

# 10-DAY THE BEST BITS OF CULTURE AND FLAT-OUT FUN IN THE DAYS AHEAD

# FOR CAST

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Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers will perform at the Ford Amphitheatre at the Florida State Fairgrounds in Tampa on Friday.



THROUGH AUGUST 7

**CHECK IT OUT:** They say if you look hard, you can find true art in everyday life, sometimes in the most ordinary aspects of our daily existence. But it would be so much easier to just visit the **Thomas Center Regional Juried Exhibition** art show; they'll be conveniently hanging the art on the walls. Reception tonight at 5.



THROUGH JUNE 19

**PUT A 'SPELL' ON YOU:** For the last 200 years, the pleasant residents of the little town of Chielland have been content to raise cattle, grow watermelons and live their lives. But there's always been something missing — a musical with Jesus singing rock songs and dancing disciples. "Godspell" plays at the Chief Theatre.



**TOM TERRIFIC:** The legendary rocker Tom Petty grew up right here in Gainesville. In fact, we were best friends. He always used to say, "I want to be a rock star." And I would say, "Shut up, Tom. You should be a dentist." The rest is history. My buddy and the Heartbreakers play the Ford Amphitheatre at the Florida State Fairgrounds in Tampa.



**CAESAR SALAD:** What's that you say? Famous gospel singer **Shirley Caesar** is in town for a concert? Surely, you can't be serious! I am serious, and don't call me ... oh, forget it. See Caesar as she headlines the "Open for a Star" showcase at Lincoln Middle School auditorium. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$35 at the door.



**VOTE ME OFF:** According to CBS research, there are still 31 people in the U.S. who have yet to appear on a reality show. If you happen to be one of those people, you're eligible to try out for "Survivor 12." An open casting call for the show starts at 8.30 a.m. at the Best Western Gateway Grand.



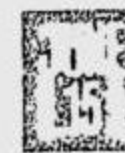
**SMOOTH JAZZ:** Are you a non-smoker who's always looking for somewhere to not smoke? Why don't you try not smoking at the new smoke-free jazz and funk dance club **TC's Lounge**, inside Steve's Cafe American. The club's grand opening begins at 6 p.m.



**DON'T TELL MY HEART:** Country star and TV actor **Billy Ray Cyrus** will appear at one of these three venues: Carnegie Hall, the Metropolitan Opera House or Ocala's Silver Springs. If you guessed Silver Springs, you're right! Fiddler **Stephanie Ann** opens the show.



**ON THE ROAD AGAIN:** Fresh off the announcement of the Rolling Stones' tour comes this equally startling announcement: The **Sonlight Youth Choir** is hitting the road for a 2005 tour, too! But you have a chance to hear them here in Gainesville at the Trinity United Methodist Church Worship Center. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. with an ice-cream social. (Bet you won't get that at a Stones show.)



**SOUNDS GOOD:** Ever wonder what happened to Crockett and Tubbs after "Miami Vice"? Well, Crockett, Don Johnson, drank copiously, and Tubbs, well, he formed the **Michael Thomas Quintet** playing jazz at Savannah Grande at 8. (Oh, wait, that was *Phillip* Michael Thomas. My bad.)



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**THE HILLS ARE ALIVE:** Did you know that for the film version of "The Sound of Music," the filmmakers at first didn't want Julie Andrews for the lead role? They relented and cast the star, who went on to be nominated for an Oscar. The play will be performed at Lake City Community College. (The producers have held firm, and will not give Andrews a part this time around.)



THROUGH SEPT. 11

**NATURE'S FINEST:** Some of the occurrences we see in nature continue to astound us right down to the deepest recesses of our being, such as the Everglades, or the Grand Canyon, or Donald Trump's hair. Eighteen artists will display works focused on nature in the new exhibit "Natural Curiosity: Artists Explore Florida" at the Florida Museum of Natural History.



The Thomas Center Regional Juried Exhibition opens with a reception today at 5 p.m.