

# ENTERTAINMENT

## “ANNIE” comes to visit Nunez Community College in March

Over 50 children and adults and even 1 dog were cast at the conclusion of auditions recently held for the March production of ANNIE, running Thursday, March 15 through Sunday, March 18, 2018 at Nunez Community College Theater in Chalmette. The Company of St. Bernard is producing this well-known, beloved musical inspired by the comic strip adventures of Little Orphan Annie, and Mary Collins is directing

and will also serve as choreographer. Roxanne Gray will be serving as musical director for this upcoming production.

The musical ANNIE originated on Broadway in 1977 to rave reviews and has been an integral part of the international musical landscape ever since, with its signature tunes “It’s A Hard Knock Life” and “Tomorrow” entrenched among the best-known musical theater numbers

of the past 40 years.

At the auditions held January 23-25, 2018 at Nunez Community College, all of the talented citizens auditioning for roles were quite happy to demonstrate their vocal and dancing abilities. The upcoming audiences should be delighted with the results of all the hard work that will go into this production over the next 5 weeks. “We are thrilled to be bringing to St. Ber-

nard audiences this classic musical that appeals to all ages,” said director/choreographer Mary Collins.

Performances of the musical begin at 7:30pm on Thursday, March 15; Friday, March 16; and Saturday, March 17, 2018, with a Sunday matinee on March 18 beginning at 2:00 pm.

For ticket information, call 504.507.0015 or visit [www.thecompanystb.com](http://www.thecompanystb.com) to purchase your tickets and to select your seats.

## SHO BUZ

by Ed Held Studio News



### Suburbicon

Paramount

OMG! George Clooney’s stupid suspenseful thriller Suburbicon (BD + Digital) is an unacceptable misfire that poorly attempts to juggle social satire, racial observation, and a murder mystery -- and ends up making a disarray of all three.

Welcome to bad taste as the collaboration with Clooney (Writer/Director) and the disappointing Coen Brothers offers an idyllic white town of Suburbicon that’s a perfect place for Gardner Lodge (Matt Damon) to make a home! However, beware because he’s not what he seems to appear at all! He’s mostly a bad family man with a lust for his wife’s (Julianne Moore) playing both roles in tacky Dark Brown and Blond wigs) perfect sister. It’s the classic TV sitcom “Father Knows Best” meets “Guess Who’s Coming To Dinner,” except the guest are upper-class 1959 Negroes moving into Suburbicon where they are tormented by a rousing (and over-the-top) white crowd of protesting! The use of Rebel flags and riots are too much in a film that distorts decent Caucasians who want to remain isolated from the world. What a film to put out that aims to discredit POTUS and our rights when African-Americans are the one’s demonstrating in the streets today, paid by militants, to rally over Civil War Monuments, and here in New Orleans, three were desecrated and removed to a trash bin to the tune of eight million dollars! Catch up Mr. Clooney! Suburbicon is laborious to watch as a break-in leads to the shocking murder of Gardner’s wife, and the Detective knows he did it! This is a tale of very flawed people making very bad choices, including Clooney! Moore, a wonderful actress is wasted in a double role and acts as if she’s a member of “The Stepford Wives’ Club!” (1975 & 2004). Don’t ask for coffee, she’ll put Lye in it! This 2017 film laid a rotten egg at theaters and really belongs in the trash bin instead of on Blu-ray! BONUS: Commentary by Clooney and another writer Grant Heslov, Welcome To Suburbicon, The Unusual Suspects: Casting and Scoring Suburbicon.



### The Aftermath

MVD Visual

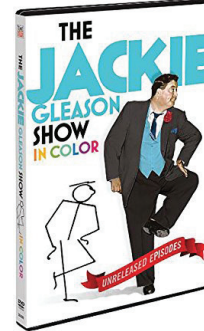
Here is another superb classic refurbished to shine in Blu-ray and even looks so crisp you’d think it was in 4K! I’m talking about the Sci-Fi Fantasy The Aftermath (BD + DVD). You may ask yourself “What comes after World War III?” This cult classic is from 1982 and explores a post-apocalyptic world that was originally banned in the UK. But wait, it is a really interesting film with plenty of spectacular action. A spaceship returns from deep space to find the Earth in The Aftermath of a nuclear and biological war. The streets are filled with mutated survivors feeding off the weak and a Manson-like figure called Cutter, Sid Haig, The Devil’s Rejects (2005), House of 1000 Corpses (2003), Jackie Brown (1997) is reigning terror down on all others. Cutter and his gang of mercenary thugs are systematically murdering all the male survivors and enslaving women and children. Most of his targets are easy, but all that changes when Cutter confronts astronaut Newman (Steve Barkett, Empire of the Dark, Dinosaur Island, Dark Universe), and the woman Sarah (Lynn Margulies) he finds and falls in love with, and the young child Chris (Christopher Barkett, Empire of the Dark). What follows is a cat and mouse game of violent and spectacular proportions with no less than Earth’s survival in the balance. BONUS: Director’s Commentary, Video supplements featuring bonus interviews with Fred Olden Ray, Stan Livingston, composer John Morgan and Chris Barkett.



### The Jackie Gleason Show

Time/Life

Come on dive into the past for laughter and mirth! Now Unreleased Episodes of The Jackie Gleason Show In Color (DVD) is now available for your enjoyment! Jackie is one of the ‘60s most beloved programs, and unseen for nearly 50 years! Gleason was everyone’s working-class hero, and his smash-hit show delivered an hour of non-stop entertainment every single week! Taped in Miami Beach, everything about Jackie was BIG: his huge talent, his outsized personality, and his expansive waist line. This single DVD (there is also an expansive Ten Disk Box Collection with a hefty price of \$104.95), delivers Gleason’s most indelible and legendary creation- Ralph Kramden- as well as an unforgettable gallery of characters he himself created and fine-tuned. However, most memorable, is Gleason and Art Carney revive their “Honeymooners” roles, with Shelia MacRae and Jane Kean added as the new Alice and Trixie, all presented in color for the first time. Guest stars include: Milton Berle, Red Buttons, George Carlin, Nipsey Russell, Phil Silvers, Florence Henderson and Frankie Avalon. “How Sweet It Is!”



## WHO'S WHO & WHAT'S WHAT

by Edwin M. Roy Jr.



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### FEBRUARY

Now through February 25

#### Monuments And Mementos

Studio Inferno will be holding an exhibit on view now through February 25 in participation with P.S. Satellite - a project of prospect New Orleans. In this exhibition, both artists work with the human form. Erica Larkin Gaudet abstracts the figure with torch cut, forged and welded steel components. The results are not only finished sculptural pieces but maquettes for larger scale works. Mitchell Gaudet continues his use of found objects, re-purposing both secular and nonsecular statues. Each piece is embellished with glass casting referencing milagros, votive offering and fetish objects. The exhibition will continue to evolve as new work is added. Artists’ lectures, demos and hot glass performances are also planned. The exhibit will be held at the studio located at 6601 St. Claude Ave., Arabi.

#### Now through May 8

#### Library - Tales On Tuesdays

Everyone is invited to visit the St. Bernard Parish Library as it resumes its Tales on Tuesdays story time sessions. This free story program will run from NOW through May 8. Two sessions of Tales on Tuesdays will be held each week for children three years of age and older. The earlier time is set for 1 p.m. and is geared for younger listeners. The evening session will begin at 5:30 p.m. and is open to children of all ages, but will target school-aged children. All story programs will take place at the St. Bernard Parish Library Main Branch, located at 2600 Palmisano Blvd., in Chalmette. Sessions will run about 45 minutes and will introduce children to literature through storybooks, poetry, flannel boards, finger plays, and participatory activities.

#### February 14

#### NARFE Meeting

NARFE (National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association) Vernon N. Landry Chapter 1398, St. Bernard, will conduct its monthly luncheon and meeting on Wednesday, February 14, at 11 a.m., in the Sicilian Room of Rocky and Carlo’s Restaurant, 613 W. St. Bernard Highway. Chapter members cordially invite any active or retired federal/postal employee interested in learning more about the ONLY organization whose mission is to preserve our pay and benefits, and those of our survivors, to join us. Your spouse or guest is also welcome. For more information, contact pamela.e.marks1953@gmail.com

#### February 15

#### Chamber of Commerce Luncheon

Join the St. Bernard Chamber of Commerce for a luncheon at Nunez Community College, in the Fine Arts Building, on Thursday, February 15 from 11:30 am to 1 p.m. Our featuring speaker will be Tina Tinney, Chancellor of Nunez Community College. Please register by Monday, February 12 by email [admin@stbernardchamber.org](mailto:admin@stbernardchamber.org)

#### February 17

#### NSDAR Chapters Luncheon

Members of the Francois de Lery Chapter, NSDAR, will join members of the other six chapters of the Southeast District at the District’s Annual George Washington Birthday Luncheon to be held on Saturday, February 17 at Ralph’s on the Park at 12 p.m. The guest speaker for the event will Patricia Brady, PhD.

#### February 21

#### February Maumus Center Planetarium Schedule

St. Bernard Parish School District is excited to announce the February schedule of public showings at the Maumus Center. Tickets can be purchased in-person at the Maumus Center Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Audiences can also reserve tickets by calling 504.301.0239 and leaving a message with the front desk. Reserved tickets must be paid for with cash on the day of the show. Children tickets, ages 4 to 12, are \$5, and adult tickets are \$10 each. Due to the nature of the shows, children under the age of four are not recommended to attend. Other Important Information: All children must be accompanied by an adult. Planetarium doors close at the times listed, and attendees will not be admitted after the show begins. Please plan on arriving a few minutes early. Showing on Wednesday, February 21: 6:30 p.m. - Ages 8 & up - The Basics of Black Holes (Presentation) and Black Holes (Full Dome Video).

#### February 21

#### St. Bernard Tourist Commission Meeting

The next meeting of the St. Bernard Tourist Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, at 5 p.m. The meeting will take place at The Visitor Center, 409 Aycock St., Arabi. The Agenda will include discussions of upcoming events, marketing, and planning.

#### February 22

#### Leisure Program Classes

The last St. Bernard Parish Leisure Program schedule for February is: Thursday, February 22 at 6:30 p.m., Paint a Shamrock or a Hat Wood Door Hanger, \$25 per person. The class will be held at Val Riess Sports Complex located at 1101 Magistrate St., Chalmette. The class must be pre-paid and there will be no drop-ins allowed. To register or get more information please e-mail [dmontalbano@sbgp.net](mailto:dmontalbano@sbgp.net) or call 504.518.6031.

#### February 22

#### NAACP Community Town Hall Meeting

The local National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) of St. Bernard Parish will be hosting a Community Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, February 22, for 6 p.m. at Willie Smith Elementary School. We are asking everyone in the community to come out and voice their opinion and questions. Local politicians will be present to address any questions or concerns. For more information, contact St. Bernard Parish NAACP President Rev. Kevin Gabriel and District A Vice President of

Louisiana NAACP at 504.307.5761.

#### February 23 - March 11

#### Girl Scouts Cookie Program

For the past century, the Girl Scout Cookie Program has taught Girl Scouts entrepreneurial and business skills that lead to their success - today and in the future! Girl Scouts from across southeast Louisiana will be selling those delicious Girl Scout cookies. “The Cookie program lets girls show the world their entrepreneurial spirit as key members of the world’s largest girl - led business,” Said Keenan Ruff, Director of Product Program for Girl Scouts Louisiana East. Locally, Girl Scouts will begin taking cookie orders, and will sell them at booth locations throughout the Girl Scouts Louisiana East Council’s 23 parishes from February 23 - March 11. The cookies are \$4 a box upon delivery, with the gluten-free Trios, at \$5 a box. All Cookie program proceeds remain within the council’s jurisdiction. Girl Scouts Louisiana East, serves girls grades K to 12, in St. Bernard parish and the other 22 parishes. For more information about Girl Scouts, call the council office at 504.733.8220 or visit its website at [www.gsle.org](http://www.gsle.org)

#### February 28 - March 4

#### Los Islenos Fiesta 2018

The Los Islenos Heritage and Cultural Society will hold its Los Islenos Fiesta 2018 at 1345-57 Bayou Road, St. Bernard. The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

## WEEKLY

#### Wednesdays

#### Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Group

St. Bernard Parish Hospital’s Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Group meets the fourth Wednesday of every month at 2 p.m. in the first floor Conference Room. The group is designed to provide emotional, educational, and social support for caregivers through regularly scheduled meetings. They help participants develop methods and skills to solve problems. The group encourages caregivers to maintain their own personal, physical, and emotional health, as well as optimally care for the person with Dementia.

#### Wednesdays

#### Mommy & Me Classes

The St. Bernard Parish Leisure Department will be hosting Mommy & Me Classes on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. at Val Riess Sports Complex, 1101 Magistrate Street, Chalmette. This is ideal for stay at home moms and children (ages 1.5 to 5 years) who attend a three-hour preschool. This is a great way to extend the day with just you and your child to interact through play, art and hands on creativity. We will add some play with some Giant indoor games. Fee is \$25/month or \$10/class. If you would like to register and get more information, please email Denise Montalbano/Leisure Coordinator at [dmontalbano@sbgp.net](mailto:dmontalbano@sbgp.net) or call 504.278.4295.

#### Wednesdays

#### Kid’s Club

The St. Bernard Parish Leisure Department will be hosting Kid’s Club on Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. at Val Riess Sports Complex, 1101 Magistrate Street, Chalmette. Great for all kids (ages ages 6 to 14 years) who just want to come learn as they create through art activities, drawing, creative writing, and just have fun. We have a lot of surprises in store with some Giant indoor activities. Fee is \$25/month or \$10/class. Classes will be divided as the program grows. If you would like to register and get more information, please email Denise Montalbano/Leisure Coordinator at [dmontalbano@sbgp.net](mailto:dmontalbano@sbgp.net) or call 504.278.4295.

#### Thursdays

#### Senior Activities

The St. Bernard Parish Leisure Department will be hosting Senior Activities on Thursdays at 3 p.m. at Val Riess Sports Complex, 1101 Magistrate Street, Chalmette. Activities will include creative art, painting, make your own holiday cards and maybe some Giant indoor games such as Yahtzee. Cost for seniors is \$20/month or \$10/class. If you would like to register and get more information, please email Denise Montalbano/Leisure Coordinator at [dmontalbano@sbgp.net](mailto:dmontalbano@sbgp.net) or call 504.278.4295.

#### Thursdays

#### AA Meetings

Open AA meetings will be held on Thursday evenings at The Gathering Church, 7265 St. Claude Ave., Arabi. The meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m. and last approximately one hour. For more information, please phone Mike G. at 504.512.5140.

#### Thursdays and Fridays

#### Offsite Adoptions for Animal Shelter

J&B Feed Store serves as an off-site adoption site for the St. Bernard Animal Shelter. The feed store, located at 8213 E. St. Bernard Highway in St. Bernard, houses animals that are ready for adoption. Adoptions are held at their store on Thursdays and Fridays. For more information on adoptable animals contact the St. Bernard Parish Animal Shelter at 504.278.1534.

#### Saturdays

#### Faith, Hope and Fibromyalgia

The Fibromyalgia support group, spreading awareness free, “The Joy of the Lord is Our Strength” meets the fourth Saturday of each month from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. at The Gathering, 7265 St. Claude Ave., Arabi. Fibromyalgia is a common syndrome in which a person has long-term, body-wide pain and tenderness in the joints, muscles, tendons, and other soft tissues. Fibromyalgia has also been linked to fatigue, sleep problems, headaches, depression and anxiety. The public is invited to attend the meeting. Email [faithhopefibro@cox.net](mailto:faithhopefibro@cox.net), or for more information call Joy at 504.421.0463 or Marisa at 601.218.2895.

#### Saturdays

#### St. Bernard Parish Animal Shelter Open for Adoptions

St. Bernard Parish Animal Shelter, located at 5455 E. Judge Perez Drive in Violet is open on Saturdays for adoptions. Saturday hours are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The new schedule is to accommodate those who cannot get to the shelter during regular business hours. The regular business hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This new schedule will make our shelter more accessible.

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