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Whatever Happened About...

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...Redneck Riviera

Due to apparent self-policing, both proposed changes along 24th Street S.E. and a public meeting about them now are on hold.

Concerns about littering, public intoxication and other unacceptable behaviors on the small beach area where 24th Street ends at the north shore of the Little Manatee River had prompted a county plan aimed at imposing more order. The plan included building a small parking area and placing a second gate across the roadway, part of a county park as it approaches the river, that park encompassing preserved environmental acreage to the west as well as the Camp Bayou environmental learning center to the east.

Early this summer, area residents who use the historic little beach and waterhole — known as a local "Redneck Riviera" — objected particularly to another gate, further obstructing access and forcing users to hand carry both boats and other gear from parking lot to waterfront. A public meeting to air the dispute and pinpoint other solutions subsequently was discussed.

This week, Ross Dickerson, a county parks, recreation and conservation department manager, said the physical changes and proposed meeting are on a back burner because offensive behaviors and ensuing complaints have dwindled to nearly nothing. People "got the hint, and I'm not getting piles of complaints on Monday morning," Dickerson noted. No further action is planned unless the Ruskin Community Development Foundation (RCDF), the non-profit organization that oversees Camp Bayou, seeks it, he said, adding the proposed changes could be instituted in the future if needed.

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Everything you always wanted to know about cats But didn't know who to ask!

By PENNY FLETCHER
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RUSKIN - Recently two experts confirmed that the old joke about "dogs having masters and cats having staff" isn't based on folklore, but truth.

"Cats were worshipped in ancient Egypt because of their mousing ability," said Pat O'Shea during her presentation 'All about Cats' at the South Shore Library Tuesday, Sept. 13. "Because of the great plagues that came from having mice in their grain silos, the Egyptians looked at cats as gods and the cats have never forgotten it!"

Cats have a quiet strength and reasoning ability that makes them completely different from dogs, she said.

Pet owners who switch from owning dogs to having cats must be aware of the



differences in order to care for them correctly, she said.

Unlike dogs, cats should not be disciplined by owners for the bad habits they acquire.

"Cats have a very good reason for everything they do," O'Shea explained. "Saying 'bad kitty,' or worse yet, scaring a cat for something like not using the litter box to do his or her business, may make the problem worse. You have to figure out why the cat is exhibiting the specific poor behavior and go from there."

Cat expert Dr. John Slaughter said contacting a cat behaviorist is the best method of changing an unwanted behavior.

Slaughter, a veterinarian, has three cats of his own, and is known as "the cat man" at the Ruskin Animal Hospital and Cat Clinic.

O'Shea is owner of Kitten Sitten' in Tampa and has cared for more than 400 cats during her career

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PENNY FLETCHER PHOTO

Dr. John Slaughter puts Klaus at ease before his exam at the Ruskin Animal Hospital and Cat Clinic.

Need something new to worry about? Your air conditioner

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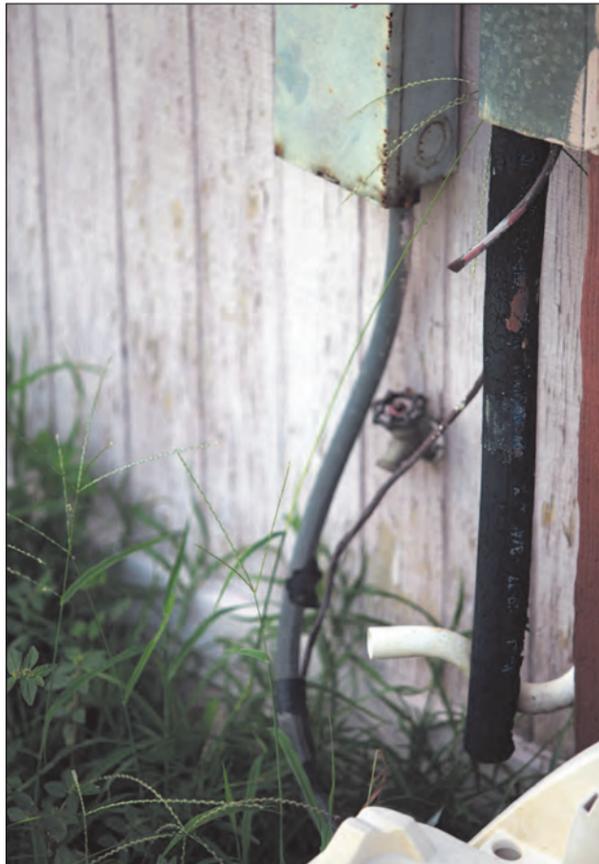
RUSKIN - Here's an item to add to your list of things to worry about: your air conditioner. For thieves, the value of that large unit sitting unprotected next to your home is in the scrap metal, but what they get for it is only a fraction of what it costs homeowners and businesses to replace.

On August 18, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office detectives arrested Joshua Poe and charged him with 61 counts of residential and business air conditioning unit thefts in Hillsborough County. Poe was taken into custody after a two and a half week investigation in conjunction with the HCSO's Tactical Intelligence Unit.

In each case, Poe is alleged to have dismantled outside air conditioning units to remove the internal parts for copper scrapping. He would then take the copper to licensed recycling locations around the Tampa Bay area in exchange for cash.

MITCH TRAPHAGEN PHOTOS

At this vacant home in Ruskin, thieves didn't just steal the copper parts, they stole the entire air conditioning unit.



In all, the HCSO said there were 23 victims of the crime spree with losses estimated to be in excess of \$500,000. For that, Poe allegedly received only a small fraction in recycling payments. The recycling centers that paid cash for the copper are not currently under suspicion.

Last week, the HCSO arrested three men for allegedly stealing an air conditioning coil from a unit behind a vacant home in Tampa. An HCSO deputy noticed a man running across a yard carrying the coil to a waiting truck with two other men inside. Demonstrating that it is becoming a crime of opportunity, the deputy found two small children also inside the truck. Damage to the air conditioning unit was estimated at \$1,000.

The Hillsborough County and the state of Florida have laws regarding the recycling of metals such as copper, brass, bronze, lead and aluminum. Anyone bringing metal to a recycler in the county must be fingerprinted and must provide a statement that he or she is the rightful owner of the metal. For those who obtain metal through theft, not only is the theft a felony, but additional charges may be applied for trafficking stolen goods. In

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Autumn is coming and the kitties are fine

With all the bad news today, it's a wonder that we're all not clinically depressed. Just the headlines of the local newspapers this past weekend would be enough to push even the cheeriest of us over the edge: Man kills wife with baseball bat in Plant City; Two shot, one dead in Tampa; Gunman kills wife then shoots two pastors in Lakeland. There's more, unfortunately, but I think the point has been made. Without even touching on the economy, it seems people are nuts and getting nuttier by the day.

But then again, people have always been nuts and once it reaches the point of someone picking up a baseball bat, there's not much anyone can do about it. The good news is, despite what you may have read or inferred from the headlines, most of us aren't nuts—at least not that nuts.

A while back, I wrote about two kittens, one of which was found crying in the middle lane on State Road 674 near I-75. All three lanes of traffic stopped and patiently waited for my wife and me to back up our car and scoop up the kitten. His name is Cypress and today he's doing just fine. All of the people who waited in their cars without trying to kill the kitten or me (without even honking their horns) did a wonderful thing that day. He is a happy kitten that has made life brighter for his human.

"I think he's going to be a biter," his human, Dr. Dr. Caran

Stouffer, said as he nuzzled her cheek.

The other kitten in the story is currently playing with her new favorite toy: a chunk of dry dog food. The dogs have long since lost interest in the little fur ball. It turns out that she, too, is a biter and none of them particularly enjoy being bit. It's an odd thing to see a small, gray kitten launch herself at the muzzle of Sam, our 100-pound gentle giant. She is roughly the size of his head. He doesn't seem to mind the bites, but the kitten still freaks him out. Napping throughout the day isn't quite as peaceful if you have to wonder about being attacked in your sleep. That said, he is protective of her—when she's not biting him, of course.

Last week I wrote about three friends I referred to as my grails. Ironically, just as the newspaper was landing on driveways throughout South Hillsborough, I heard from all three of them within an hour's time. I don't recall that ever happening before—it wasn't because of the story, only one had seen it at the time. I believe it was because of some weird but happy synchronicity in life.

I wonder if people who believe in fatalism (where the course of our lives has already been predetermined and all events are inevitable) and those who believe in chaos (where absolutely nothing happens for a reason) may both be correct. More specifically, I wonder if opportunities rather than actual events are

predetermined, but it is our choice whether to act upon them. For instance, cutting someone off in traffic to get ahead might get you to work a few seconds earlier, but it also might have cut you off from an opportunity that hinged upon those few seconds later that day. Or maybe the aggressive, stressed-out attitude that drove you to negatively impact the person you cut off in traffic, closed your mind to an opportunity that you might have otherwise seen. In other words, maybe just going with the flow opens up channels that lead away from the rat race.

There are a million ways to slow down and go with the flow: carrying groceries out to an elderly woman's car, holding open a door for someone else, crouching down to listen to a child's story, or even waiting patiently for a lunatic who has run out onto a highway to scoop up a kitten. All of those things have the potential to change your life in ways you can't imagine simply because you gave something of infinite value: a small piece of your time.

The opportunities are there for us (fatalism), but our actions determine whether we take them

(chaos). Maybe it's just me, but I don't think being a jerk is the road to happiness. While jerks may indeed grab opportunities by the handful, I have a feeling those opportunities tend to be fleeting at best. I've become convinced that there is a synchronicity in our lives and that we can revel in it, or ignore it and rush past it. More and more, I'm choosing the former—and happily so.

Of course, the pessimists among us will say, "You snooze, you lose" and that waiting for a guy on a highway could mean the door of opportunity will slam shut while you are idling. I don't believe that, though. As I grow older, I'm becoming more and more aware that the best things in life aren't the things you have to trample others in a rush to grab. The best things come to you, usually in their own time.

And yes, sometimes they leave you, too.

Moments ago, I received an email from friends telling us their little dog had passed away. We met the couple in the Florida Keys in the early days of our sailboat cruise "out there." Since we arrived by boat, we didn't have a car and Michelle and I were lugging too many bags of heavy groceries back to the anchored boat when suddenly an SUV pulled up with a smiling and happy-looking man shouting out for us to jump in. At that moment, we appreciated being relieved of the heavy bags and the glorious air conditioning in the car, but over the years, that paled in comparison to how much we have appreciated the friendship of Steve and Ann. We met up with them later in the Bahamas and have continued to meet up with them over the years since. Throughout it all, Mellie their dog was their constant companion, often peeking out from the bag that Ann carried.

Now, behind their tears, do they wish they had never known Mellie? Of course not. They feel blessed to have had her in their lives for all those years. And for the rest of their lives, they will cherish the memories and share her antics with friends.

Cherish the moment. In this moment or the next, you can make some memories, even those as small as opening a door or carrying some groceries, and fill up your heart. While we all have to have something in our wallets to survive, we all must also have something in our hearts to truly live. Make some memories and cherish this moment.

The headlines aren't the best, but there is something in the air today. Something is changing; a spirit or energy is emerging. I can't put my finger on it, but I know that it's out there. If nothing else, the beautiful weather of autumn is coming to Florida—and the kitties are just fine.



Observations
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POSITIVE TALK

Don't get caught in workaholic trap

Time is the most precious gift our maker gives us, and it is up to us to use it wisely. Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, tells us, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: a time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; a time to rend; and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace." Many among us, however, do not recognize all these times. They only concentrate on a time to work. We call these people "workaholics."



Positive Talk

By William Hodges

Although workaholics are super performers in their chosen fields, they are so single-minded they fail to see how much more there could be to life if they would just give life a chance. Sad to say though, most workaholics don't even know they are acting obsessively. Take a moment to review the following statements. Assign a value to each statement of 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5, with 1 meaning it applies to you least and 5 meaning it applies to you the most.

1. Most of your friends have something to do with your occupation.
2. You dream at night and wake up in the morning thinking about your projects.
3. The people at work seem to understand you better than your family and friends.
4. By Sunday afternoon, you are already thinking about the week ahead.
5. You find it very hard to sit and do nothing.

Pantry Party at The Rose Boutique

The Mary & Martha House will host a Pantry Party at the Rose Boutique, 100 East Shell Point Rd. in Ruskin, where the community is invited for food, friends, fun, and special shopping hours from 2 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 27.

What is a Pantry Party? Bring a donation of paper products such as paper towels, toilet paper, etc., or mops, brooms and cleaning supplies for the Women's Shelter. Gift cards for gas and new or gently-used twin bedding is always appreciated.

The Rose Boutique sells both new and donated name brand women's clothing and accessories to support The Mary & Martha House Inc., which is a shelter for women and children in crisis that provides emergency shelters as well as transitional housing in South Hillsborough County. For more information, or to volunteer, call the Boutique at 645-7628 or the office at 645-7874.

6. Your friends think of you as a hard driver.
7. You would rather be at work than at a party.
8. You enjoy having a very tight schedule.
9. Even when you are sick, you bring work home.
10. You are the first one into the office and/or the last one to go home.
11. Most of your reading is confined to your professional field or to your projects.
12. Vacations are something to be endured, because you would rather be at work.
13. You plan each day with military

precision.

14. You find little time for hobbies; but when you do, you work toward being an expert in the field.
15. You are always punctual and find it hard to understand why others are late.

What was your score? Keep in mind that any test given outside a qualified medical facility should not be relied upon as completely accurate. If you had less than 35 points, you probably are pretty laid back and may want to think about putting out a little more effort. As your score moves from 35 to 50 points, you are showing normal concern for your duties. At 51 to 60 points, you are a compulsive worker and may want to slow up a bit. At 61 to 75 points, you might be a workaholic and may even consider getting professional help.

Whatever your score, try to strike a balance each day. Live as

though it were your last and work as though you might be wrong.

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Bobbie Whitehouse, Judie Wiese and Jeri Brower dressed for the occasion at last year's Cat's Meow charity auction.

Feline Folks presents 4th annual Cat's Meow Charity Auction

Feline Folks proudly presents the 4th Annual Cat's Meow Charity Auction on Thursday, Oct. 27 with doors opening at 4 p.m. There will be a silent auction from 5 to 5:25 p.m. with a live auction starting at 5:30 p.m. The event is in the Kings Point Clubhouse Banquet Room. The cost is \$5. There will be door prizes and light refreshments.

School board meeting time changed

Due to the number of agenda items and estimated length of the recognition meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 27, the school board meeting will begin at 4:30 p.m. instead of 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium at the Raymond O. Shelton School Administrative Center, 901 E. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa.

The agenda will be posted at <http://www2.sdhc.k12.fl.us/boardagenda2010/search>.

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Saturday, Sept. 24	7-11 p.m.	Karaoke with Kim
Friday, Sept. 30	7-11 p.m.	Calvin O
Saturday, Oct. 1	7-11 p.m.	Breast Cancer Walk Karaoke with Kim
Sunday, Oct. 2		Octoberfest
Friday, Oct. 7	7-11 p.m.	Double Barrell
Saturday, Oct. 8	5-7 p.m. 7-11 p.m.	Christmas in October Dinner Karaoke with Kim
Friday, Oct. 14	7-11 p.m.	Bert and Sassie
Saturday, Oct. 15	5-7 p.m. 7-11 p.m.	Steak Dinner Karaoke with Kim
Friday, Oct. 21	7-11 p.m.	Top Shelf
Saturday, Oct. 22	7-11 p.m.	Karaoke with Kim
Friday, Oct. 28	7-11 p.m.	Southern Tide
Saturday, Oct. 29	7-11 p.m.	Karaoke with Kim
Friday, Nov. 4	7-11 p.m.	Beach Monkeys
Saturday, Nov. 5	7-11 p.m.	Karaoke with Kim
Friday, Nov. 11	7-11 p.m.	Bert and Sassie
Saturday, Nov. 12	7-11 p.m.	Karaoke with Kim
Friday, Nov. 18	7-11 p.m.	Caribbean Cowboys
Saturday, Nov. 19	7-11 p.m.	Karaoke with Kim
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Public hearing to discuss Capital Improvements

The Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing to receive public comment and consider adoption of Hillsborough County's proposed Capital Improvements Program for Fiscal Years 2012 through 2017. The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 22 at the Frederick B. Karl County Center, 2nd Floor, 601 E. Kennedy Blvd. in Tampa.

A detailed listing of the projects included in the program is available for review at the Hillsborough County Business and Support Services Department, located on the 26th Floor of County Center at the above address or by visiting <http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/managementbudget/budgets/recommended/fy12/home.cfm>.

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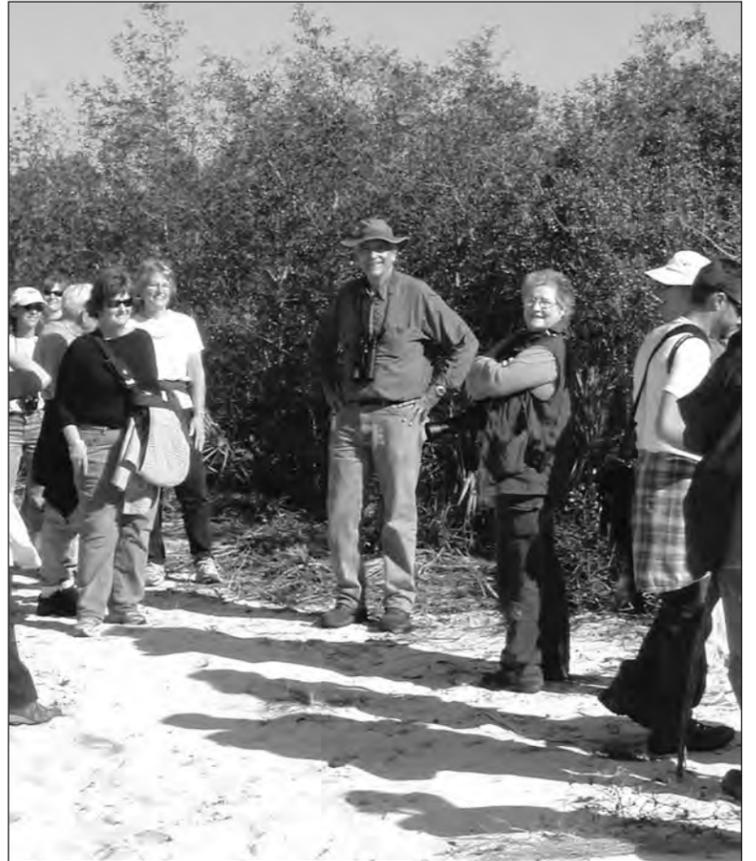
Coast Guard Auxiliary seeks volunteers

Every Saturday the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 75 Ruskin provides free, no-obligation vessel safety inspections for recreational boaters.

These safety inspections take about 15 minutes and are available from 10 a.m. until noon at Simmons Park in Ruskin on the first and third Saturday of the month; and at Williams Park in Gibsonton on the second and fourth Saturday, also from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information, call (813) 645-6984.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is seeking volunteers. Interested persons may attend an open house at the Eberhardt Building, 909 North Course Lane, Sun City Center from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22 open to all U.S. citizens over 18 years of age. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call (813) 633-5416.



Rob Heath, an instructor at Camp Bayou in Ruskin, takes a group on a field trip to Golden Aster Scrub Preserve.

Camp Bayou announces key speaker for Natural Education Weekend

Camp Bayou is proud to announce that the Keynote Speaker for 'A Natural Education Weekend' will be Rob Heath.

Heath is now Senior Ecologist at Wildlands Conservation, a land management consulting company for public and private owners of conservation lands. His duties include management plan development and implementation, prescribed fire, habitat restoration, listed species preservation and invasive species control.

Early in his career, at Hillsborough County Parks, Recreation and Conservation Heath created and conducted the award-winning 'Fun With Nature' program which ran during each summer for five years in the mid 1980s, and consisted of six one-week long sessions for kids aged 8-12. The participants were introduced to various outdoor activities including fishing, canoeing, camping, and Florida wildlife. The emphasis was on teaching ways to enjoy their natural environment in a responsible manner.

Before retiring from the parks department, he was the Environmental Supervisor from 1982-2002, with duties that included overseeing land management in the ELAPP (Environmental Lands Acquisition and Protection) Program, and was head of the ELAPP Site Assessment Team, which was responsible for evaluating the new site nominations each year, and preparing the preliminary and full site assessment reports used by other committees to qualify and rank the sites. One of these parcels became known as the Camp Bayou Preserve.

Heath is a graduate of Amherst College and Tulane University and is an active member of the Tampa Bay Conservancy and Tampa Audubon Society.

He will discuss about 'Getting Off the Beaten Path' at 6 p.m. on Nov. 12. The keynote presentation is included in Saturday registration. The complete schedule for the weekend, Friday, Nov. 11 through Sunday, Nov. 13, and registration form are available on the blog: <http://anatural-education.blogspot.com>.

Registration forms are also available at Camp Bayou Outdoor Learning Center during regular hours of operation from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. For more information, call (813) 641-8545.



Craig Steven Todd has been named Artistic Director for the South-Shore Professional Fishing Tournament.

Artist chosen for fishing tournament

Craig Steven Todd has been named Artistic Director for the South-Shore Professional Fishing Tournament. This award-winning artist has designed the tournament logo and will be responsible for overseeing the production of artwork to be awarded to the tournament winners.

Craig Steven Todd is a mostly self-taught artist who has worked in graphics and commercial art for 23 years. He has produced an extensive catalog of work, murals and fine art. A selection of his work can be seen at www.craigsteventodd.com

The SouthShore Professional FishingTournament will take place at The Resort and Club at Little Harbor on May 10 and 11, 2012. The Tournament will raise money for charities serving area children. The charities are the Rural Social Services Partnership, SouthShore Rotary Mentoring Program and Camp Cristina.

For more information, call (813) 645-3732 or visit www.southshore-profish.com.

Ruskin VFW Post #6287

Ruskin VFW Post #6287, 5120 U.S. 41 N. has listed the following weekly activities. Meetings are: American Legion on 1st Wednesday each month; VFW and LAVFW on the 2nd Wednesday each month; and MAVFW on the 3rd Thursday each month.

Thursday, Sept. 22 — Bar Bingo at 6 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 23 — Fish Fry from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Music by Top Shelf Blues Band from 7 to 11 p.m.



Saturday, Sept. 24 — Music by Top Shelf Blues Band from 7 to 11 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 25 — Music by Top Shelf Blues Band from 5 to 9 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 26 — Open.

Tuesday, Sept. 27 — Games in Lounge from 1 to 5 p.m.

Kitchen opens at 4:30 p.m. Bingo at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 28 — \$7 Budget Dinner. Meat Loaf and all the trimmings from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

Whatever Happened About...

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Sandy Council, RCDF president, echoed Dickerson's description of the situation and said that in view of the user efforts the organization is not planning to request any changes along 24th Street.

The original gate across the roadway is opened by 8 a.m. and closed at 6 p.m. each day, Dickerson said.

...HCC Campus

With recent acquisition of another 20 acres immediately north of the Hillsborough Community College SouthShore campus, the rapidly growing educational institution has increased its usable land by about 50 percent.

Dr. Allan Witt, HCC SouthShore president, said successful purchase of the acreage means the school will be able to continue its multi-faceted educational mission and expand its physical facilities as the steadily increasing student body requires in the years ahead.

Opened in 2008 on land donated by the pioneering Dickman family just north of East Shell Point Road, the college initially was designated an educational center in the multi-location community college network and not expected to attain enrollment of 5,000 students until late in the current decade. However, HCC SouthShore quickly became a full-fledged campus and enrollment topped that figure in the 2009-2010 academic year. This year, based on new registration figures, some 6,000 students will attend classes on the campus, taking advantage of a flexible, constantly expanding curriculum designed to equip students to take their HCC credits on to a university to complete requirements for a higher degree

Community yard sale, appraisals, crate label swap meet

PALMETTO — The Palmetto Historical Commission is hosting a community yard sale Saturday, October 1, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Palmetto Historical Park. More than thirty tables will be set up selling treasures and bargains of all kinds. Word of Mouth BBQ will be on site selling BBQ sandwiches and hotdogs. Alex's Lemonade Stand will be raising funds to help fight childhood cancer. The park buildings including the Agricultural Museum will be open for free self-guided tours.

During the yard sale Ina Baden, of Palma Sola Appraisals & Sales, will be offering appraisals for just \$5 per item. There is a limit of three items per person, no jewelry please. Proceeds from the appraisals will benefit the park's family programming fund.

There will also be a Crate Label Swap Meet in the basement of the Carnegie Library from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Many Florida labels will be on display and available for trading and sales by some of the major collectors in Florida. If you have labels or citrus related items, bring them to the swap as collectors will be buying and giving estimates of value.

Both of these events are located in the Palmetto Historical Park at 515-10th Ave. West, Palmetto. For more information call 941-723-4991.

or to become certified to work in several occupations, Witt said.

No specific use of the added acreage has been identified at this point, Witt indicated, but its availability will eliminate the hurdle of finding space for whatever is needed next.

...AB Rezoning

By a vote of 6 to 0, county commissioners have given final approval to rezoning for commercial uses land on the south side of Miller Mac Road between the residential areas of Apollo Beach and SouthShore Falls. All of the commissioners supported rezoning the small site for commercial development except Al Higginbotham who was absent for the September 13 meeting, noted Bruce Davis, a SouthShore Falls resident who led an effort to defeat the development.

The rezoning petition was pushed by Leroy Gonzalez, owner of other commercial property in the area, in order to develop two parcels adjacent to the Tampa Electric Company power facility and next door to what once was the Apollo Beach Rescue Squad headquarters. The Gonzalez petition describes the proposed development as a professional offices complex.

Residents of SouthShore Falls, in particular, objected to the potential development due to environmental and traffic congestion concerns. They continually contended that destroying wetlands existing on and near the site and adding traffic to two-lane Miller Mac Road that can be under water during heavy rains in order to increase office space was not justified in an area with many commercial buildings standing empty.

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South Bay Hospital Earns Top Performer award

South Bay Hospital was named one of the nation's top performers on key quality measures for heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia and surgical care by the Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of health care organizations in America. South Bay Hospital was the only Hillsborough County hospital recognized by the Joint Commission based on data reported about evidence-based clinical processes that are shown to improve care for certain conditions.

Out of 3,099 hospitals submitting accountability data to the Joint Commission, South Bay Hospital is one of only 405 hospitals earning the distinction of top performer on key quality measures for attaining and sustaining excellence in accountability measure performance. Inclusion on the list is based on an aggregation of accountability measure data reported during the previous calendar year. To be recognized as a top performer on key quality measures an organization must meet 95 percent or more on performance thresholds on accountability measure data.

"South Bay Hospital is proud to be named to the list of The Joint Commission's Top Performers on Key Quality Measures," says Sharon Roush, CEO South Bay Hospital.

UM Church announces free Fall Fun Fest

The United Methodist Church of Sun City Center, 1210 Del Webb Blvd. West, is having a free Fall Fun Fest featuring a Trunk or Treat for children Monday, October 31st from 5 to 7 p.m. on the church grounds.

There will be free food, bounce houses, games, prizes, clowns, popcorn, balloons and live entertainment for the entire family. The "Trunk or Treat" portion of the event will also open at 5 p.m. with lots of candy and prizes. Children may come in costume if desired.

For additional information about this and other events at the United Methodist Church of Sun City Center, contact Jeff or Amanda Jordan (813) 634-2539. To learn more about the United Methodist Church of Sun City center, visit the website at www.sccumc.com.



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Hillsborough Community College seeks ideas for Advisory Council

Dr. Allen Witt, Campus President, Hillsborough Community College, SouthShore Campus in Ruskin, is looking for your suggestions. In an effort to meet the community's demands and deliver the classes and programs residents want to see, Witt has initiated the Hillsborough Community College Presidential Advisory Council.



Rick Lanese, CPA, partner at Cohen Florida, will facilitate the discussions.

The Advisory Council is open to everyone in the community and is designed to serve as a forum for commercial and residential members to come together and discuss any suggestions to add to or improve the classes currently being offered. With the current economic climate, the college wants to ensure it is keeping up with specific demands for further education.

People are invited to the Presidential Advisory Council spring-fall meeting being held at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 22 starting with light refreshments at the Hillsborough Community College, SouthShore Campus, located at 551 24th Street NE, in Ruskin. RSVP required.

Rick Lanese, CPA, partner, Cohen Florida, located in The Villages at Cypress Creek, will once again facilitate the discussion. Rick comes to the Advisory Council as an area business resident for 8 years and he has seen our growing community in action.

There is no cost for membership of the Advisory Council. For more information or to RSVP, call (813) 253-7000, ext. 5728.

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Dear Savvy Senior,
Is there a way that we can put some money in a Roth IRA account for our young grandkids to use for retirement?

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Dear Curious,
There sure is! Funding Roth IRAs for your grandkids when they're young is a smart move and an incredible gift to their financial future. And you don't have to be rich to do it, either. Here's what you should know.

Roth Rules
The Roth IRA is a fabulous savings tool for your grandkids. A Roth can literally turn a few hundred dollars a year now, into tens of thousands of tax-free dollars for your grandkids when they retire by using the powerful combination of time and compounding.

But in order for you to open and fund a Roth IRA for a grandchild, one primary requirement will need to be met. The child will need to have earned income from some type of work – allowances don't count. So, if your grandkid made a

few bucks this year mowing lawns, babysitting, delivering newspapers or working an after-school or weekend job, he or she qualifies. Just be sure you keep good records including a log of the dates and hours worked and amounts paid, as well as any W-2 forms from employers or 1099s.



The Savvy Senior

By Jim Miller

If your grandkids meet the earned income requirement, there's nothing in the rules that says the child's own money has to go into the Roth. It's perfectly legal if your grandkids keep the money they earned and you make the contributions for them. The key is that you can't contribute more than your grandchild earned in any given tax year, up to the limit of \$5,000.

And to give you an idea of how these early contributions can add up, consider this. Let's say, for example, that you contribute \$500 a year to your grandchild's Roth for nine years from the ages of 10 to 18 (a total of \$4,500). If that money grew an annual rate of 7 percent, that \$4,500 would accumulate to around \$144,000 by the time he or she reaches age 65. And with a Roth IRA, the full amount will be tax-free when it's withdrawn in retirement.

It's also doubtful that your grandkids would be on the hook for income taxes. Children who

work as employees generally don't need to file a tax return unless their income exceeds the standard deduction amount, which was \$5,700 for the 2010 tax year. They should, however, file if they're due a refund for any withholdings. But a child who has net earnings of \$400 or more from self-employment is required to file. For information on IRS filing requirements for children, visit www.irs.gov and search for the page titled "Taxable Income for Students."

Flexibility
You also need to know that opening a Roth for your grandkids doesn't automatically lock up the money for decades. Like it or not, your grandkids, at age 18, can withdraw the principle contributions (but not earnings) any time, tax free and penalty free.

Roth IRAs also offer special withdrawal rules for higher education expenses. So if your grandkid needs money for college, contributions can be withdrawn tax and penalty free, while the earnings can also be dipped into without penalty, but they will owe taxes on it. And when it comes time to buy a first home, your grandson or granddaughter can withdraw up to \$10,000 (contributions and earnings) tax and penalty free.

Savvy Tip: For more information on Roth IRAs, see IRS Publication 590 at www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p590.pdf, or call 800-829-3676 and ask them to mail you a free copy.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

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Hillsborough County's Animal Services now open on Sundays

In an effort to save more animals and better serve the community, Hillsborough County Animal Services is modifying operations to open on Sundays for pet adoptions starting Sunday, Sept. 25.

To kick off new Sunday hours, the public is invited to join the 'Ice Cream Social Sunday' celebration at the shelter on Sunday, Sept. 25. The event will feature special one-day only adoption prices, tips on training and veterinary care for responsible ownership, volunteering, and more.

Complimentary ice cream from Blue Bell Creameries will be served from noon until 2 p.m. (or while supplies last).

Sundays are traditionally a high-volume day for pet shelter adoptions. "This is something we've wanted to do for a very long time," said Hillsborough County Animal Services Operation Director, Dennis McCullough. "We're very much a community organization and a work-in-progress on behalf of the animals. When people see what we have to offer, and the services that our staff and volunteers work to provide for these pets, people want to help us save lives."

Animal Services has also streamlined the application process for better customer service. Prospective pet adopters will be asked to provide valid photo identification and proof of address (such as a utility or other bill).

With the addition of new Sunday hours, individuals and families enjoying time off together can browse the county's kennels overflowing with loveable dogs, cats, puppies, kittens and other pets.

For one low price, adopters at Hillsborough County Animal Services take home rescued pets that are fully spayed/neutered, microchipped, vaccinated for rabies, and issued a Hillsborough County tag.

Dog adopters will also receive a welcome letter from the American Kennel Club (AKC). The county shelter has joined the AKC Canine Partners™ for a new program designed especially for mixed breeds, which offers agility training, health care and other benefits.

In addition to pet adoptions, shelter visitors on Sundays may also search for lost pets, purchase pet registrations/rabies tags, and bring in donations for needy shelter pets. However, the intake or drop-off gate for animal surrender will not be open on Sundays.

Newly modified hours of operation for Hillsborough County Animal Services are as follows (note: adoption desk closes 30 minutes prior to the shelter daily):

Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed on Mondays.

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SAMANTHA

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SCAMP

Scamp is a Terrier mix who was found bouncing around on the side of the road all alone. He has a soft coat and loves people and seems to like the other dogs. He will need puppy training and housebreaking. As part of his adoption, Scamp will be neutered, microchipped, and brought current on his shots. DOB: 7/2/2011.

Valencia Lakes to hold Music and Arts Festival

There will be a Music and Arts Festival from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 1 at Valencia Lakes, U.S. 301 in Wimauma, about a mile and a half north of the intersection of State Road 674 in Sun City Center.



Live entertainment will be provided by Barry Newman, formerly of The Crests ('Sixteen Candles'), Richie Merritt (Golden Oldies), Bill Lindsey (Elvis), Democracy (reggae), the Music Makers (all genres), and Stacey Knights (jazz saxophone).

There will also be an artist's market with oil painting, watercolors, sculpture, pottery and more. Local food vendors will also take part.

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The Lord's Lighthouse helps kids get back to school

The annual Lord's Lighthouse Back To School Bash was held on Aug. 21 at Manatee Village in Ruskin. One hundred members of the Clearwater Community Church under the direction of Pastor Jack Piquette hosted the fun-filled day putting smiles on the children who lined up to receive a free backpack filled with back-to-school goodies: pens, pencils, crayons, erasers, ruler, notebooks, binders, paper, scissors, glue sticks, etc. Kids snacked on hot dogs, chips and other foods while participating in entertaining activities, watching a puppet show and singing, as well as trying their hand at playing games. Vilma Emmanuelli and two other hair stylists provided fresh haircuts for the children.

This is the second year for the family of August and Claudia Torres with their son, Andrés of Tampa who donated their time and resources to prepare backpacks filled with essentials for all high school students who attended the event. Andrés worked many fundraisers such as car washes throughout the year, used a portion of his own salary from his part-time job and collected supplies from Universal Health Care and money from family and friends.



The Youth Group from The Clearwater Community Church leads the children in singing.

"For the past two years I have been preparing for this very rewarding event sponsored by the Lord's Lighthouse Ministry," said Andrés. "I am in charge of the collection and distribution of school supplies for kids like me, teens. Every aspect of the event turned out to be a great success, from the school supplies to the delicious food brought by all the volunteers and all the clothes collected. I have decided this will be my project for as long as I can do it and look forward to opportunities to work with the Lord's Lighthouse in the near future."

Patti Lancaster and Grace Selph of South Bay Church in Riverview and Metropolitan Ministries donated school materials. Filled backpacks were also instruments of blessing in preparing community children to be ready for their first day of school. The Women's Circle at St. John the Divine Episcopal Church collected new clothes for the young boys and girls. A group of leaders and youth from Bell Shoals Baptist Church in Brandon led by Richard Murbach donated gift cards, their time and resources that reached and blessed many needy area families.

The Lord's Lighthouse Ministry at St John the Divine Episcopal Church serves the community Monday through Wednesday under the direction of Pastor William R. Cruz, Sr. and his wife, Dora Cruz. A worship service is held at 11:15 a.m. every Sunday.

For more information, call (813) 641-7100 or (813) 321-9723.



A volunteer writes the child's name on his selected free backpack filled with school supplies.



Andrés Torres worked all year to prepare so he could gather backpacks and supplies and donate them to high school students in the area.



Funding nature

Bob Berkhahn of Cargill presents a check to Dolly Cummings to help fund environmental education programs at Camp Bayou. Cargill employees have logged more than 200 volunteer hours at Camp Bayou in Ruskin this year.

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Kids' Program/Event Highlights September 22 to 28

Teen Night: Anime Club

Thursday, Sept. 22 • 5 to 8 p.m.

For middle and high school students. Join them for an evening of Anime and Manga! Spend some time with other teens who love to read Japanese Manga and watch Anime straight from Japan! Refreshments provided by the Friends of the SouthShore Regional Library.

Family Story Time

Thursday, Sept. 22 • 7 to 7:30 p.m.

For ages 2-5 with a caregiver. Make reading time family time. Stories, action rhymes, songs, interactive activities, and crafts make up this fun 30-minute program that celebrates a love of reading. Children may wear pajamas and bring a blanket and favorite cuddly toy.

Adventures with the Pirate Magician*

Monday, Sept. 26 • 7 to 7:40 p.m.

For children in grades K-4. Join Pirate Arg's crew as he entertains with magic and balloon-making sure to delight all who sail with him.

Toddler Time

Tuesday, Sept. 27 • 10:05 to 10:25 a.m. and 10:35 to 10:55 a.m.

For children ages 18-36 months and their caregivers. Stories, fingerplays, songs and interactive activities make up this fun 20-minute program that highlights early literacy skills and encourages reading readiness.

Story Time

Tuesday, Sept. 27 • 11 to 11:30 a.m.

For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Stories, action rhymes, songs and interactive activities make up this engaging 30-minute program that highlights early literacy skills, and encourages reading readiness and social interaction.

Baby Time

Wednesday, Sept. 28 • 10:05 to 10:25 a.m.

For children ages 0-18 months and their caregivers. Early literacy begins at birth. Bond with your baby through stories, bouncy rhymes and songs in this 20-minute lapsit program that introduces early literacy skills and encourages language development.

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*Free event is provided by the Friends of the SouthShore Regional Library. Go to www.southshorefriends.com or call (813) 634-1396 for more information about the Friends.

Apollo Beach Woman's Club announces fall events

Despite the challenges of the current economic slowdown, the Apollo Beach Woman's Club has continued to grow and now has more than 150 members. In addition to awarding scholarships to Apollo Beach students, the club is committed to supporting the members of its community in other ways.

Most recently Sylvia Gordon and Beverly Fletchall, co-chairs of Community Service, used club funds to purchase underwear and belts for children in need at Apollo Beach and Doby elementary schools, both of which serve the Apollo Beach community. Gordon and Fletchall also are collecting Box Tops for Education and Campbell labels that later will be redeemed to help provide supplies for school classrooms.

The next ABWC fundraising activity is the annual November bake sale slated for Nov. 22 in front of the Apollo Meats on Apollo Beach Blvd. Proceeds from this event also support scholarship and community activities. The event is being organized by Pam Kerstetter, who is looking for volunteers to set up, sell items, bake cakes, pies and cookies.

In addition to its philanthropic work, members of the club also enjoy enrichment activities which include:

Book Club: The book group meets monthly in members' homes to discuss the latest novel members have read. The Oct. 27 meeting will feature the book *The Silver Needle Murder* by Laura Childs.

Bridge Club: Bridge players meet the fourth Monday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at the Apollo Beach Golf Clubhouse on Golf and Sea Blvd. Players contribute \$3, with 2/3 of the proceeds contributed to the scholarship fund.

Culture Club: Activities are organized monthly to introduce members to the wide variety of places of interest in the Tampa Bay area. On Oct. 25, the members will be treated to a Ghostly Journey through Ybor City. On Nov. 15, a trip to the Museum of Fine Arts in St. Petersburg is planned.

Garden Club: The group meets the third Wednesday of each month for various activities that include talks by horticulturists or visits to nearby garden or horticultural spots. On Oct. 19 will visit Colorfield Farms in Wimauma.

For more information on these activities, visit the club's website at www.apollobeachwomensclub.com.

The club's next membership meeting is Oct. 12 at Little Harbor in Ruskin. The program will feature members of Tampa Bay Watch. The program is about environmental restoration. For more information, call (813) 641-0763.

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Hospital welcomes new medical-surgical director

South Bay Hospital is proud to announce Hope Williams, RN, BSN, as the new Director of the 2nd floor Medical Surgical Unit. Williams has been a nurse since 1992 and part of the South Bay Hospital team for the past nine

years. She most recently served as the manager for Endoscopy, Outpatient and Post Anesthesia Care Unit.

"We are very excited to have Hope leading the team on the 2nd floor Medical Surgical Unit," said

Sharon Roush, Chief Executive Officer at South Bay Hospital. "She brings a lot of passion and enthusiasm, and works tirelessly to ensure that patients are receiving the highest standard of care."

Williams began her career as a nurse after caring for her grandmother. She was drawn to

nursing because she saw the opportunity to make a difference in a person's life on a daily basis. She chose to work at South Bay Hospital because of the family atmosphere and sense of teamwork.



Hope Williams

about the patients and they have the desire to do their best."

Williams spends her free time traveling to watch her daughters, both competitive cheerleaders, and fishing with her husband and son.

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Gary Cotter attends focus11

Gary Cotter, CFP, president of Cotter Financial, LLC recently attended focus11, a leading financial services industry conference hosted by LPL Financial, the nation's number one independent broker-dealer.* Held in Chicago, August 7-10, focus11 was one of the industry's largest gatherings of independent financial advisors, and remains the industry's premier sales and education event. Approximately 5,000 attendees from around the country assembled for the opportunity to learn new strategies and skills, expand knowledge in numerous product areas and network with peers and industry experts. They also heard from influential speakers who addressed current events and financial industry trends. The speakers included Condoleezza Rice, 66th United States Secretary of State; Michael Eisner, former CEO of The Walt Disney Company; and Sir Ken Robinson, author of Out of Our Minds.

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Neri Nauck and staff welcome people to her newly-opened shop in Sun City Center.

New Sun City Center barber shop opens

Neri Nauck has opened a barber shop at 106 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City Center. She was born in Huancayo, Peru and attended college in Lima where she received her cosmetology and barber's license.

She owned two shops in Peru before coming to the U.S. with her daughter Romina in 2000.

She got her barber's license in Naples and started her career in a Spanish-speaking shop in Bonita Springs working mostly with retirees.

There she met her husband Jim and they married in July 2010 and moved to the Tampa Bay area where they have children attending the University of South Florida and the University of Tampa.

Jim's father, George Nauck, lent his expertise to create an "old style" barber pole they put outside every day.

For more information call the shop at 239-362-5004.



Get a team together for Relay for Life

Join the Relay For Life of Riverview in the fight against cancer. This year's Kickoff Party will be held at The Preserve at Alafia located at 10110 Gibsonton Dr., Riverview, FL 33578 on Oct. 25, at 6 p.m. Relay For Life is a true community event, taking place on March 31, 2012 at Riverview High School. People of all ages and walks of life come together for a common cause- to find a cure. Participants celebrate cancer survivors and remember those they have lost.

Everyone interested in becoming involved may attend the Kickoff.

To attend, RSVP to Sara.Levinson@cancer.org.



David Brate of Brate Aluminum and Construction presented a check to Charles Stieb, Exalted Ruler, and the Members of the Board of Directors of Elks Lodge #2672.

Elks benefit from donation

David Brate of Brate Aluminum and Construction presented a check to Charles Stieb, Exalted Ruler, and the members of the Board of Directors of Elks Lodge #2672. The money will go to the Lodge's Harry-Anna Trust named for Harry and Anna Miller. Funds from this trust are used to provide home-based physical and occupational therapy to children in the local area.

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South Hillsborough Elks Lodge #2672 Upcoming Activities



Delmonico steak dinner, which includes a baked potato, salad, bread, and dessert.

Saturday, Oct. 1: Homecoming of DVP Lu Smith. Mark your calendars to honor Lu.

Monday, Oct. 3: \$7 Blue Plate Special. Menu: Stuffed Shells with all the trimmings. Only 50 tickets will be sold.

Saturday, Oct. 15: 50s Dance from 6 to 9 p.m. with music by Double Density. \$7 with light snacks. Dress up in your 50s outfits.

Monday, Oct. 17: \$7 Blue Plate Special. Menu: Chicken & Noodles with all the trimmings. Only 50 tickets will be sold.

Saturday, Oct. 29: \$7 ENF Show starring Carol Nelson. Mark your calendars and let's make this charity fundraiser a big success.

Saturday, Nov. 20: Turkey Shoot for all Elks and their guests from 5 to 8 p.m. Menu: \$3 Sandwich Buffet.

The South Hillsborough Elks Lodge is located at 1630 U.S. Hwy. 41 S., Ruskin, FL 33570. The Club has a clean, smoke-free environment. For more information, call (813) 645-2089.

Jazz it up with the Kiwanis Club



The Kiwanis Club SouthShore has engaged three jazz groups to play at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 13 at the Community Association Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd.

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addition, it is a felony to provide false information to a metals recycler.

From the recycler's standpoint, they are prohibited from conducting business between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m., and they cannot purchase regulated metals that were not transported to their location in a motor vehicle. Much like pawnshops, penalties may be applied to any metals recycler that knowingly accepts stolen property. The only recourse for the victim is through the courts. Should a victim make claim on metals in the possession of a recycler, the contested metals must be held intact until court proceedings have run their course. Of course, for the victims of air conditioner metal theft, identifying and petitioning for the return of stolen metals is an unlikely scenario, made worse by the fact that the thief often destroys the air conditioning unit.

In South Hillsborough, this has been an ongoing problem for the HCSO, and they have taken steps to combat it, such as increasing patrols in partially completed subdivisions and utilizing their intelligence tactical unit to identify crime patterns. According to one officer from the HCSO District IV office in Ruskin, the targets of most thieves in this area are vacant homes and businesses.

With the rising price of metals, the problem is not unique to either Hillsborough County or Florida. Last month in North Texas, during a period of extreme heat, a 79-year-old woman reported the theft of her air conditioning unit. The unit was located on the side of her home. It was, however, protected by a metal cage and a padlock, which did not deter the thief. Two days later,

she was found dead in her home. The county coroner stated that her death was heat related.

For the criminal element, an air conditioner is increasingly a crime of opportunity yielding small but easy cash. For the victim, it is a painful and expensive headache. Companies have sprung up to sell protective cages for air conditioners but that didn't stop the thieves in Texas. Other companies have appeared that sell electronic alarm systems that will detect a change in voltage at your air conditioner to sound a loud siren and place a call to a security service. Other suggestions are to install floodlights or motion sensing lights near your air conditioning unit, or to hide the unit behind landscaping or a small fence. If you leave your home for an extended period, ensure that your lawn is maintained in your absence, and talk to your neighbors. Simply working with your neighbors to keep an eye on things can make crimes of opportunity much less of an opportunity.

As the price of metals continues to increase, the criminal temptation for quick cash from residential air conditioning units will increase as well. Since the crime necessitates the destruction of the air conditioner, it can be much more than a nuisance, as the case of the elderly woman in Texas graphically illustrates, it can mean the difference between life and death. While the HCSO takes this growing crime seriously and has taken steps to combat it, air conditioning units are everywhere in Florida, deputies are not. A few common sense steps taken by homeowners can help to ensure that you won't be the next victim.

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The sun sets on summer

Despite temperatures that have been hovering in the low 90s, the summer of 2011 is coming to a close with the first day of autumn on September 23. On that day at 5:04 a.m. locally, the fall equinox will occur in which the center of the Sun will be on the same plane as the Earth's equator, meaning the axis of Earth will neither be tilted towards nor away from the sun. The date in the United States and Canada is mandated by the International Astronomical Union. Climatological fall, recognized by some countries, began on September 1. Above, one of the last summer sunsets at Little Harbor Resort in Ruskin.

Artist spreads kindness with her brush

■ By PENNY FLETCHER
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Margit Redlawsk was five years old when she first realized she wanted to be an artist.

"I watched my aunt Uta, who was a commercial artist, and that's what inspired me," she said.

Margit, however, didn't gravitate toward commercial art but instead, has always enjoyed painting with watercolors.

Her training is varied, majoring first at Kendall School of Design in Michigan and then earning her art education degree at the University of South Florida.

For 17 years she's taught elementary school art in various Hillsborough County schools including six years at Summerfield Elementary and the last four at

Apollo Beach.

"We are a character school, meaning we want to raise good citizens as well as teach," she said when interviewed Sept. 13. So she works words like kindness, tolerance and respect into her art lessons whenever possible.

Recently she was involved in the annual school's Pinwheels for Peace project where all her students made pinwheels using basic artistic shapes and balanced color as a classroom assignment.

But she says she used the annual Pinwheels for Peace event to teach the meaning of charitable words she uses in the classroom all year round.

Because she only gets the same students for 30 minutes once a week, she says it is difficult to

complete a large project such as the pinwheels. She has been working at Apollo Beach Elementary three days a week and Stowers Elementary in Riverview one day a week but as of Sept. 26 she will begin working a five-day week at Apollo Beach.

"We feel so fortunate to have Margit as our art teacher here at Apollo Beach Elementary because not only does she connect her art classes to history, literature and math, but she also connects the students to the community and makes sure that student's art is highlighted around the area at events and around the district so our students truly get a sense of what it would be like to be a true artist and have their work displayed and enjoyed," said principal Jamie Gerding. "Art studies are important because they expose students to interests and talents they may not know they possess or enjoy. Art allows you to truly express yourself and students end up feeling positive and that transfers over to academic classrooms."

Margit adds that when students connect to art they're seeing patterns, making connections to books they've read and events they hear about in social studies.

"Research shows that arts enrich academic achievement," she said.

But Margit doesn't just teach her art to top students in elementary school. She also teaches regular classes at Ruskin's Big Draw Studio on U.S. 41 and gives private lessons to both children and adults whenever possible.

Still, she finds time to paint on her own.

Her work is displayed annually by the Hillsborough Art Educators



Kelsy Artega, Max Duckstein and Juliet Hinkley work hard to create the shapes as they are instructed.



PENNY FLETCHER PHOTOS
When Margit Redlawsk isn't painting or teaching art to adults and students privately or at the Big Draw studio in Ruskin, people can find her in front of a classroom at Apollo Beach Elementary School. Here she's instructing students on incorporating colors and shapes for a simple, balanced look.

Association and has shown it at the Apollo Beach Manatee and Arts Festivals.

Now 48, she and her husband have lived in Apollo Beach for 10 years; her son is grown and married and she has one grandson.

She is also exploring mediums other than watercolors.

"I paint mostly in watercolors," she said. "But now I've started to work in acrylics as well." The difference between watercolors and acrylics is vast.

"When I paint with watercolors,

the work is transparent," she explained. "But with acrylics, you have to lay layer upon layer, starting from the back and working your way forward."

She says she is enjoying exploring the new medium and encourages other artists to reach beyond what they have always done.

Some of her work, including two large paintings of big white orchids, is currently displayed at the South Shore Library and will be available for view through the month of October. ♦

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TRIPS WORTH TAKING - St. Augustine

Countdown to a 450th Birthday Party

■ By WARREN RESEN, Member IFWTWA, NATJA
Photos by Jeanne O'Connor

America's oldest continuously occupied settlement of European origination in the Continental United States will reach a milestone in 2015. That year will mark the 450th anniversary of the

official founding of St. Augustine, Florida.

The party has already begun and the celebrations will keep building during the next four years until the "big day." These special events and celebrations will highlight St. Augustine's unique cultural heritage.

St. Augustine was 42 years old and the thriving capital city of the Spanish colony of La Florida, an area encompassing most of what is now the eastern United States and up into Canada, when the English colony at Jamestown, VA was founded in 1607. Today, Jamestown is only a memory but St. Augustine is still a vibrant, robust city. St. Augustine's ancient streets, historic homes and magnificent Spanish Renaissance hotels built in the late 19th century create an Old World atmosphere.

The history of Florida quickly changed when Henry Flagler arrived with his railroad. St. Augustine was the first of many Florida cities where Mr. Flagler built luxury hotels for the world's rich and famous. The buildings are still there, some with different uses today but still exuding the grandeur of another era. St. Augustine bills itself as a place of elegance and romance and Mr. Flagler's edifices give credence to that reputation.

In the Old City, everything of importance is within easy walking distance. Pedestrian friendly and a perennial tourist favorite, St. George Street is wall-to-wall old houses, shops and restaurants. AAA named St. Augustine one of America's "Most Walkable Cities." Most buildings are places of historical interest and open to the public. At more than 200 years old, the oldest wooden school

house in the United States is a must visit.

Many visitors will tell you that St. Augustine gives them the feeling of being in a small European city. Its charms include the absence of chain lodgings and restaurants, unnoticeable at first by visitors who are enchanted by the unique B&Bs located throughout the Old City as well as the number of fine restaurants.

St. Augustine prides itself as being one of the earliest Bed & Breakfast destinations in the country. There are officially more than two dozen of them, all delightful and totally unlike your typical chain motel. You can stay at a motel anytime but for a special treat check out the Inns of Elegance, a group unique B&Bs which numbers among its members some of the most historic, delightful and interesting properties in the heart of the Old City. Park your car at your B&B and walk to almost any point of interest in Old Town.

Charming dining venues of all types are liberally scattered throughout the city. Every type of food is available but two new entries on the scene are especially worthy of note.

Sara's Crepe Café, #100 St. George St., opened only months ago but is already a favorite with locals and tourists. The proprietor, Margarita Abramov, named the restaurant after her grandmother whose portrait hangs over the cash register.

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All about cats

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working with cats.

Both said cats know what they need and therefore always have a reason that makes sense to them for any behavior they exhibit.

"The history of domestic cats is long and interesting," Slaughter said. "They are a fascinating animal. They're absolutely awesome."

Slaughter's love of cats comes through at the cat clinic where he treats sick cats and also gives well check ups and exams.

The clinic is one of only three in the state of Florida licensed to treat hyperthyroidism in cats, which is becoming a wide-spread disease as the domestic cat's life

expectancy continues to increase.

Where once cats were expected to live 8 to 10 years, now the average lifespan is between 12 to 13 years, with many exceptions, up to age 36 — a record currently held by a cat in England according to *Cat Fancy* magazine.

O'Shea pointed to the 36-year-old cat as an example of what can be accomplished by maintaining a pet's proper exercise and food.

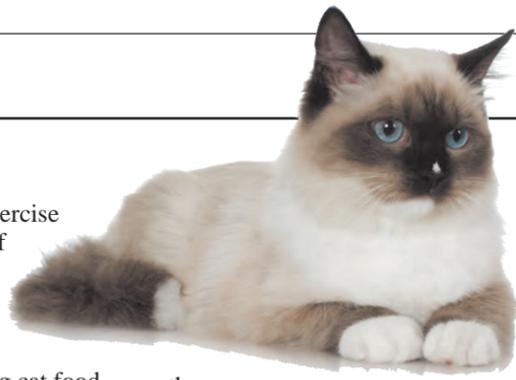
"They're just like humans. If we eat junk food every day, we have a greater chance of getting sick and shortening our life expectancy," O'Shea said. "But if we read the labels on the cans and know what we're putting into our

bodies, get proper exercise and take good care of ourselves, we can see the results in a longer, healthier life."

O'Shea said reading cat food labels can be tricky.

Packaging can often persuade a buyer with words like "light" and "fat free." But O'Shea challenges with statements such as, "Light as compared to what? The same company's 'other' brand? We really don't know."

Cat's digestive systems are not like humans, she explained. "Sometimes in the wild, they'll get full and then not eat again for



PENNY FLETCHER PHOTOS

People in the audience are shocked at what's really in some of the cat food they buy.

can be safely declared if only the front paws are done and they are done at a very young age, between 12 and 16 weeks, he said.

"For their safety, only the front paws should be done, never all four in case they get outside, because then they will have no defense," he added.

Both O'Shea and Slaughter are concerned not only with cat's health but with their enjoyment.

During her presentation, O'Shea showed photographs of her cats playing with cat toys. "The best cat toy is the one with a human at the end of it," she said.

Participants agreed.

Callie Kerwin owns two cats from the same litter, a male and female, both rescue cats, 9 1/2 years old.

"I always had dogs, but when I became disabled I went to cats because they didn't demand as much care."

Now Kerwin says life wouldn't be the same without her cats.

Frances Decilio, also of Riverview, has 11 cats.

She said she started rescuing them from the streets about 10 years ago.

She had one, named Tiger, who lived to be 19 years old.

"They just wander up, and I can't turn them away. If someone came to your door asking for a sandwich, wouldn't you give them a sandwich?" she asked.

To find out more about O'Shea, or Kitten Sittin' call 813-846-6717.

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Pat O'Shea, owner of Kitten Sittin' in Tampa, gives classes about cats at area libraries and functions. An expert, she has cared for more than 400 cats during her career. She recently gave a talk and slide presentation called All About Cats at the South Shore Library.

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Zesty 100 Yard Bites

Prep Time: 20 minutes • Makes: 12 servings

- 1/3 cup Kraft Mayo with Olive Oil Reduced Fat Mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon Sriracha sauce
- 1 teaspoon fresh lime juice
- 12 slider buns
- 12 slices Oscar Mayer Deli Fresh Honey Ham
- 12 slices Oscar Mayer Deli Fresh Slow Roasted Roast Beef
- 3 Kraft Big Slice Colby Jack Cheese Slices, cut into quarters
- 2 plum tomatoes, cut into 12 slices
- 12 Claussen Bread 'N Butter Pickle Chips
- 12 stuffed green olives

Mix mayo, Sriracha and lime juice in a small bowl. Spread each bun with 1/2 tablespoon (1 1/2 teaspoons) mayo mixture.

Fill each bun with 1 folded slice each of ham and roast beef, a cheese slice quarter, tomato slice and pickle.

Top each bun with a small decorative bamboo skewer, skewered with an olive.

Substitute: Substitute hot pepper sauce for the Sriracha sauce.



Tailgate Turkey Pile-On



Potato Dog Skins

Potato Dog Skins

Prep Time: 10 minutes • Total Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Makes: 6 servings

- 3 large baking potatoes (2½ lbs., baked)
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 3 Oscar Mayer Selects Premium Beef Franks
- 1/3 cup Bull's-Eye Original Barbecue Sauce, warmed
- 1/2 cup Kraft Shredded Colby & Monterey Jack Cheeses
- 1/3 cup Breakstone's or Knudsen Sour Cream
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh chives

Heat grill to medium heat.

Cut potatoes in half lengthwise and spoon out the flesh, leaving half-inch shells. Mix garlic and melted butter. Brush potatoes on both sides with garlic butter mixture.

Grill franks 7 to 9 minutes, or until heated through, turning occasionally; slice into rounds. Grill potatoes until crisp, about 4 to 4½ minutes on each side.

Spoon sliced franks into the potato shells; drizzle with barbecue sauce and top with cheese. Grill until the cheese is melted. Top with sour cream and chives.

Alternative Cooking Method: If you prefer, bake the buttered potato skins in a 250°F oven until crisp, about 15 minutes, before adding the toppings. Fill as directed and bake 5 minutes more.



Chipotle Chile Mac and Cheese

Tailgate Turkey Pile-On

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Makes: 6 servings

1 12-inch loaf Italian bread with sesame seeds, sliced in half horizontally

1/4 cup Kraft Mayo with Olive Oil Cracked Pepper Reduced Fat Mayonnaise

24 slices Oscar Mayer Deli Fresh Oven Roasted Turkey Breast

6 slices Oscar Mayer fully cooked Bacon, crisped

1/2 cup shredded iceberg lettuce

1/4 cup sliced black olives

1/4 cup drained roasted red pepper strips

Hollow top of bread slightly; discard removed bread or save for another use. Spread mayonnaise on both sides of bread. Fill with remaining ingredients. Slice into 6 (2-inch) pieces.

Tailgating Tip: To make for easy eating, wrap sandwich in parchment paper (like at a sandwich shop) and then slice with a serrated knife. Wrap in foil for transport.

Chipotle Chile Mac and Cheese

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Total Time: 35 minutes

Makes: 6 servings, about 1 cup

1 package (14 ounces) Kraft Deluxe Macaroni & Sharp Cheddar Cheese Sauce

1 pound lean ground beef

1 onion, finely chopped

1 red bell pepper, finely chopped

1 canned chipotle pepper in adobo sauce, minced

4 green onions, thinly sliced

3/4 cup Kraft shredded cheddar cheese

6 Ritz crackers, coarsely crushed (about 1/4 cup)

Heat oven to 400°F.

Prepare dinner as directed on package. Meanwhile, brown beef with onion and bell pepper in large skillet over medium-high heat 5 minutes. Drain.

Add meat mixture to prepared dinner and stir in chipotle pepper. Spoon into greased 2-quart casserole or baking dish. Top with green onions, cheese and cracker crumbs.

Bake 15 minutes or until mixture is hot.

Tailgating Take Along: Make your casserole in a disposable foil pan. Just heat on a covered grill on low heat until mixture is golden and heated through.

Tip: For additional heat, increase to 2 chipotle peppers in adobo sauce.

Substitute: Prepare using extra-lean ground beef and Kraft 2% Milk Shredded Cheddar Cheese.

UF Ordway Swisher finalized as site in large scale ecology project

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — The University of Florida has officially partnered with a National Science Foundation-funded program to allow measurements and data collection related to the Earth's ecological health to occur on UF's 9,100-acre Ordway-Swisher Biological Station property in Putnam County.

The project, known as the National Ecological Observatory Network, or NEON, is a 30-year, continental-scale program to track ecological responses to environmental shifts such as climate change, land-use modifications and invasive species introductions.

The project includes 20 core sites that represent different areas of North America. The Ordway-Swisher site near Melrose will serve as the core site for NEON's Southeastern domain, which stretches from North Carolina to Texas.

"Partnering with NEON will strengthen the linkages between the Ordway-Swisher Biological Station and key ecological observatories across the continent," said John Hayes, Ordway-Swisher director and interim dean for research in UF's Institute of Food and

Agricultural Sciences.

"The data we collect in cooperation with NEON will provide a cutting-edge look at our nation's ecological health and will help provide solutions to build a sustainable future," he said.

In addition to generating critical ecological data, Hayes said the partnership will establish the Ordway-Swisher Biological Station as a hub for environmental research in the Southeast.

The Ordway-Swisher Biological Station provides a relatively pristine environment for long-term research, educational opportunities and conservation activities. Since its lands have had restricted access throughout most of its history, the area's forests and wetlands are preserved in a state similar to what the first explorers and settlers found upon their arrival in Florida. This unspoiled habitat makes Ordway-Swisher a perfect place to gauge the effects of environmental change.

Data collected from Ordway-Swisher will be combined with data from other NEON sites to create a comprehensive picture of environmental change across the continent.

Studies planned for the site

include measuring carbon cycling and soil and water characteristics and tracking populations of birds, mammals, insects and vegetation.

Other sites that that have recently reached land-use agreements with NEON include Harvard University's Harvard Forest in

Massachusetts, the Northern Great Plains Research Laboratory in North Dakota and Steigerwald Land Services in Wisconsin.



The sun is low on the horizon as seen from a small lake on UF's Ordway-Swisher property close to Melrose, Fla.

UF/IFAS PHOTO BY TYLER JONES

Bushnell men caught with 260 illegal baby alligators

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Officer David Straub and FWC Reserve Officer John Parrish surprised two Sumter County men early Thursday morning as the men came ashore in their airboat on Lake Apopka with a couple of sacks full of recently hatched alligators.

Robert "Bo" Martin Duval and Christopher Cork Scroggins, both of Bushnell, were booked into Lake County jail early Thursday on felony possession/capture of hatchling alligators and misdemeanor conspiracy charges. Duval had additional felony charges of possession of firearms and ammunition by a convicted felon. The firearms were concealed under some vegetation in the boat.

FWC officers were on surveillance at the Montverde boat ramp when the two men returned from their night of capturing the hatching alligators on Lake Apopka in Lake County.

"You have got me, and I have a lot of alligator hatchlings," Duval said as the officers approached him and Scroggins.

"Unfortunately, there is an illegal market for hatchling alligators, and people who participate in this type of poaching have no regard for our resources or the laws that protect them," said Straub.

Officers returned the hatchlings to the lake alive. Duval and Scroggins later bailed out on \$13,000 and \$3,000 bonds, respectively.

Charges are pending against a woman who assisted the two men at the boat ramp, and the incident is still under investigation.

Possessing/capturing hatchling alligators is a third-degree felony, which, on conviction, carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$5,000 fine. Possession of a firearm by a convicted felon is a second-degree felony, which carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

To report alligator and other fish, wildlife or boating violations, please call the 24-hour Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922).



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These hatchling alligators were caught by Duval and Scroggins, who were later caught and jailed by FWC officers. The alligators were set free.

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You can only keep one redfish of legal size of not less than 18 inches or more than 27 inches per day,

so take your camera along or that may not be in the rules, so keep the legal size ones with the most spots.

In this day and age, there are not many anglers who fish for mullet like Floridians for generations using a line and a pole.

It is more of a specialty -- not complicated but difficult to learn how to set the hook and retrieve the fish.

I know only a few of the older anglers and some of the newer ones that still can master hook and line mullet catching. Light tackle is recommended. About a eight-foot line and your spinning outfit will work.

Those from the older generation still use a cane pole and a small hook. Try a 0-1 hook with a split shot about five inches above the hook, and a bobber a foot or so above this. When the bobber moves, jerk your line. You might just catch a mullet if you cast into the school, if your ball of oatmeal or bread you were using for bait stayed on your hook.

Mullet are vegetarians, so bait for them is chicken feed, oatmeal, stale bread, or mash. If you see a school, try chumming them first with whatever you brought along for bait. They will stay around long enough for you to cast your line. It is sort of like fishing for sheepshead. When the mullet bumps your line, jerk, and set the hook. Don't try this in fast flowing water; try in a quiet canal where the water flow is low.

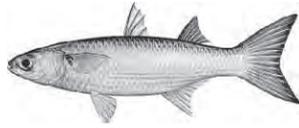
I suggest that you get some buddies together and try mullet fishing with a hook and line, and see how much fun it is. Maybe Ruskin Bait and Tackle, will make this their next tournament.

Snook season did not open in our area, but it did open on the East Coast. We had the freeze, the east coast didn't, so that is the reason, we are still closed. Still catch and release here.

Lots of good fish catches were coming in on boats at Williams Park this week. It was a great fishing week. Flounder was a popular catch. It is a white lean fish and a great tablefare.

Sheepshead were the most popular catch for the anglers who fished from shore. They are boney, ugly, have sharp fins -- but keep them, clean them, and cook them, their lean white meat is great for any dinner table.

For great fishing, I am told to target your spot, anchor a bit above it and cast into it, so you won't spook your school.



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Aleta Jonie Maschek is a member of Florida Outdoor Press.



Fish Tales

By Jonie Maschek

Adult Program/Event Highlights September 22 to 28

Excel: Calculations, Charts and Graphs* Thursday, Sept. 22 • 12:15 to 2:30 p.m.

Learn about the functions and complex formulas and how to use them in calculations. Create and format charts from data for visual emphasis. Previous experience with Microsoft Excel is recommended. Registration in person required no earlier than one hour prior to the start of the program.

Internet: Safe Browsing and Malicious Software* Tuesday, Sept. 27 • 12:15 to 2:30 p.m.

Learn how to surf the Internet while avoiding common scams and pitfalls that can compromise your security. Learn about different types of malicious software, how they get on the personal computer, how to remove them, and precautions to take when using the internet. Registration is available one hour prior to the beginning of the program.

eBooks and eReaders* Tuesday, Sept. 27 • 6 to 7 p.m.

Want to read eBooks? Don't fret, help is on the way! Demonstration of the Overdrive Media Console and Adobe Digital Editions; learn how to check out & download eBooks to your PC or eReader. Registration in person required no earlier than one hour prior to the start of the program. Presenter: Tampa Bay Library Consortium.

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You, Me, and Business

By: Dana Dittmar, Executive Director

SCC Chamber News

There are two schools of thought on networking. The conventional wisdom says the more you are known in the community, the more people will feel comfortable doing business with you.

The newer thought says face-to-face networking is passé. It's time consuming and not at all efficient, and the new way to go is to meet people online through Facebook, LinkedIn, My Space and other social media sites.

I believe we should learn from both schools and do both.

This Thursday will be a perfect blend of the two. At 4 p.m., Payant Financial will hold a workshop to educate local businesses on how to use Facebook to increase their customer base. The workshop will be followed by our monthly Business Card Exchange where we network the old fashioned way.

Even though I have a Facebook page, it's an odd week when I check it more than once. We all know I'm a technophobe. But when I attended a workshop on Facebook at the St. Pete Times offices in Riverview, I was amazed

at the potential that's there for the Chamber and anyone who wants to use it for business. The St. Pete Times gurus will be teaching the



You, Me & Business

By Dana Dittmar

workshop on Thursday, and I know the attendees there will be equally as blown away as I was.

We do live in the technology age and to deny it and not utilize its capabilities is a very short-sighted business move. I truly believe those companies who do not embrace social media will be left behind.

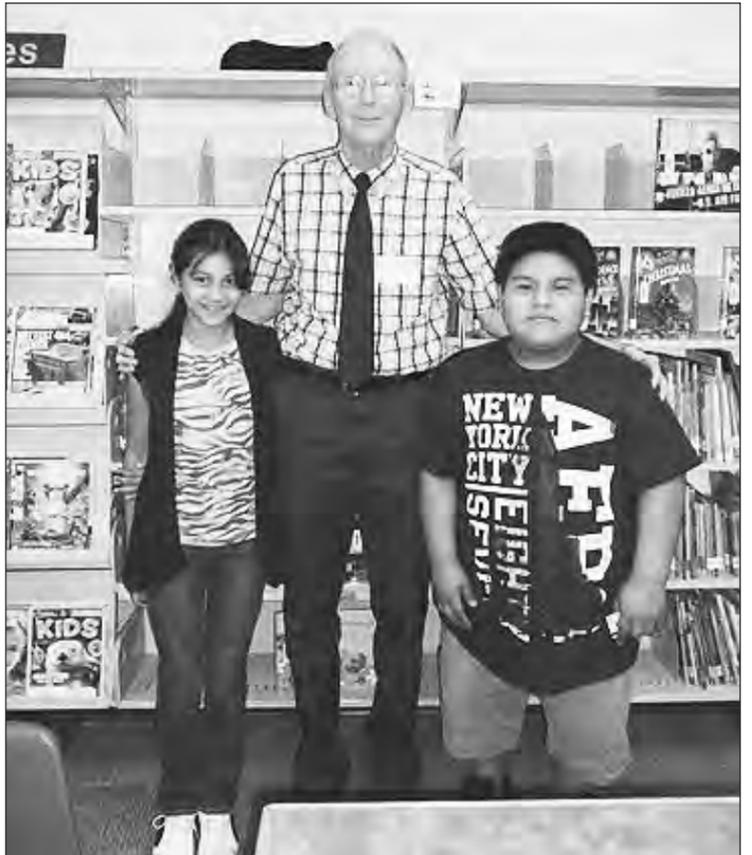
That being said, I personally don't want to do business with someone I just met over the Internet. I do business with people I know, who have been in the community a while or who may

be new, but are involved in lots of local activities. That's where old fashioned networking comes in. Personal relationships build not only trust but a common bond.

Robyn Payant will host our networking social this week with the theme of Chardonnay, Chocolate and Cabernet. It's hard to turn down wine and chocolate. Anyone planning to attend is encouraged to bring a door prize that fits the theme along with lots of business cards to exchange. Many of the faces there will be people I have known for a decade. There will also be plenty of new members who will be eager to meet others.

It's great to use Facebook to find other business owners who can either be customers or who can complement the products and services you have to offer. But once you have found them, it's even greater to get to know them personally.

So I'll be there Thursday night with my bottle of Cabernet, hoping to meet someone with Godiva chocolates. Now that's what I call networking!



Mentors make an impact on schools

Reddick Elementary School is new to the Wimauma area, just starting its fourth year. As the school grows, so does the need for mentors and volunteers. The school has been very fortunate to have a particular Mentor/Volunteer from the Sun City Center area who has helped Reddick implement two well-needed programs, Jim Butner. Here Butner says he is proud of the winners of the first Role model program, Krystal Camacho and Saul Felix. For information about volunteering, call (813) 634-0809.

Meet at The Alley in Riverview

The South Shore Senior Singles group, a ministry of the Sun City Center United Methodist Church (SSUMC), will meet from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 25 at The Alley in Riverview for open bowling, then meet at Applebee's (across from The Alley) for dinner afterward. If you do not bowl, join them for dinner. This activity is scheduled for the fourth Sunday of each month.

For more information, or to

make a reservation, call Patti at (813) 634-7171.

A cruise around the bay has been planned for Saturday, Oct. 1, originating in Sarasota, from noon to 1:30 p.m. Lunch is included. Call for more information, as your pre-paid reservation must be received at the church by Sunday, Sept. 25, for your reservation to be honored.

Other events scheduled include meeting at the Alpha Pizza House

in Apollo Beach at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8 for dinner, music and dancing by Thor Stevens. This is now a monthly activity scheduled for the 2nd Saturday of each month. Thor is scheduled to play on Saturdays.

The South Shore Senior Singles group was organized for those age 50+, for all the South Shore area to provide a non-threatening atmosphere for singles to meet and have fun.

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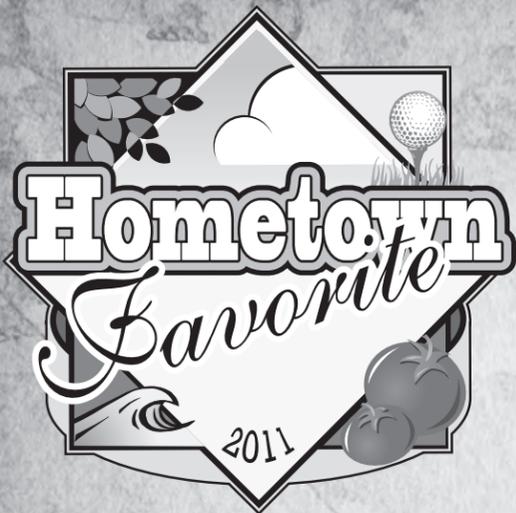
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Baby Boomers should start their Medicare planning early

by Ross Blair

(NAPSA) -- Here's some Medicare advice every baby boomer should adhere to: Don't wait until the last minute to plan or enroll.

You have the option to change your drug coverage each year, and some plan types allow you to enroll at any time. But it can cost you money if you wait too long or make a bad choice. Here are five tips for Medicare newcomers.

1. Learn the basics. There are two basic ways to cover yourself: Original Medicare (Part A and Part B) or a Medicare Advantage plan.

If you choose Original Medicare, you'll likely also need a separate prescription drug benefit (Medicare Part D). And you may want a Medicare Supplement (or Medigap) plan to fill in some gaps in Original Medicare.

Medicare Advantage plans typically include a prescription drug benefit (Medicare Part D). Some may also provide things like vision and dental coverage.

2. Choose an affordable plan. Calculate your income: Social Security benefits, pensions, etc. Then, list your expenses: mortgage/rent, food, etc. Balance the two and see what you have left for Medicare coverage. There are Medicare plans available with no monthly premiums, beyond the standard Social Security deductions for parts A and B. If you know what you can afford, it's easier to shop.

3. Evaluate your health. Talk to your doctor about your health and long-term health risks. Then, look for coverage that fits your specific needs. Be aware that some Medicare supplement plans charge a higher premium based on your age, so be sure to consider this when evaluating the long-term costs of a specific plan.

4. Get the right drug benefit. If you take prescription drugs, a drug comparison tool like the one at www.PlanPrescriber.com can help you pick a plan that covers your drugs at the lowest possible cost. Not all drug plans cover the same drugs, at the same price or in the same quantities. Trying to calculate the costs on your own is daunting, but a drug comparison tool makes it easy. Do this every year during the annual enrollment period.

5. Challenge brand loyalty. Some plans come from companies you've heard of. Investigate brands you trust but also consider plan prices.

All Medicare Supplement plan types (there are 10: A,B,C,D,F,G,K,L,M and N) must offer the same benefits. A K supplement plan from one insurer must, by law, cover the same services as a K supplement plan from another insurer in the same area. But costs for Ks can vary widely. Use an online comparison tool to compare benefits and prices side by side and make an informed decision.

6. Ask for help. There are resources online, by phone and in person. You can call PlanPrescriber at (800) 404-6968 or call the State Health Insurance Assistance Program or the federal government's (800) MEDICARE.

Mr. Blair is president and CEO of PlanPrescriber, Inc., a leading provider of comparison tools and educational materials for Medicare-related insurance products.

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UF researchers find chemical signals that initiate the body's immune response

GAINESVILLE — University of Florida researchers have identified two key steps required to activate the body's innate immune system, its first line of defense against infection.

The discoveries offer insight into why some trauma patients survive their initial injuries but die from seemingly less serious causes soon afterward.

"We're able to bring them through the trauma with an 80 percent or higher success rate, and then after a few weeks in the hospital they succumb to secondary infections, like pneumonia and urinary tract infections," said Matthew Delano, M.D., Ph.D., a UF surgical resident.

Researchers, including Delano and Lyle Moldawer, Ph.D., a professor and vice chairman of research in UF's department of surgery, say understanding the chemical signals that help direct immunity may lead to improved therapies for patients with suppressed immune systems, such as those with critical injuries, HIV and cancer, who need extra help fighting infections.

In an article published in the July issue of the Journal of Experimental Medicine, the scientists describe how B cells, a specific type of white blood cell, release a chemical called CXCL10 to trigger inflammation and the deployment of cells designed to fight any pathogens or foreign matter.

Previously, B cells were thought to be involved only in the body's adaptive immune response, which recognizes invaders, proliferates and responds more effectively to subsequent encounters. The innate immune response is more generic and wasn't thought to convey any long-lasting immunity to specific threats.

"What we showed, which is actually quite revolutionary, is that B cells modulate the early innate immune response," Moldawer said.

A review of the paper appeared in the August issue of Nature Reviews Immunology.

In a separate study published in the July 15 issue of the Journal of Immunology, researchers identified a protein called stromal cell-derived factor 1, known as SDF-1, that directs the release of neutrophils, another type of white blood cell, from the bone marrow to the site of infection. Neutrophils will attack any pathogen and are one of the body's first weapons used to fight infection.

Bone marrow usually makes SDF-1, but stops production when an infection begins. Tissues at the infection site start making the protein instead, and neutrophils migrate to the areas with the highest concentrations of SDF-1. Once there, they battle the invading pathogens.

"If we block this increase (in SDF-1 in the infected area), then we don't see a mobilization," Moldawer said.

Moldawer said SDF-1 also speeds neutrophils' development from stem cells and increases their "bacteria-killing properties."

The identification of SDF-1 and of CXCL10 in activating the body's innate immune response could pave the way for medicines that stimulate innate immunity in immune-suppressed patients.

Scientists from the University of California, Los Angeles, Yale University, Duke University Medical Center, Osaka University, Merck Research Laboratories and the University of Virginia also helped with the studies.

"The next step is to ask whether giving SDF-1 can improve

outcomes in patients that have reduced numbers of inflammatory cells due to chemotherapy, malnutrition, etc.," Moldawer said.

The researchers will ask the same question about CXCL10.

Richard Hotchkiss, M.D., a professor at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, applauded the researchers' efforts to find new approaches to fighting infection and preventing and battling sepsis. Sepsis is a serious complication of infection in which the immune system becomes overactive and disrupts normal blood flow. The condition can lead to organ failure. Hotchkiss was not involved in the research.

"Using drugs which can up- or downregulate host immunity would be a nice accompanying approach to sepsis," he said. "Rather than just focusing on antibiotics, we should be focusing on drugs which can improve patient immunity and their ability to fight off new, secondary infections."

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United Methodist Church announces free Fall Fun Fest

The United Methodist Church of Sun City Center, 1210 Del Webb Blvd. West, is having a free Fall Fun Fest featuring a Trunk or Treat for children Monday, October 31st from 5 to 7 p.m. on the church grounds.

There will be free food, bounce houses, games, prizes, clowns, popcorn, balloons and live entertainment for the entire family. The "Trunk or Treat" portion of the event will also open at 5 p.m. with lots of candy and prizes. Children may come in costume if desired.

For additional information about this and other events at the United Church of Sun City Center, contact Jeff or Amanda Jordan (813) 634-2539. To learn more about the United Methodist Church of Sun City center, visit the website at www.sccumc.com.



Council gears up for season

Board members organize the Council of Catholic Women of Prince of Peace Catholic Church before their first meeting of the season in Conesa Center Oct. 5 following the 8 a.m. Mass. They are Karen Sochon, Christine Avella, Audrey Kartheiser, Anita Farney, Mae-Ellen Dowdy, Marlene Frederick, Lynn Whitmer and Joanne Frenzell.

South Bay Church accepting food items

South Bay Church, 13498 U.S. 301, just south of Big Bend Road, Riverview, has partnered with Metropolitan Ministries to help feed the hungry in Tampa Bay.

The community can help by bringing non-perishable food items and canned goods to the church

Sunday, September 25. Collection boxes will be available.

Services are held at 9 and 11 a.m. on Sundays. Recovery and support groups meet on Mondays along with many other community offerings. Visit southbay.cc for more information on programs.

Jewish High Holiday schedule

Beth Israel Jewish Congregation of Sun City Center announces its High Holiday schedule. Rabbi Philip Aronson and Cantorial Soloist Sam Isaak will be leading services.

Erev Rosh Hashanah will start at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 28. Day 1 of Rosh Hashanah will start at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 29. Day 2 of Rosh Hashanah will start at 10 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 30. Kol Nidre Service for Yom Kippur begins at 7:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7. Yom Kippur day will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8. Afternoon service will start at 3 p.m.

Yiskor service will start at approximately 5 p.m. and will be followed by concluding services, the blowing of the shofar and Havdalah service.

Members will receive tickets in the mail. There is no charge for members' spouses, parents, children and their spouses and grandchildren and their spouses.

Prince of Peace prepares for fall festival

The Fall Festival of Crafts at Prince of Peace Catholic Church Friday, Oct. 21 and Saturday, Oct. 22 will provide people with the opportunity to start holiday shopping early.

Doors will be open from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday. Admission is free.

People will find a variety of handcrafted items including quilts, original artwork, ceramics, pottery, floral design, jewelry, quilted items, wood creations, personalized items, toys and holiday decor.

More than 30 crafters and artisans will be on display with breakfast, lunch and beverage items available for purchase on both days.

Prince of Peace Catholic Church is located in Sun City Center at 702 Valley Forge Blvd., and the Festival takes place in the church's Conesa Center on the first floor.

For more information call Lynn at 941-723-8431.

Catholic women plan card party

The Council of Catholic Women of Prince of Peace Catholic Church invites anyone who likes to play cards or board games to make up a table in advance and attend the monthly Dessert Card Party on Wednesday, Oct. 12 from noon until 3:30 p.m. in Conesa Center.

Cards, pencils and tallies will be furnished.

For more information call 813-633-2460.

How to prevent falls

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church will hold a Fall Prevention Seminar on Thursday, Oct. 6 at 1:30 p.m.

Robin Watt and Margaret Kenny from the Sun City Fall Prevention Coalition will present information on how you can reduce your chance of falling with some simple changes to your daily routine and habits.

Robin is an EMT on the Sun City Center Emergency Squad and Margaret is a registered nurse who is certified in geriatric care. She serves as the Fall Prevention Coordinator for South Bay Hospital.

The public is invited. For more information call Carol at 813-634-1252.

Churches participate in community sing

The South Hillsborough Ministerial Association plans a community sing Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. at the Maranatha Church of God, 101 6th Ave., in Ruskin.

The South Hillsborough Ministerial Association is an organized, interactive group of local church ministers and congregations committed to the work of the Lord Jesus Christ in South Hillsborough County.

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Area Obituaries

Delores A. Farnworth

Delores A. Farnworth, 89, of Sun City Center, passed away on Monday, Sept. 12, 2011. Delores was a winter resident and would return to Birmingham, MI. She was involved in line dancing, and other community activities.

Delores was the beloved wife of the late Cecil Farnworth; loving mother of Peggi (Walter) Bindner; Christopher (Anne) Farnworth and the late Thomas Farnworth; dear grandmother of Katie and Sarah Bindner, Laina; and Kenna Farnworth; sister of the late Lorraine Menard; sister-in-law of Emdee Farnworth; aunt of Steve (Susan) Carbone, Belinda Farnworth, and Donna (Tim) Keogh; great-aunt of Brian, Laura, Danny, and Nathan.

A Memorial Service was held at the Birmingham Unitarian Church, Sept. 13 at 3 p.m. Please share a memory at: www.cremationmichigan.com.

Paul Edward Goodman

Paul Edward "Benny" Goodman, successful builder and developer, passed away August 21 at LifePath Hospice in Sun City Center, Fla. with his family near, after a 92 ½ year wild ride of amazing life experiences.

He was born Jan. 8, 1919 on the family farm in Oak Harbor, Ohio to Edward W. and Matilda (Gonya) Goodman. He was preceded in death by his parents and his daughter Paula Forsythe, as well as his siblings, Leona DaRooge, John Goodman, Marie Twynham, Geneva Goodman, and a brother Peter (James) Goodman. He is survived by his best friend and wife of nearly 70 years Jeanne (Mittan) Goodman, and a daughter Bethann Close and her husband Geoff of Virginia. Also surviving are grandchildren Marcia (Steve) Smith and Jackie (Kevin) Adams of Florida, Vanessa (Greg) Rubino of North Carolina, and Megan Close of California. Paul was fortunate and thrilled to have been able to meet and play with his great-grandchildren Paul and Grace Rubino, who also survive.

He met Jeanne in 1938 at a skating rink, and they were married Sept. 25, 1941. Their first daughter Paula was born in August 1942, and Bethann, their second daughter, arrived in March of 1948.

He served for three years during World War II with the 1881st Aviation Engineers Division A group stationed in the Philippines, Australia and New Guinea. He and his team built Clark Field's landing strips and military residences, offices and operations buildings under the direction of General Douglas MacArthur. Many of these structures are still operational today.

After the war, he returned to Fremont, Ohio starting his own company, Paul Goodman Homebuilder in the early 1950's. He was a private airplane pilot, and had a boat afloat for most of his life in either Lake Erie or Tampa Bay. An avid golfer, he enjoyed playing 18 holes most days after he retired in the early 1980s, achieving the elusive Hole-In-One ---three times. He was a Tennessee Squire and a Kentucky Gentleman. He and Jeanne were world travelers, visiting 35 foreign countries, and all 50 of the United States.

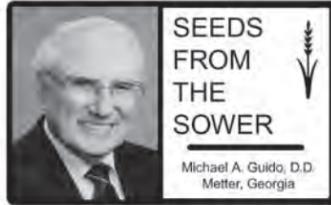
The family would like to thank LifePath Hospice Cranberry Team, and Dr. Mathews, and the staff at South Bay Hospital, plus a special thank you to the staff at Sun City Senior Living. A private ceremony was held in Ohio in late August. Memorial contributions to honor Paul's life can be made to the Shiner's Hospitals for Children. (www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org or mail to Shriners Hospitals for Children, Office of Development, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, Florida 33607).

Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

— Deuteronomy 6:5

Kathryn R. Minor

Kathryn Reichardt (Kay) Minor of Sun City Center, Fla., born in Sligo, Penn., joined our Father in Heaven Wed. Sept. 7, 2011. She was preceded in death by husband, Albert Sr. Survivors include two sons, Albert, Jr. (Louise) and John (Amy); six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. As a member of the United Methodist Church of Sun City Center, she enjoyed singing in the choir. An avid golfer, she made three holes in one at ages 72, 76 and 80. She was involved in many activities including the ROA. She was an Executive Secretary for the Fenton Art Glass Company and later for Rich's Dept. Stores. Prior to retiring, she was a member of the National Secretaries Association and won the Secretary of the Year award for the Georgia division in May 1969. Even with all her golfing and professional accomplishments, her family was her greatest pride and joy. Her memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, 2011 at the United Methodist Church of Sun City Center 1210 Del Webb Blvd. W., Sun City Center, Fla., 33573, a reception will follow in room 30. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Kay may be made to the United Methodist Church of Sun City Center.



A maid worked for an artist, and every night she was fascinated by the form of a person emerging from the marble.

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IN THE BEGINNING

A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination, and looked at the old pages as he turned them. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible, and he picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed between the pages.

"Momma, look what I found," the boy called out.

"What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked.

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered: "I think it's Adam's suit!"

THOU SHALT?

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honor" thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?"

Without missing a beat one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, "Thou shall not kill."

WHALE OF A STORY

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales.

The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small.

The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale.

Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible.

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The teacher asked, "What if Jonah didn't go to heaven?"

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service prompt and unobtrusive. Open for all meals, Sara's Crepe Cafe is a sit-down (indoor or outdoor) European-style restaurant. This elegant café features live music on weekends.

The highlight of our visit though was the time we spent talking with Margarita whose warmth, love and professionalism is palpable throughout the cafe. With its affordable prices, imaginative menu and Margarita, I look forward to a return visit on my next trip to St. Augustine.

Another find, across the street from Flagler College, was Café Alcazar in the Lightner Museum building. This elegant restaurant recently reopened under the aegis of restaurateur George Chryssaidis.

The building in which Café Alcazar is located was built in 1888 by Henry Flagler and featured the largest indoor swimming pool in the world. Café Alcazar is located on what was the deep end of the pool. Surrounded by shops filled with antiques, 30 foot balconies topped by 50 foot glass roof frames, Café Alcazar offers diners a unique old world dining experience.

Excellent food at affordable prices is artistically prepared by Chef Jesse Espinosa. Live, non-amplified background music accompanies your dining experience. Café Alcazar is open daily for lunch.

There is much to experience in St. Augustine. The signature sight has to be Castillo de San Marcos. Built between 1672 and 1695, it is the oldest masonry fort in the Continental United States and spans the history of Florida from the

early Spanish period to the end of the Seminole Indian Wars. Across the street from the fort is the new St. Augustine Pirate & Treasure Museum, definitely worth a visit.

When the sun goes down, St. Augustine's night life comes alive. A city this old is sure to have its share of apparitions and taking one of the famous and highly entertaining evening "ghost" tours is a must.

An important place in St. Augustine is the Matanzas Bay waterfront. Four centuries ago pirates sailing in through the inlet invaded and razed the city.

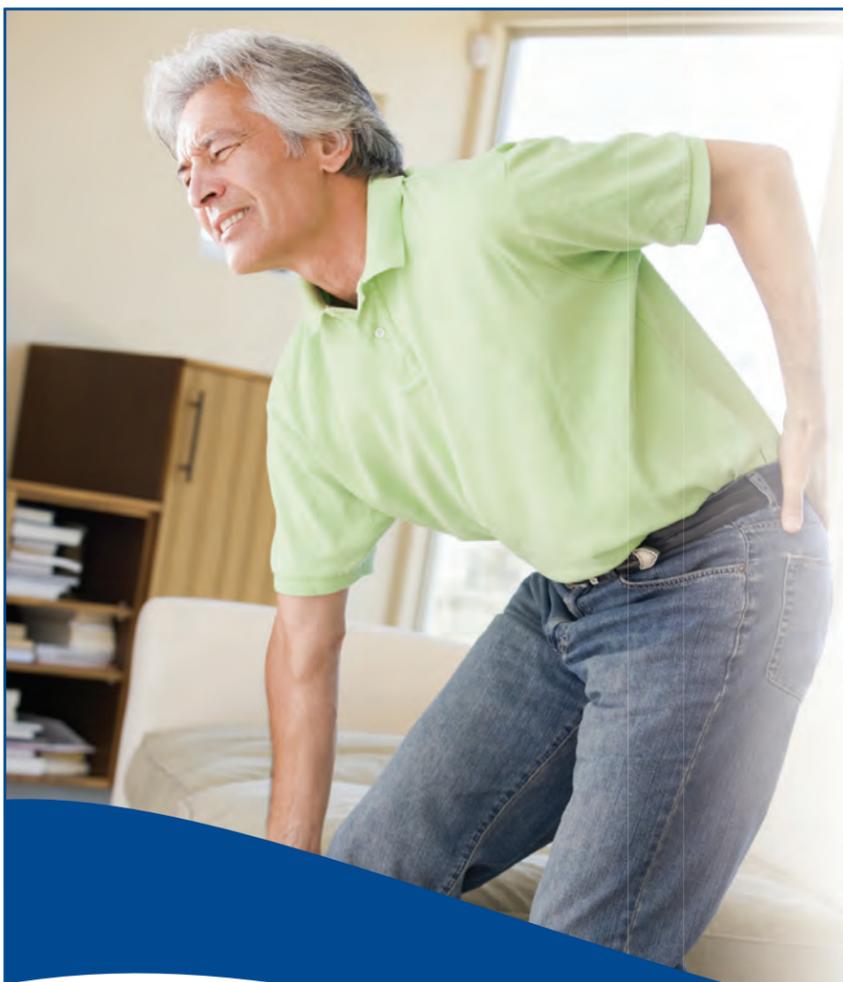
From the city marina, just south of the Bridge of Lions, there are boat and kayak rentals, fishing charters, and several sightseeing boats including the 72' topsail schooner FREEDOM. This "Tall Ship" features a two hour trip in St. Augustine's bay under glorious billowing white sails without motor noise, loud music, or a blaring PA system. If you are lucky, you might be asked to help raise the sails. It's a wonderful respite from touring the city on foot.

This is just a brief sketch of what is available to the visitor in St. Augustine. I have been there four times in the last two years and there are still things I want to see and do. For the first time visitor, a trip to the Visitor's Center just two blocks north of the city's historic gates would be worthwhile as well as riding one of the sightseeing trams that traverse St. Augustine.

Go to the St. Augustine web site floridashistoriccoast.com for information about events, sightseeing, lodgings and restaurants. ♦



The City of St. Augustine is the nation's oldest permanently occupied European settlement, having been founded by the Spanish in 1565. Don Pedro Menendez de Aviles came ashore and named a stretch of land near the inlet in honor of Augustine, a saint of the Roman Catholic Church on whose feast day, Aug. 28, land was sighted. Above, is the oldest wooden schoolhouse in America located on St. George Street, and at right, are the old city wall and gates leading into town.



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