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Local bank robber arrested

A Ruskin man is being held on charges of robbing two Sun City Center banks recently. See more details on **page 11**

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Florida black bears are making a comeback thanks to research and conservation efforts. Take a look at the latest set of cubs collared by the Fish and Wildlife Commission on **page 13**

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Kites paint the sky over Apollo Beach

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Laughter from children could be heard on the ground while kites painted the sky in Apollo Beach for the fourth annual Kite Fest, sponsored by the Apollo Beach Beautification Committee (ABBC). Dozens of children were provided with free kites and everything they needed to color and customize them, along with free beverages and hot dogs, before sending their creations into the sky.

Four-year-old Joshua Burdette, on his first outing with a kite, flew it like a pro while his mother Danielle watched with a smile on her face. As much as the children enjoyed

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Breaking bonds painful for prison inmates, volunteers

■ By MELODY JAMESON

BALM – Tearfully, their laughter leavened with sadness, the hopefulness tinged with regret, bonds forged over years between inmates and volunteers loosened here last week.

Striving for a positive spin on a long-dreaded event – closure of the Hillsborough Correctional Institution – the facility’s female prisoners served their mentors and teachers for the last time Thursday with large cookies, rich chocolate bars and decorated sheet cake made in their culinary classes.

And, then, filling their prison chapel to capacity, together they rocked the rafters with song, shared appreciations, cried and counseled through their tears.

Florida Representative Rich Glorioso, a member of the Hillsborough legislative delegation who worked at the state level to keep HCI open, had to pause to regain composure as he asked assembled inmates to hang on to their HCI experience now that they’re moving to another facility. “We all want you to be successful,” he asserted seriously, then added “I’m a good Republican, I want you to go forth in the world, work and pay taxes” as laughter rippled through the crowd.

Long time volunteer Janet Smith, struggling to hold back tears, quoted the Biblical advice given by St. Paul, “learn to be content in whatever state you are.”

And veteran corrections officer Sgt. David Schaffer, noting that he’s been on the job for decades, asserted “I’ve never seen a program like this one. Take the program with you and don’t quit. Just do not quit!”

Dr. Ken Barringer, retired psychologist and a prison volunteer for nearly 10 years, spoke of the “drastic changes in your lives” that he has witnessed, adding “I thank you for that. May God bless you all of your lives.”

For their part, inmates lined up at a microphone to express their gratitude and their regrets. One referred emphatically to her “six wonderful years at HCI, learning to love.” Today, she added, “I am somebody. Thank you.”



MELODY JAMESON PHOTO

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\$50 million project ahead of schedule; may save time and money

■ By PENNY FLETCHER
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RIVERVIEW - A three-phase project that began in 2005 and was scheduled to be completed in February 2014 may just end ahead of schedule.

“We aren’t sure yet just how much time we’ve saved, but we’ve changed a few things that are really going to make a difference,” said county spokesman Steve Valdez.

This difference will be in both time and money.

“Right now, we’re on schedule, but we’ve had the bridges redesigned so we can do the work faster and more efficiently

and still get the same result,” he continued. “In essence, we found that we could build the two spans by bringing in pre-cast structures and drilling instead of pounding them down. It’s just a matter of using different techniques than were originally planned.”

Phase III of the project is widening the portion of Boyette Road in Riverview from McMullen Road to Bell Shoals. The project, which is being done by Prince Contracting, based in Tampa, was engineered by and is being inspected by HW Lochner Inc. of Winter Garden and managed by Dana Mackey of Hillsborough County Roads and

Streets.

Entirely a county project, the three-mile phase will widen the road from two to four lanes and have various sizes and styles of landscaped medians. There will also be bicycle paths and sidewalks on both sides of the road, Valdez said.

According to information provided on the county’s website by Mackey, the project is funded by the Community Investment Tax, which is a one-cent sales tax payable only in Hillsborough County.

The first two phases of the project also went well, but ran

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The \$50 million widening project on Boyette Road in Riverview may finish earlier than expected and cost less than originally projected.

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Breaking bonds

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Another spoke of the benefits she has reaped from participation in the prison's multi-faceted crafts and sewing instruction program. "I have learned to give back," she allowed and then added impishly, "about \$200,000 worth of giving back," referring to the value of the program's charitable donations.

One of the women with substantial prison experience called attention to the vast difference between the HCI compound and other facilities. "We know every day we are loved," she said, referring to the courtesy extended HCI inmates by staff and volunteers alike. As a result, she added, "my children will have a good mother when I get out and my mother won't be getting phone calls in the middle of the night." The reason, she reiterated, is "my prison fam-

ily and God's help."

Still others voiced their amazement that "anyone would fight for a prison" and talked of the value as well as values of the prison family and noted regretfully that they will not be able to pursue courses of study or complete classes for certification as the HCI programs ended this week even though the instructional time-frames did not. The same subjects are not expected to be duplicated where they are going.

HCI's inmate population is to be transferred to a new two-dormitory addition to the Lowell women's prison complex near Ocala in Marion County. The facility is known as the Lowell Reception Center and anticipated to accommodate about 1,300 women prisoners. Many of the HCI staff

also are to be shifted to parts of the Lowell complex, including HCI Warden Robin Smith, Deputy Warden Angel Velez, and R. Maria Tarrant, known fondly as "Chef T," director of the culinary arts program at HCI, plus some of the corrections officers.

Neither Smith nor Jo Ellyn Rackleff, spokesperson for Florida's Department of Corrections in Tallahassee, could provide exact relocation dates. Smith said she expects to begin work at Lowell next week.

Asked about any plans for use of the 120-acre HCI campus with substantial road frontage and containing several staff residences as well as other functional buildings, Rackleff said she had heard nothing about final disposition of the property. Its ownership, she added, reverts to Florida's Department of Management Services for sale or leasing.

And when pressed about possible sale of any of the larger Florida prisons where prisoners now are being consolidated to one or more of the for-profit commercial prison corporations in the market to buy, the DOC spokeswoman replied that to the best of her knowledge state administrators are not considering "any such idea."

Smith also told The Observer this week that she had heard nothing about any future uses of the HCI campus. She noted, too, that she foresees HCI inmates may find the new Lowell Reception Center and its programs as rehabilitative and encouraging as their experiences locally have been.

A pending legal action filed by an inmate on behalf of the HCI population disputes that perception, though, claiming that the new faith-based dormitory facility at Lowell does not meet the statutory standard mandated for women prisoners.

In addition, not all HCI personnel and supporters are sold on reasoning advanced for the facility shuttering and relocation of inmates. Staff members comment privately they believe the closure is a mistake being implemented without concern for inmate welfare, but for politically influenced financial reasons. Several area legislators also have suggested the



MELODY JAMESON PHOTOS

Boxes of tissue were popular choices last week when inmates at Hillsborough Correctional Institution and some 100 of the prison's volunteers bravely but sadly bid their farewells as the facility prepares for permanent closure. The female prisoners are being relocated to a new section of the Lowell correctional complex for women near Ocala as part of a consolidation which the Florida Department of Corrections says will save money.

DOC justification for the closure is based on faulty calculations as well as misrepresentations. And one volunteer leader declared emphatically he will not vote to

retain Scott as governor because of his indifference and unresponsiveness in the face of inmate, volunteer and community pleas for consideration.

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As part of a program presented by HCI inmates for a large contingent of their teachers and mentors — probably for the last time at the prison on C.R. 672 near Balm — one group performed an athletic dance routine. Both inmates and volunteers, along with some legislators, registered vigorous objections to closing the 36-year-old facility rather than refurbishing it and increasing its population to bring down per diem costs, but state administrators have remained adamant about shuttering it and several other facilities around the state.

HCI inmates opened their last presentation for their mentors and teachers with several rousing musical numbers which brought many of the volunteers to their feet. Keeping time with the rhythm are Dr. Ken Barringer (right) and his wife, Jean (to his left), as Helen Campbell, (seated), a former volunteer chaplain, joins in the vocal. Janet Smith, (background), another long time volunteer at the prison, also got into the spirit of the number without any coaxing.



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You can choose your attitude

There are times when a good cry is the best medicine. When you hit yourself on the finger with a hammer or you lose a loved one, go ahead and bawl your eyes out. You can even raise your head and scream, "Why me, God?" Do it because you want to, do it because you need to, do it because it is the right thing to do; but once you do it, take control of your emotions and put the hurt behind you. Short of death, it is not the trouble that befalls you, but how you react to it that will determine the outcome. I like this Hindu saying: "It is not the bite of the snake that kills you,

but rather the energy you expend trying to track it down and destroy it that drives the poison to your heart."

Have you been snake bit and are still using up energy to track that rascal down with murder in your heart? Maybe you are doing it and you are not even conscious of it. My friend Jane lost her husband of almost 30 years. She became sullen and not much fun to be around. The couples she and

her husband had as friends slowly deserted her one by one because she found fault with them. Her snake bite was losing her husband. The snake was seeing her friends' happy relationships and feeling the pain of being alone. Her actions were ensuring that would end up being alone.

Another snake chaser I knew was Tom. Tom was the shortest kid in his class all the way through high school. Over the years he took a lot of kidding about being the runt of the litter. When he turned 19, Tom grew several inches and considered average height—that is, by everyone but Tom. Tom's snake was still thinking of himself as short and being continually on guard lest someone make a short joke about him. This attitude manifested itself in ways such as this. When paying a bill at a restaurant, he miscalculated the amount he gave the cashier. Noting that the amount was not enough, the cashier said, "You're a little short, aren't you?" Tom came apart at the seams. He told the poor cashier to mind her own business and that he thought her very rude. It wasn't until I calmed Tom down that he realized his mistake and apologized. Even though we was physically tall enough, he had reduced himself in personal stature.

The Swiss psychologist, Carl Jung said, "Emotions are contagious." If that is true—and I believe it to be—we have to make some choices about how we are going to feel. First is whether we are going to be a font of negativity. Are we going to be the dark cloud that invades the lives of others? More

importantly, will we perpetuate in our own mind the emotional darkness of hate, regret, fear and loss? The second is whether we are going to avoid those who are bent under the burden of a negative attitude. These people are as dangerous to our continued well-being as a plague carrier. If we are not careful, they will have us chasing their snakes.

What can we do to achieve the right attitude or maintain it? Start by surrounding yourself with upbeat people and events. The results of a study in Australia indicated that the simple act of going to a movie can change your outlook on life. People who attend a comedy movie see their lives in much more positive terms than those who have just seen a depressing movie. If something as simple as a movie can affect the way you see your life, think about all the other things that you are exposed to every day. Newspapers, television, radio and social networks—just to name a few—can have a very profound impact on your life and especially how you see it.

If you've been bit, don't chase down the snake; just get on with your life.

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Positive Talk
By William Hodges

Boyette Road

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on schedule and did not finish early.

Phase I started at U.S. 301 and went east to Balm-Riverview Road in 2005. It was a one-and-a-half year project, Valdez said.

Phase II lasted from 2007 to early 2010, and was soon followed by the current phase.

The cost of the current phase is \$22,373,614.00, with the total for the entire three-phase project at approximately \$50 million, stated Valdez.

The project was designed by Orth-Rodgers engineering.

"It was started as a result of backed-up traffic all along Boyette Road especially at crucial times of day," Valdez said. "I know it's really inconvenient now and people are tired of seeing the work go on, but when it's completed it will be well worth it."

Traveling through the worksite, county workers often must reduce traffic to one-lane by holding up "Stop" and "Slow" signs to allow for the safety and movement of heavy equipment and workers.



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Hillsborough County will hold a workshop to receive input from the public regarding the Disadvantaged Minority/Disadvantaged Woman Business Enterprise and Small Business Enterprise (DM/DWBE & SBE) Encouragement programs from 3 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 5 at the University Area Community Development Center, 14013 N. 22nd St., Room 139, in Tampa.

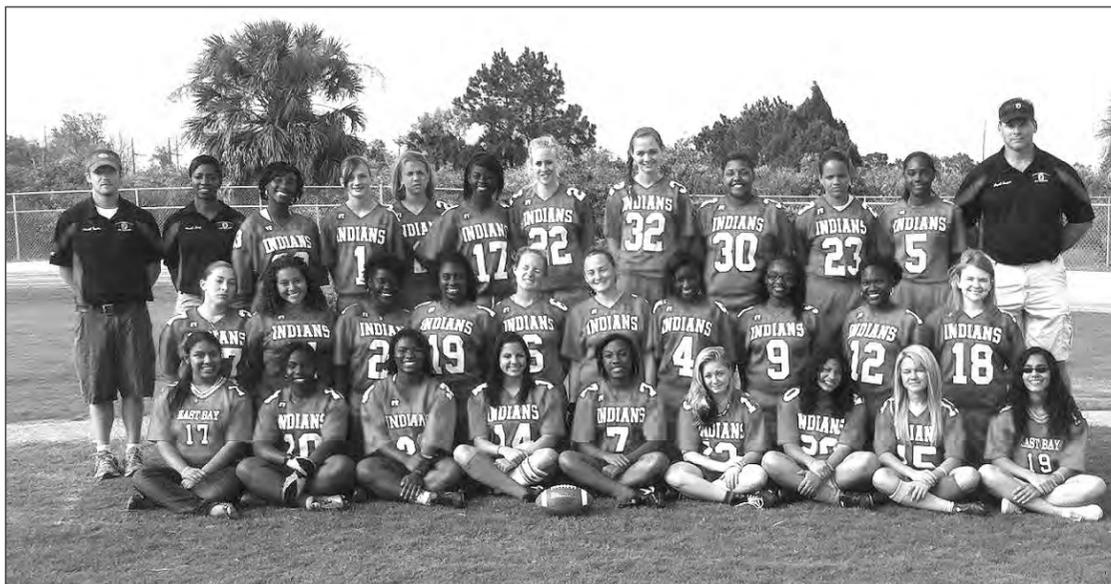
The purpose of the DM/DWBE & SBE Encouragement programs is to provide incentives for the participation of DM/DWBE & SBEs in Hillsborough County's procurement and contracting activities. The County aims to ensure these businesses are well represented in County purchases and contracts. This is accomplished through outreach efforts, such as workshops, and other forms of assistance and referral.

Hillsborough County contractors and minority/women and small businesses are invited to learn about upcoming Hillsborough County projects, new good-faith efforts documentation, and a chance to build sustainable business relationships from 1 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10. The networking session will be at Hillsborough County's Small Business Information Center, 7402 N. 56th St., Building 400, Suite 425, in Tampa.

For more information on the workshop and networking session, call Hillsborough County's Small, Minority Business Development Office at (813) 914-4028.

East Bay Watch

by Michael Cooper



Left to right, front: Denisse Anglero, Jada Lester, Leanna Williams, Nereida Diaz, Mashaijy'ah Martin, Brianna Loomis, Ashley Dominguez, Hayley Manning, Damaris Morales; Middle: Katiana Lopez, Alyssa Garcia, Tina Hill, Quiana Jean-Baptiste, Stephanie Williams, Nicole Lock, Tyler McFarlane, Charelle Shaw, Khadijah McCray, Morgan Bruhn; Back: Greg Taplin, Samantha Long, Tiana Hill, Rachel Mitchell, Madeline Hornacek, Ternesha Noelzinord, Linn Karlsson, Jennifer Sickles, Keryandra Fulks, Alexis Russell, Destinee Byrd, and Michael Cooper.



East Bay Girls Flag Football Season to begin

The 2012 season is upon us. Last year the team finished 11-3 and district runner-up and looks to contend for the district again this year.

Key players returning are senior QB Stephanie and Wide Receivers Nicole Lock and Madeline Hornacek.

For team information, visit www.ebhsgirlsflagfootball.com.

Schedule

JV/Varsity

March 26	.....Riverview (D)	.....6:15/7:30 p.m.
March 29	.....At Spoto (D)	.....6:15/7:30 p.m.
April 2	.....Durant	.....6:15/7:30 p.m.
April 6	.....Lincoln-Tallahassee	.....9 a.m.
April 6	.....TBD-Tallahassee	.....TBD
April 9	.....Bloomingdale (D)	.....6:15/7:30 p.m.
April 12	.....At Lennard (D)	.....7 p.m.
April 16	.....Freedom	.....7 p.m.
April 19	.....at Osceola-Kissimmee	.....7 p.m.

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 29 — Bar Bingo at 6 p.m.



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

Saturday, March 31 — Turkey Shoot at 1 p.m. Steak Dinner from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Music by You 2 Kan from 7 to 11 p.m.

Sunday, April 1 — Open.

Monday, April 2 — Open.

Tuesday, April 3 — Games in Lounge from 1 to 4 p.m. Kitchen open from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Bingo at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, April 4 — Open.

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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 29 -- Bar Games at 3 p.m.

Friday, March 30 — Feather Your Nest Game at 6 p.m.

Saturday, March 31 — Wet Burrito Dinner by Casey for the Ryan Dixon Fund at 5 p.m. Music by Calvin O from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 1 — Feather Your Nest Game at 6 p.m.

Sunday, April 8 — Easter Ham Dinner will be served from 2 to 4 p.m. Come on down and join us.

Monday, April 2 — Bingo at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, April 3 — Come on down and socialize.

Wednesday, April 4 — 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.



Calling all teen bands

It's never too early to get your band pre-qualified to be part of the Teenage Battle of the Bands held annually mid-October during the Hillsborough County Fair. Hillsborough County's Parks, Recreation & Conservation Department is looking for bands to participate in this competition that provides free studio time to the top two winners.

Band members must be between 13 and 20 years of age, and only one band member can be age 20. The bands are judged on guitars, drums, vocals, showmanship and

originality. The entry fee is \$50.

Culprit was last year's Teenage Battle of the Bands winner. Previous winners include Styx of Fire in 2010, Rising Down in 2009 and Envy in 2008.

Only a limited number of bands are accepted. Those wishing to compete in the Teenage Battle of the Bands must pre-qualify by providing a link to an online video of the band.

For more information, call Joe Soletti, Parks, Recreation and Conservation Department at (813) 744-5871.

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It's a big month for Children's Board Family Resource Centers all over the Tampa Bay area in South County, Brandon, North Tampa, Central Tampa, and Town 'n Country. The adorable Berenstain Bears will greet children and take part in various family activities, such as coloring, arts and crafts and story time.

"Our services, classes and events, along with our dedicated staff and volunteers, enhance the quality of life for all families in the area," says Maria Negron, program director.

The Children's Board Family Resource Center – South County is a place that helps families in the Ruskin area become happier, healthier and stronger. The address is 3030 E. College Ave., Ruskin, (813) 641-5600, which is a convenient destination for neighbors from each direction of town.

Pinwheels for Prevention • Friday, April 13 • 1 to 2 p.m.

April brings awareness of Child Abuse Prevention. The pinwheel represents efforts to change the way our nation thinks about prevention with positive messages and family events. Join them for a variety of activities such as Arts & Crafts, Story Time, and visits from the Berenstain Bears. Registration is required by calling (813) 641-5600.

Hearing & Vision Screenings • Friday, April 20 • 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

St. Joseph's Children's Advocacy Center will be conducting hearing and vision screenings for children ages birth to 18. There is no charge for the screenings and no appointments necessary.

Safe Baby Training • Thursday, April 26 • 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Join them for a friendly supportive workshop. Learn how to keep your baby safe from the top three preventable causes of infant death. Parents, family, friends and caregivers are invited. For more information, call (813) 641-5600.

Preventative Dental Services • Tuesday, April 24 • 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Have your child's teeth checked with an oral exam provided by Suncoast Community Health Centers. For an appointment call (813) 641-5600.

All programs and activities are at no cost to participants. They also have centers in Town 'n Country, North Tampa, Central Tampa and Brandon. Check out program and event times on the website www.family-support.org and to find more information.

Check out the FSRC activities on our website www.family-support.org for more information.

Children's Board Family Resource Center – South County hours are 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday; from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday; and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. The Children's Board of Hillsborough County provides funding; The Children's Home manages the center; and Healthy Start Coalition of Hillsborough County provides fiscal and program management.

Is it more perfect yet?

We the People of the United States of America have appeared to be a lot less united over the past many years. More and more it seems that we can agree on almost nothing. We apparently can't even agree as to whether or not the shooting death of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin, a young man carrying Skittles and a can of iced tea, is a tragedy, regardless of the circumstances that lead up to it. What has become of us? Actually, the more frightening question is "What are we becoming?"

Last week I stood before the incomparable original manuscript of the United States Constitution and read the words in the preamble that began this column. I thought of the men who wrote it — how they bickered and fought, and occasionally resorted to violence in the creation of this more perfect union. Now

I honestly wonder what they would think of us today. Despite the bickering, they were almost exclusively rich men acting outside of their own best interests. Rather than working to protect what was theirs, they worked to create a nation. It seems fewer among us are willing to do that today.

While in Washington, DC, Michelle and I took a public tour of the Capitol. The tour was restricted to a relatively small area within the expansive building, but it was fascinating. I can't imagine how anyone would ever tire of looking up into the rotunda. During the tour, two things struck me. First, the people who planned that building had absolutely no doubt this was going to be a great nation with better days yet to come. Second, the somewhat

cynical humor of our tour guide was not only entertaining; it was also demonstrative that this is still a free country. In more than a few other countries, he probably would have been shot for his dark humor involving Members of Congress, some of whom were in offices just yards away.

When we left for DC, a good friend sent an email asking, mostly in jest, if I could let Congress know that they are doing everything wrong by the Constitution. On Monday night, Michelle and I walked with one Member of Congress across Independence Avenue from the House office buildings to the Capitol to watch the last vote of the evening from the House chambers gallery. On the way, we encountered what



Observations
By Mitch Traphagen
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appeared to be a homeless man standing with a sign protesting something Congress was doing. The Congressman stopped, touched the man's hand and asked, "How are you this evening, sir?" As we walked on, the Congressman told me the man is out there nearly every day and, little by little, he's learning the man's story. To me, it was a remarkable moment. The Congressman actually cared about that man — a person who was no doubt invisible to the thousands of tourists who had passed him that day. I am ashamed to say that I noticed him when we went on our tour earlier that day, but I didn't stop to greet him. I didn't touch his hand.

We watched the last vote of the evening at 7 p.m. from the House gallery. From my vantage point, I saw that all of the members of Congress — Independent, Republican and Democrat — did exactly what they should have done according to the Constitution. They represented, to the best of their ability as they saw it, the people who voted for them. The problem, of course, is the subjective phrase "the best of their ability as they saw it". Given the approval rating of Congress, we the people are not seeing eye-to-eye with our congressional representatives. But then again, why should we expect that when we aren't seeing eye-to-eye on much of anything with anyone outside of increasingly narrowly defined groups?

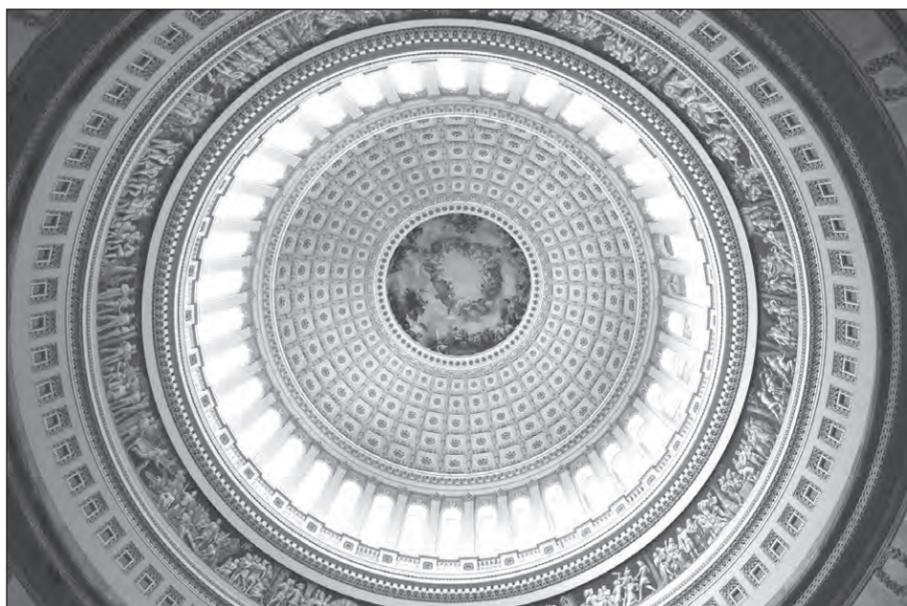
I'm not going to defend Congress, except to say that there is no way to make everyone happy and I sure as heck wouldn't want to do that job. In the 10

years that I've been writing for this newspaper, I've noticed that communication has become more of a challenge. More and more, I have to be careful about what I say to avoid accidentally offending someone, but it is increasingly a losing game. There is almost nothing I can write that won't involve a subject that some people will cheer and others will jeer.

Our experiment in democracy is messy by design. The United States was built on disagreement and occasional rancor. We are still working to "form a more perfect Union, to establish Justice, to ensure domestic Tranquility, to provide for the common defence, to promote the general Welfare and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity."

Washington, DC is a beautiful city that was built on dreams and ideals that we sometimes forget about today. If you get a chance to go, please do. See the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. Visit the memorials to great presidents and to those who gave their last full measure of devotion to all of us. Feel pride in our nation again — a nation created by people (both men and women) who acted against their own self-interest to help form a more perfect union.

Disagreement is part of the package, but let's not forget that when push comes to shove we are still a union. And perhaps, we could try adding a little compassion while remembering to promote the general Welfare. Last week, I watched a Member of Congress do just that outside of the Capitol.



The U.S. Capitol Rotunda, with the Apotheosis of Washington at the top and the Frieze of American History providing a stunning outline is something I can't imagine anyone could tire of seeing. I have to believe that somehow the weight of this history seeps into the consciousness of our congressional representatives. How could it not? But then again, our democracy is messy by design.

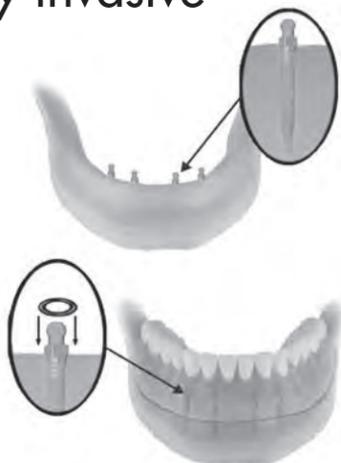
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Dr. MacManus is a Distinguished University Professor of Public Administration and Political Science in the Department of Government and International Affairs at the University of South Florida.

Dr. MacManus is a Fulbright research scholar and has written numerous books; her latest is entitled Florida Politics: Ten Media Markets, One Powerful State, and was published in 2004

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South Shore Senior Singles plan April activities

The South Shore Senior Singles, a ministry of the Sun City Center United Methodist Church (SCCUMC), will meet at the Alpha House in Apollo Beach on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month, April 7 and April 21, from 5 to 8 p.m. for dining and dancing. Thor Stevens will provide the music.

They have tentatively planned a free Port of Tampa educational cruise lasting approximately 1½ hours for Wednesday, April 25. They must be ready to board the vessel at 9 a.m. They will carpool from Sun City Center, and have lunch at the new Sand Piper Restaurant in Sun City Center. Reservations must be made immediately, as they need 20 reservations for them to qualify for the trip.

They have events for each weekend:

1st and 3rd Saturday -- Alpha House in Apollo Beach from 5 to 8 p.m. for dining and dancing.

2nd Tuesday of the month -- Potluck and entertainment in Creason Hall at SCCUMC. Must purchase a ticket at church office as space is limited.

2nd Friday of the month -- Friday Night at the Movies, held in Creason Hall at the SCCUMC.

Last Sunday -- Bowling at The Alley at 3:30 p.m. in Riverview, then to Gibsonton to eat at Ruby Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. This has been cancelled for April because of cookout in the park on April 29.

Must have reservations and cancellations for all activities. For more information, or to make a reservation, call Patti at (813) 634-7171, or Mary Jo at (813) 383-7535.

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Recommended Vaccinations for Seniors

Dear Savvy Senior,
What types of vaccinations are recommended for seniors? I know about flu shots, but what else is recommended and what's covered by Medicare?

Cheap Shot Sally



The Savvy Senior
By Jim Miller

Dear Sally,

Most people think that vaccinations are just for kids, but adults, especially seniors, need their shots too. Here's a breakdown of what vaccines the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends for adults age 50 and older, and how they're covered by Medicare.

Influenza (flu): While you already know that seasonal flu shots are recommended to everyone age 50 and older, you may not know that seniors over 65 now have the option of getting a new high-potency flu vaccine instead of a regular flu shot. This vaccine – known as the Fluzone High-Dose – creates a stronger immune response for better protection. All annual flu shots are covered under Medicare Part B.

Pneumococcal: Pneumonia causes more than 40,000 deaths in the U.S. each year, many of which could be prevented by the pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine. Everyone age 65 or older needs to get this one-time vaccination, as well as those under 65 who smoke or have chronic health conditions like asthma, lung and heart disease, diabetes, or a weakened immune system. This vaccination is also covered under Medicare Part B.

Zoster (shingles): Recommended for everyone age 60 and older, shingles is a painful, blistering skin rash that affects more than 1 million Americans each year. All Medicare Part D prescription drug plans cover this one-time vaccination, but coverage amounts and reimbursement rules vary depending on where the shot is given. Be sure you check your plan. If you aren't covered you can expect to pay between \$150 and \$250.

Tdap (tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis): A one-time dose of the Tdap vaccine which covers tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough) is now recommended to all

adults. If you've already had a Tdap shot, you should return to getting a tetanus-diphtheria (Td) booster shot every 10 years. Most private health and Medicare Part D plans cover these vaccinations, but if you have to pay, they cost between \$20 and \$100.

MMR (measles, mumps and rubella): Anyone born during or after 1957 that is unsure about their immunization history should receive the MMR shot. A blood test can tell whether someone has had any of these diseases or has received the MMR vaccine, but a test costs approximately \$100. If you're unsure about your immunity, getting a booster shot is more cost-effective (around \$50 and is usually covered by insurance) and isn't harmful, even if you're already immune.

Hepatitis A: This is a two-dose series of shots recommended to adults age 50 and older that have chronic liver disease, a clotting-factor disorder, have same-sex male partners, illicit injectable drug use, or who have close contact with a hepatitis A-infected individual or who travel to areas with a high incidence of hepatitis A. These shots cost anywhere from \$60 to \$300, but are covered by most health and Medicare prescription drug plans.

Hepatitis B: This three-dose series is recommended to adults 50 and older who are on dialysis, have renal disease or liver disease, are sexually active with more than one partner, have a sexually transmitted disease or HIV. These vaccinations are covered under Medicare Part B.

Meningitis: Adults 55 and younger who have never been vaccinated, have had their spleen removed, have certain blood deficiencies or plan to travel to parts of the world where meningitis is common, should receive the meningococcal conjugate vaccine. Adults 56 and older should receive the polysaccharide vaccine. Covered by most health and Medicare Part D plans, this shot will cost around \$100 to \$150 if you have to pay out-of-pocket.

To help you get a handle on which vaccines are appropriate for you, take the CDC "What Vaccines Do You Need?" quiz at www2.cdc.gov/nip/adultimmsched. Also, talk to your doctor during your next visit about what vaccinations you should get.

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



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Updating dementia care

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For more information and to register for this event, call (813) 644-9598 or visit the websites above.

You, Me, and Business

By: Dana Dittmar, Executive Director

SCC Chamber News

It's coming up on That Time of Year again! Yes, you guessed it – it's time for the SCC Chamber of Commerce's Spring Trade Show.

And let me tell you, we have some great vendors and attractions for you this year.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, April 5 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. More than 70 vendors from all over Hillsborough County will be at the Community Hall on South Pebble Beach Blvd. to demonstrate their products and services to you.

If I inspired you last week to do some spring fixing-up, there will be all types of lawn, air conditioning, roofing, handyman, carpet cleaning, painting, paving and power-washing companies there. You can also learn about skin cancer screenings, cosmetics, security systems, stained glass window decorations, photography and fitness.

Want to save money on your prescriptions, get a free hearing check, eye exam, blood pressure check or learn the local bus schedule? They'll all be there.

The Tampa Bay Lightning and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers will be on hand to talk discount tickets and season packages.

You will have a chance to win a weekend for two to Treasure Island, with hotel accommodations at the Thunderbird Resort and gift cards to local restaurants, courtesy of the Treasure Island Chamber of Commerce.

You will also have a chance to register for a \$10,000 grand prize, courtesy of Air Rescue AC.

If you would like to register to vote or need to make any changes to your voter registration, we will have a representative of the Supervisor of Elections to take care of you and answer any questions you might have.

Downsizing Advisory will be on hand to do appraisals on your antiques, collectables paintings, and more. They don't buy but they do assist you with finding a buyer should you wish to sell. Sun City Collectables will be there to assess your coins and antique items as well.

Want to plan a fantastic getaway vacation? Several travel agencies will show you exotic places and daycations to fit every budget.

The Treasure Hunters will be there to purchase your gold, silver, or precious gems. And you can enjoy all of this to the music of the South Shore Symphony Orchestra's string ensemble and to the organ sounds of Fletcher Music.

United Community Church, Rotary, and All Paths to God Church will be outside selling food to raise money for their local programs.

This only happens twice a year, so don't wait until November to see all we have to offer! You just might win that \$10,000!



You, Me & Business

By Dana Dittmar

Animal Services promotes Adoption Eggstravaganza

Join Hillsborough County Animal Services and local rescue partners for The HOP (Help Our Pets) adopt-a-thon and egg hunt happening from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 7, at 440 N. Falkenburg Road in Tampa. Dozens of local pet rescue groups, vendors and animal professionals will transform the county animal shelter into a festival of fun, adoption, and awareness. Children can line up for age-appropriate Easter egg hunts and other activities starting at 11 a.m., and pet adoptions at the shelter will remain open until 3:30 p.m.

The HOP Eggstravaganza will feature a huge variety of hundreds of adoptable pets --from beagles to bulldogs, poodles to pinschers,

cats, kittens, and more. Prospective adopters should bring valid photo ID, proof of address, and cash or local check, with some rescue groups accepting major credit cards. Many pets will be offered at special prices, and adoptions from Animal Services will include spaying/neutering, vaccination, microchip, county tag, and health check.

Special guests at this year's event include Raymond, official MLB mascot of the Tampa Bay Rays, and the Easter Bunny! Attendees to The HOP can also Ask-the-Vet, explore volunteer opportunities, tour the shelter, take a scavenger hunt, and win prizes in contests, such as The Bunny Hop. Food concessions will be available, plus music by DJ Pat George.

Additionally, professional pet pedicures for dogs and cats will be available on-site with all proceeds going to the medical needs of abused and neglected pets in the care of Animal Services. Owned pets on leashes or in carriers are welcome to attend The HOP, but may not enter the shelter's kennel area.

Admission to the event is free, and donations to participating rescue groups are encouraged.

For vendor opportunities or more information on The HOP, call Hillsborough County Animal Services at 813-744-5660 or email info@hillsboroughcounty.org



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On March 10 and 11 Keller Williams South Shore Realty held an Open House all over Sun City and Kings Point. They helped the residents and visitors see the many fine properties and floor plans they have to offer in Sun City Center.

Surgeons to discuss joint pain options

South Bay Hospital will host free Dine with the Doctor seminars featuring information on treatment options for those suffering from joint pain. At noon on Tuesday, April 17 Dr. Robert Maddalon, Orthopedic Surgeon, will facilitate an information session titled "Treatments for Knee Arthritis." Dr. Maddalon will discuss the causes, prevention and treatment of knee arthritis.

At 6 p.m. on Friday, April 27 Dr. John Okun, Orthopedic Surgeon, will facilitate an information session titled "The Latest in Joint Replacement." Dr. Okun will discuss the causes of joint pain and the latest technology and surgical interventions available to treat it.

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Enjoy breakfast and bingo

The next Breakfast and Bingo fundraiser sponsored by the Hope Fund will benefit the children who attend the after-school and summer programs at Bethune Park in Wimauma. The breakfast, which costs only \$6 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 7 in the Community Hall at 1910 So. Pebble Beach Blvd. in Sun City Center. The breakfast consists of a large omelet of your choice, a bagel and cream cheese or a danish, orange juice, and coffee or tea. For the April 7 Breakfast and Bingo the number of chefs flipping omelets will be doubled to get you through the line quickly. Starting at 9:30 a.m. play bingo for cash prizes. Bingo cards cost \$1. Tickets for the event are available at the door. All are welcome.

The Hope Fund, an all volunteer, 501(C)3 organization, is made up of people who care about kids and is pleased to announce that it is now partnering with RCMA to lease the Bethune Park buildings in Wimauma from Hillsborough County so that the after-school and summer programs can continue.

Most of the children who attend Bethune Park are from low income homes and do not have the advantages of children who come from more affluent families. Attending the after-school and summer programs gives the children the self esteem they need to get a good start in life and become caring, productive citizens. At Bethune Park, the children are in a safe, nurturing environment with responsible, caring adults while their parents are at work. Many of the children would otherwise be home alone after school, without supervision. Volunteers work with the kids as tutors, mentors, and readers. Funds raised from the Breakfast and Bingo event will help fund the computer lab, the after-school snack program, the Kids Marathon running program, the new art class, field trips, drug education classes for the older children, and, most importantly, full or partial scholarships for those who cannot afford the cost to attend.

Because The Hope Fund has no administrative costs, all funds raised go directly to helping the children. Donations are gratefully accepted and are tax deductible. Call Robi Jackson at 634-3980 or Carla Miles at 634-4268 if you like working with wonderful children. Also, check out the Fund's website at www.The-Hope-Fund.org.



Beverly Engles reading to a child.



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DOB: 06/02/2011.



Huey

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Attention all Veterans

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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.

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Southshore Sunday Market celebrates six months in Ruskin

The South Shore Market in Ruskin celebrated six months in operation on Sunday. The market, held the last Sunday of each month at the corner of U.S. Highway 41 and Shell Point Road, has been particularly popular for a wide variety of local foods and art. The next market will take place on April 29.

Robert Silah, Captain USN Ret., to speak

With a meet and greet at 11:30 a.m. and lunch at noon on Friday, April 6, at the Plaza Club, Freedom Plaza, 3932 Upper Creek Drive, Sun City Center, CAPT Silah will tell how he came to find Operation Helping Hand over seven years ago in Tampa, while a member of the Tampa Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America.

Operation Helping Hand is a humanitarian effort dedicated to providing support for United States military active duty personnel who have been injured in Iraq and Afghanistan, and who are currently being cared for in Tampa at the James A. Haley VA hospital. Since it began, Operation Helping Hand has helped over 700 wounded soldiers and more than 1000 of their

family members. Welcome Kits are handed out to the wounded and their families when they arrive at the hospital. Regular events are the monthly dinners and gift baskets for these families. Lightning and Rays games are often on the schedule.

At a recent Tampa Bay Lightning game, CAPT Silah was awarded the top prize for the Lightning Foundation Community Heroes program of \$50,000. CAPT Silah contributed it to the charity of his choice, Operation Helping Hand.

This meeting is open to members and non-member who will pay the same meal price of \$14 for the April 6 meeting only. The menu for the day will be roast turkey with cornbread stuffing, mashed

potatoes with gravy, green beans, German chocolate cake, and coffee/iced tea.

In honor of our military service men and women, the Silver Osprey Squadron #64 of the Association of Naval Aviation will match any individual donation made during our luncheon up to \$25.

Please send your checks (payable to Silver Osprey Squadron) to Bill Shanks, 1010 American Eagle Blvd., #750, Sun City Center, FL 33573. Informal attire. Deadline for reservations is April 3, 2012. All checks must be received no later than April 4. You may also contact Bill Shanks by phone, or e-mail. Phone is 813-634-3194, e-mail is WSHANKS@tampabay.rr.com.

Banker assists deputies in catching suspected SCC bank robber

By MELODY JAMESON

A Ruskin man with a long local arrest history has added two charges of strong arm bank robbery to it.

Jay Francis Larson, 49, is being held in a Hillsborough County jail this week, accused of robbing two Sun City Center banks earlier this month. He also is the subject of investigation in connection with a third similar heist.

Larson's official address is listed as 1002 Calle Rosa Place, Ruskin, according to Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office records.

He was picked up in Manatee County last week as the result of cooperative efforts by Hillsborough and Manatee County law enforcement officers, and with the help of a sharp-eyed South County bank officer.

Larson's most recent last day of freedom began to unravel Thursday (March 22) afternoon when he was spotted looking through windows of a Trustco Bank branch by a manager who recalled information on a Crime Stoppers poster. The poster was distributed after three bank robberies at two financial institutions on Sun City Center Boulevard in a two-week timeframe. The banker notified Hillsborough County officers that the suspect was observed leaving the area in a specifically-described vehicle, according to sheriff's office reports.

In less than an hour, reports indicate, Hillsborough deputies had the vehicle and its driver under surveillance in Hillsborough as victims and witnesses made positive identifications from photo line-ups. Subsequently, two arrest warrants were obtained, according to Hillsborough S.O. Det. Jason Himmel.

And, as Larson made his way into Manatee County late that day, he was arrested without incident by Manatee deputies. He was returned to Hillsborough County on Monday.

Current charges allege Larson held up the Sun City Center branch of SunTrust Bank on March 9 and the retirement community's Trustco Bank branch on March 16. Investigation of a robbery at the same SunTrust branch on March 5 is continuing, Det. Larry McKinnon said this week.

Larson, who has used the names James Parker and Randy A. Larson as aliases, also is charged with violation of probation. His arrest record in Hillsborough County spans at least 16 years, dating back to 1995. Charges over the years have included several that are drug-related such as possession of cocaine and cannabis, a number in connection with petty theft, grand theft, robbery, forgery and worthless checks as well as aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, plus traffic accident infractions. He has been incarcerated in a state prison at least twice.

Larson's arraignment on the current charges was expected this week.



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Kids' Program/Event Highlights March 29-April 4

Teen Night: Anime Club

Thursday, March 29 • 5 to 8 p.m.

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

Family Story Time

Thursday, March 29 • 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 Talent Show

Saturday, March 31 • 2 to 4 p.m.

Like to sing, dance, do stand-up comedy or have a unique talent? Want to perform in front of people for a chance to win cash? Sign up for the Teen Talent Show! Register solo or as a group for a chance at stardom. Registration forms are available at the Information Desk. Funded by the Friends of the SouthShore Regional Library.

Baby Time

Monday, April 2 • 1:35 to 1:55 a.m.

Wednesday, April 4 • 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.



Super Science Monday: Circuits

Monday, April 2 • 3 to 4 p.m.

For children in grades K through 5. Join them for an interactive, hands-on afternoon and experiment as they turn the Library into a science lab! Register at the Reference Desk or by calling 273-3652. This is a school early release Monday.

Teen/Adult Watercolor Class

Monday, April 2 • 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Join Art Instructor, Diane Simon, and brush up on your watercolor skills. Various techniques will be explored. Materials provided. Limit 20. Registration required at the Information Desk or by calling 273-3652. Funding for this program provided by a grant from the Community Foundation of Greater Sun City Center

Toddler Time

Tuesday, April 3 • 10:05 to 10:25 a.m. and 10:35 to 10:55 a.m.

Wednesday, April 4 • 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, April 3 • 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 4 • 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.

Camp Bayou announces April events

Full Moon Night Hike • Friday, April 6 • 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Join others for a walk through the woods in the moonlight -- no flashlights permitted! Look for signs of night life; owls and bats and fireflies, oh my! The walk is a kick-off to the Walk to the Moon Challenge and ends at the campfire with s'mores and star gazing. Requested donation of \$5/person helps cover supplies. Pre-registration is required and limited to 20 participants at campbayou@gmail.com. Include your name and number of people attending with you.

Crocheting Corals • Saturday, April 14 • 9:30 a.m.

Join the Camp Bayou volunteers in a group session to make additional pieces that will go to the Coral Reef display at the Florida Craftsmen Gallery in June. Don't know how to crochet? Come out and they'll teach you!

Great American Cleanup • Saturday, April 21 • 9 a.m. to noon

American Cleanup. Help Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful! Sign up for the cleanup at <http://www.keeptampabaybeautiful.org>.

Save the Frogs Day • Saturday, April 28 • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Save the Frogs Day. For more information, check out the event website at <http://conserveitforward.org>. This event is a satellite event of the USA Science and Engineering Festival.

The Camp Bayou Outdoor Learning Center is managed by the newly created, non-profit Bayou Outdoor Learning & Discovery, Inc. (BOLD), in a public-private partnership with the non-profit Ruskin Community Development Foundation, Inc. (RCDF) and Hillsborough County Parks, Recreation and Conservation. Camp Bayou is located 3 miles south of S.R. 674 at the end of 24th St. SE in Ruskin.

For more information, visit www.campbayou.org or call 641-8545.

Application period open for military children to attend summer camp

The National Military Family Association is now accepting applications for its popular Operation Purple Summer Camps. The Association developed this free summer camp program to support military children, ages 7-17, dealing with the stress of war. Each camp is 'purple' and open to children of active duty, National Guard, or Reserve service members from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or the commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Services and NOAA.

In this ninth summer of the program, 1400 children will attend an Operation Purple camp at one of the 16 locations in 14 states: Alaska, California, Connecticut, Florida, Hawaii, Indiana, North Carolina, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, and West Virginia.

Camps are again free to military families. Funds from the Association, contributions from each host camp, and foundation support make up for the lack of a national corporate sponsor. Families with children who meet deployment criteria and have never attended an Operation Purple camp have priority for acceptance because of the reduced number of openings. Submit your application online by midnight EDT April 19.

Information about the camp program, specific camp locations, ages, and dates is available on the website at www.militaryfamily.org/op.

Do you flee or fight when facing conflict?

What propels some people to fight and others to flee in the face of conflict? Is there an easier, more secure and lasting way to resolve issues rather than going to war or to court? If you would like to explore the answer to these questions and alternatives to endless arguing, filing suit in court and going to war, attend the mediation training offered at the SouthShore Regional Service Center in Ruskin.

The SouthShore Community Justice Center is sponsoring Community Mediation Training sessions on two Saturdays, April 14 and 21 at the SouthShore Regional Service Center, 410 30th Street, SE, Ruskin (behind the Sun Point Shopping Center). Mediation can be an answer to conflicts for three good reasons. First, it works! Once parties agree to participate, over 70 percent resolve their differences. Second, discussions in mediation are confidential. Third, a neutral third person, the mediator, oversees the process and keeps it moving in a positive direction.

If you like to be a problem solver and a voice of calm assurance in the midst of conflict and a force for peace in your community, then you will not want to miss this opportunity to attend a free seminar on community mediation.

This training is designed for citizens of south Hillsborough County who are interested in exploring volunteering as mediators or who would like to learn the basics of empowering others to resolve their disputes. The twelve-hour training is offered at no charge. Class size

is limited to 24, so register early. For more information, contact the Justice Center and to register for the training at (813) 672-7442 or email southshorejusticecen@fljud13.org.

The Justice Center is located in the SouthShore Regional Service Center and is open from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by appointment. The Justice Center is an outreach program of the Thirteen Judicial Circuit Court, Mediation & Diversion Program.

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Pictured with Assistant Scout Master Chris Paskert (far right) are Collin George, Corbin Smith, Chris Paskert, Reagan Gaitens, and Michael Rose.

New flag proudly displayed

Members of Boy Scouts of America Troop 2140, sponsored by Saint Anne Catholic Church in Ruskin, proudly display their new troop flag.

Florida black bear cubs examined for conservation program

Their official names are "160" and "161." But the words used most frequently to describe them were "too cute."

They are two 6-pound, male black bear cubs born about eight weeks ago. Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) biologists examined the cubs Sunday at the Camp Blanding Joint Training Center in Clay County.

Biologists Walt McCown and Brian Scheick, along with FWC Chairman Kathy Barco, went

to the den to retrieve the cubs. According to McCown, who has been studying bears for 15 years, the female will generally leave the cubs temporarily when humans approach.

"During the time the females are nursing their cubs, they are usually very lethargic and not aware of their surroundings," McCown said. "However, each bear is an individual, and we have to be ready for anything once we get to the den."

And being prepared this time was a good idea. This time, Mama Bear didn't want to cooperate.

"We came up on the den, and she refused to leave," Scheick said. "We made noise and got extremely close to her before she left her cubs."

McCown and Barco carried the cubs out to where they could be examined and fitted with their own radio collars. The cubs were also measured, weighed and injected with a microchip.

"The collars are designed to 'grow' with the cubs and will eventually fall off in six to eight months," McCown said. "During this timeframe, we will be able to gather quite a bit of information about their movements with their mother."

McCown follows a very strict time schedule when dealing with bear cubs, and the animals were returned to their mother within 45 minutes.

"Mom was waiting. She went back to the cubs," McCown said.

The cubs and their 180-pound mother, "154," are part of a bear project on the Florida National Guard base, according to McCown. In January, No. 154 gave birth to the two males, the first documented bears born on the base.

The project is gathering data about the bears on Camp Blanding, the 72,000-acre training center between two large bear populations in the Ocala National Forest and the Osceola National Forest. Seven bears have been caught and fitted with radio collars since June 2011.

"We want to see how the bears are using Camp Blanding as a part of the corridor between the two national forests," McCown said.



Gen. Richard J. Gallant, Commander, Land Component Commander, Florida Army National Guard, with Chairman Kathy Barco.



The cub is very docile while Elina Garrison holds him.

FWC PHOTOS



Chairman Kathy Barco brings out one of the cubs.

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FISH TALES

Cost of gasoline limits tournament competition

It is still March, but it seems like summer with our temperature staying in the 80s, and our waterways teeming with fish.

Spotted sea trout have hit the grassy flats to eat in large schools. Anglers have reported fat gator trout out there. With some as large as 25". They will take lures or artificial bait, but most are using live shrimp.



Fish Tales
By Jonie Maschek

Cobia think it is summer. This large game fish is roaming our waterways and not staying in the warm flow waters of the electric company. Average size is 11 pounds, but the largest recorded is 149 pounds. Cobia will jump and dart at the bait tossed to them and will fight for their lives before you boat them. Some anglers have spent forty-five minutes to an hour trying to boat one. If properly prepared by bleeding while still alive, this fish has great food value.

Schools of jacks have been bulldozing through our waters with a mighty blast with flocks of birds traveling along with them to get the bait fish they have missed. Be careful as you dart across the water in pursuit of these fish, as there are other boats on the same chase.

Often while in line at a check-out

counter, I am asked where is the best place to fish. All of our bay waterways, rivers, canals and lakes have fish. You might find a great fishing spot one day and go back to the same spot the next day and not catch one fish.

The fish move from spot to spot in search of food. Many anglers float around before they anchor their boat. While floating they watch the water and listen. They can read the water -- that is they can tell where a school is or when a school is coming by. It might be a gift, but with a little practice you too, can do this.

Flounder are a lazy fish and most often are laying on the sandy bottom of the waters, but not with our 80° weather. They are up on top of the water and swimming around having fun, trying to outsmart you. Some are in the grassy flats or in the deeper waters with grassy bottoms. They will take a jig with a plastic tail but most often will go for a live shrimp. Land your flounder as quickly as possible, as they are known to give a big shake and swim away. Legal is 12" and ten per day per harvest.

Many of our winter visitors have never fished in salt water. I talk to

them daily. Our salt water fishing is a different world from their light tackle freshwater stream fishing. Many are buying heavy duty poles and getting a whole new tackle box of fishing equipment. Be helpful to our visitors if they ask you questions out on the waterways.

I met up with some local anglers who often compete in tournaments, who told me that they no longer compete, as the cost of gasoline would not be worth it, even if they won first place.

Black drum have invaded our waters around private piers and bridges. Many have been caught and released. Those I talked to said all they caught were gigantic in size and they knew that they were full of worms. Best to eat only the small ones.

Redfish are plentiful, but restricted with one catch per day per person. Legal is not less than 18" or more than 27".

The sun is very intense on the water. Never wear pink, blue, or purple tints in the waterways wear gray or gray-green or a smoke color. Research also has proven that it is best to wear a pair of polarized sunglasses.

If you have not made your catch of a lifetime, keep trying.

Aleta Jonie Maschek is a member of Florida Outdoor Press.



Cypress Creek Elementary Terrific Kids selected

Sponsored by Sun City Kiwanis the Cypress Creek Elementary Terrific Kids for March 2012 are: Samuel Alcantara, Willie Humphrey, Kyler Bowling, Dalton Worthington, William Chu-Crider, Serenity Burns, Alma Castillo, Adriana Orta, Diosmary Barreiro Alpizar, Jaiden Clinkscales, Ayelen Penayo, Vellenia Peña, Orlando Campos, Maycon DeLeon-Diaz, Abel Ayala, Neviah Black, Ian Garcia, Chloe Nguyen, Jocelyn Reducindo, Landen Walker, Jaylen Bocanegra, Fernando Perez, Brandon Dillon, Alara Rimes, Julieta Rodriguez, Marleni Perez-Vasquez, Jacquellinn Arellano-Castro, Katie O'Dell, Keyanna Joseph, Rosaura Diaz-Hower, Jovaughn Quirino, Anthony Rampersad, Ashley Agustin, Shamiya Humphrey, Kylie McCumber, Payton Stefero, Kristen Elliott, Angel Lopez, Jose Guzman, Elizabeth Cormey, Jennifer Pazanski, Alicia Vasquez, Valerie Flores, Fatima Guia, Anna Solis, Allen Chen, Breanna Zager, Nicole Zamarripa-Teran, Larissa Sanchez, Krystal Elizarraras, Jeremiah Marlow, Jacob Spradlin, Aislynn Newell, Melanye Magana, Monique Crummer, Kelany Cruz, Joshua Vega, Aaron Peña, Giana Graham, Allison Hudson, Abigail Witte, Bryan Timothee, Leenna Shannon, Corbin Smith.

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Excel II: Formatting • April 3 • 4 p.m. - Learn different formats for expressing numbers in a spreadsheet. Excel I is recommended.



Aaron Tippin's ride to the 2012 Sun N' Fun the SNJ-4 also known as the T-6 or the "J-bird."

Sun n' Fun airshow soars to new heights

Aaron Tippin departed on March 18 from KSRB to KLAL for the Sun n' Fun fly-in. The last time Tippin attended Sun n' Fun he flew his 1959 Helio Curior. This time he is flying another one of his cool birds, the SNJ-4 also known as the T-6 or the "J-bird."

The Commemorative Air Force is proud to bring the Red, White & Loud Tour starring Aaron Tippin and the World's Only Flying B-29 Superfortress to Sun 'n Fun 2012. This musical tribute to America's heroes is a one-of-a-kind performance honoring those who have sacrificed to protect our freedom. The concert is scheduled during the SUN 'n FUN International Fly-In & Expo on Thursday, March 29, at 8 p.m. on the SUN 'n FUN Florida Air Museum's AOPA sponsored Pavilion stage.

Aaron's airplane is named after his beautiful wife Thea. It is called the "Greek Freak". Thea is Greek and Aaron is a freak for her. Stop by to see his historic WWII trainer.

Over the past two decades, platinum recording artist Aaron Tippin has become one of the most recognizable and influential voices in country music. With 13 recorded CD's to his name and more than 30 charted singles, he performs nearly 100 dates each year. Aaron also has another love—aviation. A highly experienced airman, Aaron soloed on his sixteenth birthday. He became a commercial multi-engine instrument-rated pilot by the age of 18.

This week Tippin will get to combine two of his loves aviation and music. To find out more about the Sun n' Fun fly-in visit www.sun-n-fun.org

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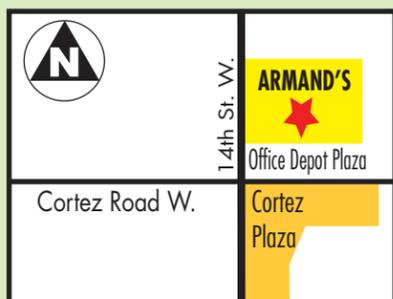
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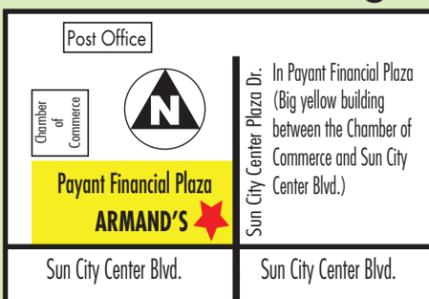
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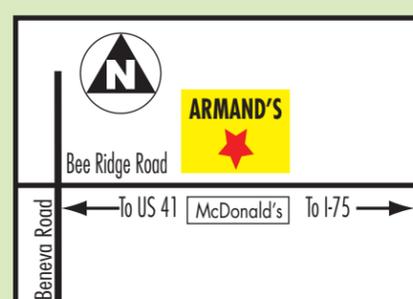
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Thur. April 5 • 4 – 5:30 p.m. • CHILDREN OF AGING PARENTS C.O.A.P. is a support group for individuals who are assisting and/or caring for older, adult parents. Facilitated by Laura Burch from Hanson Services, In Home Care. For more information visit: www.caps4caregivers.org. Guest speaker Yolanda Cate, MS, OTR/L, CDE from OT Rehab Solutions will provide information for folks facing low vision issues.

Tue. April 10 • 2:30-4:00 p.m. • COPD Support Group Facilitators Joy Barlaan, ARNP and Jan Whitaker, LPN from Ace Homecare have over 50 combined years of experience.

Thur. April 12 • 10 – 11 a.m. • New Advances in Hearing Technology! Dr. Kristen Weinbaum, Au.D. from Hillsborough Audiology & Hearing Aid Center discusses recent breakthroughs in hearing technology. There will be time for Q&A.

Thur. April 12 • 2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m. • Grief, Loss or Depression Support Grp facilitated by Edmond Dubreuil MSW, RCSWI mental health professional. Supported by: South Shore Coalition on Mental Health & Aging & United Methodist Church of SCC.

Mon. April 16 • 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. • Parkinson’s Support Group with USF! Eden Feldman, MSW, Department of Neurology, USF Parkinson’s Disease & Movement Disorders Center, a NPF Center of Excellence, facilitates this free support group.

Tue. April 17 • 10 – 11 a.m. • Alzheimer’s Prevention through Nutrition. Learn how nutrition can be used to provide resistance against Alzheimer’s Disease. Presented by Annah Murphy, Area General Manager from AllianceCare Tampa

Tue. April 17 • 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. • Alzheimer’s Association Caregiver Support Group. Join Katie Colwell Williams, MA, CMC from Aging Care Advocates. [alzheimer’s association](http://alzheimer’sassociation.org)

Thur. April 19 • 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. • Low Vision Support Group: Diane Lawrence, RN from Vital Care Home Health Care facilitates this group. A FREE quick vision health questionnaire assessment will be provided.

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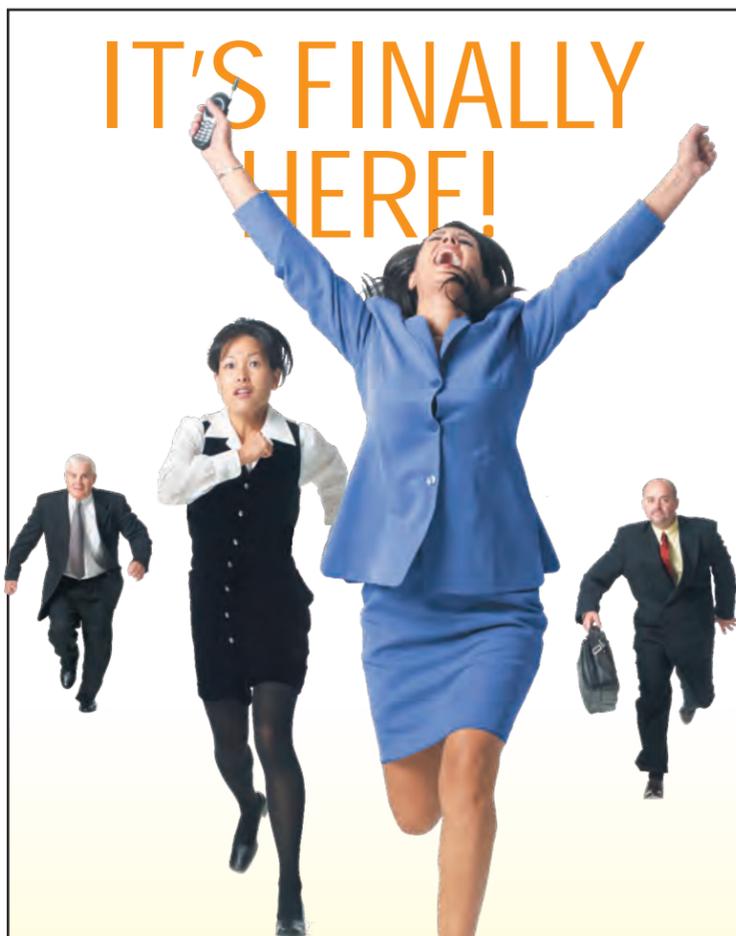
it, it is possible the parents and grandparents had even more fun.

The Kite Fest began as part of the 50th anniversary of the community and it has returned each year since due to its popularity. In addition to the annual Kite Fest, the ABBC also holds an annual plant sale and installs Christmas decorations and patriotic and holiday banners along Apollo Beach Blvd.

The Apollo Beach Beautification Committee is a 501© non-profit

organization comprised of community volunteers with the goal of maintaining and improving the beauty of Apollo Beach. Past achievements of the organization include planters and additional palm trees on Apollo Beach Blvd., the "Welcome to Apollo Beach Sign" on U.S. 41, the installation of benches and other landscaping projects.

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Understanding Free Verse Poetry

Monday, April 2 • 2 to 3:30 p.m.

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Register in advance at the Information Desk or call 273-3652.

Mouse and Keyboard

Tuesday, April 3 • 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.

Mah Jongg Club

Wednesday, April 4 • 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. The American Rules will be used. 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. Funding provided by the Friends of the SouthShore Regional Library.

SouthShore Needle People

Wednesday, April 4 • 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!



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Military Family Support Trust recognized

The Military Family Support Trust recognized their major donors at a luncheon on March 14 at the Sun City Plaza Club. The photograph shows some of the contributors who reached new levels of support.

South Bay Genealogical Society to meet

Peter Summers will speak on the subject of Immigration and Passenger Lists; what immigration records tell us about our ancestors; and strategies to help find them. at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17 at the SouthShore Regional Library.

The discussion is preceded by a noon luncheon. Reservations for the luncheon (\$13) are required by April 11 by calling Beth Clarke at 642-9329.

The Society provides "Ask a Genealogist" assistance at SouthShore Regional Library on a scheduled basis, holds monthly program meetings, as well as workshops and Seminars, to assist those tracing their family history. Membership is open to all South County residents who have an interest in Genealogy.

Ruskin Petfest planned



C.A.R.E. will host the 7th Annual Ruskin PetFest, Tampa Bay's only Off-leash Dog event, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 14 at Dr. Ott's Off-Leash Dog Park in Ruskin. This "paw" friendly, full off-leash event is one the entire family can enjoy. Look forward to a day filled with fun and activities that include a pet fashion contest, silent auction and a 50/50 raffle. There will also be various pet related vendors, as well as great food and musical entertainment for all ages to enjoy. Proceeds from the event support C.A.R.E., a non-profit, no-kill, animal shelter in Ruskin.

For more information visit www.careshelter.org or call C.A.R.E. at (813) 645-2273.

Irish Connection to host movie night

The Irish Connection movie night will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 9 at the Rollins Theater.

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At 6 p.m. on Friday, April 27 Dr. John Okun, Orthopedic Surgeon, will facilitate an information session titled "The Latest in Joint Replacement." Dr. Okun will discuss the causes of joint pain and the latest technology and surgical interventions available to treat it.

For more information or to make a reservation for the free seminars, call 1-888-685-1595.

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Dollar Stretcher Tips

Frugal Composting

A frugal tumbler can be made from a large, inexpensive, clean garbage can with a lid. Simply drill small holes all over the can. Put a layer of potting soil on the bottom and then add your items to compost. Every so often get someone to help you roll it back and forth on its side a few times, making sure the lid is completely closed.

Judi

Free Movies

I love to watch movies, but rental can be pricey. And my local library doesn't have much to offer. So I download movies that are already in the public domain since the copyright on them already expired. It's legal to download them. Use Google to find a list of such movies. Some great classics like Metropolis are available, and all kinds of genres can be found! The time period ranges from 1912-1989.

Lena G.

Extra Egg Yolks?

My husband likes egg whites for breakfast but not the egg yolks. As I don't want the extra yolks, I wondered what to do with them besides throwing them out. They make a great hair conditioner. They can be stored in the refrigerator in an airtight container for about two days. Mix with a little oil just before use. Rinse well.

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Find these tricks and many more at www.TheDollarStretcher.com.

Outdoor World

Early Bass

In early spring, catchable bass can be scattered almost anywhere in a lake, but you can up your odds by fishing northern shorelines where the sun warms the water the most each day. Your odds get even higher in isolated backwaters along the northern shoreline where water warms faster even yet. Always remember, the warmer the water the more active the fish. Even in these areas though, the bass aren't going to be active all the time. If an early season lure like a 1/4 ounce white single spin doesn't produce try small jigs and in line spinners. The single most productive presentation in early, early spring is to stop retrieving your lure and let it sit. Small tube type baits, grubs, jig and pig, and 4" long natural colored bait fish shaped lures all work well on early bass.

Rick Clunn is a 4-Time Bassmaster Classic® Champion For more tips, log onto basspro.com

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USF Botanical Gardens' Spring Plant Festival blossoms

Right on time to add to your home's curb appeal, refresh or re-think your garden, accent a room or two, put in that long-awaited window box or herb garden – the University of South Florida's Botanical Gardens annual Spring Plant Festival is coming in April for the 23rd year. This popular event will offer a profusion of colorful greenery April 14 and 15.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, with workshops at 11 a.m. and noon and music from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday's hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$5. Children under 12 and USF Botanical Garden members are admitted free of charge to this and a year's worth of events and reduced-rate workshops. Parking is free.

Have questions about drought and cold weather resistance or which plants thrive in shade or full sun? Equally abundant will be the expert advice that comes with the plants. There will be more than 70 vendors selling plants and plant-related items. Attendees also will have access to the garden's growers and members of local plant and garden clubs and societies. In addition to plants, there will be a tool sharpener on the premises.

Inspiration will be in full bloom from the various gardens on site as well.

"We've created beautiful settings here and we invite everyone to take pictures and use our ideas

at home," said Botanical Gardens Director Laurie Walker. "You can shop, take a relaxing stroll through the gardens and shop some more. This is also a great opportunity to meet fellow gardeners and plant-lovers."

The list of plants includes orchids, begonias, bonsais, lots of varieties of cactus, crotons, butterfly plants, camellias, bamboo, tropical fruit, citrus, gingers, plumeria, palms, bromeliads, carnivorous plants, African violets, ferns, herbs and more.

For those who haven't been to the Botanical Gardens in a while or ever, along with more than 3000 varieties of plants, a butterfly garden and as many as 60 bird species passing through, there are new features. The gardens' staff put in a new children's craft area built by two USF alumni, Lance Hans and Paul Gazlay of GardenCarpentry.com and a Poetry Garden, a winding path with nature-inspired poems.

"Gardening is therapeutic, relaxing and helps make the world a more beautiful place," Walker said. "And we're quite proud of the fact that the USF Botanical Gardens was voted one of the top 10 most romantic spots to propose marriage in Tampa."

This event supports the USF Botanical Gardens, a nonprofit facility. For more information call (813) 974-2329 or gardens.usf.edu.

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FAMILY TACO NIGHT

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FAMILY FEATURES

Nothing brings the family together quite like taco night. So why not make it extra special by putting a taco twist on some other family favorites to make an easy, fun meal the whole family will love?

Whether it's the crunch that brings them to the table, the craveable taste of tacos or the ability to make their taco, their way, it's the one dinner the whole family loves.

- Do the kids love cheeseburgers? Try the Old El Paso ABC Taco (Amazing Bacon Cheeseburger Taco) recipe to change things up.
- Need something to spice up spaghetti? Make Fiesta Spaghetti Tacos, which serve up spaghetti and meat sauce in a fun fiesta form.
- Chicken nuggets, again? Spice up the flavor by adding taco toppings such as lettuce, sour cream and salsa and serving in hard and soft taco shells.

Visit www.OldElPaso.com for coupons and more ways to put some fiesta into your weeknight dinner routine.

Amazing Bacon Cheeseburger Tacos

Prep Time: 25 minutes
Start to Finish: 25 minutes
6 servings (2 tacos each)

- 1 pound lean (at least 80 percent) ground beef
- 1 medium onion, chopped (1/2 cup)
- 1 package (1 ounce) Old El Paso 40 percent less-sodium taco seasoning mix
- 2/3 cup water
- 1/2 cup Old El Paso Cheese 'n Salsa dip (from 15-oz. jar)
- 1 box (7.4 oz.) Old El Paso hard and soft taco shells (6 hard corn shells and 6 soft flour tortillas)
- 1-1/2 cups shredded lettuce
- 1 large tomato, seeded and chopped (1 cup)
- 6 slices bacon, crisply cooked, crumbled

In 10-inch nonstick skillet, cook beef and onion over medium-high heat 5 to 7 minutes, stirring frequently, until thoroughly cooked; drain. Stir in taco seasoning mix and water. Reduce heat to medium; cook 3 to 4 minutes, stirring frequently, until thickened. Stir in dip until well mixed.

Heat taco shells and tortillas as directed on box.

Fill heated taco shells and tortillas with warm beef mixture, lettuce, tomato and bacon.

Substitution: Can't find the Cheese 'n Salsa dip? Try 4 ounces Mexican prepared cheese product, cubed, or another soft cheese that melts easily. If you prefer less spice, use regular prepared cheese product.



Fiesta Spaghetti Tacos

Prep Time: 25 minutes • Start to Finish: 25 minutes • 5 servings (2 tacos each)

- 5 ounces uncooked spaghetti, broken in half
- 1 pound lean (at least 80 percent) ground beef
- 1 package (1 ounce) Old El Paso 40 percent less-sodium taco seasoning mix
- 1/2 cup water
- 1-1/4 cups tomato pasta sauce (any variety)
- 1 box (4.7 ounces) Old El Paso Stand 'N Stuff taco shells (10 shells)
- 1 medium tomato, chopped (3/4 cup), if desired
- 2 tablespoons shredded Parmesan cheese

Cook spaghetti as directed on package; drain. Meanwhile, in 10-inch nonstick skillet, cook beef over medium-high heat 5 to 7 minutes, stirring frequently, until thoroughly cooked; drain. Stir in taco seasoning mix and water. Heat to boiling. Reduce heat; simmer uncovered 3 to 4 minutes or until thickened. Stir in pasta sauce; cook over medium heat until hot. Stir in cooked spaghetti.

Meanwhile, heat taco shells as directed on box. Spoon about 1/2

cup spaghetti mixture into each taco shell; top with tomato and Parmesan cheese.

Variation: If you like corn, add 1 cup frozen whole kernel corn with the pasta sauce. Cook about 5 minutes or until hot.

Kids love participating in meal time, so gather the whole family to pitch in and make taco night right -- and let the fiesta begin.

Chicken Nugget Tacos

Prep Time: 30 minutes
Start to Finish: 30 minutes
6 servings (2 tacos each)

- 24 frozen breaded cooked chicken nuggets
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 2 teaspoons Old El Paso 40 percent less-sodium taco seasoning mix (from 1-ounce package)
- 1 to 2 tablespoons milk
- 1 box (7.4 ounces) Old El Paso hard and soft taco shells (6 hard corn shells and 6 soft flour tortillas)
- 3/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese (3 ounces)
- 1 1/2 cups shredded lettuce
- 1/2 cup Old El Paso Thick 'n Chunky salsa

Bake chicken nuggets as directed on package. Cover to keep warm. Reduce oven temperature to 325°F. Heat taco shells and tortillas as directed on box.

Meanwhile, in small bowl, mix sour cream, taco seasoning mix and enough milk for desired consistency. Set aside.

Fill each taco shell and tortilla with 2 chicken nuggets, cheese, lettuce and salsa. Drizzle each with sour cream mixture.

SouthShore Professional Fishing Tournament

Many of the non profit organizations serving the children in our community have seen their budgets cut dramatically as a result of the economy and the reduction in government funding. At the same time the demand for the services they provide has not gone down. In response to this situation a group of local residents has come together to organize the SouthShore Professional Fishing Tournament. The tournament will take place Thursday May 10 and Saturday May 12, 2012 at The Resort and Club at Little Harbor, 611 Destiny Drive, Ruskin.

The Honorary Event Chair is Hillsborough County Commissioner Sandra Murman. Murman was elected as County Commissioner in 2010. Prior to joining the Commission, Murman completed eight years as a member of the Florida House of Representatives from 1996-2004. Representative Murman was the first Republican Woman to hold the position of Speaker Pro-Tempore in the Florida House of Representatives

On Thursday May 10, from 4 to 6 p.m. Darren Dannelly, Director of the Y's Camp Cristina in Riverview will be overseeing a "Children's Tournament." This event is designed to be a hands on, fun-filled learning experience for children aged 6 - 12, and their favorite adults. With assistance from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, Dannelly will be leading children through a variety of activities including the opportunity to fish off of the pier at Little Harbor. Advance registration is required. Teams of one adult and one child can register for \$10. A family registration for one adult and up to three children is \$15. Registration forms can be down loaded at www.southshoreprofish.com.

Following the Children's Tournament, the Captain's Dinner is scheduled for 7:00 - 10:00 pm. Thursday evening in the Royal Palm Ball Room at Little Harbor. In addition to a sumptuous dinner and entertainment, businesses throughout Tampa Bay have donated items for the silent auction and door prizes.

The Professional Fishing Tournament is scheduled for Saturday May 12 beginning with breakfast and registration. This tournament is different than most in the area in that when a team registers to participate in the tournament a local professionally licensed Char-

ter Captain is hired. The Charter Captain is responsible for bringing all the gear and everything required for the fishing excursion. Capt. Danny Guarino of Ruskin is organizing the Captains. All the particulars and the registration forms are on the web site, www.southshoreprofish.com. Slots for single anglers are available for \$500. Teams of three can be registered to \$1250 and a team of four is \$1500.

The volunteers will be present at the Tiki Bar area at Little Harbor at 7:30 am to begin checking in teams and making sure that everyone gets all their goodies for the day. All boats will be underway at 9 a.m. and must return by 3 p.m. This is a catch and release tournament. Anglers will gather, and results will be tabulated for an awards ceremony at 4 p.m. at the Captain's Quarters at Little Harbor.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit three charities serving the children of the SouthShore Communities. The first of is the Foundation of the Rotary Club of South Shore- Ruskin. They have established a mentoring program designed to assist local high school students in preparing for college. Teaming with local business people to provide more than tutoring, this program helps prepare teens for college entrance exams and interviews. The Rural Social Services Partnership has been in existence for over fifteen years. This organization was originally formed to provide a way for service providers to share resources and information. It has been bringing resources to the community and providing funding for out of school programs. This summer's project is a program at Bethune Park in Wimauma. To learn more about the RSSP, visit their web site at www.rssphillsborough.org

The Y's Camp Cristina in Riverview is the third charity. Cristina is a 65 acre facility located in Riverview. It serves an average of 300 children per week throughout the year in a variety of programs. Last year they awarded over \$50,000 in scholarships to campers. Tournament details and registration forms are available at www.southshoreprofish.com. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information on how you can participate check out the web site or leave a message at 813-645-3732.



Meet the SouthShore Arts Council Board

The SouthShore Arts Council will have a General Membership meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28 at the Big Draw Studio in Ruskin. They have a new board of directors to introduce along with some exciting plans for the coming year. They would like to encourage members to attend the meeting, enjoy some refreshments and share their interests and ideas.

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.

March 31 - Installation of new officers. Installation will take place at 4 p.m. with prime rib dinner at 5 p.m. Music by Bryan from 6-8 p.m. and the cost is \$15.

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.

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Every Saturday	2 p.m.	Horseshoes
	7-11 p.m.	Karaoke with Kim Mullins

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, March 30	7-11 p.m.	Shine On
Saturday, March 31	7-11 p.m.	Karaoke with Kim Mullins
Friday, April 6	7-11 p.m.	Bert and Sassie
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'Signs and Symptoms of Diabetes' will be discussed at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 26 at St Andrew Presbyterian Church, 1239 Del Webb Blvd West. Holly Wetz, R.N., C.D.E. Clinical Educator for St. Joseph Hospital/Healthway's Diabetes Center will give a PowerPoint presentation on Type 2 Diabetes including possible signs and symptoms.

Everyone is welcome. Reserve your seat by calling the church office at (813) 634-1252 if you plan to attend. The seminar will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

Are we ready for 50,000 guests?

We asked for it...We got it... Now, what are we doing with it!

Get out the new welcome mat... about 50,000 guests are coming to visit in hot, hot August. They'll be in Tampa and its environs for the 2012 Republican National Convention, considered one of the two largest media events in the world. They'll be interested, of course, in what just may be a hot, hot convention trying to settle on a candidate for U.S. president in the middle of Florida's potentially combustible hurricane season.

On top of the thousands of news folks, there will be delegates coming from coast to coast as well as offshore, some 8,000 volunteers, tourists by the plane loads, Secret Service and FBI, cops from

around the country and maybe a few thousand demonstrators ready to raise...well, the roof, if nothing else. Whatever their agendas, they'll all be on the lookout for a hot time of one sort or another. They'll be spending an estimated \$300 million.

It could be one fire cracker of a party! How near are we to ready? What have we done to get there? Have we covered all the bases, anticipated all the contingencies, prepared for the best and the worst of times? Are we following another manual or writing our own?

Hillsborough County citizens are invited to join the League of Women Voters in chewing over these and other questions with Tampa's Chief of Police Jane Castor



PHOTO COURTESY THE REGENT

The Regent (above), latest site for public meetings most convenient to South and East County residents, will host the League of Women Voters when they sponsor a box lunch discussion Saturday with Hillsborough County and Tampa officials about managing 50,000 guests expected here in August. The function is open to the public with RSVPs required.

and Preston Cook, Hillsborough County's Director of Emergency Operations, Saturday, March 31, at The Regent community center near Brandon.

This "Box Lunch Hot Topic" is one of the FYI series which is presented by the Hillsborough County League throughout the year. Reservations are required. Cost is \$15, including lunch.

What: Box Lunch Hot Topic – Are We Going to be Ready for 50,000 Guests?

When: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Saturday, March 31

Where: The Regent, 6437 Watson Road (between Brandon and Riverview).

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Mating horseshoe crabs "pair up," with the smaller male on top of the larger female. These crabs are burying themselves in the sand.

Beachgoers can help biologists monitor spawning horseshoe crabs

As spring arrives, horseshoe crabs converge along sandy beaches throughout the state to mate. Biologists with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) are asking the public for help pinpointing the sites where these horseshoe crabs spawn.

Beachgoers are likely to have the best luck spotting mating horseshoe crabs around high tide, just before, during or after a full or new moon. The conditions around the new moon on March 22 and the full moon on April 6 will create ideal opportunities to view the spawning behavior of horseshoe crabs.

The FWC asks people to report sightings through one of several convenient options. Go to MyFWC.com/Contact and click on the "Submit a Horseshoe Crab Survey" link, then "Florida Horseshoe Crab Spawning Beach Survey." You can also email findings to horseshoe@MyFWC.com or call the FWC at 866-252-9326.

Observers should note the number of horseshoe crabs they see and whether those horseshoe crabs are mating. Mating crabs "pair up," with the smaller male

on top of the larger female. Other male crabs may be present around the couple. If possible, the observer should specify roughly how many horseshoe crabs are mating adults and how many are juveniles (4 inches wide or smaller).

Biologists also want to know the date, time, location, habitat type and environmental conditions – such as tides and moon phase – when a sighting occurs.

Through December 2011, the FWC has received 2,350 reports since the survey program began in April 2002.

Horseshoe crabs, often called "living fossils," have been around for approximately 450 million years and are an important part of a marine ecosystem. Their eggs are a vital food source for animals and birds, such as the red knot.

Horseshoe crabs are important to humans as well. In the biomedical industry, horseshoe crab blood helps save human lives. Pharmaceutical companies use horseshoe crab blood to make sure that intravenous drugs and vaccine injections are bacteria-free. Also, research into horseshoe crab eyes has given scientists a greater knowledge of the functioning of human eyes.

Area Obituaries

Margaret Farnsworth

Margaret Farnsworth's life journey ended Wednesday, March 21, 2012, at the age of 88.

She and her husband, Lt. Joseph Holley Farnsworth, lived in Joplin for 40 years until retiring to Sun City Center, Florida in 1986.

Private family services will be held. Arrangements are under the directions of Hixson-Klein Funeral Home, Gower, MO

Ernest Glaister

Ernest Glaister, 82, of Sun City Center passed away peacefully on March 5, 2012. Ernie was born in Syracuse, NY and was an avid sportsman who hunted and fished the waters of upstate New York and nearby Canada for most of his life. In his youth he enjoyed many outdoor activities including snow and water skiing, as well as being an excellent golfer. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War. He worked for most of his life as a parts manager for White Trucks in Buffalo, NY. In his later years he became involved with Alcoholics Anonymous and dedicated much of his time working with inmates at the prison in Deland, FL while residing in that area. Ernie moved to Sun City in 2007 and continued his affiliation with AA. His experience in Sun City was enjoyable, making many new friends and playing his beloved golf. Ernie was predeceased by his parents, William and Evelyn Glaister, and his sisters, Evelyn Gavin and Margaret Abram, and brother William. He is survived by his sister Ethel Thomas of Orlando and brother Thomas of Riverview, as well as the many nieces and nephews for whom Ernie cared the most. A memorial service was held on Saturday, March 10 at Hospice of Sun City Center. The family would like to extend its appreciation to Ernie's many Sun City friends whose concern and caring made his years in that community a part of his life he truly cherished. Donations in his name can be made to Alcoholics Anonymous of Sun City or Hospice of Sun City.

Barbara G Krich

Barbara G Krich (giertz) 85, passed away on February, 18, 2012. Barbara was born and raised in Elgin, IL. She resided there until 1960 when she and her family moved to Southern California. She was active in her community and was an activist for many causes. In 2000 Barbara made another move to Florida. She fought Alzheimers courageously for 7 years. She is survived by her companion Phillip Weiss.

She is survived by her sister, Helen Claghorn (Florida); her three sons, David Krich (Del Mar, Ca), Jeff Krich (Boca Raton, Fl) and Jay Krich (Los Angeles, Ca). She is also survived by her 6 grandchildren, Brian, Christopher, Troy, Courtney, Sophia and Gable. A memorial service will be held in Oceanside California in September. Donations in her honor would be to a charity of your choice.



Michael M. Luskin

Michael M. Luskin, 98, of Sun City Center, Fla passed away March 9, 2012. He retired from DuPont as a chemical engineer. We lost a caring, loving man who spent much of his life helping others. He always looked for the good in people. He was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Pauline and two brothers, Nat, Milt and two sisters, Dottie and Rose. Survivors include three children, Jon (Susan) Luskin, Dona (Bill) Beaston, Eric (Christine) Luskin, a sister, Frances Rakow, four grandchildren, and six great grandchildren. A private memorial

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Michael M. Luskin obituary continued

service was held for the family on Thursday, March 15, 2012. Donations in Michael's memory may be made to the Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research Foundation, One Intrepid Square, West 46th Street and Twelfth Avenue, New York, NY 10036, or on-line at www.alzinfo.org/donate. Condolences and donation acknowledgements may be sent to the Luskin family, c/o Sun City Center Funeral Home 1851 Rickenbacker Drive, Sun City Center, Fla 33573. Arrangements by Sun City Center Funeral Home, Sun City Center, FL.



Jack Ternent

Jack Ternent, 84, of Sun City Center, FL., passed away March 25, 2012. Jack retired from American Bridge US Steel and served in WWII in the US Army. He was such an honorable, loving, generous soul. He loved to take things apart and reconstruct it, cruise all over town in his "Baby Cadillac" and bake delicious brownies. Jack's heart was beautiful and full of love. He is survived by his family, including his son Mark Terrent and his sister, Peggy McClure. Jack is also survived by his dear friends who loved him so much, including Erika Levcsik, Sabrina Levcsik, Shane Goldman, many nieces and nephews and all his other amazing friends. There will be a memorial service for Jack at 10 a.m. Friday, March 30, 2012, at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Sun City Center.

Florence Scoppettuolo

Florence Scoppettuolo, of Sun City Center, FL passed away peacefully March 16, 2012. Florence was born in Hartford, Maine in 1920 and lived most of her life in Malden, MA with her late husband Arthur who predeceased her in 1986. She later moved to Sun City Center, FL and is survived by her son Eugene Scoppettuolo and his wife Lois of Sun City Center, FL; her grandchildren Joseph Scoppettuolo of Margate, FL; Linda and Brian Grehosi, and their children Jason and Jocelyn of Chandler, AZ; and Neal and Danielle Scoppettuolo and their children Mark & Alexis of Wesley Chapel, FL; plus her many friends in Florida and Massachusetts. A private memorial and interment will be held in MA at a later date and her family asks that any remembrances you wish to make be made in her memory to the Sun City Center Emergency Squad.

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Tucker to speak

The Rev. Robert P. Tucker, Ph.D. (minister emeritus of Lakeland UU Congregation) will provide the main discourse at the Thursday, April 5 service of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Sun City Center, located at 1115 E. Del Webb Blvd.

His topic is titled: 'Does Your Essence Precede Your Existence?' -- twisting the famous statement of Sartre regarding existentialism.

Coffee and conversation begin at 7 p.m. with the program commencing at 7:30 p.m. It runs about one hour. All are welcome.

Pop Concert features show tunes

The United Methodist Church of Sun City Center, 1210 Del Webb Blvd. West, is proud to host the Sun City Chamber Players' Chamber Goes Pop Concert at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 30 in the church sanctuary. This special concert features soprano, Johanna Fincher performing some of her favorite show tunes. The ensemble will also be performing arrangements from Fiddler on the Roof, Jersey Boys, Star Wars and Phantom of the Opera, James Bond and music by the Beatles. A donation of just \$5 is requested at the door on the evening of the concert. For more information call 813-634-2539 or visit www.sccumc.com.

Joint choral concert planned

Prince of Peace Catholic Church and United Methodist Church of Sun City Center are proud to present a joint choral concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 1 in the sanctuary of the Methodist church located at 1210 Del Webb Blvd. W. Conducted by Jeff Jordan, Minister of Worship Arts at SCCUMC, and accompanied by Keith Rasmussen, Coordinator of Music and Organist at POPCC, the concert will feature Dubois' Seven Last Words of Christ, perhaps the most well-known and oft-performed Holy week choral masterwork. The chorus of approximately 80 will be joined by local soloists, Patrice Rasmussen (soprano), Dan Dunn (tenor) and Paul Barrientos (baritone). This concert is the first of several planned joint presentations by the two churches.

They are anticipating a large turnout for this event, so concert-goers are encouraged to come early for the best seats. For more information, call Jeff Jordan at 813-634-2539.



The Trinity Baptist church choir raises its voice in song

The Trinity Baptist church choir will present "O What A Savior," created by Russell Mauldin and Sue Smith, narrated by Larry Jessup and directed by Rev. James Feist at 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 1. The Cantata will be sung by the renowned Trinity Baptist Choir. The choir has received much attention in the area for its performances at the Sun City Center Memorial and Veterans Day ceremonies as well as for singing the National Anthem at Spring Training baseball games. Admission is free and all are welcome. The church is located at 702 Del Webb Blvd. West. For more information call 634-4228.



New members seated left to right: Joan Ekstrom, Mary Williams, Phyllis Van Linder, Ronald J. Forth Sr., Maggie Forth; standing left to right: Moderator Anne Ginevan, Associate Pastor Rev. Ruth Richardson, Senior Minister Dr. Michael Evans, Vice Moderator Bruce Grabert

New members enjoy welcome reception

The United Community Church, 1501 La Jolla Avenue, conducted a reception for five new members on Sunday. Following the Sunday Service, refreshments were served in the Great Hall as the congregation greeted and visited with the new members. It was a very special and joyful morning.

Chai Chapter of Hadassah to host accessory swap

Chai Chapter of Hadassah has organized an Accessory Swap for 1:30 p.m. on Monday, April 30 at Beth Israel, 1115 Del Webb Blvd. E., Sun City Center. Refreshments will be served. Hadassah is an organization that saves lives, educates and fulfills the dreams of youth. Stop in, meet the members and go home with a new accessory. You must R.S.V.P. to attend. For more information and to R.S.V.P., call Carol at 813-829-7227 or email monkeyandwife@yahoo.com.

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LENT AND EASTER SCHEDULES



The Easter Triduum
Holy Thursday, April 5 • Mass of the Lord's Supper • 7 p.m., followed by Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament until 9 p.m.

Good Friday, April 6
 9 a.m. • Divine Mercy Chaplet
 Noon • Stations of the Cross with Preaching
 3 p.m. • Passion of the Lord Service

Holy Saturday, April 7
 9 a.m. • Divine Mercy Chaplet
 Noon • Blessing of The Easter Food
 8 p.m. • Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 8:
 8 a.m. • Masses in the Church and Conesa Center
 9 a.m. • Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Church
 10 a.m. • Masses in the Church and Conesa Center
 Noon • Mass in the Church

Holy Week Confession Schedule
 Saturday, March 31 • 5-5:50 p.m.

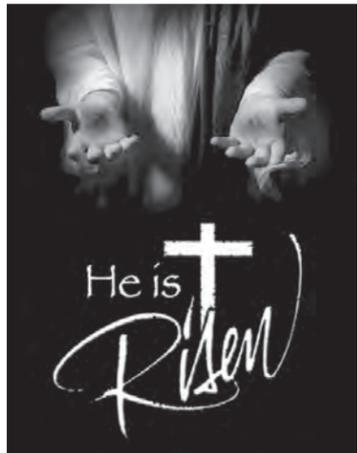
Sunday, April 1
 7-7:50 a.m.; 9-9:50 a.m.; 11-11:50 a.m.

Monday, April 2 thru Wednesday, April 4
 9-10 a.m.; 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Holy Thursday, April 5 • 6-6:50 p.m.

Good Friday, April 6 • 11-11:50 a.m.; 1-2:50 p.m.; 4-5 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 7 • 3-5 p.m.



Matthew 28:5-6

And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

Enjoy a musical for Easter

Southside Baptist Church presents 'O What A Savior!' at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 8, at 4208 U.S. Hwy 41 S., Sun City, four miles south of College Ave.

Everyone is invited. For more information call 813-645-4085.

Dramas highlight Holy Week

The United Methodist Church of Sun City Center, 1210 Del Webb Blvd. West, announces its Holy Week 2012 Dramas on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 5-7. Three original dramas written and directed by Carol Stewart will be presented depicting the last days of Jesus and will be based upon the words of Christ to his Disciples and the world. The first of these on Maundy Thursday entitled *Christ's Words of Covenant and Commandment* dramatically depicts Jesus' last words to his Disciples following the Last Supper. Thursday's drama will also have a time of Holy Communion commemorating that event. On Good Friday, the Drama Team will present a Tenbrae Service entitled *The Seven Last Words of Christ*. This 'service of darkness' will present dramatic meditations on each of the seven last phrases that Jesus spoke on the cross. Holy Saturday's drama entitled *The Vigil: Remembering Christ's Words* brings first-century and modern characters together as they reflect upon some of the most memorable words of Jesus. This drama includes actors of all ages.

Services of the Resurrection will follow on Easter Sunday at 6:45 (Sonrise), 9 a.m. and 10:55 a.m. (Easter Cantata with Chancel Choir, Sanctuary Handbells, soloists, and instrumentalists) and 11 a.m. (Bilingual Celebration Service). Dates and times for these events are as follows:

Maundy Thursday drama, April 5, 7 p.m. – *Christ's Words of Covenant and Commandment*

Good Friday drama, April 6, 7 p.m., *The Seven Last Words of Christ*

Holy Saturday drama, April 7, 4 p.m. – *The Vigil: Remembering Christ's Words*

Easter Services of the Resurrection, April 8, at 6:45 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:55 a.m., 11 a.m. (Bilingual)

Easter Sunday breakfast will be served from 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall and is open to all who attend services that day.

For more information, call Jeff Jordan at 813-634-2539 or visit www.sccumc.com.

Church sponsors health seminars

'Your Joint Replacement' is the topic at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1 at St Andrew Presbyterian Church, 1239 Del Webb Blvd West. Dr. Robert Maddalon, MD, MS will be speaking on arthroscopic and computer-assisted surgeries in partial and total joint replacements.

Everyone is welcome. Reserve your seat by calling the church office at (813) 634-1252. The seminar will be held in the Fellowship Hall

Council of Catholic Women to meet

The Council of Catholic Women of Prince of Peace Catholic Church invites anyone who likes to play cards or board games to make up your table in advance and come to their monthly Dessert Card Party from noon to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11 in Conesa Center. They furnish cards, pencils and tallies. An assortment of desserts plus table and door prizes will add to the festivities.

For more info call 633-2460.

Christian Women's Connection offers luncheon program

Christian Women's Connection will present the April luncheon and program at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 12, at Club Renaissance, 2121 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City Center. Speaker Janet Peavy-house will share bits and pieces of entertaining. Inspirational speaker Carolyn Ersig will tell her story of being an orphan and becoming a member of a beautiful family. Seating begins at 11 a.m. followed by the program from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Menu choices are tuna salad stuffed tomato or tossed salad with grilled chicken. Cost is \$17 inclusive. Reservations or cancelations are required before noon, April 9. For more information or to make reservations call Pat Butler 938-4320 or Tara Flood 383-7540.

Matthew 26:3-4

Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, and they schemed to arrest Jesus secretly and kill him.



Queens' Luncheon March 14, 2012

On stage before the show in some of the colorful costumes worn are left to right: Valerie Kelly, Linda Hawken, Sylvia Eddens, Darlene Walters, Eva Reisniger, Joan Leombruno, and Pearl Rubinsky.

Queens' Luncheon goes Hawaiian

Darlene Walters' troupe of hula dancers, the Hula Honeys, performed on March 14 at the Queens' Luncheon in the Kings Point Borini Theatre. The meal was consistent with the tropical theme and included sweet and sour chicken with Hawaiian vegetable fried rice.

A capacity crowd was treated to a variety of hula dances, from traditional to modern. Pearl, the latest addition to the troupe, dances from her wheelchair and is an inspiration to any handicapped person who thinks they can't join in because of a disability.

The host for the show was John Cortese and vocal entertainment was provided by Ron Leombruno. The troupe extends their warm thanks to Eva Hooley for her invaluable assistance as Stage Manager.

Anyone interested in Darlene's class, held in Kings Point, may contact her at 633-6839.

Church sponsors Ethnic Pot Luck

The Fun Brigade of the United Community Church will enjoy an Ethnic Pot Luck at 4 p.m., April 19 in the Great Hall of the church, 1501 La Jolla Avenue. Do you have a special recipe/meal that you remember from your youth, perhaps a favorite casserole, salad or dessert from your family background? Prepare that dish, bring it to the church complete with a label, your name, nationality, and ethnic background of your dish.

This will really be great fun to hear stories of the Sunday Dinner, history of Grandma's birthday treat and the holiday traditions. Everyone is welcome--- there is no charge---just you and your special treat for a Fun Pot Luck. Oh, an added surprise will be a Silent Auction with wonderful items to bid on. For more information, call Paula Lickfeldt at 633-6739 or Karl Buffington at 634-7062.

Friday night at the movies

The United Methodist Church of SCC on 1210 Del Webb Blvd West will feature its monthly Friday Night at the Movies April 13.

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Doors of Creason Hall open at 6 p.m. with popcorn and fresh brewed coffee. The movie starts at 6:30 with an introduction by Dr. Ken Barringer.

Matthew 26:1-2

When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, "As you know, the Passover is two days away—and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified."



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