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County may muddy up special election ballot

BY JACK GURNEY
PELICAN PRESS

A proposed Sarasota County Charter change that would further limit the ability of local politicians to alter long-range growth plans without voter approval will go to referendum this spring, but not without some efforts to cloud the issue.

The county commission reluctantly agreed to schedule a special election in either March or April on an initiative by Citizens for Sensible Growth that obtained more than 12,500 petition signatures and triggered a countywide vote within 60 days.

But commissioners threatened to load up the special election ballot with

other questions that would: 1) require a financial analysis for future citizens' initiatives; 2) change the timetable for filing such initiatives; and 3) raise the cap on using surtax revenue to retire bonds.

"If anybody has anything else to put on a ballot, bring it on," Commission Chair Shannon Staub said at the conclusion of a 30-

minute debate.

Earlier, when it was suggested the citizens' group might challenge efforts to delay an election, Staub said, "Let 'em sue."

If approved, the group's proposed charter change would prohibit the commission from adjusting an urban service boundary in



Staub



Patterson

"Let 'em sue."

— Shannon Staub,
Commission Chair

Please see **BALLOT, 6A**



Low key on tax reform

"We are really in a holding pattern right now. If the electorate votes for it, most people are educated enough to know that means services will be impacted."

— Marty Black,
City Manager

EDITOR'S NOTE: For an overview of the proposed constitutional amendment, see page 3.

BY GREG GILES
NEWS EDITOR

Like other Florida cities, the city of Venice has run the numbers in anticipation of the upcoming property tax reform measure and its probable fiscal impact.

If the proposed constitutional amendment passes, the city anticipates a minimum of \$450,000 less in revenue. That's equal to reducing city staff by as many as 20 to 25 positions.

And it could rise to as much as \$1 million if unintended consequences materialize.

The impact of granting portability for the homestead exemption under Amendment 1, in particular, is hard to measure, according to City Manager Marty Black.

"We looked at the county's (financial impact) model. There is no rational way to estimate the impact of portability," he said. "Trying to guess how people buy and sell here, whether they will move ... (is difficult). Worst case, it could double the impact of the homestead."

Unlike some other county officials, Black says he intends to follow closely the vote of Venice residents, and present a budget to city council based on local voter wishes.

"I think that's the wrong approach" to say we will

Please see **TAX, 6A**

Helping homeless, stopping speeders, catching crooks — state troopers never bored.



IT'S ALL IN A DAY'S WORK



SUN PHOTOS BY SUSAN E. HOFFMAN, shoffman@sun-herald.com

TOP: Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Ed Pope assists North Port Fire Rescue at a motorcycle accident on Interstate 75. His territory ranges from Bradenton down to Collier County. ABOVE: Early on Christmas Eve morning FHP Trooper Ed Pope gives the driver of a Volkswagen an early gift for the holidays — a warning for a burned-out taillight. A driver who later sped by him at 90 mph wasn't so lucky.

BY SUSAN E. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

One Dodge Neon northbound on Interstate 75 got a Christmas present last month from Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Ed Pope, worth maybe hundreds of dollars. And the driver didn't even know it.

Pope was scouting the pre-holiday traffic looking for aggressive drivers, and spotted the little Neon following too closely and weaving

in and out of traffic. He sped up for a closer observation ... but then he saw a family by the side of the road, unloading their minivan to get to the spare tire.

When Pope made the decision to pull over and give the family a hand, the Neon — unaware the FHP trooper was watching him in an unmarked car — got away.

Pope was nearing the end of his shift as a Florida trooper, and the day was as varied as it was long.

Shortly after 7 a.m. he started southbound on I-75 and almost at once came upon a car with a burned-out taillight. After pulling the car over and verifying the driver's paperwork was in order and he had no outstanding warrants, Pope gave him a break — a warning, with orders to get the light fixed.

But the driver of a Honda Accord wasn't so lucky. After all, he'd passed Pope's unmarked vehicle

going 90 mph in the right-hand lane.

"Sometimes they just fall in your lap," Pope said as he switched on the lights and sirens. "You don't even have to work hard. I'm going to have to give him a little parting gift."

The Accord driver had no clue he'd just been issued a ticket by FHP's Trooper of the Year, a three-

Please see **WORK, 7A**

Sun papers to reduce workforce

STAFF REPORT

Sun Coast Media Group will be reducing its workforce by about 50 positions this month in response to recessionary conditions in the Southwest Florida real estate and retail markets.

Employees were informed of management's decision in a series of meetings

Tuesday. The anticipated layoffs will affect about 10 percent of SCMG's total workforce of about 500.

Workforce reductions will affect all of the SCMG's operating divisions — the Charlotte Sun, Englewood Sun, North Port Sun, DeSoto Sun, Venice Gondolier

Please see **SUN, 6A**

LEADERS FIND BALLOT LACKING

A likely increase in the school tax will negate property savings, says a Sarasota County School Board member.

BY GREG GILES
NEWS EDITOR

Is the public confused by Amendment 1? That's the least of it, say

leaders who showed up Tuesday night at the Nokomis Community Center to help inform citizens of the proper-

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SUN PHOTO BY GREG GILES

The turnout was light Tuesday evening at a county-sponsored panel discussion on Amendment 1.

Good morning,
Gondolier Sun subscriber,
MICHAEL MARMION

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BACK IN TIME

VENICE FROM ABOVE, 1950s



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An aerial view of the city of Venice looking south. The Venice Municipal Airport is at the top of picture. For more on this and other historical materials, visit Venice Archives and Area Historical Collection at 351 S. Nassau St., across from West Blalock Park. The mission of Venice Archives is to collect and preserve historical and archeological material relating to Venice and the communities of Nokomis, Laurel and Osprey, whose histories have been interwoven from 1867 to the present. Hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday and Wednesday. Call 486-2487 for more information.

ABC-7 WEATHER

VENICE OUTLOOK

7 Day Forecast
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Day	High	Low	Chance
Wed	70	41	20%
Thu	76	63	60%
Fri	76	63	30%
Sat	66	61	30%
Sun	63	41	
Mon	70	45	
Tue	71	53	20%

ABC-7 ALMANAC

	High	Low
Temperature	65	53
Yesterday	72	51
Normal	83	25
Record	(1993)	(1981)

	Actual	Average
Rainfall	0.08"	1.08"
Yesterday		0.00"
Month		
Year	0.08"	1.18"

MARINE

Cape Sable to Tarpon Springs:
(Sarasota and Charlotte counties)
NE winds at 7 to 14 knots.
Seas 1 to 2 feet, light chop.

Tarpon Springs to Apalachicola:
N winds at 8 to 16 knots.
Seas 2 to 4 feet, light chop.

SUNRISE, SUNSET

Event	Time
Sunrise/set	
Tonight's sunset	5:59 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise	7:21 a.m.
Moonrise/set	
Moonrise	1:13 a.m.
Moonset	12:24 p.m.

VENICE TIDES

EASTERN STANDARD TIME

DATE	HIGH P.M.	HIGH A.M.	LOW P.M.	LOW A.M.
WED 16	5:23	7:23	10:51a	12:53
THR 17	6:16		2:18	
FRI 18	7:18		3:32	
SAT 19	8:25		4:36	

*STRONG TIDE
a — A.M. p — P.M.

Man the hoses

In the Old West, access to water was a survival issue. Feuds could turn ugly if a neighbor dammed the water upstream.

Water wars were waged. We are experiencing a modern version of that situation.

A story this week related how North and Central Florida are battling over the St. John's River. If Central Florida drinks it, water flow to the Atlantic will be seriously disrupted. Fish, and people, will suffer.

We know the problem. In our area, planners didn't fore-

see the demands that runaway growth would bring. Now we fight water wars with our neighbors.



TROPICAL BOB
WEATHER COMMENTS

Florida Lottery

CASH 3	PLAY 4
Jan. 14276	Jan. 146437
Jan. 13419	Jan. 133880
Jan. 12007	Jan. 120024
Jan. 11898	Jan. 119116
Jan. 10041	Jan. 103775
Jan. 9384	Jan. 96067

FANTASY 5	MEGA MONEY
Jan. 142-7-8-10-19	Jan. 117-20-41-44
Jan. 1312-13-20-24-32	MegaBall21
Jan. 125-14-15-33-34	Jan. 823-35-38-44
Jan. 114-16-18-23-24	MegaBall16
Jan. 103-13-24-25-26	

Drawings occur Tuesday, Friday evenings

Payoff for Jan. 13
1 5-digit winner:\$195,621.47
248 4-digit winners:\$127
7,991 3-digit winners:\$11
2-digit winnersQuick Pick ticket

Payoff for Jan. 11
1 4 of 4 + MB\$900,000
8 4 of 4\$1,304
56 3 of 4 + MB\$408
1,175 3 of 4\$58
1,789 2 of 4 + MB\$26.50

LOTTO

Draw	Numbers	Payoff for Jan. 12
Jan. 12	12-15-20-26-28-39	0 6-digit winners:\$—
Jan. 9	1-21-27-31-34-52	74 5-digit winners:\$5,433
Jan. 5	2-9-23-27-42-47	4,690 4-digit winners:\$69.50
Jan. 2	7-16-27-39-47-53	96,253 3-digit winners:\$4.50
Dec. 29	5-13-27-34-42-46	
Dec. 26	6-15-23-32-33-38	

Drawings occur Wednesdays, Saturdays

The estimated jackpot is \$9 million

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REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

Compiled by News Editor Greg Giles

Officers under investigation

Two Venice police officers are under investigation over a scuffle that took place at the Sarasota Ale House Saturday evening, according to a Sarasota County incident report.

City Manager Marty Black said that under city rules the incident will proceed to an internal investigation.

"We have some recent experience that led us to believe a follow up ... is appropriate," Black said. "If that's all this was — a scuffle between the families of police officers and some members of the public — then you don't write a report. Something is missing." No other details are yet available.

"Until the investigation is complete," Black said, "you're not going to get anything out of our folks."

The investigation is expected to take about a week to complete.

Marathon man

Marathon meetings that

last until midnight probably are not what Mayor Ed Martin had in mind when he promised the public more opportunities to comment and give input into city decisions.

The Jan. 8 city council meeting began on time (1:30 p.m.), and lasted until nearly midnight.

The longer meetings have quickly become a trademark of the new council, creating a new problem — how to feed members, keep council members alert and keep staff awake the next day.

Two shots

Mayor Ed Martin has changed the way council considers new fees and ordinances.

Current practice is to consider a new ordinance by placing it on first reading before council members or the public has had a chance to study or give input on the issue.

At the mayor's behest, that has changed. New fees and ordinances will be introduced with a staff presentation, followed by first reading at a later date.

Sidewalk ordinance trips and falls

Venice City Council on Jan. 8 unanimously voted down a proposed ordinance that would have made it the responsibility of homeowners and renters to inform the city of cracks and other sidewalk damage that could pose safety issues.

Council felt it shouldn't become the homeowners responsibility to monitor city sidewalks. Existing ordinances, said some, were sufficient to pursue monetary damages caused by tree roots and falling limbs on city property.

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1/2ct. TW channel set 3 diamond ring	\$1499	\$399
Large round cabochon cut amethyst in nugget style mounting	\$789	\$469
1.0ct. TW diamond cluster w/Rolax style mounting	\$999	\$549
.15ct. Princess cut channel set solitaire, rose & white gold	\$1909	\$999
1.50ct. TW 3 diamond ring, heavy & bold mounting	\$6399	\$3799

Diamond Pendants & Slides	REG	SALE
Micro Pave' diamond oval in white gold	\$239	\$79
.25ct TW (total weight) Micro pave' diamond set in white gold	\$309	\$185
.30ct. TW large puff heart, yellow & white gold	\$979	\$269
.20ct. TW 2 diamond freeform pendant, yellow or white gold	\$519	\$299
.44ct. TW large "X" slide yellow & white gold	\$1509	\$699
.50ct. TW 2 tone diamond slide	\$1299	\$769
1.0ct. Round brilliant cut solitaire, w/yellow gold freeform mounting	\$2719	\$1699
2.09ct. TW Diamond Journey Twist-other sizes available	\$6999	\$3999

Ladies Diamond Rings	REG	SALE
.15ct. TW (total weight) 2 tone mesh styled "X"	\$799	\$199
.25ct. TW Micro pave' freeform ring in white gold	\$899	\$269
.50ct. TW Round & baguette diamond Journey, yellow or white gold	\$999	\$289
.84ct. TW Woven design pave' set band in white gold	\$1139	\$679
2.50ct. TW Diamond waterfall ring, yellow & white gold	\$2599	\$1299
1.25ct. TW 3 diamond ring, fancy yellow marquise center, princess sides	\$3769	\$2419
1.27ct. Blue round brilliant cut center in fancy white gold diamond mounting	\$6899	\$4299
3.0ct. TW Triple cluster ring in white gold, 9ct. TW look	\$7599	\$4499

Ladies Colored Stone Rings	REG	SALE
.20ct. TW (total weight) White topaz & pave' blue diamonds in white gold	\$499	\$159
2.50ct. Cabochon cut green tourmaline w/diamond accents in yellow gold	\$600	\$199
Bezel set multicolored princess cut sapphires in white gold	\$399	\$259
Large oval green jade surrounded by .50ct TW diamonds	\$959	\$295
Contemporary set oval Rhodolite garnet & diamonds in white gold	\$699	\$399
1.66ct. Oval Kunzite w/.60ct. TW white gold diamond mounting	\$2269	\$1299
2.08ct Round ruby w/.71ct. TW micro pave' white gold diamond mounting	\$4299	\$2699
3.55ct. Oval GEM Colombian emerald w/1.07ct. TW trillion cut diamond	\$11,089	\$6799

Ladies Diamond Solitaire Rings	REG	SALE
.25ct. RBC (Round Brilliant Cut) I-J, SI-1	\$799	\$499
.44ct. RBC, G-H, VS-2	\$1599	\$999
.52ct. Princess Cut, H-I, SI-2	\$1499	\$949
.92ct. RBC, D-E, SI-2	\$5999	\$3799
1.21ct. RBC, H-I, SI-1	\$9719	\$6299
1.42ct. Oval, G-H, SI-3, 1.13ct. TW fancy diamond mounting w/band	\$12,599	\$7999
1.52ct. Princess Cut, J, SI-1	\$10,699	\$6899
1.79ct. RBC, H-I, I-2	\$3979	\$2499
3.02ct. RBC, K, SI-3, .84ct. TW fancy diamond mounting	\$27,239	\$16,999
5.47ct. RBC, H, SI-3	\$35,000	\$23,900

Colored Stone Pendants & Slides	REG	SALE
.95ct. TW (total weight) Pave' amethyst heart w/black Rhodium highlights	\$399	\$239
Trillion cut green tourmaline w/diamond accent in white gold	\$429	\$269
Large oval mystic topaz slide	\$519	\$279
.72ct. Oval Colombian emerald surrounded w/.32ct. TW pave' set diamonds	\$999	\$629
2.06ct. TW Diamond & emerald cut multicolored sapphire dangle drop	\$1159	\$699
16ct. Checkerboard cut oval amethyst w/.40ct. TW diamonds	\$1399	\$799
11.48ct. Checkerboard, cushion cut London blue topaz w/.20ct. Diamonds	\$1479	\$819
2.58ct. Oval GEM tanzanite w/diamond accent freeform slide	\$1909	\$1199

Ladies Diamond Bracelets	REG	SALE
.50ct. TW (total weight) Bezel set diamonds in white gold	\$589	\$199
2.0ct. TW Illusion set "S" link	\$899	\$449
1.0ct. TW Fancy 2 tone yellow & white gold illusion set	\$1159	\$579
1.50ct. Yellow gold line bracelet	\$2600	\$649
.40ct. TW Bezel set diamonds w/panther style links	\$1559	\$799
2.0ct. TW "XO" Hugs & Kisses in yellow gold	\$2120	\$799
2.22ct. TW Bezel set alternating blue & white diamonds in white gold	\$3599	\$2099
4.15ct. TW Micro pave' 2 tone Cuban link	\$7169	\$3999

Necklaces	REG	SALE
24", .38ct. TW (total weight) Micro pave' diamond accent in white gold	\$1299	\$499
Yellow gold rolo style diamond lock toggle clasp matching bracelet available	\$1699	\$799
.74ct. TW Spiral journey in white gold w/diamond cut chain	\$1959	\$879
Designer style X's w/.20ct. TW bezel set diamond yellow & white gold	\$1539	\$899
2.0ct. TW Diamond "Tennis" necklace	\$1499	\$899
1.25ct. TW 5 bezel set diamonds evenly spaced on cable chain	\$2985	\$1399
1.50ct. TW 3 diamond Past-Present-Future with omega necklace	\$7399	\$3499
7.15ct. TW Graduated line necklace in white gold	\$10,999	\$5999

Estate Pieces	REG	SALE
Large oval cabochon cut turquoise w/14K filigree mounting ring	\$229	\$139
Large carved red coral cameo ring	\$299	\$189
Carved black onyx, sapphire, ruby & diamond swan brooch	\$649	\$299
Man's Elks Club ring w/ diamonds, yellow & white gold	\$669	\$399
1.0ct. European cut diamond w/trillion sapphires in platinum	\$1699	\$999
1.35ct. TW Diamond & French cut black onyx circle pin	\$2199	\$1299
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1.41ct. Emerald cut diamond I-J, VS-2	\$8995	\$5499

Pre-Owned Rolex Watches	REG	SALE
Man's All stainless Explorer sapphire-quick, black dial 2003 model	\$4250	\$3250
Man's Stainless 18K Quartz Master, sapphire-quick, Champaign dial 1982	\$5450	\$3450
Man's All stainless Sea-Dweller sapphire-quick, black-black 2003 model	\$5375	\$4600
Man's Stainless & 18K Submariner, sapphire-quick, blue-blue 1998 model	\$7825	\$5950

Citizen Mickey Mouse Watches Total Clearance	REG	SALE
Man's all stainless, round case leather strap	\$165	\$82
Man's all stainless, round case, dark gray face w/date	\$170	\$85
Women's all stainless hard bangle bracelet style	\$170	\$85
Man's 2 tone, round case, silver-gold face w/date	\$180	\$90
Women's all stainless fancy link style bracelet, white face	\$195	\$99
Man's 2 tone rectangular blue face w/date	\$215	\$105
Man's all stainless round case, blue face w/date	\$225	\$109
Women's all stainless round case, blue face w/date	\$225	\$109

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ty tax reform measure on the statewide Jan. 29 ballot.

If you don't count the five presenters and county staff in attendance, less than a dozen citizens attended the discussion. Civic and county leaders' views varied widely.

There was no doubt where the school board stood on the issue. Sarasota County School Board member Caroline Zucker said a "yes" vote on Amendment 1 would trigger an increase in the county's local contribution rate because the education funding formula is based partly on property values.

"You will think we are raising your taxes. We aren't," Zucker said. "The state is requiring it."

Zucker estimated the county education tax would increase next year by an estimated \$124 for the average property owner if Amendment 1 passes, negating much of the promised savings which the state has estimated, some say generously, at \$240 per property owner.

If fact, Zucker said, taxes could actually increase by \$36 per property owner, according to school district estimates, due to other anticipated millage increases.

"You are going to be very upset when you don't see a tax reduction ... and actually see a tax increase," Zucker

said.

Helen Sosso, president of Sarasota Association of Realtors, said she found that reality disappointing.

"I feel for the schools. Now, instead of a slight tax break, we have no tax break," Sosso said. She supports the ballot measure, if for no other reason than to spark housing sales.

"The worst thing that can happen is to do nothing and sit there another year with no solution," she said.

Real estate attorney Jerilyn Hattendorf was undecided, but did say the "cons" outweighed the "pros" so far.

"I don't know if that will benefit my clients," said Hattendorf.

County Commissioner Nora Patterson rounded out the panel. She blasted the Legislature for crafting the ballot, and the governor for promoting it.

"I want to emphasize the disingenuousness of this plan," Patterson said. "This is going to cost (the county) a fortune."

She claims the measure will also put a lot of rural communities out of business, noting the hold harmless on rural counties only lasts one year.

"Once this is passed, it will be forever."

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Fenced in at Venice Elementary School

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A new fence surrounding Venice Elementary School is designed to help protect the community's youngest students, and it should help save costly repairs from vandalism, said Theresa Baus, principal.

While some parents have a little farther to walk their children into school grounds when they approach from the northeast, so far none has complained to the school about the additional fencing, she said.

Before fencing was stretched across the length of the property along Miami Avenue, parents were able to walk their children onto school property east of the entrance from Miami Avenue. Now they must cross traffic in and out of the entrance if they have parked in an area northeast of the driveway.

Baus said the fencing was part of the original design for the school, and the \$20,000 cost has been in the school district's capital budget.

Damage

Vandalism has been a



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New fencing was added to the campus of Venice Elementary School over the Christmas holidays blocking walk-in traffic on Miami Avenue.

problem at the school, and Baus is hopeful the added fencing will cut down on damages.

"We have 12 security cameras on the campus, but one of the two \$20,000 sunshade structures was cut and sliced up within three days of installation over the summer and is out for repair," Baus said. She attributes the damage to vandals.

She said the school has had great support from the Venice Police Department, which patrols the campus regularly. But somehow, bike riders and skateboarders still manage to get on campus where they are not allowed, she said.

Other damage from vandals includes damage to doors, walls, benches and water fountains.

"Once, someone spread

cow manure on the building," Baus said.

When caught, violators have been charged with trespassing, and some have been stopped by the police. But Baus is happy with the added fencing.

"I feel it is important to protect the school that cost \$18 million," she said.

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Sun and DayStar Communications, a Port Charlotte telecommunications provider.

Current business conditions are the most difficult the company has endured in its 30-year history, said Derek Dunn-Rankin, SCMG president, in a statement.

On the positive side, the circulation of SCMG newspapers continues to grow during a time when many daily newspapers are losing readers, Dunn-Rankin said. And DayStar, a relatively new addition to the SCMG companies, is enjoying substantial growth.

However, these encouraging trends are outweighed — at least for the present — by a serious downturn in retail advertising, Dunn-Rankin said.

SCMG had gradually reduced staff through attrition for about 18 months, Dunn-Rankin stated. However, the real estate and retail sectors of Southwest Florida have underperformed for longer than expected.

“The attempt was to identify positions that would least affect value to readers and advertisers,” Dunn-Rankin said.

The company is anticipating the return of better business conditions in late 2008 or 2009.

“As a resident of Florida since 1936, I can say that we’ve seen a number of serious downturns,” Dunn-Rankin said. “But in each case, the Florida economy and its newspaper industry have come out stronger.”

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increase local taxes if Amendment 1 passes, Black said.

No guarantee

Black said he had not received any direction from council to take a stand on the tax reform measure, one way or the other.

“We haven’t gone out to spend money to fight (Amendment 1). We rely on an educated electorate find out what impacts are before they make a decision,” he said. “I’m confident people will vote for what they believe is right for their own reasons. It’s not really our place to tell them how to vote.”

“We’re not taking a hard stance on the vote. (One way or the other) there will be a message for our council to consider.”

He did take issue with some of the promotions in support of the measure,

particularly the billboards featuring Gov. Charlie Crist claiming residents of the state will receive a tax cut.

“It does not guarantee a tax reduction,” Black said. “If they think that, they are making a mistake.”

“If you think voting for this is going to fix tax problems in the state of Florida, you are wrong.”

“That’s why this is a difficult piece. Amendment 1 has been portrayed as a savior of the real estate market. It doesn’t (do that). The portability aspect actually continues the inequity. (All things being equal) why should someone pay a third of the property taxes of their neighbor? The system should be set up to be fair and pay an equitable amount.”

“I’m not trying to convince voters how to vote, (but don’t) believe the billboards on the side of the interstate. You wouldn’t be-

lieve you can lose 50 pounds in 20 days ...”

Get informed

Black prefers the state reconsider its overall tax system currently in place before moving forward with a referendum that he says will exacerbate current tax inequities.

His neighbor, for example, pays two times the amount he pays for the same services partly because the retired neighbor didn’t realize for years she was eligible for a homestead exemption.

“I’ll say this: Voters should get informed on the issue,” he said. “If you want to benefit people who don’t live here, then vote for it. If you are happy with the current level of services — and don’t wish to see services diminished — you should probably should not vote for it.”

“If the community wants a lower level of services by

lowering taxes, council has an obligation to weigh that.”

Average homeowner savings if Amendment 1 passes, according to the state, will be around \$240.

Reconsidering services

Last year, anticipating a state funding cut, the city reduced 27 positions, including six active employees. The rest were unfilled positions that were eliminated or opened up through normal attrition.

A hiring freeze imposed during the 2006 fiscal year budget remains in place.

“We are really in a holding pattern right now,” Black said. “If the electorate votes for it, most people are educated enough to know that means services will be impacted.”

The choice, said Black, is whether you raise local taxes, accept the decrease in rev-

enue or implement fees to make up the difference.

He noted local cities and counties have the option to raise taxes back up to make up for the loss of state funds, if they choose. And it’s entirely probable some will.

Ultimately, it’s up to the county, and local governing authorities to determine how much, if any, tax relief homeowners will receive, he said.

“Those decisions haven’t been made,” he said. “It’s premature to judge that.”

Potential reductions could affect parks, police and the fire department.

Black said city council will hold a workshop on tax reform in February if the Jan. 29 measure passes, at which it will consider making mid-year adjustments to the current budget, before considering additional cut-backs for the next fiscal year. vgiles@venicegondolier.com

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the comprehensive plan that limits new growth east of Interstate 75 without seeking voter approval at a countywide referendum.

“It appears there’s some county commission hostility toward the initiative,” said Bill Earl, the organization’s chair. “They are trying to make this more difficult. I look forward to votes on all the topics they place on the ballot. It’s reasonable if

done expeditiously.”

‘Bothersome’

Citizens for Sensible Growth began to chip away at the county commission’s sweeping authority last autumn when it persuaded voters to require super-majority votes — at least four of the five commissioners — on comprehensive plan changes that would either increase population density or land-use intensity.

Elected commissioners

who object to such power-limiting measures initially attempted to delay a vote on the latest charter proposal by referring it to a Charter Review Board, then shifted gears and began to express reservations about the expense of a special election.

“We’re operating in economic times we haven’t faced before,” Commissioner Nora Patterson said. “It doesn’t seem responsible to spend \$400,000 on an

election that pre-dates the August primary. I’m not sure the 12,500 petition signers want an election three months early.”

Commissioner Paul Mercier said he found it “bothersome” that some citizens’ petitions are either “sold” or “slanted” and “not what people want.” He suggested that special elections with low voter turnouts encourage representation by “minority”

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time Trooper of the Month, and the one chosen Trooper of the Year for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays' Guns 'n' Hoses night.

From citations to breakfast

Soon, Pope headed back northbound and met some fellow troopers to conduct a red-light running detail in Port Charlotte. They started out at Kings Highway and Veterans Boulevard, with Pope watching the light and calling out the offending vehicles to his two chase cars — "two in the hole." It wasn't long before both were tied up with "customers."

Then Pope spotted a man trying to walk across Kings Highway. His clothing was tattered and dirty and he seemed disoriented.

"He could be homeless; he might be unstable and I might have to 'Baker Act' him," Pope said as he drove across to where the man stood in the middle of the driveway into the Burger King.

Florida's Baker Act allows for the involuntary commitment of a person to allow time for a mental health evaluation.

Pope and his colleagues talked to the man a few minutes, long enough to conclude he was not violent and probably just needed some food. So he went into the restaurant, bought a breakfast and a coffee out of his own pocket, and gave it to the fellow, along with a coupon for lunch later on. The man sat quietly on the curb and gratefully accepted the meal.

"That's what it's all about," Pope said. "We're here to help people, whether we're feeding a homeless guy or saving someone's life by

telling them to slow down."

Pope soon moved the red-light detail to U.S. 41 and Murdock Circle, where several violators were soon ticketed.

A real trooper

Pope once buried a 17-year-old he knew. He understands teens believe they're invincible, that nothing bad can happen to them. It inspired him to write a poem, "I'm Only 18," and whenever he stops minors for a moving violation, he hands them a copy. He also calls their parents to let them know.

Pope received a call from a rookie trooper asking for advice on how to handle a situation. At the end of the conversation, he said, "You got her in tears. I look at those as tears of joy: they're saying, 'Thanks for saving my life.' You're a real trooper now, brother."

As his fellow troopers left for other duties, Pope heard of a motorcycle collision on I-75 near the Toledo Blade exit. Once again switching on the lights and sirens, he high-tailed it to the scene where North Port Fire Rescue and North Port police were already assisting.

A motorcyclist lost control of the bike when his steering failed, and he slid the bike to the shoulder. The driver suffered head trauma and was awaiting Bayflite to Lee Memorial Hospital, while the passenger's injuries seemed less serious. Neither was wearing a helmet.

"People say it's their 'right' to ride a motorcycle without a helmet," Pope said. "I'm tired of hearing that. It's not a right — it's a privilege to ride a motorcycle or drive a car."

"I can't save everyone but I'm gonna try," he said. "I'm big on education."

He and FHP Auxiliary Capt. John Prescott cleaned

up the accident. Pope then headed to Fawcett Medical Center in Port Charlotte to deliver the things to the passenger.

No raises

FHP's jurisdiction is statewide.

"City police departments only have jurisdiction within the boundaries of the city; county sheriff's offices have authority in the county," Pope said. "But we have power statewide. If I go to Orlando and see a violation, I can write a ticket. I often get called for details in other areas like Miami."

"Do you know most of the fines for tickets go right to the county where they're written? A red-light violation is \$183.50 in Charlotte. Of that, FHP gets only \$1. The county

gets the rest," said Pope.

Florida's troopers remain among the lowest-paid law enforcement officers in the state.

Pope said, "Right now I'm making around \$34,000 — just what I made when I joined FHP four years ago."

According to swz.salary.com, base salaries for highway patrol nationwide range from a low of \$33,869 to \$51,173. While most sheriff's offices and city police departments have built-in raises through their contract negotiations, there are no automatic raises for the roughly 2,000 troopers in Florida.

And they are stretched pretty thin. Troop E, where Pope works, includes about 190 troopers who cover Charlotte, DeSoto, Lee, Collier and Sarasota counties.

While law enforcement officers in a defined area — a city or county — may have backup pretty close, a trooper's closest backup may be 30 minutes away or more. And their lives are at risk: imagine being on I-75 with four criminals in a car and no one to help you out.

Pope — who used to be with the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office — said the variety and excitement of his job make it worth accepting the lower pay.

Close to 4 p.m., it was time for Pope to call it a day. He spent half-an-hour helping the family with the flat, by which time the lucky Neon was long gone. The next day — Christmas — he'd start all over at 6 a.m.

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groups and not a majority.

But Commissioner Joe Barbetta said, "The law is clear and we don't have a lot of choices."

He said efforts to purposefully delay a vote on the initiative by referring it to the Charter Review Board with a lot of unnecessary questions would amount to a "stalling tactic."

And when Staub argued the commission's future agendas were full until April and there wasn't enough time to schedule a required public hearing on the initiative until then, Commissioner Jon Thaxton countered, "Voters would probably feel some agenda shuffling is OK."

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In the case of last week's 70-car pile-up on Interstate 4 in Polk County, the need for early-warning systems in vehicles, especially commercial tractor-trailers, has been known for decades and the technology available for nearly as long. It's tragically unfortunate, but the five deaths on that grisly stretch of fog- and smoke-shrouded interstate may finally persuade lawmakers at the state and national level to do what traffic safety officials have been recommending for a dozen years.

In 1995, the National Transportation Safety Board issued recommendations that "intelligent transportation systems" be required in commercial vehicles that warn drivers of slowed or stopped vehicles in front of them. The recommendation, reissued in 2001 and added to the agency's

"Most Wanted List" last year, was based on a study that found 40 percent of rear-end collisions involved commercial trucks.

That figure is even more striking considering commercial vehicles make up only 3 percent of all vehicles on America's roadways. (It should be noted trucks make up a much higher percentage of vehicles and total travel miles on interstate highways.)

High-end passenger cars already come equipped with such features, including cruise-control adjusters that slow vehicles automatically when a slowing or stopped vehicle is detected and warning systems that alert motorists to slowing traffic. A 1991 study by the luxury-car manufacturer Daimler-Benz found that giving a driver one additional second of reaction time would eliminate 90 percent of all rear-end collisions.

The U.S. Department of Transporta-

tion recently launched a \$35 million program to devise and study prototypes for warning systems it says could cut in half the number of crashes related to rear-end and lane-change accidents.

Like airbags before it, such technology ought to become standard equipment in all passenger and commercial vehicles. That it is not already, even as most new cars come equipped with satellite radios and MP3 players, reminds us of our misplaced priorities. The same misplaced priorities give us erectile dysfunction drugs before we find cancer and Alzheimer's cures.

The Polk pile-up was the second smoke-and-fog-related situation in two weeks. On Jan. 2, a brush fire closed I-95 in St. Lucie County.

I-75 through Charlotte and Sarasota counties is no stranger to either brush fire- or fog-related accidents, not to men-

tion wrecks caused by a variety of other reasons. Just last week, I-75 northbound was a virtual parking lot for several hours after a wreck. Another crash occurred on an I-75 overpass a direct result of a car hitting another car that had slowed down in reaction to the interstate wreck.

Permanent warning signs in places where fog, smoke and high winds are common are another part of the safety solution, but it's neither practical nor affordable to outfit thousands of miles of roads with programmable signs. Existing strategies by law enforcement once a wreck has occurred serve to warn motorists of wreck or construction-related slowdowns.

After so many preventable deaths, in-vehicle warning systems seem like a no-brainer. The sad truth is many more will die before such systems are as obvious a part of traffic safety as seatbelts.

The YMCA: a treasure



BOB VEDDER
COLUMNIST

houses the Sertoma Club's speech clinic for preschool kids who need speech therapy, and the local American Cancer Society base.

The Y gives out about \$500,000 in scholarships a year to those who can not pay the full amount; as you can imagine, that need has increased dramatically.

You should see the facility and explore it, if nothing else. This Saturday the Y is having Women's Wellness day from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., which would be a great time to see what it has to offer — maybe even get a mini message, some refreshments and the grand tour.

By's Crack: The pen might be mightier than the sword, but in battle, I'd rather have poor penmanship than poor swordsmanship.

Mike Bigner has been the grants administrator at Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice for probably 10 years and has done a really good job for the nonprofits in the communities it serves. Mike is now semi-retiring, giving up the position to have more time but still keeping busy by going back to where he started with the foundation — on special projects.

He was hired originally to shepherd two studies: drug problems, mostly with youth, and transportation for all ages. His work helped establish some new organizations and has brought some good results. It is good to see he is still going to be involved.

If you are undecided which presidential candidate best fits your feelings on issues, there is a way to find out. In fact, it will tell you who you match best.

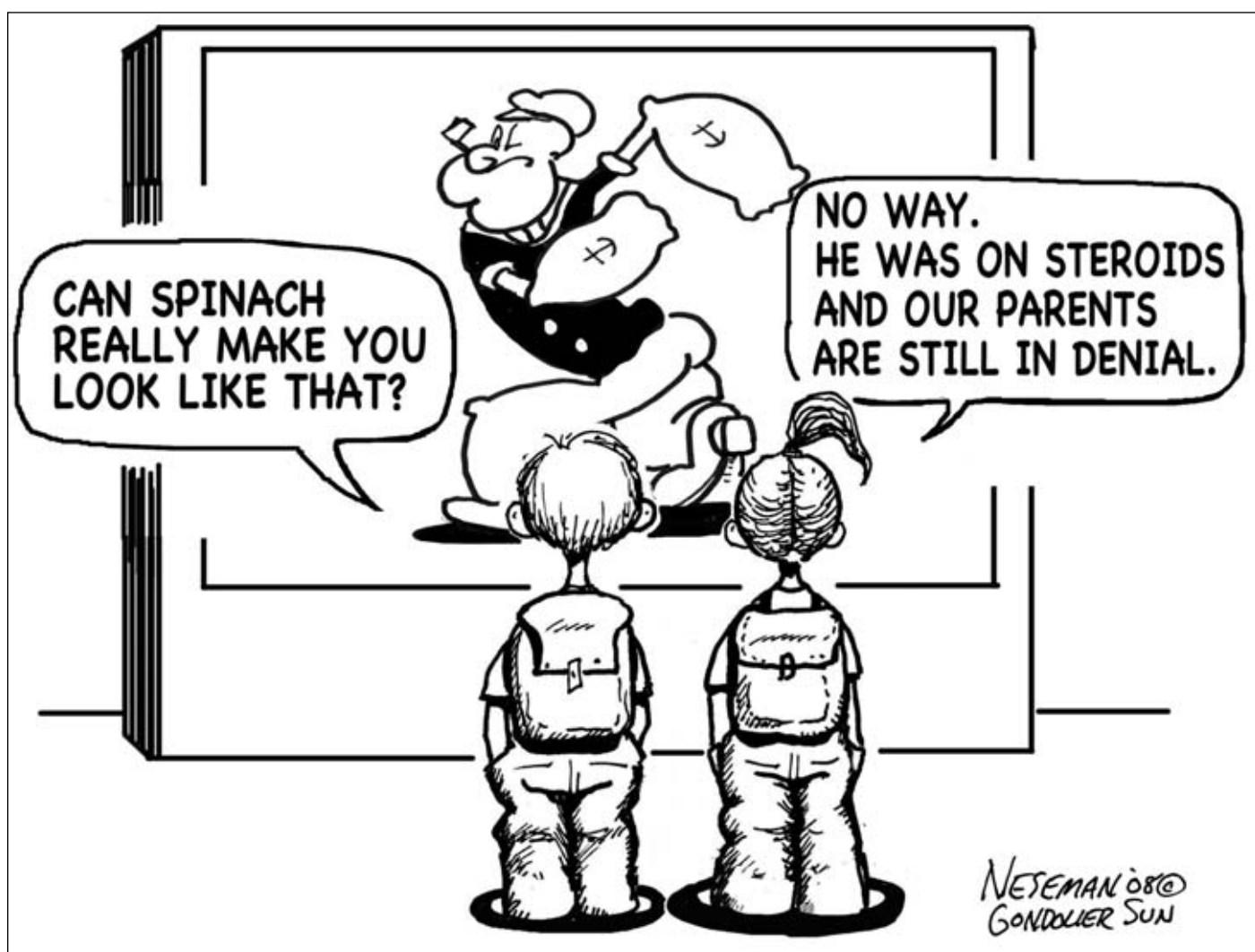
Go to myfoxtampabay.com. In the upper right corner you will see a box called You Decide 2008. Clicking on that takes you to another page. Find the box that says Candidate Matchmaker and click on that. It will take you to a 20-question survey.

It will ask you how you feel on all the major issues and then list all of the candidates and show how well you match with each one on a percentage basis.

It is very interesting. Things it doesn't take into account are charisma, the likelihood of carrying on the same old politics and believability.

Today's Ism: Always keep your words soft and sweet

Please see VEDDER, 9A



LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Driver lacked sense of decency

Editor:

On Friday, Jan. 11, at 6:15 p.m. our dog Sammy was struck and killed by a car on Center Road in Venice. The worse part about it was that the car did not even stop.

We don't blame the person for hitting him, but we can't understand why they didn't have the decency to pull over to check on him.

Sammy was a great dog. We only had him three weeks and in that short time he became a tremendous part of this family. There was something so special about Sammy that words cannot describe. He brought so much love into this family, especially to our three young boys.

Whoever hit Sammy definitely knows they did it because he weighed more than 50 pounds. As I said, we don't blame the person for what happened; we just can't understand why they could leave such a tragic accident.

Through this, however, we did come across some caring people. First, a lady on her bike gave us her jacket to cover him so he wouldn't go into to shock. Another lady and a young guy and girl stopped as well. They were a tremendous help in making calls to try and locate an emergency facility in the area.

Finally, the Sarasota County Fire Department and EMTs went above and beyond their call of duty. They wrapped him up and gently placed him in my truck to be transported to the emergency facility in Sarasota.

We'll miss you, Sammy.

Tim and Sandi Raynor
Venice

Who's the candidate here?

Editor:

Initially, voters were aware Hillary Clinton was simply persuading them to ignore her lackluster record as senator of New York in exchange for reliance on her "35 years' experience" — 35 years that can only be defined as nothing less than the obvious riding of husband Bill's coattails.

Now it is Bill who is riding Hillary's coattails as he strives for his third term as

president of the United States.

While Hillary takes a back seat to Bill as he stumps for her in Iowa, she is amassing even more "experience," watching her husband campaign. As Hillary is shown wrapping Christmas presents alone in her Iowa Christmas ad, Bill appears for a full hour on Charlie Rose's show.

This isn't the first time Bill has hung Hillary out to dry. In 1992, as he was beginning his initial presi-

dential campaign, in a "60 Minutes" interview, Bill and Hillary sat snuggled on the sofa as Bill answered questions regarding his affair with Gennifer Flowers, while Hillary dutifully smiled.

Six years later, after settling his Paula Jones sexual harassment case, Bill allowed Hillary to appear on "The Today Show" to denounce accusations that her husband had sexual relations with White House intern Monica Lewinsky, perpetuating Bill's lie to America, "I did not have sexual relations with that woman." We all know how that turned out.

The question voters need to ask when contemplating Bill and Hillary's 2008 presidential ambitions is, is Hillary gullible, dependent, incredibly naive or just along for the ride ... again?

Dennis Dodd
Nokomis

Penny wise, safety foolish

The idea of a cut in real estate tax sure sounds good. Does this mean we will see a cut in services?

What will happen to our first responders? You know, they are the people who rush into trouble, at the risk of their lives, to protect our lives, for which we reward them with an underpaid salary. Has our need for po-

lice, firemen and EMS become any less? I don't think so.

When the cost of this tax cut is the life of you or one of your loved ones, then and only then will people realize we will have made a fool's agreement.

Alphonse DeFilippo
Englewood

Your vote will be counted

Editor: It is vitally important for Democratic voters to get out and vote in the presidential preference primary on Jan. 29.

While all reports say that the Florida delegation will not be seated at the national convention, this is very unlikely. We will be seated and our votes at the convention will be critical to the contenders. You can rest assured that we will not be left out of the process.

The country will be watching what happens in Florida, and we could be the state that swings the momentum of the entire race one way or another. So get out and vote, your vote will count and your candidate will be appreciative for your support.

This is the most exciting primary process in decades; don't be left on the sidelines.

Bob Oines
North Port

LET 'EM HAVE IT: WHAT CITY SERVICES SHOULD BE CUT IF THE HOMESTEAD AMENDMENT CAUSES A REVENUE SHORTFALL? CALL US AT 207-1111.

U.S. 41: It's open, but is it done?

Roughed up. It certainly feels good to see three lanes open in Nokomis now ... almost. And is it always going to be that rough, or are we going to put more blacktop down? And the medallion sucks. Why did they make something like that that causes your car to bounce all over the place when you go by there? Another bad decision.

Day off. I saw the cartoon saying that we only have 365 days until the next after-Christmas sale. He should take a look at the calendar. I think we have 366 next year because it's a leap year.

Tree me. I sincerely hope Cramer Toyota shop will assist Venice Area Beautification Inc. in the project to provide attractive plantings along the east side of the waterway park. The enormous new structure could certainly use some very tall trees.

Honk. Well folks, at long last we now have a six-lane highway from Laurel Road to Business 41, with the exception of the continuing

construction of the bypass and Business 41 split. I don't think they know what they want to do there. And of course, the when-will-it-ever-end construction of the outrageously costly bridges being built at the request of the affluent jerks up the creek so they don't bump their heads at high tide while crossing under the bridge on their high-priced junkets. Let's give them a honk when crossing the bump to show them what we think of their selfish arrogance.

Upwind. I'm calling about the "burritos" letter. That was a very stupid letter and it wasn't funny at all. And what does

the caption, "No breathing" have to do with burritos? Cigarette butts on the beach are the least of the two evils. I have emphysema and congestive heart failure, but I love the beach. However, if a smoker lights up upwind from me, I have to get up and move again and again as I have trouble breathing when the cigarette smoke blows my way and it always seems to. PS. I got into this condition by smoking cigarettes. It's hard to believe that in this day and age of information anyone would still continue to inhale smoke as a pleasure.

Butts covered. I've got it. The county should pass a no-turtle-pooing law for the Venetian Waterway Park. This law will be enforced by the same group that will enforce no smoking on beaches. Smart, eh?

Cowpen Slough plan is a regional effort

BY THERESA CONNOR
GUEST COLUMNIST

The recent editorial about Sarasota County's Cow Pen Slough and the Dona Bay Watershed Management Program contradicts the county's actions to promote regionalism.

Sarasota County has been working for six years and has invested nearly \$20 million to develop the Dona Bay Watershed Management Program. This initiative has the potential to deliver about 15 million gallons a day to the water supply, while restoring the estuarine habitat of Dona Bay, reducing sediment pollution to Dona Bay by nearly 90 percent and reducing flood levels along Cow Pen Slough.

We think the project will deliver benefits beyond Sarasota County boundaries to the region, which is why we agreed to have the project incorporated into the Peace River Authority's Master Water Supply Plan.

Sarasota County also has been very supportive of regional needs throughout the current drought. We have utilized reserve capacity within our own system and contracted with Manatee County to be able to send water from our Carl-

ton Water Treatment Plant to the authority's plant for distribution to customers in North Port, Charlotte County and DeSoto County.

We did this without any threat of a water war, without negative publicity and without even a contract with the authority. We understand the importance of a regional, interconnected system.

Sarasota County submitted the Dona Bay Watershed Management Program (including Cow Pen Slough) to the Southwest Florida Water Management District for cooperative funding for two reasons.

First, we believe the project should be eligible for Swiftmud funds earmarked to improve estuaries. By tapping into multiple funding sources, we can reduce the impact to any one fund and to ratepayers overall.

Second, the deadline for grant applications to be awarded in September 2008 was Dec. 7. We have talked with authority staff about a cooperative approach to develop the project in a regional context and will continue those discussions. However, we didn't want to miss any funding opportunities because we didn't meet an application deadline.

Still, we would like to see the authority move more quickly at identifying the next regional source and get a project started. Authority staff has stated that the next water source is needed on line in 2014. It will have taken eight years to move the current project from preliminary design through construction based upon current construction schedules.

Our concern is that the longer the region waits, and the more condensed the project schedule becomes, that prices will skyrocket — affecting ratepayers and risking shortfalls in supply.

Sarasota County will continue to work with the region for water supply needs. We would like for the region to improve environmental benefits, rate stability and drought tolerance, and meet future demands, with greater assurance than Sarasota County can provide alone.

We think that these are the true benefits of a regional approach, and that our own water customers, as well as other authority customers, should see those benefits from a regional approach.

Theresa Connor is Sarasota County's water resources general manager.

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in case you have to eat them.

Do not miss the Venice-Nokomis Rotary Club Art Fest at the airport this weekend; it will have more than 100 artisans. Spend big; the proceeds will help dozens of agencies.

The program for it will be in Friday's paper and has a fun contest to possibly win you some money. That great business writer of ours, Roger Button, does the program. The grand poobah of

the event — for the final year — is **Hank Mikaelian**.

Our new mayor will have to find a way to cut city council meetings shorter. I certainly applaud that more questions are being asked and that they are allowing more comment from the public, but we do have to make these reasonable. My suggestion is not to put so much on the agenda, especially hot issues.

Dave Lowell not only

brought me a copy of the El Observador from Uruguay, but sent a photo of a news rack with a bunch of papers, one of them being the *Gondolier Sun*. Our distribution is growing and growing.

Robert A. Vedder writes a twice-weekly column in this paper.

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POLICE BEAT

Venice Police Department arrests

- Thomas Eugene Eaton, 37, 1000 block Columbine Road, Venice. Charge: driving while license suspended, revoked or canceled. Bond: \$250.
- William David Anderson, 57, 1500 block Tarpon Ave., Sarasota. Charges: possession of a controlled substance; driving while license permanently revoked. Bond: \$2,000.
- Dylan James Hinton, 27, 11000 block Poplin Ave., Englewood. Charge: no valid driver license. Bond: \$500.

- Steven Howard Thompson, 43, 2800 block Marletta St., Sarasota. Charge: obtaining a controlled substance by fraud. Bond: \$1,000.

Sarasota County Sheriff's Office arrests

- Kelly L. Couchman, 38, 5000 block Beach Road, Venice. Charge: contempt. Bond: \$130.
- Derrick Andrew Crosby, 25, 1100 block Sorrento Woods Blvd., Nokomis. Charges: trafficking in cocaine, sale or delivery of a controlled substance (four

- counts). Bond: \$20,000 (on charges of sale or delivery of a controlled substance).
- Arash J. Young, 19, 600 block Bayshore Drive, Nokomis. Charges: contempt (two counts). Bond: \$1,000.
- Stephen Joseph Furey, 42, 300 Parkdale Drive, Venice. Charge: driving while license suspended, revoked or canceled. Bond: \$250.
- David Eugene Webster, 41, 600 block Shore Road, Nokomis. Charge: trespass after warning. Bond: \$250.
- John Carl Whiteaker III, 18, 300 block Kenwood Ave., Nokomis. Charge: DUI. Bond: \$500.

- Michael Ronald Stafford, 34, 600 block Valencia St., Nokomis. Charges: contempt, violation of probation. Bond: \$17,500.
- Jack Anthony Courtney, 19, 300 block Citrus Ave., Nokomis. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: \$5,000.
- Kimberly Michelle Sentham Trail, Venice. Charge: possession of a controlled substance. Bond: \$1,000.
- Jeffrey James Gradert, 49, 1900 block Redfern Road, Venice. Charge: aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill. Bond: no listing.

- Theofane James Deamon, 20, 700 block Sea Fox Road, Venice. Charge: driving while license suspended, revoked or canceled. Bond: \$250.
- Jason Michael Appel, 33, 2900 Siesta Road, Venice. Charges: obstructing or opposing an officer without violence, no valid driver license. Bond: \$1,250.
- Douglas Wayne McMullan, 49, 1600 Neponsit Drive, Venice. Charge: accessory after the fact. Bond: \$1,000.
- Bonnie Perkins, 66, 4200 block Wordsworth Way, Venice. Charge: petit

- theft. Bond: \$120.
- Thomas Andrew Drobniowski, 41, 4700 block Marlin Road, Venice. Charge: domestic battery. Bond: No listing.
- Josh M. Galehouse, 22, 500 Pinewood Ave., Nokomis. Charge: battery (two counts). Bond: \$500.
- Wesley Ernest Benoit, 28, 5000 block Linda St., Venice. Charge: driving while license revoked (habitual traffic offender).
- Jerry Crates, 45, 600 block Kings St., Nokomis. Charges: no motor vehicle

Please see **POLICE, 11A**

LEGAL NOTICES

16 NOTICE OF ACTION

NOTICE OF ACTION
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING
IN RE: The license to practice nursing of
Mary Elizabeth Lenig, R.N.
6181 Myrtlewood Road
North Port, Florida 34287
Case No. 2007-06766
License No.: RN-9164550

The Department of Health has filed an Administrative Complaint against you, a copy of which may be obtained by contacting, Michael G. Lawrence, Jr., Assistant General Counsel, Prosecution Services Unit, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C65, Tallahassee Florida 32399-3265, (850)-245-4640.

If no contact has been made by you concerning the above by February 13, 2008, the matter of the Administrative Complaint will be presented at an ensuing meeting of the Board of Nursing in an informal proceeding.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending this notice not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at the address given on the notice. Telephone: (850)-245-4640, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770(V), via Florida Relay Service.

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19 NOTICE OF AUCTION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Johnson's Towing of Venice gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on **1/30/2008, 09:00 a.m.** at **604 Tamiami Trail N, Nokomis, FL 34275-2137**, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida statutes. Johnson's Towing of Venice reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

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1-1989 MERCEDES-BENZ
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- 1997 DODGE
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- 2000 KIA
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20 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE: ESTATE OF ANNA MARIE CLARK, Deceased.
File No. 2008-CP-000493-NC
Division: Probate

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of ANNA MARIE CLARK, deceased, whose date of death was December 3, 2007, is pending in the Circuit Court for Sarasota County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 2002 Ringling Blvd, Sarasota, Florida 34237. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IS JANUARY 16, 2008.

Personal Representative: ROBERT B. CLARK
165 Beverly Rd.
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Adam R. Miller
Attorney for Robert B. Clark
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218 Harbor Drive South
Venice, Florida 34285
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF VICTOR E. FORKER, Deceased,
File No. 2007-CP-015478-NC
Division: Probate

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of VICTOR E. FORKER, deceased, whose date of death was April 18, 2007, is pending in the Circuit Court for Sarasota County Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 3079, Sarasota, FL 34230-3079. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IS JANUARY 9, 2008.

Personal Representative: PETER S. FORKER
c/o 240 Nokomis Avenue S
Suite 200
Venice, FL 34285

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20 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE: ESTATE OF KENNETH L. DAVIS, JR., Deceased.
File No. 2008-CP-000494-NC
Division: Probate

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of KENNETH L. DAVIS, JR., deceased, whose date of death was October 19, 2007, is pending in the Circuit Court for Sarasota County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 2000 Ringling Blvd, Sarasota, Florida 34237. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IS JANUARY 16, 2008.

Personal Representative: SHARON DAVIS-SOUTHWICK
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Raymond E. Miller
Attorney for Sharon-Davis Southwick
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20 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE: ESTATE OF CARL RICHARD FREEMAN a/k/a CARL R. FREEMAN, a/k/a CARL FREEMAN, Deceased.
File No. 2008-CP-169-SC
Division: Probate

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of CARL RICHARD FREEMAN, a/k/a CARL R. FREEMAN, a/k/a CARL FREEMAN, whose date of death was December 3, 2007, and whose Social Security Number is XXX-XX-0139, is pending in the Circuit Court for SARASOTA County, Florida, Probate Division; the address of which is Karen E. Rushing, Clerk - Probate Department P.O. Box 3079, Sarasota, FL 34230-3079. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IS JANUARY 16, 2008.

Personal Representative: R.W. WELLBAUM, JR.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF, MARION D HUDANISH, Deceased.
File No. 2007-CP-015434-NC

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of MARION D. HUDANISH, deceased, whose date of death was November 18, 2007, File Number 2007-CP-015434-NC, is pending in the Circuit Court for Sarasota County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 3079, SARASOTA, FL 34230-3079. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. THE date of first publication of this notice is JANUARY 16, 2008.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

SARA JANE HOWARD-RIDDLE died 11/23/2007, a resident of Sarasota County, Florida. She was the Grantor of the Sara Jane Howard revokeable Living Trust under Agreement dated 06/02/006. The names and addresses of the Trustee of said Trust and the attorney for the Trustee are set forth below.

All creditors of said decedent and other persons having claims or demands against said decedent, which person or persons seek to recover from Trust, and on whom a copy of this Notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this Notice, must serve their written statement of claim with the Trustee WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against said decedent and the decedent's Trust must serve their claims and demands with the Trustee WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

Florida Statute 737.3057 requires the claim or demand to be served on the Trustee by any form of mail requiring a signed receipt.

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The date of the first publication of this Notice is January 9, 2008.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF VERONA W. SIMMONS, Deceased.
File No. 2007-CP-013713-NC
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of VERONA W. SIMMONS, deceased, whose date of death was April 17, 2006, File Number 2007-CP-013713-NC, is pending in the Circuit Court for SARASOTA County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 3079, Sarasota, FL 34230-3079. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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The date of first publication of this Notice is January 9, 2008.

Personal Representative: TERENCE B. SIMMONS
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE: ESTATE OF RAYMOND W. REYNOLDS, Deceased,
File No. 2007-CP-14358-NC
Division: Probate

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of RAYMOND W. REYNOLDS, deceased, whose date of death was October 8, 2007, File Number 2007-CP-14358-NC, is pending in the Circuit Court for Sarasota County Florida, Probate Division; the address of which is P.O. Box 3079, Sarasota, FL 34230-3079. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DATE AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

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The date of first publication of this notice is JANUARY 9, 2008.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF VERONA W. SIMMONS, Deceased.
File No. 2007-CP-013713-NC
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF, SANDRA A. THOMPSON, Deceased.
File No. 2007-CP-015914-NC

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of SANDRA A. THOMPSON, deceased, whose date of death was September 20, 2007, File Number 2007-CP-015914-NC, is pending in the Circuit Court for Sarasota County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 3079, SARASOTA, FL 34230-3079. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

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Personal Representative: BRENDA S. THOMPSON
3621 Asbury Place
Sarasota, FL 34232

The date of first publication of this notice is JANUARY 9, 2008.

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30 NOTICE OF SALE

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TO: All Persons or entities having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the following property:

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OBITUARIES

Margaret A. Beckwith

Margaret A. Beckwith, 93, of Venice passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2008, at Pinebrook Rehabilitation Center in Venice.

Margaret was born and raised in Jackson, Mich., and later spent 12 happy years in the Boston area with her husband, Richard W. Beckwith. She then moved to the Washington, D.C., area in 1960 and helped at Robert Kennedy's residence, Hickory Hill, in McLean, Va., for a few memorable years. She moved to Venice four years ago to join her daughter, Peg. Margaret enjoyed reading, music, travel, good conversation and football. She loved her extended family, made many new friends at her residence and had many lifelong friends. She was a

champion of respect and fair wages for women, and over the years encouraged many women to better themselves.

Margaret leaves behind her daughter, Peg (Rick) Magee; grandchildren Mar- nie Esparza and Daniel Magee, whom she adored; and great-grandchildren Dorian and Kiana Esparza.

Services: A prayer service in her memory will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 18, at the Inn at Aston Gardens, 9000 Ibis Way, Venice. To express condolences to the family, please visit www.LTaylorfuneral.com Arrangements are by Larry Taylor Funeral and Cremation Center, Venice. **Contributions:** In Margaret's memory, contributions may be made to the National Nurses Organizing

Committee, 2000 Franklin St., Oakland CA 94612.

Rosemary G. Collins

Rosemary G. Collins of Englewood went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2008.



Collins

She was born Sept. 11, 1920, in Cincinnati, Ohio. She had lived in different areas of Florida since the 1960s. She retired from General Telephone in 1985.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward J. Collins Sr. She is survived by three sons: Kenny, Keith and Pat; a daughter, Sue Phillips; also, several grandchildren and great-

grandchildren.

Services: A memorial service will be held at Trinity Presbyterian Church of Venice at 3 p.m. Jan. 19. Toale Brothers Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. **Contributions:** In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to TideWell Hospice and Palliative Care, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota FL 34238.

Thomas A. Gibson

Thomas A. Gibson, of Venice, Fla., passed away Sunday, Jan. 13, 2008.

Thomas was born in Norwood, Mass. He moved to Venice in 1979 from Canton, Mass., where he was the postmaster.

Thomas was a member of the U.S. Coast Guard serving during World War II,

a YMCA member of Venice and Quincy, Mass., the Englewood Elks and American Legion, Scoutmaster Boy Scout Troop 172 St. John's, Canton, for 25 years, Venice Golf & Country Club, Knights of Columbus in Canton and the Postmaster Association. He worked in the real estate business in Venice, and was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Esther; son Thomas A. Jr. and wife, Joyce, of Stafford, Va.; a daughter, Anne and husband, Dr. Kevin Lynch, of Venice, Fla.; son Joseph M. and wife, Lynne, of Bridgewater, N.J.; a brother, John Howard of Melbourne, Fla.; two sisters, Catherine Matzilvich of Natick, Mass., and Marian Walsh of Falmouth, Mass.; granddaughters Ca-

therine Miner of Simpsonville, S.C., Elizabeth Mulligan J.D. of Sefner, Fla., Maureen Burbage M.D. of Lexington, Ky., and Lee Ann Gibson of Bridgewater, N.J.; grandsons Thomas A. Gibson, III of Bridgewater, N.J., and Thomas A. Gibson IV of San Francisco, Calif.; and great-grandsons Quinn and Jake Mulligan of Sefner, Fla.

Services: A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 16, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church with cremation to follow the services. Burial will be private. To send condolences, visit www.farleyfuneralhome.com. **Contributions:** In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Thomas's name to St. Jude Children's Research.

POLICE from Page 10A

registration, driving while license suspended, revoked or canceled. Bond: \$370.
• Shaun Keith Freeman, 30, 100 block N. Irene St., No-

komis. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: no listing.
• Eric G. Church, 18, 600 block Bird Bay Drive, Venice. Charge: contempt.

Bond: no listing.
• Jamison Lee Patrick, 23, 100 block N. Orange Grove Ave., Nokomis. Charge: burglary of conveyance. Bond:

\$10,000.
• James Arthur Mason, 44, 700 N. Portia St., Nokomis. Charge: driving while license suspended, revoked

or canceled. Bond: \$250.
• Keith A. Copeman, 45, 600 block South McCall Road, Englewood. Charge: domestic battery. Bond: no listing.

• Amberly A. Conway, 30, 1300 block Rock Creek Lane, Englewood. Charge: Hillsborough County warrant. Bond: \$7,500.

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Indians pound Pirates, face Manatee in semifinal

BY TRIPP MILLER
VENICE SPORTS EDITOR

It was almost a formality. The second-seed Venice High School girls soccer team cruised past seventh-seed Port Charlotte 7-1 in the first round of the Class 5A District-12 championship tournament Monday.

"We knew we were going to beat them," said Venice freshman Dana LaRocque after the game. "It's not like we were going to mercy rule

them but we did better than we did last time."

In their first matchup this season, Venice cruised 4-0 at Port Charlotte. Five Indians sat out for missing practice during the week leading to that game. This time, all hands were on deck.

LaRocque, who finished the game with three goals for a hat trick, got Venice on the board first in the ninth minute on a left-footed slide-kick assisted by Tori Bolyard. LaRocque struck

again off an assist from Chelsea Rose as the Indians took a 2-0 lead in the 20th minute. Four minutes later, Kristina Swanson, who finished with two goals, sailed a 40-yard direct free kick over the head of Port Charlotte keeper Carolina Rodrigues to put Venice up 3-0 in the 24th minute.

LaRocque completed the hat trick in the second half with a 25-yard direct free kick that again sailed on Rodrigues. Assisted by Chelsea Wingham, Swanson



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Venice High's Tori Bolyard (19) goes after the ball as do Port Charlotte's Ciara Isaac, left, and Alexandra Reid.



Left, Venice High's Kristina Swanson blocks against Port Charlotte's Alexandra Reid.

brought the score to 5-0 in the 60th minute. Her shot hit the cross bar, bounced straight up, fell back down and bounced off Rodrigues' hands into the net. Bolyard extended the Indians' lead yet again off an assist from Amber Clark in the 66th minute. Finally closing out the Indians' scoring in the 75th minute was Monet Strammer off assists from Rose and Bolyard.

The Venice defense had their most impressive showing of the season. Port Charlotte struggled to get the ball across midfield in the first half and finished the game with only two

shots on goal. The first shot on goal didn't come until the 76th minute. The second was an unassisted goal by Alexandra Reid in the 78th minute. Tending the goal for the Indians during the final 20 minutes was backup keeper Ashley Weaver.

"We need to get her experience, she's a ninth-grader so she's it next year," Venice Head Coach Sheldon Chamberlain said. "We've got people on the bench who are like 'let me play' so it's a nice problem to have. They can go in and the level stays about the same."

With the win, the Indians advance to the semifinals of the district tournament Wednesday at Manatee at 6 p.m. In their first two meetings this season, Venice and Manatee have tied. The first game ended 0-0, the second ended 1-1.

"One down," Chamberlain said. "We've got to get this next one, this next one is the big one."

Last year, the Hurricanes prevailed over the Indians in the district tournament to end Venice's season.

"It's our turn," Chamberlain said.

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Venice hoopsters fall at Charlotte

BY DUGAN ARNETT
SPORTS WRITER

Here's what we learned Tuesday, on a night the Charlotte and Venice boys basketball teams got together for a District 5A-12 contest: If you are an opposing coach, it is not a good idea to allow Tarpons standouts Dago Pena and Chris Stephenson to get going offensively.

The pair scored 32 of the Tarpons' 35 first-half points, essentially having their way with an undermanned Indians defense, and finished with 23 points apiece in a 70-56 victory that was arguably the most balanced effort from the two Division-I signees this season.

"We played awesome together today," said Pena, who finished also grabbed seven rebounds and shot 4-for-6 from 3-point range. "Whoever was on fire, we got them the ball. We were unselfish. When he was hot, I'd find him. When I was hot, he'd find me."

Added Stephenson, "We complemented each other well tonight. We just decided, 'Hey, let's go out and have fun,' and that's what we did."

Charlotte forced the pace early Tuesday, imploring a full-court press that led to a handful of fast-break baskets and kept the Indians from setting up their half-court offense.

The Tarpons opened the game on a 20-9 run and managed to take Venice — a team known for playing a slower-paced game — out of its rhythm.

"We gave up some easy baskets, but we did speed them up," said Tarpons Head Coach Tom Massolio. "And that's what we wanted to do. Sometimes that's what (the press) is about, getting them out of their comfort zone."

With the exception of a desperation 3-point barrage from Venice forward Trey Burton late in the fourth quarter — the sophomore

connected on five 3-point field goals in the quarter — the Indians, who finished as runner-up to the Tarpons in last season's District 5A-12 tournament, struggled to get much going offensively.

Venice finished with only four second-quarter points and trailed by as many as 26, shooting only 10-of-22 from the free throw line and losing the rebounding battle by a lopsided 34-17 margin.

"I think we're a much better shooting team than we showed tonight," said Venice head coach Steve Cavallaro, whose team falls to 12-5 overall (5-3 in District 5A-12).

"We shot horribly, and they were shooting as good as I've seen them shoot this year."

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Charlotte (70), Venice (56)
At Charlotte High School
Venice (56)

Kyle Jutras 1 1-2 4, Trey Burton 7 6-9 25, Tyler Christian 1 2-3 5, Justin Grant 7 0-1 15, Brandon Wilkinson 3 1-5 7. TOTALS: 19 10-22 56.

Charlotte (70)

Dago Pena 9 1-3 23, Bryan Greenberg 1 0-0 3, Ted Oboute 3 0-0 6, Chris Stephenson 10 0-0 23, Timmy Sylver 0 2-2 2, Jake Foley 1 0-0 2, D.J. Goshay 1 2-3 4, Nick Goshay 2 3-4 7. TOTALS: 27 8-12 70.

Venice 14 4 13 25 — 56
Charlotte 23 12 17 18 — 70

3-point goals: Charlotte 7-19 (Pena 4, Stephenson 3), Venice 8-21 (Burton 5, Jutras, Christian, Grant).
Rebounds: Charlotte 34 (N. Goshay 10), Venice 17 (Burton 6).

Turnovers: Charlotte 14, Venice 10. Fouls: Charlotte 19, Venice 13. Records: Charlotte 14-5 (11-0 in District 5A-12); Venice 12-5 (5-3 in District 5A-12).
Next game: Lakewood Ranch at Venice Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Lady Indians upset Hurricanes in district showdown Monday

Team's work on game, it shows.

BY TRIPP MILLER
SPORTS EDITOR

The Venice High School girls basketball team came out Monday night ready to prove that there would be no let down after an emotional loss to Class 5A District-12 leader Southeast High School in the Teepee Friday.

They proved it.

Venice (10-9, 6-6) pounced on Manatee High School right from the get go as the Indians took a 15-2 lead in the first quarter. The Hurricanes mounted a fourth-quarter comeback, but it wasn't enough to deny Venice the upset win over the second-ranked team in Class 5A District-12.

"Even coming off the Southeast game we attacked them," Venice Head Coach Bruce Reichenbach said.

Manatee (15-5, 8-4), who beat Venice 45-36 in an earlier meeting this season,

had difficulty keeping up with the Indians' fresh legs. Venice had scorers all over the court and every Indian ended up in the scoring column by game's end. The Hurricanes had no bench points.

"We knew coming in that if we could get into their bench we would be alright," Reichenbach said.

Jen Thoenissen was the only Indian in double figures with 10 points, but contributions from the Venice bench kept the individual scoring down. Kirsten Walchle finished with nine, followed by Lauren Ramey with seven and Kaylee Ream and Diana Mehserle with six each. Lindsey Riegsecker and Kim Pinkerton each finished with five.

Manatee hung in there despite trailing by 17 in the third quarter. Megan Dzikas and Christina Natali kept the Hurricanes in it with 16 and 13 points, respectively.

"I still think she (Dzikas) is the best player in the league," Reichenbach said.

Down the stretch Venice fended off an 18-9 fourth-

quarter comeback by Manatee with near-perfect free-throw shooting. The Indians shot 21-24 from the line.

"We're not used to playing up 17 and they came back down the stretch," Reichenbach said. "We really shot the ball well. We have been really working on the shooting."

Venice has been working on improving their game, and it shows. A little more than a month after losing by 20 to Southeast, the Indians stayed within eight points of the Seminoles Friday. Venice went on to avenge their previous loss to Manatee with Monday's win.

"The girls are confident," Reichenbach said. "We're clicking good offensively and defensively and we're peaking at the right time."

Venice closes out their five-game home stand against Bayshore High School Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. After that, only three games remain until the start of the district tournament.

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Venice 55, Manatee 47
at Manatee

Venice (55)

Jen Thoenissen 3 4-4 10, Lauren Ramey 2 2-3 7, Kristen Jutras 0 1-2 1, Chloe West 2 0-0 4, Lindsey Riegsecker 1 2-2 5, Leanne Marsden 1 0-0 2, Kaylee Ream 1 4-4 6, Diana Mehserle 2 2-2 6, Kim Pinkerton 2 1-1 5, Kirsten Walchle 2 5-6 9, Totals 16 21-24 55.

Manatee (47)

Megan Dzikas 7 2-2 16, Courtney McDonald 2 2-5 6, Nelson 0 6-8 6, Christina Natali 5 0-0 13, Taylor Mealy 3 0-0 6, Totals 17 10-15 47.

Venice 15 15 16 9 — 55
Manatee 2 15 12 18 — 47

3-Point Goals: Natali 3, Ramey, Riegsecker. Fouled Out: Mehserle. Total Fouls: Manatee 17, Venice 19. Records: Venice 10-9, 6-6; Manatee 15-5, 8-4. Next Games: Bayshore at Venice Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., North Port at Manatee Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

BRIEFS

South County Softball League meeting set

The South County Softball League will be holding three organizational meetings Saturday at the Englewood Sports Complex to discuss rules, fees and the schedule.

The women's league will meet at 9:30 a.m., the coed league will meet at 10:30 a.m. and the men's league will meet at 11:30 a.m.

The Englewood Sports Complex is located at 1300 South River Road in Englewood.

For more information or if you are unable to attend the meeting, call the Englewood Sports Complex at 816-1985.

Olympic synchronized swimmers to visit Sarasota and Venice

FROM SARASOTA FAMILY YMCA INC.

The Sarasota Family YMCA's synchronized swim team, S.A.S.S.Y., and the South County YMCA of Venice will host the U.S. 2008 Olympic synchronized swim team for a working vacation Jan. 15-24.

While in town, the 10-member national team will choreograph one of the programs it will perform at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing this August. The athletes will host a public performance, including time for autographs and photos Sunday at 5:30 p.m. at the Selby Aquatics Center in Sarasota.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for our team to meet these Olympians and see them train."

— Jennifer Mayer, local organizer

"This is a wonderful opportunity for our team to meet these Olympians and see them train," said Jennifer Mayer, parent to two S.A.S.S.Y. swimmers and main local organizer of the national team's visit. "All of

our team parents have pulled together from preparing lunches to finding local sponsors to support the team's visit here."

The 2008 Olympic team is coached by Floridian Tammy McGregor whose family resides in the area. When seeking a warm-weather location to prepare the new Olympic program, McGregor's family recommended the Sarasota Family YMCA's Selby Aquatics Center, which is home to the national-champion Sharks swim teams.

The team will also visit the South County YMCA's recently renovated Venice pool for training.

Indians break slump with win over Port Charlotte

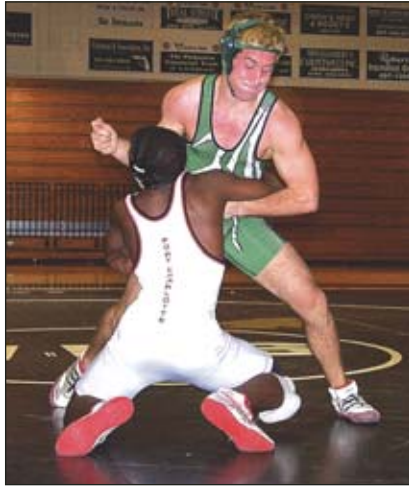
BY TRIPP MILLER
SPORTS EDITOR

The Venice High School wrestling team had lost four of their last five matches by a combined 237-54. The Indians took out their frustrations on Port Charlotte High School Tuesday night in the Teepee.

Venice (5-7) beat the Pirates 61-15 behind pins by Colton Schuchert, Edgar Montero, Billy Field and Joel Hanson. Port Charlotte also surrendered five forfeits.

Hanson, in his first match since a concussion he suffered more than a month ago, looked more than eager to take the mat. He wasn't as eager to stay on it long. He pinned his opponent in 17 seconds.

"Joel just got cleared," Venice Head Coach Dan Kelly said. "He's been waiting in the wings to fill in for



SUN PHOTO BY TRIPP MILLER

Venice High School's Seth Goodley crossfaces his opponent during the Indians' match with Port Charlotte High School. Goodley won his match by an 18-7 decision and Venice went on to win 61-15.

us and he did a good job."

Although he didn't wrestle, Venice's 2007 state finalist wrestler Wade Consul

was slotted in the 119-pound weight class for the first time this season. Consul had planned on staying at 125 this season and into the state tournament, but Kelly said Consul had decided to move down a class because the competition at both weights looked to be fierce and Consul was "a small 125."

Although Venice went 1-3 in the Jim Graves "Beat the Streak" Tournament and then lost at Manatee 59-6, Kelly insists his team is showing improvement.

"We've been pounded a little bit lately. With the Manatee match that we had last week, even though we got pounded it was the best we've wres-

ted," Kelly said. "I think our team is 10 times the team it was before Christmas, we've just wrestled some studs with more experience."

Next up for the Indians is a dual match at Lemon Bay High School Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

"We need to have the same kind of intensity we had against Manatee against Lemon Bay," Kelly said. "It should be a barn burner."

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Venice vs. Port Charlotte At Venice High School Venice (61), Port Charlotte (15)

Individual results — 103: Ransom (PC) by forfeit; 112: Colton Schuchert (V) p. Drake, 2:40; 119: Wade Consul (V) by forfeit; 125: Casey Hayes (V) by forfeit;

130: Andrew Lopez (V) d. Ford, 8-3; 135: Edgar Montero (V) p. Catania, 1:37; 140: Anthony Gonter (V) by forfeit; 145: Alex Hansen (V) by forfeit; 152: Billy Field p. Grilz, 0:35; 160: Seth Good-

ley (V) d. Dryden, 18-7; 171: Mullens (PC) p. Matthew Frady, 0:54; 189: Joel Hanson p. Elliason, 0:17; 215: Anderson (PC) d. Ted Stahura, 5-0; HVW: Devon Balsinger (V) by forfeit.

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Love of the water creates new friendships



Vera Taborsky of Venice enjoys a Wednesday morning sail in her wooden pram on Roberts Bay. The Bitter Ends sailing group races every Wednesday in Venice.



Cec Cerutti of Englewood races her Sunfish on Roberts Bay.

"I wasn't really learning how to handle the sail. I wanted someone to teach me to do it the 'women's' way." — Penny Washburn



Women sailors congratulate each other after graduating from the fall 2007 learn-to-sail class of the Venice Sailing Squadron.



The Venice Sailing Squadron fleet races on a sunny day.



Yvonne Sonnenleiter of Englewood leads a downwind leg as she races to victory in the 2007 Crow's Nest Regatta.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE VENICE SAILING SQUADRON

BY SUSAN CAIRO
STAFF WRITER

Learning a new sport like sailing with a group of active and outgoing women can be a confidence-building experience.

That is what the learn-to-sail classes taught by the women of the Venice Sailing Squadron of Venice have been offering for more than 30 years.

Penny Washburn is typical of the women who have opted to learn to sail with the group, which is equally well known by the nickname the Bitter Ends.

She had taken a few lessons from her husband but wanted to find her own way on the water. Not wanting second-hand instruction, she took advantage of classes offered by the Bitter Ends. "My husband told me what to do, but he wouldn't actually let me do anything when we were sailing," she said.

Washburn figured that she had more skipper skills than just "getting the beer" once she got out on the boat. Having moved to Venice from Vermont, she missed the excitement of skiing, and thought

sailing could replace that sport

"I wasn't really learning how to handle the sail," she said, "I wanted someone to teach me to do it the 'women's' way."

First time

Participants learn in one-person prams. This type of boat is perfect for sailing around a harbor, racing or towing to an island. Once the women become more proficient, they graduate to sailing a sunfish, a slightly larger boat that also can be used for racing.

"That still doesn't stop you from being scared to death the first time out on the water," Dena Kohlbecker said.

She joined the squad shortly after arriving in Venice a few years ago. A North Carolina native, she was eager to meet new female friends.

"I specifically wanted to become part of the community and meet some local people," she said.

Kohlbecker said that her sailing experiences taught her a lot about friendships. She said a person has to put her trust in her teacher — the boats only hold one person, so

WANT TO LEARN?

Anyone interested in participating in the next learn-to-sail class can call Beth Anderson, the club's captain, at 486-1370.

you are out there on your own.

"It's a great feeling of accomplishment when you learn to handle the boat," she said.

Women sailors have no age limit. As long as you are physically able to lift the boat in and out of the water, and then hose it down after sailing, you are strong enough to learn to sail.

Margaret O'Connor, 90, an original member of the squadron, still sails. Mary Jane Park, also a longtime member, has retired from sailing but remains a member of the club.

"Even if you don't go out on the water, we have parties, outings and picnics to go to," she said.

History

The squadron was formed in the 1976. Members chose the nickname Bitter Ends. Women who had previous sailing experi-

ence helped others learn how to sail.

Their first boats were International Optimist prams, 8 feet long and designed decades earlier. The boats were trailered and launched weekly from a member's waterfront home.

Shortly after the group formed, it decided to offer a basic sailing course to women in the Venice area. It was so popular that the course has been offered every year.

Membership in the squadron is offered only after successful completion of the class series held in the fall.

Eventually the Bitter Ends joined the Florida Women's Sailing Association, and its members started sailing in interclub events and in an annual Rainbow Regatta with other member clubs on Florida's west coast.

The club's partnership with the Venice Yacht Club began in 1979. The club allowed the Bitter Ends to store its fleet of boats at the club and to hold weekly meetings on the property. Next came the club's liaison with the Venice Youth Boating Association.

The 400

By its 10th anniversary, the club had 135 women who had graduated from the learn-to-sail course. By its 20th anniversary 150 additional women had passed the course and joined the group. Today, the list of trained women sailors has grown to 400 women.

In October each year, the Crow's Nest Restaurant sponsors a regatta and distributes sailing trophies to the women of the group, with proceeds benefiting the Venice Youth Boating Association. Entry fees of more than \$600 were matched by the Crow's Nest Regatta Fund at the Community Foundation of Sarasota County for the 2007 regatta. A total of \$1,220 was presented to the VYBA last year.

Eve Hill, who was captain of the group for 10 years, said she has never met such a friendly and warm group of women.

"Being a member," she said, "you have a great group of spirited friends who love to go out on the water."

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Girl Scouts: It is cookie monster time again



KIM COOL
FEATURES EDITOR

Just in time to help you break that awful New Year's resolution to lose weight — the annual Girl Scout Cookie sale has begun.

Area scouts are taking orders now for Samoas, Thin Mints, Do-Si-Dos, All

Abouts, Trefoils and some new varieties.

The new ones are Tag-alongs, which are made from creamy peanut butter and covered with chocolate frosting, and Chalet Cremes, which sandwich lemon cream between two wafers. Also new this year are Sugar-free Chocolate Chips.

All the cookies are \$3.50 per box and delivery will be made in mid-February.

If you don't know a Girl Scout, call Dr. Monique Ring at 234-2234 or 408-8890.

Paint the town

While you wait for the cookies to arrive, contemplate the Rotary Art Fest,

which is happening this coming weekend at the festival area of the Venice Municipal Airport. Watch for an article in Friday's Let's Go section, with more information on the food and entertainment offerings.

Last year there were nearly 140 artists featured in the show, which is juried.

Chair Hank Mikaelian expects that many or more for this year's show.

Always fun, the show is one of the top festival events in Venice each season.

Better yet, proceeds benefit such projects as the Rotary Futures program at Venice High School. In keeping with that, there will

be a tent featuring the work of Venice area student artists and another tent where younger children can draw and paint or have their faces painted.

For those who plan to make a day of it, there will be food, Coke products, Budweiser beer from the Goldcoast Eagle Distributor and a variety of entertainment.

Pop goes the symphony

Saturday the Venice Symphony presents its annual Pops Concert program at 4 and 8 p.m. at the Venice Community Center, 326 S. Nokomis Ave., on the island. Tickets are \$16-\$23, but will

be in short supply at best. Call 488-1010.

Taxi!

Continuing at the Venice Little Theatre is the British farce, "Run For Your Wife," which opened last night, Jan. 15 and will play through Feb. 3 on the main stage.

Starring local radio personality Cliff Roles (1220 AM, Monday through Friday, 4-5 p.m.) as taxi driver John Smith, who has two wives in two near-by areas of London. The story becomes more complicated and hilarious after Smith has an accident and is taken home to the wrong wife, throwing his schedule off —

among other things.

Laurie Colton and Maur- een Young portray the wives. Matt Erickson adds his comedic talents to the mix as one upstairs neighbor, and Ken Fromer and Fred Pazona play cops from the two neighborhoods where Smith lives with his two different wives.

The other upstairs neighbor, Bobby (the gay one) is portrayed by Shawn Watkins.

Tickets are \$23 per person. The VLT is located at 140 W. Tampa Ave. Call 488-1115.

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And now ... The News from Ecineville

BY TED RANK
STAFF ESCRITOR

This is part two of a three-part series.

Hang on to your sanity, ladies and gentlemen. It's time for News from Ecineville.

Ecineville Police Department officials expressed shock when they opened an envelope that contained a ransom demand and a small piece of the uppercase "E" from the Ecineville sign that was stolen two days ago.

"We are shocked and saddened by the small piece of sign the perpetrator or perpetrators hacked from the big 'E,'" said EPD spokesperson Kathy P. Para, adding, "and we ask for the kind people of Ecineville to pray for the big 'E' and show their support in our efforts for the safe return the big 'E.'"

The signletternappers have demanded that \$40,000 and 500 pounds of grouper be placed in a sealed 55-gallon drum

and that a single boat with only two men release the drum into Big Bay, 3 miles off the coast west of The Turtle Soup & Sandwich Shoppe on Nobayview Road at midnight on Thursday.

"We are elated by the response from the public to the plight of the big 'E.' It is wonderful to see all that people have done," said Ecineville Mayor Latka Von Rigenhausen.

• Makeshift signs hang from businesses, schools and homes throughout Ecineville. "Save the big 'E'"; "We love you, big 'E'"; and one sign that little second-grader Cindy Lou Pooh made and placed on her school lunch box. It has a small red heart followed by "E."

• Singer-songwriter Diana T. Auton has recorded a song simply titled, "The Big 'E,'" which is airing on stations as far away as Peddlepond, RE, as the plight of our big 'E' became a national story when it hit the Unassociated Press wire.

The song's opening lyrics

are emotional:

"'E,' don't hurt our 'E' please set him free, our good friend 'E.'"

• Fundraisers are being held to raise the \$40,000 ransom fee and more than 140 members of the Ecineville We Fish, You Don't club have been out on boats since the morning of the big "E" kidnapping. So far they have caught 137 pounds of grouper.

EPD and the mayor's office announced they plan to pay the ransom and cooperate with the signletternappers to guarantee the safe return of the big "E."

Well, this is Ted "I'm a reporter, I'm a reporter" Rank reporting. I'll see you next issue with more news from Ecineville. Until then, remember, keep the children and the goldfish indoors until the crisis is over here in Ecineville.

To be continued

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Prissy needs a home



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The right bicycle fits like a suit

BY MONTY ANDREWS
GUEST CONTRIBUTOR



Bicycling can be an enjoyable experience as well as a wonderful way to improve physical fitness. But to fully appreciate the ride, it is important your bicycle fit your body proportions and match your riding style.

When evaluating your current bike or the purchase of a new one, you need to consider your biking skill level and where you want to ride. Once this has been determined, consideration should be given to frame size, handlebar stem, handlebars and saddle (seat). A reputable bike shop will

help you make the right decision.

New or old, your bicycle must be in good working condition.

The gears must work reliably, and the brakes must work smoothly. If you aren't sure your bike is in good

shape, take it to a qualified bike mechanic.

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Dog training

Early signup will be held today for a nine-week dog obedience class at Suncoast Humane Society, 6781 San Casa Drive, Englewood. Attendees will learn to teach their dogs the basic exercises needed to become K-9 good citizens. Fee: \$125 in advance or \$150 at first class. SHS alumni dogs may be registered for \$75 today, Jan. 23 and 26. Call 474-7884 or e-mail volunteers@humane.org.

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The Community Pharmacy of Sarasota County hosts a wine-and-cheese social, 5:30-7 p.m., at the Venice Chamber of Commerce, 597 Tamiami Trail. The pharmacy is run entirely with private donations and volunteers. To RSVP or to volunteer, call 445-5687 or visit cpsarasota.org.

Aviation meeting

The Venice Aviation Society Inc. meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Venice City Hall Community room, 401 W. Venice Ave. The control tower supervisor of Sarasota Airport is guest speaker. All are welcome. Call Nick at joecessna72@verizon.net.

Handsome Molly



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Wednesday music

• The Selby Public Library and the Sarasota Music Archive host a free opera forum with Dr. John Goodman, 10:30-11:45 a.m., at the library, 1331 First St., Sarasota. Topic: Mozart, "Cosi fan tutte." All are welcome. Call 861-5000 or e-mail vneumann@scgov.net.
• The Royal Aires, a 13-piece big band, performs 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesdays at the American Legion No-Vel Unit 159, 1770 E. Venice Ave. Free; the public is welcome. Call Dick at 484-5804.

Marine meeting

The 1st Marine Division Association, Southwest Florida Chapter, meets for lunch at 11:45 a.m. at the Family Table Restaurant, 14132 South Tamiami Trail,

community Center, 509 Collins Road, Laurel. Call 483-3338.

Membership meeting

St. Francis Animal Rescue holds its annual membership meeting and elections at 6 p.m. at Jacaranda Public Library, 4143 Woodmere Park Blvd. For more information, call 492-6200 or visit stfrancisarfl.org.

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Wednesday wellness

- The Women's Resource Center of Sarasota County hosts a program on women's wellness, 1-3:30 p.m., at 806 Pinebrook Road. Martha Huie discusses Chinese medicine. Fee: \$8. Call 485-9724.
- The Venice Ostomy Support group meets at 1:30 p.m., in the Venice Health Park, Suite 1283, 1201 Jacaranda Blvd. Bring a hint to share, a helpful product or a question for the group. Call 484-0607.
- A Woman to Woman Breast Cancer support group meets 3:30-4:30 p.m., at the Isles of Chestnut Creek Clubhouse, 487 Catalina Isles Circle. This American Cancer Society support group is for all South County residents. Call 497-4309, ext. 37.
- A monthly Crohn's Disease Support Group meets at 7 p.m. in the Englewood Community Hospital Suncoast Auditorium, 700 Medical Blvd. Call 815-3669.
- Al-Anon meetings: 10:30 a.m., Freedom AFG, Church of the Nazarene, 1535 E. Venice Ave. (children welcome), 10:30 a.m.; and 7 p.m., Step Study, Grace United Methodist Church, 400 E. Field St. Call 426-7655 or visit southfloridaal-anon.org.

THURSDAY, JAN. 17

Card party

Venice-Nokomis Drove No. 141 BPO Does host a Guys and Dolls card party, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., at the Venice-Nokomis Elks Lodge, 1021 Discovery Way, Nokomis. Finger sandwiches, desserts and prizes awarded. Donation: \$5. Call Louise Perlick at 488-5448.

Senior Friendship Centers, 2350 Scenic Drive, 584-0075, seniorfriendship.com

- 9 a.m.: easy yoga
- noon: arts and crafts; \$3 lunch for ages 60+ with 24-

VENUE

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MUSIC MAKERS



Deborah Berlioli, above;
Roy Cornelius Smith, right



Venice Symphony welcomes guest vocalists Roy Cornelius Smith and Deborah Berlioli for its January Pops concerts celebrating Wesley John Schumacher's 20th season as conductor. Performance takes place at 8 p.m. Jan. 17-19 and 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, at Venice Church of the Nazarene, 1535 E. Venice Ave. Tickets: \$16, \$20 and \$23. Call 488-1010.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Joel Kreiss and Barbara Griffin sing, accompanied by Priscilla Shore, as they rehearse for the Venice Area Music Club's Broadway-music show at 11 a.m. at Venice Public Library, 300 S. Nokomis Ave. The concert is free, and the public is welcome.

hour reservations. Call 584-0031 or 584-0090.

- 1 p.m.: music by Broadway Bruce Heacock and The Harriotts

Thursday música

The State Symphony of Mexico performs at 8 p.m. at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, 777 North Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. Tickets are \$70-\$80. Call (800) 826-9303 or visit vanwezel.org.

Club lunches

- The American Legion No-Vel Unit 1509 serves lunch, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at 1770 E. Venice Ave. Music by Sparrow, 5-8 p.m. Call 488-1157.
- The Venice-Nokomis Elks Lodge 1854 serves lunch, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., and dinner 5-7:30 p.m. at Buffalo Bill's, 1021 Discovery Way, Nokomis. Live trivia game, 6-8 p.m. Call 486-1854.

Radio days

The Tamiami Amateur Radio Club meets at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice, 601 South Tamiami Trail. Jack Sproat-W4JS discusses the 70-foot tower at his home station. All are welcome. Contact Sproat at 475-1929.

Health help

- Home Health Services of Venice offers free blood pressure and blood sugar tests, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Thursdays at Venice HealthPark, 1201 Jacaranda Blvd. Call 485-7711.
- The Cancer is Not Contagious Support Group meets at 10:30 a.m. in the Englewood Community Hospital Cafeteria, 700 Medical Blvd. Also meeting is the Support for People with Oral and Head and Neck Cancer Group. Call Joe at 474-0099.
- The Venice Pulmonary Support Group meets at 1 p.m., Thursdays, at Venice City Hall, 401 W. Venice Ave. Call City Hall at 486-2626 or Gail at 497-5347.

Nature lovers

- Enjoy a bird-watching walk 8-10 a.m. Thursdays through April at Oscar Scherer State Park, 1843 South Tamiami Trail, Osprey. Call Mark Leggett at 925-7220.
- Sarasota County Parks and Recreation volunteer Bud Doyle leads a free

beach walk, 9-11 a.m., at the North Jetty Beach on Casey Key. Meet at the beach end of the parking lot. The public is welcome. Call 488-4158.

- Dr. Fred Santana presents Do You Know What Spider That Is?, 2-3 p.m., at Shamrock Park, 3900 West Shamrock Drive. Admission is free but registration is required. Call 861-9900.

Dancing

A-2 square dances take place 2-4 p.m. in the auditorium at Jacaranda Trade, 3600 William Penn Way. Caller is Michael Cox. Call Alice at 408-2627.

Venice Public Library, 300 S. Nokomis Ave., 861-1332

- 9:30 a.m.-noon: Horticulture experts from Sarasota County Extension Service answer your gardening questions.
- 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.: Film, "Possessed" (1947)

Stock club

The RAM Stock Investment Club meets at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Venice Public Library, 300 S. Nokomis Ave. New members welcome; no dues or fees. Call 484-7993.

'Encore' celebration

The Women's Resource Center of Sarasota County hosts a reception for its Sarasota consignment store, Encore! & More, 2-4 p.m. at 806 Pinebrook Road. Refreshments served. Admission is a donation of designer clothing or accessory for the store. Prizes for best donations. RSVP to 485-9724.

Spay day

The Animal Rescue Coalition's mobile clinic offers low- and no-cost spays and neuters for pets of income-eligible families. The clinic visits Sarasota County Animal Services, 8451 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota. Appointments required; call 957-1955, ext. 4.

Italian travelogue

The Italian American Club of Venice hosts a free video series on the Lombardy region of Italy at 7 p.m. at 1375 Ringling Drive. See Mantova, Rovereto, Trento, Merano, Trentino and Tynol. The public is welcome; and refreshments will be served. Call Peter DiVecchio at 966-6879.

Voices of Venice

Linda Neckel White hosts open-mike poetry, 7-9 p.m., Thursdays at the Sanddollar Bookstore, 272 W. Miami Ave. Open and free to all. Call 480-1930.

Support

- Co-Dependents Anonymous holds women's meetings, noon-1 p.m., Thursdays at the Venice Bible Church, 2395 W. Shamrock Blvd. Call Dorothy at 488-8025.
- The Venice chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, Transgender, Intersex and Straight Spouses holds a support meeting, 6-8 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 1971 Pinebrook Road. The group meets the third Thursday of each month. Call 266-3797 or e-mail julia.tgirl@gmail.com.
- A support group for those who have loved ones affected by drug addiction meets at 7 p.m. in the lounge at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 508 Riviera St. Call Ray at 497-6879.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Suncoast Auditorium of Englewood Community Hospital, 700 Medical Blvd. Call 426-7655.

Veterans meetings

- The Tin Can Sailors Squadron holds its monthly meeting 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the American Legion No-Vel Unit 159 Post at 1770 E. Venice Ave. All former destroyer or destroyer escort veterans and those interested in the U.S. Navy are welcome. Call 485-4748.
- The Sailfish Base of Submarine Veterans meets for a noon lunch and meeting at the American Legion No-Vel Unit 159 Post at 1770 E. Venice Ave. The group welcomes all former submariners and Navy men and women who served on a submarine tender or submarine training facility, as well as widows of former submariners. The group meets the third Thursday of each month. Call Jack at 493-7488.

FRIDAY, JAN. 18

Spay day

The Animal Rescue Coalition's mobile clinic offers low- and no-cost spays and neuters for pets of income-eligible families. The clinic visits the Kmart Plaza in Venice, 1687 U.S. 41 Bypass. Appointments required; call 957-1955, ext. 4.

ARC fundraiser

The Animal Rescue Coalition holds its fifth annual Dog's Night Out fundraiser at 6 p.m. at Saks Fifth Avenue, 100 Southgate Plaza, Sarasota. Cocktails, shopping and dining. Tickets: \$75 per person and \$25 per dog (dog reservations limited). Proceeds benefit ARC. RSVP to 957-1955, ext. 7, or e-mail liz@animalrescuecoalition.org.

Yoga

Woodmere Park offers beginning/intermediate yoga, 8:30-10 a.m., Fridays, at 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd. Fee: \$42 for six-week session, pro-rated for latecomers. Taught by a certified yoga instructor and registered nurse. Call Alexis at 492-9353.

DAV dinner

Disabled American Veterans offers fish and steak and other items, 5-8 p.m., at 600 Colonia Lane, Nokomis. The public is welcome. Call 488-4500.

THE Daily Crossword

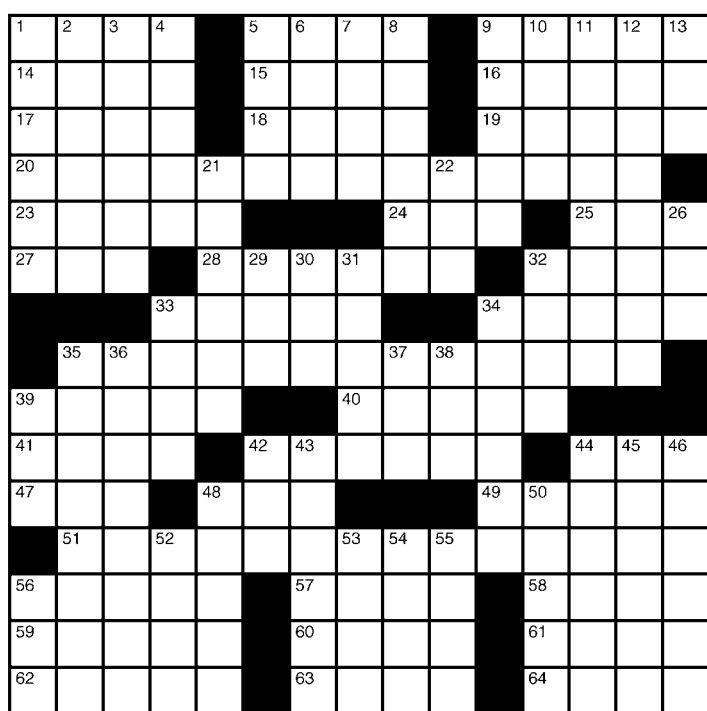
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ACROSS

- 1 Jazz singing
- 5 Seance sounds
- 9 Precipitous
- 14 Edison's middle name
- 15 Distinctive flair
- 16 Springs
- 17 High time?
- 18 Falco of "The Sopranos"
- 19 Desert spring
- 20 Bobs
- 23 Bomb blast, in headlines
- 24 Pugilist's stats
- 25 McKinley or Rainier: abbr.
- 27 D-Day craft
- 28 Slip by
- 32 Text-removal directive
- 33 Put an end to
- 34 Loudness units
- 35 Bobs
- 39 Shows the way
- 40 Transparent
- 41 Arm bone
- 42 Roman autocrat
- 44 Posed
- 47 Part of MD
- 48 Knight's address
- 49 Maternally related
- 51 Bobs
- 56 Buddhist monument
- 57 "Funny Girl" co-star Sharif
- 58 Tribal wisdom
- 59 Reveal
- 60 Naldi of old films
- 61 Leave out
- 62 Takes five
- 63 Appear (to be)
- 64 Eliot of the Untouchables

DOWN

- 1 Simple footwear
- 2 Hits hard
- 3 Slender-beaked shore bird
- 4 War wagons?
- 5 Coral formation
- 6 Actor Ray



By Philip J. Anderson
Portland, OR

Please see **CROSS, 7B**

- 7 Old Maid lay down
- 8 Moves with stealth
- 9 Sty fare
- 10 Freshwater duck
- 11 Legal right-of-way
- 12 Letters
- 13 One more letter addendum
- 21 Mans the helm
- 22 "Annabel Lee" poet
- 26 Video-game hardware of old
- 29 Nero's lang.
- 30 Gray shade
- 31 Tranquility
- 32 Ill-humored
- 33 Closing passage
- 34 Frightened
- 35 One chosen
- 36 Free leaflets
- 37 They: Fr.
- 38 Stephen of "Michael Collins"

- 39 Abner's old-time partner
- 42 OSS, now
- 43 Fiery felonies
- 44 Biblical dancer
- 45 Early arcade units
- 46 Basic beliefs
- 48 Getz and Lee
- 50 Synthetic fabric
- 52 Espy
- 53 Pierre's girlfriend
- 54 Archibald of basketball
- 55 Shot of whiskey
- 56 Letters on cameras

GOREN BRIDGE

Q 1 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ J874 ♥ 10964 ♦ J643 ♣ 6

The bidding has proceeded:
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
Pass INT Pass ?
What action do you take?

A - There is no reason to expect partner to make one no trump with the help you are providing. However, played in a suit contract, you may score a club ruff or two, so bid a Stayman two clubs and pass any response by partner. On a good day you could find a 4-4 major-suit fit and, at worst, you will be in a 4-2 diamond fit if partner's shape is 3-3-2-5.

Q 2 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ 10753 ♥ 853 ♦ AKQJ ♣ 94

The bidding has proceeded:
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1♦ Pass ?
What do you bid now?

A - You have excellent support for partner's suit, but to support it now is almost a guarantee that you will miss a 4-4 major-suit fit should partner hold a minimum or slightly better and four spades. Bid one spade; you can support diamonds next, depending on how the auction develops.

Q 3 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ K7 ♥ AJ74 ♦ Q9874 ♣ K5

The bidding has proceeded:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass
? What do you bid now?

A - First let's rule out two hearts. That's a reverse, showing a minimum of a good 17 points. Next forget about rebidding such a weak five-card minor suit. That leaves just one option: Bid one no trump despite your slightly off-shape holding.

Q 4 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ KQ76 ♥ AKJ ♦ 96 ♣ KQJ4

The bidding has proceeded:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass
? What do you bid now?

A - An awkward hand. You don't want to jump to game with three-card support, even with such an excellent fragment — you won't like having to ruff diamonds. You will have to choose between a jump to two spades and have partner expect an unbalanced hand from you, or two no trump without a diamond stopper. We have a slight preference for two spades.

Q 5 - Vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ K7 ♥ AJ652 ♦ K94 ♣ AJ5

What is your opening bid?

A - Suppose you open one heart. What do you intend rebidding should partner respond one spade or one no trump? You are too strong for one no trump and too weak for two no trump, so you must rebid two of a minor. You avoid this problem by opening one no trump. If you do not believe in opening one no trump with a five-card major, mix a heart in with your spades!

Q 6 - Vulnerable, as South you hold:

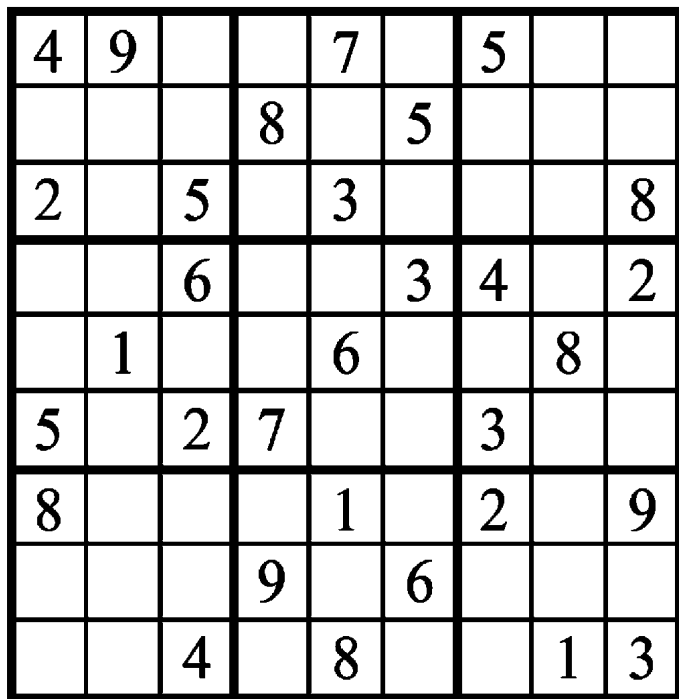
♠ K8 ♥ AQ954 ♦ 7 ♣ AJ765

The bidding has proceeded:
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass
1♠ Pass 2♣ Pass
2♦ Pass ?
What do you bid now?

A - Your bid of two clubs is fourth-suit forcing and partner's response shows a minimum two-suiter. It is time for you to describe your hand further. Bid three clubs, a game force on this auction, and see how partner reacts.

(Tannah Hirsch welcomes readers' responses sent in care of this newspaper or to Tribune Media Services Inc., 2225 Kenmore Ave., Suite 114, Buffalo, NY, 14207. E-mail responses may be sent to gorenbridge@aol.com.)

The Los Angeles Times SUDOKU



Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit sudoku.org.uk.

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A Time For Heeling?
If wearing high heels were not such a staple of women's fashion, you would have to wonder why anyone would walk around on tiptoes all day. Yet, women do wear heels, and they usually pay a price for doing so. Holding one's feet in such an unnatural position while walking creates faulty biomechanics, with a ripple effect that extends from the toes, feet, and ankles up through the knees, legs, pelvis, and spine. As the body compensates all along its length to cope with the unnatural posture, muscles may cramp or spasm and nerves may become impinged. If you must wear high heels, take lengthy breaks. Regular visits to the chiropractor will also help address any stresses that heels create.
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Don't tease him — Tase him

BY JOE GIORGIANNI
HUMOR COLUMNIST

I have a friend whose wife recently went to what she thought was going to be a Tupperware party, only to find out that what was being demonstrated and sold simply wouldn't hold water.

It turned out to be a Taser party.

You remember the Taser. That's the weapon that shoots out 8 trillion volts of electricity, making the poor sucker that gets hit shake, rattle and roll like a fish out of water.

This is the weapon of choice used by more than 12,000 police agencies for stopping anyone dumb enough to run from a request to stop. Someone who most probably had been asked to stop, drop, and roll — no, wait, that's the firemen who teach that.

Police officers of the world (who have the second-most dangerous job in existence, the first belonging to the guy trying to put his overweight, chocoholic wife on a Weight Watcher's program) have used the Taser most effectively in controlling bad persons, and throwing guys out of the visitor's gallery in the U.S. Congress.

Now, the nice people who make this electronic wizardry are working overtime to bring their product

to every household in the country. Apparently, they feel that in addition to fighting crime, it's needed to keep unruly kids and uncompromising husbands at bay.

Enter the "Taser Party" for women. Forget jewelry, Tupperware, health products, multi-level marketing and/or clothing-for-the-kiddies types of presentations. Women who attend these assemblages have but one purpose in mind, and that is to acquire and be trained on a weapon that can put a grown man on his back faster than a Sen. Craig toe tap in a men's room.

My friend's wife, the one who attended this particular Taser party, came home beaming ear to ear, eager to show her husband what she had purchased for a mere 350 bucks.

She told him that what she had purchased would make her feel safer when home alone, and it would be fun to pretend that a burglar was breaking into the house so she could demonstrate her purchase. She then asked her husband to go outside and come in through a window, much like someone would if they were going to rob the place.

Being the obedient man that my not-so-smart friend is, he dutifully went outside, walked around to a bedroom window and proceed-

ed to crawl through the opening. The lights were out, and before he could get in, the window came down on his fingers, mashing three. His screaming (mashed bones can make one do that) alarmed the people next door, who called the police describing how they had seen someone trying to crawl through a nearby window.

By this time the poor guy had fallen into the room, landing on top of his wife's sewing basket containing not one, but two knitting needles, one of which pierced his upper thigh, very close to his mechanism.

His wife, upon hearing the scream, came running into the room brandishing her brand-new, pink, fully charged Taser. "Freeze," she screamed at her husband, who was now lying on the floor, trying to hold both his fingers and the stab wound to the thigh.

As he opened his mouth to scream, she leaned over and — you guessed it — shoved the Taser into the middle of his back and pulled the trigger, sending the 8 trillion volts directly into his already pulsating body.

About this time, the police arrived.

The first instinct of a policeman is simple. Upon

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Cruise down a new financial highway



TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER
THE BOOKWORM

This is the year you're going to do it.

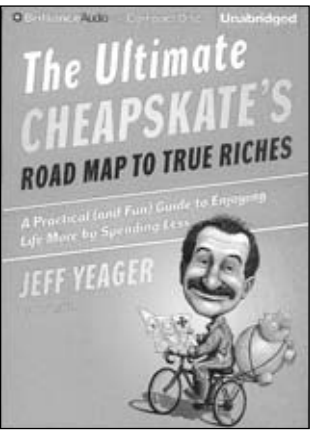
This is the year you're finally going to stop screwing around. Prices go up faster than income does, but you're going to buckle down and start putting money away, buy a house, pay some bills, plan retirement.

But man, it's hard. You know there's room for improvement in your financial life, but — aside from brown-bagging and other no-brainer money-savers — how can you bank some coin, painlessly?

You can start by listening to "The Ultimate Cheapskate's Road Map to True Riches" by Jeff Yeager. Then, you can put Yeager's ideas to good use and put some serious money aside.

So the excess of the holidays is over and you've had your fill of shopping. Yeager says that's good. You've reached your Enough-

"The Ultimate Cheapskate's Road Map to True Riches" by Jeff Yeager, read by the author, 2007, Brilliance Audio, \$29.95, 7 CDs/about 8 hours; 2008, Broadway Books, \$12.95, 242 pages



saurus. You won't feel deprived if you don't spend. Now you're ready to live within your means.

And that includes living with a less-than-palatial house. Yeager says you should consider a cheaper, smallish home or buy a duplex and let your house pay for itself. Think twice before doing extensive, unnecessary remodeling. Learn to do repairs yourself.

Take a Fiscal Fast, Yeager counsels. Set aside a predetermined time, usually a week, in which your goal is to completely avoid spending money. Pay bills before or after your Fiscal Fast so you aren't cheating, then get creative. Yeager even advocates doing without your car and without electricity, although he admits those efforts can be tough to employ.

And speaking of tough

sacrifices, Yeager urges you to try living without your vehicle completely. Bike or walk to work, or take public transportation. Ask your employer if you can telecommute. If you absolutely, positively need a car, buy used.

I really enjoyed listening to "The Ultimate Cheapskate's Road Map to True Riches," and I found plenty of easy-to-start, relatively pain-free ideas that really can save money. But there are three things you'll want to know about this audiobook.

First of all, there are words in this book that are not for little kids, so if you planned on listening to this CD while driving them anywhere, be aware that you might want to rethink that idea.

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Man feels guilt after hiding truth of teacher's molestation



DEAR ABBY COLUMNIST

DEAR ABBY: I am ashamed and angry at myself because I think I have made a mistake that is impossible to correct. Two detectives came to my home about two years ago to ask me about a teacher I'd had in high school. He was being investigated for molesting boys. I told them, my wife and my parents that

nothing had happened to me. In fact, he had molested me for more than two years. He was charged with molesting some boys and taking pictures of them performing sexual acts, but I learned recently that those charges were dropped because of some legal technicality.

One of my friends from high school nearly committed suicide because of what this man did. I feel awful about having lied, and now this man is free to do it to others.

Abby, that teacher took pictures and made movies of me. That's how he made me do things with him. He told me if I didn't, he'd send them to my parents and my friends.

The guilt is killing me. Please tell me what you would do in my situation.

Please do not reveal my name or location. — **DID-N'T TELL THE TRUTH**

DEAR DIDN'T TELL: There may be a way to correct your mistake. If more men step forward and reveal how this predator molested and blackmailed them, other charges could be filed. Of course, this will require honesty and courage from you and more of his other victims.

Here is what I'd do: I would ask my doctor for a referral to a psychotherapist who specializes in victims of sexual abuse. Then I would contact the district attorney, give an honest statement, and have that office help you locate your classmate who "almost committed suicide" to see if he will finally reveal what happened. It was not his

fault, and perhaps knowing that may help him come forward. The crimes that were committed against you both are appalling, and the perpetrator belongs behind bars.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 14-year-old guy in high school. Two of my best friends have started smoking pot before school every morning. They have asked me to join them and "do it just once." I have tried over and over to get them to stop. They say things like, "It's the best feeling in the world," and "It doesn't hurt you at all."

I know for a fact that what they're saying isn't true. But I don't want to lose them as friends. What should I do? — **JUST SAYING NO IN MONTROSE, COLO.**

DEAR SAYING NO: I

have news for your friends. Smoking pot may seem like it's the "best feeling in the world," and "it won't hurt them at all," but walking into class stoned can be fatal when it comes to paying attention, retaining information and earning passing grades.

Smoking marijuana on a daily basis is the definition of addiction. If used frequently, it has been known to cause users to lose their initiative. ("Why bother to try?") Not only should you not join them, you should quietly inform a responsible adult about what's going on. What your friends are doing is illegal, and their "harmless habit" could prevent them from earning a high school diploma.

DEAR ABBY: I am 19, going on 20. My boyfriend,

"Alex," is 28. We have been together for about two years and are completely happy together.

The only problem is Alex says he never wants to get married or have kids — ever. I have never pushed the issue, and I don't plan on marriage or kids for a long time. But am I wasting my time going with someone who doesn't want the same things as I do in the end? — **CONFUSED IN OHIO**

DEAR CONFUSED: Yes.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Donations needed for firefighter fundraiser

Venice firefighters are seeking donations of workable items in new condition for a garage sale to be held as part of a fundraiser benefiting firefighters in need, Easter Seals of Southwest Florida and Boys and Girls Club of Venice. No clothing will be accepted. To donate

or arrange for a pickup, call Steve Worobel at 423-4223 or 276-3321 or drop off donations at at Venice Fire Station 1, 100 South Harbor Drive; Fire Station 2, 200 N. Grove St.; or Fire Station 3, 5300 East Laurel Road.

The garage sale is part of the benevolent fund annual

chicken barbecue fundraiser 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 10, at the Venice Moose Lodge, 111 North Auburn Road. Tickets for dinner are \$7, \$4 for kids' hot dog and potato chip dinner. There will be children's activities, a silent auction, Chinese auction and 50/50 drawing.

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hearing a scream, he is dutifully obliged to render assistance.

Entering the room, the policeman, who by now had removed his own super-powered Taser, capable of delivering a police department's load of 12 trillion volts, ran to the aid of the damsel, who appeared to be in distress, and without hesitation plunged his own Taser into the poor guy's ribs.

My friend did survive his ordeal, and later told his wife that if he ever gets out of the psychiatric ward, he would get her some electric curlers to wear while taking a nice hot bath.

I guess he figured that was the least he could do in the name of security.

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Secondly, Yeager reads his own work on this CD, which makes it much more enjoyable but also means formulas and ideas whiz by at 50 miles-per-hour. You're going to want to either write things down (impossible when driving) or consult the paper form of this useful book.

Which brings me to the third point: I found it highly ironic that it's cheaper to buy the paperback of this book about saving money than it is to buy the audio

version. Much cheaper, in fact. Like, less than half.

Still, if you're a multitasker who listens to audiobooks while driving, this one will make you slow down in more ways than one. If you don't need the CD, definitely get the book. "The Ultimate Cheapskate's Road Map to True Riches" could set you on a great new financial highway this year.

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Venice Area Garden Club show winners named

FROM SALLY RUSSELL SPECIAL TO THE GONDOLIER

Past President of the Venice Area Garden Club Sandy Walters chaired the club's Bold and Beautiful show recently at the Venice Art Center.

The rules came from the National Federation of Garden Clubs Inc. book, which

was revised in 2007. National awards for exhibits scoring 95 or more were presented in the following categories: Designers Choice: Susan DiNapoli and Chris Doraty. Chris won the Award of Designer's Excellence (top award of the show) and the Floralia 16 Memorial Award which is awarded to the highest, most outstanding design

exhibit in Division I. Rosario Fredrickson won two blue ribbons in the Petite division; Table Artistry: Susan DiNapoli; Horticulture Excellence Susan DiNapoli; Education: Siegrid Cook for her Bald Eagle exhibit; Artistic Craft: Past President Maxine Ginn for her necklace. The Horticulture Sweepstakes Award went to Naida Atkins.

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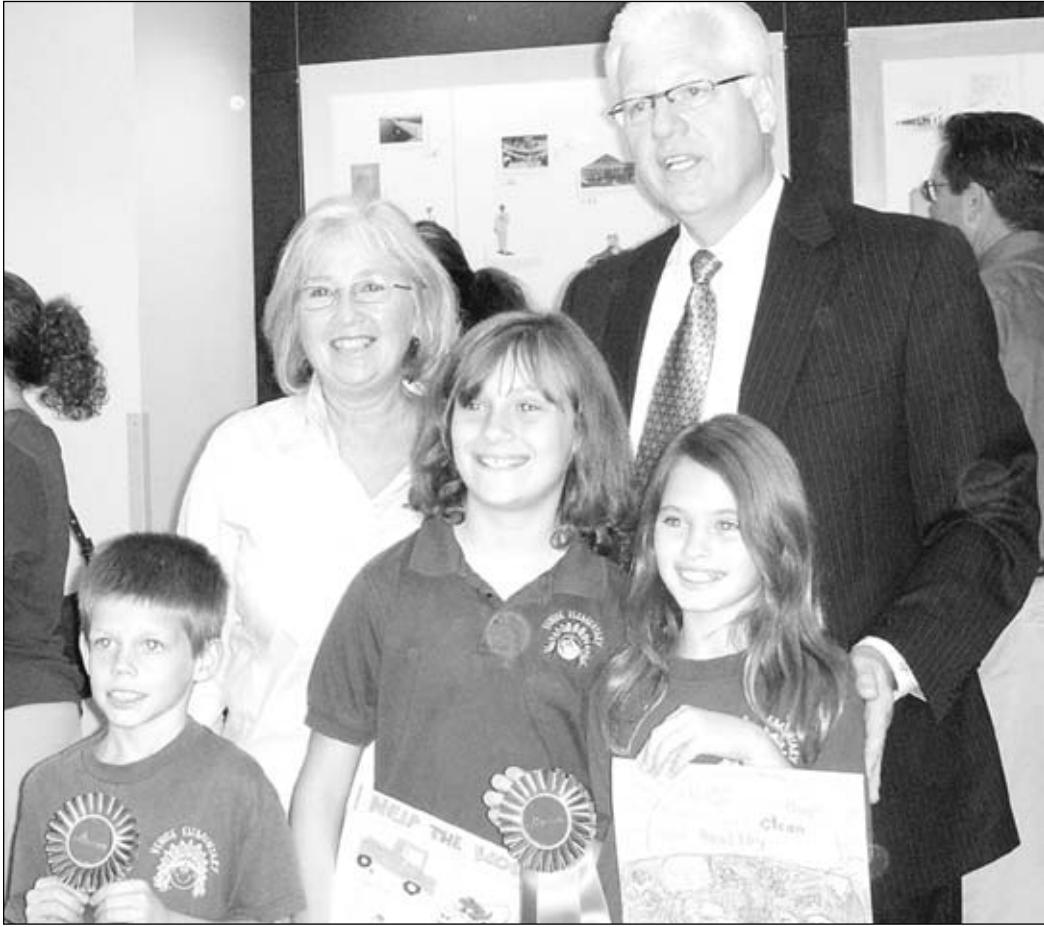
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Student art featured in 'green' calendar



SUN PHOTOS BY FRAN VALENCIC

Barbara Sirpilla, Venice Elementary School art teacher, standing at left, and Gary Norris, Sarasota county school superintendent, recognize Venice Elementary students Tali Ursel, Ethan Phillips and Emma Gallagher at a blue-ribbon ceremony honoring their environmental illustrations about the local watershed.

BY SUSAN CAIRO
STAFF WRITER

When Venice Elementary School teacher Barbara Sirpilla asked her students what they thought about creating environmental illustrations about the watershed, they first had to Google it.

"They didn't know what 'watershed' was," Sirpilla said.

Once the students discovered it is the area of land that catches rain draining into a particular body of water, they went to work on their drawings.

Every year Sarasota County holds a coloring competition and the illustrations are used for a calendar. Last year it was about water pollution; this year it the topic was, "It's your watershed."

More than 1,200 entries

were submitted from Sarasota County schools and 12 illustrations were chosen. Three of the 12 student artists were from Venice Elementary School: Tali Ursel, Emma Gallagher and Ethan Phillips.

As the students worked, Sirpilla was surprised how much they cared about saving the environment. Their illustrations demonstrate topics such as using plantings as a buffer zone and environmentally-friendly fertilizer for lawns.

"They were very sincere in their efforts, and it showed in each of the drawings," Sirpilla said.

The students whose work were chosen received recognition at a board of county commissioners meeting. Nora Patterson and Paul Mercier, commissioners and Gary Norris, school superin-

tendent, acknowledged the students and presented them with blue ribbons.

Calendars will be available in county libraries, schools and in government offices.

"The students autographed a copy of the calendar for the commissioners," Sirpilla said, "and one of them told me she felt like a rock star."

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Wednesday, Jan. 16: grilled cheese; tuna wrap; vegetarian taco salad; creamy tomato soup; carrots with dip; cherry crisp; fresh pineapple; apple juice.

Thursday, Jan. 17: spaghetti with garlic bread; hot dog; 1905 salad; steamed yellow squash; tossed salad; peaches; grapes; orange juice.

Friday, Jan. 18: corn dog;

fish sticks with corn muffin; Oriental salad; baked beans, broccoli with dip; pear; apple; grape juice.

Monday, Jan. 21: No school
Tuesday, Jan 22: crispy chicken with Pilgrim roll; Indian submarine sandwich; chef's salad with cherry muffin; turkey noodle soup; broccoli with dip; pineapple, tangerine; cherry-apple juice.

Singing for seniors



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The Kiwanis K-Kids of Taylor Ranch Elementary School sing Christmas carols at the gazebo in Centennial Park. The students gave a choral performance for the residents of Summerville of Venice, Bella Vita and HarborChase. They sang carols and delivered homemade holiday treats to the seniors.

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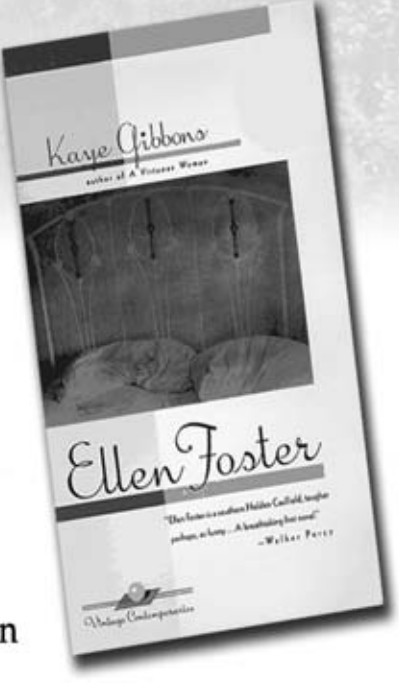
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ENGAGEMENT

Spann-Sandler

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie A. Spann Jr. of Venice, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Tamara Marie, to Jared Salvatore Sandler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick Sandler of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

The bride-elect is a 2002 graduate of Venice High School, and a 2006 graduate of the University of South Florida in Tampa. She majored in athletic training and is working on a master's of education in health and physical education at Columbus State University in Georgia. She is employed as a graduate assistant through the Hughston Orthopedic Hospital, where

she works as a certified athletic trainer at Carver High School in Columbus.

The bridegroom-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Deerfield Beach High School in Deerfield, Fla., and a 2005 graduate of the University of South Florida in Tampa. He majored in athletic training and graduated in 2007 with a masters of education in health and physical education at Columbus State University in Georgia. He is a certified athletic trainer and is the assistant athletic trainer at Columbus State University.

The wedding will take place Saturday, June 7, 2008, in Venice.



PHOTO COURTESY OF LAURA ADAMS

ENGAGEMENT

Adams-Bowden

The engagement of Laura Adams to John Bowden has been announced. She is the daughter of Carl and Kathy Adams. He is the son of John and Susan Bowden. All are of Nokomis, Fla.

The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Venice High School and a 2004 graduate of Florida Southern College in Lakeland.

She majored in graphic design and is employed by

The University of Florida as a senior art and publications specialist.

The bridegroom-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Venice High School and a 2003 graduate of The University of Florida in Gainesville. He will graduate with his Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Florida in 2008.

The wedding will take place July 19, 2008, in Venice.



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100TH BIRTHDAY

Marie LaNier

Marie LaNier, formerly of Nokomis, Fla., celebrated her 100th birthday recently at the home of her caregiver, Marla Thomas, in Port

Charlotte, Fla. Shown with Mrs. LaNier is her son, David, from Grayslake, Ill.

Mrs. LaNier was born Jan. 6, 1908.

ACADEMIC HONORS

Amanda M. Felt of Nokomis, Fla., has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester 2007 at Missouri State University.

Taylor Jais of Nokomis has been accepted into the People to People World Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C., March 31-April 6.

Cadet Casey John King of Nokomis has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina. He also earned a Gold Star for achieving a 3.7 grade point average or higher. King is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. King.

Zachary Carpenter Shippo of Venice, Fla., graduated Dec. 15, 2007, with a bachelor of science degree from Samford University in Alabama.

WORDS WORTH HEARING



By Vicki Connell, M.A., CCC-A, Certified Audiologist

Q. My husband's hearing aids "whistle" or "squeal" when he turns his head to the side or looks up. When this happens, I have to tell him to turn his hearing aid down because he does not hear it himself. Sometimes his hearing aid will whistle in church where everyone can hear it. This is so embarrassing for both of us that he no longer wears his hearing aids in church and cannot enjoy the service. Is there anything we can do to prevent the hearing aids from "whistling"?

A. "Whistling" is known as acoustic feedback and it occurs when sound from the hearing aid speaker returns to the microphone inlet creating a loop called the feedback path. This is typically the result of sound escaping from the ear canal through the earmold or through the vent. The escaped sound re-enters the microphone and is re-amplified beyond the maximum output capabilities of the instrument. The result is a loud "whistle" which the wearer and those around them can hear. Most approaches to managing feedback usually result in reducing the power (or gain) the hearing aid produces and this can greatly interfere with the wear's ability to hear clearly. New feedback management techniques can now avoid this problem. The new technology constantly monitors the hearing aid for the presence of feedback and automatically eliminates it before it becomes audible! The Audiologists at Woodmere Hearing & Balance Centers, Inc. can evaluate your hearing instruments to determine if they are equipped with a feedback management system. If you or someone you know, have hearing aids that "whistle", call the Audiologists at (941) 492-4327 in Venice or at (941) 206-2136 in Port Charlotte for more information about feedback management technology.



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WEDDING

Rogers-Pierce

Angela Lyn Rogers of Arlington, Va., daughter of Kenneth Rogers of Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Barbara Goodlett of Mountain Home, Ark., became the bride of Greg Joseph George Pierce of Alexandria, Va., Sunday, Dec. 16, 2007. He is the son of Deborah Pierce of Sarasota, Fla., and Donald Pierce of Venice, Fla.

The 4 p.m. ceremony was performed at Grace United Methodist Church with the Rev. David Scroggin officiating. A reception followed at the Venice Yacht Club.

Maid of honor was Christina Rogers of Mustang, Okla., sister of the bride. Matron of honor was Carmen Scroggin of Addison, Texas, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Lesli McCollum Gooch of Alexandria, Va.; Annette Cline Legako of Gibraltar, Mich.; Kerry Stopherd of Kittery, Maine; all friends of the bride; and Elyse Pierce of Riverview, Fla., sister of the groom.

Best man was Tino Lisel-

la of Alexandria, Va., friend of the groom. Ushers were Mark Pietranic of Venice, Fla., half-brother of the groom; and Sean Racine of Ocoee, Fla.; David Wall and Jon Fry of Arlington, Va.; and Diego Toruno of Orlando, Fla., all friends of the groom.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Russellville High School in Russellville, Ark., and a 1997 graduate of Arkansas Tech University in Russellville. In 2001 she completed a doctorate in political science from the University of Oklahoma in Norman. She is employed by the U.S. Department of Defense.

The groom is a 1998 graduate of Venice High School and a 2002 graduate of Florida State University in Tallahassee, where in 2003 he completed a master's degree in international affairs. He is employed by BCP International Ltd.

After a wedding trip to New Zealand, the newlyweds will live in Alexandria, Va.

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Alfred Mountenay celebrates his birthday with the Life History Writer's Group at the Senior Friendship Centers.

Take time for a Saturday pancake breakfast



FRAN VALENCIC
SOCIAL COLUMNIST

If you are one of those people who resolved to do new things each week in the new year, put a pancake breakfast on your to-do list.

Ruthanne Dearybury and I recently attended one at Grace United Methodist Church on Field Avenue. The event, sponsored by the Mens Club, gave us time to enjoy a delicious meal, visit and shop at the Country Store and garage sale.

We had to stand in line

for a short time but the group was so well organized the line moved quickly. A bonus was seeing my former student **Victoria Valleau**, who came along with her mom, **Kim Valleau**, enjoying a nice Saturday morning. **Joy Serino** was on hand making her rounds of neighborhood garage sales.

The Rev. **George Mumford** and the rest of the crew deserve a bravo for a job well done. The next breakfast is Jan. 19 from 8 to 10 a.m.

Book signings

Check out the Sanddollar Book Shop on the corner of Miami and Nassau avenues. Almost each Saturday at 11 a.m. and again at 1 p.m. local writers are on hand to sign their books and share ideas. On Jan. 19, **Susan Haley** and **Gordon Tucker** will be on there.

Recent authors at the

store were **Laurie Nienhaus** discussing her book, "And Then There Was Tea Time," and **Louis LaGrand**, Ph.D., who wrote, "Love Lives On."

Quilt talk

Stop in at the Women's Resource Center on Jan. 18 from 4 to 6 p.m. for a reception highlighting traditional and contemporary quilts.

Debbie Jones and **Roleen Lewis** want to show their work and discuss innovative quilting techniques including paper piecing, Bargello and fusion. Some items will be for sale.

The quilt show runs through Feb. 22. The Women's Resource Center is at 806 Pinebrook Road. Call 485-9725.

If you have "white elephants" around the house, drop them off at the center Jan. 25 through 31 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. for the sale on Feb. 1 and 2.

All elephants accepted except shoes and clothes.

One of our best

The special person of this week is **Debbie Jones**.

This nice lady has a passion for working with fabric fusing textures and colors to create innovative art. She teaches classes and shares her talents with anyone interested in learning.

Debbie Jones is one of the artists who help make Venice great.

Correction

In my column on the Venice Yacht Club's mortgage burning, I promoted several people to commodore who never held the office. The actual past commodores at the December event were Taylor MacPherson, Bill Van Cott, Marvin McFadden, John Latta and John Schultz. I apologize for the mistake.



Donna Brennel distributes a pan of carrot cake muffins at the Garden Cafe at the Venice Art Center. The mouth-watering muffins are a luncheon favorite.



From left, Karen Barra, Donna Brennel, and Amy and Haley Bareer get ready to serve guests at the Venice Art Center. This crew makes sure the Garden Cafe at the Venice Art Center runs smoothly.



Melonie and Larry Deeds wait for the start of a Venice Concert Band show at the Venice Community Center.

Right, Roleen Lewis shows off a quilted wall hanging that includes beads and lace in its composition. Lewis's work will be shown at the Women's Resource Center through Feb. 22.



Kay Schultz is ready to perform with the Venice Concert Band.



Mike Torina hangs a wall hanging at the Women's Resource Center.



Right, Debbie Jones places her wall hangings for the reception at the Women's Resource Center.

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6010 South Venice
6011 Venice
6015 Flea Market
6020 Auctions
6025 Arts & Crafts
6027 Dolls
6030 Household Goods
6040 TV/Stereo/Radio
6060 Computer Equip
6065 Clothing/Jewelry
6070 Antiques/Collectibles
6075 Fruits/Vegetables
6090 Musical
6095 Medical
6100 Health/Beauty
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