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-LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS-Friday, 11:00 am - Learn to Protect Yourself Against Fraud: Presented by Pinellas County Consumer Protection; Monday, 11:00 am - Storytime Sing & Learn (ages 0-5): Start your toddlers on the road to reading and school readiness as they learn numbers, colors, and the alphabet through stories, music, and dance; Monday, 6:00 pm - Mayor's Open Office: Ask questions and discuss concerns with Mayor Alan Johnson; Tuesday, 3:00 pm - Tech Tuesday: Bring in your iPad/tablet, smartphone or other device and we will answer your questions (no repairs, no reservation required); Wednesday, 11:00 am - Music Appreciation Series: French Composers, presented by Christiane Vinet; Thursday, 4:00 pm - Topics in American History: One-Term Presidents, presented by historian David Busch; Friday, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm -Alzheimer's Association Memory Bus: Learn about the early signs of Alzheimer's and how to help those with Alzheimer's disease (free service). St. Pete Beach Public Library: Celebrating 50 years at 365 73rd Ave.

-SUMMER CAMPS FOR KIDS AT ST. PETE BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER—Registration starts March 18th at the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive, for full and half day summer camps. Programs are being offered for children completed kindergarten through 6th grade. Our full day camp programs will keep kids entertained all summer long with weekly field trips, swimming and indoor/outdoor activities. If your child has more specific interest we are offering half-day specialty camps such as archery, basketball, robotics and more. For more information, including registration paperwork, [visit www.spbrec.com](http://www.spbrec.com)

-UNDERWATER EGG HUNT AND EGGSTRAVAGANSA AT THE ST. PETE BEACH

AQUATIC CENTER AND HORAN PARK— Dip and Dive for Easter eggs in the pool! The event will be held at the St. Pete Beach Aquatic Center and Horan Park, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr., **Saturday April 20th from 10a-12p.** The egg hunt begins at 10am, to participate be here no later than 10:30am. Stay and play in the park with Eggcellent activities like egg races, egg decorating, egg toss, egg rolling and even meet Peter Rabbit! The Underwater Egg Hunt costs \$5 per child and the Eggstravaganza is FREE to all. Children are encouraged to bring Mesh bags to gather their eggs. For more information on this event, contact the Aquatic Center at 727.363.9264 or visit www.spbrec.com

-BECOME A CERTIFIED AMERICAN RED CROSS LIFEGUARD— The St. Pete Beach Recreation Department is offering certified lifeguard training from the American Red Cross. Get the training you need to be a confident and knowledgeable lifeguard and get a great summer job! More information can be found on our website at www.spbrec.com or call us at 727.363.9245.

-MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS SAFE IN THE WATER THIS SUMMER! - St. Pete Beach Recreation is once again offering spring and summer swim lessons at the St. Pete Beach Aquatic Center. Each session consist of eight 30 minute sessions. For more information call 727-363-9245 or visit www.spbrec.com

Session II: April 22-May 2

Session III: May 6-16

Session IV: May 20-27



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~MESSAGE FROM THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH AND THE PINELLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE~

Just a reminder to all the South County communities and St. Pete Beach area that vehicle burglaries continue. Please be sure and lock your car doors and take anything that is or could look valuable out of your car. Many of these thieves work in groups and target all types of different communities. Don't fall into the trap of thinking your neighborhood wouldn't be targeted for these types of crimes.

Check out the [Sheriff's website](#) for access to programs and services to learn how to protect yourself, your family and your possessions. To contact our Community Policing Officers call 727.582.5721.

~COMMUNITY INFORMATION & EVENTS~

- Sunday Market on Corey Avenue from 10a-2p
- Salute to Veterans at Horan Park Sunday April 28th from 10a-4p



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~MESSAGE FROM COMMISSIONER TERRI FINNERTY ED.D., DISTRICT 1~

Home Rule: The Florida constitution empowers citizens with the right of local self-government, or Home Rule. As the only form of voluntary government, Florida’s municipalities are the embodiment of this right. A city is created by its citizens to provide additional functions and services for the particular benefit of the community. Local citizens develop a charter to specify the form, functions and power of their city government. The incorporation and city charter are approved by voters in a local referendum.

Home Rule authorizes all governmental, corporate and propriety powers necessary to conduct municipal government, perform municipal functions, and render municipal services. Home Rule is why not two cities are alike. City residents take pride in this diversity and responsibility. Strong Home Rule powers ensure that government stays close to the people it serves. Intrusion on Home Rule from the state or federal government undermines the consti-

This article is dedicated to updating you on what has happened in Tallahassee this past week and what bills have passed and those that have failed. We are closing in on the end of the 2019 Legislative session and things are changing constantly in the House and Senate. The information below was provide by Florida League of Cities “Clips April 18, 2019”.

“Sanctuary cities” bills barely pass amid heated debate

Tampa Bay Times

Though it faced a near death in the Senate Rules Committee, a contentious bill aimed at banning so-called “sanctuary cities” is headed to the Senate floor. The bill passed 9-8 Wednesday, as Sen. Anitere Flores, R-Miami, voted no with the seven Democrats. Sen. Tom Lee, a Thonotosassa Republican who met with immigrant advocates Wednesday morning, nearly missed the vote but returned in time to save the bill. The twin bills – SB 168 and HB 527 – both passed through their final committees this week. They would create rules relating to federal immigration enforcement by prohibiting “sanctuary” policies and requiring state and local law enforcement to comply with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The bills also would give whistle-blower status to officers who report citizenship violations by undocumented immigrants detained in local jails on unrelated charges.



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Florida Bill to Ban Sanctuary Policies Draws Raucous Debate *U.S. News*

A proposed ban on sanctuary policies evoked talk of fear and bigotry, shouts of "Shame on you!" and the scolding of a Democratic senator who admonished a woman Wednesday for disparaging Miami, the Florida city with the largest Hispanic population. After the dust settled, the

Senate Rules committee narrowly approved the bill that would force local law enforcement agencies to cooperate with federal authorities who enforce immigration laws. The bill now goes to the full Senate the day after a similar House bill was approved in its last committee stop. The bill is sponsored by Republican Sen. Joe Gruters, who also chairs the Republican Party of Florida and was President Donald Trump's Florida campaign chairman. He and House sponsor Republican Rep. Cord Byrd say the bill is simply a matter of following the rule of law and isn't an attempt to have Florida police agencies enforce federal law. It prohibits local governments from adopting policies that would restrict law enforcement from communication with federal immigration authorities.

Another city might ban scooters — but not quite yet *Sun Sentinel*

Motorized scooters and electric bicycles that weave through pedestrians in Delray Beach could be banned soon from the city's sidewalks. But first the city will wait to see what the state Legislature decides. Some state legislators want to curb bans being imposed by Florida's cities. They are considering a law that would forbid cities from regulating dockless scooters. The Delray Beach City Commission was set Tuesday to consider a new law prohibiting the mechanical movers, but commissioners pulled the ordinance from the agenda on the advice of their attorney. The law would have prohibited the operation of motorized scooters, electric bicycles and Go-peds, which are two-wheeled scooters, and banned their sale, rental or lease within the city. There were no specific penalties listed for violating the proposed law. Delray Beach would have followed the lead of a city to the south, Hollywood, which banned scooters last month. But not every city is on board: Palm Beach decided in January to allow them, and Fort Lauderdale followed in February.

School districts, charters, sheriffs. Who decides if teachers can be armed? *Tampa Bay Times*

The Florida Senate didn't have a formal vote on the bill that would allow classroom teachers to be armed on Wednesday, but they did adopt a major amendment that could settle one of the biggest lingering questions of the debate: who gets to decide if teachers in a school can be armed? Under current law, passed last year as part of the fallout from the shooting in Parkland that left 17 students and staff dead, both a school district and their county's sheriff must agree to offer the "Guardian program" before teachers can carry guns on campus. The sheriff's office is then charged with offering teachers and other personnel with the proper training and psychological screening. Some districts have opted to hire security staff whose only role is to be armed protection. But under Wednesday's amendment to the bill, sheriff's offices would be required to offer that training if school districts request it, though that sheriff may contract with another sheriff to provide it instead. Additionally, if a district decides not to participate in the program but a charter school disagrees, they can ask their county's sheriff to offer the training to their staff anyway.



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House passes bill expanding law enforcement drone use *Associated Press*

Law enforcement agencies in Florida could use drones for more purposes under legislation passed unanimously by the state House. Under the measure passed 114-0 on Wednesday, drones could be used to monitor crowds of 50 or more people and for traffic management.

Drones could not be used to gather evidence for traffic citations. Drones could, however, gather evidence at a crime or traffic crash scene. And government agencies could use them to assess damage from natural disasters and to help manage vegetation or wildlife on publicly-owned land or water bodies. Law enforcement drone use is already allowed for several reasons, including situations where there is imminent danger to the public, countering a terrorist attack and to prevent imminent escape of a crime suspect. A similar bill is pending in the Senate.

I would like to wish all of you a blessed and Happy East and Passover and let us all remember Spring is a time of happiness and rebirth.

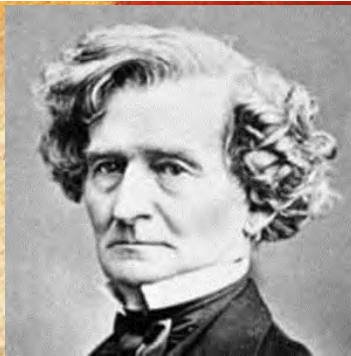
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727-641-2314
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If you are interested in contacting your legislators in Tallahassee who represent you, please use the information below:

Representative Jennifer Webb
jennifer.webb@myfloridahouse.gov
Telephone: (727) 341-7385
Tallahassee: (850) 717-5069

Senator Jeff Brandis
Bradis.jeff.web@flsenate.gov
Telephone: (727) 563-2100
Tallahassee: (850) 487-5024

Music Appreciation Series: French Composers Wednesday, April 24 11:00 a.m.



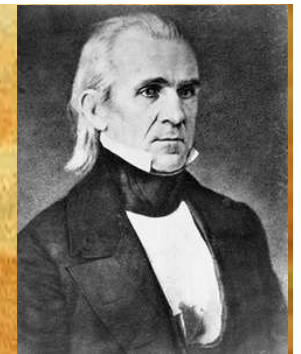
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Topics in American History: One Term Presidents

Presented by historian David Busch



Thursday, April 25
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Alzheimer's Association Memory Bus



**Dementia
education and support
brought directly
to the community.**

The Memory Mobile is a traveling office of the Alzheimer's Association Florida Gulf Coast Chapter intended to bring public awareness and dementia-related information to the community. The Memory Mobile offers education and support to those living with Alzheimer's disease and early-stage of dementia. There is no charge for services.

**Friday,
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Celebrating

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