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Utility rates likely to rise

BY GREG GILES
NEWS EDITOR

City council members held a workshop Thursday on a proposed utility rate hike, but took no action.

Council heard from consultant Malcolm-Pirnie Inc., which outlined a number of scenarios designed to recoup past losses.

In addition a hike in the 3 percent range, under a five-year program adopted in 2007, council will consider addition-

al increases this year.

Consultants laid out a series of scenarios that increase rates, creates a reserve in the Utility Fund where none had existed before, uses surtax proceeds, and increases debt service.

"On a preliminary basis, pending additional information, analysis and discussion, council expressed a preference for a middle approach, but no decision was made," wrote Mayor Ed Martin in an e-mail dated Jan. 14.

"Utilities fees are, under law, supposed to pay the costs of the services, but the city, involved in some major capital expenditures, did not raise the rates until about \$9 million had been used from general revenues to support the utilities fund, creating a loan obligation to the city's general fund.

"In 2007, the previous council passed a resolution raising utilities fees by 3 percent a year for a five-year period to help

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The pumps at the closed BP gas station are covered and those at the Shell station are marked off by yellow tape as they await replacement later this month.

Venice dredging project begins



SUN PHOTO BY BOB MUDGE

A backhoe stands ready to spread sand on Venice Beach Tuesday. Dredging to make the Venice Inlet safer for boaters will also provide about 30,000 cubic yards of sand to shore up eroded areas just south of the South Jetty.

BY STEVE REILLY
STAFF WRITER

New sand is being added to Venice Beach.

The dredging of the Venice Inlet is anticipated to deposit more than 30,000 cubic yards of sand on the beach. The sand primarily will come from shoals that built up in the Intracoastal Waterway along Snake Island, located

east of the inlet.

"Boating should not be impacted," said Chuck Listowski, director of the West Coast Inland Navigation District. However, boaters are urged to use caution navigating in areas near where the dredge crews are working. Listowski said buoys will be placed to mark the location of the dredging pipeline.

Sarasota County Commis-

sioner Nora Patterson, who serves as her county's WCIND representative, said, "I think it's the first dredging in a long time in the Intra-coastal Waterway. It's been a hazard for boaters trying to get in and out of the inlet."

The sand is being deposited on the public beach area just south of the Jetty Villas.

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Gas getting scarce on the island

BY ROGER BUTTON
BUSINESS COLUMNIST

Gas has become a rare commodity on the island of Venice in the first few days of 2010. Of the three gas stations operating last year, only one continues to dispense gas.

To make the situation worse, there is a possibility next month that the only station pumping gas on the island may stop for a limited time.

The only station still dispensing gas is the Citgo station on Business 41 at West Miami Avenue. Operated since 1994 by Bob and Chandra Patel, it has underground tanks that were installed a few years ago to meet the new stringent standards that have led other stations to go out of the business of selling gas.

"In three weeks all the gas pumps are being replaced with new state-of-the-art dispensers," he said. This will resolve problems encountered by some customers pumping gas during the recent cold spell.

The Patels have lived in Venice since 1991. For two and a half years they operated a gas station south on Business 41 that closed because the underground tanks needed replacing and there were problems with well-water usage.

With the start of the new year the most central gas station, Island BP, 116 North Tamiami Trail at the Venice Avenue Bridge, closed. A handwritten notice on the kiosk door states "Store closed — out of busi-

ness." The inventory has been removed from the small store and the pumps are covered.

Former manager Rajan Markose confirmed that the station had closed because new underground storage tanks were required and the \$250,000 replacement cost was not available from a lender. The station is owned by AMJ Oil Company of Chicago.



Ryan

The third island gas station, Shell, near Venice Regional Medical Center, stopped selling gas a few days ago. Arrangements had been made for a contractor to start replacing the underground storage tanks on Jan. 4 but he had to delay until the end of January. Manager Gary Patel said the job, including installation of new pumps, should be completed in four weeks and they will be selling gas again around the end of February.

Venice Area Chamber of Commerce President John Ryan said it is unfortunate if some gas stations in this area make the business decision not to replace tanks. "My biggest concern is, these businesses occupy prominent locations and if they look and become blighted this will affect the whole community," he said.

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Board: No rental violation

BY GREG GILES
NEWS EDITOR

Neighbors thought they had the property owner dead to rights. They spoke to renters who said they had a lease. They took down their license plate numbers and photographed the visitors to Venice.

But in the end the city of Venice dropped charges against a property owner who was accused of violating the city ordinance banning short-term rentals.

The municipal Code Enforcement Board voted 4-2 on Jan. 7 to drop all new actions against Marty L. Gwynn, who owns a home on Darling Drive.

It's the second time Gwynn has been brought before the code board. Gwynn is already taking the city to court appealing an earlier alleged violation

on the grounds that the reservation was made prior to the ordinance going into affect.

Gwynn's attorney, Grady Huie, said that denying the reservations amounts to interfering with an existing contract and is therefore unconstitutional. He also argued, in this instance, that the city simply didn't make its case.

A city ordinance passed in July 2009 bans short-term rentals except those that were already licensed. After that all others were to cease.

Dates disputed

In this latest code enforcement action, the board was faced with a city case that conflicted with its own witnesses.

Code enforcement officer John Patek said Gwynn never

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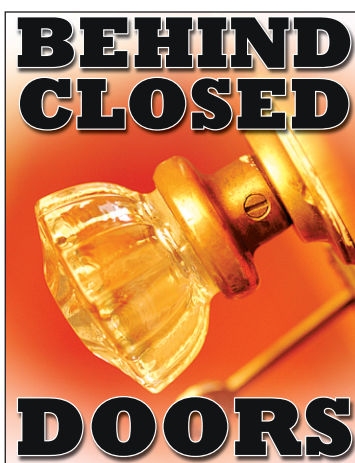
Getting Anderson in the loop

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the fourth in a series of stories on shade meetings. In the first story we reported that the first shade (private attorney-client) meeting regarding the Pier Group lease litigation, held Oct. 10, 2006, began with a prediction by the city's lead attorney that it had little chance of prevailing. A second story detailed how city council spent the next two and a half years seeking concessions, largely to limit the size of a restaurant renovation. It was followed by a third story on how evidence against the city's position that the lease was invalid mounted. The following story explores City Attorney Bob Anderson's role in the dispute.

BY GREG GILES
NEWS EDITOR

It's standard operating pro-

cedure to blame a governmental body's current difficulties on previous administrations. So it was when new members on Venice City Council inherited a legal challenge against



Pier Group, owners of Sharky's On The Pier restaurant.

The discomfort was with a lease negotiated back in 2000 and amended in 2003 by then city manager George Hunt.

Hunt had his own way of doing things. He asked for authority to become lead negotiator over a new lease being negotiated with Pier Group — without the participation of City Attorney Bob Anderson.

Later, convinced the city was getting a raw deal because there were blanks in some of the terms of the lease, Council Member John Moore challenged it.

On May 9, 2006, he persuaded fellow council members to join in the challenge. At a public meeting, Moore moved to authorize the city manager and city attorney to nego-

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Jan. 16N942	Jan. 16N9008	Jan. 142-5-15-23-25
Jan. 16D796	Jan. 16D4864	Payoff for Jan. 18
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Jan. 15D857	Jan. 15D0101	444 4-digit winners:.....\$71.50
D-Day; N-Night	D-Day; N-Night	11,301 3-digit winners:.....\$7.50
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MEGA MONEY	LOTTO
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MegaBall21	1 6-digit winner:\$9 million
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VENICE OUTLOOK

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Fri	76	64	40%
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FWC limits fishing due to chill kill

BY GREG MARTIN
STAFF WRITER

The recent cold snap caused a "widespread" saltwater fish kill, so state wildlife regulators closed fishing for snook, bonefish and tarpon Saturday to protect what's left.

Several area sport fishing guides said Saturday they don't expect the closure to have a significant impact on their business. They also said they support the action to allow the fish to recover, even though the state has no firm estimate of the amount of fish killed.

"They're being proactive," said Ralph Allen, owner of King Fisher Fleet in Punta Gorda. "They recognize this is a very important fishery worth a lot

of money to the state. And rather than having to wonder if the fish really got hammered, they've gone out and done something."

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission issued a set of executive orders to accomplish the closures. They include:

- Extending the current closed fishing season for snook statewide until September. Normally, the season opens for March and April and September through November, so the closure only affects the two-month spring season.

- Closing fishing for bonefish and tarpon until April. Normally, there is no closed season for these species.

- Removing certain harvest regulations to allow people to net dead fish and dispose of them.

The closures will protect surviving snook that spawn in the spring and give FWC's research scientists time to evaluate the extent of the damage, FWC Chairman Rodney Barreto said in a release.

More fish

The cold snap, which lingered for more than a week, included several nights during which temperatures dipped into the 20s in Southwest Florida. The temperatures in the Gulf of Mexico dropped below 50 degrees.

"I've seen quite a few snook, catfish, some sand bream, ladyfish, a few jacks, a lot of baitfish, anchovies, a few tarpon, some spadefish and a few others (dead)," Allen said.

However, the closure will have little effect on the charter business because anglers can still catch trout or redfish, which are less cold-sensitive, he said.

Snook are regarded as a subtropical fish, while trout and redfish inhabit bays as far north as the Carolinas.

"I think it's a good idea," said John Wood of Offshore Express Charters of the closures. "Snook (are) a warm-water fish. The cold slows their metabolism down so much it just kills them."

The closure won't affect his business because he primarily fishes offshore for other species, he said.

Rod Walinchus, editor of the Sun's WaterLine section, said the snook closure will have some effect on the inshore fishing industry.

"Sure, people like to fish for snook, but under the circumstances, I think they'll under-



SUN PHOTO BY BOB MUDGE

A boat cruises past dead fish in the Intracoastal Waterway in Venice Tuesday. A widespread fish kill caused by the recent cold snap has led state officials to close the fishing season for several species.

stand," he said. "Personally, I think it's the right thing to do. I think the snook are stressed and need time to recover."

Walinchus said he's hearing reports of a "massive fish kill," in the neighborhood of 20,000 dead. The visual impact may be alarming, but that doesn't mean the snook fishery is in trouble, Allen said.

"People tend to get excited when they see a pile of dead

fish," he said. "But for the statewide population, that might not make a significant dent."

"My experience in the last 35 years: There's usually more fish left than you think."

However, he added that the cold snap was also the coldest he's seen in the area in 35 years.

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One hurt in three-car crash



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One person was injured in a three-vehicle crash on Albee Farm Road Sunday, and was taken to Venice Regional Medical Center. Two of the vehicles were traveling north on Albee Farm Road when a white Ford Taurus turned north from Bird Bay into their path. The driver of the Taurus was not injured.

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had the necessary permits. He testified that a rental Web site showed the home was available from Oct. 1-18.

But neighbors said the rentals didn't occur at that time.

Ron Becker, who lives next door to the property, testified that two couples from Ohio occupied the home between Oct. 19-26. One couple was getting married.

"They told me they gave a deposit," Becker testified.

Golden Beach Associates President Bruce Lebedun testified to the same, and a second three-day visit by unknown persons Nov. 26-29 at the same location.

Without viewing the contracts, however, the board was left to consider testimony by witnesses who said they did not have personal knowledge that any money exchanged hands.

"It would be nice to have that information," said Board Chair Robert Young.

"We are not given an opportunity to speak to the owner of the property (to ask), did you collect 'X' dollars for that week? It prevents us from asking the questions we need to ask.

"You don't put rentals on there if you are not going to rent. It's not there for a freebie. We can rely on the Web site. They marked the dates that aren't available. That, to me, is reliable

evidence."
 "The Web site shows they are advertising," replied City Attorney Wayne Hall. "I don't know if anybody rented."

Hall said the board has the authority to issue subpoenas, and could do so to secure the information in the future, but it would increase the cost of doing business.

Lacks transition

Huie asked the witnesses if the occupants, if they were renters, could have stayed a week but paid for the month.

No one had an answer. "It's the city job to prove they were violating the city ordinance," Huie said. "It's not my job. Rent means rent. There is no evidence here today that these were rentals."

"They were in violation," said Board Member Patricia Boruff, "but because of the circumstance of when they made the reservation I feel we should be lenient. When you plan a wedding, you are planning months in advance. If you got canceled at the last minute, as a renter, it would be pretty devastating."

"Eyewitnesses said one thing. The Web site said another. Right there we are conflicted," said Board Member Joe Dalton. "I have a real problem based on those two items. If, in the future, there are other" alleged violations brought before the board "there should be a lease agreement" to consider. "We are talking



SUN PHOTO BY GREG GILES

This residence on Darling Drive drew attention from neighbors who say it was rented illegally. The property owner was found not guilty recently of renting it out as a short-term rental.

about setting a precedent down the road."

"This is what I was exactly concerned about when council rushed this (ordinance) through," said Board Member Jon Preiksats, an attorney. "The ordinance has cre-

ated this problem. And for those of us involved in this, we have raised those issues. And frankly, one of the things was, how are you going to enforce this ordinance?"

Preiksats and Hall agreed there was no tran-

sition language in the ordinance.

"It needs a transition," Hall said.

After two failed motions to find the property owner guilty, Dalton made the motion to find him not guilty. It passed

4-2 with Young and John Wood voting against. The code board was considering whether to fine the property owner \$3,250 for the two separate alleged violations.

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Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **Cafe Island** located at **625 S. Tamiami Trail**, in the County of **Sarasota**, in the City of **Venice, Florida 34285** intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at **Venice, Florida**, this **13th** day of **January, 2010**.
Eva Seres / Z&E Service, LLC
 Publish: **January 20, 2010**

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **RTM Money Source** located at **1532 US 41 By-Pass S. #267**, in the County of **Sarasota**, in the City of **Venice, Florida 34293** intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at **Venice, Florida**, this **18th** day of **January, 2010**.
Richard T. Mathers
 Publish: **January 20, 2010**

NOTICE OF ACTION 16

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE PROCEEDINGS
 To: All Persons or entities having or claiming to have any right, title, or interest in the following property:
\$3,638.00 in U.S. Currency

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the **Sarasota County Sheriff's Office** seized the described property on, **November 24, 2009**, in **Sarasota County, Florida**. A forfeiture complaint has been filed in the **Circuit Court, Twelfth Judicial Circuit**, in and for **Sarasota County, Florida**, being case no. **2010-CA-193-NC**, for the purpose of obtaining a final order of forfeiture as to the above described property upon producing due proof that same was used in violation of Florida laws dealing with contraband, pursuant to the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act, Sections 932.701-707, Florida Statutes.

PATRICK DUGGAN, ESQUIRE Assistant General Counsel Sarasota County Sheriff's Office Post Office Box 4115 Sarasota, Florida 34230 Telephone (941) 861-4058; 861-5800

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE PROCEEDINGS
 To: All Persons or entities having or claiming to have any right, title, or interest in the following property:
One 1998 Pontiac VIN: 1GMDX03E1WD332465

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the **Sarasota County Sheriff's Office** seized

NOTICE OF ACTION 16

the described property on, **December 1, 2009**, in **Sarasota County, Florida**. A forfeiture complaint has been filed in the **Circuit Court, Twelfth Judicial Circuit**, in and for **Sarasota County, Florida**, being case no. **2010-CA-395-NC**, for the purpose of obtaining a final order of forfeiture as to the above described property upon producing due proof that same was used in violation of Florida laws dealing with contraband, pursuant to the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act, Sections 932.701-707, Florida Statutes.

PATRICK DUGGAN, ESQUIRE Assistant General Counsel Sarasota County Sheriff's Office Post Office Box 4115 Sarasota, Florida 34230 Telephone (941) 861-4058; 861-5800

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA FAMILY DIVISION

IN RE: The Marriage of: ANNA KATHLEEN STRINGHAM, Petitioner and ALLAN RAY STRINGHAM, Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION For Dissolution of Marriage

TO: RESPONDENT ALLAN RAY STRINGHAM, Sarasota, Florida

YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on **Anna Kathleen Stringham** whose address is **125 Airport Ave East, Apt. 20, Venice, FL 34285** on or before **February 15, 2010**, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at **4000 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice, FL 34293** before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. **If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.**

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated: January 7, 2010.

KAREN E. RUSHING CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: G. W. Bates Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF RICHARD ALLEN BENNER, Deceased.

File No. 2009-CP-021067-NC NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of **RICHARD ALLEN BENNER**, deceased, **File No. 2009-CP-021067-NC**, is pending in the Circuit Court for **Sarasota County, Florida, Probate Division**, the address of which is **2000 Main Street, Sarasota, Florida 34237**. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first Publication of this Notice is **January 20, 2010**.

Personal Representative: LINDA WAGNER N82W18301 Williamsburg Court Menomonee Falls, WI 53501

Attorney for Personal Representative: THOMAS C. TYLER Florida Bar No. 911585 Betterton, Tyler & Summonte, PL 835 E. Venice Avenue, Suite 200 Venice, Florida 34285 Telephone: 941-488-4422 PUBLISH: January 20, 27, 2010

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN RE: ESTATE OF LILA V. ELLIS, Deceased,

2009-CP-21246-NC Division: Probate

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of **Lila V. Ellis**, deceased, whose date of death was **November 19, 2009** is pending in the Circuit Court for **SARASOTA County Florida**, Probate Division, the address of which is **P. O. BOX 3079, Sarasota, FL 34230-3079**. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons, having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3

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MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is **January 13, 2010**.

Personal Representative: Roland W. Toyfair c/o 240 Nokomis Ave S Suite 200 Venice, FL 34285

Attorneys for Personal Representative: Daniel A. Bechtold Bechtold & Corbridge, P.A. 240 Nokomis Avenue South Suite 200 Venice, FL 34285 Telephone: (941) 488-7751 Florida Bar No. 0678880

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF ADELAIDE L. KARBOLIC Deceased.

File No. 2009-CP-020567-NC Division: Probate

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of **ADELAIDE L. KARBOLIC**, deceased, whose date of death was **November 5, 2009**, is pending in the Circuit Court for **SARASOTA County, Florida, Probate Division**, the address of which is **P.O. Box 3079, Sarasota, FL 34230-3079**. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is **January 13, 2010**.

Personal Representative: Penny Bernardo 375 Pineapple Street Englewood, Florida 34224

Attorneys For Personal Representative: Lori Wellbaum Emery Attorney for Penny Bernardo Florida Bar No. 0071110 WELLSBAUM & EMERY, P.A. 686 North Indiana Ave, Ste A Englewood, FL 34223 Telephone: (941) 474-3241 Fax: (941) 475-2927

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF JEAN R. MULLER, Deceased.

File No. 2010-CP-84-SC NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration)

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:
 You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of **Jean R. Muller**, deceased, **File Number 2010-CP-84-SC**, by the Circuit Court for **SARASOTA County, Florida, Probate Division**, the address of which is **P.O. Box 3079, Sarasota, FL 34230-3079**; that the decedent's date of death was **November 29, 2009**, that the total value of the estate is **\$2,761.00** and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Name and Address
Charles J. Peterson 3281 Meadow Run Court Venice, Florida 34293

C. Frank Peterson H.C. 1-Box 105A, River Road Thornhurst, PA 18424

Joyce Faeth 5050 Timber Chase Way Sarasota, Florida 34238

Sharon Appel 6336 Quailridge Tampa, Florida 33625

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
 All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is **January 20, 2010**.

Person Giving Notice: Charles J. Peterson 3281 Meadow Run Court Venice, Florida 34293

Attorney for Persons Giving Notice: Skip Berg, Esq. Attorney Florida Bar No. 0135988 SKIP BERG, P.A. 1872 Tamiami Trail South, Suite D Venice, FL 34293 Telephone: (941) 493-0871 Fax (941) 497-6617 Publish: January 20, 27, 2010

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF MARTHA V. SZCZESNY, Deceased

File No. 2010-CP-000052-NC

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of **MARTHA V. SZCZESNY**, deceased, whose date of death was **November 18, 2009**; is pending in the Circuit Court for **SARASOTA County Probate Division**, File Number **2010-CP-000052-NC** the address of which is **P.O. Box 3079, Sarasota, FL 34230-3079**. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20

All creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent, or unliquidated claims, and who have been served a copy of this notice, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is **JANUARY 20, 2010**

Personal Representative: RUTH A. GRADY 1222 Georgetowne Ct. Sarasota, FL 34232

Attorney for Personal Representative: PAUL A. MORAN, ESQ. PAUL A. MORAN, P.A. Attorney Florida Bar No. 320137 46 N. Washington Blvd., Suite 25A Sarasota, FL 34236 Telephone: (941)-955-1717 PUBLISH: January 20, 27, 2010

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that on **2/5/2010 at 10:30 am** the following mobile home will be sold at public auction pursuant to F.S. 715.104. 1972 RITZ HS 1301742452B & 1301742452A Last Tenant: Michael Bryan Scott Sale to be held at: **MHC Bay Indies LLC 950 Ridgewood Ave Venice, FI 34285. 813 241 8269**

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that on **2/5/2010 at 10:30 am** the following mobile home will be sold at public auction pursuant to F.S. 715.104. 1973 HILL HS 0262103bg & 0262103ag Last Tenant: Carmello A Bazzano & Shirley D Weidl Sale to be held at: **MHC Bay Indies LLC 950 Ridgewood Ave Venice, FI 34285. 813 241 8269**

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TO PLACE YOUR LEGAL NOTICE, CALL KATHI (941)-207-1011 kwalsh@venicegondolier.com (at the Venice Office) fax (941)-485-3036

Classic Creations

STORE CLOSING SALE!

Our new store will not open until March but our current store is full of great jewelry buys, all at least 60% OFF* some values up to 85% OFF!* Here is just a small sale sampling!

Diamond & Colored Stone Pendants & Necklaces

- REG. \$2789.....9.20ct. Emerald cut amethyst surrounded by diamonds, white gold.....NOW \$1116
- REG. \$2799.....1.0ct. TW (total weight)Diamond Journey, yellow or white gold.....NOW \$599
- REG. \$3399.....1.0ct. TW Diamond solitaire pendant, 2 tone freeform pendant.....NOW \$1299
- REG. \$5299......86ct. Round brilliant cut diamond solitaire, contemporary circle mtg.....NOW \$2119
- REG. \$5589.....2.03ct. Invisibly set princess cuts & diamond baguette slide, yellow gold.....NOW \$2236
- REG. \$6249.....3.0ct. TW Invisibly set princess cut diamond slide, white gold, big look...NOW \$2500
- REG. \$15,000....6.0ct. TW Heart design diamond neck piece, white gold.....NOW \$6500
- REG. \$18,499....2.37ct. TW Graduated 3 diamond pendant, white gold.....NOW \$7400
- REG. \$64,475....18.78ct. TW Platinum & diamond neck piece.....NOW \$21,850

Diamond Solitaires

- REG. \$8399.....1.03ct. RBC (round brilliant cut) F-G, SI-2, platinum baguette sides.....NOW \$4619
- REG. \$9717.....1.21ct. RBC, H-I, SI-1.....NOW \$5345
- REG. \$11,119....1.26ct. RBC, J-K, VS-1.....NOW \$6115
- REG. \$10,599....1.33ct. RBC, H-I, SI-2.....NOW \$6300
- REG. \$12,599....1.42ct. Oval, J-J, SI-2, w/1.12ct. TW micro pave' mounting & band.....NOW \$6429
- REG. \$13,764....1.52ct. RBC, D-E, SI-3.....NOW \$7500
- REG. \$18,084....1.52ct. Princess, I-J, SI-1.....NOW \$9999
- REG. \$15,699....1.57ct. RBC, I-J, SI-1 w/fancy yellow gold diamond mounting.....NOW \$8634
- REG. \$22,755....2.05ct. RBC, I-J, SI-3.....NOW \$13,999
- REG. \$30,228....2.29ct. RBC, J-K, VVS-2.....NOW \$18,999

Diamond & Colored Stone Bracelets

- REG. \$1599.....1.50ct. TW (total weight) Channel set baguettes, white gold.....NOW \$799
- REG. \$2499.....2.0ct. TW Diamond "S" link, yellow gold.....NOW \$699
- REG. \$3099......68ct. TW Bezel set diamond line bracelet, yellow gold.....NOW \$899
- REG. \$3059.....1.71ct. TW filigree style diamond bracelet, white gold.....NOW \$759
- REG. \$3759.....1.03ct. TW Baguette & round diamond line bracelet, yellow gold.....NOW \$989
- REG. \$6999.....11.30ct. TW Tsavorite & diamond line bracelet, yellow gold.....NOW \$2800
- REG. \$7999.....2.25ct. TW Classic Creations design heavy 8" diamond link style, wg.....NOW \$2599
- REG. \$8500.....2.05ct. TW Yellow & white diamond triple strand, 18K white gold.....NOW \$2999
- REG. \$44,000....13.98ct. TW Diamond line bracelet, white gold.....NOW \$15,200

Pre-Owned Rolex Watches

- REG. \$6800.....Ladies 14K/Stainless DateJust, white Roman numeral dial.....~~NOW \$12,000~~ **SOLD**
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- REG. \$6500.....Man's 14K/Stainless Quartz Master, Champaign Dial.....NOW \$3000
- REG. \$9350.....Man's Stainless Yachtmaster, platinum dial & bezel.....NOW \$6400
- REG. \$27,700....Man's 18K President, champaign diamond dial, 2.50ct. diamond bezel. .NOW \$6800

All items subject to prior sale! No holds or layaways! All sales are final!

*All reductions are off designers suggested retail prices.

**Sale prices do not pertain to prior purchases.

****Coins are not included in this sale.**

****Watches are not included at advertised discounts.**

****Loose & Mounted Diamond Solitaires are not included at advertised discounts.**

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Janis Fawn, front left associate member, Venice Area Chamber of Commerce; George Pickhardt, chair of the board, Florida Shores Bank; and Jim Kuhlman, president and CEO, Florida Shores Bank, prepare to cut the ribbon for the bank's formal opening.

Cut taxes and make more money

BY MARK W. PAOLILLO
BUSINESS COLUMNIST

In today's economy, every businessperson is looking for ways to maintain business profits. Ideas for increasing sales and cutting costs abound. You've probably tried most of them. But there's one source of cost saving that is often overlooked, and it can be surprisingly effective.

Most businesspeople don't think of taxes as a profit source, but saving a dollar of taxes can be even better for your financial health than cutting a dollar of costs. Why? When you reduce your taxes, you get to keep 100 percent of the savings. On the other hand, when you increase profits by increasing sales or cutting costs, you must share a portion of your additional profit with the IRS.

Consider this example. Say you do an exhaustive study of your operations and figure out a way to cut \$10,000 of costs. If sales are unchanged, you'll boost your pretax income by \$10,000. Assuming a 39 percent corporate income tax bracket, you'll pay \$3,900 in taxes on the \$10,000 income, leaving \$6,100 of after-tax profits.

Now let's look at an alternative scenario. Assume you do some serious tax planning and identify \$10,000 of tax savings. That's \$10,000 less

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— Mark W. Paolillo of Hough & Company P.A., CPAs

that you'll pay to the IRS and \$10,000 more cash in your bank account. Conclusion: A dollar of tax savings has more financial impact than a dollar of cost reductions.

Depending on how efficient your business is, you should be on the lookout for ways to cut costs. But don't give up when you've run out of cost-cutting ideas. It's highly unlikely that your business is taking advantage of every tax-saving opportunity available. As this example shows, effective tax planning could be the most direct way to end up with more money.

If you own a business, a thorough business and tax review may reveal tax-cutting opportunities.

Mark W. Paolillo is a partner with Hough & Co P.A., C.P.A.s, 488-7768.

Mini ER planned for South Venice

BY ROGER BUTTON
BUSINESS COLUMNIST

Residents of South Venice, eastern Englewood and northern North Port will benefit next year from the completion of an urgent care and family medicine center in South Venice.

In September, construction is scheduled to start on the new phase 2 building adjoining the Center of Surgical Excellence, 8421 Pointe Loop Road, next to Walgreen's near the Tamiami Trail/Jacaranda Boulevard intersection.

An extension of Gulf Coast Medical Group, it will operate under the umbrella of Health Management Associates of Naples, owner of Venice Regional Medical Center. Doctors employed by GCMG are on the staff of the hospital.

"It will be a mini-emergency room with minimal wait times, operating seven days for urgent care," said Emma Kate Scoville, GCMG marketing coordinator. The new center will

be an extension of fast-expanding GCMG's 1700 E. Venice Ave. facility.

This center will have X-ray and laboratory services. Patients will have the opportunity to use the ultrasound equipment at the East Venice Avenue location.

Family medicine services are already available, with Dr. Mark Priest providing services in rented space within the existing surgical center. He will be joined by three doctors following the opening of the urgent care center.

"They will assist with minor emergencies — fractures, cuts and sprains," said Scoville. Major issues will go to the emergency room at VRMC.

GCMG has 10 centers between South Sarasota and North Port employing 43 doctors providing internal and family-practice services including primary care, neurology, endocrinology and pulmonary.

rogerbutton@verizon.net

BIZ BRIEFS

Chamber calendar

- Wake Up! Venice, Wednesday, Jan. 20, 7:45 a.m., the Venice Yacht Club, 1330 Tarpon Center Drive

- Network lunch, Monday, Jan. 25, 11:45 a.m., Club 455, 1071 North Tamiami Trail; RSVP required, cmymers@venicechamber.com

- Hob Nob at the Business After Five, Thursday, Jan. 28, 5:30 p.m., Cramer Toyota of Venice, 900 South U.S. 41 Bypass; \$5 members, \$10 guests

EDC survey

The EDC commissions a

business climate survey every two years to tap into area business operators' major concerns.

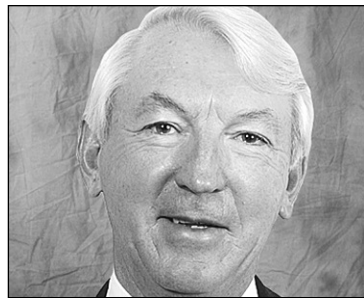
Questions related to the cost of doing business, labor force and local regulations are among those being asked.

Individual company responses will be kept confidential.

Collective survey results will be utilized by the EDC and its partners to develop business support services and communicate the needs of businesses to elected officials.

For more information, call Joan McGill at 309-1200.

Say 'Ciao' to a cool treat



ROGER BUTTON
BUSINESS COLUMNIST

"My partner and I will make fresh gelati ice cream daily in our store," said Luca Cassani.

This week, he and co-owner Antonio Pariano open **Ciao Gelato**, 317-A W. Venice Ave., across from Bank of America. "Ciao" is an Italian greeting used to mean "welcome" and "goodbye."

They will serve cones and cups of 16 flavors of gelato, their homemade, natural, healthy and low-cholesterol ice cream made with fresh fruit.

Outside will be three tables and inside will be take-out service of homemade pastries with Italian deserts together with espresso, cappuccino,

coffees and sodas.

Three years ago the partners opened **Casariano Italian Eatery**, 305-B W. Venice Ave., serving contemporary Italian food.

They will operate the gelato store with three additional employees. The store is open seven days from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Call 485-0507.

Steakhouse opens

Regency Plaza has a new restaurant, **Ivy Steak House**, 1185 South U.S. 41 Bypass, replacing Fresco Italian restaurant.

Karen Yen is managing the new eatery, where you can enjoy hand-cut Angus steaks, Icelandic cod and crabcakes, burgers, pasta, pizzas and salads for dinner.

The lunch menu also includes sandwiches, salads and pizzas. A new bar has been built to provide diners with liquor, beer and wines.

Yen came from North Dakota to Venice 19 years ago. She managed an Englewood restaurant for 10 years, and has been a manager for the Crow's Nest and Bogey's.

She is assisted by **Lisa Lar-**

son, who also worked for Bogey's.

With experience in outside catering for local charity fundraisers, she plans to expand this service.

Ivy Steak House opens at 11 a.m. Monday through Friday and at 3 p.m. weekends. Call 244-0586.

Pet shop closing

This week grab a real bargain in the closing sale at **Meows and Growls**, 100-A W. Venice Ave., next to Cafe Venice. **Jeanne Soos** is reducing prices by 50 percent, with a few exceptions.

She started the business in the West Miami Avenue Breezeway eight years ago, moving in 2003.

"2008 was not good, 2009 was worse," said Soos. "I don't want to stick around to see what 2010 brings."

The progressive sale includes gifts for cat and dog lovers and their pets, including collars, leases, car seats, T-shirts, greeting cards, jewelry and the store fixtures. Call 485-3770.

April, the black-and-white shop kitty who has no back

paws is looking for a home.

"She is a wonderful shop kitty, enjoying customer attention," said Soos, who brought her in the store nine years ago.

Unless she can find another store or home where April would receive love and attention Soos will take her home, but she already has multiple pets and teenagers so she will not be the queen anymore.

Closed

We have lost another large, established auto dealership, which employed 50 people.

Venice Autoland, 1550 South Tamiami Trail, originally Venice Chrysler, closed Dec. 22, another victim of the economy and Chrysler's national shake-up last year. It was owned for 16 years by the Golden family of Venice, who had made major investments to improve the properties and landscaping.

Rejuvenation

The shabby-looking **Jacaranda Shopping Plaza**, South U.S. 41 Bypass at Center Road owned by Benderson Corp. of Sarasota, is getting a long-awaited rejuvenation.

Contractors are repairing buildings in preparation for repainting the strip mall. This will revitalize the area, said **Terry Purdy**, commercial broker of **Merritt Realty**, 307-C W. Venice Ave., who recently acquired the agency.

Nominations wanted

If you know an individual, organization or professional who has done exceptional work in protecting children and preventing child abuse, nominate them now for an award of honor from the **Junior League of Sarasota**. Nominations must be received by Jan. 25, 2010.

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City officials are urging the general public to use caution during the dredging project.

Venice Vice Mayor Ernie Zavodnyk said the sand will be deposited above the mean high tide line and will be monitored to ensure it meets Florida Department of Environmental Protection standards.

The dredging is nowhere near as massive as the city's beach renourishment projects in the past. However, Zavodnyk said the sand will replace a section of public beach that has been experiencing erosion.

Listowski said the \$650,000 project could take 45 days to 60 days, depending upon the weather. Due to the depressed economy, he said, the project cost is half the original estimate.

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pay down that debt. The debt stands at about \$6 million now and fees are still insufficient to provide for needed repair and restoration and (to) build appropriate reserves to protect the city's credit and bond ratings."

A local tax watchdog challenged the direction council is headed.

"It would seem that revenue bonds are the principle funding source, supported with enhanced fees," wrote Venice Taxpayer League President Gary Budway and board member Tom Brener in a Jan. 13 e-mail to council members.

"In all (scenarios), the residential utility users will see large increases in succeeding years."

They urged council to go back to the drawing board find "real efficiencies, cut labor costs and encourage conservation."

"We would hope that as a city we can learn to do more with less," they wrote.

Future workshops are expected.

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Sarasota County Cone Zone: Jan. 20-25

The following are selected South County construction, repair and maintenance projects that are expected to have an impact on local traffic through Sunday, Jan. 24.

U.S. 41 area, Nokomis: Construction of gap sidewalks will begin this week on side streets intersecting with U.S. 41 in Nokomis. The four intersections affected are Silverspray Lane, Spencer

Avenue, Citrus Road and Collins Road.

Venice East Boulevard, from U.S. 41 to Center Road: Construction of tree and landscape improvements in the medians and rights of way continues this week along Venice East Boulevard between U.S. 41 and Center Road.

Other construction

Brohard Park board-

walk, Venice: The south boardwalk at Brohard Park in Venice is now being replaced. The north boardwalk will remain open during construction.

Chauncy Howard Boardwalk, Venice: The boardwalk at Chauncy Howard Park in Venice is now being replaced. The single boardwalk will be closed during construction. One nearby access

point is Venice Beach, which is located approximately 0.2 of a mile south of the park beach access.

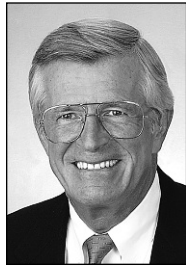
Foxworthy Campus, By-Pass Park, Venice: On Wednesday, Jan. 20, workers will prune live oaks in the parking lot and between ball fields on the Foxworthy Campus, By-Pass Park. They also will remove a large Brazilian pepper tree at the park entrance. Work

will begin on the west side of the parking lot and proceed east. If necessary, workers will continue tree maintenance activities on Thursday, Jan. 21.

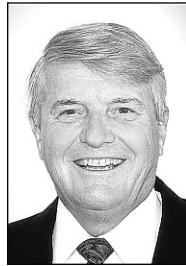
Indian Mound Park boat ramp, Englewood: The three docks at the Indian Mound Park boat ramp in Englewood are now being replaced. At least one boat ramp will remain open during construction.

LOOP from Page 1A

tiate a recision of the lease, file suit in circuit court or take other appropriate legal steps, and to consider the use of outside counsel for the purpose of assisting in this task. The vote was unanimous.



Moore



Martin

Anderson surmised.

"Do you remember that?" Anderson asked Moore, according to the meeting transcript.

"Like it was yesterday," Moore replied.

Council members complained during many of the seven shade meetings, saying they suspected city leases were not getting the scrutiny they deserved.

"We all agree. It's a horrible deal," Anderson said. "Maybe the lesson we're going to get out of this is y'all need to scrutinize the work product that you are asked to approve. In hindsight, there is no way this should ever have been approved by the Venice City Council."

"If there's a lesson to be learned," Moore said, "it's how one four-page innocuous little agreement with a 20-page lease incorporated into it, which was blank and unsigned, didn't get the kind of scrutiny it should have gotten at the time."

"It just illustrates, in my mind, the legal implications and consequences of everything you do every day when you vote on stuff here on city council."

"This is the worst example of not paying attention that I've ever seen."

"Thank goodness that's not how we do business now," Anderson said.

"It seems as though the city at



Anderson

one time might not have been as careful with leases ... as they are now," said Mayor Ed Martin.

New understanding

"It was a different atmosphere, and you people will not duplicate that," Anderson said. "That's one of the lessons learned. I agree with Judge Moore wholeheartedly about ... you all need to scrutinize these documents. Whether they come from me or they come from (Assistant City Manager) Nancy (Woodley) or they come from anybody on city staff, you should be asking the tough questions, and if we don't have the answer, continue it to the next meeting and demand answers from us."

"This was from a previous time where basically city council ... said, 'City manager, you're the guy. You negotiate, you put these deals together, you work them out. City attorney, all we want is you to say whether or not the form is in a legally correct fashion. We don't want you to get into the substance. That's for the city manager to determine.' And it got us into problems with the golf course. It got us into problems with Sharky's, and I could give you a whole laundry list of problems. Thank heavens this council doesn't subscribe to that way of doing business."

"You expect my comments, my recommendations. You don't

necessarily have to embrace them or operate in accordance with them, but at least you hear me out. I think that's the way the system has to work. Just because we put something in front of you doesn't mean you just have to rubber-stamp it. Make us prove to you that's the best we can do. Then we won't get into these crazy predicaments."

"For the record," said then council member Rick Tacy, "I wasn't on council when this lease was voted on. There was a mind-set and there were some (council members) that were totally adamant that Bob (Anderson) was not to be involved at all with any lease negotiations, not even to review (them). Trust me, I got my head bit off a couple times sitting on the side asking why Bob (Anderson) hadn't reviewed it."

"I am glad that we're out from under that cloud," Anderson said.

"I think we've made it pretty clear since then that we want your opinion on things," Moore said. "If you see anything that is going to have an adverse legal consequence to the city that we're doing, please tell us and speak up and let us know what it is so we can have that to consider."

"And that's, why, quite frankly, things are not moving through as quickly as they used to, because now I do a more in-depth review," Anderson said. "We're all going to be better for it."

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OUR VIEW

Sales taxes are escaping the collection web

Twelve years ago, when the Internet was still in what we'd consider a formative stage, Florida joined a coalition of states trying to come up with a way to impose state taxes on online sales.

Sort of. The state never made the commitment to full membership in the compact.

A lot has happened in the cyber-world in a decade. This past Christmas season, national online sales surged 5 percent, reaching \$27 billion. That's following year-over-year hikes of 10 and 11 percent, for the Christmas season alone.

It's obvious where this is going. Still only 4 percent of all retail sales in this country, the Internet sales engine is gaining momentum.

But Florida still gets virtually nothing in sales taxes when residents buy books, clothing and flat-screen TVs over the Web. A handful of people follow state law — you are responsible

for reporting and paying sales tax on everything you buy online — but that's a joke. No one does it, other than a few people working in the governor's office and the tax department. No one expects John or Jane Q. Public to fess up and pony up at tax time.

Recently, two state lawmakers joined with advocacy groups including AARP and Florida TaxWatch to press, once again, for the Legislature to bring Florida into full membership with the 22 other states that have ratified the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement. The measure comes up every year but has fallen short. Apparently, lawmakers don't want to be seen to be imposing "new taxes."

Something else must be afoot, though, because that is nonsense.

Florida law already calls for consumers to pay taxes on Internet purchases. It's just not enforced. This multi-state compact presents a simplified way for businesses to collect

sales taxes and remit the money to state governments. Signing on fully — Florida is now just a nonvoting member of the coalition — could help speed the process.

The state actually might be able to collect some sales tax from out-of-state businesses that sell products to Florida consumers.

Just like the stores on Main Street or in the mall.

That's one main argument in favor of the program: It levels the playing field for the Florida's bricks-and-mortar businesses, which collect state and local sales taxes, as well as payroll taxes for local employees and property taxes for local government. As it stands right now, it's simply unfair that consumers can window-shop locally and buy globally, saving 6 or 7 percent off the top.

The other main argument is that Florida's budget depends on sales tax revenues. The way our tax laws are set

up, more than 70 percent of state taxes already come from the sales tax pool. Online sales are the fastest growing segment of the retail sales sector, but these sales are, essentially, skirting existing tax laws.

Eventually, it will take an act of Congress to implement a fair national system. It will come some day, after more years of online sales growth and more data showing the compact's system isn't overly disruptive. For the time being, there is no good reason for Florida not to take the final step and join the other states working on a solution.

Florida taxpayers already are losing out on an estimated \$2 billion each year from those who ignore the requirement to pay the taxes on Internet purchases.

Try doing that the next time you're buying something at the mall or on Main Street.

You can't. And that's the point.

Tall cotton



LANG CAPASSO
PUBLISHER

keep me warm. Unfortunately, when the steam hit the cold front that was in the hall it created a thunderstorm. It took me two hours to mop the hall and the living room.

As a car dealer in Fort Myers said, "It is not snowing or sleeting, and there is no ice on the road, so things are good." Yes, I guess things are good when we know in about a month the grass hopefully will be green again and the bushes we trimmed are sprouting little buds to tell us all is well.

I am sure you were like me and took your thumbnail and scratched all the branches and trunks to see if there was green under all the brown and black. You were probably as thrilled as I was to see the little bit of green pop through. Wishing for the best, you moved on to the next plant and did the procedure all over again. Isn't it a great feeling to see life under all the trappings of the freeze we went through? Sure, your nails were a little dirty but that is a small price to pay.

My yard at one time was plastered with quilts, blankets and sheets. It looked like I wasn't growing azaleas, crotons or hibiscus but instead people thought I was planting and growing cotton. If that was the case, I had a bumper crop. You know you are on overkill when Levi Strauss calls and ask for a couple of bales for their jeans.

As I've said previously, I have been in the area for more than 50 years and this is the coldest I have ever seen here. Back in 1992 it did snow in Englewood but it was just a flurry and the flakes melted immediately. Even then it was not this cold.

I have to say that even though we were all freezing and layered up, I noticed a certain briskness in people as they made their daily rounds. There is something to be said about being in 30-degree weather and seeing others are in the single-digit temperature zone.

See? There is a reason we all moved here.

Lang Capasso writes periodically for this page.



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Pay to play sports elsewhere

No pay-to-play. Pay-to-play sports? Absolutely not on school property. Let the rich hold their pay-to-play sports where they want. Whatever happened to the value of making the team by striving to be good, not having it handed to them by the parents? Let's go back to the days when being proud they made the team meant something. Having them on school property says you can play if your parents are rich enough. I don't feel that is the value the school system needs to promote.

Implausible. I just got back into town yesterday and read about ICLEI in the *Gondolier Sun*. Now that the climate thing has been exposed and the world knows that the so-called scientists either manipulated or down-right altered their data to get the results they wanted, we must ask questions about their motivations. If you ask the questions, none of the plausible answers is good and none of them is in the best interest of the United States of America. So yes, the city needs to withdraw from the ICLEI and stop using taxpayer dollars to fund them. By the way, my husband and I are considering buying the *Gondolier Sun* because you covered the topic very well and most people haven't. So, thanks very much to you.

Shelled in. Can't walk anymore thanks to whoever put the shells by the Beach Manor Villas complex. I've talked to the Public Works Department two times and the ladies there had no clue as to who put them there. I have a walker and I usually walk in the morning and the afternoon, but now since they've put those shells there, I am housebound.

Insightful. Congratulations to Council Member Carlesimo for the most intelligent, thoughtful, insightful article about the Venice airport that has appeared in print in a very long time. It is nothing but simple common sense, yet it's a shame that our current city council and mayor and their supporters can't seem to understand that.

Let 'em



Have It

Spurred off. I'm calling about Carlesimo's article in the paper. I agree with him 100 percent. I'm very glad he was elected. I hope that the rest of the council will listen to him because I think he's speaking for the people of Venice. I also think that Ed Martin, Sue Lang and Ernie Zavodnyik should hang up their spurs. I think they caused a lot of problems for the city and it's time for new people to come in, with new ideas — without an agenda, as they came in with, but with what's best for the entire city of Venice. I'm glad you have this phone line so I can call up and give my opinion.

Thanks. You probably won't print this anyway, but I just wanted to thank Bob Vedder

for retiring. It's way past time he left. Hopefully, the new publisher will not be so vindictive and opinionated as Bob Vedder has been. Thank you for making the new year better.

Re-elect? No, resign. Council members Sue Lang and Ernie and Ed Martin definitely should not — I repeat, should not — run for re-election. In fact, it would be wonderful if they would just resign immediately. Anyone could replace them and do a better job. They have made Venice the laughingstock of Florida councils, not to mention the money that has been wasted during their term of office. I guess you could call them the best of the worst.

Wonderful job. I definitely would like to put it on record that Sue Lang, Ernie Zavodnyik and Ed Martin should be re-elected. They've done a wonderful job.

Definitely not. My answer as to whether Sue Lang, Ernie Zavodnyik and Ed Martin should run for re-election is definitely not.

More work. Yes, I believe that Ed Martin, Ernie Zavodnyik and Sue Lang should run for re-election. I think they have Venice on the right track, but there's a lot more work to be done.

Passion. Regarding as to whether Ed Martin, Ernie Zavodnyik and Sue Lang should run, I say absolutely. We need people who have some kind of passion and commitment and willingness to go out on limb and subject themselves to all kinds of personal abuse in the interest of doing the right thing for the citizens. You bet.

Against it. I do not think Ed Martin, Ernie Zavodnyik and Sue Lang should be re-elected to city council. I am against it.

Balance. I think Ed Martin, Ernie Zavodnyik and Sue Lang should all run for re-election. We need the balance on the council.

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LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

No shortage of angels

Editor:

I believe that there are angels among us all the time. But what exactly is an angel? Here is how I suggest we can tell if we bump into one:

Angels deny they are angels. They don't all have wings or halos or smiles — those are only the ones who like to dress up.

Angels don't expect anything in return for services rendered. They don't always tell us what we want to hear.

Oh, yes, every once in a while, we think we hear their voice; and every once in a while, we think we see them.

Angels aren't all called Michael or Gabriel. We might even be angels and not realize it.

Yes, angels are here among us, giving us gifts beyond measure. Gifts of humor when we think the sun will never shine again; passion when we believe we are unlovable; inspiration when our life force wanes; confidentiality when we can't tell anyone else our secrets; forgiveness when we so sorely need it; advice when we don't know which direction to turn; frankness when we try to tell less than the truth about who we really are; and the gift of just being there when we are so very alone.

You see, the angels are people who care about us. This is their message as they sing over the Bethlehem infant, hover at the bedsides of those who suffer greatly, walk hand-in-hand with those whose lives have been very tough, and who are there as a source of strength and understanding when life doesn't seem to make any sense.

Yes, angels are real, and they can bring Christmas to us every day of the year if only we let them into our lives.

Truly, the angels are among us.

The Rev. Don Beaudreault
Venice

Speaking of angels ...

Editor:

On Wednesday, I did a very stupid thing. I left my purse in a shopping cart at Winn-Dixie.

When I realized what I had done, I raced back to the store parking lot and there, where I had parked, was my empty cart but no purse. I checked with Winn-Dixie and Dollar General, and no purse had been turned in.

I returned home with my mind racing about all the things that I would need to do to prevent anyone from using my credit card, bank ATM and debit cards. First thing I did was check my answering machine in case some honest person had found my purse. Sure enough, I had a call from Don Bates of the Floor Trader store in North Port. He had found my purse.

Thank you again, Mr. Bates, and may God bless you as he did me, when you found my purse.

Dorothy Doner
Venice

Lightning in a bottle?

Editor:

One must wonder if the Council on Foreign Relations selected Obama as a lightning bolt for its insidious purposes — world government.

The group, using the Pratt House on 68th Street in New York for meetings, disseminates its preference for one world government by inference in its Foreign Affairs publications. It is the power behind the throne — The Establishment — deciding on policies, wars and our presidents. It is aware that the sovereignty “fetish” is very strong in the public mind.

Why are we not being informed about the progress on the 600-foot-wide highway from Mexico to Canada? When rumors of this sneaky ruin of our beautiful country slipped out, no one believed it. Shockwaves spread throughout.

Recently, the Selous Foundation provided a fact sheet, with dates. Obama's funding of \$26.6 billion of the stimulus

funds for nationwide infrastructure allows \$80 million for the Trade Corridor in Texas, for starters.

An article called “The Hard Road to World Order” in a CFR publication stated that, “The house of world order must be built from the bottom up — an end-run around national sovereignty — eroding it piece by piece — will accomplish much more than the old-fashioned frontal assault.”

So, is “lightning bolt Obama” being told to quickly force-feed us in implementing its plans, getting us used to following his lead? James Perloff sheds truth on the insidious work of the CFR in “Shadows of Power.” We the people had no say in this plan.

Anne Graf
Venice

Who made you the boss of me?

Editor:

Marriage penalty. A fine for not getting it. Abortion.

These are the top three reasons why you should forget this health-care package.

As it is, yes it's hard for us low-income people to get help, but it is possible. I would rather have doctor or hospital bills I can't pay than have to wait two years to get a test that says I'm sick or even die waiting.

So many choices are being made for us anymore. Personal choices and freedoms are personal for a reason. They are our personal choices. You can't make them for us, yet you are trying to. Now you're telling us not only that we have to wear seat belts and be your version of pretty and thin, but now I'm only allowed to spend my money on certain things. When is it going to stop?

When are you going to realize that you can't control us? We are supposed to be a free nation, a free country. But nothing is free anymore. You're making all these choices for us and not letting us have free will.

Someone wants to smoke, do drugs, drink, eat, etc. — it's up to them, not you. Someone doesn't want to wear a seat belt and protect themselves — that's their choice, not yours. Nobody can make these choices for us; that's why they are personal.

Common sense is only part of it

BY HENRY HOLZAPFEL
GUEST COLUMNIST

Recently, one of the newest members of Venice City Council, Emilio Carlesimo, submitted an article as a guest columnist titled “Let Common Sense Guide Us.” What Council Member Carlesimo fails to mention is that the situation at Venice Municipal Airport is not your normal situation where a simple common-sense approach in itself can provide the best outcomes or solutions.

Most would agree that the city has spent too much time and money on airport related issues. Unfortunately, time and money have been necessary to start untangling the mess that was created years ago to correct the wrongs of exaggerated or falsified operation counts at the airport that got us here in the first place.

The “small” citizens group Council Member Carlesimo refers to is the same “small” citizens group that disputed the ridiculous number of flight operations more than two years ago and helped save our public golf course. More recently, this same “small” group helped provide valuable information and data to DY Consultants in arriving at an irrefutable operation count at the Venice airport using a variety of Federal Aviation Administration-acceptable methodologies, all substantiating a B-II airport classification.

Council Member Carlesimo stated, “It is clear from all of our airport consultant's documentation that this is a C-

II airport and always has been.” To the contrary, DY's consultants are still scratching their heads on how the Venice airport was ever classified a C-II airport because the actual flight operations yesterday, today and in the future did not and do not support a C-II classification. More important, today there exist a number of FAA design-safety deficiencies at the airport for a C-II classification requiring either modification to standards or the expenditure of tens of millions of dollars that will drastically change our golf course and surrounding residential areas.

What DY Consultants is truly struggling with is how to tell the FAA that previously submitted data relating to the Venice airport used by the FAA to justify upgrading the airport from a B-II to a C-II sometime in the late 1990s was falsified and exaggerated.

At the Dec. 12 airport workshop, the community (including VASI, VABA, neighborhood activists, golfers and consultants) all reached a consensus and supported the classification of the Venice airport as a B-II (ARC B) facility.

Common sense would suggest that it is time for city council to direct our consultant to complete the study based on the B-II classification. With that plan in hand, the city can move forward to develop and implement the necessary programs to maintain the highest quality of life for all Venice residents and the safety and utility of our airport.

Henry Holzapfel is a resident of Venice.

We are not surly teenagers — we are grownups who can think and decide for ourselves. So stop trying to be our parents.

Becky Rusher
Venice

There is still freedom of choice

Editor:

Why turn on TV with no personal choice of leading stories: “If it bleeds, it leads!” Watch murders, child abductions, dramatized pornography, crime, romance, nice illusions and stuff, or anything, as an irreversible, timed drama sequence without your freedom of choice.

Hundreds of channels. If you turn on the TV guide, the advertising screen is bigger and noisier than the program guide. Complain? Cable does not control it. When you lie on the couch you are not out shopping, but are requested — induced — to shop by misguiding one-line titles you may or may not want to buy, but you must pay for.

Familiar? Seen it before? View it again? Pay TV or On Demand with hundreds of titles at some megaspeed — you cannot watch that fast. Soundtrack deteriorated? I am getting too old for that speed of FIOS.

So, I turn to my favorite newspaper. Although controlled by some out-of-town wire services or multi-oriented editorial board, I can read between the lines. Although they have tightened up the space, I can pass on the stories to friends with a likewise brainwashed mindset or opinions, clip and file — even recycle it or use it to wipe windows for a clear view.

Newspapers give free-

dom of choice, according to some constitutional amendments that the judiciary tends to ignore.

Readership declines? I hope not. The crisis does not make the newspapers too big to fail while others perish!

Use your timing sequence wisely: If it's printed, you can't ignore the freedom of choice. Just turn the page.

If you think this is sarcastic, you are probably more right than a lot of idly preconditioned standby viewers/readers.

Egan Tancre
Venice

Wake up to drug crisis

Editor:

I'm glad to see people are beginning to see we have an epidemic on our hands. Over the last three years I have lost friends and almost my family over prescription drugs.

Isn't it going to be hard to educate young people about something that is being prescribed legally. It goes beyond the people. It starts at the FDA, down to the doctors prescribing the pills.

These doctors are nothing less than legal drug dealers. They are over-medicating, and giving lethal mixtures of pills. They are prescribing what should be giving to a terminally ill cancer patient to an average Joe like myself.

I speak from experience. I'm thankful to be sober today through the grace of God, and through the rooms of A.A. and other related programs.

So wake up Sarasota and Charlotte counties. We're No. 1 in deaths. It's about time to do something about it.

Jeffrey Wulfing
Englewood

Maybe a better Haiti will arise

Editor:

When I was a child we lived in San Pedro de Macoris in the Dominican Republic. My mother was a life-long compulsive do-gooder, so while my father was seconded we visited Haiti a number of times.

I remember poor people dressed in bright-colored rags, and hovels and wonderful art.

Unbelievably imaginative creative people — the inventors of recycling — and poor, poor, poor.

Years later, I went back to Haiti as a tourist. I cut short the holiday. I could not bear to see so much poverty. I was ashamed that I had the money to spend on a holiday that would have kept several families for several years. Not so ashamed, however, that I didn't go to the Iron Market and buy a lot of mahogany and some carvings and a wonderful Sun God carved out of the top of an oil drum by a very gifted young Haitian. Most of which, 40 years, later I still own.

This March I will be 81 years old, and from the images on TV of the disaster, nothing has gotten any better than it was when I was a child of 10 on my first visit.

Perhaps this time, with America leading the way and the world helping, Haiti will emerge from this catastrophic disaster and its people will find some peace and a decent life.

Alicia Simmons
Venice



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Now it is time to fish

The fish are hungry. The water will clear up. Who knows? Maybe the bait will even come back. Let's be optimistic. Be patient with the sheepies. It is still early for our bite to start but I suspect the cold weather may start it a bit early.

They are catching sheepies in the Tampa Bay area. We should get a run of jacks, ladyfish and blues any time now. Getting back to the sheepies, they eat many different things such as fiddler crabs, sand fleas, shrimp, oysters and clams. Some days, the sand fleas are the best and the next day it could be the fiddlers. The secret is to have at least two different baits.

As I write this, the weather is definitely improving. The redfish were at Caspersen Beach the other day as Andy Schoener and New York Richard (Reile) caught several of them as well as a few sheepies using sand fleas and shrimp for bait.

Isn't it amazing how quick Mother Nature can bounce back? Just last week we were finding dead fish all over the place. This week is completely different.

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.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Possible scam alert regarding VHS athletics

The Venice High Athletic Department would like to alert Venice businesses to a possible scam.

Individuals have been reported to be representing Venice High athletic teams in an effort to sell adds on posters or calendars.

Venice High athletics is soliciting outside sources at this time to raise funds.

Any questions in regard to donations to athletics, call Venice High athletics director Pete Dombroski at 488-6726, ext. 65672.

Diamond Boosters to hold meeting Jan. 26

The Diamond Boosters, who support Venice High baseball, is holding their next meeting at 6 p.m. Jan. 26 in the VHS cafeteria.

All are welcome to attend. Any questions, call Shelly Krauss at 408-0944.

VLL will hold tryouts Friday and Saturday

Venice Little League will be holding tryouts for players ages 6 to 12 not previously assigned to a Majors team at

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Venice splits with Manatee

BY PERRY D. PENTZ
SPORTS EDITOR

Turnovers plagued the Venice boys and girls basketball teams against Manatee but only one came away with a victory in the Class 5A-District 10 games on Tuesday at Manatee High.

The Indians had 23 turnovers and lost its first district game as Manatee's Bryce Smith erupted for a season-high 26 points in the 64-51 win while the Lady Indians had 26 turnovers but opened up with a 18-0 lead to cruise to a 59-40 victory.

BOYS: Manatee 64, Venice 51

Manatee used a 14-4 run to start the second quarter to

open up a 11-point cushion and the Hurricanes used a man-to-man trapping defense to force the Indians into 10 second-quarter turnovers.

Smith scored seven of his points in the quarter as the 'Canes grabbed a 39-28 lead after three quarters.

"I don't know why tonight we decided to start turning the ball over again," said Venice coach Steve Cavallaro. "I thought we fixed that at beginning of year. ...We basically took a couple of steps backwards. See if we can't fix it this week."

Venice led 12-5 after the first quarter but Manatee came back thanks to nine points from Smith including two 3-pointers. His second

Manatee its first lead, 17-16. His layup with 30.2 seconds left gave the Hurricanes a 21-18 halftime lead.

"Don't know why we decided to start missing layups," said Cavallaro. "We counted in the first half 11 layups missed and this is 22 points."

Venice managed just six points in the second quarter and four were foul shots.

Hurting Venice was Zach Christian and Joey Boyle picking up two fouls in the first quarter and sitting the bench for most of the second quarter.

Five points by Manatee's Travon Montgomery to open the fourth quarter gave Manatee a 44-28 lead.

Venice (10-6 overall, 5-1 district) cut the deficit to 46-39 by

scoring seven straight points in just over a minute but the Indians had no answer for Smith, who scored eight points in the final quarter.

Boyle finished with 14 points and Michael Smither added 10 for Venice. Clay Burton led Venice with 10 rebounds while Smither and Christian had six rebounds each.

"The beauty is how you end," said Cavallaro. "That is what we are trying to prepare for. We will look at tapes and look at our weaknesses here and see if we can plug some holes."

Venice plays at Southeast tonight in a nondistrict game, then travels to Charlotte for a district game on Friday night.

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Venice goalkeeper Ashley Weaver dives to make a stop on a penalty kick during practice on Monday at the Wellfield Complex. The Lady Indians (12-5-3), who are defending district champions, are preparing to play Charlotte in the Class 5A-District 10 semifinals at 7 tonight at Venice High's Powell-Davis Stadium. The winner plays for the district championship at 7 p.m. Friday.

Preparing for districts



SUN PHOTOS BY PERRY D. PENTZ

Venice's Alyssa Tresch practices penalty kicks during practice on Monday at the Wellfield Complex while her teammates, from left, Cassandra Kerrigan, Yazmin Velez and Dana LaRocque watch.

SPORTS SHORTS

GIRLS BASKETBALL

VENICE FALLS TO CYPRESS LAKE: Cypress Lake's Aimee McCann scored 36 points to lead the Lady Panthers to a 61-47 win over Venice on Saturday afternoon in Fort Myers.

McCann had 16 field goals and two foul shots. The Lady Indians (9-8) trailed 26-24 at halftime but were outscored 41-23 in the second half.

Sophomores Juliana Cavallaro and Laura Hackett had 16 and 15 points, respectively for Venice.

VENICE (47)

Hackett 7 1-1 15, Revels 3 0-0 8, Cavallaro 5 4-4 16, Walchle 1 0-0 3, Shippis 0 0-0 0, Johnson 0 0-0 0, Vasilevskaya 2 0-0 4, Hanewinkel 0 1-2 1, Armato 0 0-0 0, Henderson 0 0-0 0. Totals 18 6-7 47.

CYPRESS LAKE (61)

Drake 2 1-3 7, McKenzie 2 3-4 7, Waugh 3 0-0 7, McCann 16 2-3 36, Grimm 2 0-0 4. Totals 25 6-10 61.

Venice	15	9	13	10	-	47
Cypress Lake	6	20	21	14	-	61

3-point goals: Revels 2, Cavallaro 2, Walchle, Drake 2, McCann 2, Waugh. **Total fouls:** Venice 14, Cypress Lake 7. **Records:** Venice 9-8, Cypress Lake 15-5.

BOYS BASKETBALL

VCS WIN TWO, LOSE ONE: Venice Christian School began the new year with wins over Land O'Lakes and Community Christian of Bradenton before suffering its third loss of the season to Faith Christian of Valrico.

Against Land O'Lakes, the Lions jumped out to a 19-6 first quarter lead and never looked back ion their 57-40 victory.

Jack May led VCS with 17 points and 17 rebounds while Cedric Jackson had 15 points and eight of the team's 20 steals. Philip Traub added 14 points with four 3-pointers.

Against CC of Bradenton, the Lions overcame a small roster due to illness with a 55-22 win.

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GIRLS SOCCER

Two VHS players commit to colleges

BY PERRY D. PENTZ
SPORTS EDITOR

Two Venice High soccer players won't be traveling too far to play soccer at the next level as junior Dana LaRocque and senior Colleen Murphy have decided to remain in Florida.

LaRocque committed early to Division I Jacksonville University while Murphy will only be an hour away after signing at Florida College in Tampa.

The duo have been instrumental in two of Venice's most successful seasons since the mid-'90s, and they were also part of the Lady Indians' first district title since 1994.

Dana LaRocque, Jacksonville University

"It just felt right." This is the simple reason why LaRocque committed to Jacksonville



LaRocque

University before the end of her junior year.

A combination of athletic and academic scholarships will pay for LaRocque's education.

"I'm pretty happy with my decision," LaRocque said. "As long as nothing else comes way better than what I have now because I have a really good offer now. I'm really excited to go there. Anything can change. I still have a year here but right now I am looking forward to it."

Other colleges LaRocque was interested in were Savannah College of Art and Design in Georgia, Mercer University, Flagler College and University of North Carolina at Raleigh.

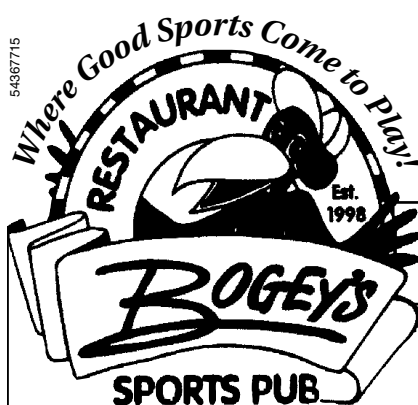
"I looked at several schools and had

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SPORTS CALENDAR

COMING UP	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	BKB - Venice at Southeast, JV 6, V 7:30 p.m. GSOC - Charlotte at Venice (Class 5A-District 10 semifinal), 7 p.m. WRE - Port Charlotte at Venice, JV 6, V 7 p.m.	BKG - Charlotte at Venice, JV 6, V 7:30 p.m. GWL - Venice in Travis Todd Tournament (At Avon Park), 5:30 p.m.	WRE - Venice in Fries Tournament (At Fort Myers High), 2 p.m. BKB - Venice at Charlotte, JV 6, V 7:30 p.m.	WRE - Venice in Fries Tournament (At Fort Myers High), 9 a.m. BSOC - Port Charlotte at Venice (Class 5A-District 10), 5 or 7 p.m.

BSOC - Boys soccer, GSOC - Girls soccer, BKB - Boys basketball, BKG - Girls basketball, WRE - Wrestling, GWL - Girls weightlifting



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Zach Christian VENICE HIGH SCHOOL'S ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Venice High boys basketball player Zach Christian averaged 22.6 points a game as the Indians won two of three games last week. The senior scored a season-high 26 points against Braden River then added 21 points in the other two games. He also averaged 7.6 rebounds a game.

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VENICE (51)
 Smither 2 5-5 10, Christian 3 3-4 9, Hann 0 2-2 2, Burton 2 4-6 8, Cavallaro 0 0-4 0, Boyle 6 2-3 14, Kapinski 0 0-0 0, Flerlage 1 4-5 6, Lamp 1 0-0 2. Totals 15 20-29 51.

MANATEE (64)
 Swain 2 0-0 4, Cummings 2 0-0 5, Gish 1 1-3 4, Montgomery 5 2-4 14, Lorenzo 1 0-0 3, Smith 10 4-6 26, Matt 0 0-1 0, Simmons 4 0-0 8. Totals 25 7-14 64.

Venice	12	6	10	23	-	51
Manatee	5	16	18	25	-	64

3-point goals: Cummings, Gish, Montgomery 2, Lorenzo, Smith 2, Smither. **Total fouls:** Venice 22, Manatee 24. **Fouled out:** Christian. **Records:** Venice 10-6, 5-1; Manatee 11-8, 4-3.

GIRLS: Venice 59, Manatee 40

The Venice girls basketball team charged out to a 18-0 lead in the first five minutes and Manatee didn't have a shot as the Lady Indians forced 10 turnovers.

The Lady 'Canes didn't score until 2:04 left in the quarter and Venice grabbed a 20-6 first-quarter advantage. Sophomore Juliana Cavallaro and senior Emily Vasilevskaya had seven points each in the quarter.

Manatee got within 11 points by halftime, 28-17 as the Lady Indians (10-8 overall, 5-2 district) only scored eight points in the second quarter.

"It goes back to learning how to put it (the game) away," said Venice coach John Flynn. "When it's time to finish they are not doing it. ... They

just don't know how to put the nail in it."

In the third quarter, Venice outscored Manatee, 14-4 over the first five minutes to take a 42-21 lead.

"I told them I was sick and tired of us going out there and not executing," said Flynn about his halftime speech.

Flynn emptied his bench and gave his substitutions plenty of minutes.

"We played a lot of young kids tonight," said Flynn. "They got a lot of minutes and that is really good for us."

Venice hosts Charlotte on Thursday night in the final regular-season home game as the Lady Indians honor Kirsten Walchle and Vasilevskaya with Senior Night.

VENICE (59)
 Walchle 2 0-2 4, McCutcheon 1 0-0 2, Revels 3 1-2 7, Henderson 0 0-0 0, Polk 0 0-2 0, Hanewinkel 2 0-0 5, Vasilevskaya 5 3-3 13, Johnson 0 0-0 0, Cavallaro 7 2-6 18, Hackett 3 0-0 6, Armato 1 0-0 2. Totals 24 6-15 59.

MANATEE (40)
 K. Gibson 5 1-4 11, Jordan 2 0-3 6, Nice 3 3-5 9, Nelson 1 4-6 7, Kendall 2 1-2 5, A. Gibson 2 0-0 4. Totals 15 9-20 40.

Venice	20	8	16	15	-	59
Manatee	6	11	12	11	-	40

3-point goals: Nelson, Hanewinkel, Cavallaro 2. **Total fouls:** Venice 24, Manatee 12. **Records:** Venice 10-8, 5-2; Manatee 1-15, 1-6.

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some other offers too," said LaRocque.

LaRocque said she liked the small classroom sizes and also wanted to stay in Florida.

"I just felt I needed to stay in Florida," said LaRocque. "I don't like the cold at all."

"She is a top tier player who will help get JU to the next level in the NCAA Division I," said Venice coach Sheldon Chamberlain in an email. "Dana can score goals inside the six or outside the 18-yard box. She has excellent vision and game sense to come back from up top to defend and win balls for a counterattack. Dana will be an outstanding collegiate player at JU."

This season, the speedy, 5-foot-2 forward has 26 goals in 20 matches for Venice. In total, she has 60 career goals including 25 last year and 19 as a freshman.

LaRocque doesn't know if she will see playing time as a freshman.

"I am going to work my tail off to try to," said LaRocque. "The coach (Brian Copham) said he has a vision of where I am going to play and is very excited."

LaRocque said she can officially sign in September. The Dolphins, who compete in the Atlantic Sun Conference, had a 8-7-5 overall record and 5-1-4 in

the A-Sun this season. They lost in the A-Sun semi-finals to Kennesaw State, 1-0, in overtime. They closed out the regular season with three wins and four ties.

The 17-year-old, who started playing soccer 10 years ago, always wanted to play college soccer and as she is maturing, she wanted to play at the Division I level.

"I like scoring," said LaRocque. "That is my favorite part about it and having a team and building with each other. One reason is we play high school is to get friends. Get a whole bunch of us out here and it's just fun. We have our bad times, our good times. Friendship, fun and love of the game is mostly why I play."

Colleen Murphy, Florida College

Small and close to home were the big reasons why Venice senior Colleen Murphy decided to sign on Jan. 13 with Florida College located in Hillsborough County.

The 5-foot-6 midfielder, who is just one of two seniors on the Venice team, will receive a partial athletic scholarship.

Florida College, who only added soccer in 2005, competes in the Unites States Collegiate Athletic



Murphy

Association. Last year, the Falcons ended the season with a 1-12-3 record.

"It's always been my dream to go play in college and now I will go and fulfill that and see where it goes from there," said Murphy, who has been playing soccer since she was 4.

Murphy was also interested in Thomas University in Georgia.

"Colleen is a hard worker and is an outstanding holding midfielder," Chamberlain said in an e-mail. "She reads the game very well and adds to the distribution of the ball with good passes on the attack."

She started soccer because her older sister and Venice High graduate, Melanie, played the sport.

"It's the best feeling away in the world and it takes all your stress away," Murphy said about playing soccer. "And it's a hard sport to be good at. It's a challenge and I work really hard at it."

Murphy thinks the Lady Indians can go all the way to the state championship.

"We have the heart and drive to do it and the skill," said Murphy.

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6 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. Saturday at Chuck Reiter Complex.

Registrations will also be accepted.

For more information, visit www.venicelittleleague.com.

MVFP holding signups on Saturday

Miss Venice Fastpitch Softball will be holding spring 2010 signups from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday at the Wellfield Complex MVFP Boardroom.

Girls ages 4 to 16 are welcome. MVFP teams play against teams from Miss Sarasota Softball and Miss Englewood Girls Softball.

Registered players are required to attend one of two scheduled skill evaluations on Jan. 26 or Jan. 28.

For more information, visit www.missvenicefastpitch.com.

Venice Little League holding tryouts for Junior, Senior teams

Venice Little League are seeking players ages 13-16 for the Junior and Senior League teams.

Tryouts will be held 6 p.m. Jan. 28 and 10 a.m. Jan. 30 at the Wellfield Complex.

For more information, visit www.venicelittleleague.com or call Scott Kuffer at 544-6829.

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On Feb. 10, a cocktail pairings party is scheduled where playing sponsors and guests get to mingle with the celebrities. A lottery will place a celebrity with each foursome.

On Feb. 11, the Otto Graham Memorial Putting Contest is scheduled for the morning followed by lunch.

The Classic, an 18-hole scramble, will use both of Plantation's courses.

An awards banquet will follow.

All proceeds from the Classic, will become part of the grants fund that is allocated by the Foundation to worthy eligible local charities.

For more information, call Lee Williams at 496-9104.

YMCA recreational soccer registration will be held through Feb. 22

The South County Family YMCA in Venice and the Venice Area Youth Soccer Association have joined forces for the 2010 spring recreational soccer season.

Registration will be held through Feb. 22 and is open to players ages 4 to 18 for co-ed teams in the following age groups: under 6, under 8, under 10, under 12 under 14 and high school.

Register at the YMCA, 701 Center Road, or online at www.veniceymca.com.

For more information, call Gary Smith, YMCA sports director, at 492-9622, ext. 158 or 131.

Celebrity Golf Classic set for Plantation Feb. 10-11

The 2010 Plantation Community Foundation Celebrity Golf Classic, featuring various sports legends, will be held on Feb. 10 and 11 at the Plantation Golf and Country Club in Venice.

The event is open to all area golfers.

Playing sponsorships are available for a \$350 donation per foursome.

Nearly 70 celebrity players such as retired professionals in major league baseball, NFL, NHL, NBA and coaching ranks are planning to attend. Among the celebrities are Stan Mikita, Luis Tiant, Jim Perry, Bud Harrelson, Johnny Orr and Bill

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VCS shot 42 percent against the Crusaders zone defense. May had 15 points and 12 rebounds while Robert Dolby and Montrel Jackson had 14 and 10 points, respectively.

Missing a player because of illness, the Lions lost to Faith Christian, 79-51.

Traub hit five 3-pointers for 15 points while Robert and David Dolby chipped in with 14 and 13 points, respectively.

BOYS SOCCER

VENICE TIES LEMON BAY: Junior Joey Carlin headed a corner kick from Steve Ferretti in the final two minutes of stoppage time to lift Venice to a 1-1 tie with Lemon Bay on Tuesday at Lemon Bay.

"We kind of dominated the game but nothing would fall in for us," said Venice coach Seth Jones.

Lemon Bay scored its goal late in the first half.

Fourth-seeded Venice (4-9-2) hosts No. 5 seed Port Charlotte at 5 p.m. Saturday in opening game of the Class 5A-District 10 tournament.

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Cameron C. Conway Jr.

Cameron Clark Conway Jr., age 54, of Venice, Fla., passed away on Friday, Jan. 15, 2010. He was born on July 23, 1955, in Lancaster, Pa., and moved to Venice 50 years ago.

He graduated from Venice High School in 1973. He was a self-employed master carpenter. He was a member of Amvets Post 312 in North Port, an avid member of the National Rifle Association and worked with the Venice Alumni Association. He was an avid hunter, fisherman and scuba diver.



Conway

He is survived by his three sisters, Cynthia Krumenaker of Venice, Corrine Malopolski of Oregon and Cathy Search of North Port.

Services: A party will be held in his honor at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, at the North Jetty Pavilion. Farley Funeral Home, Venice, is handling the arrangements. To send condolences, visit www.farleyfuneralhome.com.

Contributions: Memorial donations may be made to the VHS Alumni Association, P.O. Box 1292, Venice, Florida 34284.

Joye W. Ferguson

Joye W. Ferguson of Venice, Fla., formerly of Lake City, Fla., and Pulaski, Tenn., died Sunday, Jan. 17, 2010.

She was born Aug. 4, 1945, to Elornor (Hughes) and Charles Warren in Pulaski, Tenn.

Survivors include her daughter, I. Suzanne (Mick) Spears of Nokomis, Fla.; son, Brice E. (Lani) Ferguson of Venice, Fla.; son, Ronald E. Keen of Lake City, Fla.; four grandchildren: Rebecca, Dustin, Daniel and Summer; great-grandson, Caleb; brother, Hugh Warren of Camano Island, Wash.; and sister, Wanda Poppel of Lake City, Fla.

Services: A Celebration of Life service will be held at 4 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 23, at Farley Funeral Home, Venice Chapel. To share a memory, visit www.farleyfuneralhome.com.

Contributions: Memorial Donations may be made to TideWell Hospice, Inc., 5955 Rand Boulevard, Sarasota, FL 34238.

Virginia B. Krichbaum

Virginia B. Krichbaum age 83, of Venice, Fla., died on Saturday, Dec. 26, 2009.

She was born in Albany, N.Y., on Jan. 20, 1926, and moved to Venice in 1992. Virginia held several secretarial and administrative positions during her working career at the Albany Felt Company and Niagara Mohawk Power and Light. She also worked at the school of nursing at Maria College in Albany, where she prepared the successful application for the school of nursing to receive nationally recognized accreditation. She retired from the New York State Court of Claims in 1988. Virginia was a member and volunteer worker at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Venice.

She is survived by her husband, Elmer C. Krichbaum Jr., of Venice; sons Karl R. Krichbaum and Robert G. Krichbaum; sister Erma Klein; grandchildren Devin, Brendan, Jennifer and Kaitlyn Krichbaum, and Kathryn Reneau; and great-grandson Jonathan Reneau Jr. She was preceded in death by her sister, Bernice Allen.

Services: A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 22, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. To send condolences, visit www.farleyfuneralhome.com.

Contributions: Memorial donations can be made to the Emmanuel Lutheran Church Memorial Fund, 790 South Tamiami Trail, Venice, FL 34285; or the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692.

Ruth Lehman

Ruth Lehman, 87, Venice, Fla., formerly of Baltimore, Md., died Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2010.

While in Baltimore she was an active participant in student government during her time in college (1940-44) and later became a leader in Hadassah and B'Nai B'rith women. After coming to

Venice, she joined the Jewish Center of Venice and continued her association with Hadassah. She was also a volunteer at Venice Hospital and helped distribute food at Laurel Community Center.

Ruth was predeceased by her daughter, Barbara Lehman-Ochoa, and is survived by her beloved, son-in-law Michael Ochoa.

Services: Services will be held at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, at the Jewish Center of Venice, 600 North Auburn Road, Venice, FL 34292. Ewing Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. **Contributions:** In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

Richard Lewis

Richard "Dick" Lewis, 71, of Venice, Fla., formerly of Riverside, R.I., passed away on Saturday, Jan. 16, 2010.

Born in Providence, R.I., to the late Ralph and M. Loretta Lewis, he graduated from East Providence High School and attended classes at the University of Rhode Island the Rhode Island School of Design.

He is survived by his loving wife, Karen; brother, Harry Lewis of Venice, Fla.; and seven nieces and nephews. He was pre-deceased by the late Jonathan Lewis of Nokomis, Fla.

Mr. Lewis worked for the Rhode Island Department of Public Works as a project engineer for 30 years. His greatest accomplishments included designing a logo to put on Rhode Island bridges that is still in use today, and he had the opportunity to oversee the construction of the East Bay, R.I., Bike Path that provides 15 miles of scenic bicycling that thousands of people get to enjoy regularly.

He was an avid golfer who won the Swansea Country Club Championship in 1989 and was a member of Myakka Pines Golf Club and a former member of the Lake Venice Golf Club.

Mr. Lewis was a private plane pilot with an instrumentation rating and also held a commercial pilot's license. His hobbies also included parachuting and flying jumpers. He belonged to the Northeastern Sport Parachute Council for many years. He enjoyed motorcycling and continued to ride until recently.

Services: A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, at Farley Funeral Home, Venice. To send condolences, visit www.farleyfuneralhome.com.

home.com.

Contributions: Memorial donations may be made to Venice High School Golf Team Foundation, c/o Venice High School, 1 Indian Ave., Venice, FL 34285.

Yolanda M. Norton

Yolanda Matilda Norton, or "Yo," as she was known to her close personal friends, was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba Feb. 21, 1928, and transitioned to God Monday, Jan. 18, 2010.

She was preceded in death by her son, Ricardo Ros Y Gauthier, in 1983. Her survivors are her husband, Chris Norton; two sons, Chris and Ivan (Dawn Engel) Suvanjiuff; two grandchildren (Ricardo (Marcella) and Lily); and four great-grandchildren.

She was a scratch golfer, and competed in Florida, as well as setting up a tournament in Windsor, Ontario, that made many friends on both sides of the Canadian border. She also was instrumental in teaching many people, including her nephew Ricardo, how to play this game well.

She was a talented artist, and loved animals of all kinds, especially cats. Mostly a homemaker, she served the United States in the U.S. Consulate Service. She is survived by many friends and family in the United States, Canada, the Dominican Republic and other foreign countries.

In the home, she succeeded in creating an atmosphere where art and intellectualism lived side by side and fed each other. Music and art could be discussed on Avondale in the same venue as chemistry and physics. There was no difference.

The musical community in Windsor, Ontario, can thank her for giving local musicians a place to refine their skills, even while the neighbors called the Windsor Police Department on a regular basis. Many of these musicians still perform around Windsor and other parts of North America as well.

Further, many of the kids who showed up at her door went on to get advanced college degrees. Learning and deep thought were items to be revered. Books were meant to be discussed, and physics problems needed to be solved. Free thought was encouraged.

Services: There will be a memorial service at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 23, at the Capri Isles Club House on Estancias Boulevard in Venice, Fla.

POLICE BEAT**Domestic battery**

Neighbors said a man used unnecessary force to drag a woman into his house, according to a Sarasota County Sheriff's Office report.

Deputies responded to a report of domestic violence Saturday in the 200 block of East Colonia Lane, Nokomis.



Daniels

The victim said she and the man were having an argument, but it never turned physical. Despite her claim, deputies noticed scratches on her right upper arm and what appeared to be some red grip marks on her left arm.

The man said they were arguing when the woman went outside in her underwear to avoid the argument. He said he followed her outside and grabbed her and pulled her back inside the house.

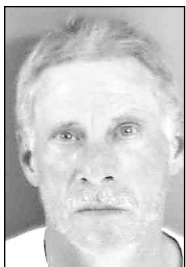
The neighbors had a different tale to tell. They said the man and woman were screaming at one another when the man used force to drag the woman into the residence.

The deputies noted that neither the man nor the woman was under the influence of drugs or alcohol and there was no past history of domestic violence.

Christopher DeLane Daniels, 34, 200 block East Colonia Lane, Nokomis, was arrested and charged with domestic battery. He received no bond.

Battery violation

Remember the man who was arrested and charged with battery upon a person older than 65 for knocking off the hat of a man standing in his driveway, then knocking him down and climbing on top of him and threatening him? That report ran in the *Gondolier Sun* in early September.



Crates

Now, Jerry Arthur Crates, 47, 300 block Collins Road, Nokomis, has been arrested and charged with violation of the probation he received for the September offense, according to a Sarasota County Sheriff's Office report. He has been denied bond.

Conditions of Crates' probation included: reporting to the probation office monthly, not changing his residence without first getting permission from his probation officer, signing up

within 30 days for a 16-week anger management class and completing it on the first attempt and completing 50 hours of community service at a minimum rate of five hours per month.

According to the report, Crates has violated these conditions of his probation, and he now resides in the Sarasota County Jail.

Venice Police Department arrests

- Casey Walter Bolam, 21, 2100 block Border Road, Venice. Charge: nonmoving traffic violation (driving while license suspended — first offense). Bond: \$250.

- Harvey Michael Marth, 21, Holiday House, Venice. Charge: violation of probation (possession of marijuana less than 20 grams). Bond: \$2,000.

Sarasota County Sheriff's Office arrests

- Carmen C. Lanzo, 35, 200 block Collins Road, Nokomis. Charges: DUI with property damage, failure to have motor vehicle liability insurance. Bond: \$2,250.

- Brian Haas, 28, 600 block Valencia St., Nokomis. Charge: failure to appear (possession of a controlled substance, driving while license suspended). Bond: none.

- Kimberly Michelle Senter, 41, 100 block Avenida De Bahia, Nokomis. Charge: violation of probation (fraud in obtaining money from pawnbroker). Bond: none.

- Gregory Martin Mark, 51, 100 block Casey Key Road, Nokomis. Charge: trespass of structure or conveyance. Bond: \$250.

- Karen A. Wallace, 44, 200 block Regal Road, Venice. Charges: unarmed burglary of unoccupied dwelling, larceny — grand theft (\$300-\$5,000). Bond: \$3,500.

- Anna Lee Varsafsky, 28, 800 block Harbor Drive, Venice. Charge: violation of probation (DUI). Bond: \$5,000.

- Jason Aron McEachern, 38, 700 block Jamaica Road, Venice. Charge: nonmoving traffic violation (driving while license suspended — habitual offender). Bond: \$2,000.

- Ashley Nichole Lavinder, 24, 300 block Glen Oak Road, Venice. Charge: family offense (interfering with the custody of minors). Bond: \$10,000

Sarasota Police Department arrest

- Daniel B. Cook, 37, 2700 block Sunset Beach Drive, Venice. Charge: passing a forged or altered instrument. Bond: \$1,000.

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Project in West Villages delayed

BY ED SCOTT
STAFF WRITER

The downturn in the economy has led to troubled times for Thomas Enterprises, the largest developer in the West Villages Improvement District.

City officials say a representative for the developer — Stan Thomas of Newnan, Ga. — recently retrieved plans for a Publix supermarket that was scheduled to be built in The Prado at the West Villages, a shopping center proposed for U.S. 41 on the west end of North Port.

That project, which Thomas Enterprises spokesman Bruce Williams said several months ago was to begin in January, has now been delayed due to the downturn in the economy and the lack of residential construction in the area, according to Publix spokesperson Shannon Patten.

“It’s almost impossible to finance any new construction these days,” Williams said Thursday. “We still have a lease with Publix. We still are going to build it. These are the side effects of the economy we have now.”

Meanwhile, in November Thomas put three of his hundreds of properties into bankruptcy protection: The Rim, a 2-million-square-foot shopping center in San Antonio, Texas; Village Pavilion in Smyrna, Ga., and Prospect Park in Alpharetta, Ga. Smyrna and Alpharetta are near Atlanta.

Williams says those bankruptcies have no bearing on the West Villages Improvement District.

“The notes matured and there is no capital out there at this time,” he said. “We are working through the court system to come up with a viable plan to refinance those projects. But that has no bearing whatsoever on what is going on with Thomas Ranch and the West Villages Improvement District.”

Normally reluctant to speak to the media, Thomas, 55, consented to an interview with the Atlanta Journal-Constitution last year. He spoke frankly about the impact of the downturn on his business, particularly the pain associated with layoffs that reduced his work force from 750 employees to 50.

“Some nights I go home and I’d like to crawl under the bed. We wept and cried and cried,” he said of the layoffs.

Textbook case

While many developers nationwide were blindsided by the economic downturn, Thomas’s plight could be used in future business textbooks as a case study of the real estate debacle.

Thomas purchased approximately 16,000 acres in south Sarasota County from the Taylor family in 2002 for \$73 million, according to Sarasota County Property Appraiser records. He changed the property’s name from Taylor Ranch to Thomas Ranch in honor of his father, “Mr. Earl” Thomas, who died in 1999.

about 8,000 acres in South Venice that the city of North Port annexed in 2002 and property that remained in unincorporated South Sarasota County.

Part of the property — approximately 2,200 acres — was sold to Pulte Homes and became Sarasota National, a troubled South Venice golf course community where homes are still being sold “and golf is still being played,” Williams said. Some 1,500 homes originally were planned there but only 30 were built and sold, according to a Pulte spokesperson.

“All the homes have gorgeous views,” Williams said.

Other parts of Thomas Ranch also were sold, including what are now the North Port subdivisions Gran Paradiso and Islandwalk, whose residents will one day shop at The Prado.

The Venetia development on U.S. 41 and Myakka River Trails on River Road are properties in South Venice that Thomas Enterprises bought from the Taylors and completed.

The Gran Paradiso project has foundered. Only 14 homes have been built and sold in the 1,068-acre community designed to accommodate 1,999 homes. Islandwalk has done better, however. Pulte has sold approximately 300 homes in Islandwalk, an 830-acre development presently designed for 1,869 homes.

Thomas Enterprises has spent much of its time and money trying to get The Prado off the ground and funding infrastructure improvements by the West Villages Improvement District, which was created by the state Legislature at Thomas’s request.

Doing business as Fourth Quarter Properties, Thomas still owns approximately 6,200 acres in the WVID and 3,800 acres in South Venice and is current on his WVID non-ad valorem assessments. The company paid more than \$4 million to the district for 2009 and several million dollars before that from 2005-08.

But the downturn in the economy is preventing Thomas Enterprises from progressing with The Prado and other grand plans for the West Villages. Thomas, a former college football player, is concentrating on small victories.

“The state of the West Villages Improvement District is fine,” Williams said. “It is functioning as it is supposed to and that is to sell bonds and use the money to construct infrastructure.”

Williams cited both practical and aesthetic improvements:

- The 3 1/2 miles of water and sewer lines that “we ran from North Port to the property.”
- The “beautiful” landscape on U.S. 41.
- The West Villages Parkway, a road currently under construction that will connect River Road to U.S. 41, “alleviating a lot of traffic at U.S. 41 and River Road.”

The parkway will open in late spring or early summer, Williams said.

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Construction of a Publix supermarket on U.S. 41 in the West Villages Improvement District was scheduled to begin in January.



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How brown is my garden?

BY KIM COOL
FEATURES EDITOR

Many area gardens suffered damage during last week's record cold spell. To prune or not to prune is the question this week. "Don't cut anything back until April 1," said Debbie Truesdale, the director of nursery operations at Hazeltine Nurseries in Venice. "It is possible to have a freeze in March. Our rule of thumb is to do nothing until there have been several weeks of warmer weather." Do not prune, trim nor feed any of the plants," she added. Truesdale said most of the plants will come back. I toured the nursery with her Friday afternoon, looking at brown ixoras, brown Christmas palms, a butterfly garden that was mostly brown, and brown vines on a pergola near the entrance. Nearly everything looked good because of the precautions taken by the staff.

"The ixoras look the worst," she said. When all danger of frost has passed, the ixoras will be cut back to half the size they are now.

Christmas palms and other self-cleaning varieties that drop branches and do not need trimming will be left alone. The brown branches will fall to the ground and new crown branches will grow, she said. If any of those varieties had frost on the leaves for more than a few hours or over several days, they might not make it, but most should make it.

They took all the equipment out of the barn, which was then filled with plants. More plants and trees were crowded into the greenhouse, which had been filled with cut Christmas trees just just a month or so earlier. They covered many plants that were still outside with freeze cloth, a sheer polyester material sold in 6- by 50-foot rolls for \$25. It can be reused for years, she said. Out in the fields of trees and other large plants, staff members gathered about midnight on the first night when a freeze was imminent, waiting to light smudge pots as soon as the temperature hit 32 degrees and held for more than two hours.

Taking those precautions, the nursery only lost about 50 plants, Truesdale said. That is not bad for a 96-acre nursery filled with trees and plants.

A vine climbing up the pergola near the sales center looked the worst. "That's a thumbergia vine," she said. "We will cut those back to about 1 foot from the ground and it will grow back."

But there will be no cutting until April 1. "Michelle (Hazeltine) is adamant about that," Truesdale said. "People get in a hurry and that is the one thing you do not want to do." Michelle is Truesdale's sister and is married to Steven Hazeltine, co-owner of the nursery.

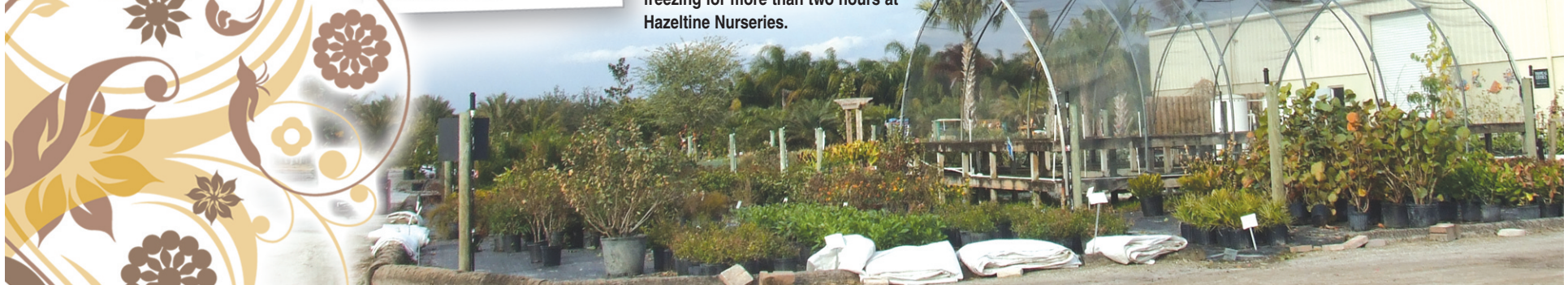
Below, Tom Truesdale is the manager of wholesale operations at Hazeltine Nurseries.



not matter, she said. Use freeze cloth, sheets or even garbage bags. If you use garbage bags, remove them when temperatures rise above freezing during the day because they can bake in the black bags. Freeze cloth can be purchased from Hazeltine and other nurseries and garden supply outlets.

Above, this cardboard palm is tinged with brown after the recent freeze in Venice.

Left, smudge pots are lit to protect trees when temperatures dip below freezing for more than two hours at Hazeltine Nurseries.



Freeze cloth has been removed from plants and folded for reuse should another freeze occur at Hazeltine Nurseries.

SUN PHOTOS BY KIM COOL

Below, Debbie Truesdale, director of nursery operations at Hazeltine Nurseries, shows crinum lilies with brown leaves caused by the recent freeze.



Above, the butterfly garden at Hazeltine Nurseries suffered the most damage during the recent freeze. Top left, freeze cloth protects delicate plants from frost and can be reused for

several years.

Center, ixora plants may lose their leaves but should recover from the recent cold spell in Venice.

Left, fishtail palm leaves turned brown in the freeze but are expected to put out new growth at the crown in the coming months.

Truesdale's husband, Tom, is the wholesale manager of this family-owned business.

"Magnolias are fine," Truesdale said. "Giant bird of paradise probably will not die but may take six to eight months to recover."

Plumarias (frangi-pangi) will likely need heavy pruning, especially if all the leaves are brown. Truesdale suggested cutting them back to about half the size they are and then watch for the new sprouts. Some hibiscus may look bad but should come back after pruning — but not until April.

"Our butterfly garden got zapped," she said. "In April we will cut it all the way back and may have to replant about half of it. We have to wait and see."

That is the Hazeltine mantra this time of year. Despite the color, even the brown leaves offer some protection for plants should there be another freeze. The closer to the Gulf the better. "It is like having a heating pad," Truesdale said about living near the water, where temperatures often are a few degrees warmer. If we have another frost, cover the plants again. Make sure the crowns are covered, for it is frost and/or ice on the leaves that does the damage. Covering the trunks does

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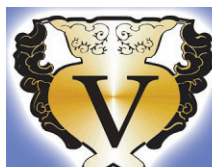
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Humane Society seeks funds

STAFF REPORT

Suncoast Humane Society, like all nonprofit charities, is accustomed to facing the challenges of raising funds to support its programs and services. This year has been more than a challenge; it has been a matter of the organization's survival. Each and every donation is absolutely vital.

Phil Snyder, executive director, said, "We are thrilled that we have already received an anonymous pledge of an additional \$25,000 from another anonymous donor. This means that in keeping with the stipulation of the donor's pledge, an extra \$25,000 is needed. We are reaching out to the community for needed help.

"Without these generous gifts, Suncoast Humane society is in jeopardy of losing important services and programs that benefit both people and animals of our communities.

"Our low-cost spay/neuter program, preventative health-care clinic and pet food pantry have helped to keep pets in their loving homes with their families. This funding is

needed to ensure the continuation of these and other important programs."

The sagging economy in 2009 led to a decrease in donations, while rising costs of maintaining important services has spiraled.

SHS's services and programs are supported solely on individual contributions, wills, bequests and foundation grants.

Last year alone, SHS handled nearly 4,000 unwanted animals.

"This alone stresses the need for a gift of this magnitude. We cannot fail in our charge to meet this challenge," Snyder said.

For more information, contact Suncoast Humane Society at 474-7884 or visit www.humane.org.

Cat naps not that popular among cats

BY CELIA RIVENBARK MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

December was a busy news month, what with hourly updates on Tiger Woods' insatiable lust life. (What's the count now? Like 35 or something? And we haven't even heard from the Broward County lunchroom ladies ...)

Besides all-Tiger-all-the-time, many of us were immersed in our frenzied annual ritual of celebrating the birth of the son of God by buying too much stuff at Target. So, given all that excitement, it's taken a few weeks to pay proper attention to a news story that broke early in the month, namely: It turns out that your housecats do a lot more than you think when they're left alone.

I know what you're thinking. Cello playing, right? Nooooo, but close.

Thanks to a study by cat scientists (not actual cats as scientists; that would be nuts, not to mention they don't make lab coats that small) it turns out that housecats do a lot more than sleep while their humans are away.

Using "cat cams" programmed to take photos every 15 minutes and attached to the collars of 50 (I'm guessing seriously P.O.'ed) housecats, the cat scientists were able to determine that cats actually only spend about 6 percent of their time sleeping.

I have three cats and they've basically been asleep since Wham! so this is shocking to put it mildly.

Cat cameras revealed that cats spent 22 percent of their days looking out the window, 12 percent playing with other pets and 8 percent climbing on furniture.

The rest of the time, they did things like watch TV (they believe their leader, Tyra Banks, is speaking to them personally).

TV viewing accounted for 6 percent of a typical housecat's day, the exact same amount as "hiding under a table," presumably when "Jersey Shore" was on, a normal reaction.

Sometimes, the cats watched DVDs, which is a puzzler.

I mean, I get how they can work the remote but even those of us with opposable thumbs usu-

ally pry the case open with so much force that it pops out, sails across the room and under the couch never to be seen again.

During the very same news cycle, it should be noted, there was a heart-warming story about a dog who alerted his wheelchair-bound owner to the fire raging through their duplex by barking and pulling him to safety.

Firefighters said the dog deserved a commendation for saving the man's life.

Meanwhile, across the way, I'm imagining a cat spending part of its 22 percent of the day staring at the flames and making a sarcastic sad-face at the dog while holding a phone that he has just punched only a 9 and 1 into.

"Want me to call? Oops, too late. Time for my cello lesson."

Celia Rivenbark's newest book, "You Can't Drink All Day If You Don't Start in the Morning," is available at bookstores nationwide. Visit www.celiarivenbark.com for more details.

Boaters can help save manatees from boat strikes

FROM SAVE THE MANATEE CLUB

As of Dec. 4, 91 manatees were killed by watercraft in Florida during 2009, approaching the record of 95 watercraft deaths set in 2002.

Anecdotal reports indicate the economy has changed boating patterns, keeping boaters closer to shore to save money on gas.

Concentrating watercraft inshore, in the same waters inhabited by manatees, could help account for the rise in mortalities, but this is not a necessary outcome.

Each and every boater, through careful boating practices and compliance with speed zones, can greatly reduce the number of manatee injuries and deaths from boat strikes.

Save the Manatee Club members are calling for boaters to slow down in manatee habitat, obey the posted speed zones, and immediately report manatee injuries to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at (888) 404-3922 so that a timely rescue can be initiated and the manatee can receive life-saving treatment.

Save the Manatee Club offers boaters and shoreline property owners free boating banners and aluminum dock signs to remind fellow boaters that manatees are present.

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To view manatee monthly mortality data, visit the FWC's Web site at http://research.myfwc.com/features/category_sub.asp?id=2241.

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Fire and water sunset stroll

Time: 4-6 p.m.
Where: Historic Spanish Point, 337 North Tamiami Trail, Osprey
Notes: The public is invited to experience a fire pit near the water at the former winter home of Bertha Honore Palmer. There will be a marshmallow roast and light refreshments. The stroll will take guests through the formal gardens and rekindle a sense of history as the area was settled in the early 1900s.
Cost: \$10
Call: 966-5214
Link: www.historicspanishpoint.org

Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe

Time: 8 p.m.
Where: Art Center Sarasota, 707 North Tamiami Trail, Sarasota



Notes: Experience your favorite oldies during this Motown '60s Revue. Show runs from Jan. 20-Feb. 7. See Web site for dates and times.
Costs: \$20 single performance, \$45 three-show subscription
Call: 366-8121
Link: www.wbttroupe.org

Food giveaway

Time: 3-5 p.m.
Where: Laurel Civic Association, 509 Collins Road, Laurel
Notes: free USDA commodities for eligible Sarasota County residents
Call: 483-3338

Venice Area Young Professionals

Time: noon-1 p.m.
Where: Venice Area Chamber of Commerce, 597 South Tamiami Trail, Venice
Notes: C.J. Fishman, president of Fishman & Associates will talk about how to build a successful business while weathering a tough economic climate. Space is limited; RSVP is required.
Costs: \$5, VAYP member; \$10, nonmember
Call: 488-2236

Palette knife art class

RSVP: Jan. 20
Dates: Feb. 3-March 10, weekly
Time: 6-8:30 p.m.
Where: Venice Art Center, 390 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice
Notes: Mary-Louise Hooper,

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

BEST BET UNDER THE SUN

'The Perfume Shop' on stage at Asolo Repertory Theatre



PHOTO COURTESY OF ASOLO REPERTORY THEATRE

Amalia Balash (McKenzie Kyle) and George Horvath (Jason Bradley) are two central characters in the play "The Perfume Shop," which runs through April 1 at the Asolo Repertory Theatre, 5555 North Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. The play is an adaptation of "Parfumerie," by Miklos Laszlo and takes place in a perfume shop on a lively street in Budapest. The plot revolves around two bickering coworkers who unknowingly exchange love letters at night as anonymous pen pals. The play has been adapted as "The Shop Around the Corner" and "You've Got Mail." The play will run in rotating repertory, with days and times alternating. Contact the box office at 351-8000 or asolo.org for more details. Single tickets range in price from \$13 to \$60. Subscription tickets are available: \$119 Play Pass or \$35 Student Pass. Call 351-9010, ext. 4812, for subscriptions.

Ed.D., will teach about palette knife painting, meeting once a week for six weeks.
Costs: \$95, members; \$120, nonmembers
Call: 485-7136
Link: www.hooperart.com

Venice Aviation Society meets

Time: 7:30 p.m.
Where: Venice City Hall, Community Room, 401 W. Venice Ave., Venice
Notes: There will be a briefing on the closing of St. Pete Flight Service Station.
Call: Nick Carlucci, 716-5704
Link: www.veniceaviation society.com

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. A trained, caring, nonjudgmental volunteer will listen, provide support and make referrals.
Cost: \$5 donation requested
Call: 485-9724
Link: www.thewomens resourcecenter.org

Kiwanis

Time: 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m.
Where: American Legion, 1770 E. Venice Ave., Venice
Notes: Visitors and out-of-town Kiwanians are warmly

welcomed.
Cost: \$10
Call: Beverly Miller, 484-7394

Running group

Time: 6 a.m.
Where: Meet at Centennial Park, near Gazebo, downtown Venice
Notes: People of all ages, paces and distances are welcome. The group meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Runners and walkers are welcome. No cost.
Call: Roger, 244-2730, or Tuula, 488-5688
E-mail: rogerhauge@gmail.com

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 p.m.
Where: Jacaranda Library, 4143 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice
Call: 861-5000

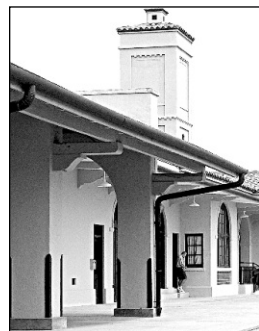
Venice Archives

Time: 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays
Where: Historic Triangle Inn, 351 S. Nassau St., Venice
Notes: Open to the public for the Venice Archives & Area Historical Collection. Personal

research may be arranged by calling James Hagler, director.
Call: 486-2487

Train depot tours

Time: 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Where: Venice Train Depot, Seaboard Avenue, Venice
Notes: For tours of 10 or more, call Jerry at 496-9474. The Red Caboose is only open on Wednesdays for tours.
Call: 412-0151, leave a message.



Club food

Time: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Where: Venice-Nokomis Elks Lodge, 1021 Discovery Way, Nokomis
Notes: Menu varies weekly. Drive-up available. Authentic smoked meats available Wednesday and Friday in parking lot.
Cost: Prices range from \$5-\$12
Call: 486-1854

Times: 11 a.m.-2 p.m., lunch; 5-8 p.m., dinner
Where: Disabled American

Veterans, 600 East Colonia Lane, Nokomis
Notes: Lunches and Italian Fest dinners are open to the public. New management is offering a new menu.
Costs: Lunch, from \$3; dinner, from \$5
Call: 488-4500

Bingo

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

Euchre, bridge

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

Duplicate bridge for novices

Time: 9 a.m.
Where: 751 South U.S. 41 Bypass, Venice
Notes: This is a friendly introduction to competitive bridge for those with less than 200 masterpoints
Cost: \$7
Call: 484-9086
Link: www.bridgebuddy.net

Karaoke

Time: 7-10 p.m.
Where: Eagles Aerie, 621 East Colonia Lane, Nokomis
Call: 484-4470

Senior beach walk

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 1-mile walk
Call: 861-5000

Shuffleboard open house

Time: 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays and Mondays
Where: Hecksher Park, 450 W. Venice Ave., corner of Harbor Drive and Barcelona, Venice
Notes: Anyone interested in learning the game or joining the club is welcome. Refreshments will be served.
Cost: \$1 nonmembers; free to members
Call: Bill, 586-5889

Snook Haven music

Time: noon-2 p.m.
Where: Snook Haven, 5000 E. Venice Ave. (corner of Venice Avenue and River Road), Venice
Notes: The Hi-Lites play banjo and guitar and sing.
Call: 488-3023
E-mail: banjolady@comcast.net

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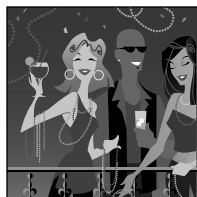
EDITOR'S NOTE: For listings of fitness and dance classes, support groups, medical screenings and health information, see the Well-Being section on 7B.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JAN. 23

Mardi Gras party

Time: 7-10 p.m.
Where: American Legion, Post 159, 1770 E. Venice Ave., Venice
Notes: The annual Mardi Gras will be held. A king and queen of the Mardi Gras will be chosen; Dixie Spirit will provide music; a cajun menu will be served.
Cost: \$15
Call: 485-4748



Center, Our Mother's House and the Emergency Financial Assistance Program.
Cost: \$175
Call: Jeanette Wozniak, 379-9111, ext. 300

MONDAY, FEB. 1

Wine tasting benefit

RSVP: Feb. 1
Date: Feb. 25
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Where: Plantation Golf & Country Club, 500 Rockley Blvd., Venice
Notes: All proceeds will go to benefit Our Mother's House, a program of Catholic Charities, which helps support homeless moms and their preschool children. Price includes one drink, dinner, music, silent auction, bucket auction and 50/50 raffle. A Big Spender Raffle will replace the live auction. Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis and are due Feb. 1.
Costs: \$75 single; \$150 couple
Call: 485-6264, ext. 101
E-mail: ourmothershouse@comcast.net

FRIDAY, FEB. 19

Sock Hop fundraiser

Time: 7-10 p.m.

Where: Venice Gardens Civic Center, 406 Shamrock Blvd., Venice
Notes: Circle 144 of the Best of Attitude, BOA, Sisterhood will hold an oldies rock 'n' roll night with the Wan-Na-Bes. All proceeds will benefit Southeastern Guide Dogs. Refreshments will be subs, sundaes and homemade cookies. BYOB. There will be prizes and raffles.
Cost: \$12.50
Call: Mary, 412-1255, or Judy, 496-9716

FRIDAY, FEB. 19, AND SATURDAY, FEB. 20

Cabaret at Venice Art Center

Time: 7 p.m.
Where: Venice Art Center, 300 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice
Notes: Dave Sayer, pianist extraordinaire, and Wendy Wolfe, Venice's own Broadway vocalist, will help turn the Venice Art Center into a cabaret Feb. 19 (sold out) and Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. to launch a Raise The Roof fundraiser for the center, 300 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice. Wolfe has appeared in a production of "The Pirates of Penzance," also with Linda Ronstadt and on TV. Sayer is never far from a keyboard, even though his 29-year gig as head of the Publishers Clearing House Prize Patrol keeps him on the road and in front of TV cameras. Attendees will dine on

culinary delights they bring to the center (picnique eleganté). Set up your own table and be entered into a best table contest. Two bottles of wine, desserts and coffee will be provided for each table. Reservations are required.
Cost: \$30 per person
Call: 485-7136

SATURDAY, FEB. 20

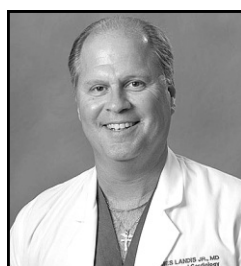
Venice trolley tour



Time: 9:30 a.m. or 11 a.m.
Where: Tour starts at the Triangle Inn, 351 S. Nassau St., Venice
Notes: Reserved tickets are on sale for trolley tours that will run on Saturdays Feb. 20, March 13 and March 20. Tours take place at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Tickets are available at the Triangle Inn. Hours for the Triangle Inn are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. There is limited seating for the trolley tours, so it is important to reserve a spot.
Cost: \$15
Call: 486-2487

VENUE from Page 3B**Free drawing class****Time:** 10-11 a.m.**Where:** Median across from Venice Beach, near the Army Air Base sign**Notes:** A former art teacher will teach drawing for free.**Call:** Madge Meyer, 234-3498**Duplicate bridge****Time:** 1-4:30 p.m.**Where:** 751 South U.S. 41 Bypass, Venice**Notes:** This is friendly and competitive bridge for players of all ages, sanctioned by the American Contract Bridge League.**Cost:** \$7**Call:** 485-8366**Link:** www.bridgebuddy.net**Afternoon jazz****Time:** 3-5 p.m.**Where:** Gazebo, Centennial Park, West Venice Avenue, Venice**Notes:** Tony Onorato and his Gentlemen of Jazz will perform a jazz concert at the Gazebo in Centennial Park every Wednesday through March 31. Musicians and singers are welcome. Bring a lawn chair. There is no fee, but donations are accepted.**Big band dance****Time:** 10 a.m.-noon**Where:** American Legion, 1770 E. Venice Ave., Venice**Notes:** Dance to music from the good old days with the sounds of the Royal Airs.**Call:** 488-1157**Marines meet****Time:** 11:45 a.m.**Where:** Family Table Restaurant, 14132 South Tamiami Trail, North Port**Notes:** Southwest Florida Chapter of the 1st Marine Division will meet. All Marines and guests are welcome.**Call:** 697-1870, Red French**Food giveaway****Time:** 3-5 p.m.**Where:** Laurel Civic Association, 509 Collins Road, Laurel**Notes:** Free USDA commodities for eligible Sarasota County residents**Call:** 483-3338**Medicare workshop****Time:** 10 a.m.-noon**Where:** Women's Resource Center, 701 Center Road, Venice**Notes:** Learn how Medicare is structured and about its benefits.**Costs:** \$5, members; \$8, nonmembers**Call:** 485-9724**Link:** www.thewomensresourcecenter.org**Stay young****Time:** 6:30-8:30 p.m.**Where:** Women's Resource Center, 701 Center Road, Venice**Notes:** Learn secrets of staying youthful, what a "joy jar" is and get hints from the Society of Youthful Persons. Facilitator will be Esther Bird, life coach. Call to reserve a spot.**Costs:** \$5, donation; \$8, nonmembers**Call:** 485-9724**Link:** www.thewomensresourcecenter.org**Safe-driving school****Time:** Call for appointment**Where:** Village On The Isle, Venice HealthPark or Senior Friendship Centers, Venice**Notes:** Choose from among three places to attend the AARP safe driving school. Call for information.**Call:** Bill, 475-6925, or AARP (800) 687-2777**THURSDAY, JAN. 21****Global issues seminar****Time:** 2-5 p.m.**Where:** G.WIZ Museum, 1001 Boulevard of the Arts,**Sarasota****Notes:** The Sarasota Institute of Lifelong Learning will present "If Universal Healthcare is the Answer, What is the Question?" by Dr. Alan Zelicoff, who will offer a status report on the Obama Administration's health-care plan.**Cost:** \$30**Call:** 365-6404**Link:** www.sillsarasota.org**Tropical art show****Where:** Inn at the Beach lobby, 725 W. Venice Ave., Venice**Notes:** View the art of Mary-Louise Hooper, Ed.D., through March 17.**Call:** 484-8471**Tea with Bertha Palmer****Time:** 2-4 p.m.**Where:** Myakka River State Park's Log Pavilion, 13208 State Road 72, Sarasota**Notes:** Judith Leipold portrays socialite Bertha Honore Palmer in a performance that recreates one of Palmer's favorite pastimes: having tea with friends. 2010 celebrates Palmer's centennial year and Florida State Parks' 75th anniversary. Guests are invited to share tea and refreshments. The performance will be repeated Feb. 17 and March 16. The event is sponsored by Friends of the Myakka River.**Costs:** \$10, FMR members; \$15, nonmembers**Call:** 316-8139**Natural food class****Time:** 5-6 p.m.**Where:** Richard's Foodporium Bird Bay, North U.S. 41 Bypass, Venice**Notes:** Christina Babiak, M.D., will teach about natural immune boosters and give a flu update. She will discuss the use of herbs, foods and spices to prevent and fight virus invasion. No charge.**Call:** 484-2354 to reserve**Link:** http://cristinababiakmd.com**Even Keels meet****Time:** 1 p.m.**Where:** South Venice Yacht Club, 4425 Yacht Club Drive, Venice**Notes:** Mary Ann Deacon will talk about a positive lifestyle change and how to eat healthfully. Free.**Call:** Mickey Granados, 486-8252**Link:** www.svyc.org**Third Thursday Stroll****Time:** 5:30-8 p.m.**Where:** downtown Venice**Notes:** Sponsored by Venice MainStreet.**Book signing****Time:** 5:30-8 p.m.**Where:** Venice Stationers, 211 W. Venice Ave. downtown Venice**Notes:** Author Kim Cool will introduce "Haunted Theatres of Southwest Florida." To reserve signed copies, call 488-6113.**Venice Musicales****Time:** 11 a.m.-noon**Where:** Venice Public Library, 300 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice**Notes:** The public is invited to hear "A Voyage to France on Wings of Music," featuring friends and members of the Venice Musicales. There will be instrumental and choral selections. Betty Badawi has prepared the program.**Call:** 488-4902**Jacaranda Women's Club****Time:** 11:30 a.m.**Where:** Jacaranda West Golf & Country Club, 1901 Jacaranda Blvd., Venice**Notes:** Alan Carter, formerly with NASA and Apollo 11, will speak. Annual membership is \$13; women from Venice and surrounding areas are welcome.**Cost:** \$16 luncheon**Call:** Jean Fox, 493-2798**NARFE meeting****Time:** 11:30 a.m.**Where:** Pelican Pointe Golf & Country Club, 499 Derbyshire Drive, Venice**Notes:** William Battle, Sarasota FBI, will speak to members of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.**Cost:** \$15**Call:** 493-3998**Citizenship class****Time:** 6-8 p.m., weekly**Where:** Venice Public Library, 300 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice**Notes:** Classes will meet for 10 consecutive Thursdays. Class content will include the application form, benefits and responsibilities of citizenship and preparing for the citizenship interview and test. Textbook is included. Class is sponsored by the Literacy Volunteers of South Sarasota County.**Cost:** \$15**Call:** Bob Knower, 412-1045**Gardening answers****Time:** 9:30 a.m.-noon**Where:** Venice Public Library, 300 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice**Call:** 861-1350**Table tennis****Time:** 1-3 p.m.**Where:** Woodmere Park, 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice**Notes:** Drop in on Thursdays and play table tennis. Bring your own equipment.**Cost:** \$2**Call:** Wendy Mages, 486-2780**Line-dance classes****Time:** 11 a.m.-noon**Where:** Nokomis Community Center, 234 East Nippino Trail, Nokomis**Cost:** \$5 per class**Call:** 861-5000**Hula class****Time:** 10-11 a.m.**Where:** Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 800 South Tamiami Trail, Venice**Call:** 488-3009**Karaoke****Time:** 7-10 p.m.**Where:** Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 8118, 832 E. Venice Ave., Venice**Call:** 486-8551**Tappercise****Time:** 10-11:30 a.m.**Where:** Starz Choice Dance Academy, 348 S. Seaboard Ave., Venice**Call:** 408-0019**Club food****Time:** 5-7:30 p.m.**Where:** Venice-Nokomis Elks Lodge, 1021 Discovery Way, Nokomis**Call:** 486-1854**Time:** 5-8 p.m.**Where:** American Legion, 1770 E. Venice Ave., Venice**Time:** 5-8 p.m.**Where:** Eagles Aerie, 621 East Colonia Lane, Nokomis**Call:** 484-4470**Time:** 11 a.m.-2 p.m.**Where:** Disabled American Veterans, 600 East Colonia Lane, Nokomis**Notes:** Open to the public.**Cost:** Prices start at \$3**Call:** 488-4500**Poetry reading****Time:** 7 p.m.**Where:** Sanddollar Bookstore, 272 W. Miami Ave., Venice**Call:** 480-1030**Link:** www.poetsrule.com

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Patronizing professor needs a lesson in social graces



DEAR ABBY
COLUMNIST

DEAR ABBY: I have always been a curious and motivated person. Because of it, I pursued higher education and became a college professor. Most of my siblings have also gone to college. However, their significant others have varying levels of education. I like to think of myself as a nice person, but my

siblings have let me know that when I converse with their partners, I often come across as patronizing. Do these partners need to be less sensitive, or do I need to be more so? — **THE GOOD PROFESSOR**

DEAR PROF: If only one of your siblings had told you that you often come across as patronizing, I'd say his or her partner might be overly sensitive. However, because more than one has said it, it's time for a self-check. Book smarts are an undeniable asset, but sensitivity to others can be even more important. If you talk down to people, no matter how "smart" you are, eventually they will run away from you.

Do you feel compelled

to "correct" those whom you know to have less education than you? Do you speak in polysyllables when a few simple words will do?

If the answers to these questions are affirmative, you need to be more socially sensitive when you're with your family — and possibly when you're in the classroom as well.

DEAR ABBY: My parents divorced when my older brother and I were small. Mom remarried, and I was adopted by the wonderful man who raised me as his beloved daughter. I had limited contact with my biological father, "Nate," which seemed to please everyone.

After my adopted dad passed, Nate came back

into my life. I have not seen much of him but he was present at my second marriage five years ago, traveling across country to be there.

Last month he called to tell me he has been diagnosed with terminal cancer and has named me as his heir since my older brother is deceased.

As a birthday gift, I presented him with a box from a company that does genome sequencing. It allows people to see their DNA and learn about their ancestry as well as any health-related issues. I enjoyed learning about genetics and thought Nate would, too.

Imagine how stunned I was when I learned that Nate is NOT my father.

The company has assured me there is little chance the test is wrong, and they are certain we are not related.

I am close to my mother and horrified that she kept this secret from me for more than 50 years. I don't want anyone to be hurt, but I need the truth. What do I do? — **QUESTIONING MY DNA IN S.E.**

DEAR QUESTIONING: Have a calm, private conversation with your mother and tell her what you have learned. If she denies it, have the test repeated.

When you receive the results, either apologize to your mother or raise the subject again.

She may know who your father was, or you may have been the result

of an opening shot in the sexual revolution, a chapter your mother may not care to revisit.

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VENUE from Page 4B

Jewelry classes

Time: 6-8 p.m.
Where: ErlenBach Studio, 207 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice
Call: 227-4335

Venice-Nokomis Rotary

Time: noon-1 p.m.
Where: Venice Yacht Club, 1330 Tarpon Center Drive, Venice
Call: 493-0390
Link: www.venicenokomisrotary.org

Aerobic Walking Club

Time: 5:45-7 p.m.
Where: T. Mabry Carlton Jr. Reserve, 1800 Mabry Carlton Parkway, Venice
Notes: Members of the Aerobic Walking Club walk at Carlton Reserve, led by a ranger. Meet at the pavilion.
Call: 486-2547

Cruise Club

Time: 7 p.m.
Where: CrossRoads American Grille, 385 North U.S. 41 Bypass, Venice
Notes: The club's mission is for members to cruise their boats to fun destinations.
Call: 386-0983



Job search assertiveness

Time: 10:30 a.m.-noon
Where: Women's Resource Center, 701

Center Road, Venice
Notes: Explore how to become more confident while building personal skills. Experienced life coach Betsy Zackrisson will facilitate.
Costs: \$5, members; \$8, nonmembers
Call: 485-9724
Link: www.thewomensresourcecenter.org

Duplicate bridge

Time: 1-4:30 p.m.
Where: 751 South U.S. 41 Bypass, Venice
Notes: This is friendly and competitive bridge for players of all ages, sanctioned by the American Contact Bridge League.
Cost: \$7
Call: 485-8366
Link: www.bridgebuddy.net

MOPS

Time: 9:30 a.m.
Where: Venice Presbyterian Church, 111 E. Firenze Ave., Venice
Notes: Mothers of preschoolers meet.
Call: 726-3804

Sailfish veterans

Time: noon
Where: Venice American Legion, 1770 E. Venice Ave., Venice
Call: Jack McAllister, 493-7488

Guys and gals cards

Time: 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Where: Venice-Nokomis Elks Lodge, 1021 Discovery Way, Nokomis
Cost: \$5
Call: 486-1854

Trivia

Times: 5-8 p.m., dinner; 6-8 p.m., Trivia
Where: Venice-Nokomis Elks Lodge, 1021 Discovery Way, Nokomis
Notes: There is a \$50 cash prize for the winning team; call to reserve a team. Members and guests are welcome.
Cost: \$1 cover to play
Call: 486-1854

Fraternal Order of Police

Time: 6 p.m.
Where: Mounted Police Building, Rustic Road (off Knights Trail), Laurel
Notes: Group meets every third Thursday. Membership is open to all active and retired law officers.
Call: Jim Kilduff, 488-5949

Nature walk



Time: 9-11 a.m.
Where: North Jetty on Casey Key, Nokomis
Notes: Located on the north side of Venice Inlet, this is one of Florida's great shelling beaches. Walk will be on

the beach, jetty, inlet and along Lyons Bay looking for dolphins, manatees, ospreys, pelicans and an occasional eagle. Walk is open to the public and free.
Call: 488-4158

FRIDAY, JAN. 22

Global issues lecture

Time: 10 a.m.
Where: Venice Community Center, 326 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice
Notes: The Sarasota Institute of Lifelong Learning will present "If Universal Healthcare is the Answer, What is the Question?" by Dr. Alan Zelicoff, who will offer a status report on the Obama Administration's health-care plan.
Cost: \$7
Call: 365-6404
Link: www.sillsarasota.org

Friday Night Live concert

Time: 7-9 p.m.
Where: Gazebo, Centennial Park, downtown Venice
Notes: Free concert sponsored by Venice MainStreet
Call: 484-6722

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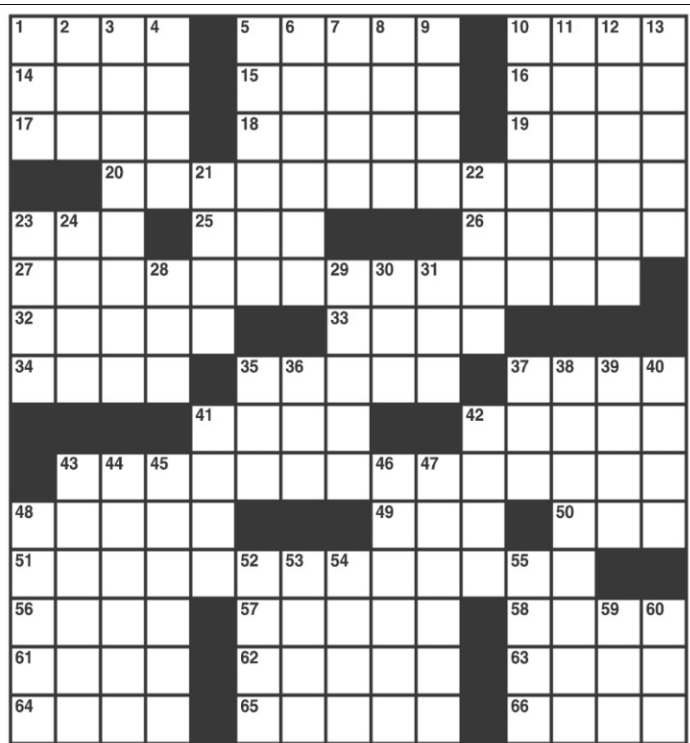
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GOREN BRIDGE

Q 1 - As South vulnerable, you hold:
 ♠ K Q 7 5 2 ♥ 8 3 ♦ J 7 3 ♣ A K 8

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
 1♣ 1♥ 1♠ ?
 What do you bid?

A - Just because you have 9 points does not mean you have to get into the action. With a shaky stopper in your left-hand opponent's suit and no support for partner's suit, this is not the time to roil the waters. Pass. Had East not responded, you could have ventured one no trump. To do so now invites trouble and helps locate the cards for your opponents.

Q 2 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:
 ♠ Q 7 5 4 ♥ K 9 3 2 ♦ K Q ♣ A 10 4

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
 1♥ 2♣ 2♠ ?
 What do you bid?

A - How did this one slip in? You have a fair hand, but nowhere near strong enough to double and then bid spades. All you can do is overcall with one spade and see how the auction develops.

Q 3 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
 ♠ K 10 9 3 ♥ Q 7 2 ♦ A J 7 4 ♣ 10 6

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
 1♣ 1♥ 1♠ ?
 What do you bid?

A - What would you like to do? You have a good hand with good defensive values, but are not strong enough to overcall one no trump and your heart length militates against any other action. Pass — you might get a chance to enter on the next round, depending on developments.

Q 4 - North-South vulnerable, as South you hold:
 ♠ Q 8 5 ♥ 9 3 ♦ K 7 6 2 ♣ A 9 6 3

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
 1♣ 1♠ Pass ?
 What do you bid?

A - First, don't bid one no trump — the last thing you want to do is discourage the opponents from bidding on in spades! You have a very sound raise to two hearts, so go ahead and make it — it could push them to a level where you might suggest they have gotten too high!

Q 5 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
 ♠ J 10 9 3 ♥ Q 9 5 4 ♦ A 8 ♣ J 5 4

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
 1♥ 2♣ 2♠ ?
 What do you bid?

A - You have a very good hand defensively, and it looks as if the opponents are headed for trouble — East's two spades is forcing. Pass and wait to see where the opponents end up. If you bid now, you are bailing the opponents out of a difficult spot.

Q 6 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
 ♠ 8 7 ♥ A K Q 7 6 3 ♦ Q 9 8 ♣ 7 4

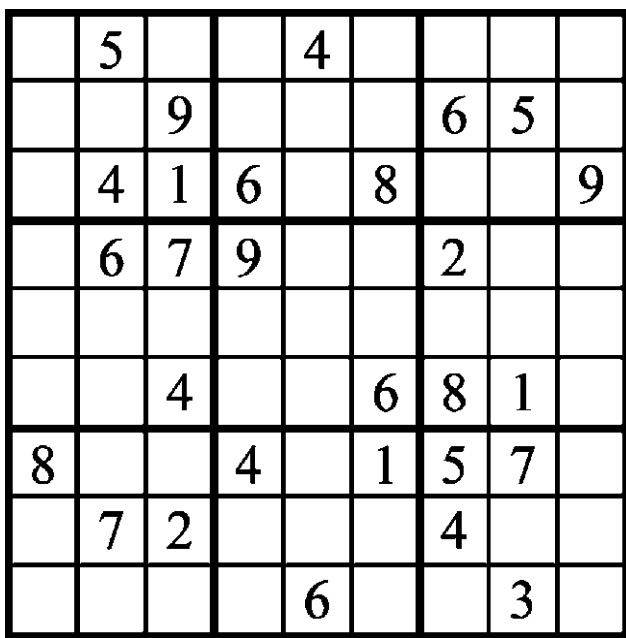
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
 1♣ 1♠ Pass ?
 What do you bid?

A - You have a fair hand with an excellent suit, but the hand is not quite good enough to proceed to game unilaterally. A jump to three hearts describes this hand perfectly. It is invitational, not forcing, and promises a very good suit.

(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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ABC 7 hosting health expo FROM ABC 7

The ABC 7 Health & Fitness Expo takes place on Friday, Jan. 22, and Saturday, Jan. 23, at the Berlin branch of the Sarasota YMCA, located on South Euclid Avenue. Hours for the free event are 4-7 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday.

The event features health screenings, nutritional products, sports apparel, and the latest information on living an active lifestyle. Vendors and professionals in the health and wellness industry will be available for demonstrations and consultation. Those who attend can meet ABC 7's anchors and reporters.

The ABC 7 Health & Fitness Expo is the official registration check-in for anyone running in the New Balance Ringling Bridge Run on Saturday, Jan. 23.

You don't have to be a runner to take part in the expo. It's an event for weekend warriors and couch potatoes alike.

For more information, call Karen Cadou at 552-3084 or e-mail her at kcadou@mysuncoast.com.

Pelican Pointe seventh annual garage sale

Date: Saturday, Jan. 23

Time: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: Pelican Pointe Golf & Country Club, 499 Derbyshire Drive, Venice

Notes: All clubhouse rooms and courtyard open for sales. Extra parking and golf cart shuttle service to and from clubhouse. Items include collectibles, housewares, golf, fitness and sports equipment, books, tools, electronics, artwork, lighting, toys, linens and much more. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society.

Free face readings

The Reiki Center of Venice is offering free five-minute face readings starting at noon Monday, Jan. 25, in Room 104 at the Holiday House, 455 U.S. 41 Bypass. See what your face has to say about what is going on in your body. Call 497-7795.

Ostomy support group

The next Venice ostomy support group meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20 (third Wednesday of the month), in the Venice HealthPark, 1201 Jacaranda Blvd., Suite 1283. For more information, call 484-0607.

Crohn's support

A monthly Crohn's disease sup-

port group meets at 7 p.m. the third Wednesday (Jan. 20) 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 (Jan. 21), 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.

Free diabetes screenings

Dates: Jan. 22-23

Time: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Where: Sweetbay pharmacy, 1254 Jacaranda Blvd.

Notes: No appointment needed.

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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.

Movement disorder

Dystonia/Spasmodic Torticollis support group, 5 p.m., last Tuesday of the month (Jan. 26), Doctors Hospital, 5731 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota. Ask receptionist for room number. Call 966-2754.

Family support

Family Support Group, 6:30-7:30 p.m., fourth Wednesday of the month (Jan. 27), South County Resource Center, 7810 Tamiami Trail. Free. Contact Wendy Hernandez at 539-8957 or whernandez@jfcsc-cares.org.

Stroke support

Stroke Support Group, 11:30 a.m., fourth Wednesday of the month (Jan. 27), Englewood Community Hospital Rehab Center in the YMCA across from the hospital, 701 Medical Blvd. RSVP to 475-3558.

Parkinson's support group

This group meets at 4 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of every month at Aston Gardens, 1000 Aston Gardens Drive, Venice. Questions? Call Karla Koenig, 485-4887.

Recovery support

Relapse Prevention and Recovery Support group, 6 p.m., fourth Thursday of the month (Jan. 28),

Home Detox Inc. at 530 South U.S. 41 Bypass, Unit 12B, in Brickyard Plaza. Led by Sharon R. Mays-Tremain. Call 412-3869 or visit homedetoxinc.com.

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.

Secular Organization for Sobriety

Secular Organization for Sobriety, aka Save Ourselves, is an alternative support group for alcoholics and other addicts that meets 6-7 p.m. Wednesdays at 7727-A Holiday Drive, Snug Harbor Village, Sarasota. Meetings are free, open to all and confidential. For more information, call Roland at 926-3946, e-mail philipcg@comcast.net or visit www.sossobriety.org.

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.

Jazzercise in Nokomis

Certified Jazzercise instructor Pam Bonsall teaches a new class 6:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the Nokomis Community Center, 234 Nippino Trail, Nokomis. This is a cardio, strength, and stretch class to music you love. For more information, call 492-2084 or e-mail jazzpam@comcast.net.

Medicare help

Associated Medicare Patients Inc., an independent, nonprofit corporation of volunteers, helps those on Medicare navigate the 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

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Venice Regional awarded heart failure certification

FROM VENICE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

The Joint Commission has awarded Venice Regional Medical Center Disease-Specific Care Certification for its heart failure program.

To earn this distinction, a disease-management program undergoes an extensive, on-site evaluation by Joint Commission reviewers every two years. The program is evaluated against Joint Commission standards through an assessment of a program's processes, the program's ability to evaluate and improve care within its own organization, and interviews with patients and staff.

"This certification means Venice Regional Medical Center does the right things and does them well for heart failure patients," said Jean E. Range, executive director, Disease-Specific Care Certification, Joint Commission.

"Venice Regional Medical Center voluntarily pursued this comprehensive, independent evaluation to enhance the safety and quality of care we provide," said Robin McGuinness, chief nursing officer at the hospital. "We are proud to achieve this distinction." The

hospital also achieved Stroke Center Certification through The Joint Commission last year.

The Joint Commission launched its Disease-Specific Care Certification program in 2002. It is the first program of its kind in the country to certify disease management programs. A list of programs certified by The Joint Commission is available at www.jointcommission.org.

According to the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, heart failure develops over time as the pumping of the heart grows weaker. It can affect the right side of the heart only or both the left and right sides of the heart. Most cases involve both sides of the heart. "Heart failure is a serious condition," McGuinness said. "About 5 million people in the U.S. have heart failure and it contributes to an estimated 300,000 deaths each year."

Currently, there is no cure for heart failure. However, researchers are finding and testing new treatments. People who have heart failure can live longer and more active lives if it's diagnosed early and they follow their treatment plans. For most, treatment includes medicines and lifestyle measures.

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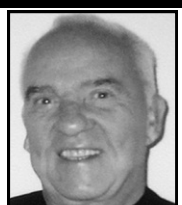
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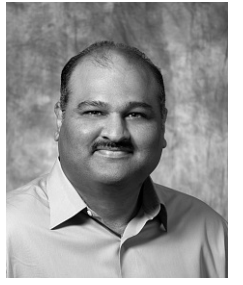
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Top students compete in Academic Olympics

FROM THE EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF SARASOTA COUNTY

The players have been working out all fall, jockeying for positions in practice matches. Coaches have their game plans in hand and their game faces ready. Everyone is ready to take to the field, but instead of bats and balls they are wielding buzzers and graphing calculators.

It's Academic Olympics season, and in Sarasota County the series kicks off this week with intramural matches between eight local high schools.

The College Bowl-style competition is the only program for area high schools that provides the opportunity for competitive team efforts in academics comparable to athletics.

The competition began with matches at local high schools on Jan. 5. There will be seven days of round robin competitions with matches through March. Matches begin at 3:15 p.m. and the public is welcome. Schools require check-in at the main office.

The Education Foundation of Sarasota County has produced the series in partnership with the schools for nearly 30 years. The Sarasota and Venice branches of the American Association of University Women support the program as volunteer monitors, judges, and moderators for the matches.

The Military Officers Association of Sarasota donates prizes for the competitors. The Olympic Gold Sponsor is the Dart Foundation. Other contributors are invited to sponsor student participants at \$100 per sponsorship. Elizabeth Bloechl serves as program director for the 14th consecutive year.

The young olympians are some of Sarasota County's most academically talented students. Each has earned a place on his or her school team through a rigorous competition at the school level.

Eight teams are competing, including a team from each of the comprehensive public high schools in Sarasota County — Booker, North Port, Pine View, Riverview, Sarasota, Venice, Sarasota Military Academy — and Cardinal Mooney High School.

Semifinals will determine the four finalist teams on March 9. The daylong finals tournament will take place on Saturday, March 13, at the Sarasota County School Board auditorium in The Landings.

In April, Sarasota County's Academic Olympic All-Star Team selected by the team coaches advances to the Florida Education Commissioner's Academic Challenge in Orlando. Over the years, members of the Sarasota County teams have won scholarships and competed nationally with Team Florida.

Dedicated to quality education for all children, the Education Foundation of Sarasota County is an independent, nonprofit organization that works in partnership with the community and Sarasota County public schools. With the support of individuals, families, companies and foundations, the Education Foundation awards more than \$1.2 million each year to initiatives including the TeXcellence Computer Donation program, Teacher of the Year, Academic Olympics, classroom grants, fine arts programs and literacy initiatives.

For more information, visit EdFoundation.net or call 927-0965.

Arts scholarships available for high school students

FROM FOUNDATION FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Former Florida First Lady Columba Bush and the Foundation for Excellence in Education annually recognize Florida's outstanding visual, performing and literary student artists through the Arts for Life! Scholarship Program.

Each year, Arts for Life! recognizes 25 graduating high school seniors from across Florida for excellence in creative writing, dance, drama, music or visual art. Each recipient receives a \$1,000 cash scholarship toward the pursuit of the arts in

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To be considered for an Arts for Life! scholarship, students must:

- Be a graduating high school senior from a public, private or home education program in Florida in 2010.
- Submit a completed application, a brief essay explaining "How the arts have positively influenced my life" and a sample of work in creative writing, dance, drama, music or visual art.

For more information, visit www.excelined.org or download the Arts for Life! application. Applications must be postmarked no later than Feb. 1.

Scholarship winners

will be notified in the spring and invited to a special luncheon in their honor hosted by Jeb and Columba Bush at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center in June. Recipients are invited to showcase their arts discipline through performance and exhibition as well as meet renowned working artists who will provide invaluable advice for pursuing a career in the arts.

For more information, call the Foundation for Excellence in Education at (850) 391-4090.

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Literacy lauded



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Mayor Ed Martin presents a proclamation to Candace Millington, left, Venice High School principal, designating January 2010 as Literacy Awareness Month and the week of Jan. 25-29 as VHS Literacy Week. Ann Pinney, media specialist, second from right, and Lindsey Delgado, president of VHS Literacy Student Council, present Martin with a book written by this year's Literacy Night speaker at VHS, David Relin — "Three Cups of Tea" — and two tickets to attend the event Jan. 28.

Children's hospital benefit walk on tap

FROM CARDINAL MOONEY HIGH SCHOOL

Cardinal Mooney High School Key Club will sponsor the ninth annual on-campus All Children's Hospital 5-Mile Walk to benefit the Children's Miracle Network and All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg, Fla.

This event will take

place Saturday, Jan. 30, at the Austin Smithers Stadium on the Cardinal Mooney campus at 4171 Fruitville Road, Sarasota. Registration will begin and 9 a.m., and the walk will start at 10 a.m. on the track.

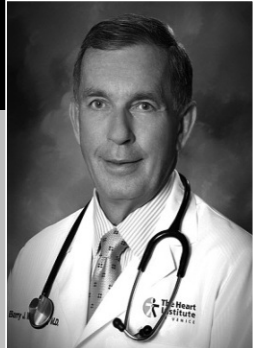
The entry fee is \$10. Participants are asked to collect donations from friends, family and businesses for this cause.

Door prizes, food and beverages, sponsored by Sarasota Lanes, Sarasota Cookies by Design and Cardinal Mooney High School Key Club, will be available to participants.

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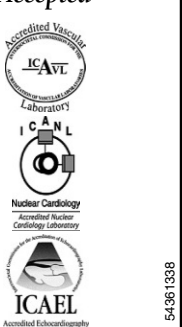
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Co-Dependents Anonymous

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

Nar-Anon group

The Thursday Nar-Anon Family Group, a support group for families with a family member with a drug addiction, meets 7-8 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church library, 513 S. Nassau St., 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 Al-Anon. Call Ray, 497-6879.

Line dancing classes



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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.

Hypnosis

Weight Loss Hypnosis, 5 p.m. or 6:15 p.m. Mondays, Hypnosis Venice, 333 South Tamiami Trail, Suite 284. Fee: \$15. Visit www.hypnosisvenice.com or call 445-4322 or 525-4770.

Zumba dance, yoga classes

Zumba dance fitness class, 6:15-7:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and beginners yoga class, 6 p.m. Mondays, 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.

Acupuncture

Acupuncture physician Dr. Lucy Han holds free seminars, noon-1 p.m. Wednesdays at 389 Commercial Court, Suite B. RSVP to 486-1555.

Insurance advice

SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Elders) visits the Senior Friendship Centers, 9 a.m.-noon 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.



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.

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 St., 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

- Saturday Night Live, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 790 South Tamiami Trail, 7 p.m. Saturdays
- Keep it Simple Sunday, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 790 South Tamiami Trail, 7 p.m. Sundays

Yoga for Every Body

Yoga for Every Body is offered 9-10 a.m. Wednesdays and Fridays; 6-7 p.m. Thursdays at Venice Fitness Center, 2203 South Tamiami Trail, Venice. Bring a mat. The cost is \$10. Call 473-0135.

Yoga with Elin

Yoga with Elin is at 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. Monday through Saturday; Sunset Yoga, 5:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at Venice Beach, near the pavilion. This is free yoga on Venice Beach with Elin Larsen. Call 408-9642.

Yoga for everyone

Yoga for everyone is at 6:15 p.m. Wednesdays at Venice Community Center, 326 S. Nokomis Ave. The cost is \$8; discounts available. Call 408-8205.



Yoga and tai chi

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

Meals on Wheels

Venice Area Mobile Meals provides a warm, nutritious noon-time meal to any person in the greater Venice area unable to prepare a meal because of physical or mental disability, regardless of their financial situation; there are no age restrictions. Special salads and desserts are available for diabetics. The cost is minimal and recipients are billed monthly. The Meals on Wheels office is open 8-11 a.m. Monday through Saturday. The answering machine can take a message at any time. To start the service, call 488-1889. For more information, visit www.VeniceAreaMobileMeals.com.

Peer Counseling

Appointments for peer counseling are available Monday-Friday at the Women's Resource Center, 701 Center Road, Venice. Trained volunteers offer support, encouragement and referrals. Donations are accepted. Call 485-9724 or visit www.thewomensresourcecenter.org.

Educational programs

The Alzheimer's Association has numerous educational programs open to the public. Offerings include Basic Course for Caregivers, Maintain Your Brain and information about local caregiver support groups. They will also come to your community with the Memory Mobile and a speakers bureau for presentations. Call 365-8883 for details and locations.

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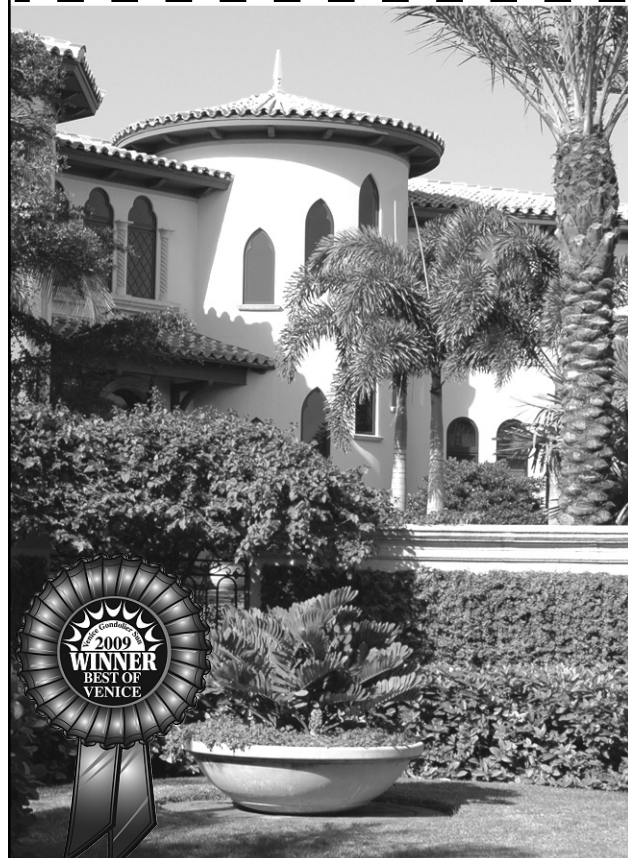
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Native American flute circle

Time: 7-9 p.m.
Where: The Rhythm Inlet, 2301 North Tamiami Trail (behind the kayak shop), Nokomis
Notes: Wind Echoes is a group of folks who enjoy playing, learning and sharing Native American flute music. Newcomers are invited. Flutes are available for loan and we will teach you the basics. You do not need to read music. Donations will be accepted.
Call: 485-2602

ABC 7 Health & Fitness Expo

Dates and times: Jan. 22, 4-7 p.m.; Jan. 23, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Where: Sarasota YMCA, Berlin branch, 1075 S. Euclid Ave., Sarasota
Notes: The expo is the official registration check-in for runners in the New Balance Ringling Bridge Run Jan. 23, but you don't have to be a runner to participate in the free expo.
Call: Karen Cadou, 522-3084
E-mail: kcadou@mysuncoast.com

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

French Club

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

Running group

Time: 6 a.m.
Where: Meet at Centennial Park, near Gazebo, downtown Venice
Notes: People of all ages, paces and distances are welcome. The group meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Run/walkers are also welcome. No cost.
Call: Roger, 244-2730, or Tuula, 488-5688
E-mail: rogerhauge@gmail.com

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: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; 5-7:30 p.m.
Where: Venice-Nokomis Elks Lodge, 1021 Discovery Way, Nokomis
Notes: Menu varies weekly. Drive-up available. Authentic smoked meats available Wednesday and Friday in parking lot. Evening dinner is followed by dancing.
Costs: Prices range from \$5-\$12
Call: 486-1854

Time: 5-8 p.m.
Where: Eagles Aerie, 621 East Colonia Lane, Nokomis
Call: 484-4470

Time: 4:30-6:45 p.m.
Where: Veterans of Foreign Wars, 832 E. Venice Ave., Venice
Call: 484-8118

Time: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. lunch; 5-8 p.m. dinner
Where: Disabled American Veterans, 600 East Colonia Lane, Nokomis
Notes: Open to the public. A new menu includes fish and more every Friday evening.
Cost: Prices start at \$3
Call: 488-4500

Dinner-dance

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

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

Kayaking tours

Time: 5:30-8:30 p.m. every Friday, Saturday and Sunday
Where: Blackburn Point to Midnight Pass and return
Notes: Kayaks and gear included. Reservations are required.
Cost: \$30
Call: Terry Brawley, 960-5505

Train depot tours

Time: 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
Where: Venice Train Depot, Seaboard Avenue, Venice
Notes: For tours of 10 or more, call Jerry at 496-9474. The Red Caboose is only open on Wednesdays for tours.
Call: 412-0151, leave a message.

Shuffleboard

Time: 1-4 p.m. Friday, Mondays and Wednesdays
Where: Hecksher Park, 450 W. Venice Ave., Venice
Cost: \$1 nonmembers; free to members
Call: Bill, 586-5889

Square dancing

Time: 10 a.m.-noon
Where: Woodmere Park gym, 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice
Notes: Red Bates will call a C-1 (challenge) level square dance on Fridays.
Cost: \$5
Call: 223-0987

Square dance class

Time: 1-3 p.m.
Where: Woodmere Park gym, 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice
Notes: Adult square dance classes will be held with Red Bates calling. Some knowledge of the basics is recommended.
Cost: \$5
Call: 223-0987

Duplicate bridge

Time: 1-4:30 p.m.



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Where: 751 South U.S. 41 Bypass, Venice
Notes: This is friendly and competitive bridge for all players, sanctioned by the American Contract Bridge League.
Cost: \$7
Call: 485-8366
Link: www.bridgebuddy.net

Big band dance

Time: 10 a.m.-noon
Where: American Legion Post 159, 1770 E. Venice Ave., Venice
Notes: A Sophisticated Swing dance

will be held every Friday, January through April.
Cost: \$5
Call: Armand Olevano, 926-1577

Writers' group

Time: 3-5 p.m.
Where: Hypnosis Venice, 537 E. Venice Ave., Venice
Notes: Writing support, reading works in progress, publishing advice and critiquing, led by Theresa Foley.
Call: 445-4322 or 525-4770
Link: www.hypnosisvenice.com

Florida KidCare offers low-cost child health insurance

FROM SARASOTA COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS

Parents are urged to make sure their children have health insurance in the new year.

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est treatable stage. Florida KidCare coverage begins after eligibility has been determined and the full premium has been paid. Premiums are based on household size and monthly income. Most families pay \$15 to \$20 per month. Others may pay more and some are eligible for free coverage. Families are only required to submit one

application, which covers all Florida KidCare programs. Parents can apply online at www.floridakidcare.org. This allows faster enrollment and may reduce the wait time for missing information or income documentation.

For more information or assistance with the application process, call the Sarasota County Health Department at 861-2813.

Correction

Women on the Go normally meets from 2 to 4 p.m. every third Monday of the month at Venice Library. Due to the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday, the group will meet Jan. 25. An announcement in the Jan. 16 Our Town section stated otherwise. The *Gondolier* regrets the error.

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ENGAGEMENT

Duke-Montgomery

The engagement of Cindy Beth Duke, of Venice, Fla., to Mark James Montgomery, of Venice, has been announced. She is the daughter of Charles and Sylvia Duke, of Venice. He is the son of Vernon and Beverly Montgomery, of Venice. The bride-elect is a 1994 graduate of Venice High School and a 1998

graduate of Jacksonville University, Jacksonville, Fla. She majored in sociology and psychology and is retired. The bridegroom-to-be is a 1984 graduate of VHS. He is employed by Montgomery's Carpets-plus Colortile as vice president of sales. The wedding will take place on June 12, 2010, in Sarasota.



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ENGAGEMENT

Connelly-Phillips

Jennifer Lee Connelly and Sam Phillips, both of Miramar, Fla., recently announced their engagement. They are planning a May 2010 wedding in Venice. The bride-elect is the daughter of James and Debbie Connelly, of Nokomis. She graduated from the University of Miami with a bachelor's degree in business administration, cum laude, majoring in accounting and finance. She is employed by Ernst & Young LLP as a CPA and senior

auditor. The bridegroom-to-be is the son of Timothy J. Phillips and Jayne Major, both from England. He graduated from the University of Miami with a bachelor's degree in business administration, majoring in business law. He is currently employed by the law firm of Donlevy-Rosen & Rosen P.A., working as a paralegal. He is a 2012 candidate for a juris doctorate from Florida International University School of Law. The wedding will take place May 29, 2010, at South Venice Baptist Church in Venice.



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68TH ANNIVERSARY

Morrow

Mr. and Mrs. James Morrow, of Venice, will celebrate their 68th wedding anniversary on Jan. 24, 2010. James and Katherine were married Jan. 24, 1942, in Van Wert, Ohio. They have lived at Valencia On The Gulf since 1976. James has been a real estate broker and member of the Venice Area

Board of Realtors since 1976. They will celebrate with dinner at Galileo's Restaurant in Sarasota with James' sister, Doris Paver; their daughter, Jan Morrow-Allen, and her husband, Richard Allen; their son, Michael Morrow, of Cumming, Ga.; and their grandson, Greg Schoonover.

MILITARY NEWS

Army Reserve Pfc. Michael T. Bennett has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction and training exercises in drill and ceremonies, Army history, core values and traditions, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, rifle marksmanship, weapons use, map reading and land navigation, foot marches, armed and unarmed combat and field maneuvers and tactics. Bennett is a 2005 graduate of Venice High School.

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72TH ANNIVERSARY

Rock

Wilfred and Lovie Rock, of Venice, celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary Friday, Jan. 15, 2009. They are formerly from Roseville, Mich., moved to Burnsville, N.C., in 1958, and finally settled in Venice, Fla., in

1968. Wilfred was a contractor. Wilfred and Lovie have two children: Charles Rock, of Englewood, Fla., and Michael Rock, of Woodruff, S.C. The couple has five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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SUN PHOTOS BY FRAN VALENCIC

Lou Taft teaches a quilting class at Deborah's Quilt Basket on Venice Avenue.



Scrap-happy Janine Ward shows students how to recycle scrap fabrics to make jewelry, cards and wall hangings.



Debbie Jones, left, teaches classes in fabric decollage and jewelry making. Carolyn Troholski shows off a new painting technique to customize purses.

Women craft a girls' night out



FRAN VALENCIC
SOCIAL COLUMNIST

On the first Tuesday of the month you'll find a group of Women With Moxie at Club 455 at the Holiday House in Venice. Their goals include networking, enjoying good food and having fun. They meet from 5 to 7 p.m., giving themselves a chance to relax before going home from work.

Any woman knows a get-together is always more fun when there is shopping involved. **Susan Viteri**, owner of Glitz-That's It, set up a jewelry boutique at the get-together, giving everyone a chance to purchase something or a wonderful import-

ed scarf.

Sandra Finger gets a tip of the hat for bringing the Sarasota-based group to Venice. Membership is around 70 and growing.

If you are interested in their kind of fun in the sun, the Women With Moxie would like to meet you at their next gathering, on Feb. 9.

Teacher meet-and-greet

Fabric crafters and "scrapsters" met at an open house at Deborah's Quilt Basket on Venice Avenue to meet teachers and share ideas. Everyone there knew you can never have enough fabric, and now thanks to **Janine Ward**, they know you can't have enough scraps.

She teaches a scrap-happy series giving women a chance to reuse and recycle fabric. She makes gorgeous multi-strand beaded cord necklaces.

Debbie Jones showed off her jewelry, greeting cards and fabric seascape decollage. **Betty Jo Schiell** answered questions. She teaches beginning quilting. **Carolyn Troholski** showed off her

Painted fabric purses and encouraged everyone to visit and sell at the Nokomis beach pavilion bazaar on the third Saturday of the month from 4 to 6 p.m.

Visit the store for a class schedule and to see samples, call 488-6866 or e-mail debsquiltbasket@aol.com.

One of our best

The special person of this week is **Deborah Iversen**. This nice lady owns Deborah's Quilt Basket on Venice Avenue. If you are a quilter in Venice, somewhere along the line you've probably taken a class from her. You know she shares her passion for quilting by teaching in a kind encouraging way.

She volunteers her time with quilters and, through her work with various guilds, brings quilt shows to Venice and neighboring areas. If a quilter has a need, she will work feverishly to meet it.

Deborah Iversen is one of the quilters and businesswomen who make Venice a great place to live.

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Deborah Iversen, left, and Betty Jo Schiell teach quilting classes at Deborah's Quilt Basket on Venice Avenue.



Robert Elliott and Kim Smith make sure the Women With Moxie networking event at Club 455 at the Holiday House in Venice provides plenty of food and drink. She is the public relations manager.



Susan Viteri sells her jewelry at the Women With Moxie event. Her company is Glitz-That's It. To contact her for house parties, call (941) 445-5341.



Sandra Finger gets a tip of the hat for bringing Women With Moxie to Venice. The group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at Club 455 at the Holiday House of Venice from 5 to 7 p.m.



Kimalee Rowley, left, Joann Hoffman, Angela Balsinger-Snyder and Victoria Newman network at Women With Moxie. Balsinger-Snyder shows off the scarf she purchased at the event.



Joelle Lau-Hansen, left, and Francine Milford exchange business cards at Women With Moxie. Visit Milford at www.Reikicenterofvenice.com.



Karen Gardner, left, and Esther Bird celebrate the new year at the Women With Moxie event.



Susan Cairo and Debbie Walters enjoy meeting at Women With Moxie.



Chef Nancy Caputo brings out a luscious fruit and cheese tray for the Women With Moxie.

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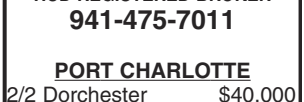


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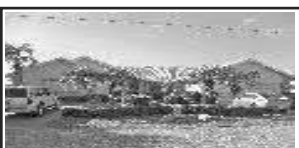
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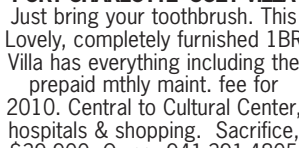
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COMMUNITY SERVICES Director - City of Arcadia (pop. 6,600) Closing date: January 22, 2010. Starting salary negotiable DOQ. Description: Performs responsible professional, technical, managerial and administrative work in relation to Community Services, Financial Assistance, Public Awareness and Assistance, and acts as liaison between the City and citizens, businesses, non-profits, and other entities. Employees in this classification are responsible for ensuring adherence to and compliance with applicable city, local, state and federal code and regulatory requirements regarding grants and financial assistance. Position is also responsible for research, writing and administration of City Grants, reviewing procedures for special events, and assisting the administration with public education of policies. These responsibilities do not constitute and inclusive list of duties. Objective is to ensure open communication and assistance to the City, as well as the general public and business community. Minimum qualifications: Graduation from an accredited college or university with an associate's degree in a related field; supplemented by three to five years of grant experience; or an equivalent combination of training, education and experience. Bachelor's degree in applicable fields preferred. Must also possess a valid Florida driver's license. Submit cover letter, resume and references to City Administrator, City of Arcadia, 23 N. Polk Ave., Arcadia, FL 34266. Veterans Preference/EOE.

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- Meet or exceed activity metrics.

O On-site key contact meetings
O Conduct monthly service reviews with assigned customers

QUALIFICATIONS

- 3-5 years of Account Management experience.
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- Superior organizational, customer service, and communication skills.
- Flexibility and ability to adapt to a fast paced environment.
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NORTH PORT GARAGE SALES 6005

SAT. 8-3 GREATER SW FLORIDA FLEA MARKET. St. Andrew's Ukrainian Cultural Center, 4100 So. Biscayne Dr. North Port. Antiques, Collectibles, Crafts, Jewelry, Books, Records, Clothing and much more. 441-7233.

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THU-FRI. 8-1 332 E Tarpon Blvd. Miscellaneous items and fishing.

PUNTA GORDA GARAGE SALES 6007

SAT. 1/23 8-1 902 Taylor Street. Huge community sale! Will be held in the parking lot of Quality Self Storage. Lots of furniture, knickknacks, collectibles, clothing etc. Additional parking across the street. Hot dogs and soda for \$1. Come spend the morning to find the best deals in town. Add'l parking across St. courtesy of W. Marine

SAT. 8-2, TOWLES PLAZA, 2705 Tamiami Tr. Huge sale. Come support Dr. Joffe's Relay For Life Team. Many items.

SAT. Jan. 30, 8am-2pm. 1133 Bal Harbor Blvd. Suite 1145. Bal Harbor Plaza. Would you like to donate to the PGICA's annual MEGA SALE assisted by the Isles Girls & Guys? All proceeds will benefit your neighborhood association. This is a great opportunity to recycle all those seldom used items. Clean out your closets, attics and garages. We can sell items of all sizes, you may drop items off at Bal Harbor Plaza beginning January 18, 20, 23, 25 or 27th between 9am & 12 noon. If you need assistance please call 941-637-1655.

S. VENICE AREA GARAGE SALES 6010

FRI. SAT. 8-1 594 Bahama Rd. Furniture, kitchen items, collectibles, & more.

FRI. SAT. 9-3 4815 Neptune Rd. Huge bird cage, desk, 5 king & 1 queen sized bed sets, designer dishes

SAT. 8-4 55 Cornell Rd. Oak entertainment center, baby items, tools, lots of misc.

SAT-SUN. 8-? 5376 Citadel Rd. 8-? 2-family sale bikes, furn, grill, compressors & more

VENICE AREA GARAGE SALES 6011

FRI. SAT. 8-? 22 Gulf Manor Drive. (Island) Tools, etc... Multifamily garage sale. Great items!

FRI/SAT, 9-2PM, 616 Ravenna St. (Island). Electronics, small appl., books, barstools, adult bikes, toys, lawn furniture, picture frames, pet cages, 3 family, lots of classy stuff

SAT ONLY 8-3 VILLA LE GRAND ANNUAL SALE

Lots of great items. Dont miss this one. Too much to mention!

SAT. 8 AM 541 LaGorce, Venice Gardens. Dozens of Treasures - No Junk!

SAT. 8-2 348 S. Seaboard Ave. Starz Choice Dance Academy. 26 Family Sale & Fundraiser Too much to mention!

SAT. 8-3 1700 Coral Sands Ct. (Jacaranda). GARAGE/ESTATE SALE: Lots of great stuff!

SAT. 9-12 Capri West Condos. Village Circle, bake sale, furn, pictures, clothes, rain date is Sunday 1/24.

SAT. JAN 23, 9-2 512 N. Auburn Rd HUGЕ yard sale, baked goods, household items, sports equip, games, much more

LOOK SAT. JAN. 23, 9AM-2PM PELICAN POINTE. CLUBHOUSE - CENTER RD HUGE COMMUNITY SALE

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WED.-SAT. 627 ALLIGATOR RD. 2 fam moving sale, incl furn, tbl set, tv, bdrm acc, lots more

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6035**

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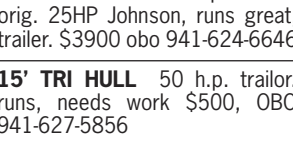
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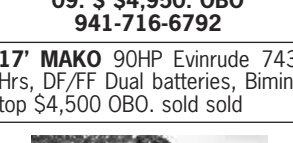
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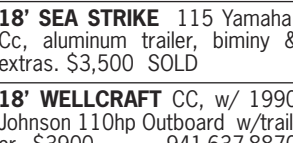
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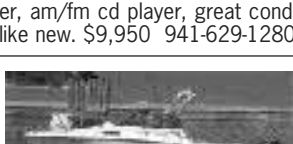
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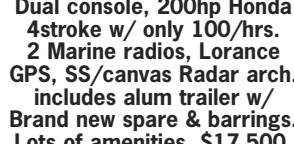
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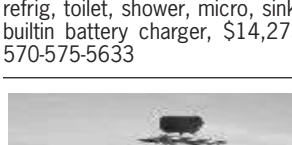
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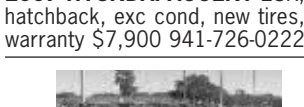
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Mark your calendar for 2011

Jan. 11, with a few other Florida travel writers, I enjoyed a hard-hat tour of the new Dali Museum, nearing completion next to the Mahaffey Theatre in St. Petersburg. Designed by Yann Weymouth, the building's design would make Dali happy even as it protects his priceless creations during a category 5 hurricane.

Giving a Daliesque twist to the geodesic dome designs of Buckminster Fuller, Weymouth's plan incorporates a 3-D ribbon of triangle-shapes of thick glass flowing from the Mahaffey side of the building to the bayside where the glass explodes into two side-by-side bubbles of still more glass triangles. One bubble will soar above the building. Weymouth said that no two triangles are the same size nor are any two pieces of the steel edging the glass triangles. That sparkly space, made possible by computer imaging systems, will be centered by a spiral staircase of concrete.

This building must be seen to be believed. Hurricane protection was the first consideration of museum director Dr. Hank Hine. He got that and so much more in what is sure to be considered one of the most stunning museums in the country if not the world. Although the grand opening will not be until Jan. 11, 2011, occasional road trips to St. Petersburg are in order. Visit www.thedali.org.

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(AP) — Oscar-nominated actress Anne Hathaway can add another honor to her list: a Hasty Pudding award.

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My daughter took a break from her senior year at Northeastern University this past weekend to celebrate her 23rd birthday.

She and her friends decided that they wanted to play bingo — get some cards, get a dauber and get five in a row — or so they thought.

They learned that in order to win bingo you need "picnic baskets," "horseshoes," or "cover all," depending on the game being played. There are also computerized cards that can be purchased.

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Aircraft 'invasion' kicks off Warbirds weekend

BY SHARIE DERRICKSON
SUN CORRESPONDENT

Saturday morning, don't be surprised when the skies fill with the roar of aircraft as they signal the beginning of the Florida Warbirds fundraising weekend. Individual pilots, Greg Rineer, a supporter of the Wounded Warrior Project said, have volunteered to fly from Charlotte County Airport to Rotunda and back. "It will be amazing," he said, adding that as many as 50 aircraft may join in.

Many of the aircraft will then be on static display as part of the Florida Warbirds, Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Weekend on both January 23 and 24. The display is not just an opportunity for aviation enthusiasts to wander around a large exhibit of military aircraft from many eras – it is an opportunity to raise funds for several causes close to the organization's heart.

Proceeds of the inaugural event to be held at the Charlotte County Airport, Jim "Zack" Olzacki, president and commander of the EAA Florida Warbirds Squadron 24 said, will benefit the Wounded Warriors Project, the Special Operations Warrior Foundation, and the Young Eagles, an organization that promotes aviation to young people.

"Our focus for this event are these organizations," he said adding many people may not be familiar with the Special Operations Warrior Foundation. "It is a foundation created to make available to children of deceased special operations warriors who have died in combat and left their families much monetary benefit. It also helps put their children through college."

The event, he said, is sure to have a "wow factor," as attendees view a variety of aircraft like the C-47, P-51 Mustang, Yak-P, and F4F Wildcat.

Visitors will also be able to take a ride in the Valiant Air Command C-47, "Tico Belle," a World War II aircraft of the Normandy Invasion. Seats for this are limited and must be reserved in advance. The cost is \$175 per person. "People can call 941-639-6187 to



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P-51 Mustang "Luscious Lucy" takes to the sky during a prestaging of the Florida Warbirds Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Squadron 24's Weekend Saturday and Sunday at the Charlotte County Airport in Punta Gorda.

reserve a flight on this historic plane," he said.

From 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, attendees can cut a rug at a 1940s theme dance at the hanger at the Charlotte County Airport where D.J. Jeff "Golden Hippo" Collins of 104.9 FM will offer a swinging time. As part of the evening, dinner is being catered by

Carrabba's of Port Charlotte and the cash bar by Dean's South of the Border in Punta Gorda. Admission to the dinner and dance evening is \$35 donation per person and that includes a one-day pass to the static display, Olzacki said.

The static display will start Saturday at noon to 4 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24. Admission is a

donation of \$8 per person or \$15 per family. Disabled military veterans with a VA ID card get a discount with admission being \$4 per person or \$8 per family.

For more information, contact the Florida Warbirds, EAA Warbird Squadron 24 at 941-639-6187 or www.floridawarbirds.org



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1957 T-28 C, type of plane North American Trainer, owned by Carl Marbach.



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Vintage military aircraft, such as these Navy and Marine Corps World War II planes, will be part of a massive flyover and then on display at the Charlotte County Airport.

Let's GO! TRAVEL News

For sail: 200 homes on cruise ship

BY HUGO MARTMN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

In the worst economic storm in decades, a Beverly Hills company has an ambitious plan to build a \$1.1-billion cruise ship, set to cast off in 2013. But instead of offering four- or five-day excursions as typical cruise lines do, the business plans to sell half the cabins as floating homes.

Opulent cabins aboard the ship Utopia now range in price from about \$3.7 million to \$26 million. But even at these prices, a key draw will be location.

During the Cannes Film Festival, the ship is slated to drop anchor near the south of France in the Mediterranean sea. During the carnival celebration in Rio de Janeiro, the ship plans to dock off the coast of the Brazilian city. On New Year's Eve, cruise ship operators hope to take passengers to Sydney Harbor in Australia to enjoy the fireworks display.

But some cruise industry experts doubt the project can stay afloat in the rough waters of the current economy.

"The promises don't mean a whole lot until the keel is laid," said Stewart Chiron, a cruise expert and president of Leisure Pro, a travel marketing business.

Utopia Residences Co. placed an order last month with Samsung Heavy Industries to build the 971-foot, 105,000-ton ship, scheduled to launch from South Korea. Once completed, the Utopia will offer 204 cabins that can be rented like hotel rooms for limited periods.

An additional 200 cabins will be sold as permanent residences, with prices ranging from about \$3.7 million for a 1,400-square-foot home with two bedrooms and two bathrooms to \$26 million for a 6,600-square-foot cabin with four bedrooms and three baths.

Utopia officials say purchasers would be buying a cabin on the ship but not an ownership share of the ship itself.

"They are not condominiums, and the residents do not own the ship or common areas," said David Robb, chairman of Utopia Residences.

In addition, the cabin owners would have to pay regular fees for utilities, security, concierge services and access to private onboard clubs.

Some of the cabins feature hardwood floors, marble kitchen countertops, recessed lighting, walk-in closets and fireplaces. Owners and renters would have access to the ship's many amenities, including three swimming pools, tennis courts, an outdoor movie theater, a miniature golf course, shops, restaurants and a "lazy river" meandering around the deck.

In addition, Utopia would perpetually cruise the seas, coming to port so passengers could enjoy the world's most celebrated sporting and cultural events. Among the events on the Utopia itinerary are the Tour de France bicycle race, the Monaco Grand Prix car race and the America's Cup yacht race.

"The beauty behind this product is that it's a global product," Robb said.

Much of the funding behind the project will come from Frontier Group, a private

equity investment group based in Los Angeles and Washington, D.C.

The project comes only weeks after Royal Caribbean International launched the Oasis of the Sea, the world's largest cruise ship, at 1,181 feet long.

The King Kong of cruise ships weighs 225,000 tons with a capacity of 6,360 passengers.

The idea of a luxury residential cruise ship is not new.

The team behind Utopia, including Capt. Ola Harsheim and Chief Engineer Tor Hansen, launched a similar, 644-foot residential ship called the World in 2002. The following year, the residents of the World bought the ship and hired a management firm to operate it. The ship continues to navigate the seas, stopping last month in Bateman's Bay in southern Australia.

Harsheim has been a cruise ship captain for nearly 40 years and sailed with Royal Viking Sea before launching the World.

Hansen previously worked as chief engineer with Crystal Cruises and Cunard.

Still, at least one attempt at launching a residential cruise ship has not been successful.

In 2002, Ocean Development Group teamed up with Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts to propose a 720-foot luxury residential cruise ship to set sail in 2007. But because of financing problems, the plan fell through.

Erik Hvide, a consultant and investor with Ocean Development Group, said the company could secure commitments to buy only about 30 percent of the 112 units on the ship when the global economy began to sink.

Because the financing to build the ship was contingent on the sale of at least 60 percent of the units, he said, the project failed.

While Hvide still believes the concept of a luxury residential cruise ship can succeed, he said he doubts the current economy will support the Utopia project.

"If anything, getting financing today is more difficult than it was two years ago," he said.

But Robb — a Harvard Business School graduate who co-founded Frontier Group along with Frank C. Carlucci, a defense secretary during the Reagan administration — said he is confident that Utopia won't suffer the same fate as the Four Seasons ship.

"This ship has significant financial backing and very significant industrial partners who have enormous resources," he said.

Robb said Utopia Residences has already received purchase commitments for about 16 percent of the residential space on the ship.

The cabins are being sold through Prudential Douglas Elliman of New York.

Other cruise experts say that the idea of launching a residential cruise ship for the super-rich may sound irrational during tough economic times, but that the market may improve by the time Utopia launches in 2013.

Disney has a deal for residents

BY KIM COOL
FEATURES EDITOR

Disney is rewarding its friends and neighbors this year. Following the announcement of its program to issue a free ticket for a day of volunteering, the Imagineers at the Walt Disney World Resort have created a super deal for Florida residents — a 4-day Dream Pass.

Good through May 25, the pass allows residents to visit any of Disney's four Florida parks for four days. Spend a day in the Magic Kingdom, the next day at Disney's Hollywood Studios, take a break for a week or so, if desired and then return for one or two more days of fun at the Animal Kingdom and Epcot. The choice is yours.

All four parks tend to be less crowded this time of year (with the exception of spring break), making it an ideal time to easily experience all the attractions in each of the parks without the hassle of the long lines of spring and summer.

At just \$99 plus tax, this is one of the

best Disney bargains to surface in years. One-day tickets are currently priced at \$79 plus tax and up, depending on options chosen. Options include the ability to park hop and/or to add a water park or to purchase a multi-day ticket with no expiration date.

Visitors can use the pass on any four days from now through May 25 except for the March 27-April 9 blackout period. Visit any park but just one park per day. Spend four days straight at WDW or visit on four separate days. The special pass must be purchased by May 21 and proof of Florida residency is required. Passes are not transferable and exclude special events requiring special admission tickets but do include such special events as the International Flower & Garden Festival at Epcot, which is included with regular park admission.

For information, visit www.disneyworld.com/99.

For resort reservations which include free transportation to the parks, call 407-W-DISNEY.com.

Ask Airfarewatchdog: Air travel Q&A

BY GEORGE HOBICA
AIRFAREWATCHDOG.COM

(MCT)— Q: What day(s) and time(s) of day will yield the cheapest tickets? And what days of the week are most advantageous to fly. We are flexible in our travel plans.

A: Airlines can adjust airfares at virtually any moment, and the number of seats at the lowest fares can fluctuate minute by minute, as the cheaper seats get sold, or the airlines make more seats available at the lowest fares.

So there's no really best time of day or day of week to buy fares. That's why it's important to sign up for airfare alerts (to find services offering them, simply Google "airfare alerts" and sign up. Then pounce when the fare goes down, which really could be any time.

That said, if you're flying on a route served by Atlanta-based Airtran or a competing airline on that route, then Monday nights and Tuesdays are a good time to look for fares, since Airtran typically has a sale every week. And if you're looking for last minute weekend fares, Delta typically releases these fares

late on a Sunday, and other airlines release them Monday or Tuesday.

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Performing arts center clears final hurdle

BY GREG GILES
STAFF WRITER

It didn't take much convincing for Venice City Council to approve final agreements for the planned performing arts center on the Venice High School campus.

The council voted unanimously at its last meeting to approve an interlocal agreement with the Sarasota County School Board and a fee agreement between effected parties.

"Upsizing that school auditorium will give citizens a first-class performance center at a cost savings to your citizens," said Sarasota County Schools Chief Financial Officer Scott Lempe.

Lempe said the \$12.8 million center will have a stage four times the size of that found in a high school auditorium.

Council Member John Moore said the same documents that City Council members were approving were crafted 10 years ago at North Port High and "have withstood the test of time."

He thanked civic organizations like the

Venice Area Chamber of Commerce who promoted the community performance center.

"Everybody had their eye on the target," Moore said. "You know, this is just the most incredible opportunity for the city of Venice. This vote is the most exciting of my seven years here."

A small audience of supporters broke into applause upon the unanimous vote approving the documents.

The performing arts center will be part of the new Venice High School, a \$90 million project that will be built in phases. The center is part of the last phase, set to open in 2015.

Venice arts groups including the symphony, concert band and numerous vocal groups will share use of the new center with the high school.

The 1,000-seat performing arts center is molded after a similar center at North Port High School, which is also shared by the city and school. The city of Venice will contribute \$7.5 million to the project over four years.

FLORIDA ROAD TRIP

There's an art to Selby Gardens these days



SUN PHOTO BY KIM COOL

The former Christy Payne Mansion at Marie Selby Botanical Gardens in Sarasota is the site of an exhibit of fabric art by Angela Maria Isaza. It will be displayed in the mansion through Feb. 23.

BY KIM COOL
FEATURES EDITOR

Newly opened in the Museum of Botany and the Arts within the former Christy Payne Mansion at Marie Selby Botanical Gardens is an exhibit of fabric art by Angela Maria Isaza.

On view through Feb. 23, the special show provides a place to escape the chilly days experienced recently while still enjoying the wonderful gardens along Sarasota Bay.

Inspired by the diversity of plants found within the gardens, the artist has primarily used batik, which was created in the East, in countries such as Thailand and Bali.

Batik is an ancient technique in which artists use hot wax to seal certain areas of fabric from dyes used in later steps. When the wax is finally removed, what remains is a design in the color of the fabric. Very intricate designs can be created in this manner.

According to information from

Selby Gardens, the artist is from Columbia, South America, and was inspired by the tropical forests in the Andes Mountains as well as by the tropical flowers and plants she has discovered in Florida.

Plan to spend several hours to explore the gardens, the orchid house, the koi fish in their pond, the butterfly garden opposite the museum, the Sho-Fu bonsai exhibit, the tropical fruit garden, the banyan trees and the bamboo groves near the former Selby home and also along the bayfront walk. There is food service both inside and outside at the former Selby home.

Marie Selby Botanical Gardens is located at 900 S. Palm Ave., Sarasota.

Admission is \$17 per person for adults and \$6 for children ages 6-11. The site is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except Christmas. Saturday, Jan. 30, there will be no charge to visit. For information, call 941-366-5731 or visit www.selby.org.

Calendar Extras

Mardi Gras dinner and show

The Cultural Center of Charlotte County will hold a Mardi Gras celebration on Feb. 16 at 2280 Aaron St., Port Charlotte. Start with a "New Orleans dinner" served at 5:30 p.m. Top off the evening with entertainment by the Music City Brass in the theater.

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Let's GO! TV IN THE NEWS

Mythbusters' put urban myths and conspiracy theories to the test

BY SCOTT COLLINS
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Former special-effects artists Adam Savage and Jamie Hyneman are the co-hosts of "Mythbusters," Discovery Channel's popular science program that tests whether everyday assumptions, conspiracy theories and urban legends can hold up through rigorous experimentation.

Savage, 42, and Hyneman, 53, recently spoke by phone from the Bay Area, where most episodes are produced.

Q. What are you guys working on today?

Jamie: Well, we're out at a runway in Alameda. We're testing whether a slushy drink thrown out of the window of one car going at highway speeds, when it hits a car going in the other direction, does it actually bust the windshield and potentially kill somebody?

Q. And what's the verdict?

Adam: We've just come to a conclusion on the slushy cups themselves and are about to move on to cans of soda, which we think will be a much more lethal projectile. And if they're not sufficiently lethal, we have a machine to fire them at lethal speeds.

Jamie: We haven't clocked it yet, but it's somewhere subsonic, I can say that. It's like a shoulder-mounted thing that's really cool.

Q. How did you come up with the idea to test this myth?

Adam: This actually came from a news story we got about a woman supposedly injured by a cup of soda.

Jamie: It's a perfect story for us, because it was a Styrofoam cup, for crying out loud!

Q. You guys are famous for elaborate setups for your experiments, such as when you investigated which falls to Earth first, a bullet dropped or a bullet fired. The weapon's firing and the bullet's release had to be simultaneous.

Adam: That in itself took about 13 hours to achieve. The thing that is really delivering for us is the high-speed camera, which is one of the most precise and beautiful tools we've ever used. It's a digital camera that shoots in HD resolution at almost 7,000 frames per second. It can quite easily stop a bullet completely cold, perfectly still and in-frame for us.

Q. The show is in its seventh season now. How has it changed?

Jamie: It's not like we showed up and were cast into this series ready to go. We had some skills beforehand. But the kind of understanding we have of the way the world works now, it's really been mind-opening. The show is reflecting that.

Q. But not all the shows can count as groundbreaking scientific inquiry, right? Some seem like just for the heck of it.

Adam: We've got one coming up called "Spy Car," which asks, does the standard movie triumvirate of oil slick,

smoke screen and spreading tacks from the back of your car actually help prevent people from chasing you?

Q. Do you have a Holy Grail myth, some cherished experiment you haven't been able to test yet?

Adam: We started talking a couple years ago about doing Leonardo da Vinci's screw-type helicopter. And that led quickly to a discussion about us building a successfully flying, human-powered helicopter. This is something we'd like to do on the show. There's a prize for human-powered helicoptering, and nobody's won it yet. We'd like to take a crack at that.

Q. Are you worried about running out of myths to test?

Adam: We're on something like the 170th hour of "Mythbusters," and we've still got a list of about 60 myths lined up through next season, and about another 100 or so on top of that. As far as we can see, there's absolutely no shortage.

Charlie Hood returns in Parker's 'Iron River'

BY BRUCE DESILVA
FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"Iron River" (Dutton, 369 pages, \$26.95), by T. Jefferson Parker: Mexico is paying a high price for America's appetite for illegal drugs. The drug cartels have murdered an estimated 15,000 people in that country in the last three years. Recently the violence has spilled across the border to the American Southwest.

Americans, T. Jefferson Parker writes, "are complicit in the problem." Not only are we the market for the drugs, but also the source of the weapons with which the drug lords arm their private armies.

"Iron River," the title of his new crime novel, is a metaphor for the illegal trade in American-made weapons, everything from cheap handguns to military assault rifles, that flow to the cartels from hundreds of American gun dealers.

Parker wants you to understand how difficult our gun laws make things for the good guys. He wants you to know that the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, assigned to stem the illegal flow of weapons, is outnumbered and out-gunned. He wants you to know how hard it is for poorly paid Mexican police to resist the corrupting influence of drug money.

He wants you to know that this is a war, and that the good guys are losing.

While Parker has a serious message to convey, he is also a popular novelist with a need to entertain. In "Iron River," he succeeds brilliantly at both.

Charlie Hood, Parker's smart, likable young series character, has been detached from his job at the Los

Angeles Sheriff's Department to give the ATF a hand in tracking down illegal gun sales along the border. His first case, busting up a deal outside the Guns a Million gun shop, goes bad, and in the ensuing gunfight, a bystander is shot to death.

The victim is a young Mexican about to enroll in a California university. He also happens to be the son of one of Mexico's most powerful drug lords, who retaliates by kidnapping an ATF agent named Jimmy Holdstock and pulling out his fingernails.

The attempt to rescue Jimmy forms the spine of the story.

This is Parker's third novel featuring Hood, and in this one, he also brings back Bradley Smith, the oldest son of Allison Murrieta, a charming outlaw who was Hood's love interest in the first book in the series.

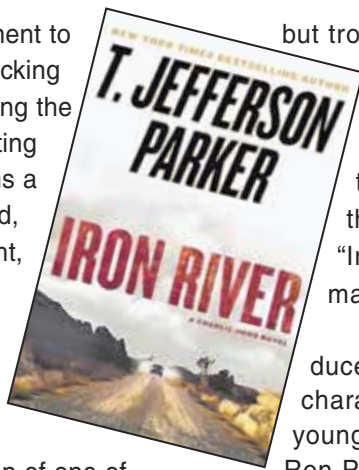
Hood has always been impressed with Smith's brilliance and ambition,

but troubled by his impulse to follow in his mother's footsteps. For two books now, Hood has tried to steer Smith in the right direction. In "Iron River," Smith finally makes his choice.

Parker also introduces a compelling new character, an inventive young gun-maker named Ron Pace, who is trying to save the family business from bankruptcy and win the girl he loves. His plan: Create an inexpensive, fully automatic pistol, complete with silencer, and sell them by the thousands to one of the cartels.

Parker writes Pace's portion of the story in first person and the rest of the story in third person. The device, increasingly popular among crime novelists, is one that some readers find distracting, but Parker pulls it off about as well as it can be done.

As always with a Parker novel, the characters are superbly drawn, the



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California landscape is evocatively portrayed and the exceptional prose swings from lyrical to hard-boiled.

Here, in a letter Hood writes to his mother and father, Parker gives us a glimpse of his character's fears and why he chooses to do what he does:

"Things are unraveling here. It's something larger than the guns and the murders and the mutilations.

We're losing the rules of being human. I feel like there's a big storm coming, something terrible and cleansing. In some very mysterious way, I feel needed here."

Since the days of Raymond Chandler, California has produced some of our finest crime novelists, and today the likes of Michael Connelly, Don Winslow and Joseph Wambaugh continue the tradition. With "Iron River," Parker demonstrates again that he belongs in their company.

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Calendar Extras

Lemon Bay Fest: Englewood History with Zest

The eighth annual "Lemon Bay Fest: Englewood History with Zest!" will be Feb. 6 to 13.

It's a weeklong celebration of Englewood's past, featuring boat tours and a series of informative

Englewood history programs, concluding with a day-long Cracker Fair followed by Saturday Nite Live on Dearborn Street. This event is embraced by the Englewood Community with several community organizations partnering with the Elsie Quirk Library, the Lemon Bay Historical Society, Englewood Charlotte Library, and the Charlotte County Historical Center.

For additional information, contact the Englewood Cape Haze Area Chamber of Commerce at 941-474-5511 or the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000.

'Chair-ity' Chair Auction

Over 25+ volunteers who are cancer survivors, care givers or friends of cancer patients have teamed together to makeover 20 chairs over a series of 6 classes (starting before Christmas) given by Patt Bacon of the Visual Art Center, to create a "masterpiece" for the 1st Annual "Chair-ity" Chair Auction Event co sponsored by The American Cancer Society/Relay for Life and the Visual Arts Center. These participants include many area personalities and groups.

This event will be held at the Visual Art Center at 210 Maude Street (across from Fishermen's Village) from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Valentines Day. The tickets priced at \$20 include a light lunch and your opportunity to be part of a first in SW Florida event for the American Cancer Society. Visual Arts who is a co-sponsor has designated their half of the process to underwrite Children's Art projects and the other half goes to the ACS to help find a cure for this dreaded disease. Participants took a plain and sometimes broken chair and have repaired them, painted and decorated them and turned them into flights of fantasy. These 20 chairs will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. The chairs themselves will be brought to the Visual Art Center on Tuesday evening between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Feb. 2, where they will be on display for the two weeks prior to the auction.

The visual Arts Center is located at 210 Maud St., Punta Gorda. For more information, call 941-639-8810.

'Salute to America'

The Charlotte Chorale will perform its "Salute to America," concert at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 19 at the Center for Performing Arts and Education, 701 Carmalita St., Punta Gorda. Selections will be all-American compositions or arrangements including music from the heyday of MGM, Broadway musicals, works of Stephen Foster, television theme songs and more. A special concert feature includes the Chorale being joined by ensembles from all three Charlotte County High School choirs (50 voices) and a high school honors orchestra performing a medley from the musical "Wicked." Tickets: \$20 adults, \$10 students. For information call 941-204-0033. www.charlottechorale.com

Senior Palooza

The Cultural Center of Charlotte County will hold its second Senior Palooza 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 19 at 2280 Aaron St., Port Charlotte. All Pro Home Health and the Cultural Center present more than 70 vendors, showcasing health-related information and services, free health screenings, fitness demonstrations, and non-medical areas of concern, including insurance, banking, senior housing, companion services, and much more. All vendors are asked to bring a door prize, as drawings will be held all day long. Admission is free and the event is open to the public. To reserve a vendor space, call Sherry at 941-258-5997. For more information, call 941-625-4175.

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Bobby Collins has a job that people always laugh at. As one of today's leading and most sought-after comedic talents, his heartfelt humor engages audiences with a clever blend of characterizations and hilarious observations that everyone can relate to.

He takes the funny business very seriously -- from starring in his own Showtime Special and being Rosie O'Donnell's predecessor pick to host VH1's "Stand-up Spotlight," to opening for such names as Cher, Dolly Parton, Julio Inglesis and Tony Bennett, to name a few. Topping Collins' first comedy CD *On The Inside* that showcased his wide-ranging observational material, his second *Out Of Bounds*, earned a Grammy nomination.

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Collins will be performing at 7 p.m. Sunday at Visani Comedy Theater. Tickets cost \$26.75 and can be ordered in advance by calling 941-629-9191. Visani Comedy Dinner Theater is located at 2400 Kings Highway For more information, visit www.visani.net.

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Let's GO! Theaters

see what's playing in area

'Sly Fox' is over the top in silliness'

BY KIM COOL
FEATURES EDITOR

Prepare to laugh almost too much at Larry Gelbart's "Sly Fox," now running on the main stage at Venice Theatre.

Playing through the end of the month, this farce about Foxwell Sly who would take everything he can from his lawyer, accountant and a captain while hinting to each that he will leave them all his earthly belongings. Proof that one should never try to con a con man (or woman), there are plenty of silly twist and turns and even pitfalls. Actually there might have been a

few too much silliness going on if the script was anything like Gelbart's more subtle yet incredibly funny TV series, "M*A*S*H."

Director Murray Chase seemed to pull out all the stops in an attempt to earn laughs. Given the cast of characters played by the likes of Neil Kasanofsky as Sly, Ron Myroup as Lawyer Craven, Steve Credeur as Abner Truckle, Jack Rabito as Jethro Crouch, Candace Sullivan as Miss Fancy and Stacy Gilson as Mrs. Truckle less might have been more. Bennett Gross, as the court clerk, had one of the smaller parts, but possibly earned the

biggest laugh with one little remark near the end of the show. Ken Fromer also made the most of a smaller part as the Chief of Police. Ray Burroughs, Kyle Luckett, Ali McManamy and Patrick Mounce completed the strong cast.

Scenic designer David Lynn-Jones created a set that could be transformed to many locales with the help of a strong stage crew. Nicholas Hartman's costume designs were delightful, especially for Mr. Sly.

Venice Theatre is at 140 W. Tampa Ave., on the island in downtown Venice. Tickets are \$24 per person for adults and \$12 for students. Performances are



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Candice Sullivan as Miss Fancy and Neil Kasanofsky as Foxwell J. Sly play on each other's greedy natures in Venice Theatre's production of "Sly Fox."

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'Reflections' takes a musical look the '60s

BY KIM COOL
FEATURES EDITOR

Newly opened in Florida Studio Theatre's Goldstein Cabaret Theatre is "Reflections," a nostalgic look at the '60s.

Featuring Broadway performers Job Christenson and Robert Fowler plus New Yorker actresses Melissa Fleming and Natalie Renee, the two-act musical review was created inhouse at FST by FST Artistic Director Richard Hopkins, Managing Director Rebecca Langford and Resident Pianist Jim Prosser. Directed and choreographed by Bill Castellino, the delightful music showcases the combined voices of the four singer/dancers while also showcasing their individual strengths.

Robert Fowler has an ingratiating smile and stage presence that nearly steals the show — especially with his Stevie Wonder song, "Living for the City."

Natalie Renee nearly got a standing ovation for her delivery of the Nina Simone hit "Feeling Good" and Melissa Fleming scored on "Heat Wave," backed up by the rest of the cast.

Longtime FST costumer has moved to Houston but freelancer Nicole Wee rose to the occasion with such 60s attire as Jackie Kennedy shift dresses for the women, a black damask suit for Fowler and a piped jacket with a Beatles look for Christenson.

Prosser was delightful on the piano. "Reflections" continues through March 20 in the Goldstein Cabaret, 1241 N.



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Clockwise from upper left, Job Christenson, Natalie Renee, Robert H. Fowler and Melissa Fleming in "Reflections," through March 20 in the Goldstein Cabaret at Florida Studio Theatre, 1241 N. Palm Ave., Sarasota.

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Let's GO! Music News

Pat Boone's not ready to retire just yet

BY PETER LARSEN
THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

Let's make this clear right up front: Pat Boone, the '50s teen idol turned all-around entertainer and entrepreneur, doesn't have to work another day in his life.

At 75, Boone could spend his days on the golf course if he wanted — there's one just across the yard, in fact, from the home he and wife Shirley bought in the Coto de Caza community in Orange County, Calif., a few years back.

But while his offices in West Hollywood look like a museum to all things Pat — with gold records and movie posters and memorabilia covering the walls — Boone says he's not done yet.

"My wife and I are talking right now how to slow down," he says with the smile that made him the wholesome hit of the pop charts and teen magazines of the late '50s. "But here I am creating a new theater in Myrtle Beach (S.C.) and a PBS special and a radio format.

"I can spell 'n-o' I just can't say it," Boone says. "I've always said yes to every good idea I've seen."

Which explains why he's busy putting together a special that will run on PBS stations in March, busy preparing to open and book a musical theater on the South Carolina coast, busy with the Gold Label record company, busy with his latest book, and a host of other projects.

"I can see the potential," he says of the ideas he takes on as projects. "And if I'm working with somebody, I want to see them succeed, too."

Pat Boone says he would love nothing more than a chance to be one of the celebrity mentors on "American Idol."

"It would be fun if 'American Idol' said, 'Here's a guy who sold 45 million records,' although I don't know if it will happen. Because I think over the years, the younger people in the entertainment industry, because of my other activities ..."

He trails off, but it's clear where that

sentence is headed: Boone's strong Christian beliefs and views on political issues such as gay rights, especially in his weekly opinion columns, aren't exactly mainstream Hollywood material.

Even so, from a purely historical point of view, Boone makes a good case as the original 'Idol,' who for three straight weeks in 1953 won the "Ted Mack Amateur Hour" — a talent show where viewers picked the winners — and by doing so landed a recording contract and a stream of hit singles throughout the last half of the '50s.

"I recorded starting in 1955, and in the first 11 months of my career — before Elvis's first (hit) single, 'Heartbreak Hotel' — I had six million-selling singles," Boone says, not mentioning, though it's well known, that Presley opened for him before his own stardom exploded.

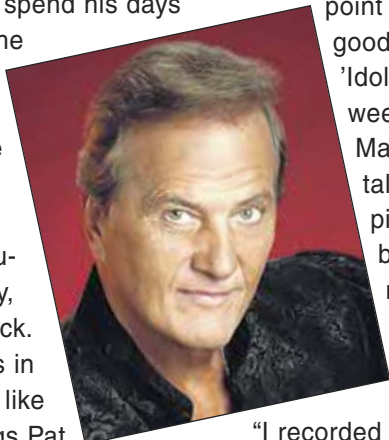
Boone was such a big star — and a "safer" star in many ways than Presley — that at 23 he landed a television variety show, "The Pat Boone-Chevy Showroom." Each week huge stars — Ella Fitzgerald, Nat King Cole, Tony Bennett and Count Basie, to name just a few — came onto the show to perform songs on their own or as duets with Boone.

Those shows, which Boone owns and which have almost never been seen since they originally aired, are being edited into the PBS special, "Pat Boone — Love Letters In The Sands Of Time," which will air March 6 during the annual pledge drives held at stations around the country.

"I'm amazed," he says of the experience of looking at the shows again after so many years. "For a kid, 22, 23, to walk onto the set and host people like Nat King Cole, Sammy Davis Jr., and sing with them and act like I belong with them?"

"They had to look at me as a raw kid," he says. "But we made it work."

Asked again why he keeps going in so many different directions at an age when most people start to take it a little easy, Boone laughs and says again that he just can't help himself.



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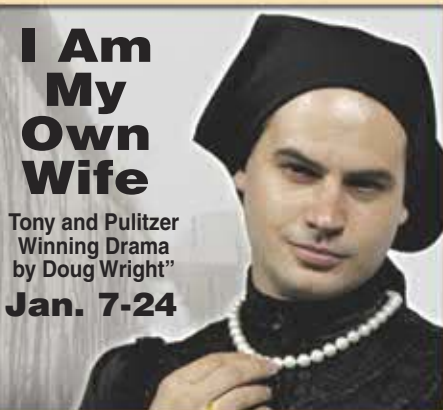
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People get down to Motown at the grand opening of the M Club adjacent to the House of Prime at 2020 Tamiami Trail in Port Charlotte. **Vladimir Klimontov** shows Russians can grove with the best of them as he hopped on stage to dance with **Verceal Whitaker**, formerly of the Platters. The M Club will showcase Motown on Wednesday nights from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., smooth jazz Fridays, and Baby Boomers Night Out Saturdays featuring dance music from the '50s and '60s.



SUN PHOTO BY TAMI GARCIA

Jaida Gonyea, left, 11, and **Jayna Antoine**, 12, both Heron Creek Middle School students, dance together during "Club Scene," at the Gene Matthews Boys and Girls Club in North Port, sponsored by Community Youth Development. The free program is held once a month, where students in grades 6-8 can dance to music provided by a DJ, play games, or just hang out with friends.



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RAVE Radiology of Englewood staff members **Amanda McTigue** of Port Charlotte, **Bill** and **Linda Stetina** of North Port, **David** and **Kathy Herzog** of Englewood, **Holly Newcomb** of Englewood, **Tracy Connelly** of Englewood, **Mike Jones** of Englewood and **Ron Callis** of Port Charlotte, at Coral Rock Café in Port Charlotte.



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Alyson Lorefice, 12, a 6th grade student at Heron Creek Middle School, danced the night away during "Club Scene," for youth in grades six to eight at the Gene Matthews Boys and Girls Club in North Port.



SUN PHOTO BY SHARIE DERRICKSON

It was far from a dull crowd as people take to their feet to cheer on an encore at the grand opening of the M Club in Port Charlotte.



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A Champagne moment: M Club owner **Ave Arnasi**, along with patrons **Kami Auld**, **Julie Murphy**, **Katharine Ariens** and **Pamela Dodd**, celebrate the club opening with a toast.



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Marge Sheehan, left, **Bridget Brown**, center, both Harbor Heights residents, and **D.J. Ria**, of Port Charlotte at Coral Rock Café.



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North Port resident **Zachary Sitzlar**, drummer for Beyondriven, stands alongside former NFL football player for the Dallas Cowboys, Cleveland Browns and Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and Port Charlotte resident **Rhondy Weston** who came out to see the local band play at Chubbyz II Tavern in Port Charlotte.

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'Galileo' centers Asolo Rep season

BY KIM COOL
FEATURES EDITOR

As Galileo proved the earth is round, the Asolo Rep's production of the David Edgar translation of Berthold Brecht's "The Life of Galileo" proves the depth of talent within that company.

Consider that it has been 400 years since Galileo discovered, with the aid of a telescope, that the earth is round, and 40 years since man landed on the moon. The first discovery forced men to rethink their theory that Earth was the center of the universe. The Church did not take kindly to Galileo's writings, lest the status of the church and the Pope be diminished in the eyes of mankind should Earth's status be reduced to that of simply another orb in the solar system.

Directed by Asolo Rep's Artistic Director Michael Donald Edwards, "Galileo" offers brilliant acting by Paul Whitworth in the lead role of Galileo Galilei and great support from the likes of Carolyn Michael as Mrs. Sarti; Douglas Jones as Bursar of Padua, Cardinal Barberini and Pope Urban VIII; Michael Joseph Mitchell as Sagredo and Cardinal Bellarmini; James Clark as Federzoni; Hannah Rose Goalstone as Galileo's daughter Virginia; Craig Weiskerger as Lord Chamberlain; Jason Bradley as the Cardinal Inquisitor, Sam Osheroff as the Little Monk, Kevin Stanfa as Andrea Sarti as a man; and Don Walker as the Old Cardinal. The entire third year class of the FSU/Asolo Conservatory for Actor Training enriched dance



PHOTO COURTESY OF ASOLO REPERTORY THEATRE
Kevin Stanfa as Andrea Sarti as a man and Paul Whitworth as Galileo Galilei in the Asolo Rep production of Berthold Brecht's "The Life of Galileo" in the Mertz Theatre through Feb. 17. It is presented in rotating repertory.

and choral numbers which added still more to what may be one of the most interesting and stimulating productions during the Edwards era, which began with his outstanding pre-Broadway production of "Tale of Two Cities."

Clint Ramos' sets and costumes, including magnificent papal clothing and projections by Dan Scully were frosting on cake rich in ingredients.

Running in rotating repertory in the Mertz Theatre through Feb. 17, "The Life of Galileo" was nearing sell-out status as this review was written last week. Tickets are \$13-\$60 per person. Call the box office at 941-351-8000, 800-361-8388 or order online at www.asolo.org.

The Mertz Theatre is at 5555 North Tamiami Trail, within the FSU Center for Performing Arts, Sarasota.

'Extraordinary Measures'

BY ROGER MOORE
THE ORLANDO SENTINEL

For its big screen debut, start-up studio CBS Films delivers what might, in an earlier age, have been a "disease of the week" TV movie. "Extraordinary Measures" is a sometimes moving, solid if unsurprising account of a father's tireless efforts to use his business acumen to develop a cure for his children's fatal genetic disorder.

Brendan Fraser plays John Crowley, an on-the-rise marketing executive who comes home to a loving wife (Keri Russell) and two adoring children. But the kids, under the age of 9, are in wheelchairs. They have Pompe Disease, a disorder that is certain to kill them before their 10th birthdays.

Doctors just want the Crowleys to comfort their kids because nothing can be done. But John isn't ready to watch them die. He does his homework, reaches out to any and all who are working on the disorder.

That's how he tracks down Dr. Robert Stonehill. Harrison Ford plays Stonehill as a curmudgeon, holed up in his Nebraska lab, dodging phone calls and callously ignoring the human side to his research.

"This is a theory, not a therapy," he growls to Crowley, when John, frantic over the latest hospitalization, finally reaches Stonehill. So John cuts to the chase. How much to develop a drug, test it and take it to market?

Egos clash as John quits his job



MOVIE REVIEW

and gambles on raising funds and starting a bio-tech company. The script slips into tedium as we see the proud, pigheaded scientist's ways of nearly derailing the operation, repeatedly, and the father's willingness to mortgage his and Stonehill's future to save the kids.

But Tom Vaughan ("What Happens in Vegas") finds plenty of heart in Robert Nelson Jacobs' script (based on a true story). When scientists and businessmen forget who this is all about, Crowley brings in children with wheelchairs. Fraser is well-cast as an emotional guy who manipulates emotions (as does the film) to win arguments. He holds his own in most scenes with Ford, who also was "on the nose" casting.

The movie's biggest shortcoming is its lack of surprise. When you cast David Clennon, famed for his icy "thirtysomething" business titan, as an icy business titan, you're not taking risks. As studio debuts go, "Extraordinary Measures" isn't extraordinary. It's simply safe.

NBC announces post-Leno prime-time lineup

(AP) — New and veteran NBC dramas and a comedy produced by Jerry Seinfeld will take over the bulk of the prime-time slots soon to be vacated by Jay Leno.

NBC announced that the freshman drama "Parenthood" and the relocated "Law & Order" and "Law & Order: Special Victim Units" will fill three slots. Another will go to the comedy panel series "The Marriage Ref" from Seinfeld.

"Dateline NBC" will fill another 10 p.m. slot.

The new lineup will debut after NBC's coverage of the Winter Olympics from Feb. 12-28.

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Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) B

Now in the care of Dave Seville's nephew (Zachary Levi), Alvin, Simon and Theodore take a break from pop-music stardom and return to school. Almost immediately, the tiny tunesmiths are given the giant task of saving their school's music program by winning a battle of the band's contest. Though the boys think winning the contest will be easy, romantic and musical sparks fly when they meet Brittany, Eleanor and Jeannette — also known as The Chipettes.

Avatar (PG-13) A-

Avatar takes us to a spectacular world beyond imagination, where a reluctant hero embarks on an epic adventure, ultimately fighting to save the alien world he has learned to call home. James Cameron, the Oscar-winning director of "Titanic," first conceived the film 15 years ago, when the means to realize his vision did not exist yet. Now, after four years of production, AVATAR, a live action film with a new generation of special effects, delivers a fully immersive cinematic experience of a new kind, where the revolutionary technology invented to make the film disappears into the emotion of the characters and the sweep of the story.

The Book of Eli (R) A-

In the not-too-distant future, across the wasteland of what once was America, a lone warrior (Washington) must fight to bring civilization the knowledge that could be the key to its redemption and save the future of humanity.

Extraordinary Measures (PG)

John Crowley (Brendan Fraser) is a man on the corporate fast-track, with a beautiful wife (Keri Russell) and three children. Just as his career is taking off, his two youngest children are diagnosed with a fatal disease. John leaves his job and devotes himself to saving their lives. He joins forces with Dr. Robert Thornhill

(Harrison Ford), a brilliant but unconventional scientist. Together the two men battle the medical and business establishments as they race against time to find a cure.

Hoodwinked 2: Hood vs. Evil (PG) C

A teenage Red Riding Hood trains in a distant land with a mysterious, covert group called Sisters of the Hood. She is then called upon by Nicky Flippers — head of the Happily Ever After Agency — who teams her with the Wolf to investigate the disappearance of Hansel and Gretel.

Invictus (PG-13) A-

With the fall of apartheid in South Africa, Nelson Mandela (Morgan Freeman) tries to unite his countrymen and bring peace by bringing the Rugby World Cup to his country.

It's Complicated (R) B

Jane (Streep) is the mother of three grown kids, owns a thriving Santa Barbara bakery/restaurant and has—after a decade of divorce—an amicable relationship with her ex-husband, attorney Jake (Baldwin). But when Jane and Jake find themselves out of town for their son's college graduation, things start to get complicated. An innocent meal together turns into the unimaginable—an affair. With Jake remarried to the much younger Agness (Lake Bell), Jane is now, of all things, the other woman. Caught in the middle of their renewed romance is Adam (Martin), an architect hired to remodel Jane's kitchen. Healing from a divorce of his own, Adam starts to fall for Jane, but soon realizes he's become part of a love triangle. Should Jane and Jake move on with their lives, or is love truly lovelier the second time around? It's...complicated.

Leap Year (PG) C

When yet another anniversary passes by without a marriage proposal from her boyfriend, Anna (Amy Adams) decides to take action. Aware of an Irish tradition that allows women to pop the question on February 29th, Anna plans to follow her lover to Dublin and ask him to marry her. Fate has other plans, however, and

Anna winds up on the other side of the Emerald Isle with a handsome, but surly, Irishman named Declan — who may just lead Anna down the road to true love.

Nine (PG-13) B

Famous film director Guido Contini (Daniel Day-Lewis) grapples with epic crises in his personal and professional life. At the same time, he must strike a balance among the demands of the numerous women in his life, including his wife (Marion Cotillard), his mistress (Penélope Cruz), and his confidant (Judi Dench).

Old Dogs (PG) C

Two best friends — one unlucky-in-love divorcee (Robin Williams) and the other a fun-loving bachelor (John Travolta) — have their lives turned upside down when they're unexpectedly charged with the care of six-year-old twins while on the verge of the biggest business deal of their lives. The not-so-kid-savvy bachelors stumble in their efforts to take care of the twins, leading to one debacle after another, and perhaps to a new-found understanding of what's really important in life.

The Princess and the Frog (G) B+

Walt Disney Animation Studios presents a musical set in the greatest city of them all, New Orleans. "The Princess and the Frog" marks Disney's return to the warmth and grandeur of hand drawn animation. The film teams Ron Clements and John Musker, creators of "The Little Mermaid" and "Aladdin" with Oscar winning composer Randy Newman. From the heart of Louisiana's mystical bayouts and the banks of the mighty Mississippi comes an unforgettable tale of love, enchantment and discovery with a trumpet playing alligator, a love sick Cajun firefly, and a host of other charming characters at every turn.

Sherlock Holmes (PG-13) B

In a dynamic new portrayal of Arthur Conan Doyle's most famous characters, Sherlock Holmes and his stalwart partner Watson embark on their latest challenge. Revealing fighting skills as lethal as his legendary intellect, Holmes battles as never before to bring down a new nemesis and unravel a deadly plot that could destroy the country.

The Spy Next Door C

Bob Ho (Jackie Chan), an undercover operative for the CIA, decides to give up his career and marry his girlfriend, Gillian (Amber Valletta). However, before Bob can do that, he has one more mission to complete: gain the approval of Gillian's children. Bob volunteers to babysit when Gillian is called away, but the operation hits a snag when one of the kids mistakenly downloads a top-secret formula, and a Russian terrorist takes aim at Bob's prospective family.

The Tooth Fairy (PG)

Tess is a 6-years-old girl who is very dissapointed when Derek (Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson) tells her that the tooth fairy isn't real. Derek is left to try and save the tooth fairy kingdom.

Up in the Air (R) B+

"Up in the Air" starring Oscar® winner George Clooney as Ryan Bingham, a corporate downsizing expert whose cherished life on the road is threatened just as he is on the cusp of reaching ten million frequent flyer miles and just after he's met the frequent-traveler woman of his dreams.

Youth in Revolt (R) C

As a teenage fan of Albert Camus and Jean-Luc Godard, Nick Twisp (Michael Cera) is most definitely out of his element when his mother and her boyfriend move the family to a trailer park. When a pretty neighbor named Sheeni (Portia Doubleday) plays records by French crooners, it's love at first sight for frustrated virgin Nick. Upon learning that Sheeni is already dating someone, Nick launches a hilarious quest to find his way into Sheeni's heart, and bed.

Area Theaters

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Town Center 16, 1441 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte. 941-623-0111.
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Let's GO! Tastebuds

Tasty tidbits about places to eat around the area.



The Chocolate Lovers' Sundae was a creation invented by owner Mark Ascitutto'sson at home one day. It is now Visani's most requested dessert.



BY CHUCK BALLARO

Four nights a week, Visani presents some of America's best comedians on its stage.



Visani's chicken parmesan is a simple dish, but with the freshest ingredients, it rivals the kind your mother used to make.

Visani will leave you smiling

BY CHUCK BALLARO
SUN CORRESPONDENT

Many people have left Visani with smiles on their faces, and not just because of the comedians who perform there.

Visani, on 2400 Kings Highway in Port Charlotte, can't be missed. It's the building that looks like a castle. It also makes its best effort to treat you like a king while dining there.

Visani offers a first-class dining experience, regardless of whether you want to be entertained.

Mark Ascitutto, owner of Visani, wanted more than just a restaurant when he fulfilled his dream of owning a restaurant in 2005. He wanted to fill a void at a time Charlotte County needed it.

"I wanted to bring entertainment and that was badly needed in Charlotte County," Ascitutto said. "There was never a true comedy club, just poor attempts at it."

As for the architecture?

"Everything was drab and I wanted to make a statement," Ascitutto said. "This is Kings Highway, and I wanted to see the expression of those who saw the castle. This was the first place built after Charley. It was something the town needed."

Ascitutto said the place opened as a comedy club with a nice restaurant and became a great restaurant with a comedy club. You can go for just a meal, or follow it with great entertainment.

Visani's menu is mainly Italian, but they also offer what many residents have called "the best steaks in Charlotte County," Ascitutto said.

You start with "The Prelude," delicious appetizers such as fried calamari, mussels Amafitana and stuffed mushrooms made from a family recipe.

Then comes "The Main Attraction." Visani's chicken parmesan, cordon bleu, and a la vodka, aren't exotic, but their freshness make them rival anything your mother made.

Their "Headliners" feature some of their finest beef offerings in the area, and "The Side Show," is for those who want a little something to go with dinner.

You can also ask for one of Visani's specialty pizzas, which can be enjoyed as an appetizer or as a meal for one.

"The Finale," features the new "Death by Chocolate" and the "Chocolate Lover's Sundae," created by Ascitutto's



Visani has a full-service bar, a perfect place to go during a performance.

10-year-old son.

"He invented a sundae at home that was so good we used it," Ascitutto said. "Not many kids have input on a menu."

But it's the entertainment that separates Visani from the rest, featuring "The Comedy Zone," where many of the nation's hottest comics come to perform four nights a week.

Among those who have performed there are Gallagher and Tommy Chong. Jimmie Walker is scheduled there in February.

They also feature live music on

Tuesday and special events. They also handle everything from weddings and quinceneras to corporate events.

There is also a murder mystery night coming, along with a wacky "Tina's Wedding" play.

It's all part of the grand plan of food and fun.

"I want them to feel like they're in Las Vegas for one night," Ascitutto said. "Ironic when you have video slot machine parlors on every corner."

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Calendar Extras

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For reservations call 941-380-6814. For more information on Capt. Louie's Peace River trips go to www.ThePeggyJean.com.

2010 Winter Concert Series

Peace River Baptist Church's 2010 Winter Concert Series will begin at 7 p.m. Jan. 29. Special guests for this community concert event will be Charlotte County's own HIS FOUR ... Ministries, and the nationally known group Brothers Forever from Gate City, Va. The public is invited for this night of gospel music, fellowship and praise.

The two other concerts planned in this series include a presentation at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, featuring HIS FOUR ..., and Judy and Trena Rogers with Tori; and at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 6, featuring HIS FOUR ... and The Skyline Boys.

The church is located at 478 Berry St., Punta Gorda. For more information, call 941-637-6768.

Benefit car show

Muscle Car City Museum will play host to the Salvation Army Fund Replenishment Benefit Car Show held 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 23 at 3811 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda. Sponsored by the Salvation Army and assisted by the Veteran Motor Car Club of America, Southwest Florida Region, the event is open to anyone who wishes to display their stock, sports, modified, hot rod, street rod, rat rod, retro or race cars, trucks or motorcycles of any year. All car clubs are invited and will be given recognition. There will be 27 trophies awarded, music by Sully's Sounds, and food and beverages available. The requested minimum donation is \$10 for each driver upon entry. Funds raised will go directly to the Charlotte County Salvation Army and will stay in Charlotte County. Senior Salvation Army Officers will personally greet each car owner upon arrival. 941-575-0202 or 941-575-5959.

'Banjo Bash'

The Gulf Coast Banjo Society is sponsoring the first ever "Banjo Bash"! This event will take place at the Charlotte County Event Center on February 19 and 20 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The cost is \$7 in advance at the Event Center or \$8 the day of. Children under 12 are free.

All entertainers are playing for the love of it so that all proceeds will benefit the Fretted Instrument Guild of America Scholarship Fund and children's bands across America.

In addition to the GCBS, the event will feature brilliant and legendary banjo players Buddy Wachter and Johnny Baier. Also appearing is the Houston All Stars Youth Banjo Band, with players ranging in age from 7 to 18. Jamming at various locations throughout downtown Punta Gorda during Thursday Gallery Walk on Feb.18, as well as workshops at the Best Western.

The North Port Concert Band presents: 'Direct To You!...II'

PROVIDED BY THE NORTH PORT CONCERT BAND

The North Port Concert Band will present its next concert at 3 p.m. Sunday in the North Port Performing Arts Center, 6400 West Price Boulevard in North Port.

For the second year in a row, Maestro DeVere Fader will relinquish his baton to fourteen current members of the Band who have conducted musical organizations in the past.

The Band is fortunate to have within its ranks a large number of former band, orchestra, and chorus directors who will display their conducting skills on this second edition of "Direct to You!"

This concert has something for everyone who loves bands: A large and varied program will feature marches, overtures, light classics, movie favorites, big band selections, Disney favorites, standard pop favorites, a concerto for drum set and band featuring Percussionist Steve Liljegen, and thepremier of a new



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The North Port Concert Band presents: "Direct To You!...II" Starting with the back row-left-right: Phil Natoli, Steve Newell, Jerry Hudson, Dennis Silkebakken, Bob Miller, Harry Gunther, Joe Skowyra, Marina Pope, John Johnson, DeVere Fader. Front row: Barbara Safron, Cindy Partridge, Candy Prather, Gitana Folkes. Fourteen members of the Band will be conducting a variety of music.

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Tickets for this concert and all concerts by the North Port Concert Band are available by calling the box office at 941-426-8479 or 866-406-7722.

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Is my USB key secure?

(MCT) — Q. Is my USB key secure?

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Government or business users who want to make sure an encrypted USB key is secure, however, must look carefully at how these security features work. To achieve the highest level of security, a USB key must include a dedicated security computer chip, for example a smart card chip. This tamperproof contain-

er securely stores the data encryption key and verifies your PIN/password to access the data, so it is not vulnerable to attacks on the USB key software. In addition, the key should comply with strong, military-grade encryption standards, such as the U.S. government's Advanced Encryption Standard 256 (AES-256).

For example, researchers recently hacked into popular USB keys claiming to be secure. Using a flaw in the USB key software that checks your password, the researchers were able to read the data on these "secure" devices without knowing the password. More information about high security USB keys is available online.

JustAskGemalto.com is a site dedicated to providing the latest news and tips to keep your personal information safe while

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TECHNOLOGY

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BY MARIE MERCHANT
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

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Charlotte High School's award winning Theatre Department is proud to present

Nancy Gilson's stage adaptation of Ordinary People, based on the book by Judith Guest. The book was previously made famous by Robert Redford's Oscar winning film. "Ordinary People" will be performed in the intimate venue of the Black Box Theatre in Charlotte High School's Performing Arts Center. The show runs from Thursday through Saturday with evening performances and a Saturday matinee.

"Ordinary People" explores the aftermath of a son's accidental death and the emotional damage it inflicts on the remaining family members. Conrad Jarrett had an older brother named Buck, and now Buck is gone. What's left of young Conrad's family, with his successful well-intentioned father and his beautiful, organized and remote mother, is in terrible jeopardy, as is Jarrett himself. They are all "ordinary people" and each is fighting a hard battle. This play goes to the essence of a young man, his friends and family, their relationships and survival. It portrays the anxiety, despair and joy that are common to every human experience. If Conrad, his

family and friends are ordinary people, why then, so are we.

Charlotte High School has chosen to present this play in the smaller, more unstructured space of the Black Box Theatre rather than on the mainstage. In this space, the audience is close to and surrounds the acting area, allowing them to be drawn into this powerful piece. The actors and directors are excited about this special form of theatre, which has not been utilized since the 2007 performance of "The Miracle Worker."

Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and are available at the box office of the Charlotte Performing Arts Center at 701 Carmalita St., Punta Gorda.

Evening performances at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. There is also a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday.

Seating in the Black Box Theatre is limited to 120 and will be on a first come basis.

"Ordinary People" contains mature situations in a realistic manner and is therefore rated PG13.

For more information, call 941-505-show (7469).



Calendar Extras

Name That Bird

In WWII plane spotters were trained to recognize planes just from their silhouette – even if they'd never seen the plane before. Do you think you're a good bird spotter? These are all fairly common Englewood birds. Can you identify them just from their silhouette? Come up to speed on your bird knowledge by joining The Lemon Bay Historical Society on Tuesday, January 26, 7:00 PM at The Green St. Church, 416 Green St., Englewood, for Birds of Englewood. It's free and open to the public. Special guest speakers are Bill and Margaret Dunson, retired biology teachers from Penn State University. The Dunsons have provided bird surveys for both county natural resource departments and conducted many nature walks for the public. This highly visual presentation will offer advice on where to find birds, how to identify them, and how to attract them to your yard.

Polar explorer to speak

The Lifelong Learning Institute announces Will Steger will speak about his Artic and Antarctic adventures on Jan 28 in the Auditorium at Edison State College, Charlotte Campus, 26300 Airport Road, Punta Gorda. Steger will talk about his encounters with the wild over tens of thousands of miles by kayak and dog-sled teams of over 40 years, leading teams on some of the most significant polar expeditions in history.

To bring this great explorer to Charlotte County, LLI is asking assistance from the community to help cover expenses. A donation of \$1,000 will allow a sponsor and five guests to join Will for a VIP reception before the presentation. Only a limited number of people will be able to participate in the VIP reception. For sponsorship information, call Todd Kate at 941-637-3533 or e-mail to charlottelli@edison.edu.

Wine and Jazz Festival

The fifth annual award-winning Wine and Jazz Festival, will be held from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Feb. 20 at Lashley Park, Punta Gorda 1pm-6pm, starring Mindi Abair, Peter White, CSO Jazz Orchestra and Max McCann and the Displacements.

Tickets are \$75 (plus tax) and include wine, food and entertainment. Tickets purchased before Jan. 31 at \$65 (plus tax).

There are a limited amount of VIP tickets on sale for \$125 (plus tax), offering premier wines, shaded premium seating and meet and greet opportunity with the headliner and entertainment.

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Songs include, "Little Sister," "Are You Lonesome Tonight," "Blue Suede Shoes," "Maybelline," "Jailhouse Rock," "All Shook Up," "Blueberry Hill," "Love Me Tender," and many,

many more!

Tickets are \$14 for Cultural Center Members and \$16 for the general public.

Call the box office at 941-625-4175 ext. 221 for more information or to place an order over the phone.

Information is also available at www.theculturalcenter.com or www.bluesuedeent.com.

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

Donation gives Asolo Rep room to grow

PROVIDED BY ASOLO REPERTORY COMPANY

The Board of Directors of Asolo Rep announced the establishment of the Robert and Beverly Koski Production Center Campus. Through the combined gifts of Beverly Koski, Herman and Sharon Frankel, an anonymous donor and the Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice, Asolo Rep has purchased property located at 1009 Tallevast Road for \$1,650,000 to create the Robert and Beverly Koski Production Center Campus.

Asolo Rep's Scenic Studio which builds the sets and costumes for the Sarasota, theater and has worked in partnership with various performing arts organizations including the Sarasota Opera, the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center, Universal Studios and others, now has a new home.

"Owning our own Production Center Campus is part of the theater's long-range strategic plan to secure our future and to protect the theatre from escalating rental costs when the economy recovers," Asolo Rep's Producing Artistic Director Michael Donald Edwards said.

The approximately 45,000-square-foot

building will house scenery and production facilities and the theater's vast costume and prop collection — both currently located in two separate off-site buildings. Consolidation of these facilities into one state of the art center offers the theater more efficient operations, immediate cost savings and opportunities to better serve the cultural community here and throughout the nation. Throughout its 50 year history, the scenic production of Asolo Rep has been located in an off-site rental.

"We are achieving national and worldwide attention and stature and we require the same high quality in our production facilities in order to ensure our continued success," said Board member Warren Coville, co-chair of Asolo Rep's Endowment and Capital Campaign.

Asolo Rep plans to move into the facility after completing renovations.

"There is an entire vision for the Production Center Campus that will unfold in the coming months and years," donor and board member Beverly Koski said.



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Calendar Extras

Hands Across the Harbor

The Charlotte Harbor and Punta Gorda Community Redevelopment Agencies will present the second annual Hands Across the Harbor 2010 on Jan. 30 from Gilchrist Park, 400 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda. This annual event is designed to encourage and celebrate partnerships across the harbor, according to Zoomers Southwest Florida Running and Triathlon Club. The event features a running (approximately 5-miles), walking (5k) or bicycling course (10 or 20-mile ride) anyone can register for. Registrations will be held 6:45 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.; the Run begins at 8:02 a.m.; the Fun 5k Walk begins at 8:05 a.m.; and the Bicycle Ride will begin at 8 a.m. The Fun Walk and Bicycle Ride are both non-timed and non-competitive events.

Participants may preregister for \$15 each by Jan. 27; same day registrations cost \$20 each. Refreshments, awards, door prizes, entertainment, and T-shirts are included in the registration fee. For a registration form or more information, visit www.zoomersrun.com, or call 941-639-1922.

SONSHINERS Quartet in concert

The Sonshiners Quartet bring their uplifting, knee-slapping Southern gospel music to Englewood at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Englewood East Church of Christ, 9600 Gulfstream Blvd., Englewood.

A free-will offering will be accepted. For more information, call 941-875-9296.

The Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artists Tour

The Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artists' Tour will present The Ultimate Elvis 75th Birthday Show at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 27 at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center, 75 Taylor St., Punta Gorda. The Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artists Tour is a multimedia extravaganza that pays homage to Elvis Presley during various stages of his career. The performers are tribute artists who were previously selected as finalists at worldwide preliminary competitions for the Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist competition, held annually by Elvis Presley Enterprises, Inc. The performers portray Elvis in one of four eras: 1950's, 1960's, during his movie career and his concert years. The Elvis tribute artists will be joined by a live band, back-up singers, dancers, and an Ann Margaret tribute artist, as well as iconic imagery made available from the Graceland archives.

Tickets cost from \$35 to \$25 each and are available online at www.charlotteharbortravel.com, or by phone at 888-695-0888.

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Stone Crabs unveil 2010 promotional schedule

PROVIDED BY THE CHARLOTTE

STONE CRABS

The Charlotte Stone Crabs aim to lead the Florida State League in attendance for the second straight season with the help of their 2010 promotional schedule, which features more of their popular fireworks shows and entertainment acts as well as dozens of special theme nights that reflect the fun atmosphere of Minor League Baseball.



The FSL South Division Champions open the 2010 season with Opening Weekend on April 8-9, against the Palm Beach Cardinals. The weekend will feature a variety of promotions and fanfare including giveaways, a pre-game player autograph session, live band and much more.

Other promotional highlights include: six fireworks dates (one per month), four nationally-acclaimed entertainment acts, popular returning theme nights like Golfer's Appreciation Night (April 16) and Military Appreciation Night (June 19) and new theme nights like Wild, Wild West Night (Aug. 7) and World Cup Night (June 18).

The Stone Crabs popular weekday promotions will all return from last season including Dollar Dog Night on Mondays, Seniors Eat Free Tuesdays, Chick-fil-A Winning Wednesdays, Thursty Thursdays and Sun Newspapers Family Sundays. These

promotions continue to provide fans with wallet-friendly promotions in addition to the affordable ticket prices offered by the Stone Crabs, which range from just \$5-11.

For a complete listing of the Stone Crabs 2010 promotional schedule, please see below or visit StoneCrabsBaseball.com. Season Seat packages are currently on sale and start at just \$60 for a 10-Game Mini Plan, which includes seats to the Top 10 Promotional Nights of the season (highlighted in yellow below). For more information, please call 941-206-HITS or visit StoneCrabsBaseball.com.

Charlotte Stone Crabs Professional Baseball Club is located at 2300 El Jobean Road in Port Charlotte.

For more information, call 941-206-HITS (4487)

2010 Promotional Schedule

-All home games Monday-Saturday will start at 7:05 p.m.; Sundays at 5:35 p.m.-

Date	Opponent	Promotion
April 8	Palm Beach Cardinals	Opening Day
April 9	Palm Beach Cardinals	Pre-Game Player Autograph Session
April 16	Jupiter Hammerheads	Golfer's Appreciation Night
April 17	Jupiter Hammerheads	Rally "King of Bling" / Kids Carnival
April 23	Palm Beach Cardinals	Fireworks/Faith Night
May 6	Bradenton Marauders	Cinco de Mayo Hangover / Thursty Thursday
May 7	Bradenton Marauders	Myron Noodleman / Stoney's Birthday
May 8	Bradenton Marauders	Breast Cancer Awareness Night
May 16	Tampa Yankees	Rematch Night/Sun Newspapers Family Day
May 21	Brevard County Manatees	Superhero Night/Hurricane Awareness Night
May 22	Brevard County Manatees	Fireworks/Scout Night
June 5	Clearwater Threshers	Zooperstars Appearance / Anglers Night
June 18	Fort Myers Miracle	World Cup Night
June 19	Fort Myers Miracle	Fireworks / Military Appreciation Night
July 2	Bradenton Marauders	Sluggerritaville / Beer Tasting Event
July 3	Bradenton Marauders	Independence Day Fireworks Spectacular
July 10	St. Lucie Mets	Helicopter Ball Drop
July 31	Dunedin Blue Jays	Birdzerk Appearance /Christmas in July
August 6	Lakeland Flying Tigers	Penny Pinchers Night
August 7	Lakeland Flying Tigers	Wild, Wild West Night
August 13	Fort Myers Miracle	Kids Eat Free Night
August 14	Fort Myers Miracle	Fireworks/Back to School / Cartoon Night
September 3	Bradenton Marauders	Home Improvement Night
September 4	Bradenton Marauders	Fan Appreciation Night / Fireworks
September 5	Bradenton Marauders	Kids Club Day/Sun Newspapers Family Day

- Mondays:** Dollar Dog Night presented by Red Hot Chicago
 - \$1 hot dogs at concession stands
- Tuesdays:** Seniors Eat Free
 - All fans 55 and older receive a voucher for a free hot dog, bag of chips and soft drink with the purchase of a game ticket
- Wednesdays:** Chick-fil-A Winning Wednesday
 - If the Stone Crabs win, every fan in attendance receives a coupon for a free item at Chick-fil-A
- Thursdays:** Thursty Thursdays presented by Ice House Pub
 - \$1 domestic draft beers and \$2 domestic bottled beers through the fifth inning

Sarasota Ballet expands repertoire in January

BY KIM COOL
FEATURES EDITOR

A story by William Shakespeare and the Faust Symphony by Franz Liszt inspired Peter Darrell's "Othello" which opens the January program of Sarasota Ballet of Florida.

Coupled with the American premier of Matthew Bourne's "Boutique," the two ballets are new to the Sarasota Ballet's repertoire.

Darrell's work is known for its theatrical nature and is expected, according to a release from the ballet, to "draw out the dramatic strength of the dancers." Darrell, who passed away in 1987, was known as

one of Britain's top choreographers.

The other half of the program is a new British theme, Carnaby Street in the 1960s. This ballet predates his all-male "Swan Lake" which won acclaim from audiences and critics. It is said to showcase Bourne's flair and cultural insight.

The ballets will be presented at 8 p.m. Jan. 29, at 2 and 8 p.m. Jan. 30 and at 2 p.m. Jan. 31, in the Mertz Theatre at the Florida State University Center for the Performing Arts, 5555 North Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. For tickets, call the FSU box office at 941-351-8000 or visit www.sarasotaballet.org.

Bok Tower Gardens turns 81

PROVIDED BY BOK TOWER GARDENS
LAKE WALES — Bok Tower

Gardens will celebrate its 81st anniversary with special events Jan. 29 through Feb. 1 including "Crossing the Moat."

On Jan. 29, the season's first Moonlight Carillon Concert will be performed at 7:30 p.m. The Blue Palmetto-Café will remain open until the hour-long concert begins. Admission is half-price after 5 p.m.

On Jan. 30 and 31, visitors will be able to experience "Crossing the Moat," the rare opportunity to walk across the moat that surrounds the Singing Tower for a closer look at the Great Brass Door. Special carillon concerts will be held at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Also on Jan.30, visitors are invited to a free reception to meet artists Arthur

Morris and David Price. The exhibit featuring "Birds as Art" photography by Morris and "Winged Creation" sculptures by Price will be on display at the Visitor Center through April 1. At 6 p.m., join the artists for a reception. Following the reception and gallery walk, guests are invited to attend an audio visual presentation and book signing with Morris. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Call the Garden Campus office at 863-734-1221 or e-mail phrestina@bok-tower.org for registration.

On Feb. 1, special carillon concerts will be held at 1 and 3 p.m. The National Historic Landmark was dedicated in 1929 as a gift of gratitude from Dutch immigrant Edward Bok, a humanitarian, Pulitzer Prize-winning author and world peace advocate who provided \$100,000 for the American Peace Prize in 1923. Today it has more than 700 acres of citrus groves, woodland gardens and conservation lands where visitors can explore breathtaking sights around every corner of the meandering garden paths.

Admission is \$10 for adults and \$3 for children ages 5-12. Members and children under 5 are admitted free. Call 863-676-1408 or visit www.boktowergardens.org for more information.

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