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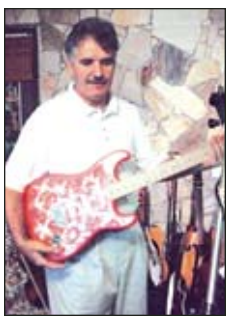

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Making the dream work

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Above, Habitat for Humanity of South Sarasota County held a wall-raising Tuesday at Garden Park in Laurel, where it is building 18 town homes. The wall panels are from Homefront Homes in Englewood. Homefront will soon become a subsidiary of the Gramatica Group, founded by Martin and Bill Gramatica, a company focused on developing environmentally neutral building components and products.

Right, Martin Gramatica, former Tampa Bay Buccaneer placekicker and part-owner of the Gramatica Group, greets a crowd of partner families, Habitat board members and staff, volunteers and service club members who support Habitat for Humanity of South Sarasota County and its mission to build safe, affordable, energy-efficient housing. The event was held at the Garden Park property in Laurel.

Council to city manager: 'write the check'

Council members order the city manger to pay *private* attorney fees in the Sunshine suit.

BY GREG GILES
NEWS EDITOR

Council Members John Moore and John Simmonds got their way Tuesday when city council voted to pay private attorney fees related to the Sunshine suit.

Moore and Simmonds hired their own attorneys without first gaining council or city approval before the city decided to represent all defendants in the case. Lang did too, but agreed in writing not to submit her attorney fees, estimated at $2,000, in order to vote on the issue, giving council the necessary quorum needed to settle the matter.

Tuesday's council agenda indicated the vote would be on

Please see **CHECK, 5A**

SUNSHINE LAW

City taps reserves to pay lawyers

BY GREG GILES
NEWS EDITOR

The same day Venice City Council debated whether to pay private attorney fees related to the Sunshine lawsuit, it adopted a budget amendment to pay $586,147 in attorneys' fees for the fishing pier litigation and other services rendered by its attorneys.

The budget amendment calls for an increase in spending of $1.84 million. Most of the increase is to cover capital projects and is funded by $1.36 million in stimulus money and state and federal grants. The remaining $482,543 will come from the general reserve fund, or what council calls its "rainy day account."

City Manager Isaac Turner said Tuesday he was pleased with the city's annual audit.

"The public can be assured that the money is being spent properly," Turner said.

Turner

Included in the budget amendment is a payment of $320,500 for attorneys who defended the city and defendants in the Sunshine lawsuit, including $98,661 to City Attorney Bob Anderson, $166,193 to Bell Roper & Kohlmyer and $3,297 to Abel Band — all from the rainy day account.

Another $265,647 was approved to pay Able Band, an outside law firm hired by the city in last year's litigation with The Pier Group, which owns Sharky's restaurant.

The city and the restaurant entered into an agreement in 2007 that included blanks where the amounts of rents

Please see **PAY, 5A**

Council reaffirms vote against hangars

BY GREG GILES
NEWS EDITOR

Despite numerous legal opinions on the subject and a likely challenge by a federal receivership who has threatened a Part 16 action with the Federal Aviation Administration, city council Tuesday voted to reaffirm its March 10 decision denying permits to build four additional hangars at the Venice Jet Center.

The jet center, once owned by Art Nadel who is in prison facing charges of investment fraud, is in receivership and the city has been inquiring how to bid on and purchase the fixed base operator. The receiver, Tampa attorney Burton Wiand, threatened to bring a Part 16 complaint before the FAA, who already sided with Wiand by directing the city to place the issue on its agenda. He also received a federal judge's OK to pursue the issue further with the FAA or any other legal means necessary to protect investor interests.

Mike Rafferty lined up hundreds of e-mails from residents to support council's original decision blocking the hangars.

Anderson **Rafferty**

Rafferty drafted the controversial alternative airport layout plan that Mayor Ed Martin first took to the FAA and which the city is now considering in its master plan review. He sent out an "e-mail tree" calling for citizen responses that referred to losing the Lake Venice Golf Course adjoining the airport to expanded protection zones. He called for another "peasant rebellion of 2007" that stopped a proposed Marriott Hotel on airport grounds dead in its tracks when residents got wind it might be the end of affordable golf on the gulf.

"The message is clear," Rafferty testified. "Do not cave into the school yard bullies. We do not want jet hangars along Airport Avenue."

Council Member John Simmonds criticized Rafferty for the e-mail campaign and others who believe there is still a plot to purchase the golf course and turn it into something else.

"It unlikely we would ever think about canceling the golf course lease," which sits on airport property, Simmonds said. "This (e-mail) went to people up north who are scared about losing their golf course. That isn't going to happen."

Resident Jim Shorefel urged council to take what he called a longer view and consider the positive economic benefit of the airport to the city.

"It provides city income through leases and such," Shorefel said. "The growth being discussed may not be properly configured, however growth is inevitable and you have to make allowances for it. The idea (for the airport) to die by negligence is not appropri-

Please see **VOTE, 5A**

Happy campers

PHOTO COURTESY OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF SARASOTA COUNTY

Kathi Cellura, left, presents a check to Paul Keim, right, unit director of the Robert and Joan Lee Boys & Girls Club of Venice, as club members Janna Goetz, Jakin McCorkle and Faith Glinatsis look on. The grant from Cellura's fund at The Community Foundation of Sarasota County will help support the club's scholarship program for summer camp.

Good morning, *Gondolier Sun* subscriber,
M. LABOUCHERE

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Florida Lottery
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CASH 3

June 8N.....513
June 8D.....630
June 7N.....621
June 7D.....154
June 6N.....743
June 6D.....405
June 5N.....961
June 5D.....462

D-Day; N-Night

PLAY 4

June 8N.....9099
June 8D.....5709
June 7N.....2127
June 7D.....0169
June 6N.....4356
June 6D.....9185
June 5N.....0789
June 5D.....2819

D-Day; N-Night

FANTASY 5

June 8.....11-17-32-34-35
June 7.....4-8-21-23-32
June 6.....2-9-16-31-36
June 5.....2-17-21-25-33
June 4.....5-22-25-26-36

Payoff for June 8

1 5-digit winner:.....$202,957.62
222 4-digit winners:.....$147
8,072 3-digit winners:.....$11
2-digit winners.....Quick Pick ticket

MEGA MONEY

June 5.....15-29-40-43
MegaBall.....4
June 2.....9-16-26-32
MegaBall.....13

Drawings occur Tuesday, Friday evenings

Payoff for June 5

1 4 of 4 + MB.....$500,000
6 4 of 4.....$1,165.50
32 3 of 4 + MB.....$479
974 3 of 4.....$46.50
1,181 2 of 4 + MB.....$26.50

LOTTO

June 6.....6-24-26-28-31-50
June 3.....5-16-26-29-41-48
May 30....11-31-34-36-43-49

Payoff for June 6

0 6-digit winners:.....$—
50 5-digit winners:.....$6,403.50
3,440 4-digit winners:....$75.50
72,409 3-digit winners:.....$5

Drawings occur Wednesdays, Saturdays

Estimated jackpot: $30 million

POWERBALL

June 6.....10-18-23-30-45
Powerball.....2
Power play.....x3

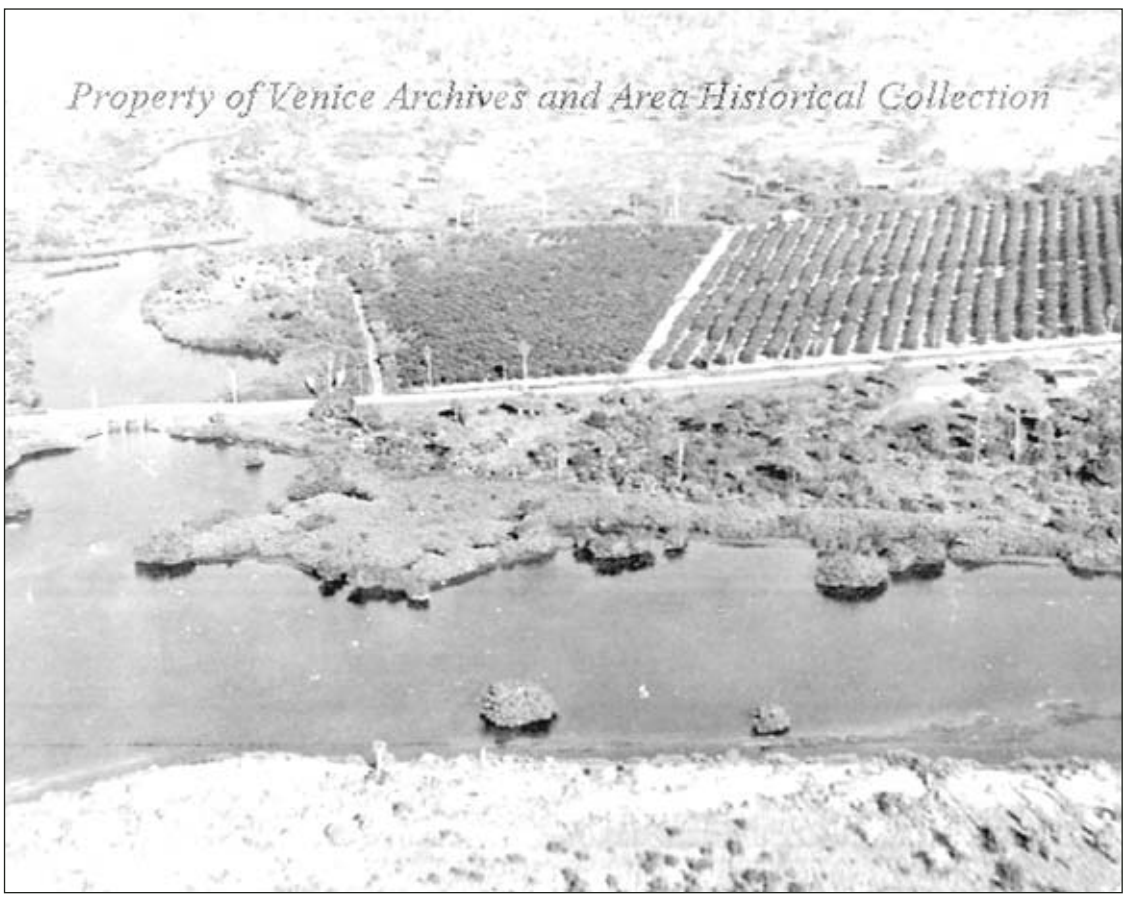
June 3.....16-20-22-32-37
Powerball.....9
Power play.....x2

Drawings occur Wednesdays and Saturdays

Estimated jackpot: $45 million ($21.9 million cash value)

BACK IN TIME

SOUTH CREEK, CIRCA 1949



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An aerial view of South Creek before the establishment of Oscar Scherer State Park and the development of Sorrento Shores, circa 1949. Catalog No. 0211. For more about 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 archaeological 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, Tuesday and Wednesday. Call 486-2487 for more information.

CITY NOTES

COMPILED BY NEWS EDITOR GREG GILES

Sink one here

The Venice Area Chamber of Commerce is interested in learning more about the recent sinking of the retired USS Vandenberg in the Florida Keys as an artificial reef.

"We are interested in how this came about and what it would take to start the process for the Venice area," wrote John Ryan, VACC president and CEO, in a letter to U.S. Rep. Vern Buchanan requesting an opportunity to discuss the idea further.

Ryan said the additional economic benefit for the city could be considerable.

Ryan said he solicited and received the support of Venice Mayor Ed Martin and County Commissioner Shannon Staub.

Service dogs OK on beaches

To make the public more aware of the access service animals have in the community, Sarasota County Parks and Recreation is installing signs at Venice area beaches to let beachgoers know that even though dogs are not allowed on the beach, a service animal is. The signs will be installed in the near future, according to the city's Public Information Officer Pam Johnson.

By law, service animals are allowed any place the public is allowed. Service animals come in all sizes, shapes, colors and even types of animals, Johnson said. They perform many functions besides helping the blind. Some are able to detect oncoming seizures, some perform duties for the deaf and some can open doors and retrieve items for people without the use of their hands.

City council actions

Venice City Council took the following actions at its regular meeting held June 9:

• Presented Venice Legacy Awards to Rollins Coakley, posthumously, and Venice MainStreet Inc.

• Heard a presentation by Tommye Barie, with CPA Associates, on the city's annual audit report for fiscal year ended Sept. 30, 2008.

• Passed Ordinance No. 2009-05 increasing the budget revenue and expenditures by $1.8 million.

• Adopted Ordinance No. 2009-07 regulating the use of fertilizer containing nitrogen and phosphorus within the city by adopting the Sarasota County fertilizer and landscape management code.

• Approved the rezoning of a 15-acre development called The Village at Venice from open-use, estate in the county to a city designation of planned unit development. It's at Hatchett Creek Boulevard adjacent to Aston Gardens.

• Adopted Resolution No. 2009-11 authorizing the mayor to participate in a local agency program supplemental agreement for landscaping along U.S. 41 Business with the Florida Department of Transportation in the amount of $35,000.

• Adopted Resolution No. 2009-12 for the execution of a local agency program agreement with FDOT for improvements at the intersection of West Venice Avenue and Harbor Drive.

• Authorized an agreement with Ceres Environmental Services Inc. for assistance with removal and recovery of debris from a major storm or hurricane. The agreement was developed with an eye on meeting Federal Emergency Management Agency requirements that will maximize reimbursement from FEMA for services rendered.

• Authorized the city to enter into a contract with PoliceReports U.S. LLC to allow accident report access via the Internet. City funding is not required.

In case you missed it

Venice City Council took the following actions at a regular meeting held May 26:

• Approved the mayor's recommendation to appoint June Wood to the Public Art Task Force to complete the term of Bonnie Kaiser, from May 26, 2009, until Nov. 30, 2011.

• Approved and adopted Resolution No. 2009-10, an application for funding to the Community Development Block Grant Program within the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and accepting funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Venice Housing Authority.

• Authorized execution of a street lighting agreement between the city of Venice and Florida Power and Light for the installation of a street light on an existing pole at 124 Indian Ave.

• Authorized the temporary closure of a portion of The Rialto adjacent to the Venice Regional Medical Center between June and November to allow for the construction of a second-story-window garbage chute. No city funding is required.

ABC-7 WEATHER

VENICE OUTLOOK

ABC-7 ALMANAC

Temperature	High	Low
Yesterday	88	70
Normal	90	70
Record	96 (1985)	64 (1967)

Rainfall	Actual	Average
Yesterday		0.00"
Month	1.19"	1.60"
Year	9.94"	15.24"

SUNRISE, SUNSET

Sunrise/set	
Tonight's sunset	8:24 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise	6:35 a.m.
Moonrise/set	
Moonrise	10:54 p.m.
Moonset	9:46 a.m.

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VENICE TIDES

EASTERN STANDARD TIME

DATE	HIGH P.M.	HIGH A.M.	LOW P.M.	LOW A.M.
WED 10	1:14		9:50	
THU 11	1:57	4:49	10:26	7:36
FRI 12	2:44	5:10	11:02	8:45
SAT 13	3:37	5:35	11:39	10:04
SUN 14	4:39	6:02		11:29

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POLICE BEAT

Belligerent defendant

A Venice homeowner called the Venice Police Department complaining that a woman wouldn't leave his residence in the 500 block of W. Venice Ave.

Officers responded and found Fallon N. Miller, 28 and homeless, showing signs of intoxication. The homeowner gave consent for the residence to be searched and officers found a spoon containing what appeared to be a blue Oxycodone pill that was being heated and liquefied.

Miller was advised of her rights and told the officer the pill was "Roxie" and that she had another one in her purse. Officers confiscated that pill.

As officers were putting Miller into the rear of the police car, she began resisting them and had to be helped into the car. She then said, "You need to bring me to the hospital because I took about 30 Roxies to kill myself."

While she was being treated at Venice Regional Medical Center, she was belligerent with officers and medical personnel. The report states that she deliberately spat on officer Ruth Terry while using racial slurs. Miller was cleared by the hospital medical staff and taken to jail. Jail personnel were advised of the threats of suicide.

Fallen was charged with battery on a law enforcement officer or emergency medical care provider, prejudice while committing an offense, grand theft motor vehicle, possession of a controlled substance and obstructing or opposing an officer without violence. Bond was set at $4,370.

Fatality

Lawrence P. Wagle, 69, of Venice died Saturday evening after riding his bicycle into the path of an oncoming car on U.S. 41 Bypass.

Sharon M. Swat, 20, was driving her SUV south on the inside lane through a traffic signal that was "solid green," according to a police report, when Wagle crossed the intersection at Galleria Plaza into the path of Swat's vehicle.

Swat and her two passengers, an 18-year-old and a 1-month-old, were uninjured.

Aggravated assault

Javier Fararoni-Munoz, 33, was arrested and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in connection with a report of threatening another man with a knife in the 100 block of Airport Ave., Venice.

A Venice police report states that Fararoni-Munoz then fled in a white SUV. When Venice Police Department officers stopped the SUV on U.S. 41 at the Circus Bridge, they found the weapon in the vehicle. The victim identified Fararoni-Munoz as the person who had assaulted him.

Officers also arrested and charged the driver of the SUV, Emanuel Fararoni-Munoz, 25, with DUI.

Stolen golf cart

Mark Campbell Grobmyer, 37, was arrested and charged with grand theft Monday at 1:18 a.m.

According to a VPD report, Grobmyer was seen riding a golf cart in the 500 block of The Rialto near Venice Regional Medical Center. When a Venice Police Department officer stopped him, Grobmyer claimed he had borrowed the cart from a friend in the 500 block of West Venice Ave. The officer found the address not to be valid. Then Grobmyer said he borrowed it from a friend at an apartment near the Church of Christian Science on West Venice Avenue. This could not be confirmed either.

Grobmyer refused to provide any further information, so he was placed under arrest and charged with loitering and prowling. Eventually, he said he took the cart from the Marker IV Oyster Bar. The owner of the restaurant requested that charges be filed.

Venice Police Department arrests

• Matthew Robert Chimelewski, 30, 600 block Substation Road, Venice. Charges: obstructing or opposing an officer without violence, loitering and prowling. Bond: $870.

• Timothy Alan Francis, 44, 600 block Guild Drive, Venice. Charge: domestic battery. Bond: $2,500.

• Sandy Lee Burley, 48, 600 block Water Lily Drive, Venice. Charge: DUI .15 or higher. Bond: $1,000.

• Mark Louis Mosser, 23, 200 block W. Miami Ave., Venice. Charge: contributing to the delinquency or dependency of a child. Bond: $500.

Sarasota County Sheriff's Office arrests

• Kenneth Ray McCoy, 33, 100 block East Palmetto Road, Nokomis. Charge: petit theft ($100-$300). Bond: $5.

• Gary Claude Westra, 29, 100 block Kenwood, Nokomis. Charge: violation of probation (uttering a forged instrument). Bond: none.

• Victoria Lord Austin, 34, 700 block Groveland Ave., Venice. Charge: battery (touch or strike). Bond: $750.

• Fernando Murillo Henandez, 29, 500 block Briarwood Road, Venice. Charge: battery domestic. Bond: $10,000.

• Leonard Whitney Jaress Jr., 100 block S. Ravenna St., Nokomis. Charge: third-degree felony grand theft ($300-$5,000). Bond: $1,000.

• Jeremy Aaron Jablonowski, 27, 300 block Azure Road, Venice. Charge: obstructing or opposing an officer without violence. Bond: $750.

• Fredy Celestino, 19, 1000 block Leland, Venice. Charge: no valid driver license. Bond: $500.

• Sherry Ann Welch, 64, 800 block S. Nokomis Ave., Venice. Charge: DUI. Bond: $500.

• Harrison Campos, 47, 2200 block Park Road, Venice. Charge: domestic battery. Bond: $7,500.

• Jane Hill, 46, 2200 block Park Road, Venice. Charge: out-of-county warrant (trespass other than structure). Bond: $500.

• Stephanie Quinn, 27, 1600 block Glendale Road, Venice. Charge: contempt (leaving scene of accident less than $50 damage). Bond: $500.

• Regina Marie Lanier, 44, 600 block North Tamiami Trail, Nokomis. Charge: violation of probation (possession of drug paraphernalia — two counts). Bond: $5,000.

• Olegas Aljanovas, 36, 5800 block Viola Road, Venice. Charge: contempt: no driver license. Bond: $2,000.

• Megan Elizabeth McGeowan, 300 block Peppertree Lane, Venice. Charge: out-of-county warrant (grand theft). Bond: $3,000.

Correction

Bill Matley is president of the Jacaranda Heights homeowners association. His last name was misspelled in a story in Saturday's edition. The *Gondolier Sun* regrets the error.

Economy has tech school humming

BY ANNE KLOCKENKEMPER
STAFF WRITER

With many struggling or out of work in this economy, technical schools are seeing increased numbers of adult students enrolling to learn new skills and enhance their employability.

Sarasota County Technical Institute is currently undergoing an expansion, both on its physical campus and in its curriculum.

"About $45 million will go to the next phases of the technical institute," said Sarasota County School Superintendent Lori White. "The construction project will utilize approximately 40 separate subcontractors, and between 150 and 200 tradesmen. That's 300 to 350 people on the project, and many of them tend to be from this area."

In addition to providing employment for local workers, SCTI is also enhancing its curriculum offerings.

"In tough economic times, people tend to retool themselves," White said, adding that some of the programs that could be added include landscape management and TV production.

SCTI previously offered horticulture classes, but dropped them due to low enrollment.

SCTI students can take classes seven days a week during all but two weeks of the year, which is helpful for those who already work during the week but still want to continue their education.

SCTI classes for adult students include architecture and construction, criminal justice, health science and a veterinary assistance program. It also offers part-time classes in accounting, computers and various health sciences, along with certifications in child care and electronics systems, as well as English classes for speakers of other languages, GED prep courses and technical programs for high school-aged students.

Adult SCTI students are able to attend during any of the four quarterly sessions, as well as a summer session through mid-August.

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Don Archer's company, Olympic Pools, is doing well in the economic downturn.

Pool business going swimmingly

BY ROGER BUTTON
BUSINEWS COLUMNIST

With companies struggling during the economic downturn, it's encouraging to find a locally owned business moving forward on its 25th anniversary.

Don Archer is not only celebrating 25 years in business, but reporting rising annual revenues for Olympic Pools, 360 South Tamiami Trail, Nokomis in the Wingate Plaza.

He came to Venice from Long Island, N.Y., in 1974 when with his family and worked with his dad and brother in their pool business. Ten years later he decided to launch his own company, setting up Olympic Pools in a small office across from Matthews-Currie Ford in Nokomis.

He began with pool maintenance. As the business grew, he added remodeling, resurfacing and retiling. The next stage was to move into pool construction.

As his kids grew up, they persuaded him there were opportunities in solar pool heaters. He expanded again with their help and continued for 15 years until they moved on and he decided he no longer wanted to climb roofs.

Olympic Pools is a full-service company, with 12 employees providing pool maintenance, remodeling and new pool construction.

For eight years he has been a board member of local and regional chapters of the Florida Swimming Pool Association.

And things are looking pretty good.

"Surprisingly, the company has managed to carry on and increase business due to our loyal customers in this economic downturn," he said.

Despite the turbulent business times, he is encouraged about several recent inquiries about new pool construction and considers it a positive sign to start the next quarter-century.

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BIZ BRIEFS

Biz Briefs features notices of business-related events and meetings, new hires and promotions, new businesses and significant professional awards, honors and achievements. Submissions should be e-mailed to bmudge@venicegondolier.com.

Youth job training available

The Suncoast Workforce Board invites young adults ages 16 to 21 from low-income families to apply for the 2009 Summer Youth Work Experience Program.

Youth will learn valuable employability skills training and gain work experience in local jobs while being paid a training incentive, which will have an impact on the local economy.

The board is also seeking employers with the capacity to serve as work experience host sites. In addition to training incentives for participants, the program covers requisite liability insurance.

The deadline for applications and employer work sites in the Venice and North Port areas is June 10. For information, the youth application and work site agreement, visit www.swdb.org.

Chamber calendar

• Venice Area Young Professionals networking event, Thursday, June 11, 5:30 p.m., Sharky's on the Pier, 1600 Harbor Drive (outdoor event — dress casual); VAYP members and first-timers free, all others $5 entry fee.

• Wake Up! Venice, Wednesday, June 17, 7:45 a.m., Venetian Gardens, 1405 Venice East Blvd.

• Network Lunch, Monday, June 22, 11:45 a.m., Pelican Pointe, 499 Derbyshire Drive. RSVP required — please note, RSVP web page is not available at this time. You must e-mail Charleen Myers, member events director, with your reservation and lunch choice.

• Business After Five, Thursday, June 25, 5:30 p.m., Venice Honda, 985 South U.S. 41 Bypass; $5 members, $10 nonmembers.

Learn about worksite wellness

Worksite Wellness: Tools and Resources that Work is the topic of the next seminar sponsored by the Sarasota County Wellness Coalition.

The presentation, led by Jennifer Robertson, M.S., exercise science and health promotion specialist, is on Wednesday, June 17, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at the Sarasota County School District Administration Center, 1960 Landings Blvd. (blue awning building), Room 221.

Robertson will address the benefits of worksite wellness programs. She will also highlight "best practice" programs locally and across the nation. Cost considerations for small and larger businesses embarking on wellness programs will also be discussed

Gulfcoast South Area Health Education Center will provide continuing education credit for licensed nurses and mental health professionals who attend and has applied for credits through the Commission of Dietetic Registration.

For more information or to register, call Ansley Mora at 361-6602 or e-mail amora@health.usf.edu.

Beach Bash

Venice Area Young Professionals holds its third annual Beach Bash Saturday, June 27, from noon to 4 p.m. at the pavilion at North Jetty Park.

The Bash features food, drinks, a disc jockey, games, contests and prizes. Admission is free for members, $5 for partnership members and $10 for nonmembers.

The deadline to RSVP is June 22. Call Michelle Ryan at 488-2236 or e-mail mryan@venicechamber.com.

Be famous

The Economic Development Corporation is accepting applications for the 2009 Hall of Fame Awards in the following categories:

• Entrepreneur — for businesses that are in their first five years of operation.

• Innovation — for businesses that have innovated through a product, service, process, technology or partnership.

• Green to Gold — for businesses that develop green products, services, processes, technologies or ways of doing business.

• Export Excellence — for businesses that currently export their product or service internationally.

• John Cox Community Partner of the Year — for nonprofit organizations.

All applications must be submitted electronically. Applications are available at www.edcsarasotacounty.com.

The deadline is June 30.

Downtown just gets hotter

KC QUARETTI-LEE
MAINSTREET COLUMNIST

While some things in Venice have slowed down with the departure of our snowbird friends, the Venice MainStreet Inc. office certainly has not.

We are continuing to shoot segments for our "Spotlight Venice" TV show, which give you on-location visits to all the hidden treasures around Venice. Every other Thursday at 9 p.m. and every other Saturday at 5:30 p.m. on Channel 21, Blab TV, are the show times.

June 11 and 13 we are featuring Eggstravaganza, Sharky's Bike Ride, and the history of Linear Park. June 25 and 27 spotlight Tampa Avenue Garden Expo, Rollins Coakley Park and a discussion of the Nolen Plan.

On June 12 and 26 you are all invited to Friday Night LIVE, our free concert series in Centennial Park from 8 to 10 p.m. Parenthesis is scheduled on the 12th and on the 26th Arch will be the featured entertainment. These concerts are a great way to get out and enjoy live music on a warm summer evening.

All Venice MainStreet Inc. members are invited to the annual meeting to be held at the Historic El Patio Hotel from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Cafe Venice is donating wine and Venice MainStreet Inc. will provide light fare for your enjoyment while our volunteer and design awards are announced. The 2009-10 board of directors will be introduced and new directors will be voted into office.

If you are a Venice MainStreet Inc. member, do please plan on attending. If you are not a member, join now and come to the annual meeting. Call the Venice MainStreet Inc. office at 484-6722 to join or RSVP.

On June 20 and 21, Centennial Park will be filled with the most amazing arts and crafts during the 14th annual June Craft Fair. This is always a wonderful craft fair, and the timing is perfect to visit the fair and enjoy a few hours downtown. Don't forget that the 21st is Father's Day, so bring dad to the fair.

Venice MainStreet Inc. has a full list of all events going on at the Venice Art Center, Venice Theatre and many more organizations on the Events page of the Venice MainStreet Inc. Web site, www.venicemainstreet.com. If you do not have access to a computer, we are happy to help you by phone. Just call our office at 484-6722 for full information on all Venice events.

We are starting to organize events for the 2009-10 season and beyond. If you would like to lend a hand or help organize an event, promotion or even our newsletter, we would love to hear from you.

The first fall event being organized is our Iron Chef Fundraiser. This is a competition between Venice restaurants that was a huge success last April. If you are an "Iron Chef" fan, why not join the group planning this super fun event? Just give us a call at 484-6722 and we will get you started.

Are you receiving the Venice MainStreet Inc. monthly newsletter? If not, call the office and we will put you on our mailing list. The newsletter is filled with information on new shops downtown, upcoming events and will keep you up to date on your downtown.

KC Quaretti-Lee is executive director of Venice MainStreet.

Investor 'sharks' seek budding entrepreneurs

ROGER BUTTON
BUSINEWS COLUMNIST

Do you have the next great money-making business or idea? ABC TV's new reality series "**Shark Tank**," by **Mark Burnett**, producer of "The Apprentice" and "Survivor," will feature budding entrepreneurs, inventors, businesspeople, dreamers, promoters, creators and innovators.

Casting is looking for people with top-notch, lucrative business ideas who are financially unable to get them off the ground.

They will be evaluated by investors — the sharks — whose goal is to find new enterprises to sink their teeth into.

E-mail SharkTankCasting@yahoo.com with your name, age, contact information, a recent photo (no larger than 1 MB) and a brief description of your business idea.

Casting calls will be held in Orlando and in Los Angeles, Chicago and New York.

Another player for Tervis

Major League Baseball team logos now adorn **Tervis Tumblers** following the company signing a licensing agreement. The new MLB tumblers are available from all four company stores throughout the state, including 928 South Tamiami Trail, Osprey.

Founded in 1946, Tervis Tumblers has experienced unmatched growth during the past 10 years. Call 966-8614.

Public welcome

Compton Cramer and **Richard Bond**, owners of **Cramer Honda of Venice**, invite the public to join Venice Area Chamber of Commerce members for the ribbon-cutting opening of their new business, 985 U.S. 41 Bypass, across from their Cramer Toyota dealership.

The ceremony is on June 25 at 5 p.m. and is followed by the chamber's Business After Five event, for which there is a small charge. Call 486-8888.

Stein Mart staying

Good news for Venice comes in a report from **George Huhn**, commercial and residential Realtor now with **Coldwell Banker**, 331 W. Venice Ave.: **Stein Mart** has renewed its lease for another five years as business flourishes in the Venice Marketplace Shopping Plaza at Center Road and U.S. 41 Bypass.

"In the light of today's retail environment, this is very encouraging for Venice," said Huhn. Call 441-7079.

Design a frame

Celebrating 26 years as a Venice island business, **David** and **Leah Sherman**, owners of **Collectors' Gallery & Framery**, 114 S. Nokomis Ave., are organizing a frame design contest starting June 15. Entry is free with a discount on purchases.

Entrants can design their own frame or pick a combination from 1,000 store frames. Prizes are gift certificates of $100 from the gallery, $50 from **Seaside Chic** and $25 from **Erlenbach Studio**. Judges are **Peaches Haas**, **Melissa Searle** and **Janice Riordan**. Call 488-3029.

Island Insurance opens

"We're three local gals who have got together to start our own business to serve this community," said **Cherie Curtis**.

Donna Barasch, **Melanie Gearhart** and Curtis operate **Island Insurance Agency**, 645 E. Venice Ave., across from Bogey's Restaurant.

A full-service office, they offer home, car, boat, life and health insurance, specializing in Medicare supplements.

"We represent several companies and should be able to find anyone any type of coverage," said Curtis.

Both she and Barasch are Venice High School graduates. Barasch has 21 years' experience in insurance and Gearhart has three years. Curtis was a hairdresser for 11 years before moving into office management. Office hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays. Call 244-9575.

Florist acquired

Ron Kesserling, owner of **Nokomis Village Florist**, 303 South Tamiami Trail, Nokomis, has retired and his business has been acquired by **Phil** and D**ebby Phelan**, owners of **Always An Occasion Florist**, 249 S. Nokomis Ave. on the island.

The Nokomis location is now **Always An Occasion Village Florist**, with **Nancy Hull** overseeing arrangements. **Lori Bell** and **Lisa Smith** operate from the island store with the Phelans.

Faith, not face

Well, I have egg on my face this week. Last week I wrote about the move to downtown of **Puttin' on the Ritz**, 205 S. Nokomis Ave. Business owner **J. Robin Perkins** had said "faith-based salon" and I misinterpreted it as "face-based salon."

Editor's Note: Service and product information in this column should not be taken as an endorsement of the business.

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and other revenue were supposed to be listed. The city sued, and later settled by approving a new agreement that filled in the blanks and extended the contract another 25 years.

The Able Band payment comes from a "miscellaneous revenue" fund that saw a one-time infusion of $2 million last year when the city moved from a city-run group life and health plan to a state-sponsored plan.

More expenditures

In all, 27 additional projects were funded this year beyond the $67.7 million budget approved last year.

Additional planning and zoning department projects paid for by the reserve fund include:

• $80,000 from the reserve fund to pay for consultants to the comprehensive plan.

• $31,000 from the reserve fund to pay for consultant Slavin Management (planners).

Additional projects paid for by the miscellaneous revenue fund:

• $158,405 to complete sidewalk and final asphalt paving at Willow Chase.

• $13,925 from monies provided by Althea's Restaurant to pay for right-of-way improvements.

"The public can be assured that the money is being spent properly."
— City Manager Isaac Turner

Additional projects paid with grants:

• $455,000 from a state FDOT grant (stimulus funds) for intersection improvements at Venice Avenue and Harbor Drive.

• $150,000 from a Swiftmud grant for stormwater improvements for the planned Ruscelletto Park.

• $142,527 from a WCIND grant to purchase a police boat and equipment.

• $90,226 from a community grant to Venice Housing Authority for administration and food banks.

• $24,506 from a community grant to Venice Housing Authority for administration.

• $20,000 from a park fines/handicap access fund to design a bus shelter.

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ate."

In remarks that followed council appeared more interested in avoiding more legal battles — that is, until City Attorney Bob Anderson gave yet another legal opinion on the matter. This time it was one to council's liking. Anderson said on numerous occasions the jet center had a valid lease, which council members were looking to void due to more jet traffic and Nadel's involvement in an alleged ponzi scheme.

Upon reflection, Anderson said he now believes Wiand, the receiver, has no standing in his bid to force the city to issue hangar building permits simply to enhance the value of the jet center. Wiand said he needs the building permits to maximize its value when the jet center is sold to settle investor claims.

Anderson said the current jet center and Wiand said there are no current plans to build the hangars, there are no offers before them to purchase the jet center, and even if there were there's no telling if a potential new owner would even be interested in building the hangars, or if a new owner would entertain building the hangars in a different location.

"It's all conjecture — pure speculation — at this point," Anderson said. But, he warned, don't be surprised if you see a Part 16 complaint filed within the month. While a Part 16 FAA challenge isn't technically a lawsuit, it will require legal experts to review the city position and defend it before the FAA.

With that, council voted 5-2 against rescinding their previous action that denied the building permits. Council Members Vicki Noren Taylor and John Simmonds voted against the motion.

Council members directed the city attorney and city manager to meet with Wiand to see if there is any common ground left.

"It's worth talking to him," Martin said. "Maybe we get it (a Part 16 complaint), maybe we don't."

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County parks wrestle with loss of revenue

BY CAROL SAKOWITZ
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Managers of county parks and recreation systems in the area continue to be challenged by the need to maintain their customary level of service for park users, despite decreases in revenues and county funding.

Park system managers say they realize the importance of free or low-cost activities for resident families who have suffered during trying economic times. However, those activities may be modified or dropped as incorporating budget cuts into an already-strained system is likely to continue into fiscal year 2009-10.

A poll released recently by the Associated Press and GfK Roper Public Affairs & Media says the number of vacationing Americans will be down this summer. The survey also says 12 percent of those planning a trip say they will stay in their home state, 20 percent say they will stay closer to home, and 23 percent say they plan to save money by staying with friends or family instead of at a hotel.

Volunteers also are crucial to the parks and recreation system in Sarasota County, according to John F. McCarthy, county parks and recreation general manager.

"It's the one area that makes Sarasota County shine," McCarthy said. "(They're) utilized so many different ways — they're an essential part."

McCarthy said there is only one nonprofit group for all of the county parks — Friends of Sarasota County Parks. FOSCP has five committees on which members serve, according to the group's Web site, www.foscp.org. Three — fundraising, grants writing and gift giving — are finance-driven. The other committees are publication and Web site, and local friends groups.

Some members, who have a particular park they like to service, join a local friends group. Others serve in a variety of capacities. The feedback they provide, McCarthy said, "makes the park system better."

As an example, a few weeks ago, the FOSCP was called upon to assist the combined group of county youth sports leagues in the preparation and procedures for writing funding grants. Other examples of local friends group activities include offering tours, hosting fundraisers and helping in local park maintenance and office work.

Sarasota County's preliminary property valuation will be announced Monday. A budget update given earlier this year by county officials speculated that there would be a $29 million to $36.5 million shortfall.

Last year, county commissioners utilized the county reserve fund to bolster the budget. This year, there are less reserve funds to pull from.

This year's parks budget, which was adopted at almost $19.7 million, had a midyear adjustment down to $19.3 million.

Next fiscal year, the parks and recreation department has a baseline budget of $13.1 million. Parks maintenance by the operations and maintenance division is budgeted for approximately $6.4 million.

But not all reductions are a result of the reorganization, he said.

"The reality is this … the money is not there," McCarthy said. "(But) we're not cutting back for the sake of cutting back."

The parks department is contending with possible reductions from $235,913 to $1.57 million. McCarthy said the parks and recreation system is being evaluated constantly. Things that "don't make sense" are abandoned.

"To me, it's more about looking for opportunities for improvement," he said. "I'm inspired by reduced revenues. How can we do things better?"

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process only, but after twice turning down the alternative of hiring a special master to make the decision, the body decided to "bite the bullet," as Mayor Ed Martin put it, and order its city manager to simply pay the bills.

City Manager Isaac Turner at first refused because a city policy exists that requires any expenditure over $100,000 receive council approval. He said Tuesday he would sign the checks if council gave that order.

At first City Attorney Bob Anderson objected to making the payments also, saying it would inflate the amount the plaintiff, Anthony Lorenzo, would receive when the matter of awarding plaintiff's attorney fees comes before a Twelfth Circuit Court judge in September.

On Tuesday he changed his position and said that was no longer a concern.

Moore put up a fierce campaign over the past three weeks to convince fellow council members to pay the private attorney fees, saying it was their duty to make the decision. He also said it was unnecessary to hire a special master because city code is "mandatory and self executing" when it comes to a requirement to pay legal fees incurred by employees and those serving on city boards who are sued while conducting city business.

The policy, however, doesn't address the issue of paying fees for private attorney hired by employees or board members on their own without prior approval.

Venice Neighborhoods Coalition President Gary Budway criticized council for paying the fees. He said the city lacks proper procedures to protect city expenditures.

Lamar Matthews, who represented Moore, testified it was unnecessary to pay a special master another $25,000 to review the fees when any number of attorneys could handle the matter at little cost. Jeff Boone, who represented Simmonds, agreed with Matthews and said it could be done in a week.

Council voted down 6-1 Council Member Vicki Noren Taylor's original motion to hire a special master to analyze and decide how much the city should pay.

A second motion to have an outside attorney (Anderson called it the same thing as a special master — an attorney reviewing the bills) failed on a 2-2 vote, with Ernie Zavodnyik and Noren Taylor voting against.

Finally Martin urged a council vote on actually paying the bills. It passed 3-1, with Noren Taylor voting against and Lang, McKeon and Zavodnyik voting in favor.

Martin, Moore and Simmonds abstained because of voter conflict since each would benefit financially from the decision, although Martin has yet to submit his bills which he estimated at $20,000.

In separate action (see related story City taps reserves, page 1), council passed a budget amendment earlier in the day authorizing payment of $320,500 in attorney fees to Hall and Anderson, Abel Band, and Bell Roper & Kohlmyer related to the lawsuit (those that weren't privately hired by individual council members but appointed to represent them by the city).

They also approved payment of $265,647 for fishing pier litigation to Abel Band, bringing the day's total authorization of attorney fees to $886,147.

Still unsettled is remaining attorney fees that have yet to be submitted, and how much the plaintiff will ultimately receive from the city in attorney fees and expenses.

That comes before Judge Robert Bennett the week of September 20, and could amount to more than $1 million.

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OUR VIEW

Counties need to ensure public beach access

The idea that seashores should be public dates back to the ancient Romans, who recognized the economic need for all citizens to have access for fishing and navigation.

Emperor Justinian put the rights in writing in 530 A.D., and the following rules were established: "By the law of nature, these things are common to all mankind: the air, running water, the sea and, consequently, the shores of the sea."

The legal wrangling over that concept continues to this day, according to Erika Kranz, who wrote a Florida Bar Journal article this month titled, "Sand for the People, The Continuing Controversy Over Public Access to Florida's Beaches."

From sea to shining sea in this country, private interests are pulling away public rights to access while populist movements are pushing back. In New Jersey and Oregon, Kranz writes, the "public trust" doctrine has been expanded.

Not here, though.

In Florida, the Supreme Court has focused on case-by-case issues without establishing wider — or possibly lesser — public rights. The state Constitution ensures access to wet portions of the beach, which has created the so-called wet-sand policy, but the law becomes more vague the farther you get from the water's edge. The question of "no trespass" signs and barriers can be tricky.

Kranz noted that the state Legislature failed to pass a bill this year that would have clearly established public rights to the dry beach and prevented private restrictions. In any case, Kranz questions whether our courts would have upheld it.

Until the state establishes broader rights and the court OKs them, we will continue to see the matter played out in individual court cases. This is bad business; it's expensive and harmful to the public good.

We see the problem on Manasota Key, where a motel owner has continually fought public access across the beach in front of her property, and in Sarasota County at Point of Rocks beach. Most landowners willingly share their portion of paradise, but some will push the limits.

Sarasota County commissioners may do something about it this year. They recently voted to consider an ordinance that could declare the right to public access, prohibit private landowners from obstructing the public right of way and forbid "no trespassing" signs. It's an excellent idea, based on a code on the books in Volusia County.

Commissioners were reluctant to wade too far into these waters due to the possibility of legal fights. But the county ordinance makes sense, if for no other reason than it establishes a clearer guideline for law enforcement.

That has been a sticking point in Charlotte County, where the sheriff's office is frequently called to Manasota Key to settle disputes. Charlotte deputies have been told that citizens can sit on the sand only if their feet are in the water, a policy that may not even jibe with current state law. It's confusing and harmful at a place so reliant on beach tourism and public recreation.

We encourage Sarasota to follow through with an ordinance clarifying the public's rights. Charlotte commissioners need to do the same. We all deserve sharper guidelines and clearer rights to a public resource.

Ideas, please

BOB VEDDER
PUBLISHER

Isaac Turner, Venice's new city manager, is looking for a few million dollars to balance the budget and needs your help.

How would you like to take a new job and have as one of the first orders of business having to cut staff and the budget? Wow, what a way make friends and gain confidence among employees.

To complicate the issue, council members would prefer to not raise taxes, as has been the policy for the last 15 years or so. They would hate to ruin the string of no increases. Of course, they have done a great job of raising fees, which is another name for taxes.

So we need to help Isaac with some ideas.

One that seems to be working for a lot of businesses — Channel 7, for instance — is to have the entire payroll take a 10-percent cut in pay. That, by the way, would include council members. I'd guess that would solve the problem by garnering $5 million — end of story. If the city only did 5 percent, we could get something like $2.5 million. That way we would not cut any services and the employees of the city would be treated like most of the employees of other businesses.

You know that all the council members (includes the mayor, of course) have said they want to run the city like a business, so here is their chance. The union might be a problem, but it might rather not lose jobs, too.

But if the city can't get around a union challenge, then maybe it could have all salaried workers take off a day a month without pay. That is something the *Gondolier Sun* has done for a few months. Certainly this would meet the citizens' desires — no new taxes, no lost service.

However, those ideas might not be feasible, so then we have to go after other costs. For a while the city has talked of going to one pick-up day for trash and recycling, as is done in the county. Or maybe we should look at contracting out trash pick-up. It can't hurt to get a bid.

Maybe we need to look at consolidating fire services with the county. Likely there is some saving to be had there. It is nice having our own, but maybe in tough times that is a luxury we cannot afford.

We could cut services — stop mowing medians so often, as the county has done. I don't think any of us wants that.

The city could go to an automated phone system, as it did before. That was a bad idea the last time it was tried, losing the personal service we all want.

We could stop having so many lawsuits that would save us likely millions. For some reason I don't think that is going to happen either.

There are a lot of solutions, but almost every one of them nobody wants to do. I would meet with every employee group and brainstorm ways to cut costs. That likely will save a lot and involve the people who can make change happen, making them feel that they are a part of it.

Forward your ideas to Isaac or me.

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By's Crack: A little incompatibility is the spice of life, particularly if he has the income and she is pattable.

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The tough economy affects everyone, including foundations. Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice has laid off or retired several people (five is the number I have heard) to help bring its costs closer in line with its giving and assets.

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John Ryan, the chamber president, often has good ideas, and this week he floated his latest. He noticed that the naval ship the USS Vandenburg, which was just sunk off the Florida Keys, was designed to help protect reefs and promote eco-tourism. He thinks that would be great for Venice.

He found out that none other than Sarasota

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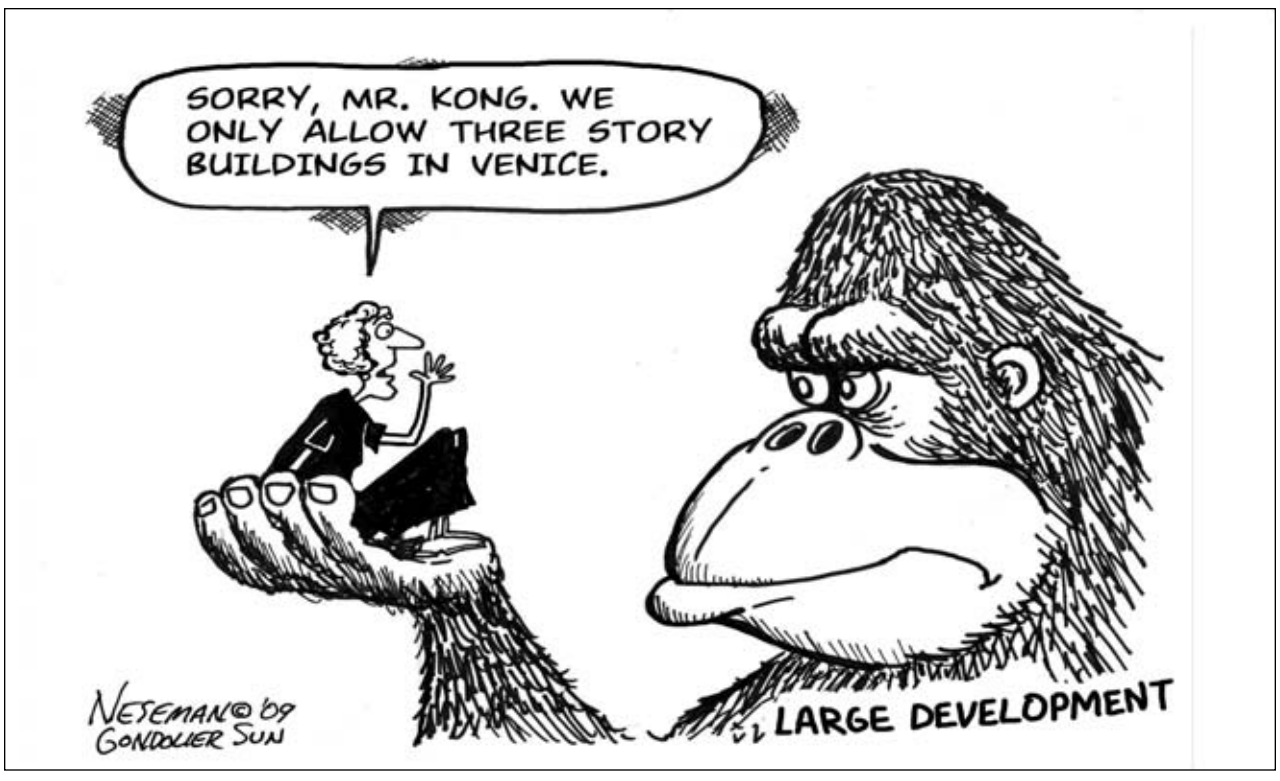

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Pleasant memories of a cop encounter

Editor:

After reading the article by Brooky Brown about officer Dave Aker, I recalled this same officer teaching 17 students a driving course, Basic Driver Improvement.

I received a traffic ticket at a cost of $156 and was required to attend a driving school for a fee of $25. I was in no mood to listen to anyone telling me, a driver since 1956 with a record of no accidents for a million-plus miles, how to drive safely. Well, Officer Aker convinced me and the class that we had a lot to learn about good judgment and good attitude to be a good or better driver.

His affable and knowledgeable demeanor created an atmosphere of learning. The film presentation, coupled with Officer Aker's natural and astute teaching ability, opened our eyes and mind to a better understanding of good adult driving, as opposed to a poor childlike attitude.

I'm glad I attended this course and had a most natural teacher. The acronym FIDO (forget it, drive on) will be unforgettable and perhaps save lives.

This course would be beneficial for all drivers more than 70 years of age. The city coffers would be enhanced and driving citations reduced.

Venice High and the Venice police are very lucky to have an invaluable teacher and officer.

Keep up the good work, Officer Dave Aker.

William T. Bystry
Venice

Play by the rules or leave

Editor:

If you are going to stay here, start observing our current traffic laws. I'm sure they are similar to your laws up north.

Here are the dos and don'ts:

Stop for red lights, stop signs and pedestrians in all crosswalks.

Pedestrians, stop jaywalking and use the crosswalks; they are there for your convenience and safety. And stop cutting through the center median plantings; they can only take so much abuse. Isn't that why you're here, because of the ambience? Please keep it that way for your next visit.

Drivers, start observing the "Slow traffic keep right" signs on the U.S. 41 throughway (no matter what your speed is). And those solid white lines at the intersections mean stay in your lane. It's the law. I don't think even the DOT is aware of it. Regardless, if you have solid white lines on either side, or both, you must stay there.

And for heaven's sake, if you are using your lane-change signal (which is rare indeed), it does not give you license to cut someone off (which happens all too often). And you know what to do with that distracting cell phone.

If none of this impresses you, you can go east on East Venice Avenue, Laurel Road or State Road 681 to I-75, turn left and boogie on out of here.

Jack Aland
Venice

Earmarks are financial poison

Editor:

I noted with interest the back and forth regarding Rep. Vern Buchanan.

Though the arrogance of the Dems allowing no debate on — not even reading — the multi-trillion-dollar stimulus bill loaded with 9,000 pork-stuffed earmarks and then the $410 billion continuing resolution containing another 8,500 earmarks, is reprehensible, I would ask Mr. Buchanan if he had any earmark pork in either of the bills regardless of how he voted.

An article written by Jon Thaxton and Larry Allen indicated "that earmarks help fund badly needed local projects," patting Mr. Buchanan on the back for his efforts in getting the listed earmarks.

No cost estimates were provided and the projects at best seemed to be of the "would be nice to have if we had the money" type.

A member of Congress recently said it best: "These earmarks are for things we don't really need to be paid for with money we don't have."

Irresponsible spending — earmarks, the business-as-usual, "you scratch my back, I'll scratch yours" system — is the reason Congress is bankrupting us, our children and our grandchildren and their children with, according to the Congressional budget office, multi-trillion dollar debt.

Who can defend earmarks — hidden in bills and undebated — shamefully driving our once great country to its knees?

Elizabeth Brownlie
Nokomis

Moved by man and story

Editor:

I'd like to personally thank you for the beautiful story by John McCafferty and the layout in your paper, the *Venice Gondolier Sun*. I assure you that all who attended the Frey event at the Venice Public Library were moved by this remarkable young man and Mr. McCafferty's fine story.

It is, indeed, fortunate when a community is represented by a publication like the *Gondolier Sun*, which values the works and concerns of local folks' events and accomplishments as well as the renowned.

We in South County are indebted to you and your talented staff and writers. Thank you.

Susan Haley
Nokomis

Freedom is in the air

Editor:

Fellow Venetians who have little to do with (or little regard for) our airport might wonder why we pilots fly.

Some pilots fly for

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LET 'EM HAVE IT: WHICH CITY SERVICES WOULD YOU DO WITHOUT IN ORDER TO BALANCE THE BUDGET? CALL 207-1111.

Bicycles are vehicles, too

Stop it. I would like to make a comment about all the bicyclists who are complaining. I live on South Venice Boulevard not far from Heron Road, and there is a stop sign on that street. I've seen 17 to 20 bicyclists that don't stop there. They fly through and don't even bother looking to see if somebody is coming at them. So what's going to happen? Are drivers going to be charged if they hit one of these bicyclists? It's just not right. As they say to the drivers, if there's stop sign, they should stop. The law is the same for bicyclists.

EDITOR'S NOTE: A bicyclist was killed in South Venice June 6 because, according to a police report, he ran a red light at Alligator Drive and rode into the path of an oncoming vehicle on U.S. 41.

Crazy. The firefighters are back on 41, impeding traffic in the rain. Who has to die to get these guys from soliciting in the middle or roads and intersections? It's just crazy.

Bye-bye, Charlie. What does a captain shout to his crew when it is apparent that his ship is in peril of sinking? Abandon ship! Well, Charlie, you are doing just that. Why don't you take your whole crew with you? Then maybe we can right the ship and get a captain and crew to work for the people in the state of Florida instead of their own money-scheming goals.

Consideration. Let's talk about the size of the pictures on the back page. Today they seem a little bit bigger, which is nice, but you go to page 6B in your Our Town section and the lady with the asparagus hat — really, we didn't need a big picture.

That could have been 4 by 6. And then Bob, the cat, on 9B could have been a 4 by 6 picture. Bob doesn't buy the newspapers.

I know you're trying to promote adoptions. And this lady in Michigan — I'm not interested in her hat. I would be interested in seeing some of the people around town and the people who buy your newspapers. So, let's be considerate of the subscribers and give them the big pictures.

Clean it up. I've lived in this area since 1956 and never have we had the thing we have today — a three-person coalition running the city of Venice. In that coalition, they're not doing what they're required to do, to start with. So what happens with that — someone comes in and sues them. The attorneys want their money at $2.5 million and another thing in the city of Venice is coming in at $2.5 million, which makes it $5 million stuck on your tax rolls.

We've got enough people who have just about lost their home and they don't need this. There should not be a coalition in this thing. We need to do something to clean this up. The best thing to do is that they should leave and pay some of their bills as they go.

Wrong side. I think you should move Mary Ruppel's column from the left side of the page to the right side, where her politics lean. Just who writes a left-leaning article in this paper? We're not all rich Republicans here, you know.

The best? I'd like to comment on your writer, Mary Kay Ruppel. Surely in the city of Venice we could find a better writer than Mary Kay Ruppel.

VEDDER from Page 6A

County's state representative, **Doug Holder**, sponsored the bill to get this done. John is hoping Doug will do the same for his own district (I figured maybe Doug forgot he had moved from the east coast to the west coast.) This is a great idea.

Jim Clinch, Venice funnyman, suggested instead that we take a mothballed aircraft carrier and haul it off Manasota Beach in 30 feet of water and sink it to become the new Venice Airport.

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Today's Ism: A reporter asked golf legend Jack Nicklaus how he got around the course so well. Jack said, "The holes are numbered."

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In the last 10 years, Venice has been able to have Fourth of July fireworks thanks to the Sertoma Club of Venice providing money to the city to supplement its funds. It has been a great display every year off the South Jetty.

Sertoma Club members stand in front of Publix stores (thanks for its help) on the weekend to collect a good portion of the $10,000 needed. Many people and businesses have stepped up to help on their own by just sending a check made out to the Sertoma Club of Venice. If you can, please send money to P.O. Box 621, Venice FL, 34284-0621.

Thanks; it will make a difference.

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The cuts in the schools are hitting every school. Venice High, for instance, has lost one of its very capable assistant principals, **LaShawn Houston**. Luckily, she is being placed at another school. Venice likely will lose 100 kids this year, which translates to several teachers and, likely, support staff.

On the good news side, Venice High had more kids graduate from the new Ready to Work program than any other high school. This is a testament to being at the cutting edge, as it has been with Small Learning Communities.

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I was glad to see the Venice Taxpayers League come out against paying the legal fees of those council members and others who chose not to be represented by the city's attorneys. That fits its main mission, to save the city's money.

If I were **John Moore**, I would likely not ask for full reimbursement but at the amount the city attorney charges. Instead of $250 an hour, which his attorney cost, I would ask for $175, as the city attorney charges.

While I don't agree with paying, this is what I would do to compromise. This approach has more logic to it than asking for whatever rate an attorney charges. Why not $400 an hour? Where does it stop?

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Bumper sticker: Save the males.

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

City budget means tough choices

ISAAC TURNER
GUEST COLUMNIST

As the city begins its budget process for the coming year, like other entities, businesses and individuals, it looks for ways to sustain its business through a difficult and unpredictable time.

For the past month, department heads have been shaping and reshaping their part of the budget in order to accomplish their goals with less funding.

Finance Director Jeff Snyder will coordinate our city's efforts to complete the task of developing a recommended budget for city council's consideration, to be delivered in July. In August, Venice City Council will begin its budget workshops. Public hearings will take place in September, with a balanced budget approved by the beginning of the next fiscal year on Oct. 1.

With taxable values continuing to diminish by more than 13 percent and revenues less than what they have been in past years, this will be no easy process.

Obvious options to achieve a balanced budget include reducing expenditures, raising taxes (and other revenue), reducing services and reducing personnel. Seventy-seven percent of the general budget is personnel-related. After all, service is what the city provides.

I have asked all employees to participate by suggesting ways we can reduce expenditures. No one has suggested that increasing taxes or reducing services is an answer.

Unfilled positions continue to be scrutinized for elimination. While layoffs are possible, the city is aware that layoffs affect the entire community because each individual salary is circulated multiple times in the local community before it goes outside the community.

As you can see, there are no easy solutions.

The staff is looking forward to the challenge of balancing these concerns, while finding creative ways to continue to provide the citizens of Venice with the best possible municipal services. We invite your participation in this exercise.

Isaac Turner is Venice's city manager.

LETTERS from Page 6A

business. Some fly for a living for the airlines or charter companies.

Some are students learning their art. Some look upon aviation as a hobby.

By far, the vast majority of us fly for one overriding reason — in a word, freedom.

There's an old saying: "Build a mile of road and you can go a mile; build a mile of airport runway and you can go anywhere." It's absolutely true.

Did you know that a typical mid-level single engine airplane can carry four people and bags the equivalent of 225 road miles in one hour on about 15 gallons of gas? That's about 15 road miles per gallon.

More important to the pilot and his passengers is the saving in time — one hour in the airplane versus three-plus hours by car … each way.

All of this freedom does necessitate an airport, just as a road trip necessitates highways, interchanges and the attendant infrastructure.

That's why the Venice Municipal Airport is so important to those of us who are working to preserve this iconic Venetian landmark for future generations.

The next time you happen by the airport or see an airplane landing or taking off, think about why we fly.

Like I said, it's about freedom. Come to think of it, isn't that what the United States of America is all about?

Chuck Schmieler
Venice

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MR. SHEEPSHEAD
COLUMNIST

Have rod, will travel

School's out and the young fishermen know the secret spots.

If you see them with lures attached, they probably are going to get on a trail or go to an out-of-the-way pond, slough, creek or lake.

A friend rode his bicycle nearly 2 miles looking for one of these spots the other day and found a slough off of the Myakka River but didn't have his fishing rod. What he saw were keeper mangrove snappers and huge largemouth bass. He said some bass were probably double digit.

It was a low tide and he guessed the reds and snook go there with the rising incoming tide. I think I'm a bit too old for the long ride, especially if a strong storm comes. He said he plans on going again and will fillet the fish on the spot.

This made me think about how many times I've seen young fishermen on their bicycles with fishing outfits. The problem is, most of the time they keep their fishing spots a secret as they go on posted ponds and lakes. They know that the worst thing that can happen is getting kicked off. If it were us, we would have some problems.

In February, a young fisherman told me about a huge sheepshead he caught, but it was on private property in a creek in Port Charlotte. He knew the owner but couldn't get permission for me to go with him. After sending me a few pictures, I could see they were big sheepies.

Oh, to be 17 again.

Well, fellow Sheepsheadites, the time has come to say goodbye until next week.

Mr. Sheepshead is Dave Hack. Contact him at 486-1998, 321-8849 or mrsheepshead@verizon.net.

LITTLE LEAGUE — COUNTY CUP

Confusion ends Lawyers' season

BY PERRY D. PENTZ
SPORTS EDITOR

Confusion and drama took center stage during County Cup action on Monday at Twin Lakes Park in Sarasota.

The Lawyers, who are Venice's lone survivor in the Little League Tournament, were scheduled to play the Rays of North Port at 7 p.m. in the sixth round of the consolation bracket.

Rain early in the day had the fields underwater so Lawyers manager Troy Gager tried to find out if the game was still on.

After not getting in touch with anyone, Gager called Sarasota County Parks and Recreation, which maintains the fields.

"I called Sarasota County Parks and Recreation and was told by David Worden (operations manager) that the fields were unplayable and closed," Gager said.

Gager has an e-mail confirming this fact.

"I checked their (Central Sarasota County Little League) Web site and they didn't have anything about a postponement so I kept checking it," Gager said. "When I didn't see anything, I called a coach from the North Port Twins to see if the Rays were heading here. This was at 6:30 and he said they were headed to Twin Lakes. I drove up to see if they were playing and found out they were so I called all the kids on our team."

After getting mixed information, the Lawyers scrambled at 6:45 p.m. to put a team together.

Tournament officials gave the Lawyers until 8 p.m. Monday to get their team ready to play. When not enough players showed up to field a team, a forfeit was ruled.

"It's just tough this late in the tournament," said County Cup director Steve St. Pierre, who also updates the Web site. "It stinks. I wish again they wouldn't have called the county. I certainly see both sides of it."

With parents and players crying, Lawyers manager Troy Gager protested the decision.

"I think it is really unfair," Gager said. "They (CSCLL) told me Parks and Rec can't close the fields here but they can close them in Venice."

"Generally for our games we tell them to check our Web site," St. Pierre said. "The county apparently said they closed the fields. They never contacted us to tell us they were closed. We came out here and they weren't lined or anything so we did it."

SUN PHOTOS BY PERRY D. PENTZ

Lawyers' Noah McClennahan slides safely back into third base after a throw by the Coastal Properties catcher was too late during County Cup action on Saturday at Twin Lakes Park.

Lawyers' Ruben Velez delivers a pitch against Coastal Properties of Englewood in County Cup action on Saturday at Twin Lakes Park. Velez got the win and had seven strikeouts.

Gager had his players ready to play on Tuesday against the Rays but that idea was squashed.

CSCLL president Tim Cavanaugh left the decision to play up to the Rays coach, whether he wanted to play the Lawyers or receive the forfeit and play the next round.

"He told me if I could get the Rays coach to play (on Tuesday) then they would play it," Gager said. "I called the Rays manager and he said, 'I don't want to play you.'"

Lucille Vaillancourt-Kreider, who according to Gager is Worden's boss, spoke to league officials late Tuesday in an attempt to persuade them to allow the Lawyers to play since the fields were supposed to be closed and the teams played (Monday) without county permission.

Cavanaugh told her the decision was made and they weren't going to let the Lawyers play.

The decision has players on the Lawyers upset and disappointed.

"They (the kids) are all bummed out," said Gager, who said his phone has been ringing constantly. "Half of our team is 12-year-olds and to have their last game end in a forfeit is not right. What is this teaching the kids?"

Lawyers 7, Coastal Properties 5

The Lawyers scored four runs in the third inning to overcome a 3-1 deficit en route to a 7-5 win over Coastal Properties of Englewood on Saturday afternoon in the consolation bracket fifth round at Twin Lakes Park in Sarasota.

The Lawyers, the only Venice team left in the County Cup, took a 1-0 lead in the first inning. With two outs, Tyler Rickert was hit by a pitch. Noah McClennahan singled up the middle to move Rickert to third base. A wild pitch scored Rickert.

Coastal Properties grabbed a 3-1 lead by scoring three runs in the bottom of the first inning. With one out, two batters walked off Lawyers pitcher Ruben Velez. Christian Kunkle followed with a three-run home run over the centerfield

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SPORTS SHORTS

BASEBALL

VENICE NO-VEL POST 159 WINS TOURNEY: The Venice American Legion No-Vel Post 159 was declared co-champion of the 2009 Comcast Invitational over the weekend at the Charlotte Sports Park in Punta Gorda.

After losing its first game to Riverview, 1-0 on Friday, Venice came back amid numerous rain delays on Saturday and Sunday win three games.

Venice and Cape Coral Mariner were declared co-champs after the semifinal round concluded too late. The final was set for Charlotte Sports Park stadium.

On Saturday, Venice defeated Fort Myers Bishop Verot, 2-1 and Bayshore, 4-3 and came back on Sunday for a 4-1 win over Palmetto in the semifinals.

Joe Iorio allowed just one run in four innings while Aaron Rhodes pitched three scoreless innings in Venice's win over Palmetto.

Against Bishop Verot, Brent Krauss allowed just one run in five innings while Brett Swikle got the save with five strikeouts in two innings of relief.

Against Bayshore, Josh Boyle picked up the win.

Strong hitters in the tournament for Venice were Iorio, Rhodes, Carlwyn Ortiz and Alec Stiver.

Post 159 plays at Port Charlotte at 5 p.m. Thursday and returns to

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City Cup champions

SUN PHOTO BY PERRY D. PENTZ

Members of the Masonic Lodge Little League team show off their trophy and medals after capturing the Minors City Cup championship with a come-from-behind 6-5 win over Sertoma on Friday night at Chuck Reiter Complex.

GOLF RESULTS

LAKE VENICE GOLF CLUB
April 6
MGA Quota Points: John Covert, Gene Brown, Al Capps +4; Glen Zingler, Sal Vitanza, Jim Nestor +2; Nick Blackwell, John Dimlich, Don Hummel +1. Individuals-Zingleer +7, Don Nixon +7, Moe Marceau +5.
April 7
Independent League Scramble: Jim Gately, Jim Schneider, Bud Campione, Sal Degon 67; Bob McNeil, Matt McNeil, Gilles Bertrand 69; three teams tied at 70.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Volleyball camp at Pine View School

Pine View School is having open gym for volleyball players on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-8:15 p.m., June 10 to July 15.

The 12 sessions, which started June 8, are for middle school and high school ages. The camp will focus on one hitting skill each night for 30 minutes then matches the rest of the night.

Forms are available at the door and cost is $109 if the athlete has played club, middle school or high school volleyball. Two courts will be set up each night.

For more information, call Gary Halbert at 928-3433 or Joe DiGiacomo at 232-5626.

Touchdown Club holding golf tournament Saturday

The Venice Touchdown Club is holding a golf tournament to benefit the Venice High football team on Saturday, June 13, at Plantation Golf and Country Club.

The four-person scramble will begin with a 8:30 a.m. shotgun start and costs $80 per golfer or $320 per team.

Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place with a 50/50 drawing and raffle prizes as well as closest-to-the-pin and longest-drive competitions.

Lunch will be provided and hole

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fence.

In the third inning, Velez and Garrett Gager walked. A wild pitch moved the runners to second and third base. Rickert singled up the middle to score two runs. McClennahan followed with a two-run home run over the left-center field fence to give the Lawyers a 5-3 lead. It was McClennahan's second home run in as many nights.

The Lawyers added two runs in the fourth inning. Tyler Tornese walked and Casey DeJohnge was hit by a pitch. After a flyout and strikeout, three consecutive wild pitches scored Tornese and DeJohnge.

Velez, who got the win, settled down after the first inning. In the bottom of the fourth inning, Coastal Properties got its first two runners on base and eventually scored on an error. However, more damage was avoided as Velez ended the inning with two strikeouts and a groundout.

Velez finished with seven strikeouts in 4 1/3 innings.

Coastal Properties scored a run in the fourth inning but only scored one run as Tornese pitched out of the jam.

In the bottom of the sixth inning, Tornese got the final three outs including two by strikeout.

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April 8

Ladies 9-Holers Even Holes: B: Joan Noone 11, Dot DeJohn 13, Phyllis Sullivan 13; C: Mary Roberts 13, Carol Cerwinski 14, Lucille Steen 15.

Women's 18-Holers Low Putts: A: Linda Haines 25, Poppy McDonald 26, Sylvia McDonald 31; B: Jeanette Wilder 32, Del Wilson 32, Joanne Tocco 33; C: Grace Babcock 30, Doris McManis 30, Evelyn Neal 30.

April 11

MGA Points plus Hndcp.: A: Bob Saladin 42, Fran Marki 41, Gary Snyder 39; BL Dave Musselman 44, Gene Paltrineri 42, Charlie Flinkstrom 42; C: Carl Dufresne 43, Casey Deignan 43, Roger Bellehumeur 41; D: Henry Allain 41, Rod Hines 40, Bob Austen 39.

April 13

MGA Quota Points: Gerry Chascin, Jim Stortz, Alex Simon, Moe Marceau +2; Rich Nicholas, Nick Blackwell, Jim Marble, Ken Cholson -2.

April 15

18-Hole Women's Low Net: A: Freda Miller 66, Jan Cade 72, Linda Haines 73; B: Jeanett Wilder 69, Joanne Tocco 69, Shirley Kovarik 76; C: Arlene Malcomson 71, Pat Zingler 73, Sandy White 77.

Ladies 9-Holers Throw Out Par 3's: Maria Lytton 33, Louise Drouin 38, Shirley Krebiehl 39; B: Joan Noone 36, Dot Hakman 36, Lois Rodger 40; C: Carol Sanders 40, Carol Cerwinski 40, Joan Turner 40.

April 18

MGA Low Net: A: Bill Crozier 65, Moe Marceau 67, Al Rockey 68; B: Ted Watson 65, Sam Teitsma 67, Jim Eagleston 68; C: Bob Wood 67, Sal Vitanza 68, Earl Legge 70; D: Doug Williams 72, Bob Copas 72, Frank Wolcott 72.

April 20

MGA Quota Points: Bill White, Chuck Stevenson, Glenn Zingler, Rich Nicholas +7; Gary Poole, Dan Kilbane, Farrell Harding, John Covert +5. Individuals-Gerry Chascin +10, Bill White +6.

MYAKKA PINES GOLF CLUB

March 23

MGA 1 BB of 4: Three teams tied at -11.

Hole-In-One: Pete Bellini aced the 187-yard, 7th Hole (Red) with a 4-wood. Witnesses were Tom Barber, Bill Barber, Dick Bellini.

March 25

All-Stars Team Quota Points: Dave Filkins, Ted Gill, Stan Grover, George Vogt +9; Larry Wagner, John McCormick, John Snyder +5.

New Englanders Team Quota Points: Lee Huegen, El Sawtelle, Jim MacKay +7.

March 26

9-Hole Ladies Low Gross: A: Mona Bergl 45; B: Brenda Truedeau 51; C: Dora Clark 50; D: Grace Shontz 57.

18-Hole Ladies Low Net: A: Olwyn Simpson 63; B: Jo Holker 63; C: Jan Huegen 64; D: Barb Bartlett 66; E: Mary Ann Soenen, Tamara Racette 64 (tied).

Hole-In-One: Sally Johnson aced the 160-yard, 3rd Hole (Red) with a 3-wood. Witnesses were Tamara Racette, Dot Beyer, Marie Moore.

March 27

Men's Shootout Quota Points: Eric Bremner, Bev Donaldson, Ron Gagne, Mike Papin +20; Gary Palmer, George Randall, Kip Tibbetts, Bob DeCotis +18; Harry Batchelder, Gene Scorse, Bob Shoud, Nick Motlowitz +16.

March 28

New Englanders: Lee Huegen, Tom Heilman, Dick Machas, Tom Murphy +14; Dick Newcomb, Jack Bennett, Bob O'Brien +10; Bill Riley, Jim Reid, Harry MacPherson, Bill Allen +3.

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sponsorship is available.

For more information, call John Mussone at 716-8160.

Sarasota Scullers summer camp for teens

The Sarasota Scullers is holding a rowing camp for teens ages 13 to 16 in three different sessions over the summer.

The registration deadline has passed for session one, which will be held June 15-26. Session two is July 6-17 with registration deadline June 26.

The final session is July 20-31 with registration deadline July 10.

All camp sessions meet 7:45-11 a.m. Monday through Friday.

Two locations will be offered: Blackburn Point Park, 800 Blackburn Point Road, Osprey, or Nathan Benderson Park, 2500 Honore Ave., Sarasota.

Cost is $225 per person with a limit of 30 campers per session.

All rowing equipment and professional coaching and instruction are included. Campers should bring water, snack, sunscreen, hat/visor, bathing suit, sunglasses, towel, dry clothes, aqua socks or Teva sandals.

For more information, call 366-2244 or visit the Web site at www.sarasotascullers.org.

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Venice for a 5 p.m. Thursday game against Braden River.

SENIOR SOFTBALL

Wednesday Night Senior Softball League

STANDINGS (as of June 3)

EAST DIVISION

Palmer Ranch Travel	2-0
Affordable Tree Service	2-0
Jay & Dean Auto Repair	1-1
Critter Ridge Landscaping	0-2
Builders Specialties	0-2

WEST DIVISION

Peluso Air	2-0
Tu Be Computer	2-0
Flanagan's	1-1
WGACA Trainers	0-2
Rugs As Art	0-2

June 3 results

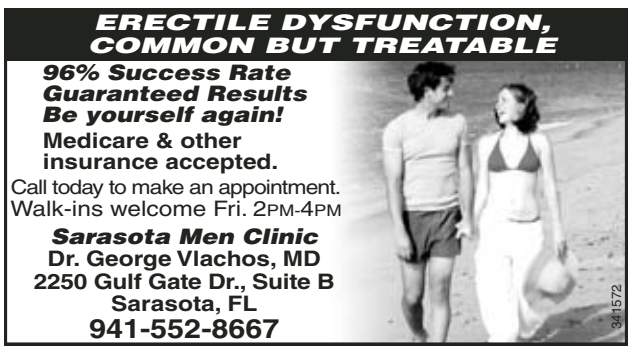
Palmer Ranch Travel 17, Builders Specialties 15

Peluso Air 25, WGACA Trainers 8

Tu Be Computer 19, Critter Ridge Landscaping 16

Affordable Tree Service 25, Jay & Dean Auto Repair 24

Flanagan's 15, Rugs As Art 10



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DANCES, FOOD AND MORE 3B SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED 8B VENICE ART CENTER HOLDS EXHIBITION 12B

He plays the pain away

BY KIM COOL
FEATURES EDITOR

Dave Dexter was a scratch golfer and a successful yacht broker until 1987 when his car was rear-ended on U.S. 41 near his home in South Venice. He was waiting to make a turn when the other driver hit his car and injured Dexter's back.

The good thing that resulted from the accident is that Sarasota County Commissioner Shannon Staub had a sign erected warning people about that turning lane.

The bad news was that Dexter's life would never be the same.

He had back surgery to repair the damage from the accident and was told he would be playing golf in three weeks.

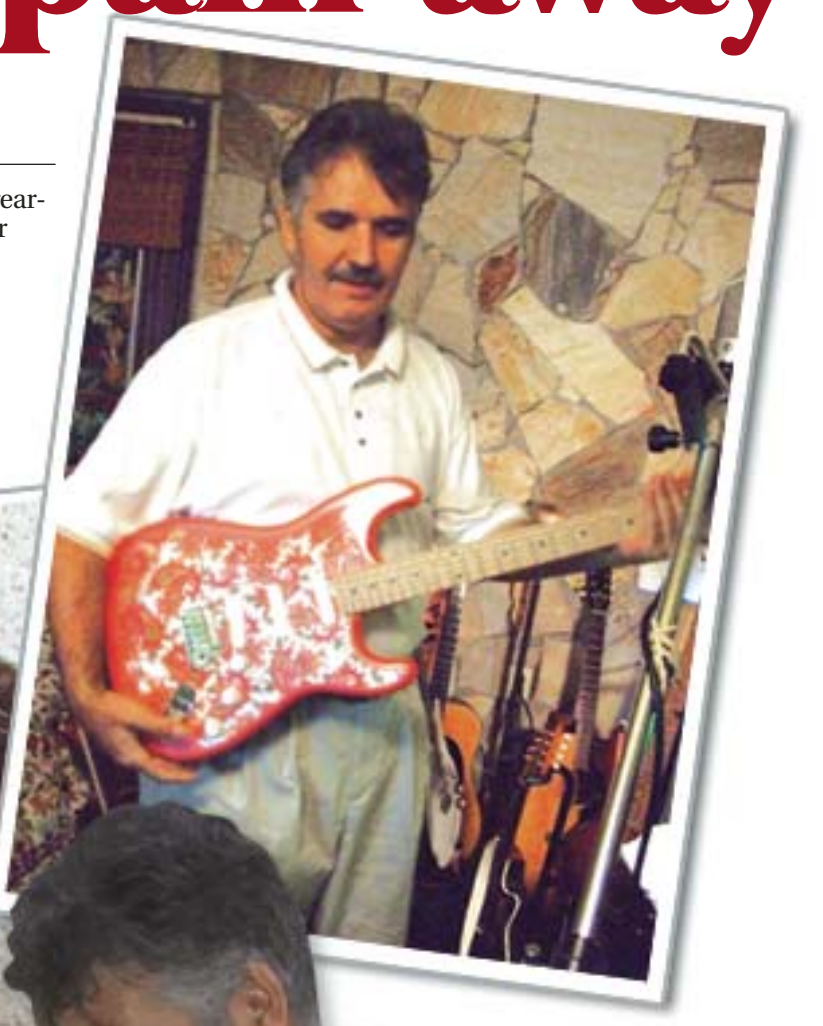
Instead, he needed additional therapy.

Then came the diagnosis that scar tissue from the surgery was tangled with the nerves in his back. Neurosurgeons told him that if they operated to remove the scar tissue and hit a nerve, he would be in a wheelchair the rest of his life.

They gave him prescription drugs to handle the pain, but the medications came with side effects.

Dexter spent nearly three years in bed.

Racked with pain and unable to do much at all, it would have been easy to end it all.



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"Suicide ideation can be a side effect," he said. "The side effects are as bad as the pain."

Dexter said some of the pills exacerbate such thoughts.

"If you have thoughts of suicide, consult a pain psychologist," he said. "Pain won't kill you. You can learn to deal with it, and there are doctors and medicines that can help you."

William Morgan is his main doctor.

"I can't say enough about him," Dexter said.

Morgan helps Dexter balance medications and introduces specialists as needed.

Nothing can erase the pain. The only way for Dexter to have some sort of a normal life was to learn to live with the pain and to find something constructive to do with his time.

Hot tub therapy seemed to help and, in the hot tub, he was able to do limited exercises. Friends helped him improvise a new golf-swing exercise for the hot tub.

Like father like son

"My father was a polio victim when he was 3," Dexter said. "At 12, he took his brace off his leg, put on his shoe and decided to walk to school. From that day on, even though he fell a lot at first, he never used a cane."

Dexter was only 12 himself when his father died, leaving his wife and young chil-

Please see **PAIN, 2B**

Venice resident Dave Dexter deals with constant back pain from a failed surgery by taking medication and pursuing a variety of interests to get his mind off the pain. At right, he is shown on his practice putting green at home. Above right, he holds a guitar he made. Above center are the pills he must take daily, and above left, he is shown next to a paddle wheel boat in his driveway.

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National Nursing Home Week

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From left, Venice Mayor Ed Martin proclaimed May 10-16 National Nursing Home Week in a presentation to Village On The Isle administrator Elaine Boyer and director of nursing Kristy Tolley at a celebration at Village On The Isle on May 15.

At Venice Art Center

COURTESY PHOTO

Jan Marshall, of Venice, stands near her first photograph accepted by the Venice Art Center for its show on May 29, "Hot Wheels on Water" at Sarasota Bay.

LIBRARY BRIEFS

Venice Public Library
300 S. Nokomis Ave.
Venice, FL 34285
861-5000

Opera in the Afternoon

Jim Orville will bring you great operas on Thursday afternoons this summer. Hercules Della Rocca will offer commentaries for some of the selections. All showtimes for the operas are at 1 p.m. The films are: June 11, "The Barber of Seville" (2005) by Rossini featuring Maria Bayo; June 18, "La Gioconda" (1986) by Ponchielli starring Placido Domingo and Eva Marton; June 25, "Tannhauser" (1995) by Wagner featuring Rene Kollo and Nadine Secunde; and July 2, "Sadko" (1994) by Rimsky-Korsakov and featuring the Kirov Opera and Orchestra.

French Club

On Fridays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., if you have a basic knowledge of the French language and wish to practice those skills, then you are invited to attend weekly meetings of the VPL French Club. The group practices French conversation during the first hour followed by reading from French literature and current topics during the second hour. No registration necessary. New members are always welcome.

Gardening questions answered

Every Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to noon bring your gardening questions to Venice Public Library and receive help from the friendly experts of the Sarasota County Extension Service.

Youth Services

DIAL-A-STORY: Dial 486-2330 and enjoy a two-minute fairy tale for children (5-10 years). The story is changed every week.

Tot Time: Wednesdays, 10-10:45 a.m., for ages from infant to 3 years old. Play with toys and then listen to a story.

Tuesday summer events

Preschool Storytime will be transformed during the summer into Tuesday morning family events. On June 16, Mr. Jim's Stories and Sherry Jenkins Fun Face Painting. On June 23, Manners Fun will be offered. Two students will perform a skit demonstrating good and bad manners. Call the library for times.

Be Creative @ Your Library: Summer Reading Fun

Reading for prizes takes place through July 31. Register at the youth desk through June 30.

Tuesday Family Films

Tuesdays at 1 p.m., films based on children's books are shown; June 16, "The Magic Gourd."

American Girls Book Club

Book discussions, crafts and related activities, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Fridays through June 26. To register, call the youth desk at 861-1348.

New books at Venice Library

1. "The Complete Game: Reflections on Baseball, Pitching, and Life on the Mound" by Ron Darling (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2009).

2. "False Economy: A Surprising Economic History of the World" by Alan Beattie (New York: Riverhead Books, 2009).

3. "How Sex Works: Why We Look, Smell, Taste, Feel, and Act the Way We Do" by Sharon Moalem (New York: Harper, 2009).

4. "The Match King: Ivar Kreuger, the Financial Genius Behind a Century of Wall Street Scandals" by Frank Partnoy (New York: PublicAffairs, 2009).

5. "Raising Kids for True Greatness: Redefine Success for You and Your Child" by Tim Kimmel (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2006)

6. "Showing Up for Life: Thoughts on the Gifts of a Lifetime" by Bill Gates Sr. (New York: Broadway Books, 2009).

Jacaranda Library
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Chess at the Library

Novice to master, everybody plays chess at the library Sunday, June 14, 1 to 4:30 p.m..

Baby Rhyme and Sign Time

This program, Tuesday, June 16, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m., is geared toward babies from infant to 24 months. The 45-minute program includes nursery rhymes, songs, baby sign language, a book and playtime. Space is limited. Older siblings are welcome.

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dren with three businesses to run and the will to succeed no matter what.

Using his father as an example, Dexter decided to redo his life.

Even if he could never work again, he still wanted to cut his dependency on pain medications as much as he could, because of the side effects, and to regain some quality of life.

He was 45 when he reinvented himself.

While he would likely never play a full round of golf again, he didn't want to waste his knowledge of the game. He came up with the Dave Dexter, Get Down in Two School for youngsters.

"The kids think the driver is king," he said.

He set up a putting course in his front and side yards and, for a donation to another of his many projects, he teaches children how to be successful putters.

Unable to do anything for very long, Dexter has several interests that occupy his mind, give him some much-needed exercise and accomplish some good.

Doing something good for others is what that other project is all about. He wants to start a Lionel Train museum at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

Do unto others

"That was my father's No. 1 charity," Dexter said. "Phase one is to get Lionel collectors to donate trains." Then he hopes they and others will contribute to the cost of creating a space at the hospital where the trains can be set up for young patients to enjoy them.

He spends hours on the computer working on that project.

Still, there are times when he cannot sit at the computer or even walk around his small putting area and must be in bed resting because of the medications and the constant pain.

Even confined to bed for a few hours, he manages to accomplish things. His house has several mirror frames he has created from sea shells friends have brought to him.

Music soothes the soul

And most of all, there is his music and his guitars. He fashions decorative guitars, which he sells on the Internet. He also plays guitar, sings and writes songs. He has played guitar since he was a youngster, encouraged by his father, although at that time his father told him to find something else to do to earn money.

His first CD, "Dave Dexter, My Words, My Music," came out this past year and has been selling around the world, thanks to the Internet.

"It has gone global," he said with pride.

The music and the CDs are made in his former garage turned recording studio. Dexter said he has received a lot of help from Troll Music in Venice in promoting his guitars and music. The company even sells his CDs for him. Another friend taught him about selling on eBay.

"We all have our crosses to bear," he said. "Man plans and God laughs. My advice to those dealing with pain is to find something else to occupy your mind."

Retired on a Veterans Affairs pension and limited in what he can earn, as well as being physically limited, Dexter practices what he preaches.

Heal thyself

Because of the accident and living in constant pain for the past 14 years, Dexter has learned to live in a way he never planned.

He has learned to set the alarm for 3 a.m. to take a pain pill so that when he gets up a few hours later he won't be in quite so much pain.

He's learned that just because one is physically disabled, it is no reason to give up.

"You cannot transfer pain," he said. "Your family and friends will never understand how bad it is and why it can't be fixed.

"Your doctor's job is to help you manage the pain. Your job is to find a way to live productively with the pain."

He hopes to inspire others to follow his example.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

Volunteer training
Time: 9 a.m.
Where: Venice Art Center, 390 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice
Notes: To sign up to volunteer at the Venice Art Center, call or stop in and meet Tonya Sauppe.
Call: 485-7136
Link: www.veniceartcenter.com

Women's Sailing Squadron
Time: 9 a.m.
Where: Venice Yacht Club, 1330 Tarpon Center Drive, Venice
Call: Penny Washburn, 966-3100
Link: www.bitterendsvenice.com

Kayaking safety
Time: 8:30-11 a.m.
Where: North Jetty/Snake Island
Cost: $40
Call: Terry Brawley, 960-5505

Peer counseling
Time: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Where: Women's Resource Center, 701 Center Road, Venice
Notes: Peer counseling is available every weekday.
Cost: $5 donation
Call: 485-9724
Link: www.thewomensresourcecenter.org

Kiwanis Club meets
Time: 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m.
Where: American Legion, 1770 E. Venice Ave., Venice
Cost: $10
Call: Beverly Miller, 484-7394

Watercolors with Walter
Time: 10 a.m.-noon
Where: Woodmere Park, 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice
Cost: $20
Call: 861-5000

Evening book club
Time: 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Where: Jacaranda Library, 4143 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice
Call: 861-5000

Venice Archives
Time: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays
Where: Historic Triangle Inn, 351 S. Nassau St., Venice
Notes: Open to the public two days a week for the Archives & Area Collections Museum. Personal research may be arranged by calling James Hagler, director.
Call: 486-2487

Club food
Time: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Where: Venice-Nokomis Elks Lodge, 1021 Discovery Way, Nokomis
Call: 486-1854

DAV dinner
Time: 4-8 p.m.
Where: Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 101, 600 East Colonia Lane, Nokomis
Cost: $5
Call: 488-4500

Bingo
Time: 6-8:30 p.m.
Where: American Legion, 1770 E. Venice Ave., Venice
Call: 488-1157

Game day
Time: 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Where: Venice Art Center, 390 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice
Call: 485-7136
Link: veniceartcenter.com

Euchre, bridge
Time: 6-7:45 p.m.
Where: Jacaranda Library, 4143 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice
Call: 861-5000

Karaoke
Time: 7 p.m.
Where: Eagles Aerie No. 3482, 621 East Colonia Lane, Nokomis
Call: 484-4470

Senior beach walks
Time: 8:30-10:30 a.m.
Where: Nokomis Beach Pavilion, 100 South Casey Key Road, Nokomis
Notes: This self-guided beach walk starts at the plaza.
Cost: $1 one-time fee for a one-mile walk
Call: 861-5000

Shuffleboard
Time: 7 p.m. Wednesdays; 9 a.m. Mondays and Fridays
Where: Hecksher Park, 450 W. Venice Ave., Venice
Call: Bill 586-5889

Venice Sailing Squadron
Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Where: Venice Community Center, 326 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice
Call: 412-3222

VFW Ladies Auxiliary dinner
Time: 5-7 p.m.
Where: VFW Post 8118, 832 E. Venice Ave., Venice
Cost: $7
Call: 484-8118

Friends of Shamrock Park
Time: 10 a.m.
Where: Shamrock Park Nature Center, Venice
Notes: A talk about the Florida scrub habitat will be at 11 a.m.
Call: 375-3846

Republican Club of South Sarasota County
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Where: Venice Area Chamber of Commerce, 597 South Tamiami Trail, Venice
Notes: There is a social, a speaker on a current topic of interest and a light lunch. On June 10, state Sen. Nancy Detert will provide an overview of the latest legislative session in Tallahassee.
E-mail: filipkowski4law@aol.com

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

Money management
Time: 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Where: Women's Resource Center, 701 Center Road, Venice
Notes: Sandee Rains, financial adviser, provides tools and techniques for taking control of one's money.
Cost: $5 members, $8 nonmembers
Call: 485-9724
Link: www.thewomensresourcecenter.org

Wiser ways for better living wondershop
Time: 1-4 p.m.
Where: Women's Resource Center, 701 Center Road, Venice
Notes: Judith Bingham helps women to identify what they want out of life.
Cost: $5 members, $8 nonmembers
Call: 485-9724
Link: www.thewomensresourcecenter.org

'The Taming of the Shrew' opens

Dates/times: June 11-13 at 8 p.m. and June 14 at 2 p.m.
Where: The Players Theatre, 838 North Tamiami Trail, Sarasota
Notes: William Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew" kicks off the Players Theatre's Summer Sizzler Series.
Cost: $18 adult, $12 student
Call: 365-2494
Link: www.theplayers.org

Venice Area Young Professionals meet
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Where: Sharky's On The Pier, 1600 South Harbor Drive, Venice
Notes: This is a casual networking event for 21- to 40-year-old working professionals in the Venice area. VAYP is part of the Venice Area Chamber of Commerce.
Cost: VAYP members and first-timers are admitted free; $5 for nonmembers
Call: 488-2236
Link: www.venicechamber.com

Dance with Harmony band
Time: 7-10 p.m.
Where: Venice Community Center, 326 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice
Notes: BYOB. No reservations.
Cost: $5
Call: 567-6723 or 497-3227

Tin Can Sailors meet

Time: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Where: American Legion Post 159, 1770 E. Venice Ave., Venice
Call: 497-1050, Bob Schwartz

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

Free concert in the park

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Time: 8-10 p.m.
Where: Centennial Park Gazebo, downtown Venice
Notes: Featured band is In-Parenthesis, with local Pine View students, sponsored by Venice MainStreet.
E-mail: venicemainstreet info@verizon.net

Employment success class
Time: 10:30 a.m.-noon
Where: Women's Resource Center, 701 Center Road, Venice
Cost: $5 members; $8 nonmembers
Call: 485-9724
Link: www.thewomensresourcecenter.org

Career counseling
Time: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Where: Women's Resource Center, 701 Center Road, Venice
Notes: Career adviser Ania Morris offers one-on-one appointments to help with employment resources.
Cost: $5 members; $8 nonmembers
Call: 485-9724
Link: www.thewomensresourcecenter.org

Peer counseling
Time: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Where: Women's Resource Center, 701 Center Road, Venice

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Swimming classes
Summer swimming classes are being offered at the South County YMCA. For class details, stop in at 701 Center Road, Venice, or call 492-9622.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Please call or e-mail location to confirm the date and time prior to attending an event.

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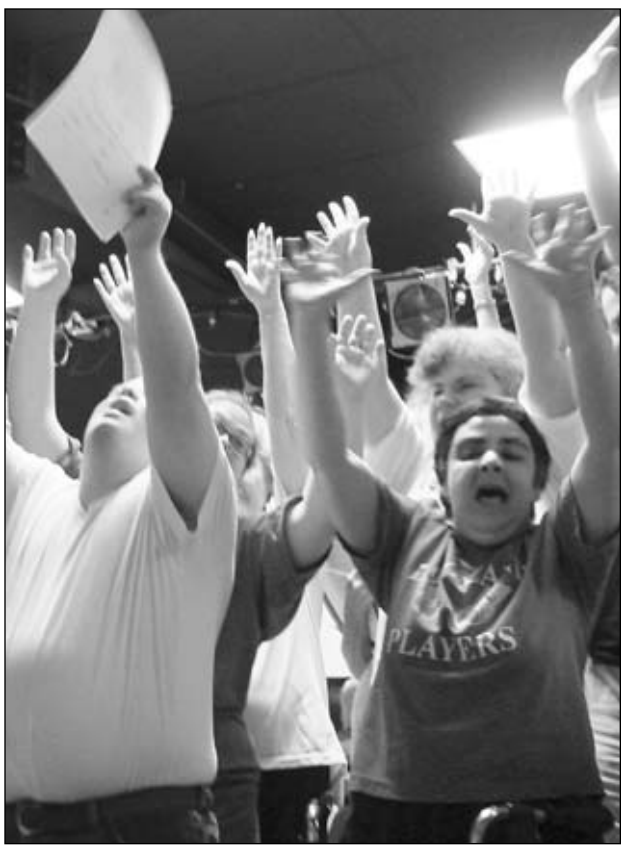

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Loveland Follies takes the stage June 12-14

Loveland Center students rehearse for their performances of "Camp Broadway" at Venice Theatre. Students of Loveland Center will stage three performances of the original "Camp Broadway" on Venice Theatre's MainStage, 140 W. Tampa Ave., Venice, June 12-14. Friday and Saturday shows are at 7 p.m., and Sunday's show is at 2 p.m. Tickets are $15 and are available at the theater's box office at 488-1115 or online at www.venicestage.com. This year marks the 14th anniversary of the partnership between Venice Theatre and Loveland Center. The collaboration between the two nonprofit organizations gives students with developmental challenges the opportunity to learn life skills through theater study. The annual Loveland Follies often sells out, so patrons are encouraged to buy ahead.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

Saturday Night Fever, Sertoma Club's reverse raffle
Time: 6-11 p.m.
Where: Mission Valley Country Club, Mission Valley Blvd., Venice
Notes: Sertoma Club of Venice presents its 12th annual reverse raffle with an open bar, dinner and entry into the raffle for the grand prize of a diamond bracelet. There will be a putting contest, silent auction, blackjack, games and prizes. This is a fundraiser to benefit the Sertoma Speech Clinic for children.

Cost: $100
Call: 485-5686

Bluegrass show
Time: 1-4:15 p.m.
Where: Ramblers Rest Resort, McDonald Hall, 1300 North River Road, Venice
Notes: Show features Myakka River Bluegrass, Generations and Bluegrass Parlor bands. The show is part of a bluegrass weekend put on by The Southwest Florida Bluegrass Association, Punta Gorda. A slow-jam session will be held for beginners and intermediate musicians who play bluegrass instruments (guitar, fiddle, mandolin, five-string banjo and acoustic bass) and a guitar workshop.
Cost: $6 or free with $25 annual membership
Call: 661-9175
Link: www.southwestfloridabluegrass.org

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

Hurricane Madness blood drive
Time: 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
Where: Venice Regional Medical Center, 540 The Rialto, Venice
Notes: Florida's Blood Centers and Venice Regional Medical Center are working together for this communitywide blood drive. All donors will receive a special T-shirt, giveaways and food and will be entered into drawings for hurricane kits, gift cards and a generator donated by The Home Depot.

Call: 240-6536
Link: www.floridasbloodcenters.org

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

American quarter horse event
Time: 9 a.m.
Where: Fox Lea Farm, 800 North Auburn Road, Venice
Notes: American Quarter Horse Association special event tests horses' abilities in special events in the hunter under saddle, green hunter under saddle and hunt seat equitation categories.
Cost: $5
Call: 809-6361
Link: www.aqha.com

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

Beef O'Brady's Father's Day drawings
Where: Beef O'Brady's, 4185 South Tamiami Trail, Venice
Notes: Father's Day prizes will be given to three dads who sign up for a VIP membership. Prizes are: a gift pack to include a cooler, hat, suntan lotion and golf bag; a $25 gift certificate to Beef O'Brady's; and a $100 American Express gift card.
Call: 408-1800
Link: www.beefobradys.com

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

Arts of Asia exhibit opens
Time: 5-7 p.m.
Where: Venice Art Center, 390 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice
Notes: Opening reception will show a laido demonstration and exhibit with an Oriental flair.
Call: 485-7136
Link: www.veniceartcenter.com

Blood bank awards student scholarships

FROM SUNCOAST COMMUNITIES BLOOD BANK

Suncoast Communities Blood Bank recognizes outstanding high school blood donors and student volunteers by awarding annual scholarships.

In May, the blood bank presented $13,500 in scholarship funds to 21 students from area high schools for postsecondary education.

A committee composed of blood bank and community leaders selected students based on participation in their high school's blood drives, support of the blood bank, academic excellence and commitment to the community.

Sarasota Military Academy earned the distinguished Command Performance Fund awarded by Century Bank and received a $3,000 check. This award recognizes the one school in Sarasota and DeSoto counties with the highest percentage increase in donor registrations over the previous school year.

SMA was also recognized on the state level by the Florida Association of Blood Banks for contributing the most blood donations during the 2008 school year in the category of 150 or less seniors, for the second consecutive year.

This year, local high school donors increased blood drive registrations 24 percent more than than last year. High school students in this region account for nearly 10 percent of our blood supply, similar to high school donors nationally.

SCBB invests considerable effort in recruiting high school students because they have a lifetime of blood donation opportunities. Studies show that individuals who are introduced to the importance of donating blood at a young age are more likely to become a donor for life.

PHOTO COURTESY OF SUNCOAST COMMUNITIES BLOOD BANK

Bill Albanese, left, senior vice president at Century Bank, presents a $3,000 check from the bank to Sarasota Military Academy recipients Sarah Johnston and Nichols LeBoutillier, and Col. Bill Brockman, who is also a Suncoast Communities Blood Bank board director. The check represents the one school in the Sarasota County School District with the greatest percentage increase in donor registrations over the previous school year.

"We are honored and humbled to receive the Command Performance Fund for two consecutive years, said Col. Bill Brockman, blood drive coordinator for SMA and SCBB board director. "We strive to instill civic duty in our students. We are proud of their incredible lifesaving efforts to the community."

The following students received scholarships based on the 2008-2009 school year: Pine View School: Chris Goldstein and Kenneth William Newton II; Sarasota Military Academy: Sarah Johnston and Nicholas LeBoutillier; and Venice High School: Meridith Meerman and Mary Dembinski.

Having won the $3,000 Command Performance Award, SMA chose to donate the award to one of its scholarship recipients and gave it to LeBoutillier, according to Julie Platt, SCBB public relations and marketing manager.

Serving on the 2009 selection committee were Elmer Berkel, former mayor of Sarasota and SCBB volunteer; Charles Ball, attorney and SCBB board director; Platt; Joanne Sergo, SCBB senior account executive; and Sherri Reynolds, supervisor of pupil support services for the Sarasota County School District and SCBB board director.

To find out about supporting the scholarship program, contact Rhonda Peters, director of development, at 954-1600, ext. 1033, or e-mail rpeters@scbb.org.

Wedding party's delay disturbs guests at reception

DEAR ABBY
COLUMNIST

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have attended several weddings lately where we have waited up to an hour and a half for the bride and groom to arrive at their own reception. Can you enlighten me because, frankly, I am **... ONE CONFUSED GUEST, LEWIS CENTER, OHIO**

DEAR CONFUSED: Sometimes there is a delay between the wedding ceremony and the reception so the wedding party can be photographed.

Rather than being confused, use your imagination. These days there could be many reasons for a delay — the limo ran out of gas, someone's zipper stuck, the bride went into labor ... .

According to Emily Post: "Any delay longer than 30 to 45 minutes becomes excessive, unless (the) invitation included a starting time for the reception. ... If there is likely to be a considerable delay, be sure that guests will be served beverages and hors d'oeuvres while they await your arrival."

DEAR ABBY: I teach at a privately owned after-school center. Recently, my boss asked me if I had any friends who could teach an extra class one day a week. I have a friend, "Cheryl," who I know would be great for the job. She's very smart and has past teaching experience.

I told my boss I would introduce her to Cheryl. What I didn't mention is that Cheryl is transgender. She was not born a biological female. I don't feel it is my place to disclose that to my boss. However, I was shocked when Cheryl said she wouldn't tell, either.

I understand my friend's desire to be recognized as a woman. But I feel that I would be deceiving my boss if neither of us told her.

I'm not entirely sure whether my boss, the other teachers and the children's parents would approve of Cheryl. I don't want to be blamed for not being truthful. If Cheryl doesn't reveal that she's transgender, should I? **— NERVOUS IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR NERVOUS: Please do not allow yourself to be distracted by your friend's gender status. The question isn't whether Cheryl was born a woman. It's whether she can be a competent teacher. When all is said and done, what's going on between her ears is far more important than what's under her skirt. Jobs working with children require background checks. It's not your responsibility to be the town crier.

DEAR ABBY: I have received an invitation to a graduation party and a note was enclosed. It read:

"If I don't hear from you by the 25th, I will not be able to include you. This invitation is for those addressed, and no one else. Seating is limited. Please do not ask for "to go" containers, as all the food will be going home with us. This is a very special day for "Mary" and a lot of planning has gone into it. There may be people you would rather not see or talk to, but please remember it is about "Mary" that day and no one else.

If any of this makes you uncomfortable, please do not feel it necessary to attend."

What do you think of this, Abby? **— STUNNED IN MASSACHUSETTS**

DEAR STUNNED: It appears this family has many members who are clueless about basic good manners — and that includes the person who sent the invitation. Obviously, these people have been taken advantage of in the past and are trying to prevent it from happening again. Because you have it in writing that if "any of this" makes you uncomfortable you are free not to attend, I think you should take the person at his or her word and stay home.

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 www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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Notes: Peer counseling is available every weekday.
Cost: $5 donation
Call: 485-9724
Link: www.thewomensresourcecenter.org

French Club meets

Time: 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Where: Venice Public Library, 300 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice
Notes: Basic knowledge of French is required.
Call: 485-3985

Food distribution

Time: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Where: Habitat ReStore, 1400 Ogden Road, Venice

Computer questions

Time: 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Where: Jacaranda Public Library, 4143 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice
Call: 861-1270

Club food

Time: Lunch, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; dinner, 4-7:30 p.m.; music, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Where: Venice-Nokomis Elks Lodge, 1021 Discovery Way, Nokomis
Call: 486-1854

Time: 5-8 p.m.
Where: Eagles Aerie No. 3482, 621 East Colonia Lane, Nokomis
Call: 484-4470

Time: 4:30-6:45 p.m.
Where: VFW Post No. 8118, 832 Venice Ave., Venice
Call: 484-8118

American Legion dinner-dance

Time: 5-8 p.m.
Where: American Legion, 1770 E. Venice Ave., Venice
Call: 488-1157

Elks Friday night fish fry and dance

Time: 5-7:30 p.m. dinner followed by dancing
Where: Venice Nokomis Elks, 1021 Discovery Way, Nokomis
Notes: Restaurant is operated by Buffalo Bill's Catering. Lounge is restricted to members and guests.
Cost: $8
Call: 485-8807 or 486-1854

Friday and Saturday night dinner-dances

Time: 8-11 p.m.
Where: The Dream Café, 117 W. Venice Ave., Venice
Notes: Music will be by Bruno (Mollica) of Venice. Call to make reservations.
Call: 445-4503
Link: www.veniceinformationcenter.com

Friday and Saturday night Jazz Project

Time: 7-9 p.m.
Where: Bonnell's Boutique & Winery, 317 W. Venice Ave., Venice
Notes: Wine, beer and food will be served. Band located inside; no cover charge. No minimum sidewalk, inside bars or garden. Reservations recommended.
Cost: $20 minimum per person inside tables
Call: 480-0011

Tappercise class

Time: 3-4:30 p.m.
Where: Starz Choice Dance Academy, 348 S. Seaboard Ave., Venice
Notes: intermediate tap
Call: 408-0019

Sunset sing-along

Time: One hour before sunset
Where: Venice Beach, near lifeguard station
Notes: Bring a chair
Call: 493-0775
Link: www.newlifevenicefl.org

Teen beginning guitar class

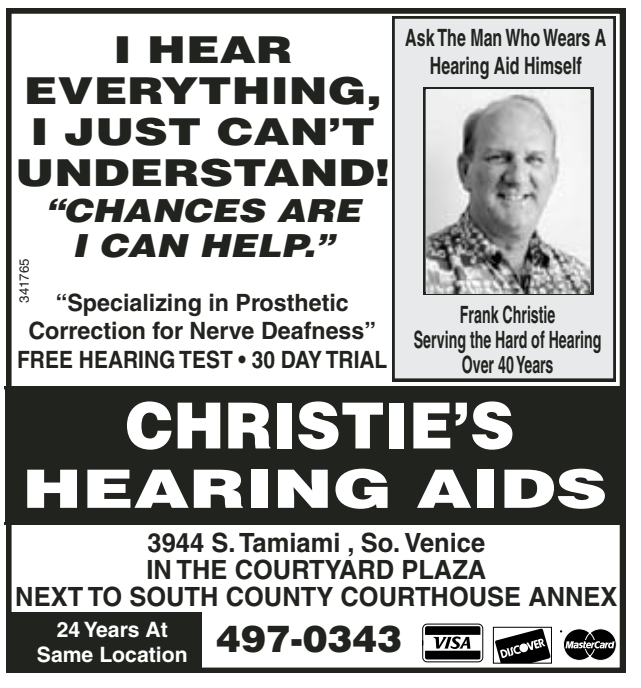
Time: 4-5 p.m.
Where: Nokomis Community Center, 234 East Nippino Trail, Nokomis
Notes: Bring an acoustic guitar, pencil and spiral notebook.
Cost: $3 per class; $15 for five weeks
Call: 861-5000

Shuffleboard

Time: 9 a.m. Fridays and Mondays; 7 p.m. Wednesdays
Where: Hecksher Park, 450 W. Venice Ave., Venice
Call: Bill, 586-5889

Sign language coffee chat

Time: 7-9 p.m.
Where: Books-A-Million, 4230 South Tamiami Trail, Venice



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Jonathan Case, center, VHS band leader, took students Kalli Cross, left, Kevin LeBlanc, Kelli Cross and Kayla Anderson to Ocala in March, where they participated in the State Solo and Ensemble Music Performance Assessment.

VHS band members score top ratings

FROM VENICE HIGH SCHOOL

Four Venice High School band students, under the direction of Jonathan Case, received high marks for their performances March 30 at the State Solo and Ensemble Music Performance Assessment at West Port High School in Ocala.

Kayla Anderson, senior, received an excel-

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Students earn reading awards

FROM VENICE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Students at Venice Christian School recently celebrated their reading success with an all-you-can-eat ice cream sundae party provided by Sweetbay Supermarket on Jacaranda Boulevard.

Also, two Bryson Team Racecars from DeSoto Super Speedway were on campus. Students had the opportunity to experience the race cars firsthand by sitting in the driver's seat, trying on helmets and interacting with the drivers and owners.

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Angela Lawson, left front, sixth-grader and 3 Million Word Club honoree at Venice Christian School, Kristina Bilokopytova, seventh-grader and 1 Million Word Club honoree, and Dmytro Bilokopytova, fifth-grader and 2 Million Word Club honoree, each received a trophy, certificate and photo of race cars from the DeSoto Super Speedway. Race car drivers, in no particular order, Roger Bryson, Dave Cazemiro, Margie Bryson, Chris Bryson, Roland Duyn, Frank Frost and Steven Darvalics look on.

Awards

Top readers received trophies and recognition for their effort and accomplishments.

• Kristina Bilokopytova, seventh-grader, was inducted into the 1 Million Word Club. As of May 15, she has read 1,138,662 words and achieved 95 percent accuracy on quizzes;

• Dmytro Bilokopytova, fifth-grader, was inducted into the 2 Million Word Club. As of May 15, he has read 2,620,244 words and has achieved 93.1 percent accuracy on quizzes;

• Angela Lawson, sixth-grader, was inducted into the 3 Million Word Club. As of May 15, she has read 3,242,313 words and has achieved 98.3 percent accuracy on quizzes; and

• Princess Jackson, fourth-grader, is the most improved student. She reached the highest percentage over goal at 834 percent and has achieved 94.1 percent accuracy on quizzes.

VCS recognizes the importance of motivating students to become successful readers.

Call 496-4411 for more information on Venice Christian School or visit the Web site at venicechristianschool.org.

Princess Jackson, a fourth-grader, is the most improved student at Venice Christian School this year.

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So You Want to Play the Piano?

On Thursday, June 11, 10 to 11 a.m. and 11 a.m. to noon, professional performer and piano teacher Donna Bath will teach the basics of learning to play the piano. Registration required. For ages 6 to 10.

Jacaranda Video Lecture Series

Thursday, June 11, 2 to 3 p.m., professor Peter Saccio's video lecture series, "William Shakespeare: Comedies, Histories, and Tragedies," moves from the comedies to the history of Richard III.

Making an Impression

On Thursday, June 11, 2 to 3 p.m., art instructor Michelle Moss will provide an introduction to several impressionists, including Claude Monet, Pierre Renoir and Mary Cassatt. Children will also create their own impressionist artwork and display their artwork for an art show on the last day. Registration required. Limited to 25. For ages 7 to 10.

Toddler Tale Time

On Friday, June 12, 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. and 10:45 to 11:30 a.m., toddlers ages 1-3 and their parent, grandparent or caregiver are invited to enjoy stories, rhymes, songs and playtime. Please observe age requirements.

Ask Jack

On Friday, June 12, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., bring your computer questions and trade them for computer answers.

'Twilight' movie

On Friday, June 12, 5 to 7:30 p.m., watch the movie "Twilight" based on the book by Stephenie Meyer, followed by a discussion. Popcorn and soda provided. For ages 13 to 17.

Hose and Bottle Show

On Saturday, June 13, 2 to 3:30 p.m., have fun with music with Wesley John Schumacher and enjoy an introduction to the instruments of a symphony orchestra. Make a colorful shaker craft.

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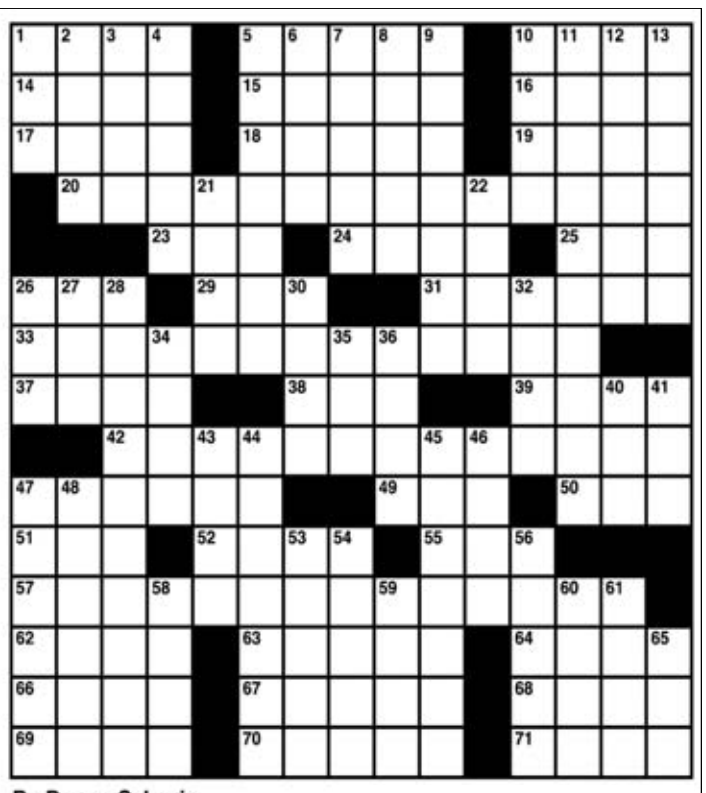

By Donna S. Levin

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25 Monitor, briefly
26 Sit-up beneficiaries
29 W.C.'s "My Little Chickadee" costar
31 Makes a case
33 Through and through
37 Proofing mark
38 "Stroke!" shouter, for short
39 Jessica of "Fantastic Four"
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52 Canyon and Sierra
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64 Luminous glow
66 Tree of Knowledge site
67 They may be pulled by teams
68 Pass over
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13 Many Founding Fathers, philosophically
21 Big rig
22 Architect Saarinen
26 Tack on
27 Short farewell
28 Like many high achievers
30 Cut with acid
32 Mohair source
34 Pastrami seller
35 Fenced, perhaps
36 __ 67: Montreal fair
40 "Dude!"
41 Pesky picnic problem
43 Let __: stop obsessing
44 One dismounting from a horse, maybe
45 URL, e.g.
46 Ducky color?
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GOREN BRIDGE

Q 1 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A K 10 9 5 ♡ J 3 ♢ A 9 8 ♣ A 10 2

The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	3♠*	Pass
?			

*forcing

What do you bid now?

A - Your wealth of prime cards make your hand worth considerably more that its 16 count. However, your two fast losers in hearts mean that you cannot use Blackwood. You must initiate a cue-bidding sequence. Bid four clubs.

Q 2 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ Void ♡ K Q J 7 4 3 ♢ K J 6 5 2 ♣ A 10

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	1♠	?	

What do you bid now?

A - It is inviting to show your strength by cue-bidding the enemy suit, but is it right? You do not yet know whether you have a fit and might need a fair amount of space to find your optimum contract. Start by bidding two hearts – partner's voluntary rebid could be more informative than a forced response to your cue-bid.

Q 3 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ A 8 7 2 ♡ Q 9 ♢ 8 3 ♣ K Q 9 7 2

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♡	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♢	Pass	?	

What do you bid now?

A - It depends on your methods. If two clubs was invitational, bid two spades. If it was forcing, why bid two spades on a ratty four-card suit when partner surely does not have four-card support? Bid two hearts and allow partner to describe his hand further.

Q 4 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ J 4 ♡ J 7 ♢ J 9 8 7 3 2 ♣ K J 3

Partner opens the bidding with one heart. What do you respond?

A - You have just enough to respond, but not at the two-level, especially on such a pathetic six-card minor. Like it or not, one no trump is all you can say. Alternatively, drop one of your jacks on the floor and pass.

Q 5 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ J ♡ A 6 ♢ K J 10 7 3 ♣ J 9 8 6 3

The bidding has proceeded:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	Pass	1♠	?

What action do you take?

A - First, let's make it clear – the Unusual No Trump (a takeout for minor suits) does not rank in our hundred favorite bidding gadgets. It is misused and abused and reveals too much to the enemy. Therefore, we would not employ it here, especially since there is a great discrepancy between the quality of the suits and there is an outside defensive trick. Should you choose to act, overcall two diamonds. West's original pass gives you a margin of safety.

Q 6 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ K 8 5 ♡ A 2 ♢ 10 8 6 5 3 ♣ Q 7 6

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	Pass	1♢	Pass
1♠	Pass	?	

What do you bid now?

A - Although it is tempting to support one of partner's suits, that would not do justice to your hand. With a balanced 9-count and a stopper in the unbid major, a one-no-trump bid is automatic.

(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.)

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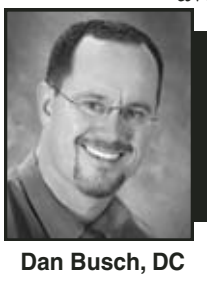
P.S. A comprehensive assessment of a patient's spine can help identify factors that could give rise to back pain as well as point to treatment and strategies for averting pain.



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WELL-BEING BRIEFS

Picking an assisted living facility
Date: Thursday, June 11
Time: 10-11 a.m.
Where: Caregiver Resource Center at Senior Friendship Center, 2350 Scenic Drive, Venice
Notes: Do you have questions about what to look for when evaluating an assisted living facility? This seminar willl provide information on making an appropriate choice based on your situation. Presented by Paula Carney, Bella Vita.

COPD group
COPD education and support group, 3 p.m., second Thursday of the month (June 11) in the cafeteria at Englewood Community Hospital, 700 Medical Blvd. Call 473-3119.

Bereavement group
The Bereavement Support Group meets 3-4 p.m., the second and fourth Thursdays of the month in the Administrative Conference Room at Englewood Community Hospital, 700 Medical Blvd. Call 697-0783.

Sign language coffee chat
Time: 7-9 p.m., second Friday of the month
Where: Books-A-Million, 4230 South Tamiami Trail, Venice
Notes: Open to all those who are learning or wish to practice their sign language skills.

Wellness Tour: Free health screenings
Date: Sunday, June 14
Time: noon-6 p.m.
Where: Walgreens, 1490 South U.S. 41 Bypass, Venice
Notes: The AARP/Walgreens Wellness Tour will help Venice area residents monitor their health for free when the bus visits on Sunday, June 14. The Wellness Tour will offer all adults 18 and older six free health screenings: bone density, cholesterol, glucose, blood pressure, waist circumference and body mass analysis. No appointment is necessary, results are immediate and from start to finish all six screenings take around 20-25 minutes. The free screenings are conducted inside the vehicle and are valued at more than $140. Additionally, free one-year AARP memberships will be given to all eligible adults who receive screenings.

HIV/AIDS support group
Date: Monday, June 15
Time: 6-7:30 p.m.
Where: St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 513 S. Nassau St., Venice

What is a Nursing Home Diversion Plan?
Date: Tuesday, June 16
Time: 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Where: Caregiver Resource Center at Senior Friendship Center, 2350 Scenic Drive, Venice
Notes: Learn about the many options available to prevent premature nursing home placement. Program services and eligibility requirements will be discussed. Facilitated by Linda Loudin, American ElderCare.

PAST
Parents of Addicts Sharing Time is a support and advocacy group that meets at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in the conference room at Jacaranda Public Library, 4143 Woodmere Park Blvd. Call Maria Ludlam at 492-3424 or e-mail past.venice.fl@gmail.com.

Blood pressure
Free blood pressure clinics, 9-11 a.m., third Tuesday of the month (June 16), Sterling House of Venice, 1200 Avenida del Circo. Call 485-8885.

Crohn's support
A monthly Crohn's Disease support group meets at 7 p.m. the third Wednesday (June 17) in the Englewood Community Hospital Suncoast Auditorium, 700 Medical Blvd. Call 815-3669.

Cancer support
Cancer is Not Contagious Support Group, 10:30 a.m., third Thursday of the month (June 18), Englewood Community Hospital Cafeteria, 700 Medical Blvd. Also meeting at this time is the Support for People with Oral and Head and Neck Cancer Group. Call Joe at 474-0099.

Parkinson's support
The Parkinson's Support Group meets at 10 a.m. the third Friday of the month (June 19) in the Englewood Community Hospital Suncoast Auditorium, 700 Medical Blvd. Call 473-3919.

Yoga and tai chi at Spa Venice
When: Daily classes Monday through Saturday
Where: Spa Venice, 775 The Rialto (behind Goodwill)
Notes: All levels, various instructors
Cost: $15 per class; $12, series of eight ($96)
Call: 480-9009 or go to www.spavenice.com for schedule

Help with prescriptions
The Community Pharmacy of Sarasota County Inc., 225 South Tamiami Trail, Nokomis, assists uninsured residents in obtaining their routine prescription medications. Call 445-5687 or visit www.cpsarasota.org.

Medicare help
Associated Medicare Patients Inc., an independent, nonprofit corporation of volunteers, helps those on Medicare navigate the cumbersome health insurance system. AMP is free and serves Sarasota, Englewood and Venice. Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays. AMP is on the second floor of the Pat Buster Building at the Senior Friendship Centers, 2350 Scenic Drive, Venice. AMP is always looking to train new counselors. For more information, call 584-0051.

Co-Dependents Anonymous
A women-only Co-Dependents Anonymous group, 10-11 a.m. Thursdays, Unity of Sarasota, 3023 Proctor Road, Sarasota. Newcomers welcome. Call 306-1825 or visit www.coda.org.

Naranon group
Thursday Naranon Family Group, a support group for families who have someone with drug addiction, 7-8 p.m., St. Mark's Church, 513 Nassau St. S., in Venice (behind Venice Regional Medical Center). This group is for the family, not the addict. The program is based on the 12 steps of AA and Alanon.

Line dancing classes
Line dancing classes with Jackie Wheeler, intermediate class, 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays; beginner class, 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Fee: $4 per class. Call 493-2776.

Wellness Community
Events are free for cancer patients and a caregiver. Call 921-5539.
• Support groups, 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays at Jacaranda Trace, 3600 William Penn Way.
• Adaptive yoga classes, noon-1:30 p.m. Mondays at Jacaranda Trace, 3600 William Penn Way.
• Qigong exercise classes, 10-11 a.m. Tuesdays at Jacaranda Trace, 3600 William Penn Way.
• Small-group discussion, For Men Only, 2-3 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month at 3900 Clark Road, Building P-3, Sarasota. This is a drop-in, casual meeting open to male cancer patients at all stages of treatment for prostate cancer.

Zumba dance, yoga classes
Zumba dance fitness class, 6:15-7:15 p.m. Tuesdays, and beginners yoga class, 6:15-7:15 p.m. Wednesdays, at the Venice Community Center, 326 S. Nokomis Ave. Contact Mary Lynn Szerbin at mlszerbin@aol.com, 685-8445 or 408-8205 to reserve a spot.

Screenings
Free blood pressure and blood sugar tests by Home Health Services of Venice, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Thursdays at Venice HealthPark, 1201 Jacaranda Blvd. Call 485-7711.

Meditation
Meditation and Eckhart Tolle's "A New Earth," 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Mellow Run, 1270 Thoreau Circle, Venice. Call 445-7134 to preregister.

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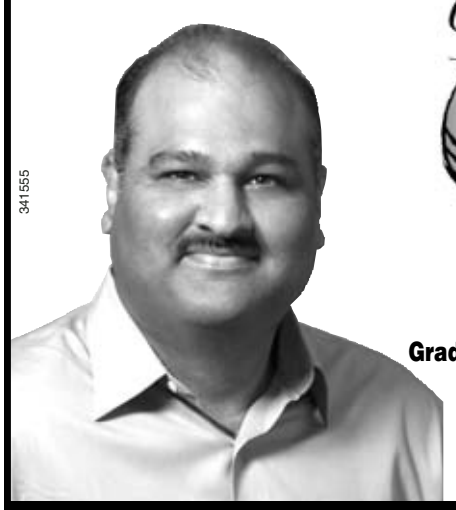
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Sertoma Club president David Joyner, left, congratulates Students of the Year Chris Atamanchuk and Amanda Basnight and Educator of the Year Craig Seidell. Greg Miller, right, is the Sertoma coordinator for the program that recognizes high-achieving Venice High School students and teachers throughout the school year.

Sertoma Club of Venice names Students and Educator of the Year

FROM SERTOMA CLUB OF VENICE

The Sertoma Club named Venice High School seniors Chris Atamanchuk and Amanda Basnight as Students of the Year. VHS art teacher Craig Seidell was named Educator of the Year by the club.

Atamanchuk holds a 3.9 grade-point-average, was a member of the 2007 state champion baseball team, served as captain of the baseball team this year, put in many volunteer hours with various programs and held a part-time job during the school year.

This summer, Atamanchuk will serve as an intern with the Charlotte Stone Crabs, a Tampa Bay Rays minor league team. In the fall, he will attend Santa Fe Community College in Gainesville to major in sports marketing.

Atamanchuk is the son of Donald and Susan Atamanchuk of Englewood.

Amanda Basnight, who holds a 4.727 weighted grade-point average, served as the graduating class salutatorian. She was a member of student government, Spanish Honor Society, National Honor Society, Science and Engineering Club, Mu Alpha Theta, Key Club and Link Crew. She volunteers as an audio visual aide at the Bridge Church.

Basnight will attend the University of Florida in Gainesville and major in chemical engineering. She is the daughter of Michael Basnight and Barbara Flynn of Nokomis.

Educator of the Year Craig Seidell taught in Illinois, Texas and Sarasota before joining the faculty at Venice High School four years ago. He received a bachelor's degree from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb and a master's degree in painting from Texas Women's University in Denton.

Seidell's drawings, paintings and prints have been in shows at McNay Art Institute in San Antonio, Texas; A Portrait Exposition and print-making show at TWU in Denton; and a one-man show at Manatee Community College.

Seidell's students accumulated $178,590 in scholarships and awards this past year and had 11 of 25 works in the Evening of Excellence. Their combined artwork sold for $31,000, of which one student's work auctioned for $23,100. Another student's painting will represent District 70 in the Congressional Art Show in Washington, D.C., where it will be displayed at the U.S. Capitol for one year.

Juniors receive book awards from Wellesley Club

FROM WELLESLEY CLUB OF SARASOTA

Members of the Wellesley Club of Sarasota recently presented Book Awards to outstanding high school girls completing their junior year.

The award recipients were selected by their high schools. They were chosen for their academic accomplishments as well as participation in community and school activities.

Local 2009 Wellesley Book Award recipients were Elizabeth Hannah, of Pine View School, and Jessica Lambrecht, of Venice High School.

Twelve juniors from Boca Grande, Bradenton, North Port and Sarasota also received book awards.

Now in its 52nd year, the Wellesley Club of Sarasota is composed of almost 90 active members who graduated between 1929 and 1994 and spans a geographic area from Lakeland to Boca Grande. The club sponsors social and educational activities at monthly meetings for Wellesley College alumnae and their guests, keeping alumnae connected to the college and to one another.

The Wellesley Club promotes awareness of Wellesley College, a women's college near Boston, Mass., and sponsors activities for the recruitment of students to the college. The club initiated and participates at the annual Ivy League College Fair.

Pine View art teacher honored

PHOTO COURTESY OF RETSY LAUER

Retsy Lauer, right, art teacher at Pine View School, received the newly created Cindy Balistreri Distinguished Art Educator Award for Leadership in Arts Education. She received the $1,000 award at the Community/Schools Partnership for the Arts annual meeting April 24 at Art Center Sarasota. She will use it for professional development. Lauer has taught art for 21 years at all grade levels, coordinated the North County Spring Art Show, chaired the education area on Arts Day and founded the school district's scholastic art competition. The award was created to honor her dedication to arts education as Balistreri, left, retires as district fine arts program specialist.

Pine View student awarded for community service

FROM PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL

Stevie Peacock, of Venice, a ninth-grader at Pine View School in Osprey, was officially presented with an engraved bronze medallion to signify her selection as a distinguished finalist in the 2009 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, which honors outstanding youth volunteers.

The presentation took place May 22 during a high school awards ceremony at the school.

Peacock was honored for creating Project KINDNESS, which stands for Kids in Need Deserve New Elementary School Supplies. Peacock's efforts have helped provide hundreds of backpacks filled with school supplies and thousands of holiday gifts for disad-

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Preschool celebrates Week of the Young Child

FROM LAKESIDE LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

At Lakeside Lutheran Preschool, a fun activity was planned for each day of the Week of the Young Child, April 20-24.

The children dressed up for mismatch day, crazy hat day, dress as your favorite character from a book day and traveling art day. The school held a parent appreciation breakfast and an ice cream sundae bar.

Throughout the week the children learned about making a change with change during Penny Wars. The $650 in proceeds were donated to ShelterBox, a disaster relief organization.

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Anthony Sites, left, Ryan Sherknus, Brayden Lewis, Keshawn Reid and teacher Joanna Pippitt, of Lakeside Lutheran Preschool, try out a blanket in front of a tent, two of the items included in a ShelterBox.

Dorothy Bays, the director of Lakeside Lutheran Preschool, said she wanted the families to participate in raising funds for ShelterBox so they could learn about helping others during unpredictable disasters.

Lakeside Lutheran, a licensed, state-approved voluntary prekindergarten provider, is located at 2401 South Tamiami Trail, Venice. The preschool serves children from ages 1 year to 5 years. Hours of operation are 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Before- and after-school programs are offered to school-age children who attend Taylor Ranch Elementary School.

For more information, call 497-5858.

Scholarship aids student

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Mallory Stewart, a Venice High School senior, received a $1,000 Principal's Leadership Award Scholarship in the state award category. She plans to major in biology at the University of Florida and attend medical school. The award was recently announced by the National Association of Secondary School Principals on behalf of NASSP and Herff Jones Inc.

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Insurance advice
Health Insurance Advice for Seniors visits the Senior Friendship Centers, 9-11 a.m. Thursdays at 2350 Scenic Drive. Call 584-0075.

Caregiver Time Out
A free weekly caregiver support group meets 1:15-3 p.m. Fridays at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 508 Riviera St. Led by a professional facilitator, Caregiver Time Out offers group support, community resources and activities provided for loved ones during the session. Registration required. Call Pamela at 366-2224.

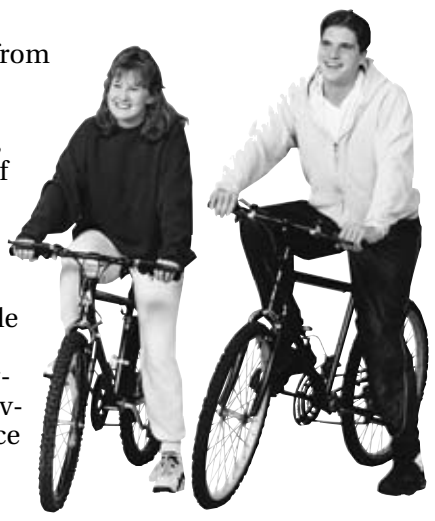
Couples Helping Couples
An anonymous 12-step program for all couples looking to improve their relationships, 7:30-9 p.m. Fridays at South Venice Christian Church, 2390 Seaboard Ave., Venice. Twelve-step experience not necessary.

Couples work on such things as commitment, communication, conflict resolution — anything that impedes a healthy and happy relationship. Free. (A donation to cover rent is appreciated but not necessary.) Call 475-8535 or 492-9547 or visit www.recovering-couples.org for more information.

Goodwill Good Neighbor Friendship Fitness Walking Group
6:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays at Goodwill Good Neighbor Center — Rialto, 652 South Tamiami Trail on the island. Friendly faces meet to share friendship and support as we walk. Water is provided. A morning group is also available. Call Eva at 408-7442.

Walkabout group
The Saturday Morning Walkabout group meets at 8 a.m. Saturdays at Volunteer Park, behind the Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice. Each Saturday a different 2 1/2-mile route is selected. Mileage is recorded and incentive awards are presented for various total miles walked. Bring your pets, too. New walkers welcome.

Bicycling
Join bicyclists from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Saturdays at Volunteer Park, behind the Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice, for a leisurely 10-mile ride on the Venetian Waterway Park. All levels of experience welcome. Call 468-8124.



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A support group for those who have loved ones affected by drug addiction meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays in the lounge at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 508 Riviera St. Call Ray at 497-6879.

Alcoholics Anonymous
Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Suncoast Auditorium of Englewood Community Hospital, 700 Medical Blvd. Call 426-7655.

Al-Anon
Al-Anon and Alateen family meetings take place several times a week at area locations. Call 426-7655 or visit southfloridaal-anon.org.
- Monday Morning Miracles AFG, Epiphany Cathedral, Soy Building, 317 Tarpon St., 11 a.m. Mondays
- St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 508 Riviera St., 7 p.m. Mondays
- Let Go & Let God AFG, Venice Presbyterian Church, 111 E. Firenze St., 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays
- Freedom AFG, Church of the Nazarene, 1535 E. Venice Ave. (children welcome), 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays
- Wednesday Step Study, Grace United Methodist Church, 400 E. Field Ave., 7 p.m. Wednesdays
- Steps & Growth, The Church of Christ, 4301 State Road 776, 10 a.m. Thursdays
- Peace Pipe, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 790 South Tamiami Trail, Room 101, 7 p.m. Thursdays
- On the island, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 790 South Tamiami Trail, 8 p.m. Thursdays
- Step in the Right Direction, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 508 Riviera St. (behind church), 7 p.m. Fridays; call Harold, 493-7891, or Catherine, 493-5371
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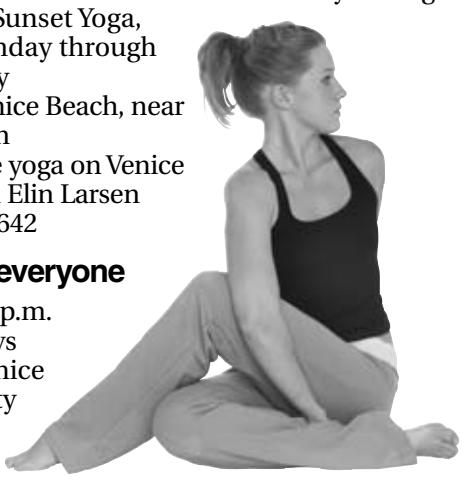

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Yoga for everyone
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lent rating for her baton solo. Kevin LeBlanc, senior, received a superior rating for his baritone sax solo. Kalli Cross, junior, received a superior rating for her flute solo. Kelli cross, junior, received an excellent rating for her dance solo.

In order to participate in this event, the students had to receive a superior rating at the district level, which was held Feb. 14.

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Selected for their quality business practices, contribution to the community, ethics, and goals, the five honored businesses were: Young Professional Business: RAM Marine Services, Inc.; Non Profit/Not for Profit: Friends of the Venice Public Library, Inc.; Small Business: Classic Creations in Diamonds & Gold, Inc.; Medium Business: Ehrlich, and Sallapudi DDS LLC; Large Business: Venice Regional Medical Center

Elizabeth Crapet, Florida Shores Bank, Chairman of 30th Annual Business of Year Awards said of this year's event, "It was a great success as many in attendance commented on the many good business enhancement concepts learned for the special speakers panel of four past winners. We were told of the many solid business relationships created and the heart-felt comments from the five winners. It had to rank as one of the finest award luncheons thanks to the judges, presenters, and speakers panel."

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WEDDING

Sellitti-Bell

Tracy Sellitti, of Venice, Fla., daughter of Carl and Linda Sellitti, became the bride of Shane Bell, of Naples, Fla., on April 25, 2009.

He is the son of Raymon and Cynthia Bell, of Naples.

The 3:30 p.m. ceremony was performed at Grace United Methodist Church in Venice, with Pastor Kowalski officiating. A reception followed at the Italian American Club.

Matron of honor was Kim Alden, of North Port, Fla., sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Amy Schwambach, of Jacksonville, Fla., friend of the bride; Liz Ford, of Orlando, Fla., friend of the bride; Lauren Sellitti, of North Port, sister-in-law of the bride; Missy Behnke, of Orlando, friend of the bride; Lori Bracken, of Seattle, Wash., sister of the groom; and Emily Rinchich, of Venice, friend of the bride. Flower girl was Skylar Sellitti, of North Port, niece of the bride.

The best man was Mike Franqui, of Jacksonville, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Jeremy Rutter, of Washington, D.C., friend of the groom; Brad Alden, of North Port, brother-in-law of the bride; Carl Sellitti, of North Port, brother of the bride; Rick Porter, of Orlando, friend of the groom; Scott Bracken, of Seattle, Wash., brother-in-law of the groom; and Ryan Mcdonald, of Venice, friend of the bride. Ring bearer was Austin Alden, of North Port, nephew of the bride.

The bride is a 2002 graduate of Venice High School in Venice and a 2007 graduate of the University of Central Florida in Orlando. She received a bachelor's degree in health science and is employed by Central Florida YMCA as a program director.

The groom is a 2002 graduate of Gulf Coast High School in Naples and a 2007 graduate of the University of Central Florida in Orlando. He received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and is employed by Siemens Energy Inc. as a field engineer.

After a cruise through the southern Caribbean, the newlyweds are residing in Oviedo, Fla.

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1ST BIRTHDAY

Johnson

Aeon Elizabeth Johnson turned 1 on May 4, 2009. She is the daughter of Ping Xu and Dr. Giffe Johnson of Tampa. Her father, a Venice High School graduate, received his Ph.D. from the University of South Florida about 12 hours before Aeon was born.

She is the granddaughter of Pam Johnson, of Venice; Jack and Lily Johnson of Sarasota; and Mei-Rong Wen and Xiang-Yang Xu of Jiang Xi, China.

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1ST BIRTHDAY

Petzold

Gabriella Petzold will celebrate her first birthday on June 11, 2009.

Her parents are Billy and Stacey Petzold, of Perryhill, Md. Her great-grandmother is Josie Thompson, of Venice, Fla.

MILITARY NEWS

Toussaint

Air Force Airman Jason M. Toussaint graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate's degree at the Community College of the Air Force. He earned distinction as an honor graduate.

Toussaint is the nephew of Virginia Hielman, of Venice, Fla., and brother of Christian Henderlong of Colorado Springs, Colo. The airman is a 2006 graduate of Charlotte Technical Center, Port Charlotte, Fla.

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Other elements of the initiative include a community leadership training program for high school students and a variety of educational materials for young people and teachers relating to youth volunteerism.

For more information, visit spirit.prudential.com or www.principals.org/prudential.

All middle schools and high schools in the United States, along with all Girl Scout councils, county 4-H organizations, Red Cross chapters, YMCAs and affiliates of HandsOn Network, were eligible to select a student or member for a local Prudential Spirit of Community Award last November. More than 5,000 local honorees were then reviewed by state-level judges, who selected two state honorees in each state and the District of Columbia, plus a number of distinguished finalists based on criteria such as personal initiative, creativity, effort, impact and personal growth.

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Alex Sarnowski, a junior at Venice High School, plays "Taps" at the Memorial Day ceremony May 25 at the War Memorial in Heritage Park. The VHS band volunteered to play for the occasion.

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Angel and Brian Pietsch, of Vero Beach and Venice, brought their sons Hunter, left, and Seth to the Memorial Day ceremony in Venice.

Winners and sponsors gather at the Venice Art Center Spring Exhibition reception. Liz Crapet, front row, left, of Florida Shores Bank, Gail Dempsey, Julie Hanson, Elaine Bruen, juror Susan Klein and Tonya Sauppe; Evan Lamar, back row, left, Karen Hitt, Maryanne Jacobsen, Melissa Searle, Diane Mannion, Jim Kuhlman of Florida Shores Bank and Jeff Cornell.

First-place winner in the VAC Spring Exhibition is Elaine Bruen for her oil painting "Red Field."

Art center springs into color

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The Venice Art Center Spring Exhibition of all media is on display until June 20. The winners were feted at a reception May 29 along with the sponsor, Florida Shores Bank President and CEO **Jim Kuhlman** and Senior Vice President **Liz Crapet**.

The first-place winner was **Elaine Bruen** for her entry "Red Field." **Tonya Sauppe's** watercolor was the people's choice winner. Juror **Susan Klein** said the VAC artists "have a passion and professionalism about their work that is well known in the Sarasota Arts Community."

The Solo Gallery features works by **Wayman Brown**.

In addition to members' artworks, the art center is now selling its own products — colorful T-shirts in kid and adult sizes with a quote from Picasso, and aprons with big pockets. Be sure to check them out on your next visit to the art center at 390 S. Nokomis Ave. Phone 485-7136.

In love with 'Fools'

You have until June 14 to catch "Why Do Fools Fall in Love?" at the Venice Theatre's Cabaret with an outstanding cast of four young women who will thoroughly entertain you with songs of the '60s.

Venice Theatre "old timers" **Lauren Kelly** and **Emily Mounce** — Mounce is 16 — are veterans of the theater's education and outreach programs; **Brooke Kirsch** and **Caitlin Longstreet** are relative newcomers to Venice Theatre. They all wowed the audience with their voices, dancing and acting. Don't miss this show! Call 488-1115 for ticket information.

VAC volunteer Rita Yannotti shows off the new aprons and T-shirts being sold to benefit the art center.

Lauren Kelly rocked in her role as Sally, the cynic of the group, with her awesome voice and talent for comedy in "Why Do Fools Fall in Love?"

Brooke Kirsch (Dee Dee) and Caitlin Longstreet (Flo) celebrate after opening night of "Why Do Fools Fall in Love?"

Brooke Kirsch receives congratulations from "Why Do Fools Fall in Love?" musical director Jason Brenner after the show.

Three generations share a hug following "Why Do Fools Fall in Love?" at the Venice Theatre. Mom Linda Mounce, left, hugs her daughter Emily, who played Millie, while grandmother Joan Mangold hugs from the right.

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PC 3/2 Midway,.....$750
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VENICE ISLAND- 2/2, ground floor, furnished, private beach. No pets. $1200. 941-266-7754

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6002 ENGLEWOOD AREA GARAGE SALES

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6004 NOKOMIS/OSPREY GARAGE SALES

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☐ **SAT. 9AM-2PM** 1806 Kilpatrick Rd. ESTATE SALE Furniture, kitchen items, & more.

6006 PT. CHARLOTTE GARAGE SALES

☐ **FRI.&SAT.** 8am-3pm, 26268 Explorer Rd. Deep Creek. HUGE 5 FAMILY- Household, furniture, baby, childrens, toys, etc

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6008 ROTONDA AREA GARAGE SALES

TUE-SUN 9-5. 107 Memory Lane, Tall Pines. Off Boundary Blvd.-1st Right west of Sunnybrook. Moving: Must sell! Variety.

6010 S. VENICE AREA GARAGE SALES

FRI.&SAT. 9-2, 761 Alligator Dr. Scrapbooking, kitchenware, fabric, furniture, linens, MUCH MORE.

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SAT & SUN 10-6. 364 Tihami Rd. Indoor Sale. Nice furn incl sofa/loveseat, buffet, etc. Unique decor items. Not a junk sale!

SAT 9-3 1111 Nokomis Ave S. Furniture, Clocks, VCR, Books, Some Antiques, Kitchen Stuff & more.

SAT. JUNE 13, 8am-2pm Moving Sale. 971 Poinciana Rd. S Ven. Antiques, House goods, Furn, incl. brass bed and more.

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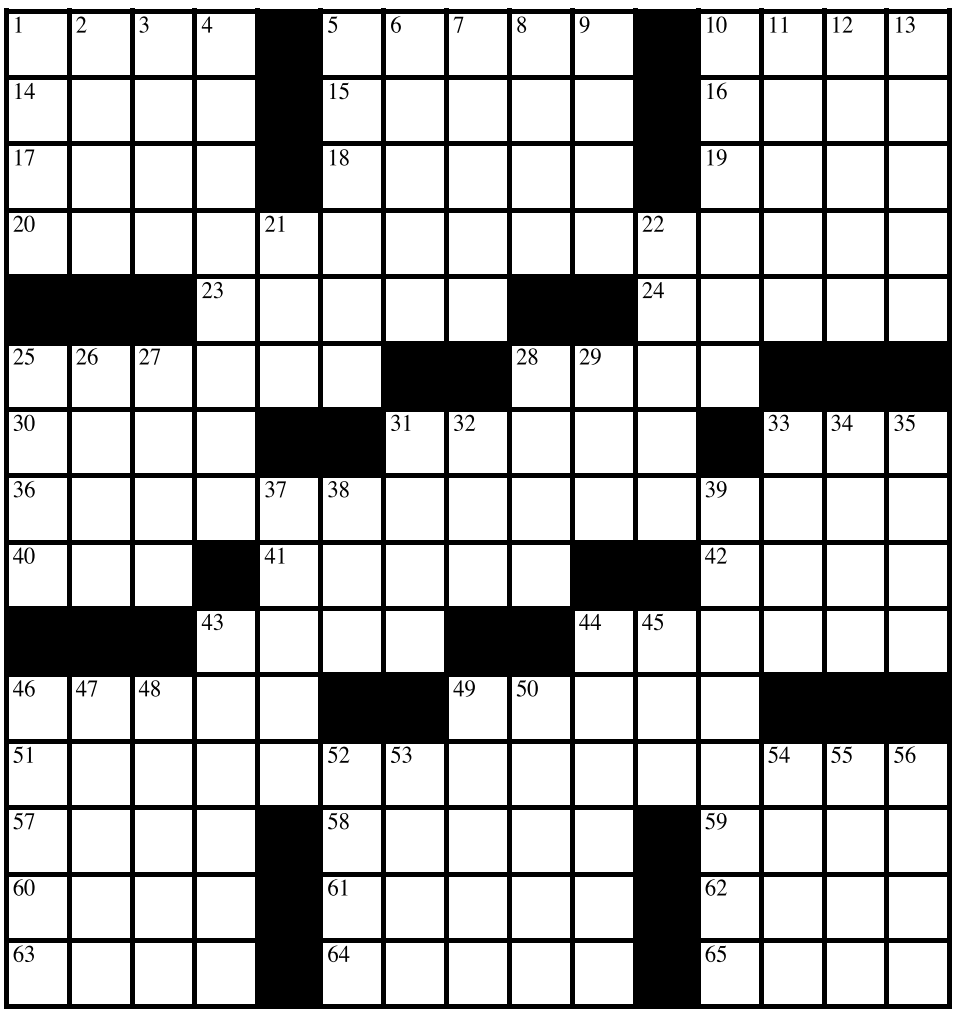

Across

1. Pat
5. Be of use
10. Betting game
14. Bang-up
15. Compassion
16. "Absolutely!"
17. Icelandic epic
18. Command
19. ___-Cola
20. Italian painter and sculptor
23. Huxtable wife
24. Avid
25. Customary observance
28. Beanery sign
30. Jewish month
31. Heirloom location
33. "That's ___ ..."
36. Placeholder phrase
40. A pint, maybe
41. Fine dinnerware
42. Computer image
43. City in central China
44. Long brightly coloured shaw
46. Bloodless
49. Cow
51. Official temporarily in charge of a diplomatic†mission
57. Basic unit of money in Ghana
58. Recurring theme
59. Joint problem
60. Big Indian
61. Accustom
62. Aesop's also-ran
63. Husk
64. Circus employee
65. Think or believe

Down

1. Highlander
2. Bank deposit
3. ___-European
4. Curdled soybean†milk
5. Ethically indifferent
6. "Rigoletto" composer
7. Eagerness
8. Decorated, as a cake
9. Vega's constellation
10. Sheets of fibrous connective†tissue
11. ___ friends
12. Reconnaissance (by shortening)
13. Broadcasting
21. ___ grecque (cooked in olive oil, lemon juice, wine, and herbs, and served cold)
22. Climbing plant of the genus†Vicia
25. Pro ___
26. "American ___"
27. Break
28. "Empedocles on ___" (Matthew Arnold poem)
29. A hand
31. Like, with "to"
32. "The Joy Luck Club" author
33. Boat in "Jaws"
34. Discontinue
35. Fraction of a newton
37. Cake topper
38. When doubled, a dance
39. Having no weak†points
43. Soap, e.g.
44. Experience pain
45. Alicia of "Falcon Crest"
46. African capital
47. Buy-one-get-one-free item?
48. Pilgrim to Mecca
49. Item of factual information
50. All excited
52. Broadcast
53. Lady of Lisbon
54. Big laugh
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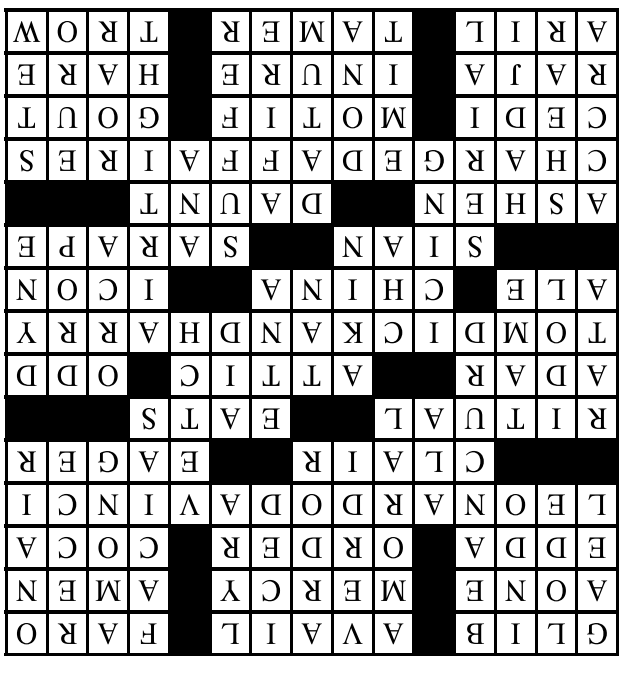

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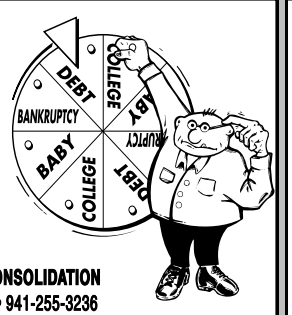

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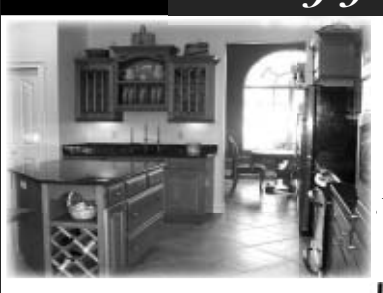

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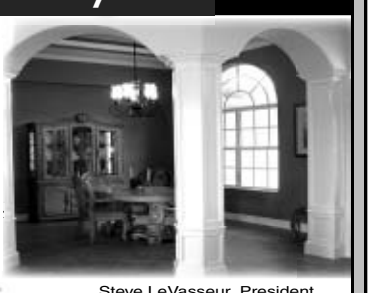

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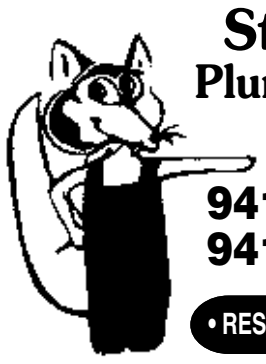

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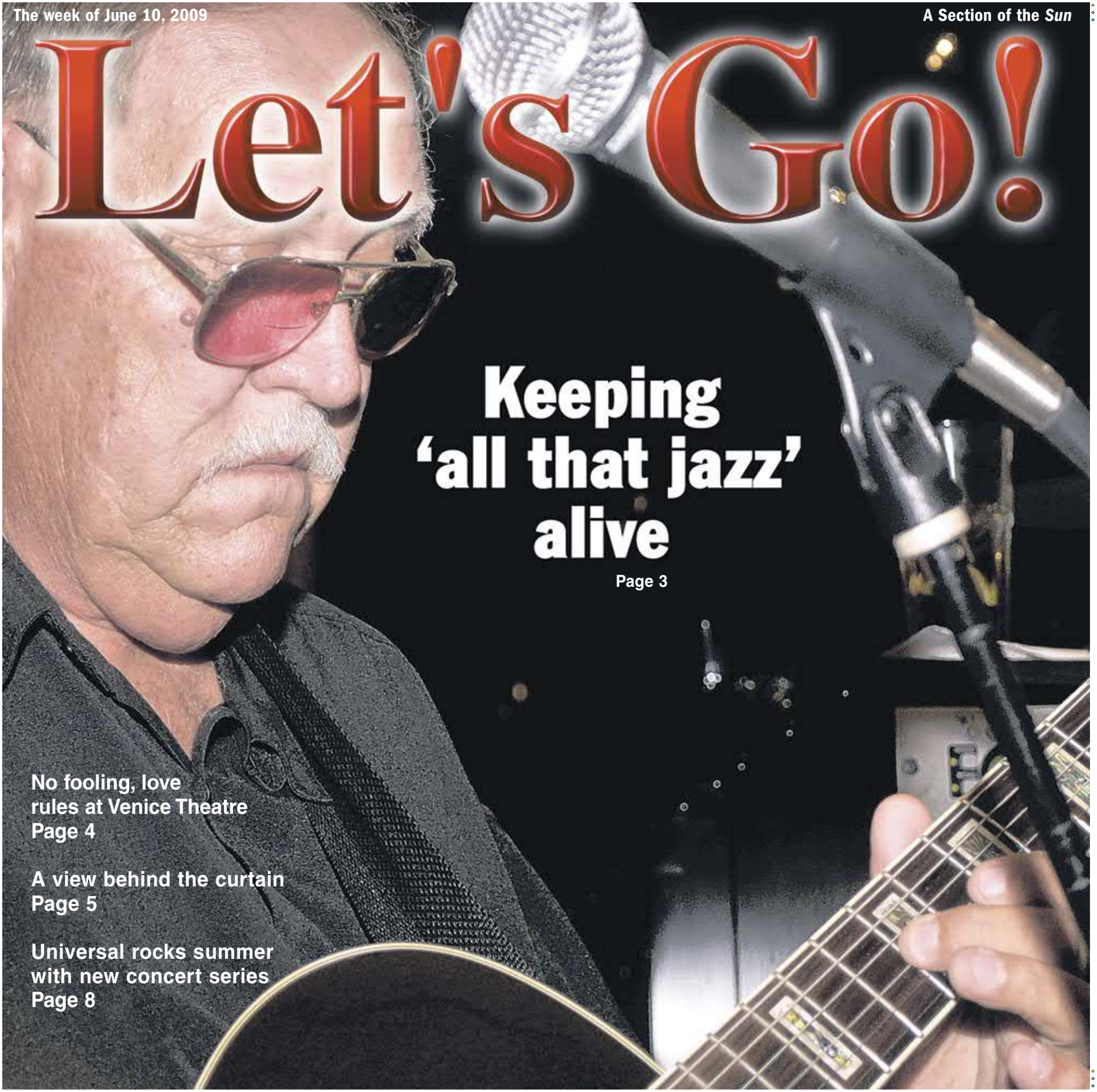

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Theater is not over for the summer

It's summer in Florida. Years ago, that meant most everything was closed for the season. A storeowner once told me that back in the 1960s when she opened her store, "everybody in town" closed for the summer.

Times have changed. While a few restaurants close on Mondays during the summer, there is even a full theater schedule.

Last week I reviewed "Late Nite Catechism" Thursday night at Sarasota's Golden Apple, the Broadway show "Souvenir" in the Mertz Theatre at the FSU Center for the Performing Arts on Friday and "Marvelous Party" Saturday night on the Keating mainstage at Florida Studio Theatre. Is it any wonder my car finds its way to Sarasota practically by itself?

This week I return to Sarasota for The Players production of Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew" on Thursday night and then spend Friday night in Venice at the opening of the annual Loveland Center/Venice Theatre collaborative production of The Loveland Follies. If you have never seen that show, call 941-488-1115 to order your tickets. Read more about that show inside this week's edition of Let's Go. Then go see for yourself. Featuring developmentally challenged adults from Loveland, the show has been in rehearsal since October. It will entertain, amaze and thrill you even as it energizes and thrills its cast and crew.

Talk about a sign of more good things to come — the Loveland Follies is all that and more.

Welcome to the summer season of theater on the Cultural Coast of Florida.

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Summer dinner theater

Cool off at the Cultural Center Theater this summer. The theater is bringing back their Summer Dinner Theater Series Wednesday.

Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. followed by comedy, magic and music by Timothy Hawkins.

Dinner includes cabbage roll, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad, rolls and marble cake.

Tickets are $20 for the meal and show for Cultural Center members and $23 for non-members.

Tickets for the show are $8 for members and $9 for non-members.

The summer dinner theater continues with "Broadway Melodies" on July 15 with John Timpanelli on Aug. 19.

Season tickets are $54 for member and $63 for non-members.

For tickets or more information, call 941-625-4175 ext. 221.

The Cultural Center is located at 2280 Aaron St., Port Charlotte.

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Keeping 'all that jazz' alive

BY SHARIE DERRICKSON
SUN CORRESPONDENT

Outside the expansive glass windows of the Captain's Table lounge at Fishermen's Village in Punta Gorda, the sun was its final throws, casting the last of its colors through the darkening sky. The lights of the Peace River Bridge reflected off the panes, and in the distance, one could see boats returning to safe harbor.

Inside the lounge, candles flickered inside sconces and patrons quietly chatted as Bob Hanson sat on his stool holding his Artcore Ibanez electric guitar. He closed his eyes and rhythmically swayed as he became absorbed by the smooth melody. The Captain's Table, Hanson said, is the perfect place to be on a Friday or Saturday night if you love what Hanson refers to as, "The truest American art form," – jazz.

Hanson's love affair with the music of Les Paul, Kenny Burrell, John Coltrane, Count Basie, and Joe Pass, began in his youth, as jazz music broke the sound barrier, forever transforming our musical landscape.

"My sister wanted a ukulele – it is something she wanted very badly," Hanson said. "So my dad took her to Montgomery Ward, and on the counter there was a guitar. I strummed those four strings and something went through my body that was indescribable," he said. "I can still feel that now when I play."

Music played an important role in this family's life. "My family would meet on the farm and my mother played piano, my father played the banjo, my Uncle Leo would play the fiddle, and my Uncle Phil would play the washtub bass," he said. "That was every Sunday as long as I can remember," he said. Those days set the scene for a life that has always had music in it, even after being drafted into the U.S. Army in Korea.

"I traveled all over the Far East in a group called The Statesmen."

After he was discharged, Hanson, who has worked with such musical legends as Dion and the Belmonts, then seriously pursued his love of jazz. When asked why jazz appealed to him so much, he said, "You have to have something up here to play that stuff," he said, pointing to his head, adding that you not only think when you play jazz, but you feel it as well.

He then spent time doing the jazz circuit and joined the Minnesota band the Flames, who, in 1958, experienced success with their hit song "Arabian Caravan," Hanson said. "We sold a couple of hundred thousand copies on the Gaiety record label," he said, adding that in 1991, he was inducted into the Minnesota Rock and Roll Hall of Fame for his accomplishments.

Hanson, a retired Teamster truck driver, relocated to Port Charlotte from Minnesota eight years ago and now has the time, he said, to dedicate to his passion for making music. He and the band members of the Bob Hanson Trio, drummer Bob Ryan, and bass player Bob Gook, began to get jazz gigs in the area and six months ago, the trio became the house band for the Captain's Table.

On any given Friday or Saturday night, he and his band not only entertain locals that come out each week to hear the band play, but also often invite some members of crowd to come up and perform. "If we know them and know they have talent, we love for them to come up and do a song or two with us."

"We are not slouch players," he said. "We all love what we do and we do our best to do it well," he said.

"Part of why we do this, besides playing the music we love," he said, "is to help keep jazz alive. There aren't that many places people can go to hear jazz," he said, adding that he would like to be part of a jazz revival. He would like to see a yearly jazz festival in Punta Gorda or Port Charlotte each year that could showcase local musicians and a big name act and he is willing to work to help bring that to fruition.

"I don't play jazz just for me – I play for those who love it, and when I play, I put my whole heart and soul into it," he said, adding it's one's heart and soul that jazz appeals to and it is that experience he wants for those who come and to hear the trio each Friday and Saturday night. "This is the best gig in town – I mean, just look at that view," he said motioning out the giant glass window behind him. "I am living the dream," Hanson said. "I live in paradise and get to play jazz."

The Bob Hanson Trio plays each Friday and Saturday night at the Captain's Table at Fishermen's Village in Punta Gorda from 7 to 10 p.m. For more information on upcoming venues or for interest in expanding jazz in the Port Charlotte and Punta Gorda area, contact Bob Hanson at 941-391-2175.

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Musician Bob Hanson entertains jazz lovers at the Captain's Table at Fishermen's Village in Punta Gorda. Hanson says he wants to be part of a jazz revival in the area.

No fooling, love rules at Venice Theatre

By KIM COOL
FEATURES EDITOR

"Why Do Fools Fall in Love?"

Simple — to give Venice Theatre one of its best shows of the year.

Starring four dynamite girl singer/actors, "Fools" is a musical show by Roger Bean that has just enough plot and, as a bonus, several comedy scenes.

New kid on the block Brooke Kirsch (DeeDee) was responsible for some of the funniest moments in the opening night show, sometimes for her facial expressions and other times for — well, you need to see for yourself.

Caitlin Longstreet (Florence) is back for the second time at Venice Theatre. She has a good voice and fine stage presence.

Completing the foursome were Venice Theatre veterans Emily Mounce (Millie) and Lauren Kelly (Sally). Mounce is just plain cute with the bonus of a good voice. She didn't miss a beat, even while choking on onion rings. That was another one of the funny schticks in this must-see show.

Kelly simply lights up the stage. Her voice would be enough but she also can move and act and has great timing for comedy. She was shedding real tears in the scene there that was appropriate. The good news for the rest of us is that she hopes to make a career in theater.

Venice Theatre regularly does cabaret shows and most are usually pretty good. "Fools" is in a class by itself. It is that good, mostly because these four girls are that good, working together and balancing each other beautifully.

Allan Kollar directed and designed the set. Jason Brenner was the show's music director and Donna Culbreath did the choreography, which was right out of the '60s and '70s with the Mashed Potato, the Twist and even some Charleston steps, as that made a brief comeback in that era.

"Why Do Fools Fall in Love" plays through Sunday. Tickets are $24 per person. Venice Theatre is at 140 W. Tampa Ave., on the island in downtown Venice. The box office is open daily from 10 a.m.to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 941-488-1115 or visit www.venicestage.com for tickets.

A Twitter-based competition show headed for TV?

\By FRAZIER MOORE
AP TELEVISION WRITER

NEW YORK — Twitter, the Web site that asks what everybody's doing, says it wants to be doing a TV series.

The social-networking site has teamed with Reveille productions and Brillstein Entertainment Partners to develop an unscripted series based on the popular site, which invites 140-character postings from members around the world.

The show would harness Twitter to put players on the trail of celebrities in an interactive, competitive format, the show's producers announced Monday.

"Right now, Twitter is an incredible technological and cultural phenomenon," said executive producer Amy Ephron, who created the TV show and took it to Twitter.

The producers call their proposed series the first to bring the immediacy of Twitter to the TV screen.

"It captures what's best about Twitter, and it's a compelling TV show in its own right," said Noah Oppenheim, head of unscripted development for Reveille.

Like Ephron, he was tightlipped on any details about the show, its format, even its title. He said the partners are saving all that for their upcoming pitch meetings with networks.

Once a network deal is signed, "We're ready to go into production," Oppenheim said.

Reveille's scripted entertainment includes "The Office" (NBC), "Ugly Betty" (ABC) and "The Tudors" (Showtime), plus reality programming that includes "The Biggest Loser" and "American Gladiators" (both NBC).

Credits for Brillstein Entertainment, which represents Ephron, include "Real Time with Bill Maher" (HBO), "The Sopranos" (HBO), "According to Jim" (ABC) and "NewsRadio" (NBC).

The San Francisco-based Twitter, which was founded in 2007, is one of the Internet's fastest-growing sites. A recent Nielsen report found that unique visitors to Twitter zoomed from 475,000 during February 2008 to 7 million a year later.

CALENDAR EXTRA

Museum celebrates Flag Day

The Military Heritage Museum will celebrate Flag Day with a reception from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. **Sunday** in the Museum at Fishermen's Village, 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda. At 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., Executive Director Kim Lovejoy will speak about the history of the flag and related customs, and there will be a demonstration of the proper folding of the flag as well.

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A view behind the curtain

By JOHN MAGNIN
President of Charlotte County Nonprofits, Inc.

She was a cute, painfully shy nine year old girl, who could barely find the courage to speak, even with those she knew quite well. In an attempt to help her open up, a relative invited her to a youth theater workshop, presented by the Charlotte Players. Reluctantly, the young girl agreed to attend. It was a decision that changed her life.

Over the past five years, she has remained active with the theatrical group and has been successful in several plays. Recently, she auditioned at the Burt Reynolds Institute for Film & Theatre, in Jupiter, Fla.

Acting gave her the freedom of expression and the confidence to speak and interact with others.

Charlotte Players, a nonprofit organization, began producing community theater over 49 years ago. In 2005, Sherrie Moody took the helm and became the organization's first executive director.

Staging a successful theater production requires the commitment of a large number of people. The Charlotte Players rely heavily on a dedicated group of over 400 volunteers. Some have served the organization more than 20 years.

Producing a play can also be an expensive venture. Moody states that production costs typically range between $8,000 and $40,000, with musicals being at the higher end.

While attendance has remained strong, Charlotte Players must rely on more than ticket sales to cover expenses. The Players are able to produce quality theater because of generous donations and commercial sponsorships.

The group's fifth and final play of this season, "Catch Me If You Can," will be performed May 22-30 at the Cultural Center. Auditions for The Nerd, their first play of the 2009-2010 season will begin in mid-August.

Moody invites both experienced and inexperienced actors to audition for the various parts and, of course, volunteers are always needed and appreciated for "behind-the-scene" positions as well. There is something for everyone interested in theater.

Charlotte Players will hold a two-week Theater Workshop for Kids (grades 2-12), June 15-28, culminating with productions performed by the students.

For additional information about Charlotte Players including ticket sales, auditioning, volunteering opportunities, kids workshop and more, call 255-1022 or visit www.charlotteplayers.org.

John Magnin is the president of Charlotte County Nonprofits, Inc, which provides a "simple way to give that costs you nothing." He may be reached at 637-0309 or john@ccnonprofits.org. More information also is available at www.ccnonprofits.org.

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Sherrie Moody, Charlotte Players Executive Director, inspects costumes for an upcoming performance.

CALENDAR EXTRAS

Hibiscus Festival

The sixth annual Punta Gorda National Hibiscus Festival will soon be here. The public is invited to join in the fun. The Hibiscus Music Festival will be held from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. on **June 19** and the Hibiscus Festival will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on **June 20** at Gilchrist Park, 400 W. Retta Esplanade. The event features: Secret Garden tours, Hibiscus Redfish tournament, Hibiscus Sail Boat Regatta, Hibiscus bike rides, L'il Miss Hibiscus Pageant, an exotic and native plant sale, free trolley rides, Hibiscus Harbor Cruise and much more.

'Movies Under The Stars'

"Movie Under The Stars" returns to Bayshore Live Oak Park on **June 19**. The feature presentation will be "The Dark Knight" starring Heath Ledger, Morgan Freeman and Christian Bale.

The Veteran Motor Car Club of America will be there displaying antique autos.

There will be premovie entertainment starting at 7:30 p.m. with the movie to start at 8 p.m.

Admission is free and a variety of concessions will be available.

Participants may bring lawn chairs and blankets, but coolers are not allowed. The park is located at 23157 Bayshore Road, Charlotte Harbor.

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'Shrew' sizzles at The Players Theatre

By KIM COOL
FEATURES EDITOR

Continuing to broaden the offerings of The Players Theatre, its artistic director Jeffrey Kin selected Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew" for the first presentation in the theater's Summer Sizzler Series. It will be offered June 11-13 at the theater.

Kin introduced the new series and more summer offerings last year. The series features three plays, which are presented in relatively short runs over the summer to give year-round residents and summer visitors some additional theatrical choices. Theater buffs have welcomed the series as much for the fact that it adds to the summer season as for the fact that it is a break from the all-musical format that had been a Players tradition.

The story concerns Petrucio and his betrothed, Kate, who gives new meaning to the term "headstrong." The story and characters are classic and timeless. There are mistaken identities, disguises and other red herrings to tantalize viewers as the love story moves along. There also are elements that some would consider controversial. The show was the inspiration for "Kiss Me Kate," the Cole Porter musical. "Shrew" will be directed by Richard LeVene, with Barry Look as Petruchio and Judy Phelan as Kate.

Performances will be at 8 p.m.Thursday - Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday,.

"Wit," by Margaret Edson, is the second Sizzler production. It will run July 9-12 and be followed by the Jenny Beres comedy, "hay Day" July 23-26.

Also coming up this summer is the Got-a-Minute Play Festival. When you order tickets for the Sizzler series, ask about tickets for the one-minute plays.

The theater is at 838 North Tamiami Trail. Tickets for "The Taming of the Shrew" are $18 for adults and $12 for students. Visit www.theplayers or call the box office at 941-365-2494.

PHOTO BY TED MASE/COURTESY OF THE PLAYERS

"The Taming of the Shrew" by William Shakespeare will be presented at The Players in Sarasota, Thursday through Sunday.

See Florida International Museum in a new light

By KIM COOL
FEATURES EDITOR

When art museums share their collections with each other, everyone wins.

Until Oct. 4, visitors to the Florida International Museum in St. Petersburg will have a unique opportunity.

For the first time, more than 125 large works of art from the Gulf Coast Museum of Art in Largo will be shown in one place. Because of the size of the art works, that museum was only able to show a few at a time. Many have not been seen for years because of the space limitations at the Largo museum.

This show has been named "In a New Light" because the works are being shown in a new location, or literally, "in a new light." In addition to work by Tampa Bay artists Theo Wujcik and Duncan McClellan, the show features work by photographer Clyde Butcher of Venice and other world-famous artists such as Miria Shapiro, Sam Gilliam and George Inness, more than 125 in all and all from the Southeastern part of the United States. The collection takes up virtually the entire FIM exhibition space.

That the show seems to coincide with other FIM news was almost hidden within the show's press release about the show but confirmed by a call to Rob Sumner who has been the marketing person for FIM for several years.

Since the FIM moved to its present location about two years ago, it has been located within the St. Petersburg Downtown Art Center, which is part of St. Petersburg College.

Within the last couple of months, FIM was absorbed into the college, Sumner said.

"The Smithsonian connection is still there," he said. "The traveling exhibitions will still come to the museum."

The museum was dark for a short time but the lights went on again for the current show, which will be followed sometime in October by Rocky Mountain Quilts, a traveling that will remain at the FIM for a few months.

FIM is are 244 Second Avenue North in downtown St. Petersburg.

For information, call 727-341-7900 or visit www.floridamuseum.org.

CALENDAR EXTRA

Annual fishing tournament

The 24th annual Kiwanis Fishing Tournament will be held from 9 a.m. to noon **June 18** at McKibben Park, 5500 Trekell St., North Port. Each year, the Kiwanis offers this family-friendly event that is free and open to children ages 3 to 12 years-old. Bait and poles will be provided. Parents must supervise children under the age of 10. Prizes will be awarded for the most fish caught and the largest fish caught (boys and girls). All fishermen will receive a "Certificate of Participation," and refreshments will be provided for the participants. For more information, call the City of North Port's Parks and Recreation Division at 941-240-8125.

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Strapped budgets, job insecurity: No wonder the road trip is back

By ANDREA COOMBES
MarketWatch

SAN FRANCISCO — Money's tight, gas is down from its record highs last year, and the pull of the open road is one few Americans are able to resist.

Plus, with the job market as unstable as it is, more people may feel better asking for a few days off for a weekend getaway rather than a week or more for a longer journey, even though airfares are lower than they've been in years.

It all adds up: Time for a road trip.

Interest in road trips is "sky high," said Mark Sedenquist, publisher and co-founder of RoadTripAmerica.com, a travel information site. "The big difference is people two or three years ago were planning a two-week long road trip, but now they're thinking about two or three days and they're staying closer to home."

An estimated 27 million people hopped into their cars this Memorial Day weekend, a 2.5 percent hike from the 26.1 million people who took a road trip over the holiday weekend last year, according to AAA, the drivers' association.

Still, the expected increase this year didn't come close to offsetting last year's drop: Memorial Day car trips fell 10 percent in 2008 compared with 2007, according to AAA.

The fluctuations are at least partly due to gas prices. A gallon of gas cost about $4, more in some places, in May 2008. But this year's lower gas prices — a gallon averaged about $2.39 nationwide last week, according to the AAA Daily Fuel Gauge Report — could prompt more people to get behind the wheel.

While gas prices have been rising recently — a month ago a gallon sold for $2.06 — AAA expects prices to top off at $2.50 a gallon this summer.

Despite the increasing popularity of bicycles and public transportation, taking the car on a road trip is an iconic part of American culture.

"Historians would say travel is fundamental to the American experience, as we modern-day suburbanites try to ... recreate our forefathers' pioneer spirit," said Jamie Jensen, author of "Road Trip USA" in an email interview. If it weren't for Americans' penchant for car travel, we wouldn't have fast food and motels, Jensen said.

"The connections between the open road and the American psyche may be even more apparent," he said, citing Chuck Berry's classic hit "No Particular Place to Go," Jack Kerouac's "On the Road" and 1960s hippies in VW buses.

TRAVEL BRIEF

Airlines will be asking birthdates and gender for new TSA 'Secure Flight' program

WASHINGTON (AP) — Don't be surprised if you're asked to provide your date of birth and gender when booking plane tickets later this summer.

The Transportation Security Administration has launched a new program called "Secure Flight" to improve security and reduce misidentification of passengers who have names similar to individuals on government watch lists.

As part of Secure Flight, airlines will ask passengers buying tickets to provide their name exactly as it appears on the government-issued identification they plan to use when traveling. Later this summer, airlines will also begin asking passengers to provide their birthdates and gender.

Paul Leyh, TSA's director of Secure Flight, said in a phone interview that by collecting the additional information before passengers arrive at airport security checkpoints, "we can run it against the watch list and use it to clear passengers."

Some carriers are already collecting the new data, but others won't be doing so until later this year.

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Universal rocks summer with new concert series

By KIM COOL
FEATURES EDITOR

There is more to Universal Orlando that thrill rides and theme hotels.

Saturday through July 4, the Orlando resort will offer live Saturday night concert performances of such big names as LL Cool J, Jordin Sparks and others in its new Music Plaza venue.

Befitting the new stage area, Universal went for gold — gold-record earning, chart-topping performers to open the new venue. Million-album seller Jordin Sparks will kick off the series June 13.

LL Cool J, who has had 20 singles on the chart, will perform June 20, followed the next Saturday, June 28 by Natasha Bedingfield of Great Britain. She has sold more than 10 million albums on both sides of the Atlantic. Wrapping the series with a July 4 concert is the hall of Fame group, the O'Jays.

Household names, the performers offer something for nearly every taste in the pop music realm.

The new venue is being billed by the folks at Universal as a "state-of-the-art outdoor music venue." Its official opening as a concert venue was during Universal's Mardi Gras celebration in February and March. A Universal spokesman said the design was inspired by the famous Hollywood Bowl, which has been one of the top music venues on the west coast for decades. Guests gather on a 15,000 square-foot viewing lawn in front of the 2,400-square-foot stage. Two 20-foot tall projection screens add impact and facilitate viewing for all, even those in the very back.

Concerts are free with regular park admission.

Spend the day in the park and when totally dizzy from too coaster rides or in pain from laughing at the Cat in the Hat, unwind at a nighttime concert in the Music Plaza.

To really make a weekend of it, spend the night at one of those theme hotels. The most appropriate choice would be the Hard Rock but the rooms and food at the Portofino Bay Hotel and Royal Pacific Resort are in the same league — excellent.

Staying in any of these hotels includes several perks such as front of the line access on rides and handy access to the parks and shopping areas of Universal, by either boat or walkway.

Such a plan is even better for Florida residents who purchase the 2-Park Annual Power Pass, which gives passholders admission to Universal islands of Adventure and Universal Studios all year long for about the price of two daytime theme-park tickets.

The Florida Resident 2-Night Vacation Package includes 2-day/2-park admission plus two nights at a hotel near Universal for $69 per person, per-night. That rate does not include the on-site Lowes Hotels although they can be included for an additional cost. That front-of-the-line access could be well worth the cost increase for avid riders. The Incredible Hulk coaster is even more fun when you don't have to stand in line for an hour. Visit www.universalorlando.com

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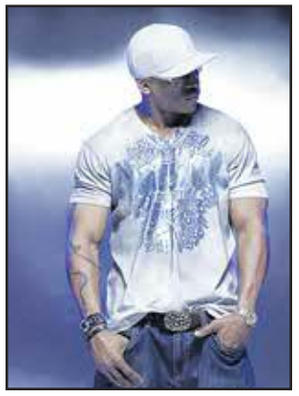
Universal Orlando's new Music Plaza will rock with the sounds of several chart toppers during the Summer Sizzler concerts Saturday through July 4.

Jordin Sparks will headline a concert at Universal Orlando Saturday.

Natasha Bedingfield will headline a concert June 27 during Universal Orlando's new Summer Sizzler series in its new Music Plaza.



LL Cool J will perform in concert at Universal Orlando's Summer Sizzler concert on June 20.

National parks plan 3 free summer weekends

By MATTHEW DALY
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON — The National Park Service will allow visitors free entry during three weekends this summer to encourage Americans to visit national parks such as the Grand Canyon, Yosemite and Rocky Mountain National Park.

The fee waivers — one each month in June, July and August — will apply to all 391 national parks across the country, from Alaska to Florida.

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said the free weekends should help American families struggling with the recession afford a memorable vacation.

All 147 Park Service sites that charge fees for entry will waive entrance fees from June 20-21, July 18-19 and August 15-16, Salazar said.

Entry fees being waived range from $3 to $25.

That does not apply to fees charged for camping, reservations, tours or concessions.

'The Taking of Pelham 123'

By COLIN COVERT
STAR TRIBUNE
(MINNEAPOLIS)

The story was told in classic form 35 years ago. Walter Matthau slouched through the film as a sly transit detective in a battle of wits with Freon-cool kidnapper Robert Shaw. The script was a treasure trove of cynical, antiestablishment humor, and had a pleasing variety of tone. It seemed like a supercharged adventure at the time, but today it plays like a leisurely stroll through Central Park.

Denzel Washington stars as an MTA official demoted to the dispatcher's desk. He's the first to notice that the Pelham 123 train isn't following its schedule, and the man on the microphone when ringleader John Travolta radios in his demands. Washington is blindsided by the situation; even in post-9/11 New York, nobody expects a ransom demand from terrorists in the bowels of the subway system. Travolta, a raging, gun-crazy killer with a surprisingly shrewd feel for finance, contributes some of his best acting since "Face-Off" and "Broken Arrow."

The near-impossible terms are set: $10 million delivered to the parked train in an hour or the executions begin. The story is a duel of nerves, gamesmanship and intelligence. Washington is believably human as a tubby desk jockey suddenly responsible for negotiating the lives of 19 passengers; you feel his confusion and discomfort as he tries to reason with Travolta's half-crazed killer. While the plot grinds away, we can savor another kind of competition with a pair of powerhouse actors wrestling for ownership of the movie.

The ending leaves you uplifted, but it doesn't equal the throwaway gag that capped the original, the best use of an "Achoo!" in cinema history. There's nothing wrong with this movie that a little sneezing powder wouldn't fix.

FILMS AT A GLANCE

Movie	Rating	Grade
Angels & Demons	(PG-13)	B+
Dance Flick	(PG-13)	B-
Drag Me to Hell	(PG-13)	B
The Hangover	(R)	B
Imagine That	(PG)	NEW
Land of the Lost	(PG-13)	C
My Life in Ruins	(PG-13)	C
Night at the Museum	(PG)	B
Star Trek	(PG-13)	A
The Taking of Pelham 123	(R)	NEW
Terminator Salvation	(PG-13)	B
Up	(PG)	A
X-Men	(PG-13)	B-

Angels & Demons (PG-13) B+

When Robert Langdon (Tom Hanks) discovers evidence of the resurgence of an ancient secret brotherhood known as the illuminati—the most powerful underground organization in history—he also faces a deadly threat to the existence of the secret organization's most despised enemy: the Catholic Church.

Dance Flick (PG-13) B-

"Dance Flick" is a hilarious new comedy that brings together the talents of two generations of the Wayans family, the explosively funny clan who brought us the "Scary Movie" franchise and "White Chicks", as well as the groundbreaking TV series "In Living Color." In "Dance Flick," a young street dancer, Thomas Uncles (Damon Wayans, Jr.), from the wrong side of the tracks and a beautiful young woman, Megan White (Shoshana Bush), are brought together by their passion for dancing and put to the test in the mother of all dance battles. "Dance Flick" sends up the dance movie genre, including such recent hits as "Step Up" and "You Got Served", as well as the classic "Flashdance."

Drag Me to Hell (PG-13) B

Christine Brown (Alison Lohman) is an ambitious L.A. loan officer with a charming boyfriend, professor Clay Dalton (Justin Long). Life is good until the mysterious Mrs. Ganush (Lorna Raver) arrives at the bank to beg for an extension on her home loan. Should Christine follow her instincts and give the old woman a break? Or should she deny the extension to impress her boss, Mr. Jacks (David Paymer), and get a leg-up on a promotion? Christine fatefully chooses the latter, shaming Mrs. Ganush and dispossessing her of her home.

The Hangover (R) B

Two days before his wedding, Doug and three friends drive to Las Vegas for a wild and memorable stag party. In fact, when the three groomsmen wake up the next morning, they can't remember a thing; nor can they find Doug. With little time to spare , the three hazy pals try to re-trace their steps and find Doug so they can get him back to Los Angeles in time to walk down the aisle.

Imagine That (PG) NEW

Like many busy professionals, Evan Danielson (Eddie Murphy) is so focused on his career that quality time with his young daughter, Olivia (Yara Shahidi), has fallen by the wayside. When an important promotion is suddenly within reach, stressed-out Evan starts to fall apart while trying to fend off his company rival (Thomas Haden Church) . But when little Olivia introduces him to the inhabitants of her imaginary land, Evan rediscovers his inner child and finds the answers to all his problems.

Land of the Lost (PG-13) C

Has-been scientist Dr. Rick Marshall, sucked into one and spat back through time. Way back. Now, Marshall has no weapons, few skills and questionable smarts to survive in an alternate universe full of marauding dinosaurs and fantastic creatures from beyond our world—a place of spectacular sights and super-scaled comedy known as the Land of the Lost. Sucked alongside him for the adventure are crack-smart research assistant Holly (Anna Friel) and a redneck survivalist (Danny McBride) named Will. Chased by T. rex and stalked by painfully slow reptiles known as Sleestaks, Marshall, Will and Holly must rely on their only ally—a primate called Chaka (Jorma Taccone)—to navigate out of the hybrid dimension. Escape from this routine expedition gone awry and they're heroes. Get stuck, and they'll be permanent refugees in the Land of the Lost.

My Life in Ruins (PG-13) C

Georgia (Nia Vardalos) is a Greek American tour guide, who leads an assorted group of misfit tourists around Greece. Tourists who would rather buy a T-Shirt than learn about history. In an hysterical clash of personalities and cultures, everything seems to go wrong. Until one day when a very special tourist, Irv Gordon (Richard Dreyfuss), shows her how to have fun and take a good look at the last person she'd ever expect to find love with...her quiet and sexy Greek bus driver. 1 hr. 36 mins.

Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG) B

When the Museum of Natural History is closed for upgrades and renovations, the museum pieces are moved into federal storage at the famous Washington Museums. Security guard Larry Daley (Ben Stiller) infiltrates the Smithsonian Institute in order to rescue Jedediah (Owen Wilson) and Octavius (Steve Coogan), who have been shipped to the museum by mistake. The centrepiece of the film will be bringing to life the Smithsonian Institution, which houses the world's largest museum complex with more than 136 million items in its collections, ranging from the plane Amelia Earhart (Amy Adams) flew on her non-stop solo flight across the Atlantic and Al Capone's rap sheet and mug shot to Dorothy's ruby red slippers, Fonzie's jacket from Happy Days and Archie Bunker's lounge chair from All in the Family.

Star Trek (PG-13) A

From director J.J. Abrams ("Mission: Impossible III," "Lost" and "Alias"), producers Damon Lindelof and Bryan Burk and screenwriters Roberto Orci & Alex Kurtzman ("Transformers," "MI: III") comes a new vision of the greatest space adventure of all time, "Star Trek," featuring a young, new crew venturing boldly where no one has gone before. 2 hrs. 6 mins.

The Taking of Pelham 123 (R) NEW

A group of hijackers take a subway train and its passengers hostage, threatening to kill them if their ransom is not paid of 1 million dollars. 1 hr. 44 mins.

Terminator Salvation (PG-13) B

In the fourth installment of the Terminator series, Christian Bale stars as John Connor, the eventual leader of mankind's fight againts the machines. The setting is 2018, focusing on the war between the humans and the computer network Skynet. Anton Yelchin co-stars as soldier Kyle Reese, and Sam Worthington appears as new terminator Marcus Wright. 2 hrs.

Up (PG) A

Carl Fredricksen, a 78-year-old balloon salesman, finally fulfills his lifelong dream of a great adventure when he ties thousands of balloons to his house and flies away to the wilds of South America. But he discovers all too late that his biggest nightmare has stowed away on the trip: an overly optimistic 8-year-old Wilderness Explorer named Russell. "Up" invites you on a hilarious journey into a lost world, with the least likely duo on Earth. 1 hr. 36 mins.

X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG-13) B-

Leading up to the events of X-Men, X-Men Origins: Wolverine tells the story of Wolverine's epically violent and romantic past, his complex relationship with Victor Creed, and the ominous Weapon X program. Along the way, Wolverine encounters many mutants, both familiar and new, including surprise appearances by several legends of the X-Men universe. 1 hr. 37 mins.

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Young Playwrights Festival winners announced

PHOTO COURTESY OF BETSIE SHIPARSKI

Nikko Soto and Claire Shiparski, shown with their teacher from Garden Elementary School, Mrs. Ionescu, were among the winners of Florida Studio Theatre's annual Write a Play Festival. Awards were presented May 16.

By KIM COOL
FEATURES EDITOR

Each year, Florida Studio Theatre's Young Playwright's Festival grows in stature even as the number of entries increase. This year there were 3,384 submissions from more than 5,400 playwrights.

For many, the biggest thrill is to see his or her play produced professionally.

More than 300 winners traveled to Sarasota from as far away as Vladimir, Russia and Dunfermline, Scotland for the May 16 award ceremony. As Dunfermline is a sister city to Sarasota, this is not the first time entries have come from there.

Festival coordinator Adam Ratner said the student efforts ranged from farces to serious dramas.

FST Artistic Director Richard Hopkins and Associate Director Kate Alexander presided at the award program, which also honored involved educators and foreign dignitaries who have long supported what has become an international program over the 17 years of its existence. Alexander is the festival's director.

Two categories receive plays from students in grades K-6 while those in seventh grade and above enter Seven Up. This year's winners in that category included students from Scotland, Israel, Russia and China, an FST spokesman said.

Children are encouraged to write about any topic that interests them. More than 1 million children have been involved in some way, either writing plays, attending plays presented by the Playmaker's Tour or by participating in classroom workshops about the process.

The project is funded by grants from public, private and governmental organizations and departments.

For a complete list of winners, visit www.floridastudiotheatre.org/childrens_theatre.php.

CALENDAR EXTRAS

Elks' hold picnic benefit

The Punta Gorda Elks 2606 will host an Army of Hope picnic from noon to 4 p.m. **Saturday - Monday** at the Lodge, 25538 Shore Drive. The public is invited to come out for a fun family day to honor and help provide assistance to the families of deceased, disabled and deployed members of the military in Florida. There will be food, beer and soda and music to enjoy. The cost is $20 per person and is "all-you-can-eat." Army of Hope is a project sponsored by nine Elk's Lodges and held across the state.

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'Camp Broadway' is this year's Loveland Follies

By KIM COOL
Features Editor

Few shows are ever more heart-warming than the annual Loveland Follies, a collaborative effort of Loveland Center and Venice Theatre.

Loveland students and theater volunteers begin rehearsals each October for the annual show which is presented on the theater's mainstage and nearly always sells out its three performances. Fortunately there are no bad seats at Venice Theatre, except possibly the back row of the balcony for those who are very tall.

This year, performances of "Camp Broadway," an original show devised for Loveland, will be at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Suitable for all ages, the always entertaining show will feature music from Broadway sung enthusiastically as always by the Loveland group, with some featured solos and a few dance numbers thrown in for good measure. Despite their developmental challenges, the Loveland students never fail to entertain and their infectious enthusiasm is contagious, leaving everyone in the audience feeling better than they did before the show. Venice Theatre volunteers are as enthusiastic as the Loveland students, returning year after year to help the students learn and perform their parts in the show.

Help the Follies

A total of $300,000 is needed to assure that the Loveland Follies continue. Contributions to an endowment fund are invested. Earnings are used to support the costs associated with the annual follies. To make a donation, call Benny Weaver at Loveland, 941-493-0016, ext. 337.

The Loveland partnership with Venice Theatre began 14 years ago as a suggestion of longtime theater volunteer Yvonne T. Pinkerton who directed the annual show until two years ago.

This is a mainstage show, treated by the theater staff like any other mainstage show. Theater personnel oversee every aspect of its production to the same degree as they would one of the big musical shows in the middle of the mainstage season.

Tickets are $15 per person. The theater is at 140 W. Tampa Ave. on the island in downtown Venice. Order tickets on line at www.venicestage.com or call the box office at 941-488-1115 Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. or Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and one hour before all performances.

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With volunteers from Venice Theatre, several performers from Loveland Center rehearse for a scene from last year's annual Loveland Follies at Venice Theatre.

DESOTO

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Sunday, poker.
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4 p.m. - 7 p.m. Sunday, Rock and Roll Tiki Bar Entertainment.
Friday, Danny Beach.
Saturday, karaoke with Jamie.
Sunday, Jam Band.
· **Coyotes Bar and Grille**
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· **Deep Creek Elks**
1133 Capricorn Blvd., Deep Creek.
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1:30 p.m. Sunday, Bingo.
· **Joe Cracker Sportsgrille**
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9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Wednesday, Thursday, ladies night with DJ Philly Billy.
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8 p.m. Tuesday, Texas Hold 'em Poker, Q's In-House 9 Ball Pool League.
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· **Sports City**
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8 p.m. - midnight Tuesday, live music.
7 p.m. - 11 p.m. Wednesday, live music.
· **Sun Flea Market**
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8 p.m. Wednesday, comedy hypnotist, Rich Guzzi.
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9 p.m., 10 p.m. Saturday, Wii Dutch Bowling Tournament.
5 p.m. Sunday, Wii bowling lessons.
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8 p.m. Monday, Sandy's Monday Madness Bowling Tournament.
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7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Tuesday, karaoke.
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8 p.m. - midnight Friday, Marc Anthony Roman.
9 p.m. - midnight Saturday, karaoke.
Noon - 2 p.m. Sunday, Sophisicated Swing.
5 p.m. - 9 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, piano bar with Bill Cerrera.
8 p.m. - 10 p.m. Tuesday, Comedy night.

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· **The Office Pub**
1195 U.S. 41 Bypass South, Venice.
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9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Saturday, karaoke contest.
1 p.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday, Texas Hold 'Em Poker.
2 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, Wii bowling.
7 p.m. - midnight Monday, Tuesday Texas Hold 'Em Poker.
9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Tuesday, bar bingo.

· **Saltwater Cafe**
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7 p.m. - 11 p.m. Saturday, Gary Lesher.
11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Sunday brunch with Gary Lesher.
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The menu features a large variety of munchies to have with drinks or as appetizers for your meal. They range in price from $1.99 for salsa and chips to $13.95 for the cleverly named The Indecision which contains eight different appetizers! Wings with an assortment of sauce choices are $.39 on Thursdays. We sampled a tamale ($2.25) which arrived suffering from an excess of microwaves. It was promptly replaced by our server and proved to be tasty.

From the South of the Border dinner menu we chose Chicken Fajitas ($12.95), Enchiladas (Verde)($10.95), and our New Jersey friend had Rollers ($9.99), highly seasoned pulled chicken served with flour tortillas, large quantities of lettuce, cheese, guacamole and a spicy pico de gallo. All entrees come with a well-prepared version of refried beans and Mexican-style rice. She also got flour tortillas with her fajitas of barely seasoned chicken and lots of all the usual accompaniments. His two large chicken Enchiladas were hidden under a thick layer of melted cheese which overwhelmed the flavors of the filling and green sauce.

For dessert the Fried Ice Cream ($3.99) was not what we expected. It was simply a large scoop of ice cream rolled in cinnamon corn flakes sitting in a crispy tortilla bowl and smothered in whipped topping. The Apple Quesadilla ($3.99), apple pie filling between two fried tortillas, was somewhat more successful.

Other listed choices include soups, salads, sandwiches, burgers and North of the Border dinners of chicken, steak, ribs and seafood. A standout of the non-alcoholic beverages ($1.99) is the delicious iced tea. The bar specializes in Margaritas.

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CORRECTION:
A story about the Lemon Bay High School fund-raising production of "The Wedding Singer," which appeared in the June 3 issue of Let's Go, had incorrect dates.
Performances are at 7 p.m. June 18 and 19 at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center, 701 Carmelita St., Punta Gorda. Tickets are $50 per person for the first three rows and $25 per person in the other rows. Buy tickets on line at www.lbhstheatre.com or at the door.

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Guilty pleasures of summer television

By CHUCK BARNEY
CONTRA COSTA TIMES

The broadcast television season has come to a close, which means die-hard viewers can either gripe about the absence of their favorite shows, or gleefully embrace the guilty pleasures of summer TV.

We recommend the latter. Like a good beach book, summer TV provides a chance to shift your brain to cruise control and veg out with some relatively mindless programming. But here's a word of warning: Summer TV can be remarkably addictive. So proceed with caution, keep shaded and limit your exposure to cathode rays.

Now here's your guide to the guiltier pleasures of the summer:

• "Wipeout": The concept is ridiculously simple: Each week, several very brave (or very stupid) contestants compete on an obstacle course seemingly designed by a sadistic mad scientist. As they crash against giant rubber balls and do face plants in the mud, we watch from the relative safety of our couches and laugh like donkeys. Who knew a human demolition derby could be so fun? (8 p.m. Wednesdays, ABC).

• "So You Think You Can Dance": We get an overwhelming urge to hit the "mute" button every time judge Mary Murphy unleashes one of her grating banshee screams. Otherwise, this show rules. We marvel at the different dance styles, and we're blown away by the incredible passion and insane moves displayed by the wannabe hoofers. Better yet: No ugly disco-ball trophies. (8 p.m. Wednesdays; 9 p.m. Thursdays, Fox).

• "True Blood": You can have "Twilight," we're thirsty for more "True Blood." Alan Ball's fang-tastic vampire drama sucked us in during Season 1 with its red-hot romance between Bill (Stephen Moyer) and Sookie (Anna Paquin), then held us spellbound with its potent mix of lusty intrigue, suspense, sex and gore. Now we can hardly wait to see what these insatiable creatures of the night will do for an encore. (Returns 9 p.m., June 14, HBO).

• "America's Got Talent": The Susan Boyle phenomenon is sure to bring even more attention (and auditioners) to this offbeat talent show. But while we appreciate any singer who can match Boyle's incredible pipes, it's the freak factor that draws us in — the acrobats, the lasso artists, the rappin' grannies, the Boy Shakiras ... Presiding over all the lunacy is new host Nick Cannon. (Returns 9 p.m., June 23, NBC).

• "Big Brother 11": And you thought this occasionally tedious, tacky and voyeuristic examination of human lab rats would be so done by now. But some of us obviously still yearn to observe a bunch of scheming exhibitionists as they hang out in a big house full of cameras. The best thing about watching "Big Brother"? It usually makes us feel much better about ourselves. (Returns 8 p.m., July 9, CBS).

• "Project Runway": The legal tussle between networks that plunged the show into limbo for nearly a year is thankfully over. Now we can get back to the fashion-themed reality series that leaves us on pins and needles. (Returns 10 p.m., Aug. 20, Lifetime).

SUMMER LINEUP

Maybe there's some fresh guilty-pleasure viewing to be found among the batch of new summer shows (We're keeping an eye on "More to Love"). Here's a rundown:

June 11

"16 & Pregnant" (10 p.m., MTV): A look at real-life challenges of teen pregnancy.

"Raising Sextuplets" (10 p.m., WE): Forget "Jon & Kate." Another supersized family comes to prime time.

June 14

"Hammertime" (10 p.m., A&E): Reality series focuses on Oakland-bred rap star Stanley Burrell.

June 15

"DJ and The Fro" (5 p.m., MTV): Animated show touted as "'Beavis and Butt-head' for the Millennial generation."

June 16

"Wedding Day" (8 p.m., TNT): Mark Burnett ("Survivor"; "The Apprentice") rewards deserving couples with the weddings of their dreams.

"HawthoRNe" (9 p.m., TNT): Jada Pinkett Smith plays a chief nursing officer in this medical drama.

June 21

"Merlin" (8 p.m., NBC): British series offers a fresh take on the wizard's early years.

June 22

"Make It or Break It" (9 p.m., ABC Family): Drama follows girls competing in high-stakes world of gymnastics.

June 23

"The Superstars" (8 p.m., ABC): Celebrities pair up with pro athletes and compete in offbeat events.

"NYC Prep" (10 p.m., Bravo): Meet real-life versions of the "Gossip Girl" gang.

June 24

"The Philanthropist" (10 p.m., NBC): A drama about a globe-trotting billionaire playboy (James Purefoy) who helps the needy.

June 28

"Hung" (10 p.m., HBO): A well-endowed teacher (Thomas Jane) moonlights as a male escort.

July 7

"Great American Road Trip" (8 p.m., NBC): An "Amazing Race"-like series that has families competing along classic Route 66.

"10 Things I Hate About You" (8 p.m., ABC Family): An adaptation of the 1999 Shakespeare-inspired movie of the same name.

"Blonde Charity Mafia" (9 p.m., The CW): Socialites plan philanthropic events in Washington, D.C.

"Warehouse 13" (9 p.m., SyFy): Action-drama about secret agents (Eddie McClintock, Joanne Kelly) assigned to protect a repository for supernatural artifacts.

July 12

"Drop Dead Diva" (9 p.m., Lifetime): A role-changing drama about a vapid model who dies and wakes up in the body of a smart, plus-size attorney (Brooke Elliott).

July 15

"Dark Blue" (10 p.m., TNT): Dylan McDermott stars as the head of a crack undercover team of cops.

July 20

"Dating in the Dark" (10 p.m., ABC): Lovelorn participants go on dates without actually being able to see their dates.

July 28

"More to Love" (9 p.m., Fox): Think "The Bachelor," but with a bulky guy and full-figured women.

Aug. 12

"How'd You Get So Rich?" (10 p.m., TV Land): Joan Rivers looks at how fortunes were made and spent.

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