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Nation's only showmen's museum opening in Gibsonton

■ By MELODY JAMESON

GIBSONTON — Millions of dollars and many years in the making, a museum unlike any other is preparing to open here.

Its exhibits range from human figures no larger than a fingertip to machinery towering more than 30 feet.

Its colorful wall hangings constitute a walk through the history of a livelihood that also is a lifestyle.

Its three-dimensional displays can tickle the funny bone and tease mature memories back to the days of carefree youth.

Unique though it is, this museum does, however, share certain commonalities with other such facilities; it is an invaluable record, a prized celebration, an honorable tribute to the world of the carnival and to its people, the independent showmen, the "carnies" who bring amusements to the country every summer.

Carnivals in America, those cotton candy, sugared pastry, game barker, blinking lights, thrill ride extravaganzas that can make kids out of sixty somethings, date back to the 19th century. The 1893 Chicago World's Fair is credited with spawning the traveling carnival when it assembled a section of rides, games, burlesque and side show curiosities — the first midway — and, incidentally, presented the first Ferris wheel built by George Washington Gale Ferris.

Before the Chicago Exposition, circuses and vaudeville shows toured America's cities and rural areas, offering sought-after entertainments in an era when homemade music and visitors' conversations were the primary recreation. After that world's fair, operators of its midway features

took a tip and took to the road. And America embraced the newcomers. By 1902, there reportedly were 17 traveling carnivals and by 1905 the number more than doubled to 46 such outfits. In 1937 — at the height of the Great Depression — some 300 carnivals complete with animal acts, multiple games, flavorful foods, side shows and rides to amuse all ages were crisscrossing the country.

From there, the world of the creative traveling amusement purveyors grew into an industry, making millionaires of enterprising equipment manufacturers,

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Planes, Trains and Craigslist

■ By MITCH TRAPHAGEN
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The last place I expected to be was on the Auto Train just outside of Washington, D.C. Sitting on the train, the thought occurred to me that there might be something wrong with me. Over the past decade, I've bought three different old cars and a sailboat over the Internet; all sight unseen and all with nothing more than the blind faith that those cars and that boat would get me home. And now I've just added to the list.

Porsche made all three cars. They were all at least 25-years-old and were all relatively inexpensive (certainly no more expensive than any other cheap used car). My wife and I still have one, but two have since been sold during fits of utilitarianism, practicality and economy. After driving a pickup truck with more than 200,000 miles on the odometer, I decided I needed a little more pep (and a backup vehicle) in my life. As my wife drove off each morning in our 1986 Porsche 944, I fired up Craigslist on my web browser in search of one that I, too, could drive off in.

After a month of searching, I found a lot of...junk. A Porsche

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MITCH TRAPHAGEN PHOTO

Steerage class (Amtrak calls it coach class) on the Auto Train would be remarkably comfortable if it had wings and flew. Initially, it felt less so for a 17-hour overnight trip down the Eastern Seaboard.

944 is a remarkably reliable and economical car if it is taken care of properly. The car my wife drives had 140,000 miles on it when I bought it in 2005 for \$3,500 from a guy in New Hampshire. Today it has nearly 250,000

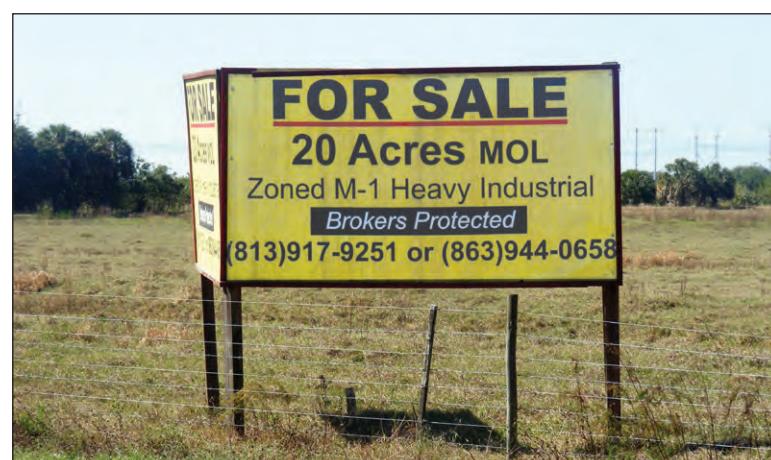
miles on it and it has required only minimal maintenance. But that maintenance can't be put off and it has required that I not be afraid to get my hands greasy now and again. In comparison, in 2003,

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Some fear proposed U.S. 41 Overlay will discourage industry

■ By PENNY FLETCHER penny@pennyfletcher.com

RUSKIN — Owners of large stretches of industrial-zoned property fronting U.S. 41 in Ruskin and Apollo Beach say the new rules proposed by the county in conjunction with the U.S. 41 Zoning Overlay Working Committee are fine for residences and retail stores but will keep industry out of South County.



The area just south of Big Bend Road and U.S. 41 intersection is zoned heavy industrial but some think the proposed U.S. 41 Overlay plan will discourage industry because of its specific fencing and landscaping requirements.

The Overlay will put an extra layer of zoning regulations on all property fronting U.S. 41 between Big Bend Road and the Little Manatee River Bridge and is part of the on-going effort to implement the Ruskin and Apollo Beach Community Plans.

Meetings have been held every month for nine months and working committees for both communities have been involved, voting on standards they think would be beneficial to their communities.

In the beginning of the meetings nine months ago, county staff, led by planners Jose Fernandez and John Healey, two working groups were formed, one for Ruskin and the other for Apollo Beach, because the two communities were so different.

The maps now show three distinct groups, based on the usage of U.S. 41.

Area 1 is between Big Bend Road and 19th Avenue in Ruskin.

Area 2 is between 19th Avenue and College Avenue

Area 3 is between College Avenue and the Little Manatee River Bridge.

But the county recognizes there is already a group working on Ruskin's downtown (from 19th Avenue to College) so it is not working on that area in this Overlay.

"We recognize that there is already a plan for Ruskin's downtown in the making," Fernandez said. "We don't want to duplicate efforts. And we also recognize that U.S. 41 is similar in the Apollo Beach area and the area south of Ruskin's downtown."

That is because those two areas are used as a "traffic corridor" while

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Faulkner, cultural center open to a sellout audience

■ By Mitch Traphagen
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RUSKIN — When the lights were dimmed and the curtain rose, performance artist Leland Faulkner emerged to a sellout

audience for the debut event of the Firehouse Cultural Center's first-ever Artist-in-Residence program.

Faulkner's hour-long performance was a brilliant

combination of fables, magic and illusion, going far to prove the heart and mind of a talented artist trumps artificial special effects. The artist had the audience laughing throughout the show and

received a standing ovation at the conclusion of the performance.

The theater is what were once large bays for fire trucks, transformed into the BlackBox Theater only days before Saturday

night's performance with the assistance of the Florida Home Partnership, Inc., Paintmore Corp., Sherwin Williams of Ruskin, Keith Arsenault of the International Arts & Entertainment Group, A&R Stucco of Ruskin, the StageWorks Theatre in Tampa, and numerous volunteers.

Faulkner's Artist-in-Residency was made possible through the sponsorship of the SouthShore Arts Council, Target Stores, Walmart, the Community Foundation of Greater Sun City Center, and the hospitality of the Mary & Martha House.

Additional donations came from Home Depot, Traditional & Digital Arts, PRP Wines International, SouthShore Signs in Ruskin, and the Destiny Church, along with support from the Arts Council of Hillsborough County.

After conducting a week of workshops, Faulkner will conclude his residency with a final performance at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 2. The performance will include participants from the workshops, a talkback session and a post-residency celebration. For more information, visit www.firehouseculturalcenter.org.



Upon taking the stage as the first-ever artist-in-residence, Leland Faulkner modestly attempts to quiet the audience with one hand, while encouraging more cheers with the other.

MITCH TRAPHAGEN PHOTOS



With the help and wonder of a young woman from the audience, Faulkner made paper fly.



A finale to Faulkner's hour-long performance included magic confetti and paper streamers. The audience provided a standing ovation.



Shadow art by Faulkner.

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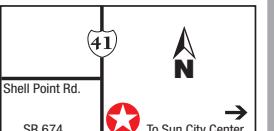
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Sharpen your listening skills

I have a friend who is one of the best informed people I know; she always seems to be up on everything. There is little happening in our circle of friends she does not know. If we go to a conference, she comes back with more knowledge of the other people attending than any of the rest of us. On the other hand, she does not seem to be a gossip or a person who overtly pries into the lives of other people. I wondered how she could be so informed so decided to ask her. She replied, "I take the time to listen." Well, I thought I listened too, but I didn't seem to come away with nearly as much information. So I asked if she had any tricks she used to enhance her listening skills. Here are the ideas

she shared with me.

- Concentrate on what is being said, not how it is being said. Some people speak with an accent, lisp or stutter, or they have other delivery problems that can be distracting. Make a conscious effort not to be turned off by these problems.
- Look for areas of common interest. It's easier to remember what they say if you can tie their statements to something in which you are interested.
- Shut out background distractions, such as fans, the voices of other people, music or other extra-



Positive Talk
By William Hodges

neous noises.

- Be careful not to allow emotionally charged words to shut down your mental process. The words the other person is using may not have been meant to offend you. Look beyond the words to the intent of the speaker.
- Occasionally, paraphrase and repeat back to the other person the information you heard. This will validate your understanding.
- Wait until the person has fully completed a thought before you reply. This prevents you from jumping to conclusions and unnecessary misunderstandings.

• Ask open-ended questions such as "Why do you feel that way?" "Could you tell me more about that?" or use any one of Kipling's honest serving men—Who? What? When? Where? Why? and How?

• Don't be overwhelmed by chit chat. Listen for the main points in the conversation. You have to sift a lot of dirt before you find a nugget of gold. The same is true of conversations. If you are patient and listen intently, the nugget will appear.

• If it is important that you remember specific information from a conversation, write it down as soon as possible after the conversation. Always keep in mind that the faintest pencil is better than the best memory. Committing ideas to paper reinforces them in your mind and allows reference at a later date.

My friend's ideas all make sense to me. In fact, she told me nothing new. But even though I knew these principles, I was not applying them. Knowledge without application is only potential power. My challenge, and that which I give to you, is to begin applying these principles. If we do, we can all become better listeners and we won't miss anything.

Hodges is a nationally recognized speaker, trainer and syndicated columnist. He also hosts an interview-format television program, Spotlight on Government, on the Tampa Bay Community Network which airs Mondays at 8 p.m. and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. (Bright House channel 950, Verizon channel 30). The shows can also be viewed at www.hodgesvideos.com. Phone: 813-641-0816. Email: bill@billhodges.com Website: www.billhodges.com"

MOWW National Commander addresses local chapter

The Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) featured the MOWW National Commander, CAPT Russell R. Vowinkel at its monthly luncheon which was held at the Sun City Center Plaza Club on Feb. 17.

CAPT Vowinkel was born and raised in Buffalo, New York. He was commissioned as an Ensign in the US Navy in 1962 after completing Aviation Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Florida.

He served on active duty from 1962-1967 and served in the Viet Nam War Theater of Operations as a Naval Flight Officer during a portion of this time. He completed 24 years in the Active Naval Reserve, during which time he successfully served three command tours. In July 2011, Captain Vowinkel assumed his current position as MOWW

National Commander.

CAPT Vowinkel assisted in the presentation of awards and

provided information pertaining to the state of affairs of MOWW from a national perspective



Capt Vowinkel, left, presenting Lt Col Paul Nixon, USAF (Ret) with Perpetual Membership certificate.

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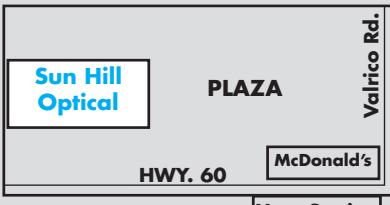
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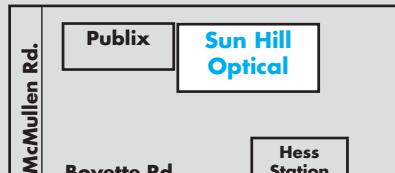
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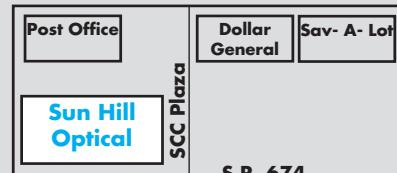
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Spring Break Camps are available at MOSI for kids in grades 3-5 and grades 4-8 from March 12-16. Campers should bring two snacks and wear clothing that can get messy, and bring a lunch or buy one from the MOSI Café. Extended hours are available from 7 to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for an additional \$10 per week.

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Apollo Beach Woman's Club announces annual fashion show

Tickets are now on sale for the Apollo Beach Woman's Club Annual Fashion Show "Passport to Fashion" to be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 31 at the Bradenton Yacht Club, 4307 Snead Island Rd., Palmetto. Coldwater Creek will feature unique casual and cruise wear in striking easy-care fabrics. ABWC members will be the models and Carol Torres, South Shore Day Spa in Apollo Beach will be the hairstylist.

Tickets are \$30 for the event that supports the ABWC's scholarship fund for college-bound Apollo Beach high school graduates. Doors to the event will open at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are selling out quickly for the three course luncheon and must be purchased in advance by calling Pam Kerstetter at (813) 645-2425 or (813) 679-2424. If transportation is needed it can be arranged with Kerstetter.

Ellen Kleinschmidt, singer, actor and writer for the theater, television and movies and her new musical play "Aged to Perfection" will be the emcee for the show. When not performing, Ellen is teaching for Hillsborough County where she

was Teacher of the Year in 2006.

Brian Kleinschmidt, actor, singer, and survivor of television's "The Amazing Race" is Ellen's son and a third generation performer. He will entertain the attendees of the fashion show with song and charm.

Those in attendance also will have the opportunity to bid on silent auction items that include a wonderful display of food and special-item baskets and gift certificates from local stores and restaurants.

ABWC members raise money throughout the year for numerous community service projects including scholarships and helping needy families and children in the area. The fashion show is the club's biggest fundraiser. Last year's event funded 11 scholarships totaling \$11,000 awarded to Apollo Beach college-bound students for the current academic year.

ABWC is open to all women in the greater Apollo Beach area. Membership information is available by calling Sharon Vasquez, membership vice president, at (813) 641-7856.

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From left to right: Caleb Bratz, Antoine Smith, Marcus Acosta, and Steven Smith at E.C.H.O.

A little goes a long way

The Tiger Cub Den of Cub Scout Pack #607, Riverview, while small in physical size and numbers, performed a big civic service in February. Their efforts stretched over four days of commitment to the Scouting for Food Program. Their work included collecting donated food from the congregation of South Shore United Methodist Church (their charter organization) and from the generous shoppers at the Publix, Big Bend Road and U.S. Hwy. 301. On Feb. 18, they took all the donated food to the Emergency Care Health Organization (ECHO) in Brandon where it weighed in at over one thousand pounds.

Brandon Jr. Woman's Club seeks members

You are invited to join the Brandon Jr. Woman's Club for their 2012 Annual Membership Recruitment Spring Fling Event from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, March 29 at their Clubhouse located at 129 N. Moon Avenue in Brandon.

Learn what the GFWC Brandon Jr. Woman's Club is all about and how they support the community through projects such as their Children's Holiday Party for the less fortunate, Scholarships for High School Female Seniors, Road Cleanups, Troop Support, International Projects, Health Awareness issues and more.

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For more information, contact Kim at kholt28@gmail.com.



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Friday, March 9	7-11 p.m.	Calvin O
Saturday, March 10	5-7 p.m.	Steak Dinner
Friday, March 16	7-11 p.m.	Karaoke with Kim Mullins
Saturday, March 17	4-7 p.m.	Live Band
	7-11 p.m.	St. Patricks Day
	7-11 p.m.	Corned Beef Dinner
	7-11 p.m.	St. Patricks Day Party with Kim Mullins
	7-11 p.m.	Del and Gary
	7-11 p.m.	Karaoke with Kim Mullins
	7-11 p.m.	Shine On
	7-11 p.m.	Karaoke with Kim Mullins

All events are open to qualified Moose members and guests

New members sought for young professionals

South Shore Young Professional Association was launched in May, 2011 to serve young professionals living and working in the South Shore area. The Association meets twice monthly and offers professional development talks by community business owners and leaders.

SSYPA meets at local venues and supports various non-profit organizations throughout the year. Currently the club is working hard to build its Relay for Life team to support the American Cancer Society. SSYPA's leadership chair position is now held by Lisa Kennedy, the current Honorary Mayor of Riverview.

The Association is affiliated with the Greater Riverview Chamber of Commerce. The group will meet from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6 at S&S Tacos/Pizzas & Stuff, 10664 U.S. Highway 301 S., Riverview.

To learn more about SSYPA, visit www.ssypa.com or call (813) 234-5944.

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, March 1 — VA Hospital at 5:30 p.m. Bar Bingo at 6 p.m.

Friday, March 2 — Fish Fry from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Music by Blinky & Fritz from 7 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, March 3 — Turkey Shoot at 1 p.m. Music by Rick Bourbon from 7 to 11 p.m.

Sunday, March 4 — Fire in the Hole from 1 to 4 p.m. Music by Bert & Sassy from 5:30 to 10 p.m.

Monday, March 5 — Fire in the Hole from 6 to 8 p.m.

Tuesday, March 6 — Games in Lounge from 1 to 4 p.m. Kitchen open from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Bingo at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, March 7 — American Legion Meeting at 7 p.m.

YOU, ME, AND BUSINESS

By: Dana Dittmar, Executive Director

SCC Chamber News

Periodically, when I'm in the lobby of a doctor's office or waiting for the oil to be changed in my car, I pick up whatever magazine is nearby to pass the time. The other week, it was "O" magazine. It's hard to tell which issue it was because Oprah always puts herself on every cover, but she has a column in the very back entitled "Things I Know to be True."

She usually writes of sentimental and fundamental things. Things designed to be life changing or at least life affirming. Most of them I agree with. And as I was reading this column, I got to wondering about the things I know to be true.

I started writing them down whenever I thought of one, and came up with my own list. Here are a few of my rambling thoughts (in no particular order).

Mom was right. Life is like a roll of toilet paper -- it goes faster the closer you get to the end. (Wasn't it just the holidays and now it's March?)

As soon as you finally get around to entering someone's email address into your contacts list, they will send you an email telling you they changed their address.

If you wash your car, it will rain. If you mow the grass it will rain. If you plan a day at the beach, it will rain.

When you take your vehicle to the mechanic because it's making a funny noise, it won't make the funny noise in front of the mechanic.

**You, Me & Business**

By Dana Dittmar

If you have one piece of chocolate or one potato chip or one peanut, you will want another one. Same thing with beer.

You can work hard to get through the pile of work on your desk, but when you come in the next morning, there will be a new stack. I think it's elves.

No one can do a presentation with electronics without something breaking. No one.

I have found the perfect pair of shoes in the store, but invariably they did not have them in my size.

If you are not the lead dog on a dog sled team, the view is all the same.

Nothing tastes as good as thin feels.

Wine is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy. He has also given us Godiva chocolate. Want to be extra happy? Get a bottle of that new chocolate wine!

Once you find a product that is the perfect size, the perfect price and does exactly what you want it to do, they will stop making it.

Now, none of these stream of consciousness thoughts will change the world or even change one life. I doubt Oprah will let me ghost-write her column any time soon. But if even one of these made you smile today, then it was worth taking the time to write them down. And if you have a One Sure Truth you'd like to share, send it to me -- I can always use a smile myself!

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Sally has appeared in Better Homes & Gardens, Windows and Walls, Real Simple and other interior design publications. She has evolved from owning her own retail decorating business, to consulting with the largest manufacturers on interior design products in the world.

This event will be held from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 8 in support of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. A \$10 contribution will be collected from each person attending. All monies collected will go directly to the Foundation. There will be a grand prize drawing, food and fun.

Register at Dove Interiors, 2305 College Avenue, Ruskin, or phone 645-8660.

**A vision recognized**

The Sun City Center Area Chamber of Commerce held a monthly coffee and ribbon cutting at OT Rehab Solutions in Sun City Center. They specialize in products and therapies for those with low vision.

Keeping up to date

Don and Chris Guiley from A + Hearing Center, in Sun City Center, FL attended the 13th Annual Florida Continuing Education Workshop in Orlando, Jan 20 & 21, 2012. This year's workshop wanted to focus on ways to build your business as these challenging economic times continue. The program consisted of the Florida Laws on Hearing Aid Dispensing, Infection Control for Hearing Healthcare Providers, How Loop Systems help us all, Advertising Mistakes and How to Avoid Them. This workshop is necessary to get the Continuing Education Hours needed for the Florida State License and International Institute for Hearing Instrument Studies, American Academy Audiology and American Speech-Language Hearing Association. For more information call 813-642-8200.



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Young Adults Conference scheduled for March

Hillsborough County Parks, Recreation and Conservation is holding conferences designed to raise the level of awareness about positive life styles, and health and welfare of young Hillsborough County adults. The Girls Only Conference and the Men of Tomorrow Conference for Boys are each limited to the first 100 participants. Cost is \$10 per person, or \$5 for Rec2Six program participants. Registration deadline for the conferences held in March is Thursday, March 8.

Men of Tomorrow Conference for Boys

When: Tuesday, March 13, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Where: All Peoples Life Center, 6105 E. Sligh Ave. in Tampa

Who: Young men, ages 10 to 16

Cost: \$10 per person, \$5 for Rec2Six program participants

Registration Deadline: March 8,

open to the first 100 participants

Workshop topics include Dress for Success, Fitness and Nutrition, Disabilities Awareness, and Fishing. A free lunch will be provided by Brocato's Sandwich Shop.

Keynote speaker Jason Romano is a former professional Major League baseball player, and currently works as an agent for Excel Sports Management, a full-service sports management and marketing agency that represents some of the top athletes in professional sports today.

For more information call David Andrews, Parks, Recreation and Conservation at (813) 376-5755.

Girls Only Conference

When: Wednesday, March 14, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Where: Apollo Beach Recreation Center, 664 Golf and Sea Blvd. in Apollo Beach

Who: Young women, ages 10 to 15 years old

Cost: \$10 per person, \$5 for Rec2Six program participants

Registration Deadline: March 8, open to the first 100 participants

Workshop topics include College and Careers, Dress for Success, Flourishing Faces and Nails, Zumba, and a presentation by the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office. A free lunch will be provided by Brocato's Sandwich Shop. Transportation from some of Hillsborough County's recreation centers might be available.

A special presentation will be given on past participants and where they are now.

For more information, contact the Ruskin Recreation Center at (813) 672-7881, or the Gardenville Recreation Center at (813) 672-1120.



BY CARL MCGARY:

Auction co-chairs Merlene Smithyman (L) and Cam McGary expect ticket sales to be brisk when they go on sale March 1.

Sun City Center Silent and Live Auction Set for March 26

Hard to believe...March is here! That means it is only a few weeks until the Sun City Center 50th Anniversary Auction on March 26 (5:30 p.m.) at the Renaissance Club. Tickets are \$25 each will be sold March 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7 from 9 a.m. till noon in the Atrium on the SCC Central Campus, N. Pebble Beach Blvd. This event is open to the public.

Is a hot air balloon ride on your bucket list? Or are you more interested in a week's stay at a beach resort, or does a two-night, three-day stay at Little Harbor sound more appealing? Will you be the highest bidder for a baseball signed by pitcher Jeremy Hellickson of the Rays Baseball Team? Maybe a more practical item gets your attention—like an area rug (\$500 value) or that beautiful stone-paver entry for your home (\$500 value). Perhaps you need new golf cart batteries or a new microwave. These are just some of the items that will be available to the highest bidders. It will be exciting to peruse the auction catalog for the wonderful items, then hearing the gavel sounding and the auctioneer announcing, "Sold, to the lady in the purple dress!"

Cam McGary and Merlene Smithyman, co-chairs for the event, say they are excited about the "word on the street" about the high level of interest and expect all 200 tickets will be sold quickly.

ClubLink, sponsor for the auction, is preparing the Renaissance clubhouse for arrival of the auction items. Ticket holders will enjoy complimentary beverages and hors d'oeuvres as they study their catalogs and view the items to be auctioned.

This is one of the last major 50th Anniversary Celebration events, so buy your tickets early to reserve your spot. For further information, call 642-9800 (McGary) or 634-8387 (Smithyman).

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Community Hall of SCC to host public concerts

Swinging Into Spring

The 18-piece Sarasota Jazz Project will come back to Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sunday, March 4, 2-4 p.m. Open to public. Reserved seats. Tickets are \$12.

Sarasota Concert Band

Three concerts will be performed by this 40-piece band at the Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd. from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday: April 22-Russian Romance, May 27-Latin Rhythms and July 1-Victory Celebrations. Open to public. Reserved seats. Tickets are \$18 each or buy all three as a mini-series for \$45 person.

Both event tickets are on sale at the Community Association Office Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-noon. For more information call 813-642-2001.



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Citizen planners outline a future rooted in rural activity

■ By MELODY JAMESON

BALM – Community planners here mean to keep this once-isolated pocket of Hillsborough agriculture on the country side.

Six of the 10 goals identified in their draft Balm Community Plan focus on maintaining agrarian activity, conserving open land, encouraging recreation of a rural style and eventually establishing a "hamlet" or "village" core as alterations wrought by development transpire. Few trappings of urban or suburban lifestyles are coveted here.

Citizen planners composed of both small homestead owners and large acreage holders have been at work on their guideline for a year, fashioning a mutually agreed-to vision of the little community which can trace its beginnings back a solid century.

And, while their outlooks now committed to paper could undergo changes as they are discussed and reviewed during forthcoming months, the final concepts may be ready for open house exhibit in May, Principal Planner Lisa Silva said this week. If a May date cannot be scheduled, an early autumn timeframe is likely, the professional planner added. Silva, a member of The Planning Commission staff, has been assisting the citizen planners.

Balm, established around turn of the 20th century by hardy rural families who earned livings in lumbering, crop farming, livestock ranching and phosphate mining, was generally unknown outside the South County region until late in the century. Balm's settlers, proud of their self-sufficiency and able to meet their material, spiritual as well as educational needs locally, liked it that way.

And many of their descendants still do. The first goal outlined in their plan draft calls for continued strong support of agricultural endeavors as the community's economic base, whether from crop production or ornamental horticulture, tropical fish farming or livestock ranching.

The plan's third goal recognizes the potential need to diversify that base with alternative but related undertakings such as a comprehensive farmers' market and community garden along with agricultural and ecological tourism, plus retail activity such as feed stores and machinery dealers.

Cognizant of the Balm Scrub, the extensive, natural state

acreage bordering the community to the north and acquired through the county's environmental lands purchase program, planners in their fifth goal call for creation of wildlife corridor connections to protect the area's mammal, reptile and avian inhabitants, for parking facilities plus rest rooms and tables to accommodate those using the scrub lands for passive recreation, as well as for minimizing light pollution and pervasive artificial light through nighttime lighting standards.

Still focused on conserving the natural environment, the planners would have a multi-use pathway network through the community for biking, jogging, sightseeing, plus equestrian trails for riders and their mounts, as well as greenways connecting clustered housing and the village center when development comes. They made it all the crux of their ninth goal.

Pointing out that the community has been burdened with such "liabilities" as a large assortment of borrow pits and an immense landfill, the citizen planners call also for a Hillsborough County Sheriff's substation to enhance community safety and a satellite office of the county's extension service to serve resident needs for help with composting, rain barrel water conservation and the like.

In addition, they emphasize the importance of maintaining their historic post office recently threatened with closure in a U.S. Postal Service cost savings effort plus restoration to full use of their county park with its civic center building and recreational ball fields which has been impacted by county cutbacks. They also assert the value of expanding the community partnership with the University of Florida's ag research and experiment center on its east side.

And, while other South Hillsborough community plans



MELODY JAMESON PHOTO

Balm residents may recognize their community no longer is an isolated pocket of South Hillsborough County, but they still want to preserve every aspect possible of their rural agricultural lifestyle. In their current community planning documents, they are maintaining open space for multiple reasons, including to allow for various continued farming and ranching endeavors such as the placid pastoral scene above.

were hammered out only after intense debate over the number of housing units to be permitted per acre in a given area, Balm's planners at this point have made it simple. They want the current rural housing density maintained: one unit per five acres or less, discouraging suburban scale density and conventional subdivision development.

Yet, they realize, in time development will come to their settlement tucked away east of U.S. 301, still outside existing urban service areas, largely beyond public potable water lines and sewage disposal systems. When it does, they would have clustered housing with the village center situated near their long-standing post office and around the Andrews and Balm Roads intersection. Here they envision the "commercial neighborhood" of shops and eateries, perhaps a bed and breakfast inn, all of it

connected via pedestrian linkages to the community's churches, library, school, parks, etc.

As Balm's plan is being polished, Silva said contacts are being made with the various governmental agencies involved because of specific items included in the guideline. For example, she added, it is necessary to determine what if any changes on the county level must be made to facilitate creation of a community garden

and to pin down rural design standards for community signage.

The next community meeting on the plan is set for 6 PM, Tuesday, March 20, in Balm's civic center building, Silva said. At that time, a Mosaic representative is expected to give the planning group an overview of the phosphate mining company's outlook for its not-yet-mined tracts in the Balm area.

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Showmen's museum first in nation

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making good livings for show owners and their families, making succeeding generations of showmen as sons followed fathers on the circuit of county fairs and church bazaars, civic celebrations and volunteer fire department fund raisers.

They began finding their way to Gibson in the 1920s, eventually making it the preferred winter home for showmen where family ties and friendships could be renewed, animals rested, equipment repaired, and life slowed to a normal pace in reliably comfort-

able weather.

At this point, five generations of carny showmen in the same family have made Gibtown their headquarters, says Lee Stevens, as he shows a visitor around the new International Independent Showmen's Museum on the Gibson

end of Riverview Drive. Stevens, a New York native who notes he left home to join the circus in his teens, is a past president of the 4700-member Showmen's Association headquartered in an expansive complex on the south side of Riverview Drive, opposite the museum.

As a member of the association board which oversees its several components — among them a showmen's retirement village, multiple charities, a scholarship program as well as the museum — Stevens estimates the local showmen's colony numbers at least 15,000. As a lifelong carnival feature operator and now a food concessionaire who soon will hit the road with his wife and the youngest of their four children to work venues in and around Chicago for the summer, he knows his industry from the inside out. It has great appeal, he points out, for the independent business individual.

It may have a poor image with some on the outside — the old "grifter" reputation — he acknowledges, but it is a "family" whose members attach a high value to the "camaraderie."

"There may be competition for bookings, but if you're broken down on the road, there'll also be help." And their museum, he indicates, stands as testimony.

The 40,000 square foot structure started about 14 years ago and finished with a \$1.15 million donation from Jim Frederiksen, a manufacturer of carnival machinery, houses on two floors a wide assortment of antique equipment, historic printed materials and detailed exhibits that tell the carnival story — most of it donated by practicing carnies.

There's the bright red 1918 Packard delivery truck that once rolled along small town streets, loaded with tents and gear headed

See SHOWMEN'S MUSEUM, page 17



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The curtain falls on an era at the Ruskin Drive-In

This week marks the end of the 35mm film era at the Ruskin Drive-In. Beginning Monday, March 5, the iconic South Hillsborough theater will begin the conversion to digital movies through new equipment purchased to replace the aging but still functional 35mm film projector. Over the past year, the theater held several events to raise funds for the new equipment. But while the drive-in will soon be digital, most things won't change, including the family-friendly atmosphere, the availability of first-run movies and the need for customers to continue to support the theater by purchasing the reasonably-priced food and beverages from the theater snack bar. The first digital movie at the Ruskin Drive-In will be shown on Monday, March 9. Above, theater owner Ted Freiwald stands next to large platters of 35mm film for the old projector.



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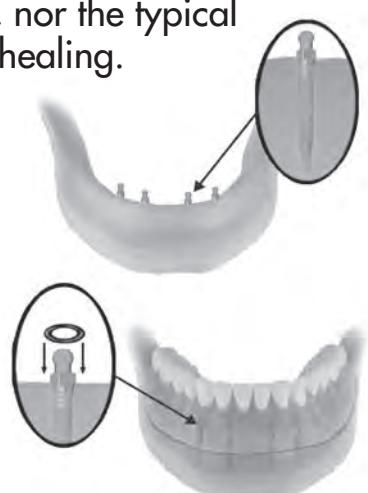
As attention-getting as it would be on a carnival midway, this lighted sign inside the new showmen's museum leaves no doubt as to its location. The museum, one of a kind initiated 14 years ago and completed recently with a \$1.15 million donation, is housed in a 40,000 s.f. building that showcases the showmen's art and artistry.

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Poorly Insured



The Savvy Senior

By Jim Miller

Dear Poorly,
There are actually a variety of ways you can reduce your medication costs without cutting quality, but you'll need to take a proactive approach. The following tips can also help seniors with a Medicare prescription drug plan avoid the "donut hole" coverage gap, or reduce their costs once they reach it. Here are some cost-cutting strategies to try.

Check your insurance: If you have drug coverage, your first step is to find out what your plan does and doesn't cover. You can do this by visiting the insurer's website or by calling their 800 number on the back of your insurance card. Once you have this information, share it with your doctor so (if possible) he or she can prescribe medications that are best covered by your plan. You also need to find out if your insurer has a mail-order service. This would help you to purchase your medications for 20 to 40 percent less.

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist: Find out if the medications you're taking are available in a generic form or a less expensive brand-name drug (you can also look this up online at sites like destinationrx.com). About 75 percent of all premiums drugs on the market today have a lower-cost alternative. Switching could save you between 20 and 90 percent. Many chains like Wal-Mart, Target, Costco, Kmart, CVS, Walgreens and Kroger sell hundreds of generics for as little as \$4 for a 30-day supply and \$10 for a 90-day supply.

Another cost cutter is to buy your medications in bulk. Many pharmacies give discounts if you buy a three-month supply of drugs versus a 30-day supply. Also, find out if the pills you're taking can be cut in half. Pill splitting allows you

Silver Osprey Squadron hosts hurricane hunter

CAPT Donald W. Aiken, Jr., USN (Ret.), Executive officer for the Aircraft Operations Center of NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) hurricane hunter will speak at the Silver Osprey Squadron luncheon on Friday, March 2.

The meeting will be held at The Plaza Club, Freedom Plaza, 3932 Upper Creek Drive, Sun City Center. Meet and Greet is at 11:30, lunch at noon.

CAPT Aiken directs the operation of the Lockheed WP-3 Orion and Gulfstream IV hurricane hunter aircraft based at Tampa, Fl. He will explain what it's like to fly these aircraft in a hurricane and how these flights have helped predict the size and courses of some of the major Florida hurricanes.

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Shop around: Drug prices can vary from drugstore to drugstore, so it's definitely worth your time to compare prices at the different pharmacies in your area. Using U.S.-based online pharmacies are another way to save 25 percent or more. Drugstore.com and family-meds.com are two good sites that provide solid savings, but there are dozens to choose from. If you opt for an online pharmacy, be sure you purchase from ones that have the "VIPPS" seal of approval (see vipps.info) from the National Association of Board of Pharmacy. Seniors enrolled in a Medicare prescription drug plan also need to make sure the online pharmacy they're buying from is included in their network. Otherwise, the purchase may not count toward their deductible.

Get a discount card: Many pharmacies have free or low-cost discount card programs that will let you buy generics for \$4 or qualify for steeper discounts on other drugs. Other drug card programs worth a look include togetherrx-access.com, rxsavingsplus.com, yourrxcards.com, rxfreecard.com, pscard.com and familywize.com.

Search for drug assistance programs: If your income is limited, you can probably get help through drug assistance programs offered through pharmaceutical companies, government agencies and charitable organizations. To find these types of programs use benefitscheckup.org, a comprehensive website that lets you easily locate the programs you're eligible for, and will show you how to apply.

Buy from Canada: This option offers savings between 50 and 80 percent on brand-name drugs, but it's important to understand that it's illegal to import drugs from Canada. The FDA, however, does not prosecute anyone who imports prescription drugs for personal use. If you're interested in this option, see pharmacychecker.com, an independent resource that finds the lowest prices from licensed and reputable Canadian pharmacies. (Note: This is not a good option for Medicare Part D beneficiaries because it will not count toward their deductible.)

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.

South Shore Regional Library to host juried Art Show

Join the artists at the South Shore Regional Library, 15816 Beth Shields Way, Ruskin on Thursday, March 1 from 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. The first juried Fiber Arts group show in the Crawford Gallery will have an opening reception to meet the artists. Barbara Agemi, Ruth Mahoney, Mary McLaughlin, Elizabeth Murray, Joan Mynahan, Charlene Roberts, Diana Speedy, Barbara Siros, Nina Tatlock and Sandra Yavocik will be showing their work.

Free to the public. Light refreshments and music will be provided. For more information, call Laurie Burhop at 273-3652.

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The Sanctuary has teamed up with Purina's Pets for Seniors to help adoptable pets at the Sanctuary find new homes and to help seniors find a new companion. Select dogs and all cats will be offered free to seniors (age 60+) thanks to Purina.

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All dogs and cats also have 30-days of FREE pet insurance.

An adoption certificate along with a coupon for a free bag of Purina pet food is provided by Purina.

Call 941-750-8185 for more information.



Funds for this program are limited and available on a first come basis. Want to help keep the program going? Donate! Please mail donations to 20010 East SR 64, Bradenton, FL 34212 or anonymous cash donations can be dropped off at any Bank of America (Horse & Animal Sanctuary fundraising account).

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Everything changed in an instant

Ruskin somehow manages to be the odd man out in things. Sun City Center has an identity, and the people who live there work hard to maintain it. Apollo Beach has an identity of sorts, mostly as a bedroom community, but there is also an inclusiveness found in the community. Gibsonton has an identity and, until recently, it had a certain exclusiveness among the many performers who called it home. Riverview, well Riverview is a big ol' place filled with homes and people, and is right next to all of the big city amenities.

But what is Ruskin? It always seems to be the odd man out. When I moved to Ruskin nearly 17 years ago, it had two tack stores and at least three grocery stores. I, of course, heard about the history of the place steeped in hard work, education and the arts, but saw little of the remnants in today's life. When the Coffee Cup disappeared and there were no more "2 for \$2" breakfasts at the Ruskin Cafe, it seemed the last threads to what Ruskin was and wanted to be were fraying away.

When I was looking into opening a marine store back in 2000, I was told that people from Apollo Beach would not go to Ruskin. I was told that people from Sun City Center wouldn't go to Ruskin. Why not? OK, yes, Ruskin is a little eclectic. While Apollo Beach and Sun City Center have nicely planned streets and avenues, Ruskin is a good bit more ad hoc. There are houses in this community that have no real right-of-way access to a street. Over the years, stuff just

happened, and things seemed to be randomly put together. One day, a silver travel trailer is new and shiny on an empty lot, the next day someone nails a bunch of plywood to it and that trailer becomes the living room of an inexpensive, odd-looking house.

And yes, the randomness and ad hoc nature of things has made for a somewhat dangerous neighborhood or two.

Shopping in town isn't quite what you'd find in Apollo Beach, but eclectic isn't a bad thing and a little diversity adds some spice to life, as long as that doesn't include getting shot or continually having your yard ornaments stolen.

In 17 years here, I've never been the victim of a crime in Ruskin, unless I count the missing bicycle that I accidentally left unlocked at a marina bike rack for a year or so. Of course, there have been many crimes over the years, so maybe I'm just lucky. There have been some horrific crimes in Apollo Beach and Sun City Center, too, but those are seen with surprise. Ruskin, again, is the odd-man out because people always seem to expect it here.

The reality is that Ruskin isn't dangerous, and crime is actually lower here than in many parts of the Tampa Bay area. Yes, this place runs the gamut from outlandish to run-down and, let's face it, the main shopping center isn't exactly Fifth Avenue style. But somewhere in this community I can still hear a heart that has been beating for more than 100 years. The past few months have exemplified that



Observations
By Mitch Traphagen
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MITCH TRAPHAGEN PHOTO

It was almost surreal being able to attend a live performance in Ruskin on Saturday night and it was certainly enjoyable. Above, performance artist Leland Faulkner display one of his thousand faces.

with numerous gatherings to help people in need. There have been so many events lately that I'm at a loss for new headlines because there are only so many ways to say "Community steps up for...". In my opinion, that's a good problem for a community to have. It shows that there is most certainly a heart in Ruskin.

Even with my already fond feelings towards the community, everything I knew about Ruskin changed last Saturday night. I now know something of the Ruskin that the community has always wanted it to be — a long spoken of, yet oft-forgotten vision for Ruskin has been transformed into reality. On Saturday night, Ruskin became a regional center for the arts.

A group of people, with help from local, regional, and national businesses and organizations, worked their tails off to transform a decades-old, somewhat unattractive building that had been built to house fire trucks and firefighters into a regional cultural center. They did that work based entirely on faith: faith that people in Ruskin would see the potential in it and thus support it and faith that people in Sun City Center, Apollo Beach, Gibsonton and Riverview would make the trip to Ruskin to do the same. To me, it was the fulfillment of Ruskin's destiny, all built on hard work, dreams and a shoestring.

The large bays that once housed fire engines have been painted

to hear their laughter and applause as Faulkner dazzled the audience with his worldly talent. It felt great to know that people — my neighbors in this community — cared so much to work so hard to make it happen. I can only imagine how they felt seeing all of their hard work come to fruition.

For years, I've heard that Ruskin was founded on the arts. On Saturday night, Ruskin returned to its roots. When the curtain went up and the applause began at the Firehouse Cultural Center, everything that anyone alive today has thought about Ruskin changed.

"This is going to leave a mark — a good one," my wife Michelle said as we left the theater after Faulkner's performance. "Twenty years from now, people will remember this is when it all began."

This community just emerged from being the odd man out to being what it was always meant to be — a regional center for the arts and a resource for all of South Hillsborough.

Saturday night in Ruskin — you can catch a live show and, perhaps, enjoy dinner or cocktails afterwards. How cool is that?

Find out more at www.firehouseculturalcenter.org.



Encore of carnival glass presentation

The Palmetto Historical Park and Manatee Agricultural Museum are sponsoring two free presentations: *Carnival Glass – Beginnings to 2012*, at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 3, in the Carnegie Library, 515 10th Ave. West, Palmetto. Presenters Carl Chapman and J.R. Leach, officers of the Tampa Bay Carnival Glass Club, will speak about the history of Carnival Glass, aspects of collecting the glass, and will have lots of time for questions and answers. Examples of the glass will be available for viewing and attendees are encouraged to bring glass to the presentation for identification and valuation. Two pieces per family. Reservations are needed, 941-721-2034. In addition, an exhibit of Carnival Glass is on display in the Carnegie Library and Agricultural Museum until March 15.

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Eagles Set Their Weekly Activities

The Ruskin Eagles, FOE, located at 1205 1st St. S.W. has scheduled the following weekly activities.



All events and activities of the Eagles Club are supported by the members and members' guests.

The FOE Aerie meet at 7 p.m. the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. The Ladies' Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Thursday. Eagle Riders meet the 2nd Sunday of the month at 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 1 -- Bar Games at 1 p.m.

Friday, March 2 — Feather Your Nest Game at 6 p.m.

Saturday, March 3 — Chicken and Rice Dinner by Thea at 5 p.m. Music by The sister Act from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 4 — Feather Your Nest Game at 6 p.m.

Monday, March 5 — Bingo at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, March 6 — Come on down and socialize.

Wednesday, March 7 — Wings and Things at 5 p.m. OH SO GOOD! Bar Games at 6 p.m.

For more information, call the club at 645-2922.

High schoolers invited to experience university life

Only 45 percent of American students who enroll in college will ultimately earn a bachelor's degree. Pre-College programs introduce high school students to the university experience.

USF Pre-College 2012 provides high schoolers opportunities to explore university-level academics in an intensive, exciting, and enjoyable on-campus environment. Programs offer high school students the opportunity to pursue academic interests, discover career opportunities, earn college credit, and explore the experience of university life.

"We believe that the more familiar you are with university life, the better prepared you will be when you enter college in the near future," affirms Stuart Silverman, dean of the University of South Florida's Honors College.

This summer's line-up offers a diverse group of learning experiences to high school students. Programs are enriched with field trips that take Pre-College students from theory to practice. Students may enroll in one or more of the twelve programs, selecting from a broad range of academic disciplines. University faculty provide innovative instruction in a hands-on learning environment that encourages creative problem solving.

Programs range from one day to three weeks and offer residential, commuter or online access. This year's offerings include the following programs:

1. Architecture – USF School of Architecture
2. Global Sustainability – USF School of Global Sustainability
3. Mechanical Engineering – USF College of Engineering
4. Computer Science – USF College of Engineering
5. Biomedical Engineering – USF College of Engineering
6. American Sign Language – USF College of Behavioral & Community Sciences
7. Art and Design – USF School of Art & Art History
8. Music – USF School of Music
9. Online Music – USF School of Music
10. Marine Science – USF College of Marine Science
11. Film Studies – USF College of Arts and Sciences
12. S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) – USF College of Arts and Sciences



From left to right: Kyle Bowman, Joy Bordner, Madi Brown, Lucas Worley, Erin Elsberry, Rebecca Knowles, Natalie Hausler, Randall Casey, Tyler Leonard, Rey Penaloza, and Roger Smith.

Lennard FFA Chapter takes first place

FFA members from all across Hillsborough County gathered to compete in the county level Nursery Landscape and Floriculture Career Development Event, held Jan. 26 at the County Extension office. Among these competitors were several members representing the Lennard FFA Chapter; Joy Bordner, Kyle Bowman, Randall Casey, Natalie Hausler, Rebecca Knowles, Tyler Leonard, Rey Penaloza, Roger Smith, and Lucas Worley.

These students were required to demonstrate their knowledge of the horticulture and floriculture industry through a series of identification practicums and a general knowledge assessment. In the individual placings Kyle and Rey tied for fourth high individual, Randall earned second high individual, and Lucas earned high individual, and first in all of the contest categories. The Lennard FFA Chapter team placed first overall in the competition.

Program registration, full schedules, and detailed descriptions are available on the web: <http://usf.edu/precollege>. Application deadline is June 1, 2012.

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6. American Sign Language – USF College of Behavioral & Community Sciences
7. Art and Design – USF School of Art & Art History
8. Music – USF School of Music
9. Online Music – USF School of Music
10. Marine Science – USF College of Marine Science
11. Film Studies – USF College of Arts and Sciences
12. S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) – USF College of Arts and Sciences

WAVES Unit #55 to meet

Attention, all Women of the Military Sea Service. Tampa Bay WAVES Unit #55 will meet at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 10, at St. Matthew's Anglican Church, 10701 Bloomingdale Ave., Riverview in St. Anne's Hall, located at the rear of the church building.

Membership in the Unit and in the parent organization, WAVES National, is open to all women who served honorably (including those currently serving) in the U.S. Navy, Navy Nurse Corps, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, or Maritime Service, or related reserve components.

For more information, call Jeanette Green at (813) 657-9164.



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Kids' Program/Event Highlights March 1-7

Family Story Time

Thursday, March 1 • 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.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, March 1 • 7 to 8 p.m.

For teens in grades 6-12. Join the Teen Advisory Board to get involved with the Library's teen programs or earn community service hours for graduation, scholarships and more. Event is funded by the Friends of the SouthShore Regional Library.

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss

Sunday, March 4 • 2 to 3 p.m.

For children in grades K-5 with stories and cake on a plate. A craft you can make, so mark the date. Lots of fun to partake, so don't be late. It will be great, can't hardly wait! Refreshments will be provided. Event is funded by the Friends of the SouthShore Regional Library.

Baby Time

Monday, March 5 • 1:35 to 1:55 p.m.

Tuesday, March 6 • 11:35 to 11:55 a.m.

Wednesday, March 7 • 10:05 to 10:25 a.m.

For children ages 0-20 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.

Snow White and the Rockin' Dwarfs

Monday, March 5 • 3 to 3:40 p.m.

Join them for this special play based on the classic fairy tale. Featured in the play are Snow White, The Queen and her Mirror; however, instead of the Seven Dwarfs, meet Doc Dwarf and his rock band in the woods. Presented by the Twig Theater South and The Pelican Players. This is a school early release Monday.

Teen/Adult Printing Without a Press

Monday, March 5 • 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Join Art Instructor Tim Gibbons and create and explore the many possibilities of printing. You will go home with some completed printing projects. Limit 20. Registration required at either the Information Desk or by calling 273.3652. Funding for this program provided by the Friends of SouthShore Regional Library.

Toddler Time

Tuesday, March 6 • 10:05 to 10:25 a.m. and 10:35 to 10:55 a.m.

Wednesday, March 7 • 10:35 to 10:55 a.m.

For children ages 20-36 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, March 6 • 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 7 • 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.

HOLE-IN-ONE

James C. Smith of Rochester, NY shot a hole-in-one on Feb. 20, 2012 on the 4th hole at the Apollo Beach Golf Club of Apollo Beach, FL. He used a 6 Iron and drove the ball 150 yards.

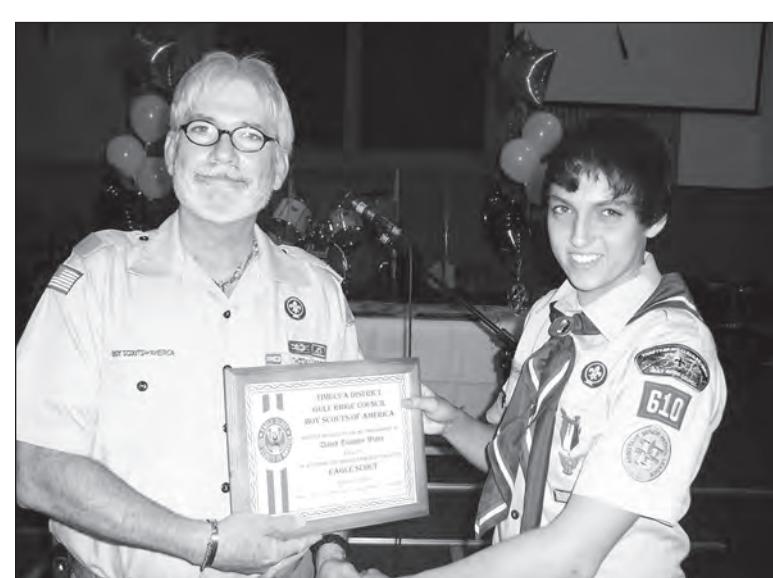
This feat was witnessed by Ken Mills.

Comfort dinner planned

The American Legion Auxiliary, Alafia Unit 148 will hold a comfort dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 10 at 7240 U.S. Hwy. 301 in Riverview.

The dinner will consist of Southern smoked chicken, roasted red potatoes, green beans, salad and dessert. Cost is \$7 per plate. Rick and Ed will provide entertainment from 7 to 11 p.m. The public is cordially invited. Proceeds will go to various Auxiliary projects.

For more information, call Kay Gialenios at (704) 996-5285.



District Vice Chairman Michael van Hoek, left, presents the Eagle Certificate to new Eagle Scout David Timothy Watts.

New Eagle Scout

District Vice Chairman Michael van Hoek presents the Eagle Certificate to new Eagle Scout David Timothy Watts, of Riverview, at a National Court of Honor convened on Feb. 11 at the 1st United Methodist Church of Brandon. For his Eagle Scout Service Project, David led a team of fellow Scouts in making needed repairs to the exterior and grounds of the Brandon Outreach Clinic.

David is a member of Boy Scout Troop 610, chartered by St. Stephen's Catholic Church, and is the son of Timothy and Suzy Watts. Troop 610 is led by Scoutmaster Stu Gray and former Scoutmaster Mike Mann.

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FISH TALES

Waterways are full of fish

The population of our area has tripled this time of year. We have a bay full of boats; many of them being out of state. This is the peak of our tourist season.

So many questions come my way about fishing. It might be fun and interesting to you as I reminisce back in time of the so-called 'good ol' days' on our waterways.

It was 1821 that Florida became a state. Before railroads and automobiles, the only transportation, except for oxen and horses, was boats. The Indians had boats made from trees, and canoes made from animal skins.

Fishing was the only means of survival. Florida was full of palm fronds, underbrush, snakes, and mosquitoes. It was hot and no one thought Florida was a paradise, as we do today.

Many prisoners from northern states sent to Florida as a punishment died in the heat and infested areas. People looking for adventure were migrating to Florida to start a new life.

It was around the 1900s that marine engines were available. Still most all boats were operated by rowing or pushed with a pole. Those who could not afford an engine, rigged up sailboats and sailed with the wind. Tom Saffold, a pioneer of this area, had a two-masted schooner with no engine which he used on high tide.

Globe engines were installed in many boats after money started to flow in the area. One of the stories

told about the pioneer fishermen was that of Nebraska Buzbee, who would fish all day for a living, but would always take part of his catch and feed the whole neighborhood. They would be at shore when his boat arrived.

A famous boat in the area is the Kilkare, owned by the Dickmans. This boat has been replaced many times, but still bears the name.

Pioneer river boaters were: Charlie Jahns, Tom and Andrew Anderson, Lewis Smith, Dan Graves, Selner boys, Malachi Denson, Norton Williams, Tom Saffold, Paul Dickman, and Capt. Thomas.

The area waters were teeming with fish in those days. Some say that you didn't need a fishing pole, they just jumped into your boat as you glided by.

In this century of the electronic gadget, fishing is more or less the same, but perhaps more complicated. There are many who still fish with a rod and pole, and some still row their own boats.

Our waterways are full of fish, so, go fishing.

I saw many fat seatrout, sheepshead, a red or two, flounder, amberjack, permit, and a cobia at the docks in the baitwells of anglers.

Fish for fun; watch out for the Florida sun.

Aleta Jonie Maschek is a member of Florida Outdoor Press.



Fish Tales
By Jonie Maschek



Safe boating students work out a navigation problem at Tampa Sailing Squadron.

Boating Safety Classes offered

The "About Boating Safety" course satisfies the education requirements that anyone in Florida who was born after January 1, 1988, must take a boating safety course in order to operate a boat of 10 hp or more. Other states require boaters to have boating safety education if they were born after a certain date, meaning boaters of all ages will eventually be required to have taken a course.

The "About Boating Safety" course offered by the Coast Guard Auxiliary satisfies the education requirement in Florida and most Southern states. This course gives boaters of all ages a solid background in boating safety and covers subjects including boat handling, weather, navigation rules, trailering, federal regulations and more.

Many insurance companies also give discounts for having taken the boating safety education course.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 75 will present a 9 hour beginner class that will give the student the knowledge to earn a boating license from the State of Florida.

Classes will be held on Thursday nights, March 8, 15, and 22 from 7 - 10 p.m. at the Tampa Sailing Squadron, 1250 Apollo Beach Blvd., Apollo Beach.

For more information, call Guy Mandigo at (813) 641-2488.

S.T.A.R.T. to meet

Science & Technology Active Round Table (S.T.A.R.T.) will meet from 7:30 - 9 p.m. on Monday, March 12, Caper Room, Atrium Building, N. Pebble Beach Blvd., SCC At this meeting Walt Prouty will discuss, "The Making of a Pharmaceutical Drug." No cost; all who are interested in science and technology subjects are invited.

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It's Strawberry Festival time

Hillsborough County Commissioner Al Higginbotham, District 4, and the Board of County Commissioners welcomed Florida Strawberry Festival representatives to the County Center for the sixth consecutive year to proclaim March 1 through 11, as Florida Strawberry Festival Days.

This year's presentation had a unique twist, as royalty history was made in the selection of the 2012 Strawberry Queen. Chelsea Bowden, current Strawberry Queen, is the granddaughter of two former Strawberry Queens, Barbara Alley Bowden and Ruby Jean Barker Redman. Commissioner Higginbotham asked grandmothers Bowden and Redman to attend the presentation.

"It is a great day when I get to welcome a bit of my hometown into downtown Tampa. The Strawberry Festival and the agriculture industry have consistently had a positive impact on the economy of Hillsborough County. I'm proud of Plant City and the international fame of the Florida Strawberry Festival," said Commissioner Al Higginbotham. He encouraged all residents to visit the Festival, preserve its rich heritage, and celebrate the strawberry harvest.

The Florida Strawberry Festival has been an ongoing tradition since 1930. Today, the Festival continues to draw major recording artists and a paid attendance of more than 500,000 people. For the third consecutive year, the annual event has been named a Blue Ribbon Fair by the Florida Federation of Fairs and recognized by the Southeast Tourism Society as a Top 20 event in the Southeast.

Hillsborough County's Agriculture Industry Development Program estimates the strawberry acreage is the highest sales crop at \$366,046,522, representing 44.9 percent of the County's total agricultural sales. Hillsborough County produces 90 percent of the strawberries grown in Florida, and nearly 11 percent of the strawberries grown in the nation.

For information on the Florida Strawberry Festival, visit www.flstrawberryfestival.com.



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I purchased a brand new Saturn Vue for nearly \$20,000. It barely made it over the 100,000-mile mark before the repairs it needed exceeded its remaining value. From a dollar standpoint, the Saturn was far more extravagant than the Porsche. That's some twisted irony in my opinion. Heck, the Porsche even got better gas mileage.

But as the years have passed, the

model of car I wanted has become harder to find. People who did not consider the little things the cars need, like a new timing belt every 30,000 miles, bought them on the cheap and paid a price for the neglect. Where five years ago I would see 50 of them for sale on eBay, today there are routinely fewer than 20 — and many of those are offered at premium prices or are project cars in various states of dis-

assembly.
And then, almost magically, the exact car I was looking for appeared in an ad near Washington, D.C. My wife fired off an email to the seller expressing our interest. The emails turned into telephone calls and by 11 p.m. on a recent Thursday night, a deal was struck. By 11:15 p.m., I had a one-way ticket to Washington that was scheduled to depart just seven hours later. For those few



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hours, I slept fitfully wondering what airport security could have in store for a guy who purchased a last minute, one-way ticket to Washington, D.C. and had no luggage.

The next morning (entirely unmolested by airport security) I arrived to a brisk, cold wind blowing through the nation's capitol. Shivering, I watched as a white Porsche slipped through the traffic outside Washington-Dulles International Airport. The seller greeted me with a smile and a handshake and held open the driver's door. My test drive would be from the airport to the bank near his home in Arlington. The car was everything I had hoped for, but the abrupt shift from Ruskin to Washington and the associated lack of sleep left me in no position to assess the situation adequately. The seller, a 30-year employee at the Pentagon, thought I was crazy.

I decided to forego the madness on Interstate 95 and started making my way home via I-81, through the Appalachian Mountains. It was a beautiful day for driving, but the cold wind from the morning was foretelling an approaching snowstorm. I needed to get out of the north as quickly as possible. Like a fool overflowing with the optimism only a fool can have, I had only packed for a single overnight. Indeed, 200 miles into the trip home, a single overnight seemed possible. But then, a little voice inside my head started nagging at me. I had checked the engine oil, but had failed to check other small, but important, details.

It almost came as no surprise that the headlights didn't work. I pulled into an auto parts store, spent a small fortune on tools, an electrical meter and wire, and spent the next few hours under the car in the parking lot diagnosing the problem only to conclude: the headlights did not work. I was nearly 900 miles from home on an unplanned, unscheduled trip, a snowstorm was approaching and the headlights on the car did not work.

That was a problem, but what really bothered me was that I had done this three times before and never with any of those cars did I NOT have to crawl underneath each of them for something during the maiden trip home. One that I purchased in Boston left a trail of broken alternator belts until I finally managed to correct the problem a thousand miles down the road. Another, picked up in Virginia, had the heat stuck on — an unattractive feature for a car purchased in late July. A sailboat purchased on Cape Cod had enough stuff go wrong for eleven parts of a newspaper series. For reasons that remain unclear, I didn't prepare for anything in buying this car. I had packed only a nice jacket and a decent change of clothes and soon the realization sunk in that I was not only crazy but also, quite possibly, a moron.

With hours of good driving remaining, the sunset ended any further progress I would make that day. I quickly calculated that the weekend simply wasn't long enough to get home during daylight hours

alone, and there was the little matter of an approaching snowstorm. Michelle offered well-meaning but impractical suggestions ("How about I meet you in South Carolina and you just drive really, really close behind me?") and I began to feel as though fate had finally caught up with me. I began to feel as though I would be stuck in that motel near an auto parts store in Virginia for the rest of my life with just one change of underwear and a car that had no headlights.

Then, with a spark of optimism, I remembered the Auto Train. Last year, Michelle and I took our first trip on the Auto Train and it was a wonderful experience. Departing just south of Washington and running non-stop to Sanford, Florida, it was an adventure unto itself. And now, it had the potential to get me home before the weekend ran out.

A quick, late night call to Amtrak secured a ticket in coach class and a place for my car — it was the last remaining seat on the train. Last year, Michelle and I had our own miniature room (known as a "roomette") on the train; this time I would be in a coach seat for the 17-hour trip. I asked the representative about having a window or aisle seat and was told the porter would help with that. I decided it didn't matter — I had a way to get home.

But it turns out it does matter. It matters a lot. As a solo traveler, being assigned to the wrong side of the window or aisle seat debate on the Auto Train is the difference between the God-given freedom we have come to expect in this country and a miserable steerage-class, prison-like misery from which there is, seemingly, no escape while your seat-mate rests her feet on the provided footrest and keeps her yogurt containers on her fold-down tray.

Oh yes, it does matter. Suddenly, the thought of spending the rest of my life in a motel near an auto parts store in Virginia looked pretty darn good. Before the train even started moving, I could feel my mind slipping away into madness. Within the first minute of arriving at my seat, I had to disturb my seat-mate twice — and she did make it known it was a disturbance. The first disturbance was simply to get into my seat. The second was to put my backpack away in an overhead shelf when it immediately became obvious I didn't have room for it by my seat. As she reassembled her tray table and footrest, it was clear that there would be no more excursions for me.

And then, just before insanity completely engulfed me, a miracle happened: my seatmate got up to throw away one of her containers of yogurt. It was then I made my escape with thoughts of fleeing the train. As I ran and ducked past my seatmate in the aisle, the train lurched forward. We were underway. I was a long 17 hours from Florida and effectively homeless on the Auto Train. But...I was free.

All aboard! In next week's Observer News, come along for the ride as we make the trip home to Florida. As things somehow tend to do, it all turned out OK.

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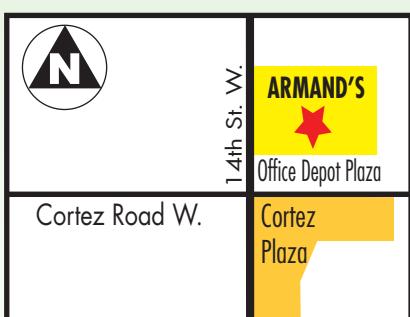
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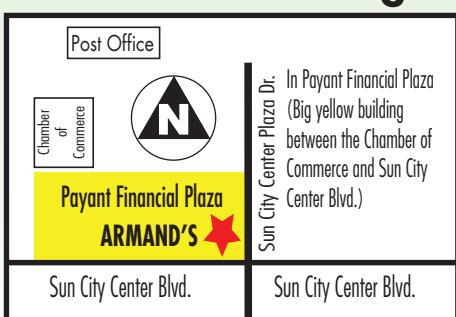
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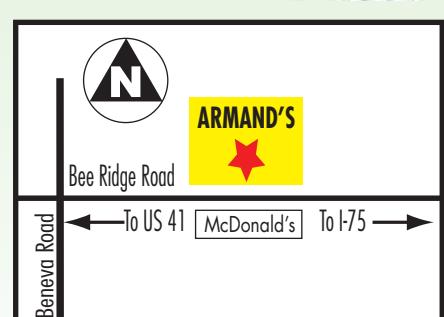
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SCC Security Patrol members cruise to raise funds

Twenty eight Sun City Center Security Patrol members recently completed a five day fund raising cruise from the Port of Tampa to the West Caribbean. Twenty two cruise participants were from the Simmons Lake area of Sun City Center. The cruise traveled to Cozumel and Costa Maya, Mexico. All enjoyed fine weather, great food and a super time. Patrol Chief Mike Albanese wants to thank all those who took this cruise that benefited the Patrol.

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- Tues., March 6** • 2:30-4 p.m. • **Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) Support Group**. Join facilitator Linda Parsons, BSW, from Hometown Homecare as she introduces cutting edge resources. Exclusively for those living with heart failure and their families and caregivers.
- Wed., March 7** • 10-11 a.m. • **NOW EVERY WEDNESDAY! • Therapeutic Tai Chi** open to the public! Our therapists have advanced training in therapeutic Tai Chi for Seniors and will provide guidance in this healthy exercise. Tai Chi has been proven to increase strength and balance! This class will be offered EVERY Wednesday due to increased demand.
- Thurs., March 8** • 2:30-4 p.m. • **Grief, Loss or Depression Support Group** facilitated by Edmond Dubreuil MSW, RCSWI mental health professional. Supported by: South Shore Coalition on Mental Health & Aging and United Methodist Church of SCC.
- Tues., March 13** • 10-11 a.m. • **UV Radiation and Your Skin**. Dr. Matthew Zook from Advanced Dermatology will discuss how ultraviolet radiation affects your skin. Learn how it can cause cancers, but also how it is good for you. Will touch on controversies regarding vitamin D levels, how to monitor your own skin.
- Tues., March 13** • 2:30-4 p.m. • **COPD Support Group** Joy Barlaan, ARNP and Jan Whitaker, LPN from Ace Homecare have over 50 combined years of experience and will be your facilitators. Available resources are endless!

Thurs., March 15 • 11 a.m.-1 p.m. • **St. Patrick's Day Celebration!** Enjoy Corned Beef and Cabbage, and Green Beer as you are entertained by the Treble Clefs Band!

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Showmen's museum

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to set-up, and the 1929 Ford pick-up once loaded with pretty carnival women calling attention to the coming event and a horseless carriage like the one Buffalo Bill used to promote his shows. There's wall after wall of show banners which, like labeled cigar boxes and fruit crates, demonstrates the large number and colorful naming creativity of amusement operators.

There are ride cars that go back many decades and a delightful hard-carved goat which once graced a merry-go-round and the fun house mirror that warped the image of everyone who stepped in front of it. There's the fully-assembled Ferris wheel resting on the ground floor but reaching toward the peaked ceiling above the second. There's the 60-foot-long midway in miniature, displaying in minute carved detail every conceivable ride and food station and side show, lovingly hand made during off seasons by a Michigan carnival operator. Unlike the conventional circus, Stevens emphasizes, the carnival offers interactive entertainment.

Tucked away on the second floor, reached either by a grand staircase or a new elevator, is a library inviting attention to dozens of books related to the industry and outside are several of the large carnival trailers which, with their brightly lettered signage, could excite an entire community when they arrived, forecasting the wonders of the carnival soon to welcome one and all.

As many features as the museum has, though, it's not finished yet. Stevens foresees a repair workshop on the second floor as well as more displays. But what's

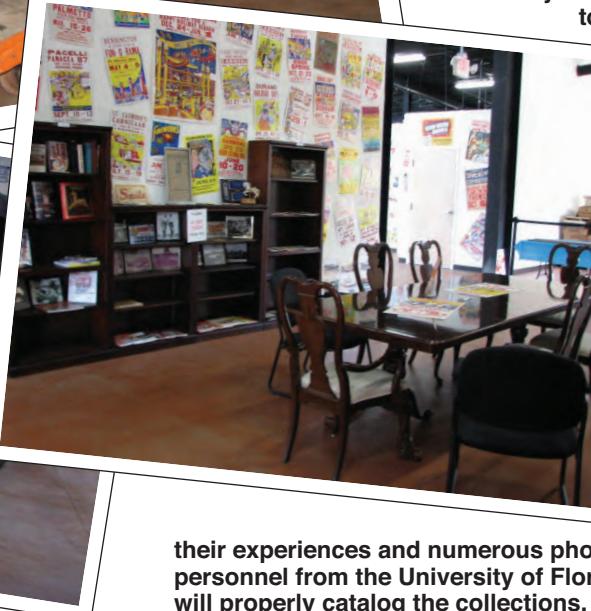
needed most at the moment is a curator, he adds. Someone who can become familiar with the industry and the pieces on display; someone able to maintain regular museum open hours, to relate to the public, give tours, provide a comprehensive understanding of the industry for both school youngsters and seniors, he notes. "And if they have grant writing experience, it would be good." Stevens can be reached through the association office 813-677-3590.

Meanwhile, he's anticipating some help from the University of South Florida in cataloguing a collection of written materials, some of it detailing first hand showmen experiences, and looking ahead to future exhibits. The industry is changing rapidly, he says, incorporating new technology such as LED lights and computerized equipment. Someday, that, too, will be part of the carnival industry history, another display for the country's only showmen's museum.

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If only this 1929 Ford pick-up could talk, the tales it might spin could entertain visitors for hours.

Veteran showmen say that even in the depths of the Great Depression, Americans would scrape together enough coins to escape for a few hours on the visiting show's midway.



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Nearly a century of showmen's history is being displayed in this soon-to-open International Independent Showmen's Museum (above) at the Gibsonton end of Riverview Drive, opposite the Showmen's Association complex. Several large trailers which formerly hauled carnival equipment around the country for the bigger show producers are located on the grounds while inside antique vehicles, rides and banners trace the evolution of the industry which began with the World's Fair in 1893.

At left, an old midway ride car, originally part of a carnival ride that operated on tracks. The wooden car would have seated four to six comfortably and probably was not subject to the safety restrictions that carnival operators now enforce. It is no doubt older than Lee Stevens (seated in it), a Showmen's Association past president and lifelong amusement show operator whose career began when he left home as a teenager to join a circus.

Tucked away in the museum is a quiet nook well suited to a growing industry library decorated, of course, with colorful carnival posters. Handwritten notes by carnival people recalling

their experiences and numerous photographs await library literate personnel from the University of Florida who, the showmen hope, will properly catalog the collections.

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Unit President Melody Jameson is available to present programs about the League, its history, its mission and its current positions for organizations in South Hillsborough County. She can be reached via email at mchinnae@aol.com.

League membership is open to both women and men. All visitors are welcome.



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An angel gets her wings at the Southshore Market

Crowds turned out to check out local vendors offering wares at the monthly Sunday Southshore Market at the corner of U.S. 41 and Shell Point Road in Ruskin. Along with seafood, farm fresh vegetables, pastries and bread were vendors offering everything from photography and jewelry to gossamer wings. Above, a young woman checks out a pair of those wings from the Bel Amour booth. Right, a sample is cut from an angelic-looking rum cake at the Bear Cakes booth. The market is held the last Sunday of each month.





Lt Col Frank Zahrobsky, Commander SCC MOWW; Col. Digg; Lt Col Gordon Bassett, Region VI Commander; and CAPT Russel Vowinkel MOWW National Commander
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French Legion of Honor Medal awarded

On Feb. 17, at the Sun City Center Plaza Club the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) presented Thomas Diggs with the French Legion of Honor Medal he recently received from the Consult General De France A Miami.

The notification stated that COL Diggs was given the award for demonstrating courage and selflessness during World War II, and that "The solidarity you lent our country and people as a Colonel in the 75th military airlift Squadron participating in the Battles such as Normandy will never be forgotten and be assured that we are eternally

grateful. I would like to extend, on behalf our government and people, a heartfelt congratulations for your induction into the French Legion of Honor. Without your bravery, and that of those who fought alongside with you, France and Europe might have never been liberated from the barbarity of Nazi occupation. Your efforts are both admirable and an example to follow and it is our pleasure to award you France's highest military distinction.

Colonel Diggs was shot down behind enemy lines in France shortly after D-Day and was rescued by the French underground.

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Fiber Art Exhibit Opening Reception

Thursday, March 1 - 6 to 7 p.m.

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Mouse and Keyboard

Tuesday, March 6 - 12:15 to 2:30 p.m.

In part one, learn how to grip, move and click the buttons on the mouse. In part two, you will learn the keys on the computer keyboard. This is a beginner level class. Registration in person required no earlier than one hour prior to the start of the program.

Stargazing Party

Tuesday, March 6 - 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Join others for a stellar stargazing party! Astronomy enthusiast, Craig MacDougal, will lead a brief discussion on stars, planets and moons. Immediately following on the Harkins Plaza, will be a viewing of the night sky through telescopes as we search for these celestial wonders. Funding for this program is provided by the SouthShore Friends of the Library

English Conversation Class

Wednesday, March 7 - 1 to 2 p.m.

Adults (18 years or older) are invited to practice their English conversational skills with English speakers. No registration is required to participate. Cosponsored by the Hillsborough Literacy Council and the Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library System. For more information, contact the Hillsborough Literacy Council at 273-3650.

Mah Jongg Club

Wednesday, March 7 - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Enjoy an evening of the popular table game, Mah Jongg, featuring challenging play for experienced players and instruction for beginners. They will be using the American Rules. Spectators are welcome! Participants are asked to bring their own Mah Jongg set or card. Limited to 16 players. Register in advance at the Information Desk or call 273-3652.

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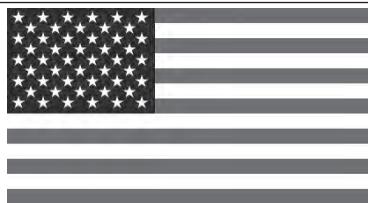
Wednesday, March 7 - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Join other needle people to share techniques, tips and experiences about knitting and other fiber and fabric crafts. Beginners are welcome! Bring a project and ask us questions!

Teen/Adult Mix Media

Wednesday, March 7 - 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Join Art Instructor, Anne Walker, for this two-part class. During the first class on March 7, students will create a painting. The second class on March 14, students will use various materials to embellish their paintings. Limit 20. Registration required at the Information Desk or by calling 273-3652. Funding for this program provided by the Friends of SouthShore Regional Library



Attention all Veterans

Sun City Center Chapter #110 of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) has opened an outreach center in Conessa Hall at the Prince of Peace Church located at 702 Valley Forge Blvd., Sun City Center.

Bob Gerdes and Darrell Katz are DAV certified service officers who will discuss benefits and assist with claims for all veterans in South Hillsborough County. Male and female Vets are welcome to participate in this non-denominational, and free service. Appointments are available for Tuesday mornings from 9 a.m.- noon.

Drivers also are needed to assist Veterans with transportation to James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital in Tampa.

For more information call Bob at 813-634-1761 or Darrell at 813-260-3692.

South Hillsborough Elks Lodge #2672 Upcoming Activities

Every Tuesday - Jam Session – 3 to 5 p.m. – No charge for all Elks and their guests.

Every Wednesday – Best Spaghetti in Town - \$7, All You Can Eat, for all Elks and their guests. Music by Bryan from 5 to 8 p.m.

Every Friday - Seafood and Sandwiches for all Elks and their guests from 5 to 7 p.m. Karaoke by Bryan from 5 to 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 3- Cyndi, A One Girl Band, 6-9 p.m., \$8 including Snacks.

Monday, March 5 and March 19 - Blue Plate Special, \$7 with all the trimmings, 5 p.m.

Saturday, March 17 - St Patrick's Day Celebration, Music by Bryan Ashley, Menu: Corn Beef and Cabbage with all the trimmings, Cocktails 5p.m., Dinner, 6p.m., all for only \$12 per person.

March 31 - Installation of new officers and appreciation & awards for all the volunteers who worked so hard all year.

The South Hillsborough Elk's Lodge is located at 1630 US Hwy 41 S., Ruskin, FL 33570, Telephone 813-645-2089 and has a clean, smoke free environment.

Passport Day on March 10

Planning to travel outside the United States? First, plan to get your passport. Will your next vacation of business trip take you outside of the United States? No matter where you go, a U.S. passport will get you back home.

To learn more about travel requirements for U.S. citizens or to apply for your U.S. passport, stop by for Passport Day in the USA from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 10 at Wimauma Post Office, 5608 S.R. 674, Wimauma.

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Hillsborough County Women's Hall of Fame inductees announced

The Hillsborough County Commission on the Status of Women (COSW) is pleased to announce the selection of three distinguished women, Phyllis Busansky, Gwendolyn Miller, and Jan Platt, for induction into the 2012 class of the Hillsborough County Women's Hall of Fame. These designees will be introduced at a Hillsborough County Commission meeting in March, followed by a formal induction ceremony in May.

Phyllis Busansky

Phyllis Busansky has served as Hillsborough County's Director of Aging Services and Director of Human Resources, as Executive Director of Florida's Welfare-To-Work agency. Ms. Busansky served on the Hillsborough Board of County Commissioners, and as the Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections before her death in June, 2009. Ms. Busansky was instrumental in ensuring improvement in the quality of life of Hillsborough County Residents.

Gwendolyn Miller

Gwendolyn Miller committed thirty five years to educating community children in Hillsborough County schools. Ms. Miller was elected to the Tampa City Council, and served as its Chairman, dedicated to improving the quality of life in several neighborhoods.

Jan Platt

Jan Platt served on Tampa City Council as well as the Hillsborough Board of County Commissioners, where she helped write the current Hillsborough County Charter. Ms. Platt has actively served on many community boards, including the Friends of the Library of Tampa-Hillsborough County and the Hillsborough Head Start Community Foundation.

The Hillsborough County Women's Hall of Fame was created by the COSW to recognize women who have made significant contributions to the betterment of life for residents of Hillsborough County. The charter class of ten accomplished women was inducted into the Women's Hall of Fame on May 26, 2011, in a memorable ceremony featuring a who's who of political and community leaders.

The COSW is comprised of 13 members and was created by the Hillsborough Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on April 16, 2003, to advise the BOCC, the county administration, the community, and all agencies and persons in Hillsborough County with respect to matters pertaining to the status of women.

For more information, call Brandon Wagner at 813-276-2640.

Post-Polio Support Group to meet

Post-Polio Support Group will meet for lunch at noon on Thursday, March 15 at Denny's on S.R. 674 in Sun City Center. This group meets the third Thursday of every month from September thru May and everyone is welcome to attend. For more information call: Pam Vogelsang at 642-8707.

The group also meets the first Friday of every month, year long, for breakfast, at 10 a.m. at the Sun City Cafe, just off S.R. 674 in the Sun City Plaza. For more information call 642-024.

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Upcoming Events

Friday, March 2

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Saturday, March 3

Spaghetti Dinner / Fundraiser for Asha Taylor
She has a great opportunity to go to Alaska. Asha, a wonderful singer is reaching her goal to become a sound tech in the music industry.
To further boost your enjoyment Riverview Moose Family Center will be hosting a Del & Gary Show.
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Saturday, March 10

The Moose Charity Dinner
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Engagement announced

Master Sergeant Steven D. Gunter and Holly Gunter, currently stationed at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristin Heathre Kay Gunter to Adam Patrick Vencill, son of Chuck Vencill and Jan Vencill of Madison, Alabama (formerly of Grant, Alabama). Heathre is a senior at Faulkner University and is employed as a lab technician with Lens Crafters in Montgomery, Alabama. Adam is a graduate of Faulkner University and is employed with NetCents at Gunter Air Force Base, Alabama. Heathre is the granddaughter of Jerry and Kay Crumpler of Kenly, North Carolina, Johnny and Rose Gunter of Sun City Center, Florida and Ben and Cheryl Mozingo of Waynesboro, Mississippi. Adam is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Vencill, Jr. of Sugar Grove, Virginia and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bearden of Grant, Alabama. Heathre and Adam will marry May 12, 2012 in Montgomery, Alabama.

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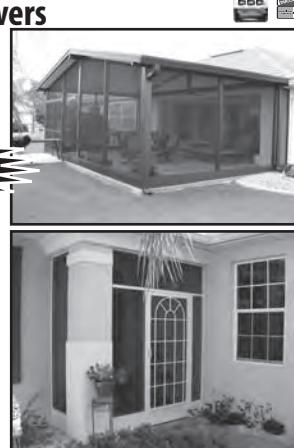
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Tippie

Tippie has started her stay at the shelter by spending a lot of time in the cat condo. But then relaxing kind of comes naturally to this young girl now that she is safe and sound. She was found as a stray near C.A.R.E. but is once more looking for a home full of tender loving care. Please come and adopt Tippie, the cat with 4 white feet. Tippie will be spayed and brought up to date on her shots as well as microchipped as part of her adoption.

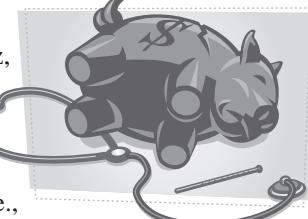
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Zoey

Zoey is a very pretty Lab with an awesome personality. She loves people! If you walk past her kennel without paying attention to her, she will call out to you. She is quite the talker. It is super cute! Zoey loves to go for walks and to have her ears scratched. She would make a great companion. She is an all-around wonderful pup. Zoey is spayed, microchipped, and current on her shots.

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Fundraiser organized

A fundraiser is scheduled for Lila Ruiz, a local three-year-old suffering from Megacystis-Micorcolon-Intestinal-Hyperperistalsis syndrome from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 28 at Winthrop Barn, 11349 Bloomingdale Ave., Riverview. This life threatening genetic disorder is very rare. It is estimated that only 15 to 25 people in the US are currently living with this disease. During her short life Lila has endured 29 surgeries, monthly hospital stays and visits to specialists in four states. This event will feature music, monster trucks, car shows, bounce houses, balloons, face painting, giveaways, a silent auction, food and fun. To find out more about the fundraiser, go to www.staystronglila.com or call Sandy Martinez at 813-309-2395.

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Celebrating St. Patrick's Day



These recipes are adapted from "Forgotten Skills of Cooking." Recipe introductions are from Darina Allen.

Cottage Pie with Garlic Butter

"The cheese in this crust and the lump of garlic butter that melts into the center make this into something very special."

Serves 6

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves, mashed
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 pound beef, freshly ground
- 1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves
- 1/2 cup dry white or red wine
- 1 cup beef stock
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- Roux (recipe follows)
- Salt and freshly ground pepper

For the Topping

- 3 pounds baking potatoes, unpeeled
- 1 cup whole milk, boiling
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 2 tablespoons Kerrygold Irish butter
- 1 tablespoon chopped chives (optional)
- 1/4 cup grated Dubliner cheese
- 1/4 cup grated Kerrygold Aged Cheddar

To Serve

- Garlic Butter (recipe follows)
- Green salad

Heat the oil in a saucepan. Add garlic and onion and fry until soft and slightly brown. Increase heat, add ground beef and thyme and fry until beef changes color. Add wine, half the stock, Worcestershire sauce, and tomato paste. Simmer for 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, boil the unpeeled potatoes, then peel them. Add boiling milk and mash potatoes while they are still hot. Season with salt and freshly ground pepper, and add butter and chives, if using.

Preheat the oven to 350°F.

Bring the rest of the stock to a boil and thicken it well with roux. Stir it into beef — it should be thick but still juicy. Taste and correct seasoning.

Put meat mixture into one large or six individual pie dishes. Pipe or spread mashed potato mixture over the top. Sprinkle with grated cheeses. Bake for 30 minutes, until top is golden and slightly crispy. Serve with garlic butter and a green salad.

Roux

"Roux can be stored in a cool place and used as required, or it can be made up on the spot if preferred to thicken up a sauce."

- 8 tablespoons Kerrygold Irish butter
- Scant cup all-purpose flour

Melt butter in a pan and cook flour in it for 2 minutes on low heat, stirring occasionally. It will keep for two weeks in the refrigerator.

Garlic Butter

"Slather over bruschetta or toast. Also great with grilled fish, meat, or vegetables."

- 8 tablespoons Kerrygold Irish butter
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped parsley
- 3 to 5 cloves crushed garlic
- A few drops of freshly squeezed lemon juice

Whip butter, then add in parsley, garlic and a few drops of lemon juice at a time. Roll into butter pats or form into a roll and wrap in parchment paper or foil, twisting each end. Refrigerate to harden.

The recipes below feature Irish dairy products because dairying has been a part of Ireland for centuries, long before potatoes.

"In Ireland we can grow grass like nowhere else in the world," said Allen with pride. "So we have fantastic butter, lovely cream and, of course, cheese. Butter is the fat of the land. Our animals are grass-fed. Grass-fed gives more flavor and more complex nutrients. This is what we are. Dairy products come from this beautiful, lush green grass."

Try the recipes below for a St. Patrick's Day celebration. It's easy to replicate Irish flavors with butter and cheeses made in Ireland and imported to the U.S. under the Kerrygold name. They are widely available at supermarkets and specialty stores throughout the country. And be sure to do as the Irish do: no celebration is complete without a selection of cheeses with good bread and chutney. The cheese board below features Kerrygold Aged Cheddar, Cashel Blue farmhouse cheese, Dubliner and Blarney Castle Irish cheese.

For more St. Patrick's Day recipes, visit www.kerrygoldusa.com.



Irish Apple Cake

"Irish Apple Cake varies from house to house, and the technique has been passed from mother to daughter in farmhouses all over the country for generations."

Serves about 6

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 8 tablespoons Kerrygold Irish butter
- 1/2 cup superfine sugar, divided
- 1 egg
- About 1/4 to 1/2 cup whole milk
- 1 to 2 cooking apples
- 2 to 3 cloves, optional
- Egg wash
- 10-inch ovenproof plate

Preheat the oven to 350°F.



Sift flour and baking powder into bowl. Rub in butter with your fingertips until it resembles the texture of bread crumbs then add 1/3 cup superfine sugar. Make a well in the center and mix to a soft dough with beaten egg and enough milk to form a soft dough. Turn out onto a board divide in two. Put one half onto an ovenproof plate and press it out with floured fingers to cover the base.

Peel, core, and chop up apples. Place them on the dough and tuck in cloves, if using. Sprinkle over some or all remaining sugar, depending on the sweetness of the apples. Roll out the second half of the pastry and fit it on top — easier said than done as this "pastry" is more like scone dough and as a result is very soft. Press the sides together, cut a slit through the lid, egg wash, and bake for about 40 minutes or until cooked through and nicely browned on top. Dredge with superfine sugar and serve warm with raw sugar and softly whipped cream.



Kerrygold Aged Cheddar, Cashel Blue farmhouse cheese, Dubliner and Blarney Castle Irish cheese served with chutneys and brown bread.



Courage celebrated at Ruskin Elementary

Terrific Kids were recognized for the character trait, Courage. Kiwanis members from Sun City Center came to present the awards. The following students were present to receive their awards: Kevin Monterrosas-Coeto, Maria Rios, Justin Archer, Ruben Santidor, Kayla Quick-Wells, Andrea Rodriguez, Aden Lopez, Natalie Dominguez, Nicholas Scott, Destiny Padron, Daynara Lopez-Lopez, Laurence Pratt, Lillie Tran, Sheili Martinez, Blerona Mahmuti, Cailyn Wilson, Wilson Tiburcio, Jr., Sebastian Giles, Karla Torres-Figueroa, Jasmine Guerrero, Sophia Gonzalez, Jesse Villanueva, Daniel Hernandez, Selena Fernandez, Margarita Pantoja, Giovanni Leon, Tiffany Ruiz, Brahe Greene, Lex Vega, Sara Abukhdeir, Delani Kilburn, Alejandro Urraya, Arysa Terry, Nicholas Williams, Carlos Aldape, Justin Nieves, Matthew Eunice, Jorge Rendon, Desiree Varela, Bakir Abukedheir, Citlaly Ramos Rodriguez, Kevin Suarez, Noel Perez, Nikolai Rauda, Norma Hernandez, Anthony Hahn, Norma Valdez, Oscar Nagera, Marissa Maurice, Kylee Mucher, Haven Crisp, Alexis Carswell, Guadalupe Cesario, Tamia Draper, and Alexis Arzola. Also pictured are our Kiwanis members from Sun City Center Joe Nargawala and Dee Wilcox, Principal of Ruskin Elementary Lisa Amos, Rebecca Salgado is the Assistant Principal.

Those that received the award but were not present for the photo are: Gavin Singh, Adrianna Ibarra, Lanette Mercado, Edith Ferral, Adelmar Abonce, and Ashley Aguirre.

Check your credit for free

Start the new year knowing your credit is in good standing and your credit report is accurate. Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, consumers can receive a free copy of their credit report from each of the three nationwide reporting agencies — Experian, Equifax and TransUnion — every 12 months.

"Reviewing your credit report annually is a smart way for consumers to understand their financial health, as well as avoid identity fraud," said Karen Nalven, President of BBB serving West Florida.

Many television advertisements and websites claim to offer "free credit reports," "free credit scores" or "free credit monitoring." However, BBB reminds consumers that AnnualCreditReport.com is the only authorized source for free annual credit reports under federal law.

Additionally, BBB reminds consumers that a credit report is different than a credit score. A credit report is a snapshot of your credit use history which gives a lender a view of whether you pay your debts back or not. Your credit score is a number which shows lenders how much of a risk you are in paying back a debt.

BBB offers these tips for pulling your annual credit report:

- Do not access the Annual Credit Report Request Service through links from unfamiliar websites. If you get an e-mail or see a pop-up ad claiming it's from AnnualCreditReport.com or any of the three nationwide consumer reporting companies, do not reply or click on any link in the message.

To help ensure the privacy and protection of your personal information, go to AnnualCreditReport.com directly to request your free annual credit report either by secure website, phone or email. AnnualCreditReport.com will not approach consumers via email, telemarketing or direct mail solicitations.

- Consider pulling your reports quarterly. While you can pull all three credit reports at once, you can also consider pulling your credit reports quarterly. Pulling your reports separately allows you

to better monitor your reports and keep track of any changes or new information that may appear on your credit report. If you pull all your reports at once, you won't be eligible to pull your report for another year.

- Pull your child's credit report. As child identity theft remains a national problem, it can be just as imperative to pull your child's report as it is to pull your own. While the credit reporting agencies do not knowingly maintain credit files on minor children, you can contact the credit reporting agencies directly and they can run the report.

- Avoid companies that claim they can improve your credit for free. The Federal Trade Commission cautions consumers to be wary of companies that make claims regarding credit repair. These companies, commonly called credit clinics, don't do anything for consumers that consumers cannot do for themselves at little or no cost. Beware of any organization that offers to create a new identity and credit file for you. For more information on credit clinics and a list of warning signs visit www.ftc.gov.

- Dispute inaccuracies on your credit report. Inaccurate, derogatory information can lower your credit score and may indicate possible fraudulent activity. If you find information that you believe is inaccurate, you have the right to dispute it free of charge. Go directly through the reporting agency you pulled your report from to file your dispute.

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To contact BBB serving West Florida about this release, please call (727) 535-5609 ext. 3317 or jzajac@bbbwestflorida.org.



From left to right: Paul Wheat, Tom Culliton, Mary Culliton, Cathy Williams, Gordon Bassett, and Jan Bassett.

Military Ball proceeds donated to Wounded Warrior Fund

A special SCC group presented a donation to the James A. Haley Veteran's Hospital's Wounded Warrior Fund on Feb. 16. The check, for \$2,090, is the proceeds from the Sun City Center Community Association's Military Ball held in November.

Jan and Gordon Bassett, as the Ball Planning Committee co-chairs, presented the check on behalf of the SCC CA and the Ball Planning Committee. They also represented the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) SCC Chapter. Gordon is also the MOWW Region VI Commander. Also from the Committee and representing the American Legion and the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is Paul Wheat. Paul is the President of the MOAA SCC Chapter. Tom and Mary Culliton, from the Committee, represented the SCC Leathernecks. Cathy Williams is the Chief Recreation Therapist at the VA.



LHS Student Government to host charity basketball game

Lennard High School Student Government is hosting a faculty versus student basketball game at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 8.

Prior to the game there will be student-run carnival for families and students to enjoy from 3 to 6 p.m.

This is a non-profit event in which all proceeds will be donated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

USF awarded \$1.57-million for research on traumatic brain injury

The University of South Florida has received a \$1.57 million U.S. Department of Defense grant to conduct translational research on traumatic brain injury and other battlefield related injuries and diseases. The studies, many in collaboration with James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital, are intended to improve the quality of life for military personnel returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Traumatic brain injury, or TBI, is known as the signature injury of soldiers returning home from Afghanistan and Iraq. Blast forces sustained in combat often cause damage to parts of the brain critical to high-level functions influencing memory, attention, decision-making and motor skills. Many veterans developing symptoms after TBI also suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), according to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

"Working with the VA, the Department of Defense and private research entities, we will develop novel studies — everything from drug discovery and preclinical work to clinical, social and behavioral trials," said principal investigator Dr. Paul R. Sanberg, USF senior associate

vice president for research and innovation and director of the USF Center of Excellence for Aging and Brain Repair. "Our multidisciplinary work will provide critical knowledge about TBI and its complications that could lead to more effective diagnosis and treatments for soldiers and veterans, as well as skills to improve their physical and psychological adjustment into civilian life."

The grant involves four major projects:

Researchers will assess in animal models how granulocyte colony stimulating factor (GCSF), a growth factor that mobilizes the body's own stem cells, may help treat traumatic brain injury.

A clinical trial will test whether GCSF reduces neurological damage and improves recovery of memory, decision-making and other cognitive functions in soldiers and veterans with TBI, even when administered a month or two after the initial injury. Patients will be recruited from the polytrauma rehabilitation and blast injury programs at James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital.

In an attempt to identify better diagnostic measures for mild TBI, a frequently underdiagnosed condition, a study will compare the balance, gait, hearing and vestibular functions of otherwise healthy USF student veterans with and without self-reported TBI to those of non-veteran students.

Using advanced technology researchers will monitor changes in patterns of everyday movement and the cognitive function of TBI patients undergoing smart house-based rehabilitation at the Tampa VA hospital's Polytrauma Transitional Rehabilitation Program. The study will evaluate whether scientific analysis of movements, tracked by devices like radiofrequency identification and global positioning systems, can help assess therapeutic improvement. A second arm of the study will investigate whether variability in walking patterns is greater for USF student veterans reporting mild TBI than for those without this diagnosis.



Linda McDougall presented the trophy to winning captain Tony Hawken.

Annual Lawn Bowling match held

The Annual Challenge Match between the lady members of the Suncoasters and the men members of the Pebble Beach clubs was played on Feb. 16. At stake was the honor of winning the coveted Challenge Trophy.

This was the 5th year that this event has taken place, and so far the score is 4-0 in favor of the men.

The competitive interest from both clubs was terrific, and 16 teams comprising 48 players took part. The result was a disappointment for the ladies, who were more than a match for the men. They won by 4 games to 3 with one game drawn, but lost on the total amount of shots scored, by only 5 shots.

Afterwards a vote was taken on the method of scoring for next year, and it was agreed to take the number of wins rather than the shots scored -- a very predictable decision, let's hope it doesn't backfire!

Caregiver stress addressed

The Samaritan Services Alzheimer's monthly meeting will be held at 2 p.m. on March 7 at the Redeemer Lutheran Church. The speaker will be Amy Richardson, speaking on how to help with caregiver stress in difficult situations. For more information call Doris at 634-3489 or the office at 634-9283.

Armand and Angelina return to Sun City Center

Sunday March 4, Armand and Angelina will once again perform in Sun City Center for Unity Community of Joy in the Henry G. Gibson Hall of the Beth Israel Temple, 1115 Del Webb Blvd E. At 10:30 they will conduct the regular Sunday service. A suggested love offering for the native flute workshop at 1:30 p.m. is \$20. Flutes will be provided and can be purchased.

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Robin Kitzmuller will accept reservations, her address is 1211 Wild Feather Lane, Sun City Center, 33573 or call (813) 645-9154.

Christian Women's Connection to meet

Christian Women's Connection luncheon and program will begin at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 8 at Club Renaissance, 2121 So. Pebble Beach Blvd. Sun City Center, with guest speaker Marcia Trego. Marcia will discuss stress relief and the "Superwoman Syndrome." Dr. Patrick, a local dermatologist, will talk about skin care and cancer prevention from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The menu is chef salad or alternate meal of tossed salad with grilled chicken. If you desire this option, be sure to order it when you make your reservation. Cost is \$17 inclusive. Reservations are required. Call Pat Butler 938-4320 or Tara Flood 383-7540 or e-mail aunt.butler@gmail.com. Make reservations or cancellations before noon Monday, March 5.

Unitarian Universalists announce March schedule

March 1

Unitarian Universalists in the Social Hall at 1115 Del Webb Blvd. East, Sun City Center host Dr. Rev. Robert P. Tucker "No Greater Love". – Since March 11 marks the 46th anniversary of the martyrdom of Unitarian minister James Reeb, a Civil Rights activist, Dr. Tucker will review the life and times of this magnificent man who was willing to put himself in harm's way so that others might enjoy all of our precious American freedoms.

This is the week to bring food for the Beth-El Migrant Worker food bank.

March 8

The Rev. Roger Fritts - "The Kingdom of God Is Within You."

A warm welcome awaits you and will tempt your interest. Coffee and conversation at 7 p.m., followed by program at 7:30 p.m. Visitors are welcome. For information call 813-633-2349

Southside Baptist to host Alan Harris

Southside Baptist Church 4208 U.S. Hwy. 41 S, Sun City will be hosting award winning vocalist Alan Harris at 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 4. Alan has a "blended worship" style that appeals to young and old alike. He has toured with many of the Gaither Homecoming Friends and was recently honored with a Diamond Award nomination for Male Vocalist of the Year. His preaching style touches the heart. He will be accompanied by his wife, Angie and his son, Andrew.

St. Anne Catholic Church hosts Spring Fling Community Fair

The inaugural Saint Anne Spring Fling Community Fair will take place in Ruskin from Thursday, March 8 to Sunday March 11, 2012. This year's event promises to be one of the best fairs ever held on the church grounds.

Carnival offerings have been expanded with additional large rides and games. Arts and crafts vendors will offer jewelry, ceramics, leather goods, T-shirts, wood-working, stained glass, art-work, caricatures, face-painting and more! Food vendors will provide choices guaranteed to appeal to a variety of ethnic preferences and tastes. Want traditional American fare? Hot dogs, hamburgers, fries and ice cream should do the trick!

A dining tent will be set up to allow patrons to relax while enjoying their meal. Entertainment under the tent will include magic performers, dancers, bands, and

Listen to the 'Sounds of Joy'

At 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 4 the New Beginnings Fellowship will be blessed to have a wonderful singing group ministering from Ocala, FL. The "Sounds of Joy" has been singing and traveling the country for 23 years. While everyone enjoys doing God's work, the main purpose of the group is to see one more soul come to know Jesus as their personal Savior. The church is located at 1120 27th St. SE Ruskin.

For more information call Rev. Lewis Brady at 654-1018.

choirs, to name a few. If your timing is right, you may even catch "Elvis" or "Blue Eyes."

The fair will also feature a tribute to veterans in honor of the many local men and women serving our country in the armed services. The popular semi-annual "You Choose the Prize" cash drawing will be held on Sunday afternoon. Tickets for the drawing will be available all weekend.

This event will be held on the Saint Anne Catholic Church grounds located at 106 11th Ave NE at the intersection of 11th Ave and US 41 in Ruskin. Hours are Thursday, March 8 from 4-10 p.m. (reduced-rate armbands will be available at the gate on Thursday only for \$15); Friday, March 9 from 4 - 10 p.m.; Saturday, March 10 from Noon to Midnight; and Sunday, March 11 from 2 - 10 p.m. Call the parish office 645-1714 for more information..

Prince of Peace to host author Thomas Smith

Prince of Peace Catholic Church invites the public to hear author and retreat director Thomas Smith, the former director of the Denver Catholic Biblical School and Catechetical School.

The Lenten Mission schedule is Monday, March 5 through Wednesday, March 7, in Conesa Center, immediately following the 8 a.m. Mass. The morning presentation will be repeated at 7 p.m. that same evening at 702 Valley Forge Blvd., Sun City Center.

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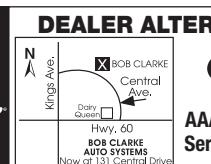
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Area Obituaries



Lillian Margaret Castillo-McMullin obituary continued

Services were held on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at First Baptist Church of Ruskin with Dr. Barry Rumsey and Rev. Jim Farr officiating. Pallbearers: Casey Sullivan, Cody Sullivan, Brenden Torres, Bo Howard, Ryan Dixon and Carl Ware. Honorary Pallbearers: Nicholas Hunter and Mason Baker. She was laid to rest at Clearwater Municipal Cemetery.



Gilbert "Gil" Charles Foster

Gilbert (Gil) Charles Foster, 89, passed away peacefully Feb. 21, 2012 in Sun City Center, Florida. Born Jan. 19, 1923 in Hamilton, Ontario Canada to Charles Edward Foster and Norah Redden, both deceased; and sister Ruby May Taylor (deceased). Surviving is his beloved wife of 67 years, Helen C. Foster; two sons, Murray and Ian Foster (Sally), and two daughters, S. Leigh Diakopoulos (Anestis) and Deirdre Totten; one nephew, Glenn Taylor (Betty) of Stoney Creek, Ontario, Canada; and four grandsons, Chris, Nick, and Dimi Diakopoulos, and Kevin Foster. A Memorial Service celebrating Gil's life was held Monday, Feb. 27, 2012, at Freedom Plaza, Auditorium, 1010 American Eagle Drive, Sun City Center, FL. 33573. A reception followed. In Gil's honor, in lieu of flowers or memorial gifts, a donation may be made to the Eagle Audubon Society, c/o Nancy Terry 2444 Kensington Green Drive, Sun City Center, FL. 33573. Services under the direction of Brewer and Sons Funeral Home, Tampa.



Lavernia Patricia Bick Meyer

Lavernia Patricia Bick Meyer, 83, of Wheeling died on Saturday, February 25, 2012 at home.

She was born November 29, 1928 in Wheeling the daughter of the late David and Mary Hummel Bick and was a Baptist by faith.

Lavernia was a high school graduate of the former Wheeling High School in Wheeling and from Bowling Green University. She was a retired Teacher for Ohio County Board of Education and was a volunteer for the South Bay Hospital in Sun City Center, Florida. She also enjoyed playing cards.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald Louis Meyer who passed away in 2005 and a sister, Nancy Agar.

Surviving are two sons, David P. Meyer of Wheeling and Daniel L. Meyer and his wife, Jadi of Kingwood, TX; a daughter, Diana L. Wilds and her husband, Norm of Wheeling; six grandchildren, David Meyer and his wife, Lori, Amie DeMasi and her husband, Bill, Danielle and Zachary Meyer and Elizabeth Knollinger and her husband, Josh; six great grandchildren, Katie Meyer, Allison Meyer, Taylor Knollinger, Trenton Knollinger, Haydon Meyer and Dalton Meyer; a brother in law, Mike Agar and his wife, Myrna of Wheeling and a nephew, Chris Agar of Memphis, TN.

Services were held with the Reverend Dr. William G. McCoy officiating. Interment in Halcyon Hills Memorial Gardens, Sherrard, WV.

Memorial contributions may be made to Valley Hospice, 10686 State Route 150, Rayland, OH 43943.

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Jacqueline Laney Mollman

Jacqueline Laney Mollman, 83, formerly of Sun City Center, Florida, passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 12, 2012 at The Episcopal Church Home in Louisville, KY. She was born on December 18, 1928 to Ross and Wilma Laney in Pittsburg, Kansas, and graduated from Canton High School, Canton, Illinois. She met her husband of 62 years, Edward Mollman, at the University of Illinois, and together they raised five daughters. Over the years, the family lived in Wood River, Illinois; Orono, Maine; Boston, Massachusetts; Chicago, Illinois; Bethesda, Maryland and Sun City Center, Florida. Jackie made lifelong friends each place she lived. The couple moved to Louisville in 2009 to be closer to family.

Jackie was known for her creativity, sense of humor and a love of reading, all of which she passed to her daughters and grandchildren. She was seldom without a book. While living in Washington, Jackie also volunteered at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum Library and the Bethesda Public Library. Jackie, Ed and their children shared a keen enjoyment of travel. Their adventures included numerous independent trips to the UK, Europe and Canada as well as travel through most of the United States.

Jackie was preceded in death by her parents, Ross and Wilma Laney and her brother, Norman Laney. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Edward Mollman, daughters Meredith Parente, Carol Mollman, Jennifer Mollman, Katherine Waters, Elizabeth Behringer (Mark), and grandchildren Jeffrey Waters, Alexandra Waters, and Claire Behringer.

The family wishes to thank everyone at Sunrise Senior Living, and most recently, Jefferson Manor and The Episcopal Church Home for their wonderful care. The visitation and memorial service is now planned for Saturday, March 10, 2012 beginning at 10 am at Pearson's Funeral Home, Louisville, with private burial to follow at Cave Hill Cemetery.

Sumiko 'Miko' Temple

Sumiko "Miko" Temple, 73, of Sun City Center, FL died February 18, 2012. Miko was born April 30, 1938 in Japan. Survivors include her two children: Cissy Betz of North Venice, FL and Clifford G. and his wife, Jeanne L. Temple of Elgin, OK; two grandchildren: Clifford and Vicki and great grandson, Zander. She is also survived by one brother and three sisters. A Celebration of Life Service was held at 1 PM, Friday, February 24 at Farley Funeral Home, Venice Chapel. Memorial donations may be made to Make-A-Wish Foundation, 3635 Bonita Beach Road #4, Bonita Springs, FL 34134. To share a memory visit www.farleyfuneralhome.com.

Memorial Service planned

A memorial service for Louis H. Benner, a twenty-year resident of Sun City Center, will be held at noon on Thursday, March 8, at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church 1239 Del Webb Boulevard, SCC.

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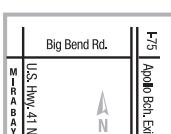
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McDonald Family sings for the Lord

At 2 p.m. on Sunday March 4, at the United Community Church, 1501 La Jolla Ave., Sun City Center the Fun Brigade has invited the McDonald Family Singers to perform in the church's sanctuary.

The McDonald Family will be presenting a free concert with various styles of music by Victor and Laurie and their 7 homeschooled children ages 11-26 from Orange, Massachusetts. Working together in family harmony their musical presentation includes bluegrass gospel, acapella, brass, instruments, sacred classical and more!

Everyone is encouraged to attend this free event. Members of the Fun Brigade will be collecting a free will offering for the family. Church doors open 1 hour prior to the concert.



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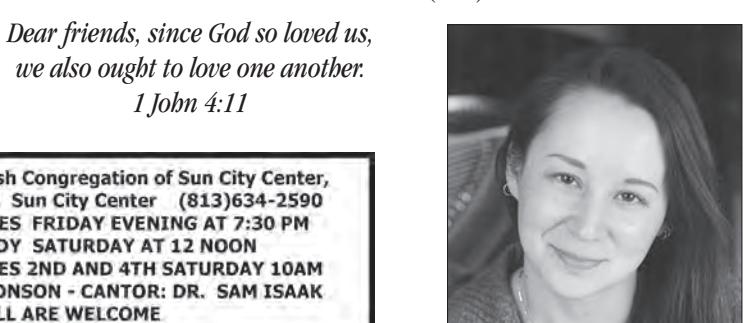
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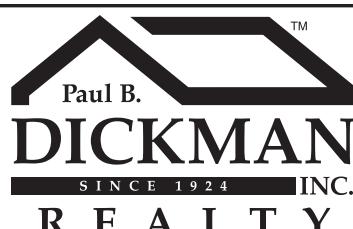
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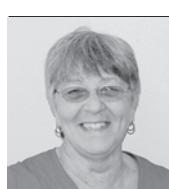
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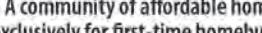
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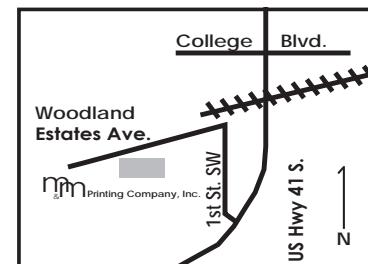
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Some fear proposed plan will discourage industry, costing jobs

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U.S. 41 in Ruskin is a "Main Street."

Encouraging slowing down and stopping to shop in downtown Ruskin is one of the goals of the plan while maintaining a good traffic flow is a high priority in the other two areas of the Overlay.

During the nine months of meetings, sizes and types of signs; parking lot design; (new and expanded); building design; landscaping and fencing have been examined, voted upon and are now being put into language that will define the plan.

Only certain types of signs and fencing will be permitted, and the rules say property owners must plant a shade tree every thirty feet along the highway.

Now that the series of meetings are over, county staff must take residents' wishes and develop the language of the Overlay which will be presented at an Open House for more input and then taken to County Commissioners for a vote.

Hearing no exception for industrial zoning, and being told "they would address that later," worries owners of industrial sites that exist in the Overlay area..

"If we're held to the same standards, it will definitely cost hundreds of jobs," said Noel Andress, owner of Sunmark Realty based in Pineland. He owns 6,000 square feet in the area of the overlay; 3,000 on U.S. 41 and 3,000 on Big Bend Road. "The way it is being proposed, if you have land attached to the frontage along U.S. 41, that land must also be brought up to the standards of the Overlay. What I'm saying is that that will cost too much and make bringing in new industry to that area impossible. It's already an industrial site- I mean, just look at the smokestacks, that won't ever be anything but industrial. There won't be hotels or tourist attractions there."

Andress made that statement at the final of nine working committee meetings Feb 21 at the South Shore Regional Library.

If rules of the overlay are adopted for industry as well as residences and retail, he says it will cost too much for anyone to develop industrial property and even if they do, plant security would be compromised by the overlay standards concerning fencing.

Andress expounded his answers in an interview following the

meeting to say the beautification required would not only be of no value to industries that might want to locate there, but would also cost close to a million extra dollars on just one parcel that he himself owns.

In an interview the next day David McDaniel of Titan Properties based in Winter Park who represents Pacific Tomato Growers on U.S. 41 in Apollo Beach, McDaniel fully explained the points he had made during the meeting.

"Factories and manufacturing companies have to have secure fences - some even with barbed wire on top- because they need them. Theft and safety are compromised in an industrial area when the only reason a fence is put up is for aesthetic value. And to have a regulation that says you have to have a shade tree- like an oak- every 30 feet is fine for a homeowner or small business owner but adds thousands of dollars in original costs and then there's the added maintenance industrial plants don't need. They need to be spending their money creating the things their factories were built to manufacture."

It comes down to jobs- jobs-jobs, he said.

At the meeting, Michael Peterson, who has been part of South County's community planning for about 20 years, suggested incentives be given to industrial companies to take part in the plan.

"Maybe exempt them from some taxes for three years following their compliance. Or some other kind of break so we can maintain the standards but still encourage industry and development," Peterson said.

The language of the plan will be unveiled at an Open House which will be held at the South Shore Library March 27 at 6 p.m.

Fernandez and Healey said they will once again notify the more than 400 land owners whose properties front U.S. 41 in the overlay area.

So far, only about 50 people have attended the meetings and working groups despite notification.

To find out more about the plan or read about any of the meetings already held, visit <http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/pgm/zoning/cpoiongoing/US41.cfm> or look at previous coverage in the archives at www.observernews.net.

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Winners have been announced in the February competition for the Sun City Center Photo Club.

In the Color Print category, at the Advanced level, Stan Lipski received a silver award for *Vineyard Overlooking Lake Geneva* and Glenn Laucks received a silver for *End of the Line*. At the Intermediate level, Rose Stack received a gold for *Spring Bouquet*. Allen Maser received a bronze for *Pottin' Around* and Marianne Strehar received a bronze for *Snow on the Rockies*. At the Beginner level, Sue McBride received a gold for *Hello, Dali*. In the Monochrome Print category, Rose Stack, intermediate level, won a bronze for *Stairway to Heaven*.

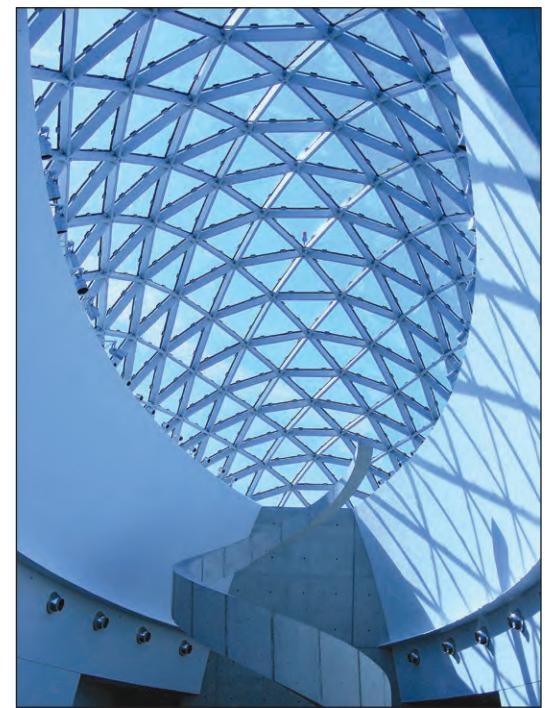
In the Color Digital category, at the Advanced level, Gayle Fischer won a silver award for *Swallowtail*. At the Intermediate level, Pat Jones won a silver award for *Harley Rider*. Fred Durr won a bronze award for *The World IS Flat!* Marion Kundiger won a bronze award for *I Love My Little Sister*. Bob Trivis won bronze awards for *The Tango* and *Jellyfish* and Kathy Vitale won bronze awards for *Again I Lost My Mom and But Mom...*

At the Beginner level, Jerri Garretson won a gold for *You May Kiss the Bride*. Roger Kele won a bronze award for *Banana Spider*. Robert Price won a gold award for *China's Venice* and a silver award for *Bottoms Up* and Andre Ledoux won a silver award for *Trail Rose* and a bronze for *Got Ya!*

In the Monochrome Digital category, at the Intermediate level, Kathy Vitale won gold awards for *Penguin by Home* and *Penguin Pair*. At the Beginner level, Jerri Garretson won a bronze for *Will You Be My Valentine?* and Roger Kele won a silver for *Sleepy Seal* and a bronze for *Japanese Maple*.

In the new Creative category which is judged at the Advanced level, Rolf Sulzberger received a gold for *Comedic Eye*. Matt Batt received bronze awards for *Building Dies*, *Art Survives* and *Sunrise at Horse Farm* and Rose Stack received a silver award for *I'm Watching You*.

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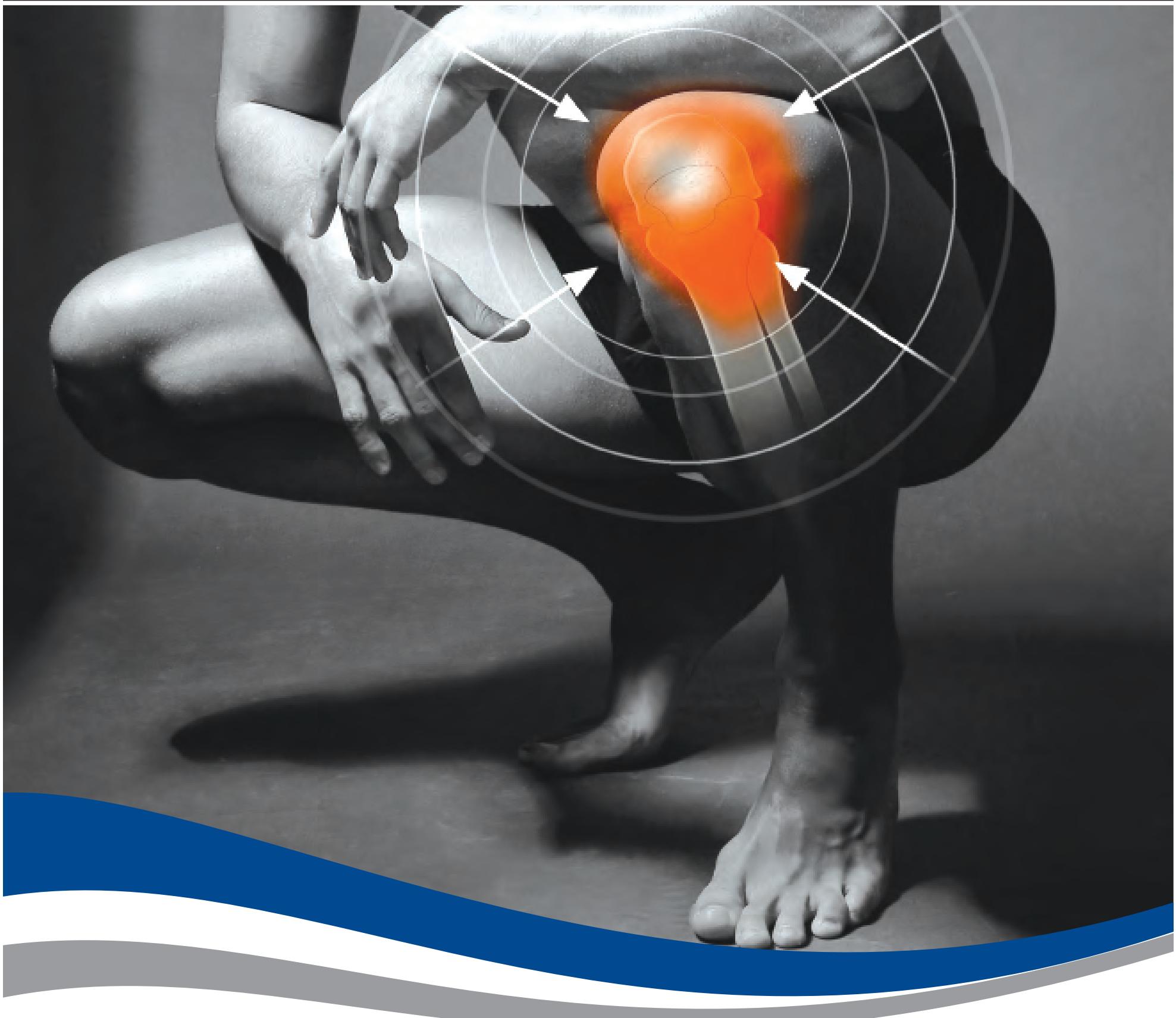
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