military veterans, Pistillo offers a special free class especially for them.

Oden LeBloux, a retired Marine and Vietnam veteran who suffers from post traumatic stress disorder, was apprehensive when he first came to Wandering Star Gallery.

"When I finally made it through the door, I was taken aback at the instant calm that came over me," he said. "I am never calm ... This young lady greeted me with the most contagious smile and welcomed me to what she called the place where all things positive and creative are cultivated."

LeBloux wanted to create art, but his hands shook. Pistillo taught him meditation, which allows veterans a way to "quiet their brain and the chaos and the war that's going on in their head," she explained. She taught him to work with clay and crochet. She penciled a sketch for him to paint over like a paint-by-number.

"He hasn't been shaking in the last two weeks that I've seen him," Pistillo said, explaining that the rabbit-enthusiast has taken a liking to working with clay. "He makes some really neat little creatures, all bunny related."

Pistillo said she spends most of her time at the gallery, more than anywhere else. She arrives early after dropping her son off at school and stays late, her husband bringing dinner to share with her so she can stay until 10 p.m. But when customers come in, sometimes just to talk, they often leave inspired to create, and that's the goal, she said.

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wall that was once the eastern side of the adjacent Clearwater Sun newspaper building that was built in 1914 and faced an open field until construction of the Capitol began in 1920.

"It was a complete mystery to everybody," said Jeffrey Hartzog, director of operations for Ruth Eckerd Hall, which runs the city-owned Capitol Theatre. "We had no idea it was here."

The entire memorial is estimated to be 30 feet long and 12 feet high, although only the northernmost half of it has been uncovered. It bears the names of veterans with surnames starting with the letters "J" through "Z".

Above the names is a heading that appears to say "Wall of Honor."

Historians and genealogists who have examined the wall confirm that the men they have able to identify were local World War I veterans. Most of the names are painted in black, probably indicating that

those men were Caucasian. A name painted in green is believed to indicate an African-American serviceman. A star by a man's name apparently means that he died in the war.

The future of the uncovered section of the wall seems bleak.

"Having to demolish it was how we found it," Hartzog said. "Unfortunately, the wall has to come down because it's in the pass-thru to the new building."

Moving the 14-inch-thick wall to another location doesn't seem feasible because its three layers of bricks are laid in an interlocking pattern, the mortar between them is weak, and the wall was heavily damaged when the plumbing for the restroom was installed in the 1920s.

"We don't know if the hundred-year-old grout would stand up to moving," Hartzog said. "It's not likely."

But the prospects for the remaining section of the wall, which is still covered in Capitol Theatre wallboard and bears the names starting with "A" through "I," are better.

No watering is allowed between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

TBW is not responsible for setting restrictions or enforcement activities, Adams said. Southwest Florida Water Management District sets the level of restrictions based on regional needs. Local government is responsible for enforcement per Swiftmud requirements.

Adams reminded residents that watering violations would result in fines. Pinellas County Utilities Customers are fined \$193, even for first-time violations, per Swiftmud rules.

In addition, under current water restrictions, fountains can operate only four hours a day. Vehicle washing is limited to once a week on the designated watering day. Restaurants can only serve water upon request.

October to March was the 11th driest in the past 119 years for the state's Division 4, which includes Pinellas County and Tampa Bay, according to the National Climatic Data Center. The six-month period was the driest October through March since 2009 with the division receiving, on average, rainfall of less than 9.5 inches.

According to the drought severity index issued April 13 by the Climate Prediction Center, much of the state, including Tampa Bay, is experiencing severe drought conditions. Long-time indicators don't show relief coming anytime soon.

Meanwhile, TBW will continue to use its Seawater Desalination Plant that is producing 20 million gallons of drinking water daily. Adams said the agency also had stepped up pumping from groundwater supplies, but remained within regulated levels. The reservoir is currently undergoing renovations and is offline.

Regional water supply demands averaged about 230 million gallons per day in March, with 87.4 percent coming from groundwater and 12 percent from the desalination plant. On average, TBW pumps 86 million gallons of water per day from its consolidated wellfield. Its permit allows 90 mgd.

Water Conservation Month

TBW officials also remind the public that April is Water Conservation Month, which coincides with what is typically one of the driest months of the year.

On top of observing watering restrictions, the public is urged to add other water conservation practices, such as using a hose nozzle to prevent water waste and skipping watering days during or after a rain.

TBW has a new online tool to help the residents stay aware of their designated watering day. Visit www.tampabaywater.org/watersmarter and enter a zip code to be directed to the rules for a specific

area. The site also has do-it-yourself tips to help lower water use.

"Water use in our area spikes during the spring dry season," said David Bracciano, demand management coordinator for Tampa Bay Water. "In fact, up to 50 percent of all water used ends up on lawns."

According to Pinellas County Utilities, most of the year, Florida lawns need only about 1 inch of water per week. Overwatering can damage a lawn by promoting shallow root systems and an increase in dollarweed, chinch bugs or excessive thatch.

Pinellas County Extension advocates irrigating lawns as needed instead of on a schedule. A lawn needs water when the leaf blades start to fold in half lengthwise, when the grass begins to look bluish or when footprints remain visible long after they were made. When about 50 percent of the lawn shows signs of needing water is the time to irrigate, unless rain is forecast within the next 24 hours.

In addition, Floridians are encouraged to use plants that don't require as much water. Extension offers a number of programs on Florida-friendly landscaping. For more information, visit pinellas.ifas.ufl.edu/FFL/index.shtml.

For a list of water conservation tips, visit www.pinellascounty.org/utilities/green/water.html.

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Wandering Star Gallery features the work of about 50 different Largo-based artists.

"I've heard every single person that's been in here say, 'Wow, this place has a great vibe.' That makes me very happy because everything I am has been poured into this place," Pistillo said.

The city of Largo also has been supportive of her efforts. Early in the process, she met with city officials to not only explain her vision for the gallery herself, but to propose her idea for hosting events at Ulmer Park. Monthly events at the park, to run September through May, are already in the works, thanks to "a lot of really good people at the city," Pistillo said.

"I can't thank them enough because they're helping bring my vision to reality," she said.

Wandering Star Gallery already enjoys good foot traffic and sales, Pistillo said. Much of the art that is sold are smaller, less expensive pieces for now, but that's part of her vision for making visual art most accessible.

"I want to make art affordable so people can appreciate art," she said. "When you're surrounded by handmade things, it adds so much more human touch to life."

Pistillo also encourages all kids of art and seeks out lesser-known artists.

"I don't want people to ever come in here and be terrified to share their art with me. Art of all kinds is beautiful," she said. "While it might not be my taste, it doesn't mean that somebody else won't love it."

"I want to make the community happy," she added. For more information, visit wanderingstargallery.com or call 465-8558.

Tampa Bay Water appoints interim general manager

CLEARWATER – The Tampa Bay Water Board of Directors approved the resignation of General Manager Gerald J. Seeber April 15. The board then unanimously voted to name Chief Operating Officer Chuck Carden as interim general manager.

Seeber informed the board in February of his intentions to leave Tampa Bay Water and pursue a career in city management, which is where he spent the bulk of his career.

"City government touches people's lives in many ways, each and every day," said Seeber. "I enjoy the give and take and the pace of activity, so I decided this is the time in my career that I'd like to make the move back to that field."

Seeber was with the agency for five years and oversaw projects such as the Surface Water Treatment Plant Expansion and helped the agency procure a fix for the C.W. Bill Young Regional Reservoir.

Carden, has been with the agency for 20 years and currently manages the Water Production Division as Chief Operating Officer. Under his management, Tampa Bay Water constructed more than \$1.2 bil-

lion in new infrastructure and pipelines and the region's alternative water supplies.

Carden holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from the University of Tampa. In his tenure at the agency, Carden has worked in Finance, Project Management and Construction. He served on the Executive Committee of the Florida Section/American Water Works Association as the past chair.

The recruitment for a new general manager continues as the Tampa Bay Water Board of Directors also approved a shortlist of candidates at Monday's meeting. On the list are:

- Kofi A. Boateng
- Andrew Brunhard
- Koni M. Cassini
- Tomas Gonzales
- Kenneth C. Griffin
- Matthew W. Jordan

The Board of Directors are scheduled to conduct interviews with all of the candidates on Monday, April 29, at 1 p.m. This meeting is open to the public and will be held at Tampa Bay Water's administrative offices at 2575 Enterprise Road, Clearwater.

For more information, visit www.tampabaywater.org.

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this fundraising goes to, seeing that it does stay in the community. I think that makes everyone feel better too," Hagwood said.

The luminaria ceremony, honoring cancer victims and survivors with lighted candles lining the track, was held later that night. The Relay also included a host of games, activities and entertainment throughout the night, from races and Simon Says to group dances and Zumba.

The spirit of this year's Relay for Life was captured by a team that signed up only three days before the event, around a relatively new cancer patient that had never participated before, Hagwood said.

"Her first treatment is on Monday. Her father passed away a year ago from a cancer we don't even have a name for," Hagwood explained. "You could hear it in her voice. She really wanted to fight and make a difference."

To volunteer as part of the Largo event planning committee for the American Cancer Society, call Hagwood at 812-7029 or email lauren.hagwood@cancer.org.

"We might be able to save it for generations to come," Hartzog said.

The men named on the wall were a diverse lot. Some were white and some were black. Some were tall and some were short. Most were young, but some were older. In civilian life, they had been farm hands, students, laborers, fishermen and grocery clerks.

But they have two things in common: They served their country when it needed them, and they're all dead. The last American veteran of World War I, Frank Buckles, died on February 28, 2011 at the age of 110.

Correction

An April 18 story about the Florida Gulf Coast Center for Fishing & Interactive Museum incorrectly stated that Jim Simons owned the World Billfish Series. Simons is no longer associated with the series.

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remain well below permit threshold limits, meaning there is no river water available for the regional surface water system. Officials estimate that system will be offline until the rainy season begins, typically in June.

Drinking water supplies are currently sufficient to meet the needs of customers. However, everyone, who receives drinking water from TBW, needs to conserve as much as possible.

TBW wants the public to be aware and to curtail unnecessary use of water, especially outdoors, Adams said.

"If it's raining outside, for heaven's sake, go out and turn off your system (sprinklers)," she said.

She advised residents to make sure sprinklers are watering lawns and landscapes, not sidewalks or streets.

"We want people to have a high degree of awareness that Florida's spring is different than other eastern states," she said. "This is not the time to plant or to get a lot of new stuff, which needs water."

Adams encourages residents to follow the modified Phase III water restrictions issued in February by Southwest Florida Water Management District. These restrictions limit lawn and landscape watering to one day a week, according to street address.

News updates

Citizens join conversation about county's future

SEMINOLE – Citizens participated in the Pinellas County 2014 Budget Community Forum April 10, asking questions at the open house, through the eTownHall blog, through Twitter and by phone as county commissioners and the county administrator discussed budget-related issues as part of a panel that was moderated by Bay News 9's senior anchor Al Ruechel.

The eTownHall, held in the Digitarium on the St. Petersburg College's Seminole campus, followed an open house at which residents met county commissioners and the county administrator to discuss budget issues and share their vision for the future.

The participants included students from St. Petersburg College, members of Youth Advisory Committee and students of Pinellas Citizen University.

"This has been a great opportunity for our citizens to meet county commissioners and the county administrator and talk about the issues," said Tim Closterman, director of Pinellas County Communications. "In addition, the online portion of the event gave those who weren't able to attend a chance to participate. This interaction is a great tool for the county commissioners as they look at the 2014 budget and strategies for the future of the county."

The Community Forum was held in partnership with the Seminole campus of St. Petersburg College. In addition to the live streaming video on the website, the panel discussion was aired on the county's cable channel, PCC-TV, and St. Petersburg's cable channel, WSPF-TV.

Junior docents needed at Heritage Village

LARGO – Each summer, Pinellas County teens join the volunteer team at Heritage Village. Applications are now being accepted.

To receive a junior docent volunteer application, email heritagevillage@pinellascounty.org or call 582-2125.

Junior docent orientation will be on Saturday, June 8, 10 a.m. to noon, at Heritage Village. A parent must attend the orientation. Training dates for teens will be Wednesday, June 12; Thursday, June 13; and Friday, June 14, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. Teens must attend at least one training date.

Approved as a Bright Futures Scholarship volunteer location, Heritage Village's Junior Docent Program encourages youths, ages 12 to 17, to learn about local and Florida history by participating in the fun, action-packed Passport Adventures in the history program.

Teens will learn how to provide historical house tours, demonstrate living history activities and play historical games. Heritage Village is located at 11909 125th St. N. in Largo. For more information about Heritage Village, visit www.pinellascounty.org/heritage, or call 582-2123.

Pinellas County offers special events guide

From the historical structures at Heritage Village to the wide-open sandy vistas of Fort De Soto Park, Pinellas County has a number of parks, preserves and other ideal locations for events. Whether it is a dream wedding, concert or a 5K run on the Pinellas Trail, there are certain requirements that need to be met. In some cases, several Pinellas County departments, and perhaps even state or local municipal departments, may need to be involved in the planning.

In response to resident and organization requests, Pinellas County prepared a new special events guide to help expedite the planning process. This guide provides information and contacts for county departments to make planning an event as smooth as possible.

This guide covers requirements for unincorporated Pinellas County and events held on county-owned property. Where possible, the guide provides some guidance on other agencies or public entities to contact when planning an event. This guide does not cover other federal, state or municipal requirements.

Visit www.pinellascounty.org/events/guide.htm to read the guide, see a list of user fees or find online forms to complete and submit for an event.

Police beat

Pedestrian hit by truck dies at hospital

SEMINOLE – A 53-year-old man died from injuries suffered when he was struck by a truck about 10 p.m. April 17 on Park Street just south of 54th Avenue North in Seminole.

According to a report from the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, Leo R. Carey Jr., a transient, was struck when he walked out from behind a tree line on the west side of Park Street into the direct path of a Ford F-150. Carey was not in a crosswalk at the time of the incident.

According to deputies, the 2003 F-150, driven by Joshua Baron, 19, of Seminole was traveling southbound on Park Street just south of 54th Avenue North when Carey stepped out in front of the vehicle.

Carey was transported by ambulance to a local hospital where he was later pronounced dead.

Baron and his passenger, Kory A. Brahm, 19, of St. Petersburg were not injured.

Southbound lanes of Park Street just south of 54th Avenue North were closed for about four hours. Neither alcohol nor speed appear to be a factor in this case.

Largo teen injured when struck by car

PINELLAS PARK – A 15 year old was seriously injured when he stepped out in front of a car near the intersection of 66th Street North and 90th Avenue North about 12:19 p.m. April 17.

According to a report from the Florida Highway Patrol, Devon Barbeau of Largo was walking east across 66th Street North, south of 90th Avenue North, outside the crosswalk at the intersection, when he stepped in front of traffic.

Ricardo Martinez Calvijo, 62, of Largo was traveling southbound on 66th Street North in the center lane south of 90th Avenue North. Barbeau walked into the path of Calvijo's 2003 Hyundai Sonata and was hit. Barbeau was taken to Bayfront Medical Center in serious condition.



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Unemployment drops to 6.7 percent; metro area leads in job growth

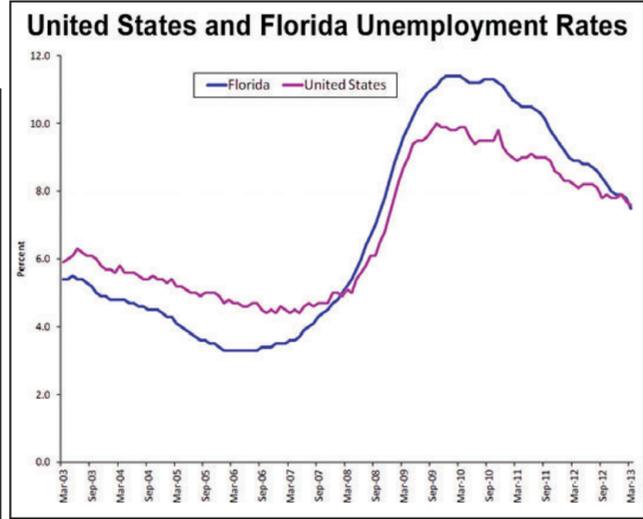
By SUZETTE PORTER

Pinellas County's unemployment rate continues to fall. The not seasonally adjusted rate for March was 6.7 percent, according to the latest report from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. The March figure represents a 0.6 percent reduction from February and 2.2 percent from March 2012. Out of labor force of 445,643, 29,812 were unemployed. In February, Pinellas had a labor force of 444,289 and 32,475 were unemployed. The numbers released April 19, showed a marked improvement over the previous year, when the county had a labor force of 438,626 and 38,927 were unemployed. The local Metropolitan Statistical Area continues to lead the state in over-the-year job gains. Nineteen

of 22 metro areas reported an increase in jobs. Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater reported an additional 35,900 jobs, a 3.1 percent gain, which is more than twice the number of any other area. Jacksonville metro area came in second with 16,700 new jobs, a 2.8 percent gain, and Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach MSA ranked third with 14,500 jobs, a 2 percent gain. The local MSA includes Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas counties. Hernando County's unemployment dropped from 9.2 percent in February to 8.4 percent in March and is ranked No. 9 out of 67 counties. Pasco County, which ranks No. 18, reported an unemployment rate of 7.5 percent in March compared to 8.3 percent last month. Hillsborough County also experienced a drop in

unemployment going from 7.2 percent in February to 6.6 percent in March and ties with Bay and Orange counties for a rank of 39. Pinellas County tied with Manatee and Sarasota counties for a rank of 36. Hendry County has an unemployment rate of 10 percent – the highest in the state – and ranks No. 1. Monroe County has the lowest unemployment rate of 3.8 percent and ranks No. 67. The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the state was 7 percent in March, down from 7.6 percent reported last month, and the lowest since

October 2008. The United States unemployment rate was 7.6 percent, down from 8.1 percent reported in February. "It is great news that our unemployment rate is below the national average of 7.5 percent and that we created more than 32,000 jobs in March," said Gov. Rick Scott. Florida has had positive annual job growth for 32 consecutive months and month-to-month job growth for 20 of the last 21 months – all signs the state economy is on the road to recovery, Scott said.



This chart shows a continuing drop in the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate from March 2003 to March 2013 for Florida and the United States. The data comes from the U.S. Department of Labor's Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program, with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Labor Market Statistics.

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Briefs

Dollar General relocates

LARGO – Dollar General hosted a grand opening event April 20 for its new store at 12500 Seminole Blvd.

The event featured special deals and free prizes. The first 50 shoppers received a \$10 Dollar General gift card and the first 200 shoppers received a Dollar General tote bag.

The new store will continue to provide customers with the same value and convenience they have come to rely on.

"Dollar General is committed to delivering a pleasant shopping experience that includes a convenient location, a wide assortment of merchandise and great prices on quality products," said Gayle Aertker, Dollar General's senior vice president of real estate and store development. "We hope our Largo customers will continue to enjoy shopping at Dollar General's new location."

Dollar General's new location features a fresh layout, designed to make shopping easier and simpler for customers. Some of the store's new features include seasonal products featured in the center of the store, easily recognizable departments with visible signage and coolers that are more conveniently located at the front of the store.

ing 5,200 square feet to highlight their antique, collectible and thrift gallery.

The mall has several vendors bringing their unique style and passion to the Largo Antique District, and is located just north of West Bay Drive at 211 N. Missouri Ave.

Although open while moving in, the grand opening is scheduled for Saturday, May 4 and will feature a variety of refreshments with live music, giveaways and more for the public.

Dark Side of the Attic has a large collection of vice-type collectibles such as vintage cocktail shakers. A portion of proceeds go to the Abilities Foundation to help disabled veterans.

Visit www.facebook.com/DarkSideOfTheAttic.

Allegiant celebrates milestone

CLEARWATER – Allegiant has now served more than 4 million total travelers at St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport since the first flight took off in November 2006 en route to Allentown, Pa.

Since that time, the company has grown its presence at the airport, now serving 25 cities with nonstop flights into St. Pete-Clearwater International, as well as basing six aircraft at the airport and employing pilots, flight

attendants and mechanics. The company also partners with 30 of the area's most popular hotels, bringing more than 300,000 visitors to the area each year.

"More than six years ago, Allegiant began a successful partnership with the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport by offering Allentown residents low-cost, nonstop flights and complete vacation packages in the Tampa Bay Area," said Andrew Levy, president of Allegiant Travel Company. "We thank PIE and our customers for their continued support in this region, as this milestone would not have been reached without them."

Allegiant serves four Florida destinations, with bases of operations at St. Pete-Clearwater International, Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International, Orlando-Sanford International and Punta Gorda.

Mall announces enhancements

ST. PETERSBURG – Tyrone Square Mall recently announced several additions and enhancements scheduled for this year.

The mall will welcome new eateries such as Lime Fresh Mexican Grill, Red Robin and Burger King. Additionally, new retailer Crazy 8 will open and Footaction will expand their existing location. "These new retailers and eater-

ies truly complement the dynamic tenant mix found at Tyrone Square Mall," said Pamela Kluge, director of marketing and business development, in a press release. "We are pleased to further enhance our visitors' experiences at the shopping center, and we are thrilled to welcome each of these additions."

Kay Jewelers, located near Center Court, also will begin a renovation this spring to give the store a fresh new look.

Dance school earns awards

PALM HARBOR – The Palm Harbor School of Dance recently brought home four top awards at the I Love to Dance Competition in Orlando.

The dance school competed with other schools at the Peabody Hotel in Orlando with four dances. The results were First Place Student Choreography, Sara Leiva and Carissa Bowers for "Cats"; First Place Classical Ballet Soloist, Beverly Bass for the "Nutcracker Spanish Dance"; Second Place Classical Ballet Soloist, Meghan Bachman for the "Songbird Fairy" Sleeping Beauty; Second Place Jazz Group, Meghan Bachman, Beverly Bass, Carissa Bowers, Marley Burwell, Addy Burwell, Sara Leiva, Karlyn Reinhardt, and Elizabeth Stricklen, for "Fame."

Pawsitive speaker



Photo courtesy of LARGO KIWANIS
Brian Bowie of Pawsitive Performance K9 Training was the featured speaker at the breakfast meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Largo/Mid-Pinellas on April 19. Bowie has been a dog trainer since age 19 and recently moved back to the area after working for dog trainers in California to start his own company here. He has trained dogs for police, special forces and customs agencies. Bowie recently showed off his training skills with his current dog at the Kiwanis' Pawfest event. He is available to train all dogs. Visit www.pawsitiveperformancek9.com. The Kiwanis Club of Largo/Mid-Pinellas meets for breakfast on Fridays, 7:30 a.m., at The Royal Palms, 200 Lake Ave. NE in Largo, and is actively seeking new members willing to volunteer in the community. For more information, call club President Bruce Blazej at 536-0412.

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Largo High School's IB program earns official recognition

LARGO – Largo High School's International Baccalaureate program received official authorization from the International Baccalaureate Organization April 22, an accomplishment that comes after a three-year planning and review process.

The program is the Pinellas County School District's third, joining Palm Harbor University High School and St. Petersburg High School.

"I congratulate and thank the teachers, students, staff and administrators of Largo High School for their commitment to building the county's newest IB program," said Michael A. Grego, superintendent for Pinellas County Schools, in a press release. "Your dedication and hard work will have long-lasting benefits for students today and in the future."

The announcement comes as Largo High School is preparing to welcome the 2013-14 freshmen IB class, whose members will join rising sophomores and juniors who entered the school while the district was awaiting full certification. About 100 students currently attend the program. The school is still accepting applications for next year's freshmen and sophomore classes.

"Our first two classes took a chance, and we thank them for having faith in what we were trying to do," said Brad Finkbner, Largo High School principal. "They are part of creating a brand new IB program, and that is something they should be very proud of."

Largo High School collaborated with the district's other International Baccalaureate programs during the process of establishing its own IB program. Funding for teacher

training, curriculum materials and other costs was made possible through the district's Race to the Top grant.

"We committed, we collaborated and we prepared for authorization," said Adam Lane, assistant principal at Largo High and coordinator of the program. "I thank the parents and students for trusting us and committing to us."

The IB program is one of two distinguished programs at Largo High School. The school also offers students the Exploring Careers & Education in Leadership program.

The International Baccalaureate Organization, based in New York City, offers several programs for students aged 3 to 19 to help develop the intellectual, personal, emotional and social skills to live, learn and work in a rapidly globalizing world. There are more than 1 million IB students at 3,566 schools in 145 countries.



Brad Finkbner

School charity events can have big impact, teach children lessons

If you have kids in school or if you are a relative of a child in school, you know how often you get asked to donate money for so many different charitable organizations. The kids read books, jump rope and walk to raise money for charities.



Mom 2 Mom
Kadi Hendricks
Tubbs

Just recently the elementary school that my two girls go to had a Walk-A-Thon for All Children's Hospital. Every year that my girls have attended Seminole Elementary School, they have participated in the event. The event actually has been going on for the past 27 years at the school.

Each year, the girls collect money and walk, but it wasn't until this year that the event really hit home with them.

The day before the walk, my youngest daughter, Graci, came home from school and told me she wanted to get money out of her piggy bank for a girl in kindergarten who was on the morning school news. This little girl said she loved All Children's Hospital and had been there

for 21 surgeries since she was born. My daughter told me the little girl was going to have another surgery to get a new belly button, and she wanted to donate money for it.

"Mom, she is so cute," Graci said. I was touched Graci was willing to help a child at school who she didn't really know, but knew could benefit from her giving money for the walk-a-thon.

The next day, the kids participated in the All Children's Hospital Walk-A-Thon. Little did we know that one of Graci's friends in her first grade class would end up going to All Children's Hospital the day after the walk for emergency surgery for her appendix and intestines.

Later, we talked about how the money they helped raised was going to help their friends from school. I think that's when my two girls really understood what a charity event was all about.

My daughters wanted to visit their friend and Graci's classmate at All Children's Hospital. We went to the hospital and they got to see how well the children were being taken care of. Their friend said she was given some toys from the nurses, there was a playroom with air hockey and a juke box and they even played bingo.

It is hard enough being sick, but the hospital goes out of their way to try and make the kids feel comfortable away from home. It was so nice I wondered for a minute if my kids might want to get hurt or be sick just so they could stay at the hospital.

I think when you have something happen and you see a charity up close and personal, you really realize where your money is going. You feel like you've helped, even if it is just a little.

The organizers of the event told me that since 1987, the students from Seminole Elementary School have helped raise \$180,752 for the palliative care program at All Children's Hospital. The total raised this year has not been released.



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Marina Marasco, far left, poses with elementary school students, from left, Morgan Mascarenas, Krissa Whalen and Carmen Morales at the Walk-A-Thon for All Children's Hospital at Seminole Elementary School April 12. Marina was born with a condition called omphalocele and has undergone 21 surgeries in her lifetime.

On a personal level, this event helped my girls learn that giving and helping others is better than receiving.

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

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The growing trend of cardio kickboxing for every age group

Looking for an exciting new way to get fit? Look no further, here it is, cardio kickboxing. The benefits of this activity are endless! This workout is like no other on the planet! Although primarily designed for adults, the program provides benefits to adolescents as well. Student athletes can train in the off-season with this workout to condition their bodies for their particular sport. At the high school level, sports are very competitive and training in the off-season is a must to prepare for tryouts. The boost in self-confidence also gives them a mental edge when it comes to getting more playing time and performing well during actual game conditions. For those students who do not like to compete in a conventional program for athletes, they can derive the health and fitness benefits afforded to them with participation in this program as well. The long and short of it is this activity is for all age groups.



For your health
Laura Morelli

done without a cardio component in an overall exercise program. There are 168 available hours in a week. All you need is three hours for this workout, which is approximately 1.8 percent of your time. Counting travel time to a health club or martial arts school will bump that number up to maybe 4 percent with 96 percent of your time to pay attention to everything else in your life. The average 145-pound adult can burn around 700 calories in a single hour of kickboxing. Even after your kickboxing workout you may continue to burn additional calories, mostly from fat. This program contains the five components of physical fitness: cardio respiratory fitness, muscular strength, muscular endurance, body composition

and flexibility. You don't have to workout at the same pace and intensity level as a fighter, but this routine provides the very same valuable fitness benefits. Picturing the person's face on the bag who was a source of your aggravation for the day on the heavy bag while you pound it with a kick or punch, is better than going postal. Options to relieving stress could be drugs or alcohol, overeating, or distractions like going to a movie, etc. All have their price both literally and figuratively. Relieving stress in a negative manner simply leads to more stress. Exercise obviously would be the better approach. Exercise increases the amount of hormonal-like chemicals known as endorphins, which are released into the body by the brain to relieve pain and even depression. Stress, however, produces enzymes that reduce your supply of endorphins. If you don't exercise to stimulate that supply of endorphins, you will consequently not feel as well as you could. Kickboxing, for whatever reason, as an exercise, works even better for me. I know fighters who are naturally aggressive people, some more so than others. However, serious

professional fighters also are some of the mellowest people you will ever meet. My instructor for example, Patrick Edwards at Authentic Martial Arts on Missouri Avenue in Largo, said, "I am a 'stress free' kind of guy," and he is. Their training helps chill them out. If it works for them, it will work for you. Here is the big "kicker" if you will, it is fun! Unlike a traditional martial arts class, the music adds to your stimulation and motivation. Unlike an aerobics class, there are numerous techniques you can learn beyond the basics to maintain your interest level. Classes go by fast because there is so much going on that you sometimes don't even realize you are working out. Exercise is important for everyone at all ages. But, since there is the added self-defense benefit that comes as a by-product of the program, it also improves their self-esteem, channels aggressiveness, and enhances their assertiveness. Laura Morelli is an orthopedic specialist for The Florida Knee and Orthopedic Centers. Visit www.flortho.com Submit questions or comments to joint-pain@flortho.com.

Briefs

WIC adds drive-thru service in Largo

LARGO – As an added convenience to busy parents, the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County's Mid-County center provides quick pick-up of WIC checks at a drive-thru window modeled after those at banks and fast-food restaurants.

WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children) is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered in Florida by the Department of Health.

Services include checks for healthy foods, nutrition education and counseling, breastfeeding support and referrals for health care. It provides nutrition to pregnant women, infants and children up to age 5.

The food choices accommodate breastfeeding mothers, mothers who opt for infant formula and children from birth to school age. Supplemental nutrition prevents low birth weight babies and infant mortality.

The Mid-County center is at 8751 Ulmerton Road, Largo. As the newest health department center, it was designed for greater convenience for clients and provides health and dental services in addition to environmental health and vital statistics, among other programs.

Drive-thru hours are Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. WIC clients can use the drive-thru during appointments to pick up their checks only and not when health assessments are required.

For information on qualifying for the supplemental nutrition program, call the WIC Appointment Line at 824-6913. For information about the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County, visit www.PinellasHealth.com.

Suncoast Health Council vacancies announced

Résumés are now being accepted for two two-year appointments to the Suncoast Health Council.

The Suncoast Health Council's purpose is to "stimulate the establishment and continuous re-evaluation of community-oriented health

goals." The council will assess, plan and advise the health needs in Pasco and Pinellas counties.

The Council is a volunteer board made up of consumers, providers and purchasers of health care. The Suncoast Health Council board is comprised of 12 members. Eight members are appointed by Pinellas County Commissioners and four members are appointed by Pasco County Commissioners.

Representatives are appointed to specific member categories: Health Care Consumer, Health Care Provider and Health Care Purchaser. The current vacancies are two-year terms for the Health Care Consumer category and Health Care Purchaser category.

The Health Care Consumer member categories include individuals who are neither purchasers nor providers, who receive medical care from licensed practitioners, reside in or receive services from a health care facility, and who may or may not access public and/or commercial (private) health insurance coverage.

The other appointment is for the Health Care Purchaser member category, which includes individuals licensed to provide or who are providing health care services to individuals and/or groups, such as insurance executives. Individuals also can be purchasing health care services on behalf of others, provided they don't also provide direct medical care. Examples include human resources managers and business owners purchasing health coverage for employees.

For more information on the Suncoast Health Council, visit www.healthcouncils.org/html/hc_board.html or call 464-3377.

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National Infant Immunization Week has begun

Each year, thousands of children become ill from diseases that could have been prevented by basic childhood immunizations. Many more miss time from daycare and school because they are under-immunized or inappropriately immunized.

Vaccines protecting children from diseases such as measles, whooping cough and polio are administered on a regular schedule as part of a child's course of care. Pediatricians, health providers and county health departments can provide vaccines at no cost to parents as part of the Vaccines for Children program.

During the week of April 20-27, the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County will observe National Infant Immunization Week, a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention initiative designed to raise awareness about the importance of childhood immunizations.

Each year during NIW, the CDC leads child health programs across the state in promoting awareness of vaccines for infants and children.

The Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County offers childhood immunizations at no cost and with no appointment necessary at its centers on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- St. Petersburg Center, 205 Dr. M.L. King Jr. St. N., St. Petersburg; call 824-6900

- Clearwater Center, 310 N. Myrtle Ave., Clearwater; call 469-5800

- Pinellas Park Center, 6350 76th Ave. N., Pinellas Park; call 547-7780

- Tarpon Springs Center, 301 S. Disston Ave., Tarpon Springs; call 942-5457

- Mid-County Center, 8751 Ulmerton Road, Largo; call 524-4410

NIW is observed each year to celebrate the achievements of immunization programs and their partners in promoting healthy communities. Since 1994, NIW has served as a call to action for parents, caregivers, and healthcare providers to ensure that infants are fully immunized against 14 vaccine-preventable diseases.

A colorful, easy-to-understand guide to infant immunizations is available as a PDF at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/downloads/parent-ver-sch-0-6yrs.pdf.

For information about immunizations, including those required for daycare and school entry, visit www.PinellasHealth.com, and click on Immunizations/Shots/Foreign Travel link on the left side menu.

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LETTERS

A violation of the citizens' trust

Editor:

We still have the problem with Pinellas County's voting procedures.

Four county commissioners refuse to step down after their eight-year term limits are completed.

The four County Commissioners are the definitive example of why the 253,480 (73 percent) of the voting citizens of Pinellas County in 1996, voted for term limits. The four continue to affirm the voters were correct in their votes by not stepping down after their eight years is completed.

They have violated the citizens' trust, the Constitutions of the United States and Florida by ignoring the will and mandate of the 253,480 citizens of Pinellas County. Their violations and actions imply that these votes of 253,480 Pinellas citizens can be ignored. This is a constitutional violation by the restricting/suppression of the citizen's votes. The correct term for their actions is dictatorial.

Each of them is ineligible for the position of commissioner. But two of the four were allowed to illegally run again in the 2012 election. It is not known who allowed this. They also continue to illegally vote on county issues and spend unaccountable tax-dollars on whatever they wish.

Why are the plaintiff (citizens) required to pay for an attorney to challenge defendants' violations and the taxpayers paying for the defendants' (commissioners) legal representation? There are the standing Florida statutes and constitutional rights that are being ignored and the citizens should not have to pay for their rights and the defendants' (commissioners) legal representation.

Is this the Florida government of, for, and by the people?

Each of these defendants should be suspended and appoint replacements made until the court makes a ruling and an election held for their legal replacements.

Each of them has violated their Florida oath of office.

Walter Gay
Dunedin

Keep the culture of T.I.

Editor:

In the mid-March edition of the Beach Beacon, I read that the Treasure Island mayor, Bob Mining, was noted as supporting all of the expansion efforts and FEMA requirements that we voted on March 12.

I remember that the most aggressive housing expansion of Treasure Island came in as a tie. Had it passed, it would have allowed developers to build up to 60 units per acre. More than 30 years ago I lived on Myrtle Beach, S.C. There were two main arteries for traffic at that time. The winter population of 18,000 residents swelled to more than 400,000 starting with CAN-AM week in April. Traffic was hell.

Over time new roads were built inland. Contrast that with the one and only road running through Treasure Island: Gulf Boulevard. Already the spring break traffic is bad, but ballooning the population for the sake of developers seems contrary to the culture of the town.

Unless we can drive on the wider beach, as residents of Isle of Palms and Isle of Capri do, we will sit in traffic longer just to go a few blocks from town center. There is no other way to get there except by water or driving all the way around the Intracoastal to Madeira Beach. There is simply no inland to build more roads to accommodate a larger population.

Today, April 1, there has been two emergency vehicles coming over the small bridge under construction on our island. Imagine them fighting through the new crosswalks full of vacationers and new condo owners on their way to the beach.

I moved to T.I. because it was not overly commercial and the traffic was moderate. I guess I should have checked with the politicians and their expansion plans first.

Georgia Hallman
Treasure Island

Teens' kindness appreciated

Editor:

On Saturday, April 6, I fell and was badly injured at Seminole Mall.

I spent three days in the hospital.

Three teenage girls stayed with me at the mall until an ambulance came. They were very comforting. A teenage boy brought me ice water. Another teenage boy stopped to inquire if he could help. Their kindness was greatly appreciated. May the Lord bless them all.

Marilyn Lance
Seminole

Take disaster preparation dead serious

Editor:

As a long-time resident of Clearwater and one who has witnessed in the course of his career in publicizing federal disaster assistance programs, the unimaginable destructive force of hurricanes, as well as the tornadoes they often spawn, I was glad to read online the news of Clearwater's smart decision to develop a plan. It is essential for all residents to likewise develop a plan for their families, loved ones and that includes their pets.

As we all know, Clearwater has miraculously escaped being in the target of serious hurricanes since back in the 1920s. During that time all the orange groves and cattle ranches have been developed into tracts of homes that are often built at ground level. A major hurricane eventually will hit - and our community is especially vulnerable due to the population density and the unfortunate lack of exits from Clearwater (and all of Pinellas County) for when the life-saving evacuation orders become necessary to be issued - and heeded.

Take disaster preparation dead serious. Have a plan. And be ready to follow your plan when the time comes. And, while I hope I am wrong, this could be the year Clearwater's good fortune of not being hit finally ends.

So, please, be prepared - www.ready.gov might be of help.

Tom Nocera
Public Affairs Specialist

U.S. Small Business Administration - Office of Disaster Assistance

Half-staff American flag generation

Editor:

It seems as if we're entering into yet another new generation, the Half-Staff American Flag Generation. This new generation began with a shock of sheer worldwide magnitude on September 11, 2001, and then slowly returned to apparent normal, only to inexorably grow in frequency, until now in 2013 our national flag flies almost constantly at half-staff. Honoring our dead war heroes and dead victims of near countless natural tragedies and acts of sheer violence and terrorism, our flag hangs low - mourning, mourning and mourning again.

The list of life events is significant: 9/11, Iraq, Afghanistan, hurricanes & tornadoes, floods & earthquakes, Virginia Tech, Colorado theater shooting, Newtown, and now Boston. Somber times - somber evidence. Our half-staff American Flag keeps reminding us, again and again.

Despite this now ever-present reminder, refuse to believe the future is as bleak and hopeless as it appears to paint itself, early in this 21st century. Look beyond the half-staff flag and regard with a gaze of hope and wonder the overwhelming number of sincere helping hands and hearts who always - always - come to assist those in need. Our video news world provides ample evidence of this, from the post-9/11 chaos images of people lending assistance, to the many natural disasters bringing out the best in the American Spirit with ready donations of food, shelter and medical aid as quickly as it can be assembled.

Our great city of Boston most recently exemplified the highest and best character of our many generations working together to help those in distress.

May God bless the indomitable American Spirit - the American Spirit that witnesses time after time these tragedies upon tragedies in both our homeland and abroad, only to rise up and offer the steady hand of help. Yes, our flag is again lowered to half-staff, but the American Spirit chooses to stand tall - land of the free and home of the brave. Carpe diem.

Bill Sweetnam
Palm Harbor

Thoughts rising from a bad example



Driver's Seat
Bob Driver

What should we think about athletic coaches like Mike Rice?

Rice was the head basketball coach at Rutgers University until he was recently fired. He was canned after a video showed him berating his players, shoving and kicking them and throwing basketballs at their heads.

Rice's boss - the university's athletic director, Tim Perneti - saw the video as far back as December. He fined Rice \$50,000 and suspended him for three games. But finally the Rice story went viral. Rice was fired, and shortly thereafter Perneti resigned. "Good riddance to both of them" said some of the pundits.

Many observers will disagree. Most of Rice's players defend him and his coaching tactics. Some former players who survived similar hard-nose coaches will say that the verbal attacks and semi-violent abuse helped them become better players. Many athletes love the game so much they become borderline masochists, willing to put up with whatever their coaches dish out.

It's tempting to say that in sports, as in other areas of life, there are no victims - only volunteers. If a player is outraged at his or her treatment by a coach, can't the player simply walk away and quit the team? In many cases, yes. But in big-time college sports, the trend is for the players to become indentured servants. They're given scholarships and perquisites that remove quitting as an option.

The higher up the sports ladder a college team climbs, the greater becomes the pressure for the coaches, the players, the athletic directors and even the college presidents to turn a deaf ear and a blind eye to moral, ethical and legal violations that may take place in the scramble for the Big Brass Ring of sports success. Best recent example: Penn State.

When off-the-wall fanatical coaches like Rice and Bobby Knight hit the headlines, the first thought that strikes my mind is this: did championship coaches John Wooden of UCLA and Dean Smith of North Carolina rely on insults and hurled objects to motivate and inspire their players? Does Rick Patino of Louisville?

If so, I haven't heard about it.

A major equation in the sports world of 2013 is this: Big Success = Big Bucks. The money goes to the successful coaches and their universities. Some of it goes to the players, usually in the form of under-the-table payoffs from wealthy alumni. But much of the time the players take the role of year-round prisoners whose every move is dictated by the coaches whom the players are helping to make rich.

It's ironic that in an age when public school children are being taught that bullying is a social no-no, our national landscape is studied with coaches who are not only bullies but who get applauded as long as their teams keep winning. Winning is pretty much the gold standard, i.e., the only acceptable standard, in American athletic competition. Many if not most of today's coaches, players and sports fans merely snicker at Grantland Rice's pronouncement that "It's not important whether you win or lose - it's how you play the game."

Much of the worship that's lavished on

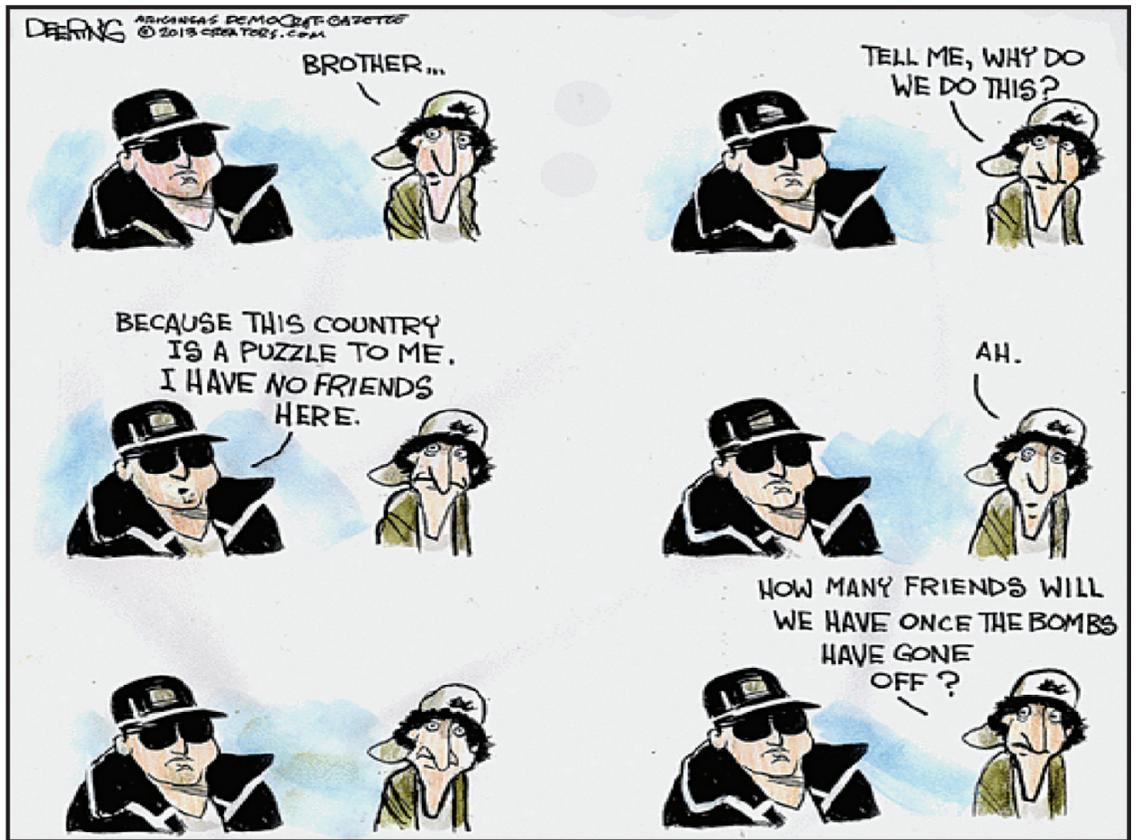
championship sports teams can be traced to a statement by Henry "Red" Sanders, coach of the UCLA football team. In 1950 or thereabouts, Sanders said, "Winning isn't everything - it's the only thing." The quotation was later co-opted by the iconic Vince Lombardi, coach of the Green Bay Packers, who often used it to inspire his players. (It should be noted here that although Lombardi imposed agonizing discipline on his players, he never threw things at them).

If I were king, coaches like Mike Rice would be subject to an end-of-the-season ceremony in which abused players were entitled to take revenge by throwing balls, chairs, insults, epithets and mockery at their coaches with the same level and intensity as the coaches handed out. The Old Testament policy of an eye for an eye is a harsh philosophy, but in some cases it can be effective.

If there's an upbeat angle to the Mike Rice story, maybe it's this: For every Mike Rice in America, there are hundreds of athletic coaches who do NOT treat their players like galley slaves. Granted, few of these coaches will resemble your favorite uncle or aunt, the ones who always patted you on the head and said, "well done," even when you didn't deserve it. To summon the highest performances from their players, the good coaches will cajole, scold, scream, weep, threaten, promise, orate, kick the wall and call down the thunder from the sky.

But they will not forget the truths that should underlie all athletic endeavor: "This is just a game. The joy is in the striving. The final score will quickly be forgotten. But the bathroom mirror will remain, and you'd better like the person you see staring back at you."

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Keep Florida out of 'judicial hellhole'



Florida Voices
Thomas Perrin

Is Florida a low-tax state or a high-tax state? It depends on how you define taxes. If you mean the highly visible kind that pay for government services ranging from law enforcement to schools and parks, it's arguably a low-tax state.

On the other hand, if you mean the hidden "taxes" that cost every Floridian lots of money, that raise the cost of government instead of helping to defray it, and that line the pockets of the state's personal injury lawyers, it's quite another matter. By that standard, Florida is a high-tax state.

South Florida's personal injury lawyers, in particular, are notoriously aggressive. In fact, the region's litigation climate is so bad that the American Tort Reform Association in its annual report has repeatedly dubbed the area a "judicial hellhole."

Why has Florida's lawsuit problem persisted? Because its courts have been unwilling to shift their civil law procedures into the national mainstream. Result: With the playing field so tilted in favor of personal-injury claimants, many lawsuits never even go to trial.

Instead, defendants, even though sometimes blameless, often reach out-of-court settlements. They fear taking their chances in court or can't afford the legal fees to sustain a defense against deep-pocket lawyers with a flare for the dramatic.

So defendants and their insurers often calculate correctly that settling is cheaper - in the short run, at least. And these settlements also allow the personal-injury attorneys to say, "See, there aren't many of those multi-million-dollar jury awards that business owners, insurance companies, and doctors are always griping about."

ther move off the list entirely, or reclaim its "hellhole" status. Here are four additional steps lawmakers could take this year to lower the litigation taxes hidden in the price of goods and services:

- Eliminate junk science. Florida should abandon its antiquated, 85-year-old standard for deciding whether witnesses qualify as experts in trials. Instead, it should adopt the rigorous 1993 standard used by all federal courts and most states.

- Address inflated damage awards. The state should let juries hear what medical providers were actually paid to treat patients in personal injury cases, versus only what was billed.

- Stop "gotcha lawsuits" against insurers. Legislators should adopt rules to end the legal gaming that lets trial lawyers accuse insurers of failing to settle claims in good faith - even when insurers were willing to pay policy limits.

- Protect the right of counsel for treating physicians. Florida should strike a better balance in its health care privacy laws so physicians who are called to testify - but who are not a party to the case - may speak with their own attorneys, something they're prevented from doing now. During the past several years, state policymakers have identified and corrected several situations in which Florida's liability laws had fallen out of balance.

By building on this solid foundation, Florida may finally shed the perception among many around the country that it's a state that harbors a "judicial hellhole."

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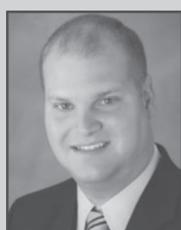
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Registration for Hope Presbyterian's 2013 VBS is going on now. The program is designed to allow children to adventure with imagination to far away places to learn about sharing God's love with neighbors all over the world.

According to a press release from the church, children will "experience the love of Jesus, meet welcoming friends from the Bible, and reach out to their neighbors from Japan, Zimbabwe, the United Kingdom, Australia, and Mexico." The program will feature "adventurous activities and experiences that demonstrate God's welcoming love to everyone."

The program serves preschool children to ninth grade. For information, call 531-3200 or visit www.HopeFamily.com.

First United Methodist Church of Pinellas Park

PINELLAS PARK - The youth group at First United Methodist Church of Pinellas Park is fundraising for its summer mission trip to Seaside Heights and the Ortle Beach area of New Jersey to help with relief efforts from Hurricane Sandy.

Mission work is instrumental in helping the youth see life's bigger picture by giving back to the community in a totally selfless way.

Mission trips do cost money for lodging, food, supplies, transportation and incidentals. This trip is estimated to cost approximately \$500 per person and the church's youth are working very hard to earn this money.

To help raise funds, the church will sponsor the inaugural Youth for Missions Hurricane Sandy Relief Mainland's Golf Tournament on Saturday, May 4, 7:30 a.m., at the Mainlands Golf Course, 9445 Mainlands Blvd. W., Pinellas Park.

The registration fee is \$45 and includes cart and prizes.

For more information or to sign up to play or sponsor, call 546-5741 during the day, or 637-3534, or email fumccpyouth@gmail.com.

Unity Church of Clearwater

CLEARWATER - The film "What is New Thought?," by Jon Miller, will be shown Friday, May 3, 7 p.m., at the Unity Church of Clearwater, 2465 Nursery Road.

The New Thought Center for Creative Living has partnered with the Unity Church of Clearwater to sponsor the screening.

Featuring Wally "Famous" Amos, the Rev. Della Reese-Lett, Deepak Chopra, Will Bowen, the Rev. Dr. Blaine Mays, Faith Rivera, and many more, the film objectively describes the history and beliefs of New Thought.

"This movie is a perfect introduction to New Thought for those who are curious, and an excellent refresher for long-time students," said the Rev. Marla Sanderson of the New Thought Center in a press release.

There is no charge to attend. Offerings will be gratefully accepted. For information, call 475-8991.

Anderson-Plummer

Mary Charlotte Anderson and Dustin William Plummer were married on Friday, March 22, 2013 at St. Jerome's Catholic Church in Largo. Monsignor Muldoon officiated.

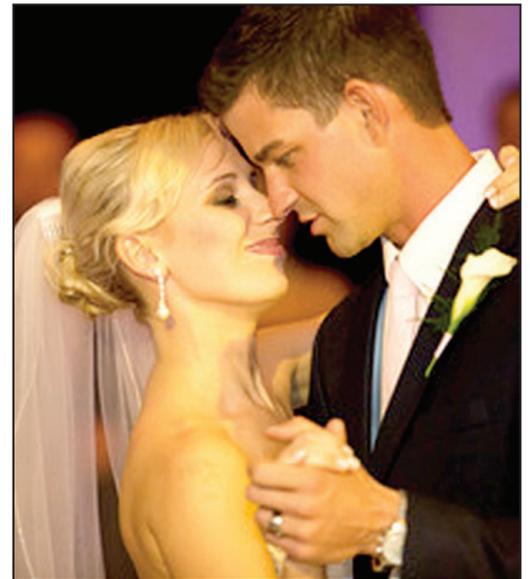
The bride is the daughter of Mary Anderson of Richmond, Maine and Neal Anderson of Seminole. She is studying to be a dental assistant and is employed by Dental Walk-in Clinic of Largo.

The groom is the son of Elaine and David Plummer of West Bath, Maine. He is employed by Franklin Templeton Investments in St. Petersburg.

The wedding party included Elizabeth Anderson, maid of honor; Danny Plummer, best man; Taylor Geraghty, Kelsey Geraghty, Krisitin King, Stephanie King and Jabrina Cooper, bridesmaids; and Brandon Sewall, Cody Fraser, Brandon Clark, Patrick Wiley and Drew Hughes, groomsmen.

A reception followed the ceremony at Clearwater Marriott Suites and Resort Sand Key.

The couple reside in Indian Shores.



Mary Charlotte Anderson and Dustin William Plummer

Community calendar

Illuminating Hope event set

ST. PETERSBURG - The 12th annual Illuminating Hope/Survivors Speak event is set for Tuesday, April 30, 5 to 7 p.m., at All Children's Education and Conference Center, 701 Fourth St. S., St. Petersburg.

"The journey to recovery for children and adults who have been sexually assaulted begins with the word 'survivor,'" a Suncoast Center, Inc. press release said. "Last year, over 1,600 children and adults in Pinellas County sought help at Suncoast Center to begin that journey from being a victim of sexual violence to becoming a survivor. On April 30, for the 12th consecutive year, Suncoast Center and community partners will come together to

present Illuminating Hope/Survivors Speak, a powerful exhibit featuring artwork created by survivors of sexual violence."

The exhibit will provide an intimate window into survivors' recovery. The public is invited to this free exhibit and reception honoring the artists and the cause: increasing awareness, understanding and prevention of sexual violence.

Visit www.suncoastcenter.org.

Expo benefits voucher program

OLDSMAR - Women with Purpose will present 4 Pur-pose will present 4 Purpose women's expo, will be held Saturday, May 4, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 501 Brooker Creek Blvd.

The cost is \$25 for the event, which benefits the mammography

voucher program of Pinellas County. Speakers at the event will be:

- 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. - Teresa Tapp, author of Fit & Fabulous and creator of T-Tap Workout.
- 11:30 a.m. - Shery Fry, director of the Mammography Voucher Program of Pinellas County.
- Noon - Lynn Wise, an independent Mische representative who will present the Mische Hope fashion show.
- 1 p.m. - Alishia Willardson, Peak Power coach and author of the book, "Live the Life You Love ... You Deserve It."

Call 641-3171.

Superintendent to speak to Women Voters

CLEARWATER - Pinellas County Schools Superintendent Dr. Michael A. Grego will be the guest

speaker at the annual meeting of the League of Women Voters of North Pinellas County on Saturday, May 11, at the Carlouel Yacht Club, 1091 Eldorado Ave.

Registration is at 10 a.m., a business meeting is at 10:30 a.m. and Grego will speak at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at 12:15 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person, and the public is welcome. Send reservation checks made out to LWV-NPC to Susie Rodenbeck, 1681 Sparkling Court, Dunedin, FL 34698.

Call Carol Bickford at 781-0546.

Communication Access to give awards

TAMPA - Communication Access, Inc., a nonprofit, charitable organization that empowers people who have hearing loss, will host a fundraising cocktail and dinner reception on Saturday, May 18, 7 p.m., at the Wyndham Tampa Westshore Hotel, 700 N. Westshore Blvd. The organization serves the whole Tampa Bay area but does a lot of work in Pinellas.

The fundraiser, entitled Caring for Our Community Celebration, will feature a gourmet dinner, live jazz band, a comedy competition, live auction, and the awards ceremony. CAI will recognize and honor people and organizations that have made a difference in the lives of people with hearing loss.

Awards categories include the following: Audiologist of the Year, ENT of the Year, Advocate of the Year, Interpreter of the Year, CART Provider of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Legislator of the Year, For-Profit of the Year, Nonprofit of the Year, and the CAI Spirit Award. Nominations are accepted through the website, www.communicationaccess.org, and online voting will determine the winners in each category.

Registration for the event is a \$100 suggested donation. To register or sponsor, call Tess at 813-843-6279 or email executivedirector@communicationaccess.org.

Military Order meets on first Tuesdays

BELLEAIR - The Military Order of the World Wars meets for lunch on the first Tuesday of each month.

The next luncheon will be at the Belleair Country Club, 1 Country Club Lane. Social hour begins at 11 a.m. followed by lunch. Military officers that are retired, on active duty or are former officers and their spouses or widows are invited to attend.

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Kingfish pick up as waters warm

At last, water temperatures are primed for kingfish and other migratory species.

Near-shore artificial reefs from 3 to 10 miles offshore and hard-bottom areas within a mile or two of the beach are key target areas.

Those willing to sacrifice some sleep for a pre-dawn cast netting session will likely experience some of the most fantastic fishing of the year. Bait has been scarce along the beaches, so throwing the cast net along bridge shadow lines has been the most consistent way to fill the live well. Threadfin Herring, scaled sardines and shad can all be netted on the same cast. Take all the small to medium sized threadfins out of the well and place them on ice, these fickle baits die quickly and their scales floating around the live well put other baits at risk.

Keeping a fresh chum block out while anchored will help to attract fish, but what really does the trick is continually cutting the fresh threadfins into small pieces right off the transom of the boat. The combination of oil and the glittery flash of the pieces



Fish Tales
Capt. Tyson Wellerstein

drifting away from the boat will drive the kingfish.

Inshore fishing is still dominated by big speckled trout; the northern part of our region was excellent for trout all winter and with warmer temperatures and the arrival of baitfish the trout are feeding well on the strong tides. Target patchy bottom around spoil islands as well as channel drop-offs along the outer edge of the flats. Tip: Fishing your bait under a float works great the first hour or so of the day as the fish are looking up to feed. However as the sun gets higher you'll catch more trout if you ditch the float and allow your bait to get down in the water column.

Until next week, get bent!

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

Red snapper season approved

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission approved a 44-day recreational red snapper season for Gulf of Mexico state waters at its meeting April 17 in Tallahassee. State waters are from shore to 9 nautical miles in Gulf waters.

This season will start June 1 and end July 14. It is inconsistent with the current proposed federal season.

Federal fishery managers recently passed a rule that grants NOAA Fisheries the authority to shorten the federal recreational red snapper season off states that adopt inconsistent red snapper regulations. The current estimate of the recreational red snapper season is 21 days in federal

waters off the Gulf coast of Florida.

While the federal limit for how many pounds of red snapper can be caught has increased, the season length has gotten shorter over the past few years because of more fishing effort and larger fish, according to federal fishery managers.

The commission chose to go inconsistent based on reports that the upcoming federal stock assessment would likely show red snapper populations are doing better than previously thought and reports from anglers that the fishery is improving.

For more on the proposal visit MyFWC.com/commission.

Little League champions



Photo courtesy of GREATER LARGO LITTLE LEAGUE

The Largo Mud Dogs were named champions of the Greater Largo Little League's seventh annual AAA baseball tournament, after winning 9-3 in the final game against the Countryside Orioles on April 15. The weeklong tournament, held April 8-15, consisted of 32 teams and more than 300 players from within the league's District 12. The Greater Largo Little League thanks all the teams, parents, fans and umpires for coming out, making the tournament a great success.

High school runners win scholarships

The St. Peter Road Runners have awarded their first scholarships to a public and private high school candidate. The \$1,000 scholarship candidates had to be members of their high school running teams, have a solid grade-point average, participate in extra-curricular activities and do community service.

Rachel Hayduke is a senior at Seminole High, where she has participated in varsity cross-country track throughout high school and is currently team captain. She has a 4.6 grade-point average, is a member of the National Honor Society, has a part-time job and has done more than 100 hours of community service. Her cross-country coach describes her as a true leader, motivated and fully capable of

achieving any goal.

Cole Krajewski is a senior at Indian Rocks Christian School and is a member of their cross-country track and baseball teams all four years. Krajewski holds a 4.45 grade-point average and is top of his class. He earned "honorable mention" in the Tampa Bay Times as a member of his varsity cross-country team. He generally places among the top finishers in many races and enjoys the intense competition.

"There will be a time when I will never be able to run another step, but the lessons I've learned through running will stay with me for the rest of my life," Krajewski said. "My experiences in running have truly shaped me as a person, and I never want to forget the positive spirit of cross-country."

Gardening briefs

Foundation to host Diggin' the Arts

LARGO - The Florida Botanical Gardens Foundation will present the second annual Diggin' the Arts Festival on Sunday, May 5, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Florida Botanical Gardens, 12520 Ulmerton Road.

The event melds the arts and flora in the gardens on this day of family fun in the beautiful, tranquil surroundings. The 2013 event will include participation with the area's leading fine art institutions, including The Dali Museum, the Museum of Fine Arts of St. Petersburg, the

Florida Craftsmen, the Dunedin Fine Arts Center, Morean Center for Clay, Suntan Arts Center and the Beach Arts Center, all bringing more art to the gardens. Each museum will conduct a rain barrel raffle for a uniquely decorated rain barrel. There also will be a Plein Air competition, a non-juried event featuring local artists painting along paths in the gardens.

Admission is free. For information, call 582-2100 or visit www.flbgfoundation.org/events_cultivating_the_arts.htm.

African Violet Society to meet

LARGO - The African Violet Society of Pinellas will meet Monday, May 6, 7 p.m., at Cypress Palms, 400 Lake Ave. NE.

Meetings are open to anyone having an interest in African violets. Admission and parking are free. There will be refreshments and a plant raffle. The program will be Fight, Flight or Freak Out? And will cover how to react to signs of uninvited critters on plants. Jay Sespico will describe various pests and diseases that can attack violets and he will offer a solution for them. He'll also tell attendees about the tools available to deal with these issues in a rational manner.

Garden tours set

LARGO - Vegetable, herb and tropical fruit garden tours will be conducted Thursday, May 9, 9 a.m. to noon, at Florida Botanical Gardens, 12520 Ulmerton Road.

Attendees will learn about growing food and marvel at the eye-catching array of culinary, medicinal and aromatic herbs, trees and flowers. Guests will wander the brick paths between the Egyptian, Mediterranean, Asian and beverage plantings while learning how the plants can be used in the home.

Visitors also will discover the tropical fruits that do well in the Florida climate and view a diversity of plantings, including ground cover and trees that can be used when designing landscapes.

Tours are limited to adult groups of four to 10 people. Advance registration is required.

Call 582-2109 or visit www.eventbrite.com/event/5280496106/eorg.

Extension to host orchid workshop

LARGO - A free workshop on the orchids and epiphytes of Brooker Creek Preserve will be presented Saturday, May 11, 10:30 a.m. to noon, at Pinellas County Extension Services, 12520 Ulmerton Road.

Naturalist James Stevenson will explore the fascinating world of orchids and "air plants" found on Pinellas County's largest nature preserve. This class will introduce participants to identification skills and the importance of conservation.

Advance registration is required. Call 582-2100 or visit www.eventbrite.com/event/5221946984/eorg.

Smokehouse event to benefit garden

DUNEDIN - Grillin' for the Gar-

den will take place Sunday, April 28, 2 to 7 p.m., at the Dunedin Smokehouse, 471 Main St.

The event will feature live music, food and drink specials and raffle prizes. Tickets are \$5 each or six for \$20. Proceeds benefit the Dunedin Community Garden.

For raffle tickets, email g.scrutoninteriors@gmail.com.

Take a hike

McGough to host night hikes

LARGO - Night hikes will be presented the following months May 18, June 15, July 20, Aug. 17, on Saturdays, 6:30 p.m., at George C. McGough Nature Park, 11901 146th N. St.

This will be a free interpretative nature hike through McGough's habitats. Call 518-3047.

Weedon to host guided hikes

ST. PETERSBURG - Guided hikes will be offered Saturdays, April 27, May 4, May 11, 9 to 11 a.m., at Weedon Island Preserve, 1800 Weedon Drive NE.

Attendees will learn about the ecosystems and the early residents of Weedon Island Preserve while going along on this free guided hike.

Participants should bring water and a snack. A hat and closed-toe shoes also are recommended. The hike is best for ages 6 and older. Preregistration is required.

Call 453-6500 or visit www.weedonislandpreserve.org.

Philippe to host nature walks

SAFETY HARBOR - Guided nature walks will be offered the following months on Saturdays, May 18, June 15, 9 to 10:30 a.m., at Philippe Park, 2525 Philippe Parkway.

The hike is limited to 12 participants. Attendees will learn park history while exploring nature.

Participants should meet at the Philippe gravesite at 9 a.m. Closed-toe shoes, water, sunscreen a hat and insect repellent are recommended.

Reservations will be accepted through the Friday prior to the hike. An adult must accompany children.

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Top five diversions

• **"Over the River and Through the Woods,"** by Joe Die Pietro, a West Side Rep Production; April 26 through May 5, at Venue Theatre, 9125 U.S. 19 N., Pinellas Park. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.; and Sundays, 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Reservations are necessary. Call 822-6194 or email venueactorstudio@gmail.com. Written by the author of "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," this hilarious family comedy follows Nick who tries to tell his dotting grandparents that he is moving to pursue his life away from home. Richard Rosen and stars Steven Brodnick as Nick, Rick Kastel as Frank, Lou Russo as Nunzio, Mabel LaCola as Aida, Rosalyn Savel as Emma direct the production and the role of Caitlin will be shared by Cassidy Fitzpatrick and Lena Schwallenberg. The stage manager is Dianne Lynne. Venue Theatre is a nonprofit organization, which donates a portion of the proceeds from each show to another charity. The designated recipient for this show is Neighborly Care Services.

• **Suncoast Singers,** Saturday, April 27, at Minnreg Hall, 6430 126th Ave., Largo. Doors will open at 3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$16. Call 464-7468. The program, Classics to Country, will feature favorite classics and country music. This will be an uplifting concert with a combination of nostalgic classic golden oldies, country songs and specialty numbers from many composers. This is the second concert of the group's 33rd concert season.

• **"The 25th Annual Putman County Spelling Bee,"** by Rachel Sheinkin and William Finn. American Stage Theatre's 28th annual American Stage in the Park, April 27 through May 26, with previews April 24-25. The production will be staged at Demens Landing Park, on the corner of First Avenue North and Bayshore Boulevard Southeast in downtown St. Petersburg. For ticket information and performance times, call 823-PLAY (7529) or visit www.americanstage.org.

• **Gulfport's 19th annual Springfest,** Saturday, April 27, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., at Clymer Park, 5501 27th Ave. S., Gulfport. The theme of the event will be "garden, art and faerie festival." For one day only, the park will be transformed into an "enchanted village" inhabited by costumed faeries, sprites, gnomes, ogres and trolls. Renaissance-era characters, gypsies, minstrels, wizards and roving entertainers in costume will also stroll through the event. All visitors are encouraged to join in the spirit of Springfest by donning wings, faerie-tale finery, Renaissance flair or any imagination-inspired attire. A costume contest will take place to recognize the most colorfully-clad visitors. The event is free, family and dog-friendly, and open to the public. Activities and entertainment for all ages will be offered. Live music will be performed throughout the day. A wide variety of activities and entertainment will include a maypole dance, a labyrinth, magic shows, a treasure hunt and scavenger hunt. A children's area will offer many activities including tiara-making, face painting, pixie dusting, bubble blowing, a "faerie fight" and more. Live performances of "Makin' Larvae," a short "honey bee love story" by Kenny Silkie will take place during four shows. Vendors will offer live garden plants, garden art, flowers, herbs, Renaissance-period items, clothing, jewelry, art, hand-made crafts and more. Assorted food and drink vendors will be on

See TOP FIVE, page 3B



Photo courtesy of VENUE THEATRE
The cast of "Over the River and Through the Woods," running through May 5 at Venue Theatre in Pinellas Park.



Photo courtesy of WARNER BROS. PICTURES
Tobey Maguire, left, stars as Nick Carraway and Leonardo DiCaprio as Jay Gatsby in Warner Bros. Pictures' and Village Roadshow Pictures' drama "The Great Gatsby," a Warner Bros. Pictures release.

Summer movie lineup

Hollywood's procession of blockbuster potentials set to hit theaters

By LEE CLARK ZUMPE

Summer is almost here – isn't it? Well, not according to the Gregorian calendar, which indicates the first day of summer, falls on June 21. Hollywood doesn't pay much attention to such pesky details. As far as the film studios are concerned, summer commences in early May and coincides with the start of blockbuster season.

Last summer's blockbuster lineup included many successful films that all paled in comparison to the box office champion, "Marvel's The Avengers." The film opened May 4 and earned more than \$207 million on its opening weekend. Worldwide, the film went on to gross more than \$1.5 billion in 2012.

Alas, there is nothing quite like "Marvel's The Avengers" scheduled for this summer. A sequel to the film is in development, but filming isn't expected to begin until 2014.

There are plenty of other comic book franchises out there. Last summer, Hollywood offered up "The Dark Knight Rises" and "The Amazing Spider-Man." This summer, there will be a few heroes returning to the big screen hoping to score a blockbuster win.

But what is a blockbuster? Webster's defines the term as something "notably expensive, effective, successful, large or extravagant."

The 1975 film "Jaws" ushered in the era of the summer blockbuster. Movie studios adopted a marketing strategy focusing on the release of at least one super-grossing flick no later than July 4. Early examples of summer blockbusters include "Star Wars," released May 25, 1977; "Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan," released June 4, 1982; "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom," released May 23, 1984; and "Batman," released June 23, 1989. Each of these films had exceptional opening weekend revenues.

Following is a list of this year's most anticipated summer blockbusters. Only time will tell which ones will go on to become spectacular Hollywood cash cows – and which ones will turn out to be box office bombs.

'Iron Man 3'

Release date: May 3
Cast: Robert Downey Jr., Gwyneth Paltrow, Don Cheadle, Guy Pearce, Rebecca Hall, Stephanie Szostak, James Badge Dale, Jon Favreau, Ben Kingsley and Wang Xueqin

The summer will kick off with the next installment of Marvel Studios' multi-film franchise that included last summer's record-breaking

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Above, Robert Downey Jr. stars in "Iron Man 3." Below, Zachary Quinto, left, stars as Spock and Chris Pine as Kirk in "Star Trek Into Darkness" from Paramount Pictures and Skydance Productions.



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Largo

• **Movies in the Park**, shown on an outdoor big screen at dusk, Friday, April 26, in Largo Central Park, 101 Central Park Drive, Largo. The featured film will be "Here Comes the Boom." The event is free. Themed activities for the movie will start at 7 p.m. Onsite parking and concessions will be available. No alcohol will be permitted. For information, call 587-6740, ext. 5014 or visit LargoEvents.com.

• **"Forbidden Broadway's Greatest Hits,"** created and written by Gerard Alessandrini, May 3-19, presented by Eight O'Clock Theatre, at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Performances are Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m. Matinees are Sunday, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25.50 for adults and \$12.50 for children 19 and younger. Call 587-6793.

• **"Three Little Pigs,"** Saturday, May 4, 11 a.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults and \$6.50 for children. Call 587-6793 or visit largoarts.com. This production of "Three Little Pigs" is an original musical that explores the flaws of human nature through the eyes of a family of stubborn pigs and one very famous wolf. The story begins when Papa Pig informs his children that they must leave the comforts of the pen and make their own way in the world. Before they depart, Papa tells them to be sure to build a strong, sturdy house; beware of the Big Bad Wolf and that "United we stand, divided we fall." Left with only Papa's words and one cabbage between them, the greedy pigs immediately begin to argue over the food and how to build the best house. Soon, the Big Bad "Rapping" Wolf arrives and the pigs have to work together to keep safe.

• **Movies in the Park**, shown on an outdoor big screen at dusk, Friday, May 3, in Largo Central Park, 101 Central Park Drive, Largo. The featured film will be "Wreck It Ralph." The event is free. Themed activities for the movie will start at 7 p.m. Onsite parking and concessions will be available. No alcohol will be permitted. For information, call 587-6740, ext. 5014 or visit LargoEvents.com.

• **Movies in the Park**, shown on an outdoor big screen at dusk, Friday, May 10, in Largo Central Park, 101 Central Park Drive, Largo. The featured film will be "Mirror, Mirror." The event is free. Themed activities for the movie will start at 7 p.m. Onsite parking and concessions will be available. No alcohol will be permitted. For information, call 587-6740, ext. 5014 or visit LargoEvents.com.

• **"SINGsation - What Karaoke Should Be,"** Friday, May 17, 7 to 11 p.m., at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Tickets are \$16.50. The event will feature cabaret seating. Presented by Eight O'Clock Theatre, this is an event for all musical theater lovers. Whether you want to come out to hear some great singing or sing on stage, this is the night to do it. The event is described as "one big cast party where you can join old friends and make new ones." Proceeds from the show will benefit Eight O'Clock Theatre's tech department. There will be a cash bar and food will be available for purchase.

• **"The Swashbuckling Adventures of Alex Jones,"** with book, music and lyrics by Jason Tucker, July 12-21, presented by Eight O'Clock Theatre, at Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo. Performances are Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m. Matinees are Sunday, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25.50 for adults and \$12.50 for children 19 and younger. Call 587-6793.

Clearwater

• **"Murder Among Friends,"** by Bob Barry, through April 28, presented by Early Bird Dinner Theatre at the Italian-American Club, 200 S. McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Performances are Thursday through Sunday, with seating at 4 p.m. Matinees are Thursdays and Saturdays, with seating at 11 a.m. Admission is \$32 plus tax and includes dinner and the show. For reservations, call 446-5898 or visit www.earlybirddinnertheatre.com.

• **Boz Scaggs**, Friday, May 3, 8 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. For information about or to purchase

tickets for upcoming performances, call 791-7400 or visit www.rutheckerdhall.com. Tickets start at \$49. Grammy Award-winning rock legend Boz Scaggs is on the road in support of his latest studio album release, "Memphis." The tour includes a date at Ruth Eckerd Hall on May 3 with special guest Pablo Cruise. The multi-platinum selling musician has signed with 429 Records, which released his newest album March 5. Showcasing both original songs and choice covers, "Memphis" was produced by Steve Jordan and was recorded at Willie Mitchell's legendary Royal Studio in Memphis, where the late Mitchell recorded Al Green and other Hi Records artists. Joining Scaggs on "Memphis" are Willie Weeks (bass), Ray Parker Jr. (guitars), Spooner Oldham (keyboards), the Memphis Horns, Lester Snell (string arrangements) and Steve Jordan (drums). William Royce "Boz" Scaggs began a long and storied career in 1965 with the release of his first solo recording "Boz." He and his band continue to tour worldwide and Scaggs also performs alongside Donald Fagan and Michael McDonald in their band billed as The Dukes of September, which performed a sold-out show at Ruth Eckerd Hall in July 2012. Special guest Pablo Cruise will open the show. Since the release of their first album in 1975, Pablo Cruise has toured the world and had numerous chart-topping hits such as "Watcha Gonna Do," "When She Says Goodbye" and "Love Will Find A Way." In 2011 Pablo Cruise teamed up with Red Records to release their first live DVD/CD. As part of the package the band went back into the studio with Grammy Award-winning producer Cal Garay to re-record two of their greatest hits: "Place in the Sun" and "Love Will Find a Way."

• **Ben Taylor**, son of James Taylor and Carly Simon, Saturday, May 4, 8 p.m., in the Murray Studio Theater at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Tickets start at \$20. Call 791-7400 or visit www.rutheckerdhall.com. Taylor is touring in support of his latest record "Listening." Taylor's music is marked by a noted honesty and authenticity of feeling, starting with his tuneful and expressive voice, the kind of voice that makes its impact with the smallest turn of a whispered phrase. His memorable melodies, immaculate acoustic guitar playing and insightful, honest lyrics have been captivating fans since the moment he embarked on this journey 10 years ago. As the son of James Taylor and Carly Simon, he has led a life in which music has always played a central role. His wit and skill as a singer-songwriter showcase an artist who is comfortable both in his own skin and with his impressive musical legacy. His acclaimed previous releases include 2003's "Famous Among The Barns," 2005's "Another Run Around The Sun" and 2008's "The Legend of Kung Folk, Part 1 (The Killing Bite)." Highlights from his previous albums include were performed on "Good Morning America," "The Tonight Show" "The CBS Early Show" and "Last Call with Carson Daly." Ben made his acting debut with a recurring role on NBC's "American Dreams" and has ap-

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Crossword

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- Across**
- Scorched
 - Certain herring
 - Breaks down, in a way
 - Singer Lenya
 - Atlantic City attraction
 - Length x width, for a rectangle
 - Electrolysis particle
 - "___ it the truth!" (contraction)
 - Acquire
 - Period following the Civil War
 - Ear of corn
 - Farm equipment
 - Bandy words
 - Be a busybody
 - Hard knocks
 - Decorated, as a cake
 - Continental money
 - Pour (4 wds)
 - Buzzing
 - "No problem!"
 - Fencing sword
 - Position
 - ___ mortals
 - "General Hospital," e.g.
 - Outlooks
 - Cease living (4 wds)
 - Commanded
 - Beethoven's "Archduke ___"
 - Trigger, for one
 - Long, long time
 - Busy place
 - More real
 - Home, informally
 - Coaster
 - "Siddhartha" author
- Down**
- Auto option
 - Charity, often
 - Ancient city NW of Carthage
 - Backless seat or footrest
 - Court contest
 - 32-card game
 - One who expects to inherit subject to divestiture (2 wds)
 - Cancel
 - E-business (2 wds)
 - Delhi dress
 - Sundae topper, perhaps
 - Gray matter
 - Chucklehead
 - Brown shade
 - Like some jackets
 - "Hamlet" has five
 - Bro
 - Discontinue
 - Balcony section
 - "___ quam videri" (North Carolina's motto)
 - Bikini parts
 - Brewer's equipment
 - ___ bread
 - Agitated state
 - Bell the cat
 - Small earthenware container for liquids
 - Audacity
 - ___ United Soccer Club in Australia
 - Octave
 - Fourth in a series
 - Beach
 - Doughnut-shaped surface
 - Beasts of burden
 - About 1.3 cubic yards
 - Plum variety
 - Bad day for Caesar
 - Clothe
 - Worked the soil
 - Blackout

Horoscopes

April 25, 2013

Capricorn

December 22 - January 19

You become privy to classified information. Guard it with your life, Capricorn. The web of deceit builds at home. Put an end to it before it gets out of control.

Aquarius

January 20 - February 18

Save now and buy later is your motto this week, Aquarius. Avoid all impulse buys, especially those on credit. It's the only way to stay on track.

Pisces

February 19 - March 20

A new face enters the fold. There is no need for alarm, Pisces. It's a friendly face. Romance hits an all-time high, and travel plans begin to take shape.

Aries

March 21 - April 19

Conflict comes to a screeching halt at home with the arrival of guests. Thank your lucky stars, Aries. A trapeze down memory lane inspires a reunion.

Taurus

April 20 - May 20

Harmony in the workspace provides the momentum needed to clear off desks. Projects get done right and on time. Take everyone out to celebrate, Taurus.

Gemini

May 21 - June 21

Accounting errors here and there land a friend in hot water. Be there for them but be wary of giving them a loan, Gemini. Their reputation precedes them.

Cancer

June 22 - July 22

Spring cleaning begins, and the chore list grows. Divide and conquer, Cancer. Don't try to tackle it all alone, or you'll be there next spring.

Leo

July 23 - August 22

The solution is obvious, but do you have the courage to see it through, Leo? That's the question that will be plaguing you this week. Only you know.

Virgo

August 23 - September 22

Prepare to dig deep, Virgo. You've been avoiding the issue for months, and now it has come to a head. You have no choice but to face up to the problem and fix it.

Libra

September 23 - October 22

Oh Libra, you've had your head in the clouds for far too long. Come back down to earth and get back to work. A matter deserves your attention.

Scorpio

October 23 - November 21

Knock-knock, Scorpio. The door of opportunity opens. Don't answer it unless you're certain you're ready. A clash in opinions at work creates a frenzy.

Sagittarius

November 22 - December 21

Shoot, Sagittarius. Everyone knows how generous you are. It's ok to be stingy now and then and splurge on yourself. A design project sputters.

Sudoku

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Sudoku

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Theater review

West Coast Players delivers emotionally intense production of neo-gothic play 'The Runner Stumbles'

Even though the Tampa Bay area boasts a number of exceptional community theaters that more often than not present outstanding productions, occasionally one notices that titles from the same shortlist of plays crop up again and again.



Curtain Call
Lee Clark Zumpe

West Coast Players appears to be developing a tradition of bucking that trend. Its current production, "The Runner Stumbles" by Milan Stitt, is a fine example. Under the direction of Linda Weir, West Coast Theatre has taken Stitt's neglected neo-gothic work and laid bare its social relevance as well as its dramatic scope.

"The Runner Stumbles" runs through May 5 at West Coast Players Theatre, 21905 U.S. 19 N., Clearwater. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$16. Call 437-2363 or visit www.wcplayers.org.

Stitt's best-known work, the play is based on real-life events that unfolded in the early 1900s in rural Michigan.

The story revolves around the death of a young nun, Sister Rita. As the play opens, Father Rivard - who has been charged with her murder - is on trial.

The story is disseminated through the framework of legal proceedings with the action alternating between courtroom exchanges and flashbacks, which reveal the events leading up to the death of Sister Rita. The audience gradually learns how Rivard came to be banished to the remote parish and how circumstances led to tragedy. The tension builds steadily as the trial progresses, leading up to a startling - though hardly implausible - revelation.

"The Runner Stumbles" was named best Broadway play of 1978 in the annual best Plays book.

"The world of this play fascinates me," writes Linda Weir in her notes in the playbill. "It's not a happy story by any means, but it's one that is as rel-

evant today as it was back in 1976. Love is love and it happens to those that least expect it or want it."

Rand Smith stars as Rivard. Smith starts off by showing the shadow of a man Rivard has become, awaiting his trial. As he shares his story through flashbacks, Smith transforms: He demonstrates how the charismatic, dedicated Rivard faltered as he faced increasingly antagonistic chastisement from his superiors. Repressed by the rules of the church, Rivard fights against temptation - and Smith reflects his inner turmoil effectively.

Ashlie Johnson portrays Sister Rita. When she first appears, Rita is nearly a stereotype: enthusiastic and animated, youthful, innocent, talkative and quick to find beauty and hope in a less-than-perfect world. Johnson nimbly avoids the snare of letting her character appear meek and submissive. Rita is dutiful and obedient to a point, but she possesses both tenacity and a clear sense of justice. As the play progresses, Johnson exposes deeper layers of her character's psyche, buttressing the depiction with inspired subtleties. Strikingly, she manages to sustain the sexual tension between Rita and Rivard without undermining Rita's virtuousness.

Donna Donnelly does a superb job playing Mrs. Shandig, Rivard's devoted housekeeper. Shandig, a convert to Catholicism, serves a kind of chaperone, endlessly concerned that neither the priest nor the nun seem willing to heed the rules of the church. Donnelly paints this fundamentalist as charmingly unsophisticated one moment and alarmingly unsympathetic the next.

All the supporting players give excellent performances, including John Clark as Msgr. Nicholson, Tom Costello as the prosecutor, Tara Fuller as Louise, Johanna Griese as Erna Prindle, Bill Martin as Toby Felker and Drew Smith as Amos.



Pictured is the cast of West Coast Players' production of "The Runner Stumbles," running through May 5.

At first glance, "The Runner Stumbles" may seem little more than an outmoded tale of forbidden love, of two ill-fated individuals trying to suppress temptation. Look again: The play's examination of ethics, religion and morality are conspicuously relevant for modern audiences. Amidst the dialogue, "The Runner Stumbles" shrewdly whispers significant ques-

tions about religious tolerance, fundamentalism and the definition of love. These very issues are behind many of today's headlines.

Beyond its topical relevance, West Coast Players' production of "The Runner Stumbles" is both entertaining and compelling - and it's a refreshing change of pace, as well.

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peared in the pages of "People Magazine," "Vogue" and even on the cover of "Rolling Stone" magazine. His reviews and raves have been steady for over a decade now, with more to come. Ben Taylor has previously toured with Sheryl Crow, Blues Traveler and Ziggy Marley, among others. Orlando native Emily Kopp will open the show.

• **Crosby, Stills and Nash**, Tuesday, May 7, 8 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Performances are Tuesday, 8 p.m.; and Wednesday, 2 and 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$62.50. Call 791-7400 or visit www.rutheckerdhall.com. On the heels of their acclaimed 2012 year-long world tour, Crosby, Stills and Nash are back on the road in 2013. The same players that accompanied Crosby, Stills and Nash in 2012 will be on the road with them again, including Todd Caldwell (organ), Shane Fontayne (guitar), Steve DiStanislaw (drums), Kevin McCormick (bass), and James Raymond (keyboards). "CSN 2012," a 25-song set presenting CSN's first live performance film in more than 20 years, was released last summer in Blu-Ray and DVD/2CD versions, featuring complete concert footage and bonus content, including a conversation with David Crosby, Stephen Stills, and Graham Nash, and "on-the-road interviews" with the group's band and crew. More than four decades since CSN first harmonized in Laurel Canyon and played its first-ever concert as a trio at the legendary Woodstock festival, its members continue a creative partnership that is one of the most influential and enduring in music. David Crosby, Stephen Stills, and Graham Nash have each been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame two times - with Crosby, Stills & Nash, and a second time with The Byrds, Buffalo Springfield, and The Hollies, respectively. They have also been inducted into the Songwriter's Hall of Fame, honoring both CSN as a group, and each member as individual solo artists.

• **"Pippin,"** by Stephen Schwartz and Roger Hirson, May 9-26, at Francis Wilson Playhouse, 302 Seminole St., Clearwater. Call 446-1360 or visit www.franciswilsonplayhouse.org. Performances are generally Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m. Matinees are Saturday and Sunday, 2 p.m. Tickets for nonmusicals are \$21 for adults, \$11 for students. Tickets for musicals are \$26 for adults, \$13 for students.

Dunedin

• **Films in the Park**, Friday, April 29, dusk, at Pioneer Park, at the intersection of Main Street and Douglas Avenue in Dunedin. Attendees may bring lawn chairs and picnic baskets and enjoy a relaxing evening watching a classic movie beneath the night sky. The featured film will be "E.T. the Extraterrestrial." For information, call 812-4531.

Safety Harbor

• **Poetic Soiree**, Thursday, April 25, 6 to 9 p.m., at the Safety Harbor Public Library, 101 Second St. N., Safety Harbor. The library will celebrate National Poetry Month with a Poetic Soiree. The event will feature a Poets' Wine Mingle from 6 to 6:30 p.m. Attendees will have

an opportunity to enjoy a glass of wine, a cup of coffee and refreshments while listening to a special performance by the local musical duo, The Last Ghost Dance. Local poets Steve Keteltas, Maureen Jenkins, Linda Breeden, Michael JE Whalen, Jeffrey Land, Barbara Finkelshtein, Randy Giles, Tamara Emery, Deborah Klein, Wayne Williams, and William Boden will kick off the evening's open mic session at 7 p.m. Fellow poets are welcome to sign up to share a favorite poem or one of their own creation during the event. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Safety Harbor Public Library, Starbucks, Sweetbay and Publix. The event is free and open to the public. For information, call 724-1525, ext. 112.

St. Petersburg

• **"The Amish Project,"** by Jessica Dickey, presented by American Stage Theatre, through May 12: at the Raymond James Theatre, 163 Third St. N., St. Petersburg. Call 823-PLAY (7529) or visit www.americanstage.org. Generally, main stage performances are Wednesday through Saturday, 8 p.m. Matinees are Saturday and Sunday, 3 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$29 to \$59 depending on the date and time of the performance.

• **Three-day Trunk Show**, Thursday through Saturday, April 25-27, at Michele Tuegel Contemporary, 320 Central Ave., St. Petersburg. The show will feature the exclusive gold and silver designs of master metalsmith Ronald Hayes Pearson from Deer Isle, Maine. Hours will be Thursday, 5 to 8 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. There also will be a wine-tasting event Thursday, April 25, 5 to 8 p.m., featuring Cowan Cellars from Sonoma, Calif. The public is invited to come and experience the unique atmosphere of the gallery, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to purchase exquisite jewelry designs by a modern master, and meet Jim and

Diane Cowan of Cowan Cellars. The event is free and open to the public. For information, call 823-1100.

• **Renaissance**, Thursday, April 25, 8 p.m., at the Palladium Theater, 253 Fifth Ave. N., St. Petersburg. Tickets start at \$45. Call 791-7400 or visit www.rutheckerdhall.com. Performing both "Turn the Cards" and "Scheherazade and Other Stories" in their entirety, UK progressive rock band Renaissance brings this two-part show to the Capitol Theatre. English symphonic rock band Renaissance rose from the ashes of the seminal UK rock group The Yardbirds with vocalist Annie Haslam and principal songwriter and guitarist Michael Dunford joining at the dawn of the 1970s to define their work with folk rock and classical fusions. Including quotations from and allusions to, such composers as Bach, Chopin, Debussy, and Rachmaninoff, the band had their first Top Ten UK hit with "Northern Lights" in 1978 as well as creating progressive rock classics "Mother Russia" and "Ashes Are Burning." Over the band's lengthy career, they have recorded 15 albums and played on the world's most distinguished stages, from

Carnegie Hall in New York City with The New York Philharmonic Orchestra, to the Royal Albert Hall in London with The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. Despite explorations into solo careers and changes in the line-up, Haslam and Dunford remain the creative core of Renaissance. In 2009 they embarked on a special 40th Anniversary Concert Tour to re-introduce to new generations the lush, orchestral favorites that made them a staple of 1970s progressive rock radio.

• **CD release party for Nashville's Mean Mary**, Friday, April 26, 7:30 p.m., at Sacred Lands, 1620 Park St. N., St. Petersburg. Attendees should enter the parking lot via 1700 Park Street and Elbow Lane, and turn left before boat ramp to shell parking lot. Cost is \$10. For information, call 432-9271. Sacred Lands will host this CD and novel release party for Nashville's Mean Mary - also known as Mary James. The artist will perform songs from her new CD "Year of the Sparrow." She also will discuss her work and sign copies of her novel, which she co-wrote with her mother.

• **"John & Jen,"** by Tom Greenwald and Andrew Lipka, May 3-26, at freeFall Theatre, 6099 Central Ave., St. Petersburg. Call 498-5205 or visit www.freefalltheatre.com. Performances are Thursday, 7 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. Matinees are Saturday and Sunday, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$37 for adults and \$34 for students, seniors and military members. There is a \$7 surcharge for premium seating.

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• **"Behind the Gates,"** by Wendy Graf, presented by Jobsite Theater, May 1-26, at the Straz Center for the Performing Arts, 1010 N. W.C. MacInnes Place, Tampa. Call 813-229-7827 or visit www.jobstheater.org. Performances are Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m. Matinees are Sunday, 4 p.m. Tickets are \$28.

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hand, and an enchanted beer garden will offer adult beverages. For information, call 322-5217 or visit www.facebook.com/GulfportSpringfest.

• **Chris Botti**, Saturday, April 27, 7 p.m., at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Tickets start at \$39. Call 791-7400 or visit www.rutheckerdhall.com. This PBS star will make his seventh appearance at Ruth Eckerd Hall, mixing hot jazz with standards such as "Summertime" and "Over the Rainbow." A cluster of Grammy nominations and three No. 1 albums on Billboard's Jazz Albums listings have made Botti the world's largest-selling jazz instrumentalist, known for the signature velvet tone he brings to ballads. "Impressions," his most recent release, follows on the heels of "Chris Botti in Boston" and "Italia," which was inspired by the romance of Italy.

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release "Marvel's The Avengers."

Based on the ever-popular Marvel comic book series, first published in 1963, "Iron Man 3" returns Robert Downey Jr. as the iconic superhero character Tony Stark/Iron Man. This time, Iron Man goes toe-to-toe with the Mandarin.

'The Great Gatsby'

Release date: May 10

Cast: Leonardo DiCaprio, Tobey Maguire, Carey Mulligan, Joel Edgerton, Isla Fisher, Jason Clarke and Amitabh Bachchan

Not exactly what one might consider a typical blockbuster blueprint, "The Great Gatsby" follows Fitzgerald-like, would-be writer Nick Carraway (Tobey Maguire) as he leaves the Midwest and comes to New York City in the spring of 1922.

Carraway finds himself in an era of loosening morals, glittering jazz, bootleg kings, and skyrocketing stocks. He also meets a mysterious, party-giving millionaire, Jay Gatsby (Leonardo DiCaprio). Spending time with Gatsby, as well as his cousin Daisy (Carey Mulligan), and her husband Tom Buchanan (Joel Edgerton), Carraway is drawn into the world of the super rich, their illusions, loves and deceptions.

'Star Trek Into Darkness'

Release date: May 17

Cast: Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto, Zoe Saldana, Karl Urban, John Cho, Bruce Greenwood, Simon Pegg, Anton Yelchin, Benedict Cumberbatch, Alice Eve and Peter Weller

Director J.J. Abrams returns for his second voyage with the starship Enterprise, helming "Star Trek Into Darkness."

Things kick off with a shocking act of terror. The crew of The Enterprise is called back home to Earth. Kirk - as usual - defies regulations - leading his crew on a manhunt. He's out to see that justice is served - and to settle a personal score.

'Fast and Furious 6'

Release date: May 24

Cast: Vin Diesel, Paul Walker, Dwayne Johnson, Jordana Brewster, Michelle Rodriguez, Tyrese Gibson, Sung Kang, Gal Gadot, Chris "Ludacris" Bridges, Elsa Pataky, Luke Evans and Gina Carano

They just keep coming: Vin Diesel, Paul Walker and Dwayne Johnson lead the returning cast of all-stars as this global blockbuster franchise built on speed races to its next continent in "Fast and Furious 6."

Apparently the crew is scattered across the globe and tired of living on the lam. They're asked to outmatch a criminal outfit on the street level in return for a full pardon.

'After Earth'

Release date: May 31

Cast: Will Smith and Jaden Smith

M. Night Shyamalan tackles this science fiction tale about a two people stranded on future Earth.

A crash-landing leaves teenager Kitai Raige (Jaden Smith) and his legendary father Cypher (Will Smith) marooned on Earth 1,000 years after cataclysmic events forced humanity to abandon the planet. With his father badly wounded, Kitai must embark on a perilous journey to signal for help. To do so, he has to face uncharted terrain and evolved predators. If that wasn't enough, there's also an unstoppable alien creature that escaped during the crash, and he's probably not very happy.

'Man of Steel'

Release date: June 14

Cast: Henry Cavill, Amy Adams, Michael Shannon, Kevin Costner, Diane Lane, Laurence Fishburne, Antje Traue, Ayelet Zurer, Christopher Meloni, Russell Crowe, Michael Kelly, Harry Lennix and Richard Schiff

A new round of Superman films will debut this summer.

It's a safe bet that almost everyone knows the basics of this story: the infant Kal-El, born on Krypton, is sent to Earth by his father so that the child may escape the destruction of his home world. On Earth, Kal-El - renamed Clark Kent by his adoptive parents - learns that he has extraordinary powers.

In "Man of Steel," Cavill struggles with the revelation that he can be a symbol of hope for mankind.

'World War Z'

Release date: June 21

Cast: Brad Pitt, Mireille Enos, Daniella Kertesz, James Badge Dale, Matthew Fox and David Morse

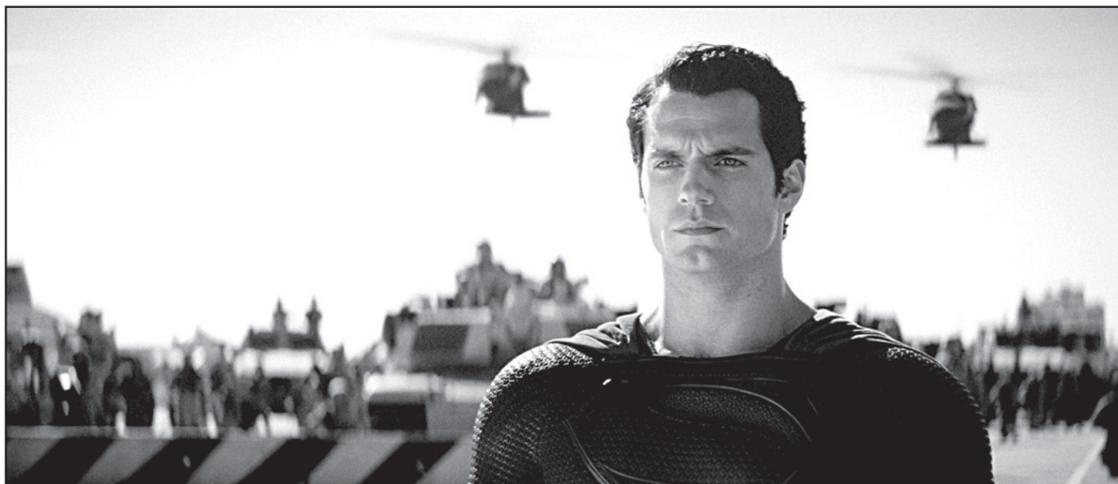


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Above, Secretary Delacourt (Jodie Foster) stars in Columbia Pictures' "Elysium." At left, Logan (Hugh Jackman) races into a battle that has shattered a sacred ceremony in "The Wolverine." Top, Henry Cavill stars as Superman in Warner Bros. Pictures' and Legendary Pictures' action adventure "Man of Steel."

'Pacific Rim'

Release date: July 12

Cast: Charlie Hunnam, Idris Elba, Rinko Kikuchi, Charlie Day, Ron Perlman, Robert Kazinsky, Max Martini, Clifton Collins, Jr., Burn Gorman, Larry Joe Campbell, Brad William Henke and Diego Klattenhoff

Only Guillermo del Toro could sell this film to Hollywood - and he's probably the only one who could turn it into a blockbuster, too.

It all boils down to this: Kaiju vs. Jaegers. Kaiju are monstrous creatures (think Godzilla, only cooler and meaner). Legions of them start rising from the depths of the sea. Jaegers are massive robots, controlled simultaneously by two pilots whose minds are locked in a neural bridge, created to save humanity.

'The Wolverine'

Release date: July 26

Cast: Hugh Jackman, Will Yun Lee, Svetlana Khodchenkova, Hiroyuki Sanada, Hal Yamanouchi, Tao Okamoto, Rila Fukushima and Brian Tee

It's been seven years since "X-Men: The Last Stand" - seven years! Of course, that wasn't the last time Jackman portrayed this celebrated comic book character. He starred in "X-Men: First Class" in 2011.

This film is officially intended as a standalone, taking place sometime after the events depicted in "X-Men: The Last Stand." This story takes Wolverine to modern day Japan. Out of his depth in an unknown world, he must face a host of unexpected and deadly opponents in a life-or-death battle that will leave him forever changed.

'Elysium'

Release date: Aug. 9

Cast: Matt Damon, Jodie Foster, Sharlto Copley, Alice Braga, Diego Luna, William Fichtner and Wagner Moura

Remember Neill Blomkamp? He wrote and co-directed the critically-acclaimed science fiction film "District 9" which became a sleeper hit in 2009.

His new project, "Elysium" takes place in the year 2154. In this future vision of Earth, the very wealthy live on a pristine man-made space station called Elysium while the rest dwell upon the surface of an overpopulated, ruined planet.

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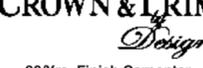
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 Rated: R
 With an all-star cast led by Robert De Niro, Katherine Heigl, Diane Keaton, Amanda Seyfried, Topher Grace, with Susan Sarandon and Robin Williams, "The Big Wedding" is an uproarious romantic comedy about a charmingly modern family trying to survive a weekend wedding celebration that has the potential to become a full blown family fiasco.

To the amusement of their adult children and friends, long divorced couple Don and Ellie Griffin (De Niro and Keaton) are forced to play the happy couple for the sake of their adopted son's wedding after his ultra conservative biological mother unexpectedly decides to fly halfway across the world to attend. With all of the wedding guests looking on, the Griffins are hilariously forced to confront their past, present and future - and hopefully avoid killing each other in the process.

'Pain & Gain'

Genre: Action comedy crime
 Cast: Mark Wahlberg, Dwayne Johnson, Anthony Mackie, Ed Harris, Rob Corddry, Tony Shalhoub, Bar Paly, Rebel Wilson, Ken Jeong and Yolande Cabau
 Director: Michael Bay
 Rated: R
 From acclaimed director Michael Bay comes "Pain & Gain," a new action comedy starring Mark Wahlberg, Dwayne Johnson and Anthony Mackie. The film is based on the unbelievable true story of a group of personal trainers in 1990s Miami who, in

pursuit of the American dream, get caught up in a criminal enterprise that goes horribly wrong.

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

'Kon-Tiki'

Genre: Drama
 Cast: Pål Sverre Valheim Hagen, Anders Baasmo Christiansen, Gustaf Skarsgård, Jakob Oftebro, Odd Magnus Williamson, Tobias Santelmann and Agnes Kittelsen
 Director: Joachim Rønning and Espen Sandberg
 Rated: PG-13
 Norwegian explorer Thor Heyerdahl crossed the Pacific ocean in a balsa wood raft in 1947, together with five men, to prove that South Americans already back in pre-Columbian times could have crossed the sea and settle on Polynesian islands.

After gathering financing for the trip with loans and donations, they set off on an epic 101 day-long journey across 8,000 kilometers, all while the world was watching. "Kon-Tiki" tells about the origin of Heyerdahl's idea and the events surrounding the group's voyage.

'Mud'

Genre: Drama
 Cast: Matthew McConaughey, Tye Sheridan, Jacob Lofland, Sam Shepard, Michael Shannon and Reese Witherspoon
 Director: Jeff Nichols
 Rated: PG-13
 "Mud" is an adventure about two boys, Ellis and his friend Neckbone, who find a man named Mud hiding out on an island in the Mississippi. Mud describes fantastic scenarios - he killed a man in Texas and vengeful bounty hunters are coming to get him. He says he is planning to meet and escape with the love of his life, Juniper, who is waiting for him in town. Skeptical but intrigued, Ellis and Neckbone agree to help him. It isn't long until Mud's visions come true and their small town is besieged by a beautiful girl with a line of bounty hunters in tow.



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Robert De Niro stars as Don and Diane Keaton as Ellie in "The Big Wedding."

'The Reluctant Fundamentalist'

Genre: Drama
 Cast: Riz Ahmed, Kate Hudson, Kiefer Sutherland and Liev Schreiber
 Director: Mira Nair
 Rated: R
 2011, Lahore. At a café a Pakistani man named Changez (Riz Ahmed) tells Bobby (Liev Schreiber), an American journalist, about his experiences in the United States.
 Roll back 10 years, and we find a younger Changez fresh from Princeton, seeking his fortune on Wall Street. The American dream seems well within his grasp, complete with a smart and gorgeous artist girlfriend, Erica (Kate Hudson). But

when the Twin Towers are attacked, a cultural divide slowly begins to crack open between Changez and Erica. Changez's dream soon begins to slip into nightmare: he is transformed from a well-educated, upwardly mobile businessman to a scapegoat and perceived enemy. Taking us through the culturally rich and beguiling worlds of New York, Lahore and Istanbul, "The Reluctant Fundamentalist" is a story about conflicting ideologies where perception and suspicion have the power to determine life or death.

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