



Riverview High School student Emily Hart opened the game between Riverview and Leto last Friday with the National Anthem. **See page 15.**



The Sun City Center Chamber of Commerce building has a new, distinct Florida décor thanks to local businesses. **See page 13** for more.

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New natural gas reserves could mean lower electric bills

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APOLLO BEACH — How could more jobs in Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio and West Virginia have a positive effect on the budgets of residents in South County?

Less importing of the natural gas it takes to fuel electric plants, including Tampa Electric Company's large Apollo Beach facility, means the costs to the customer can be lowered.

New domestic reserves in a portion of what's called the Marcellus Shale, an area of Appalachia encompassing portions of the four states mentioned above, have increased 80 percent production this year, according to online reports gleaned by Googling the Marcellus Shale Drilling Project.

"TECO officials filed projected costs with Florida's Public Service Commission Aug. 31," said TECO spokeswoman Cherie Jacobs. "The Commission is scheduled to vote on the issue after a hearing November 5."

Jacobs said TECO has been able to make a lower fuel price adjustment annually for four years straight, and one year was able to lower costs twice because fuel is costing them less.

"We don't make any profit on our fuel," Jacobs said. "We just charge the customer for producing electricity. Our fuel costs are included in our production costs, and they have gone down five times consecutively, each time we evaluated."

This will be good news for 2013, she said. If the Commission approves the request

as filed, a residential customer's monthly bill would drop \$4.32 to \$102.58 for 1,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh), a 4 percent drop from the current \$106.90 a month. Commercial customers would see bills drop by nearly five percent and industrial customers would remain the same (would see no increase).

This means TECO's residential customers' bills would fall to about 14 percent below the national average (which is \$119 per month based on a 12 month average) according to May 2012 data obtained by TECO from the Energy Information Administration, Jacobs said. Because of lower projected fuel costs, TECO estimates that by the end of 2012 it will spend \$69 million less on fuel than originally projected for that period.

The decrease in the fuel portion of the bill is based on lower costs for natural gas during the first six months of 2012, projections for the remainder of 2012 and expected fuel prices in 2013.

The Aug. 31 filing figures also include projections for other costs, including environmental expenses, which rose slightly, but were more than offset by the reduction in natural gas prices, Jacobs added.

In an effort to cover all sides of this story, the following link is provided describing data provided by both sides of the "economic independence through drilling vs. environmental factors:" www.srsi.buffalo.edu/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/UBSRSI-Environmental-Impacts-Single-Page.pdf.



MITCH TRAPHAGEN PHOTO

Sanibel Island is not inexpensive but for the few extra dollars required, there is great value to be found in the beauty and solitude.



Sanibel Island is Florida's paradise, somehow remaining hidden from those who choose to accept snuggling up next to sunburned, tanning-oil-smearing tourists on the big beaches.

There is no spotlight on the island. With the exception of a long-standing Dairy Queen and a Subway hidden in a convenience store, you won't find signs for fast food restaurants clamoring for

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An island of respite

An Observer News Florida feature

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Although I don't know from experience, one of the big advantages to wealth must be the ability to escape the teeming hordes, the unwashed masses from which I myself hail, those crowding the Five Guys, amusement parks, and Times Squares of the world in the hopes of finding a moment's respite from an otherwise seemingly drab existence of worrying about making the mortgage payment and saving for the kids' college education.

There is a place in Florida, a wrinkle, perhaps, in the growing stratification of our society, where you can find the true respite afforded to the wealthy while making only a relatively small ding to the college fund.

It is safe to say that if you are reading this newspaper, you can't afford to live on Sanibel Island. It is an expensive place to live where a small cottage costs hundreds of thousands and the prices quickly ramp up to a beachfront estate for \$8.9 million. It is an enclave for the one-percent, a respite from the hordes and masses and, through some twist of fate, it still has a welcome sign figuratively hanging out front. While not inexpensive, it is a place to escape the world for a while, with the handful of extra dollars required easily justified in the first few moments of realization that, for all intents and purposes and with a little planning, you can virtually have the island to yourself.

History being made as contenders vie for security patrol manager

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SUN CITY CENTER — For the first time in its known history, there's competition for the volunteer slot atop this community's security patrol management.

And, while it's not as slicing as Dem donkeys warring with GOP pachyderms on the battlefield of America's TV screens nor as dicey as the gun-totin' Hatfields and McCoys, the friction may generate heat enough to extend summer into early December here.

Bob Powers, a deputy chief, a member of the SCC Security Patrol board of directors and that board's treasurer, is challenging current Chief of Patrol Mike Albanese for the title conferred by election every two years.

The security patrol chief is elected for a two-year term by a vote of the 30 odd team



BOB POWERS



MIKE ALBANESE

captains, each charged with overseeing a day's shift of volunteer drivers and dispatchers, according to the organization's by-laws.

The SCC Security Patrol, Inc., now about 30 years old and almost entirely composed of volunteers, also is a not-for-profit corporation under Florida's incorporation laws and a tax exempt organization designated as a 501(c)3 under the federal IRS code which also imposes certain

responsibilities in exchange for the tax status. Its financial reports put its assets at more than \$1 million, most of them in liquid accounts and much of it from individual donations.

Powers, with an estimated 1,600 volunteer hours in multiple positions at the patrol to his credit, describes himself as a "problem solver" interested in working with the board to maximize patrol assets while reducing and eliminating its liabilities wherever possible.

The "planks in the platform," he said, "involve specifically acknowledging, encouraging and rewarding the volunteers, restoring public confidence in and enhancing the image of the patrol, rebuilding the integrity of the office of the patrol chief" and, as chief, "being more visible in the community."

Powers, who spent more than 40 years building and maintaining high power lines

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Weight Watchers Riverview helps feed the hungry

Weight Watchers Riverview not only safely and effectively helps customers lose weight, they also recently held a food drive for the RESTORE Food Pantry at Riverview United Methodist Church. The one day event was an open house along with the Lose for Good food drive, and included prizes, refreshments, recipes and more. The timing could not have been better — according to the organizers at RESTORE, with the end of the federal government fiscal year approaching on Sept. 30, USDA food shelves are running low, forcing area food pantries to increasingly look to local generosity in their mission of lending a helping hand to those struggling to feed themselves and their families. For more information about restore, visit www.riverviewflumc.org. Weight Watchers Riverview is open daily and holds meetings Tuesday through Sunday and is located at 10629 Bend Road in the Shoppes at Southbay.



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Weight Watchers Riverview staff Janet Write, Bobbi Coil, Jenny Stinson and Robin Arnold.

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SCC Security Patrol

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for electric utilities — much of it in supervisory capacities — said he thinks his experience as a manager and as a rental property owner can only benefit the patrol. “Good people skills are essential for a healthy, growing patrol.”

Albanese may have attracted opposition in his first re-election race because of a series of events and occurrences dating back more than a year for which he has been considered responsible or to which he has been linked.

At various times, members of the patrol’s nine-person board of directors — of which Albanese is one — have complained that he has violated the organization’s own governing regulations with such actions as engaging a paid accountant without the board’s knowledge and by making substantial purchases with patrol funds ranging from a \$600 office coffee pot to five new vehicles totaling nearly \$100,000 without the board’s agreement.

Late last year, Albanese became embroiled in a lingering spat with a once-active volunteer, Uta Kuhn, over her performance as the appointed nominations committee chairman charged with establishing qualifications for elected directors. Ultimately Albanese “fired” Kuhn as a volunteer, accusing her of miss-use of a patrol credit card — a charge that never was proved.

In a February, 2012, letter to Albanese, six directors went on record, castigating the chief for his “extremely damaging” personnel management of both volunteers and staff, advising him of legal provisions that could result in his removal from office.

Earlier this summer, Albanese, along with others, was questioned as part of an internal investigation of patrol transactions undertaken by detectives in the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office. No charges were leveled at the time.

When questioned, both by board

members and outside parties including a reporter, the patrol chief long has declined to provide records or verifications supporting his actions. This week, however, he told The Observer that he is running for re-election and that he believes he has the support of about 20 of the current 31 captains.

“I have nothing to hide,” he emphasized, adding that he has not answered questions in the past because they struck him as “raking him over the coals.” But there are and have been substantiating records, he said, verifying, for example, his transactions involving patrol vehicles.

He said he sold five former patrol cars — four Hyandais and one Chevrolet Malibu — to a Brandon wholesale dealer for a total of about \$53,000 and five new vehicles — four Ford Escape SUVs and a Chrysler 200 — were purchased from two inland dealerships for about \$98,000. The entire set of transactions produced five new patrol vehicles for about \$45,000, he added.

Albanese said he does not plan to campaign for re-election, suggesting there are no reasons to do so. “I’ve done a good job,” he asserted, “I don’t need to campaign.”

And, when first asked, the chief said he does not have any specific new ideas taking shape for a second term as the patrol’s day-to-day manager. He soon modified that remark, saying he does have some ideas about improvements but is not willing to publicize them yet. “I’m tired of getting beat up,” he added.

Meanwhile, Powers told The Observer he does plan to mount a communications campaign to make it clear what he wants to do for the patrol and how he believes those enhancements can be undertaken within a harmonious organization.

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If life is a journey, an automobile accident can lead to adventure

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It wasn't high on my bucket list, but a recent Saturday afternoon at the library certainly turned into an adventure.

Or, perhaps miss-adventure is more accurate. As my editor here, Brenda Knowles, observed with an inarguable clarity, "there you were, be boppin' your way through life and life just reached out and bopped you." It broke four ribs and punctured the lung they are supposed to protect, but, hey, let's not get too specific here... It's really painful — trust me on that — and there's really more to this story.

In a perfect life, of course, I would not have been trying to inch onto 19th Avenue N.E. from Beth Shields Way, just as two young men were speeding toward me along a long blind curve. In a perfect world, the brand spanking new ambulance rig from Hillsborough Fire Rescue Station 28 would not have suddenly shut down with me in it. No AC. No lights. No working equipment. No going anywhere until a replacement ambulance could be pulled from another station. In a more perfect place, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office Traffic Investigator Ivey would not have reported my 11-year-old, long-out-of-production Oldsmobile as a 2013 model. But, that's not the story, either.

The story is our world is operated by imperfect humans and, consequently, cannot be perfect. Or, more simply put, to change the outcome, change the input.

The detour into new experience actually began in Brandon Regional Hospital with an insect. What treats excruciating pain? Pain killers, of course. And, high

powered drugs have different effects on different people. I, I've learned, hallucinate. I awoke one night in ICU to read ARACHNID on the bed sheet over my feet. I then engaged in a very civil conversation with a rather large, furry lady spider who was both knowledgeable and articulate. Being a rather competitive writer by nature, I did not rush to share this astounding discovery with anyone. Which is really fortunate. In the light of day, I had to acknowledge my block buster scoop was all in my mind.

I didn't imagine a couple of outstanding night nurses in the Intensive Care Unit, though. Both are angels in drab garb. The ICU nurse rep is that they're a cut above. Debby and Lesley exceed even that standard. As a male nurse tried to yank my broken body — well, it sure felt that way! — across the bed and I blistered him with the saltiest words I've ever heard, it was Debby instantly at the bedside. No well intentioned but brawny man was going to hurt her patient, she informed. Her ministrations to ease the pain did not cease.

Similarly, with Lesley, patient care is all there is. Every move she made, every task she performed, every effort she undertook, she did completely and comprehensively. No undue hurry, no cutting corners, no wasted motion, no imprecision allowed. She operated with absolute confidence and that, in itself, was healing. Finally, I asked about her "personal five year plan." She missed not a half beat before explaining she'd begun her career as a CNA in Arizona, had returned to school for an R.N. degree and hoped to earn a Master's in order "to teach young nurses how to do it right the first time." Actually, of course, she could do that right now.

Two nights with Lesley, the risks of a chest tube eliminated and I was cleared for landing on a regular nursing floor. A couple more days and I was by-passing rehab, enroute home... with a promise to heed home nurses.

And that first night, I kid you not, was hell on earth. Unable to tolerate flat surfaces, I was driven to take up residence in the embracing arms of my La-Z-Boy.

With the dawn, though, came a new day, telephone calls and friends bearing food, treats, entertainments, advise, cards, shared experiences, a few dire warnings and not a little gallows humor. Mac Miller, Ruskin pioneer, former military officer and retired college professor, showed up with his family, Poet Melanie Hubbard, daughter Kylie, and food. "You know what the guys in Nam used to say?" he queried with a chuckle. And, with the timing of a Vegas comic, came the punch line: "an open sucking chest wound tells you to slow down." Damn! It hurts to laugh that hard.

Wes and Karina Mullins, who help hold things together at M&M Printing, parent company of *The Observers* community newspaper group, were among first on the home scene, shopping for groceries, setting up a more convenient television set, bringing freshly prepared food from their kitchen, loaning daughter Sacia for an emergency errand.

It was Ron Boyett, who cherishes wife Kim, daughter Krisi, hunting and talking conservative politics — in that order — who first noticed the accumulating clutter on the floors of my house as things that belonged there were dropped helter skelter and things that didn't belong there were lost, even from my one good hand. I figured I'd



If the car could talk, it might grumble that the broken ribs I sustained are not as painful as its obliterated front end. Unlike me, it has been determined a total loss. Fortunately, I'm still being rehabilitated, with the help of modern medicine and the gracious ministrations of many.

never bend over again. I'd just be an ole bag lady, living in clutter to the ceiling, tunneling through the house like some misshapen rat.

Nope, not yet, Ron said, producing a long-handled, manually operated grabber that picks stuff up from the floor and even, somewhat incredibly, puts stuff down there. Clearly, my shuffling, tunneling ole rat days are going to be delayed.

Kim Boyett, as sensitive as her observant hubby, shows up regularly with packages of high quality, smooth, melt-in-the-mouth chocolate and the admonition "at times like these, you need CHOCOLATE."

She and Krisi also are big on creating imagined scenes designed to toggle my regret switch. Like the time I asked them to pick up a certain brand of pet food at the supermarket. They materialized hours later to confess they could not find that brand in Publix; they had complained to the manager, had turned the store nearly upside

down, even had people in the aisles looking for it, they said. All to no avail. It was only after minutes of this elaborate description of a failed mission that had put dozens of people out looking for my pet food, that they fessed up to the entire hoax. "By the way," they added chortling, producing the cans, "you had the brand wrong, but you had the flavor right."

These people and others have kept me in delicious take-out from favorite eateries, have kept the wolf from the door, have kept my spirits up. They've run interference, returned phone calls, gathered mail and newspapers, stood by for any request.

They've given me strength to face the upcoming challenges — getting mobile again, acquiring another car, settling with insurance companies. The unexpected turn of events may have been miss-adventure, but such exhibitions of human kindness always are valuable adventures.

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Positive Talk: Creating a growth atmosphere

Whether you are managing a household, a small business, or a large company, your actions will govern how creative and open the atmosphere will be. It is not hard to tell which children at school come from homes where there is only one "right way" to do something. Barring any outside influence, these children grow up to be very set in their ways. For the most part, this one-answer person can be a very good employee—if you expect no more from them than for them to parrot your directions back to you and follow your rules to the letter. However, the minute this type of person is put into a strange or unique situation, they do not have the tools to handle it. Here are some ideas that can be useful, both in the home and in the workplace, to encourage personal growth.



By William Hodges

1. Encourage experimentation by providing an environment as free of punishment as possible. Honest mistakes do happen, and a mistake is simply proof someone tried to do something.

2. Listen carefully to the ideas of others and implement them whenever prudent and possible. Your way may be the best way, but others may get the job done by doing it another way. By allowing them to implement their plan, you are helping them grow in confidence.

3. Look for and compliment the unique abilities you find in others. Everyone is blessed with at least one skill that makes them special. Make it your mission to find that skill in another person and praise it.

4. Keep in mind there is no such thing as constructive criticism. Criticism is always destructive. As I said in a previous column, any donkey can kick a barn down but it takes a craftsman to build one.

5. Learn to work with both order and disorder. There are many people who are not orderly, yet they are productive. Try to be supportive of the atmosphere required by those around you.

6. Give other people choices, but be sure they are real choices. Nothing is more defeating than to have someone offer us a choice and then learn that if we choose wrong, the decision is reversed.

7. Some individuals do not find creativity an easy job. When dealing with that type of individual, be sure to give them plenty of time to respond with ideas or plans. If you put too much pressure on them for immediate answers, they will revert to their prior safe way of doing things.

8. Encourage involvement. The more hands-on experience individuals have, the more likely they are to remember the lesson or, more importantly, to apply it to a new situation.

9. Share the leadership of your organization. On specific projects, encourage those who work on your team to assume leadership positions. In the home, it may be as simple as allowing a child to plan a picnic. In the office, it can be as complicated as heading a creative team for the development of a new product. In either case, the individual given this new responsibility will tend to grow in confidence.

Albert Einstein said, "It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge." We can practice that same art by creating a supportive and open atmosphere for those around us.

Establishing a growth atmosphere is one of the most important things we can do, not only in our homes but in our companies. By doing so, we will encourage the very best from all those around us.

Hodges is a nationally recognized speaker, trainer and syndicated columnist. He also hosts an interview-format television program, *Spotlight on Government, on the Tampa Bay Community Network which airs Mondays at 8 p.m. (Bright House channel 950, Verizon channel 30) and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. (BH channel 949, Verizon channel 36). The shows can also be viewed at www.hodgesvideos.com, 1-824-641-0816, bill@billhodges.com, www.billhodges.com*

Community yard sale, appraisals in Palmetto Historical Park

The Palmetto Historical Commission is hosting a community yard sale Saturday, October 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Palmetto Historical Park. More than thirty tables will be set up selling treasures and bargains of all kinds.

Word of Mouth BBQ will be on site selling BBQ sandwiches and hotdogs. Alex's Lemonade Stand will be raising funds to help fight childhood cancer. The park buildings including the Agricultural Museum will be open for free self-guided tours.

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

The Park is located at 515-10th Avenue West, Palmetto. For more information call 941-723-4991.



Highwaymen print winner
Angela Skinner of Venice, FL, was the lucky winner of the Florida Highwaymen Robert Butler print drawing at the Manatee County Agricultural Museum and Palmetto Historical Park September 4. Monies raised through the print project benefited the museum and park's family programming. For more information about these programs call 941-721-2034.

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The public is invited to attend a free community open house for the Brandon Regional Hospital Emergency Center at Plant City from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 22. The brand-new 11,000-square-foot Emergency facility is located near the Aldi Supermarket on the south side of Plant City at 3065 James L. Redman Parkway. The open house will feature tours of the emergency rooms, children's activities and an opportunity to speak with healthcare professionals who will be caring for patients at the Center.

When the facility opens for patient care at the end of September, the Emergency Center at Plant City will offer residents the experience of a facility that treats 100,000 patients per year, close to their home. This new Emergency Center will allow a high level of quality care, providing the community with:

- Commitment to minimize wait times
- Board-certified emergency medicine physicians and registered nurses
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The Brandon Regional Hospital Emergency Center at Plant City will allow residents of Plant City to have access to the services of the facility with the following accreditations:

- Three Star accreditation for excellence in cardiac surgery, with the highest award by given The Society of Thoracic Surgeons
- An accredited Chest Pain Center with PCI by the Society of Chest Pain Centers
- A Bariatric Center of Excellence by the American Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgeries, and
- The newly acquired accreditation of Brandon Regional Hospital's Echocardiography Lab by the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Echocardiography Laboratories (ICAEL).

In addition, residents of Plant City will have access to Brandon's Emergency Center posted wait times. Simply text ER to 23000 or go to BrandonRegionalHospital.com. With Brandon's innovative initiative of posting emergency department wait times and now with the development of a free-standing Emergency Department, Brandon Regional Hospital is continually making a concerted effort to repeatedly improve its Emergency Department wait times for its patients.



Riverview High School Theatre Department presents *Deathtrap*

Riverview High School Theatre Department will present *Deathtrap*, Ira Levin's classic mystery thriller, September 28, 29, 30 and October 11, 12, 13, 2012 at its theater at Riverview High School. Seating is limited. *Deathtrap* is known as one of the biggest hits on Broadway with its unique blend of mystery, thrills and humor.

Directed by Daron Hawkins, *Deathtrap* features a cast that includes Corey Farrell, Camden Christenson, Hunter Priest, Rachel Knowles, Erin Stoeffler, Jared Robbins and Grant Parker. Hanna Rush is production stage manager.

Daron Hawkins is most recognized as a theatre educator and director, receiving multiple Thespian Awards and working at Riverview High School. He was the founder and artistic director of Riverview Little Theatre, now called Daron Hawkins & Co., which was honored for its productions of *Chicago* and *Urinetown*. He is also the State Director for Florida State Thespians. This will be Daron's 98th production.

In *Deathtrap*, Levin has taken the basic components of thrillers and horror stories – murder, deceit, innocent dialogue with hidden sinister meanings, plot reversals, unexpected turns of events, etc. – and twisted and rearranged the pieces again and again.

The original production of *Deathtrap* was a hit on Broadway in 1978, running for almost 1,800 performances and receiving Tony nominations for Best Play and for actors Victor Garber and Marian Seldes and director Robert Moore. A 1982 film adaptation, directed by Sidney Lumet, starred Michael Caine, Christopher Reeve and Dyan Cannon.

When it opened in New York, critics were unanimous in their praise of *Deathtrap*.

"It is a classic thriller, a genre with a style, a manner and an audience of its own. If you like thrillers, do see it. I promise you that it is vintage." —*New York Post*.

"The intricately fashioned plot contortions brought gasps, the comedy lines drew delighted chortles..." —*The Hollywood Reporter*.

"Two-thirds a thriller and one-third a devilishly clever comedy...Suspend your disbelief and be delighted. Scream a little. It's good for you." —*Cue Magazine*.

"If you care to assassinate yourself with laughter, try *Deathtrap*." —*Time Magazine*.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Riverview High School Theatre Department encourages patrons to make reservations early, as performances sell out quickly because of the intimate staging of the play onstage. Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$5 for students, seniors and active military, and this play is not recommended for children 12 and under.

For reservations, call the Riverview High School Theatre Department at (813) 671-5011 x259 up to 5 p.m. the night of the show. Tickets are available at the door, pending availability.

All performances are held in the Riverview High School Theatre on the campus of Riverview High School on Boyette Road approximately 2 miles east of the I-75/Gibsonton / Riverview exit.

Now in its 15th year, Riverview High School Theatre consistently produces high quality and entertaining theater. RVHS Theatre has earned a reputation as one of the finest high school theaters in the Tampa Bay Area.



Hillsborough County Animal Services recruits pet-friendly shelter volunteers

Due to overwhelming response, Hillsborough County Animal Services (HCAS) is offering Disaster Training & Volunteer Sign-Up from 9-11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 29 at the county shelter at 440 N. Falkenburg Rd. in Tampa.

The 2012 storm season remains active. Attendance at the above event is vital for anyone interested in serving their community before, during and/or after a disaster. Learn the skills required for the set up, registration, shelter assistance during evacuation, release of animals back to owners, and ultimately the breakdown and clearing of Hillsborough County's pet-friendly shelter evacuation facilities.

Should volunteers be called upon to assist Animal Services and their community, there will be a role for each member in one or more phases of response. In order to help others, it is imperative that responders have arrangements in place for their own family and pets. All citizens, especially shelter volunteers, are kindly reminded to review those personal disaster plans now.

Attendees of the September 29 event should wear comfortable clothing and closed-toed shoes, and able-bodied volunteers must be at least 18 years of age or older. Professional animal experience is not required for this event.

For more information on disaster preparedness for pets or to RSVP for the above training, call (813) 744-5660 or email info@hillsboroughcounty.org.

MOSI hosts photo exhibit from the Max Planck Institute

The Museum of Science & Industry will host *Images of Science*, a photographic exhibition of research images from the scientists of the Max Planck Institute. Every year, Germany's Max Planck Society asks scientists from their 80 institutes and research facilities to provide images of their research that are then juried by a panel of architects, photographers, and journalists. Their selections form the basis of a traveling exhibit – *Images of Science*.

So far, there have been three rounds of competition and the exhibit, which is currently composed of 40 images, has traveled to a variety of destinations, including Deutsches Museum of Munchen, Germany; Ars Electronica, Austria; Haus der Wissenschaft, Germany; the German Embassy; Thailand; Miami Science Museum in the U.S.; and now the Museum of Science & Industry in Tampa. MOSI is working with the Max Planck Florida Institute, the Max Planck Society's first U.S. institute, to bring this show to the Tampa Bay area.

The exhibit will run through Nov. 4 at the Museum of Science & Industry, 4801 East Fowler Avenue, Tampa, FL. For more information, visit www.mosi.org.

East Hillsborough County Democratic Club to meet

The East Hillsborough County Democratic Club will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 9, at 6:30 p.m., at Barnacle's Restaurant, 926 Providence Road, Brandon. Susan Smith, President of the Democratic Progressive Caucus of Florida, will be the speaker. She will discuss ALEC (American Legislative Exchange Council) and the 11 Amendments on the November ballot.

For more information visit www.easthillsboroughdems.org, Club President Mike Angel can be reached at demsinbrandon@aol.com.

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DOB: April 2, 2012.

Skip



Skip is a pretty cool pup. He is an Italian Greyhounds mix. Skip doesn't seem to know what a stranger is. He meets and greets everyone with delight. His rescuer said that he was exposed to small children and cats at her house for several days without issue. She also said that he enjoyed snuggling. Don't miss your chance to have Skip bring some love into your life. As part of his adoption, Skip will be neutered, micro-chipped, and brought current on his shots. DOB: Sept 2, 2004

C.A.R.E. is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For directions, visit www.CareShelter.org or call (813) 645-2273.

Avoid electoral dysfunction: Be ready to vote

High interest in this year's election may well be a mismatch with sweeping changes in election law that have tightened voter address rules and reduced early voting days. Changing precinct lines and a ballot of unprecedented length worsen the situation, and the League of Women Voters of Florida sees potential problems ahead on Election Day.

To make sure that every vote counts, the League is urging voters to take action now to ensure that they are eligible and prepared to vote. A new website, www.Be-ReadyToVote.org, makes the process easy.

The site is a one-stop shop that allows Floridians to check and update their voter status, register to vote, find their precinct, request an absentee ballot, check on important election dates and deadlines, and be informed about the candidates and issues on the November 6 ballot.

"Voters can prevent Election Day delays and frustration--what we call 'electoral dysfunction'--by being prepared," says League President Deirdre Macnab. "With the high level of enthusiasm and interest we're seeing in this year's election, sharp reductions in early voting days, and a very lengthy ballot, we want to ensure a successful experience for every Florida voter. Even if you're registered, you still should contact your local Supervisor of Elections to check your voter status and update your record if necessary."

Local Supervisors' offices throughout Florida are ready to help citizens prepare to vote.

Macnab adds, "Being confronted by this year's pages-long ballot filled with dense legal amendment language and often-misleading titles

can also cause problems for unprepared voters and the voters behind them in line. People really need to know the issues and be ready."

Also available through www.Be-ReadyToVote.org is the League of Women Voters of Florida Education Fund's 2012 Florida Election & Voter Guide, which contains non-partisan information on the presidential and statewide candidates, constitutional amendments, and Supreme Court justices that will appear on the November 6 ballot.

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Observations: Autumn, education and chilling out

Can you feel it? Little by little, the oppressive, seemingly relentless sweaty grip of summer is giving way to autumn. Oh sure, it still gets hot during the day, but the air is starting to feel different. It feels better, much better. I know there are people in Florida who love the summers here, just as there are people in my former home state of Minnesota who love the long, horrific winters. I'm not among them — in either camp.



By Mitch Traphagen
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When I was young and working in a skyscraper in downtown Minneapolis, I would make jokes about people who had retirement goals of moving south for the winter and north for the summer. I simply could not understand why people would spend the best years of their life working towards something they might not even live long enough to see. I've admitted this before in this column but I was an idiot when I was younger. Now, after a few more decades of life, I'm seeing the appeal of doing just that.

Starting in May, I begin to look forward to one thing: September. After a long, hot and humid summer, the first overnight low in the 60s usually happens sometime in September — usually, but not always. It didn't happen last year; it was early October before the mercury dipped below the 70-degree mark. And now with the 10-day forecast taking us to the end of the month, there are, as of press time, no 60s in sight. But at least the air somehow feels better. I know that summer is losing its grip, and I remain hopeful, ever

optimistic that the crisp air and blue skies of winter are indeed just 'round the bend.

When I was in my 20s, I apparently thought I had all of the answers I needed and the future would take care of itself. Well, now it's the future and answers seem to be in short supply. I find myself increasingly uncomfortable with coasting on the unknown. I want a plan, I want to know that next week, next month and even next year will work out OK. However, more and more, there are no guarantees in life.

Well, it turns out there are some guarantees, but most aren't the good kind. With the arrival of autumn (there's one good guarantee!), kids across America return to school and suddenly the problems of our educational system are making headlines. Now that I'm an old guy, I'm going to sound like one. When I was a kid things were different. Both the students and the communities generally respected their teachers. For a kid back then, disrespecting a teacher carried a guaranteed price: being sent to the principal's office, detention, or being smacked across the face — perhaps all three. The community was not motivated to disrespect teachers so that wasn't much of a problem.

I'm not advocating a return to corporal punishment, but I can think of a few places where it could be selectively applied — primarily to parents who consider teachers to be daytime babysitters and have zero involvement in their child's education and to



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The leaves don't change much on a palm tree in autumn in Florida, but the color of the sunsets more than make up for that.

legislators who make their marks by demonizing teachers. OK, violence is never the answer, but maybe just a few selective whacks wouldn't hurt all that much.

I have no doubt there are some bad teachers out there, but I know that no one in their right mind goes into education for the money, especially in Florida where teacher salaries are among the lowest in the nation (Yay! We're 47th!). There are so many better ways to earn a living and to make use of an increasingly expensive college degree than having to deal with unruly children and that is just the administrators and elected officials with ever-new and changing plans for gutting saving education. The students can be a challenge, too.

It is hard to make an argument that the US is still a world leader in education. Yes, just like everything in adult life, teachers need to be held accountable for their performance, but that needs

to be applied appropriately. A school is not a business or a corporation that can set benchmarks on a particular product because there are so many variables in play — human children are not widgets. Besides, I'd love to see some of those legislators in Tallahassee have a few hard benchmarks applied to their performance. After all what's good for the goose is good for the gander, right? Education for a child is not limited to a classroom, sometimes the TV and computer must be shut off in favor of a book. Yeah, I know, I'm just a complaining old guy. Next thing you know, I'll be screaming at the neighborhood children to get off my lawn.

As a nation, we seem to be perfecting the unattractive tendency towards picking on the easy target over the real culprit. It's easy to point the finger of blame at an underwater homeowner facing foreclosure,

but it's hard to figure out exactly what person is "the big bank" that remains highly profitable after knowingly making bad loans. In that same vein, it is easy to blame teachers for our own failures as a society. I'm not fond of the warm and fuzzy "it takes a village" phrase, but I do know that it takes more than a beleaguered teacher to educate a child. Most parents know they have a lot of responsibility, too. Legislators need to bring forward realistic solutions for the common good without driving their own personal agendas. And, in my opinion, it can't hurt to afford a little respect to the people who have to deal with our precious little Johnnies and Suzies day in and day out. I think within the classroom and as a society we could support more and vilify less. And, oh yes, the mentality that every kid "deserves" a trophy was probably not the idea of a teacher.

Perhaps, with cooler temperatures on the way, I just need to chill out. I'm not in my 20s anymore and I'm not so willing to let the future just take care of itself. But autumn is on the horizon, the kids are back in school, and Florida weather changes from oppressive to glorious. I wish I still had all of the answers, but many of the answers in my life turned out to be wrong, leaving me with more questions than ever. Lacking answers, all I can do is to try to be a decent human being and get involved in finding solutions rather than setting straw men aflame. In other words, ignore all that I wrote about thwacking a few people. I'm older now than I was a few paragraphs ago, I'm still learning from my mistakes.



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SouthShore Regional Library

Adult program/event highlights

SouthShore Regional Library is located at 15816 Beth Shields Way, Ruskin, FL 33573, www.hcplc.org/hcplc/locations/sho/

■ Email: Messages and Attachments

Thursday, Sept. 20 - 12:15 to 2:30 p.m. Read, forward, and delete messages. Basic mouse and keyboarding skills are recommended as well as an existing e-mail account. Learn about sending attachments and creating address books. Basic mouse and keyboarding skills are recommended. Registration is available at branch opening at 12noon.

■ Book Discussion: "The Night Circus" by Erin Morgenstern

Thursday, Sept. 20 - 2 to 3:30 p.m. Waging a fierce competition for which they have trained since childhood, circus magicians Celia and Marco unexpectedly fall in love with each other and share a fantastical romance that manifests in fateful ways.

■ Internet: Viruses, Spyware, Phishing Scams and More!

Tuesday, Sept. 25 - 12:15 to 2:30 p.m. Learn how to surf the Internet while avoiding common scams and pitfalls that can compromise your security. Learn about different types of malicious software, how they get on the personal computer, how to remove them, and precautions to take when using the internet. Registration required at either the Information Desk or by calling 273-3652.

■ Intro to Genealogy

Tuesday, Sept. 25 - 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Learn about the types of records that are available for genealogical research and where to find them using the Library's resources in this beginner's class.

■ eBooks for PC, Mac, Nook, Kobo, Sony and Other eReaders Wednesday, Sept. 26 - 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.

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■ Deaf and Hearing Connection Telephone Distribution

Wednesday, Sept. 26 - 1 to 3 p.m. Presented by Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc. (FTRI). FTRI provides free specialized equipment and training to qualified Florida residents who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired. The equipment enables them to place and receive phone calls.

■ English Conversation Classes

Wednesday, Sept. 26 - 1 to 2 p.m. Adults, 18 years or older, are invited to practice their English conversational skills with English speakers. No registration is required to participate. Cosponsored by the Hillsborough Literacy Council and the Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library System. For more information, contact the Hillsborough Literacy Council at 273-3650.

■ SouthShore Needle People

Wednesday, Sept. 26 - 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 welcome! Bring a project and ask questions.

New early voting schedule announced

The Department of Justice has approved the Early Voting portion of House Bill 1355 that reduces the number of days for Early Voting from 14 to eight.

Early Voting in Hillsborough County will now start on Saturday, October 27, and end on Saturday, November 3. Early Voting will occur for eight straight days and the hours each day will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

There will be 15 Early Vote sites around the county. For a complete list, visit www.votehillsborough.org.

Residents who have questions can contact the Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections Office at (813) 744-5900, or visit www.VoteHillsborough.org for more information. The last day to register to vote for the 2012 General Election is Tuesday, Oct. 9.



Addison Michelle Morales

Addison Michelle Morales was born on August 29 at 9:09 a.m. at Brandon Regional Hospital, measuring 6 lbs 5 ounces and 18". She is the baby girl of proud parents Homero Morales Jr. and Ashley Yeager of Wimauma. Her excited grandparents are Homero and Enraiqueata Morales of Wimauma and Troy Yeager and Denise Dillard.

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But it's more fun to have huge wonderful gifts and gift baskets to raffle off! The businesses in this community have been more than generous in giving us items anyone would love to have! We have decadent baskets of various kinds of liquors and wines. We

have golf baskets. We have a Manly Man basket and a Gourmet Yummies basket! We have exquisite orchids and fun jewelry, including a sapphire and diamond necklace.

The Chamber would like to thank all of the following businesses for being so supportive:

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By **Dana Dittmar**, Executive Director SCC Chamber of Commerce

you can purchase tickets at the Chamber, knowing the money is going to an excellent cause. Please help us find a cure for Alzheimer's and purchase your raffle ticket today!

On another note, the Chamber would also like to thank Sun City Center Howie's Plumbing for donating and installing new sinks in our

bathrooms. The old ones were rusting around the drain and the porcelain was cracked. Our new ones are shiny and white and give a real facelift to the restrooms!

We would also like to thank all of our volunteers who donate their time to help us take care of our

members and our residents. Our volunteers answer phones, help make copies and fax documents and greet visitors. We need about five more volunteers to round out our weekly schedule. Volunteers work 3-1/2 hours a week and are given a Chamber polo shirt and nametag. They are also invited – free – to our monthly membership luncheon. If you are interested in becoming a Chamber volunteer, stop by and visit! We'd love to

have you!

Our Goodwill box is back! Vandals destroyed the last one, but Goodwill has decided to give us another chance. If you make a donation during Chamber business hours, we will be happy to give you a receipt for your taxes. Our American Red Cross box has consistently been overflowing, so we hope you will continue to donate your old clothing items to such worthy causes.

Learn history from a veteran

Students in Citrus and surrounding counties can learn history from a veteran when the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall, Florida Purple Heart Mural Memorial, and Korean War Memorial are on display from Sunday, Oct. 14 to Sunday, Oct. 21.

Escorted tours are free to class groups from public and private schools or home schooled students. Military displays will also highlight the reunion. The war memorials will be open to the public 24 hours a day at the reunion site on the Holcim property on U.S. 19, seven miles north of Crystal River as part of the Nature Coast All Veterans Reunion.

The event is hosted by American Legion Post 225 Floral City, and sponsored by Holcim Corporation, the *Citrus County Chronicle*, and Military Order of the Purple Heart. A veteran reunion and celebration will be held from Friday, Oct. 19 to Sunday, Oct. 21. There will be booths with representatives from nonprofit veteran groups, food drinks, crafts vendors and live music. Parking and admission are free.

For more information, call Richard Hunt at (407) 579-6190, Tom Gallagher at (352) 860-1629, Lee Helscel at (352) 238-5692 or visit www.NatureCoastAllVeteransReunion.org.



Bob Bronson Jr. of Wimauma with his 1933 Dodge street rod.

The Cruiser of the Month is a 1933 Dodge Coupe

A striking and finely crafted 1933 Dodge street rod built by Bob Bronson Jr. of Wimauma is the September Cruiser of the Month for the Roamin' Oldies Car Club.

Construction began with fabrication of the frame from two-by-four rectangular steel, continued over the course of four years, and was completed with application of an eye-catching tangerine and black finish.

Power is by a Chrysler 318 CID engine coupled to a Torqueflite over/underdrive transmission. Other features include power brakes with slotted discs, independent suspension, power steering and air conditioning. Bob is an enthusiastic participant in collector car and street rod events, and his eye-catching coupe is a frequent award-winner at area shows.

The monthly Roamin' Oldies cruise-in is held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month in the Apollo Beach Winn-Dixie Plaza on U.S. 41. The event is free to both entrants and spectators, and the public is welcome.

About 90 of the area's finest antique and collectible cars and trucks are typically on display, accompanied by classic 1950s music played by DJ Joey Ferrante. The event is sponsored by Thompson's Auto Parts and Mama Iguana's Restaurant. For information, call Chet at (813) 842-1511.

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Kids' Program/Event Highlights

September 20 - 26

Toddler Time
 Thursday, Sept. 20 - 10 to 10:20 a.m.
 For children ages 18-36 months and their caregivers. Stories, finger plays and songs make up this fun 20-minute program that highlights early literacy skills and encourages reading readiness.

Baby Time
 Thursday, Sept. 20 - 10:30 to 10:50 a.m.
 For children ages 0-18 months and their caregivers. Early literacy begins at birth. Bond with your baby through stories, bouncy rhymes and songs in this 20-minute lapsit program that introduces early literacy skills and encourages language development.

Game Zone
 Thursday, Sept. 20 - 2:30 to 4 p.m.
 For middle and high school students. Get in the zone and join friends for gaming fun with games such as Super Smash Bros. Brawl, Mario Kart, Super Mario Bros. and more.

Write Your Life One Bite at a Time with Patricia Charpentier
 Saturday, Sept. 22 - 3 to 4:30 p.m.
 For adults, Patricia Charpentier's recently published book, *Eating an Elephant: Write Your Life One Bite at a Time*, offers 200 bite-sized tips for writing and polishing your life stories. She will discuss some of these during this interactive workshop. Limited to 20 participants. Register at the Reference Desk or by calling (813) 273-3652.

Computer Tutor
 Monday, Sept. 24 - 12 to 1 p.m.
 Tutoring available in Microsoft software, email and the Internet.

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 MA-VFW on the 3rd Thursday each month.

Thursday, Sept. 20 - VA Hospital visit 5:30 p.m. everyone welcome to go. Bar Bingo at 6 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 21 - Fish Fry 4:30 p.m. Suncoast Band from 7-11 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 22 - District Meeting in Dade City at noon. Music by You 2 Can from 7-11 p.m.

Every Sunday - Flea Market from 7 a.m. to noon. Breakfast from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Chapel Duty District 12 at 8:30 a.m. and Bert and Sassy from 5:30-9 p.m.

Every Tuesday - Games in Lounge 1-5 kitchen opens at 4:30 p.m. Bingo at 6 p.m.

Thomas Parris, II graduates from Grantham University

Thomas Parris, II of Riverview, FL graduated from Grantham University on August 14, 2012. Parris, II earned a Associate of Arts in Business Administration.

Grantham is an online university headquartered in Kansas City, MO.

Aaron Nettles earns degree from University of Memphis

Aaron Darmarcus Nettles of Riverview, earned a Master of Science degree in Health and Sport Sciences from the University of Memphis during commencement ceremonies Aug. 12, 2012.

School Board meeting for Immokalee Community School announced

The RCMA School Board Meeting will take place at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 24 at the University of Florida Gulf Coast Research and Education Center, 14625 CR 672, Wimauma. The School Board meeting is open to the public. For more information call Maria Jimenez at (239) 289-7995.

Sun City Center favorite performs at Moonglow

Bernice DuBro and her husband Thomas Giannina are the featured performers at the next monthly Moonglow dance, from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 27 at the SCC Community Hall, 1910 South Pebble Beach Blvd. The band for the evening will be Mario Deleon; the dance exhibition, featuring the Rhumba/Bolero and the ChaCha, will take place at intermission.

A Certified Ballroom Dance Instructor, Bernice DuBro moved in 2006 to Sun City Center from Dayton, OH, where she owned and operated her own dance studio. The winner of numerous dancing awards, DuBro and her husband teach classes on Tuesday evenings and during the day on Wednesdays at the dance studio in the SCC Atrium.

Admission to the Moonglow dance is free to members, and guests pay \$5 at the door. Ice, water and napkins are provided, with dancers encouraged to B.Y.O.B. and snacks. Attire is dressy casual. Both couples and singles are welcome. For more information, call Clair at (813) 642-0171.



The Hess staff during last year's buy back event.

Dentist buys back candy

Hess Orthodontics hosts an annual halloween candy buy back on Thursday and Friday, November 1 and 2 from 8 a.m. till 5 p.m. at their office located at 11970 Boyette Road, Riverview.

\$1 will be paid for each pound of candy donated. All candy will be donated to Operation Gratitude. Operation Gratitude sends care packages filled with snacks, entertainment items and personal letters of appreciation addressed to individually named U.S. Service Members deployed in hostile regions, to their children left behind and to Wounded Warriors, Veterans and First Responders.

The Hess Orthodontics Candy Buy Back event is open to the public. For more information, call Samantha McGuire, Marketing Coordinator at Hess Orthodontics 813-645-4377 or email Sam@hessorthodontics.com.

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Kids' Programs

September 20-26

Teen Night: Anime Club

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Family Story Time

Thursday, Sept. 20 - 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.

"Pee Wee Artists": Let's Create!

Monday, Sept. 24 - 10:30 to 11 a.m.

"Pee Wee Artists", 3-5 years, will join the art instructor and have a fun morning creating an art project to take home. Limit 15. Adult must be present. Registration required at either the Information Desk or by calling 273-3652.

Baby Time

Monday, Sept. 24 - 1:35 to 1:55 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 25 - 11:35 to 11:55 a.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 26 - 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.

Toddler Time

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

Wednesday, Sept. 26 - 10:35 to 10:55 a.m.

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

Story Time

Tuesday, Sept. 25 - 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 26 - 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.

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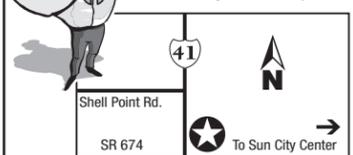
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Fish Tales: Late summer musings

It will soon be my 25th year of writing *Fish Tales* I guess it's no wonder that I'm stopped often by, "Hey Fish Lady, where are the fish today?" Or I'm tapped on the shoulder while standing in line and a person tells me how much they enjoy my column. This week, I received a call from Tampa on how to make crab cakes.



By Jonie Maschek

One of my bass anglers, Jason Eppenstein, hasn't time to fish now, as he is head chef at the new Sandpiper Restaurant in Sun City Center. Bob Howard was an avid bass angler, who became a Deputy Sheriff. Doug Cockerham lived across the street from us for years and fished from boy- to manhood; he now owns The Fish House on Shell Point Road and teaches school. The Morgans still fish some and sell smoked fish at their vegetable stand on south U.S. 41. The Tichy boys, Frank and Beanie, were avid anglers and now own Beanies restaurant on south U.S. 41. (Beanies has a booth dedicated to Fish Tales.) I have vivid memories of their fish contests, but it seems that is a thing of the past around here now. At one time everyone in the area knew everyone else and fished together. In fact, many of the anglers who were seasonal visitors have kept in touch with *Fish Tales*.

Snapper have invaded the area lately, flowing in on the storm waves.

Spanish mackerel seem to be the catch of the week. We saw more limits of Spanish mackerel caught than any other fish. Legal 12 in. fork with a 15 limit per day.

Some anglers caught slot-size redbfish on every cast and kept only one per person per legal catch. We asked where and their reply: "In one of our 'Honey Holes'." Okay, I'll bet someone else will find that 'Honey Hole' sooner or later,

because the water out there doesn't belong to you and you alone.

Those fishing at nighttime, mostly from the Skyway Bridge, have been hooking up with tarpon. It is a sight to see, a tarpon jumping in the air, with the moon casting a golden glow over them.

Those with larger boats are reporting that sailfish and black tuna have been caught in 85-foot of water.

The only time it was difficult to find fish after the rains was where the wind had stirred up the waters and made them muddy. Fish were caught as soon as the waters cleared.

We saw plenty of sheepshead this week, many caught in the rivers.

Flounder are large this time of year. They evidently have slept all summer on the sandy bottoms of the waterways and are now coming out to eat. This flat, one-eyed fish isn't good to look at, but is a great table food of lean white meat.

The rains brought many black drum into our rivers. Some fishing from private piers have been catching record numbers of this fish. Don't eat the large ones, as they most often have worms in them.

With shorter days and some cooler temperatures, Okeechobee is reporting record large-mouth catches. But why go there? I'd go to the upper fresh waters of both our rivers, the Alafia or the Little Manatee. We have plenty of large-mouth bass up there. If you don't care for bass, plenty of freshwater catfish live there, too. Eat the Southern way, fresh catfish and hush puppies.

Don't forget that the Florida Sportsman Show is at the Fairgrounds on U.S. Hwy 301 this weekend. It will feature exhibits, clinics, lessons and demonstrations.

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Thursday • Tacos/Burgers Night • 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
 Blind Draw Darts at 7:30 p.m.

Friday • Fabulous Fish/Steak/Shrimp Dinner • 5 to 7:30 p.m.
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Families Abilities Information Rally offers fun, food and education

Hillsborough County Commissioners will join the Hillsborough County Alliance for Citizens With Disabilities and YES! of American United from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6 for the 5th Annual Families Abilities Information Rally (F.A.I.R.) at All People's Life Center, 6105 E. Sligh Ave. in Tampa.

The F.A.I.R. is a family-friendly community event for everyone and offers numerous educational opportunities for those with and without disabilities. Admission and parking for the event are both free. Food will be available for a donation along with raffle tickets and a silent auction.

To find out more about the F.A.I.R., go to the County's website at <http://bit.ly/ADAFAIR>, or call Sandra Sroka, Hillsborough County ADA Liaison, at (813) 276-2742.

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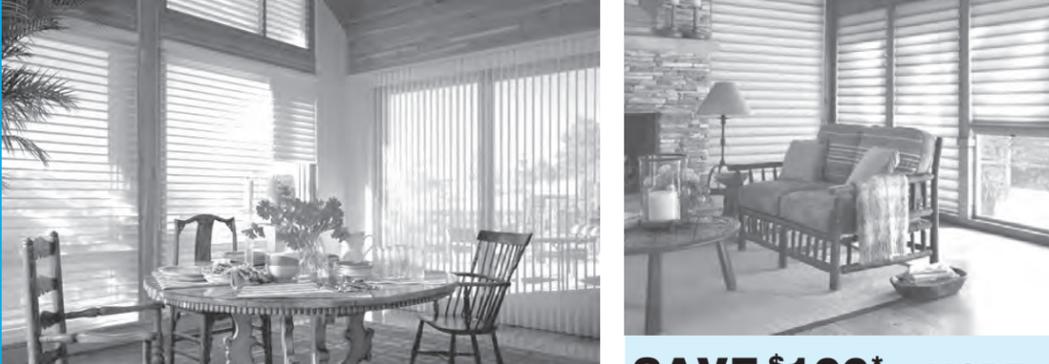
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Love of horses spurs Folts-Wiggins nuptials

Melissa Folts and Jake Wiggins were married in Texas by a Justice of the Peace on Aug. 23, 2012. A 2006 graduate of East Bay High School, Folts moved to Blairsville, GA, in 2007 where she attended North Georgia Technical College, studying cosmetology. While in Georgia she purchased her first horse and became interested in barrel racing.

A native of Leonard, TX, Wiggins is a former Professional Barrel Racing rider and owner of a horse-training clinic. Early this summer, he drove to Georgia to haul Folts' horses back to Texas and, while there, he surprised her with a wedding proposal. Rather than plan an elaborate wedding, the couple opted for a small ceremony attended by a few family members.

Auditions for Cactus Flower next week

The Pelican Players group has announced open casting for *Cactus Flower*, a comedy by Abe Burrows. Auditions will take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 2, and Thursday, Oct. 4, at St. Andrew Church on Del Webb Blvd. The play will be directed by Bill Turcotte, and the production will be staged at Kings Point's Borini Theater on Feb. 8 and 9, 2013.

Cactus Flower is the story of a philandering dentist who keeps his many affairs at bay by claiming to be married with children. When the ruse threatens to catch up with him, he drafts his prickly nurse to pose as his 'wife'. She blossoms, and he finds himself falling in love with the lovely 'cactus flower' right under his nose. This Broadway hit later became a successful film starring Walter Matthau, Ingrid Bergman, and Goldie Hawn.

Although the Pelican Players is a Kings Point club, its productions draw cast members from throughout South Hillsborough County. Auditions are open to all.

Citizen input determines county's future

For many weeks now, the County has been using a specially designed website called Ideal Hillsborough to capture residents' opinions and inspirations for developing Hillsborough County's Strategic Plan.

There, people could share their voice on the matters that affect us all, from the comfort of their homes or offices, and without having to travel to County Center in downtown Tampa. It only took a minute to register at www.idealhillsborough.ideascale.com and then people could leave their thoughts, view all the ideas and comments made by others, give a thumbs-up or thumbs-down on each comment, and connect in a dialogue about the topics most important to them.

Up for discussion were subjects such as Jobs, Livability and Health, to name a few. Ideas changed along with viewpoints as citizens moved through the open forum rating period.

After the brainstorming session came to a close, residents' ideas, votes and comments became a part of the input used by County Commissioners to set a course for the future of Hillsborough County. The Board has a strategic planning retreat scheduled the first week of December.

Elections Office opens call center ahead of general election

The Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections Office opened a call center on Sept. 17 at the Robert L. Gilder Elections Service Center in anticipation of an increase in calls from voters who have election-related questions.

The call center handles questions concerning voter eligibility, location of polling sites, and updating of information for voters. The center also assists with Vote By Mail requests and information concerning Early Vote and Election Day voting.

Citizens are also encouraged to visit www.votehillsborough.org for election information and frequently asked questions.

The last day to register to vote for the 2012 General Election is Tuesday, Oct. 9.

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Businesses donate thousands to upgrade chamber

By PENNY FLETCHER
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SUN CITY CENTER — It couldn't have been done without the generosity of area businesses and volunteers.

Dana Dittmar, executive director of the Sun City Center Chamber of Commerce, says it would have cost more than \$50,000 if the chamber had had to pay for what's been done to renovate it.

Instead, the entire project cost less than \$4,000.

"Our members are so proud of their chamber," Dittmar said in an interview Sept. 14. "Absolutely everything has been redone. Volunteers spent hours, and donated just about everything. All we had to pay for was the painting of the outside of the building and some handyman work and even that was done at a really good deal from John's Handyman Services."

The inside of the building was done first, one room at a time, Dittmar said. First, volunteers and staff opened up the lobby by moving the brochure racks from the center of the room to the far end and removed anything else that divided up the room.

"There wasn't really any place people could sit and look at the materials," she said. That problem was solved when she found a wood and glass table with four chairs at a yard sale for \$40. It fit the idea for the Floridian décor perfectly, she said.

Modern office furniture was donated by Northrup Grumman Corporation, and gradually photographs depicting Floridian themes went on freshly-painted walls.

"It went from what I called a '1980's Ramada Inn look' to this beautiful new modern place we can all be proud of," Dittmar said.

Office Manager Kristy Mahoney was signing up a new member when I arrived but soon was checking the names of area businesses that had donated. "Membership has gone up from 259 to 460 in the last two years," she said.

The offices and lobby were painted by volunteers on a day when Payant Financial Services Inc. next door was having its annual customer appreciation day, and Payant donated food and drinks to the chamber's volunteers.

During the renovation, Gabi Jones of the BNI group (Business Networking International) that meets at the chamber told Dittmar she'd like to try making a small, living-room-like area in the back of the large conference room where people could meet with clients, or with each other, informally.

It just so happened that Aston Gardens was renovating at the time, and several large doors were given to the chamber and placed decoratively across the back of the room. This makes a space between the doors and the back wall to store things like extra tables and equipment.

The doors line almost the entire back of the conference room, from one side wall to the area Jones decorated like a living room with donated furniture. This space is now used for small groups and one-on-one talks.

"You don't have to be a chamber member to use that area," Dittmar said. "It's for the community."

PENNY FLETCHER PHOTOS
Right, the large conference room where chamber luncheons are held now has an informal seating arrangement where business people and clients can meet in a close, home-like setting.

ValleyCrest Landscape Maintenance Inc. donated landscaping when the outside work began and Little Harbor Resort donated paint for the outside of the building.

Merle Bowman, a resident volunteer, pulled up the indoor-outdoor carpet that had been on the porch outside the front door and resurfaced the faux flagstone that was found underneath. He also paid for two palm trees, Dittmar said.

South Shore Signs and Solar Designs has installed solar film to the windows and doors which is both an energy saver and adds to the beauty of the Florida décor. Toucans, palm trees, waterscapes and more have replaced the plain glass windows and look more like paintings than windows.

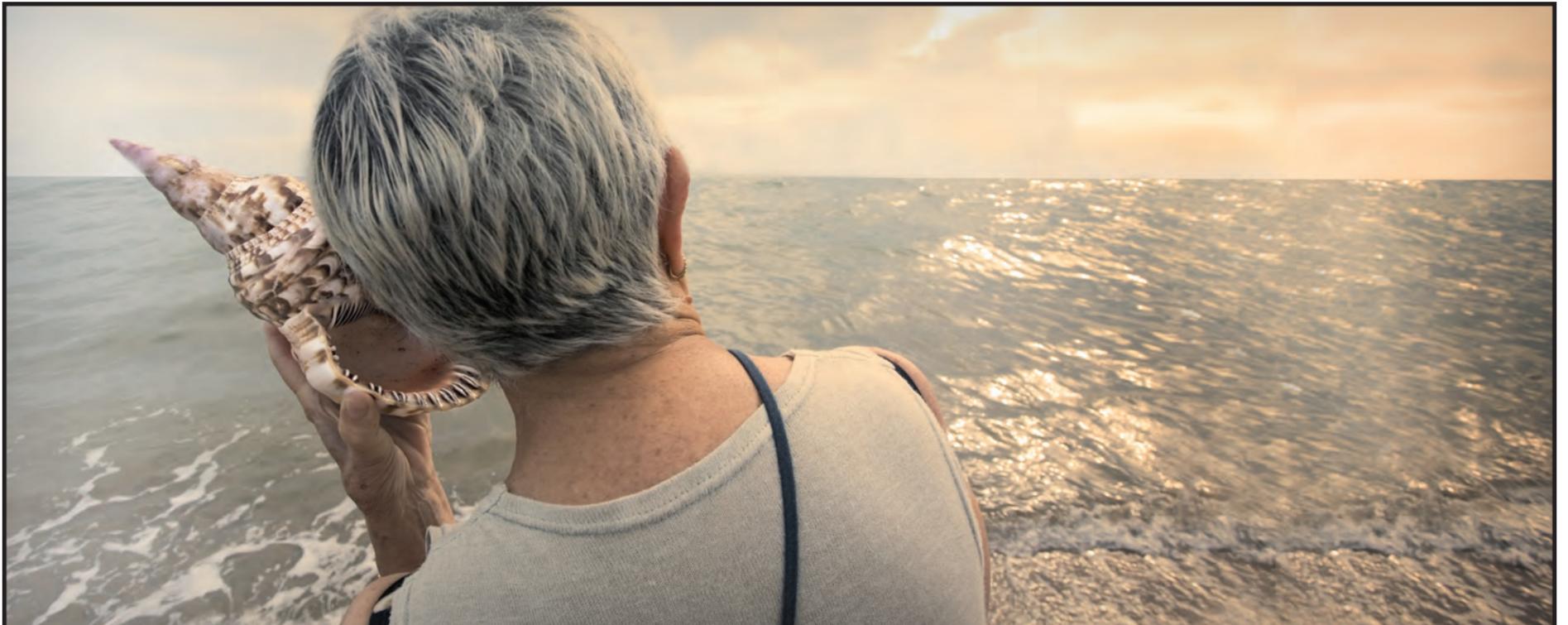
To add further appeal, wicker porch furniture is placed just outside the front door and is sometimes used to talk with residents and guests as well as for business people to relax.

"Our next big project is to resurface the parking lot," Dittmar said. "We're taking bids for that now."

The chamber is at 1651 Sun City Center Plaza, Sun City Center (in the plaza with the Post Office). Its telephone number is (813) 634-5111. Information about the chamber and its activities can be found by visiting www.suncitycenterchamber.org.



The same area is shown in both the old and new photographs of the lobby and brochure area at the Sun City Center Chamber of Commerce. The complete renovation inside and out was made possible due to the generosity of members.



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Some samples of the types of labels which will be available for sale or swap, or just to view.

Sharks on top in South County

■ By MITCH TRAPHAGEN
mitch@observernews.net

The Riverview Sharks have a great game plan: Give the ball to Lasander Washington and let him run. Washington excels at that — and not only running but also evading, leaping, jumping over, and sometimes simply plowing through the defense to set up points on the board. That he only scored one touchdown in the Sharks' win over Leto on Friday night doesn't tell the whole story. He either made or closed the end zone a few times during the game, once losing the ball in fumble near the goal line, once on a play called back on a penalty. Washington is not alone, of course. He is rounded out by a tight offensive line and teammates such as Chase McCoy and quarterback Chase Freeman

that can also take the ball and run — as well as a defense that seems increasingly adept at hammering their opponents behind the line of scrimmage. With Friday night's win, the Sharks are now 2-0 in the regular season.

Last week's results:

Riverview (2-0) defeated Leto (0-3) 21-6
Spoto (0-2) fell to Gibbs (2-1) 13-53

Brandon (0-2) lost to Freedom (1-2) 14-20
Bloomingdale (2-1) tackled East Bay (1-2) 21-14
Lennard (0-3) lost to Middleton (1-2) 12-17

Friday night match-ups:

Brandon hosts Durant
East Bay hosts Newsome
Lennard visits Robinson
Spoto visits Middleton
Riverview visits Plant City



Riverview High School student Emily Hart opens the game with the National Anthem.
MITCH TRAPHAGEN PHOTOS



The fading light of a late summer Friday night kicked off football in South Hillsborough last week.



Riverview Sharks Lasander Washington excelling at simply taking the ball and running towards the endzone during Friday night's 21-6 win over Leto.



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NARFE to meet

The National Active & Retired Federal Employees monthly luncheon meeting will be at 11:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 26 at the Information Center at Freedom Plaza. The entertainment will be the Kings Point Dancers.

Reservations must be in by Thursday, Sept. 20. The luncheon is \$12. For more information call Joyce at (813) 938-5279.

Cat food drive

The 'Feed the Tuna Chest' cat food drive begins Saturday, Oct. 13 and runs until Oct. 27 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays at Harriet's Flowers, 226 W. College Ave., Ruskin.

South Shore Felines is sponsoring the drive. Food will benefit low-income cat owners and community cat colonies. Each person making a donation will receive an entry to win a \$50 gift certificate to Harriet's. For more information, email info@SouthShoreFelines.org.



"Postcards" painted by Highwaymen

Original Florida Highwaymen artists James Gibson and Robert L. Lewis have painted their own interpretations of vintage Palmetto postcards. The paintings are for sale and will benefit the museum and Palmetto Historical Park. They are on display at the Manatee County Agricultural Museum, 1015 6th St. W., Palmetto. For more information call 941-721-2034.

Ribbons cut at Weichert Realtors, AB Family Medical Center



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An existing south county business with a new location shared the spotlight with a new business on Friday as the SouthShore Chamber of Commerce helped cut the ribbons at Weichert Realtors SouthShore and the new Apollo Beach Family Medical Center in the Apollo Beach Plaza on U.S. Highway 41, just south of the Winn Dixie. Colin Howgill of Weichert Realtors cut the ribbon at his new location and Dr. Sasha Noe cut the ribbon at Apollo Beach Family Medical Center as chamber members gathered to celebrate both businesses. For more information about Weichert Realtors, visit www.wrsouthshore.com. For information about Apollo Beach Family Medical Center, visit www.apollobeachfamilymed.com.



Colin Howgill of Weichert Realtors SouthShore welcomes guests before the ribbon cutting ceremony.



Dr. Sasha Noe greets SouthShore Chamber executive director Melanie Morrison during the open house at Apollo Beach Family Medical Center.

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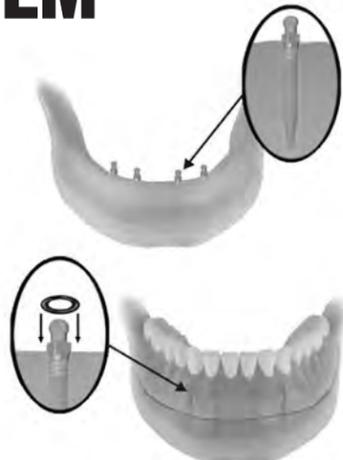
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Historic marker in Bealsville community approved

Hillsborough County Commissioner Al Higginbotham, District 4, and the Board of County Commissioners voted September 6 to direct the Hillsborough County Historic Advisory Council to create a historical marker in Bealsville community, recognizing the original twelve founders.

Bealsville, which is seven miles south of Plant City near the intersection of Horton Road and State Road 60, was founded in 1865 as Howell's Creek. Many of the current residents in the Bealsville community can trace their ancestry back to the founding families.

The Hillsborough County Historical Advisory Council is appointed by the Board of County Commissioners and is tasked with managing a uniform marker program for historical sites. At their next meeting on September 17, they will discuss the language and locations for the Bealsville markers, which can range from \$2,475 to \$3,000.

The original inhabitants of the Bealsville community were freed slaves from Hopewell, Knights, Springhead, and other surrounding communities. The earliest settlers included Steven Allen, Isaac Berry, Peter Dexter, Neptune Henry, Mills Holloman, Sam Horton, Bryant Horton, Mary Reddick, Abe Messenger, Roger Smith, Jerry Stephens, and Robert Story. With the help of plantation owner Sarah Howell, these former slaves moved to their new property in 1865, homesteading 40 to 160 acres through the 1866 Southern Homestead Act. The community fought overwhelming odds and created roads, establishing their heritage of pride and ownership.



34 More safe boaters on the waterways

In one of the largest classes to date 34 recreational boaters graduated last month's 3 week basic boating classes. Husbands and wives, sons and daughters and savvy fishermen signed up and learned valuable information about boat handling and boating safety.

Starting on Sept. 20, Flotilla 75 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will be offering advanced Boating classes, "Boating Skills and Seamanship" at the new offices of the Apollo Beach Chamber of Commerce in Apollo Beach.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary's nationally-recognized Boating Skills & Seamanship Program is one of the most comprehensive available to Gulf and bay boaters. Practical and full of local waters information, it is presented in 12

easily-digested increments. Topics include:

- Boat Equipment – Operation/safety items; First Aid; substance abuse.
- Trailering – Vehicle/trailer handling; hitches; launching; float plans.
- Boat Handling – Underway handling; docking; man overboard retrieval.
- 'Highway' Signs – Buoyage systems; chart reading; electronic navigation.
- Navigation – Plotting tools; GPS technology; speed-time-distance calculations.
- Weather – Understanding wind, waves, currents, other factors affecting boats.

Boating Skills & Seamanship Program Fast Facts:

When: Thursday evenings, 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., beginning on Sept. 20 and ending on Dec. 13
Where: Apollo Beach Chamber of Commerce, Mira Bay (Sweetbay) Shopping Center, Rte. 41, Apollo Beach
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Classes will be held at the following locations, days and times:

Apollo Beach Recreation Center, 664 Golf and Sea Blvd.

- Tennis, Ages 5-12, Mondays and Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m., \$6
- Tennis, Ages 5-12, Mondays and Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m., \$6
- Sand Volleyball, Adults, Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m., free
- Zumba, Adults, Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., \$6
- Zumba, Adults, Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., \$6

Brandon Recreation Center 502 E Sadie St. in Brandon

- Ballroom Dancing, Adults, Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., \$10
- Baton Beginning, Kids, Mondays at 3:30 p.m., \$6
- Baton Intermediate, Kids, Mondays at 4:30 p.m., \$6
- Baton Performance, Kids, Mondays at 5:30 p.m., \$6
- Billiards Seniors, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 a.m., Free
- Brandon Coin Club, Adults, 3rd Tuesday of month at 7 p.m., free
- Charcoal Drawing, Adults, Mondays at 10 a.m., \$5
- Cornhole, Adults, Tuesdays at 9 a.m., free
- Line Dance, Adults, Tuesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m., free
- Square Dance, Adults and Seniors, Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., \$4
- Garden Club, Seniors, Wednesdays at 10 a.m., free
- Hand and Foot Cards, Seniors, Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., free
- Homemakers Club, Adults, Thursdays at 9 a.m., free
- Judo, Ages 5-up, Thursdays at 6 p.m., \$5
- Judo, Adult and Seniors, Thursdays at 7 p.m., \$8
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- Karate, Adults, Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., \$5
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- Senior Activities, Seniors, Mondays-Fridays at 9 a.m., free
- Sewing Guild, Adults, first Wednesdays of the month at 9 a.m., free
- Teen Drop In, Middle and High School-Aged, Fridays at 6 p.m., free
- Zumba, Adults, Mondays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m., \$6

Providence West Recreation Center, 5417 Providence Road in Riverview

- Cheerleading, Ages 5-12, Tuesdays at 6 p.m., \$6
- Dance, Ages 5-12, Mondays at 6 p.m., \$6
- Self Defense, Ages 5-up, Wednesdays at 6 p.m., \$6
- Zumba, Adults, Thursdays at 6 p.m., \$5

Ruskin Recreation Center, 901 6th St. SE in Ruskin

- Zumba, Adults, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., \$6

Instructors Needed

Instructors are always needed to teach new classes such as photography, dog obedience, movie making, ceramics and more. Those wishing to become instructors may request an application from Jacquelyn F. Brown at (813) 635-3520. That is also the phone number to call for more information.

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Achieving Financial Goals Class Series will be given from 6 - 8 p.m. Oct. 4, 11, 18 and 25 at the Hillsborough County Extension Service Office, 5339 County Road 579 in Seffner.

Registration cost is \$8 per household for the entire series. No-shows and/or late cancellations will not receive a registration refund. Register at <http://achievingfinancialgoals2012.eventbrite.com>. The registration deadline is September 27, 2012. Seating is limited.

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Recreational bay scallop season closes Sept. 25

The 2012 recreational season for bay scallops, which was extended two weeks earlier this year, will close Tuesday, Sept. 25. The final day of harvesting is Sept. 24.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) extended the season temporarily in 2010 and 2011 to help alleviate economic hardships caused by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

The season was extended permanently in June 2012. This extension will help increase business opportunities during a time of the year when other fisheries are closed and tourism has decreased.

The 2012 season began July 1. Before the change, the season was set to end Sept. 11. Surveys will be conducted after the season closes to assess the scallop population.

Bay scallops can be recreationally harvested in Gulf of Mexico state waters (shore to nine nautical miles) from the Pasco-Hernando County line northward to the west bank of the Mexico Beach Canal in Bay County.

The recreational bag limit is two gallons of whole bay scallops or one pint of meat per person, per day, with a vessel limit of 10 gallons of whole bay scallops or a half-gallon of meat.

There is no commercial harvest for bay scallops in Florida state waters.

Scallop harvesters can assist the FWC's scallop researchers by completing an online survey at <http://svy.mk/bayscallops>, indicating where they harvest scallops, how many they collect and how long it takes to harvest them. FWC staff and some vendors in harvest areas also distribute postage-paid survey cards that collect similar data. Participants can email BayScallops@MyFWC.com to ask questions or send additional information. Harvesters are asked to submit all information for the 2012 season by Oct. 31.

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The Apollo Beach TOPS Club #345 has a new meeting place in the Faith Worx church at 202 Flamingo Drive in Apollo Beach.

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FWC seeks alligator trappers for Hillsborough County

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Applications must be received by Friday, Sept. 21.

To learn about the requirements for becoming a nuisance alligator trapper or to apply online, visit MyFWC.com/Alligator and click on "Statewide Nuisance Alligator Program."

For more information, email FWCgator@MyFWC.com.



Nighttime shot of Al Lang Stadium in St. Petersburg.

Rowdies agree to stadium deal at Al Lang Stadium in Downtown St. Pete

The Tampa Bay Rowdies have announced that the club signed a four-year agreement keeping the Rowdies as the primary tenant at Al Lang Stadium in Downtown St. Petersburg, starting with the 2013 season. Al Lang Stadium has been the home of the Rowdies for the 2011 and 2012 NASL seasons in partnership with the City of St. Petersburg and the St. Petersburg Baseball Commission.

"The Rowdies are an important part of the Tampa Bay community and are proud to be an integral part of St. Pete's growing downtown landscape," said Rowdies owner and president Andrew Nestor. "St. Pete has embraced the club, and we will continue to build on the amazing stadium atmosphere at Al Lang."

The Rowdies have seen a steady increase in season ticket sales and paid attendance since moving to Al Lang Stadium. Not only did the modern-day Rowdies have the highest total number of paid single game tickets sold in the 2012 season, but season tickets increased by 65% over the 2011 season. Also, on the field the Rowdies continue to climb the NASL standings, finishing 3rd place in the 2011 regular season and currently holding onto 2nd place in 2012 standings. The Rowdies have arguably the best home field advantage, having lost only once this season in league play at Al Lang Stadium.

The club has been fully embraced by the St. Petersburg community and is proud to be a part of the vibrant, burgeoning downtown arts and entertainment district. The team is truly a Tampa Bay club with 42% of current season ticket holders from Hillsborough County, and 53% of current season ticket holders from Pinellas County.

Heading into the 2013 season, more improvements will be made to a soccer-specific Al Lang Stadium to create a better fan experience. The most evident change will be a new field configuration with

the pitch running North to South. The Field Level Club will replace the East-side Beer Garden and will become a new club fan area for all games featuring exclusive in-game VIP hospitality, and the stadium will feature field-side seats right next to the player benches. Sidelines will also be closer to the first row of seats, creating better sight lines and enhancing the fan experience.

"I'm delighted with the news that the Rowdies will be still based at Al Lang," said Rowdies head coach Ricky Hill. "The atmosphere the fans have generated at Al Lang is unique and there is no other venue in this league that makes more noise than what Al Lang generates when fans get behind the players, and I'm sure it gives the players an adrenaline boost that they need during matches. The players and our staff are excited to continue to play at Al Lang Stadium, as they have always been open to helping the Rowdies grow as a club."

The Rowdies are Tampa Bay's first-ever professional sports franchise and provide a one-of-a-kind gameday experience featuring top-level professional play. Since 2010, the Rowdies have featured players from over 10 different countries, and hosted a match against an English Premier League club.

The Rowdies always look to give back to the Tampa Bay community and have key sponsors throughout the Tampa Bay area, including legacy partners like Main-sail Suites and Town & Country Hospital / Westchase Orthopedic from Hillsborough County; Great Bay Distributing, United World Soccer, and Buick / GMC from Pinellas County; and Wellspring Pharmaceutical, based in Sarasota County. The club has constantly worked with many local St Petersburg establishments, including Courigan's Irish Pub, Crowley's, Jonny Reno's, and Midtown Sundries. The Rowdies are excited to continue partnering with busi-

nesses in the St. Petersburg area, helping to foster further development of community programs and the city's waterfront.

"St. Petersburg is excited to provide a home for the Rowdies at Al Lang Stadium for years to come," said St. Petersburg's Mayor Bill Foster. "The city and the team are already working on improvements to make Al Lang a great stadium for both the players and the fans. And, with the support of the city and the St. Petersburg Sports Alliance, we are committed to join with the Rowdies to ensure the team's success in St. Petersburg, both on and off the field."

The exciting developments for the Rowdies comes hand-in-hand with the continued growth of the North American Soccer League. In July 2012 the NASL announced that the league will welcome the New York Cosmos back to the NASL in 2013 and NASL will also debut a new competition format featuring two distinct annual tournaments and an annual Soccer Bowl championship game. A new Ottawa franchise will also join the NASL in 2014.

With a win at Fort Lauderdale against the Strikers on September 1, the Rowdies clinched a playoff spot for the second consecutive season, and look forward to welcoming fans to Al Lang Stadium for the club's postseason run. The Rowdies' last regular season home game was on Wednesday, Sept. 19 at 7:30 p.m., as they face the Carolina RailHawks.

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IN UNIFORM

Airman

Air Force Airman 1st Class David G. Parker III graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX.

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

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Parker is the son of Sarah Van-Sant of Sunnyside Drive, Riverview, Fla., and son-in-law of Jodi Walsh of Oxford Street, Auburn, MA.

He is a 2010 graduate of Riverview High School, FL.

Soldier

Army Pvt. Jean C. Indarie has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Indarie is the son of Maria Smith of Carlington Lane, Riverview.

He is a 2010 graduate of Spoto High School, Riverview.

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Area Obituaries



Richard J. Bell

ALBANY- Richard J. Bell, 88, died on September 2, 2012 at St. Peter's Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Albany, New York. He was the son of Alderman John T. Bell and Bertha Amy Norris Bell. He was born in Corning, NY on November 23, 1923. He lived in Corning until retirement, when he, his wife, and daughter moved to Sun City Center, Florida in 1988. They lived there for 23 years until brought to Albany for better health care.

He was pre-deceased by his wife Ruth Panyard Bell, daughter Kathleen R. Bell and brother John Rodney Bell. He is survived by his son Gregory Bell and wife Nancy H. Goody of Albany, NY; his brothers David Bell of Elmira, NY and Alan Bell of Cocoa Beach, Florida. He is also survived by his closest niece Brandy Bell Lewis and her daughter Morgan Lewis of Brunswick, Georgia, his closest nephew John Jeffrey Bell and wife Debbie of Manchester, Connecticut, and long-time family friend James Beckett of Corning.

Serving in the Signal Corps of the US Army during World War II, he was stationed on remote Pacific islands constructing radio towers to enable the US air invasion of Japan.

Mr. Bell was the Tax Commissioner for the City of Corning, followed by being the Director of Real Property Tax Services for Schuyler County. With his excellent people skills and humor, he always explained property taxes to citizens in a way that they would leave his office with a smile, even as they also got a tax increase.

Richard lived a spirited life. He had a wry sense of humor and great story telling abilities. He also had unique skills as a psychic. These included the ability to visualize criminals, find lost people, identify playing cards by touch, and to identify wrapped objects.

Richard's ancestors moved to beautiful Schuyler County in the Finger Lakes in 1826. With these roots, with his background as a tax assessor, and his love of the region, he was appalled by proposals to allow high volume hydraulic fracturing for natural gas there. He knew that such failure-prone industrial activity would immediately reduce property values and tourism. As a result, any memorial gifts are requested to be sent to Food & Water Watch, 68 Jay St., Suite 713, Brooklyn, NY 11201 (for New Yorkers Against Hydrofracking). Funeral services are private. Online condolences may be offered at www.danielkeenfuneralhome.com.



Joseph F. Savage

Joseph F. Savage, 86, of Apollo Beach, FL, passed away Sunday, Sept. 2, 2012. Joe was born in Watertown, NY to Francis H. and Mary E. (Simons) Savage. He was preceded in death by his three brothers, Richard, John and Fred. He is survived by his wife, Marcella A. Savage (who just recently passed), daughter Kelly Jo Savage, sister Mary Bell, five step-children, nine grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. Joe enjoyed boating and being on the water, his family and friends, and took great pride in serving his country in the U.S. Air Force. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to LifePath Hospice., 12973 N. Telecom Parkway, Suite 100, Temple Terrace, FL 33637-9975. A celebration of his life will be held at the Riverview Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge, 9000 Honeywell Road, Gibsonton, FL 33534 on Saturday, Sept. 22, 2012, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Memorial service will be held at 3 p.m.



Marcella Ann Savage

Marcella Ann Savage, 82, of Apollo Beach, FL, passed away Friday, Sept. 14, 2012. Marcie was born in Peterson, Iowa to Minnie Puhmann. She was preceded in death by her husband Joseph F. Savage, sisters Norma and Carolyn, and brothers Donald and Jerry. She is survived by her children Terry, Dawn, David, Tim, Joe, and Kelly Jo, sister Pauline, nine grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren. Marcie enjoyed traveling, entertaining, and time with friends. She is best known for her love for her family, her pets, her passion for cooking, and the Culinary Arts. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to LifePath Hospice., 12973 N. Telecom Parkway, Suite 100, Temple Terrace, FL 33637-9975. A celebration of her life will be held at the Riverview Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge, 9000 Honeywell Road, Gibsonton, FL 33534 on Saturday, Sept. 22, 2012, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Memorial service will be held at 3 p.m.



Martha Ruth Sumner

Martha Ruth Sumner passed away on Sept. 10, 2012. A long-time resident of Ruskin, she was a short-time resident of Bartow. She was preceded in death by her husband Charles Sumner and is survived by her eight children and their spouses: Richard and Catherine Davis, Ed and Ellen Pintze, Jimmy Sumner, Donald and Annette Kierce, Denise Robinson, Dan and Joan Sumner, William and Melissa Sumner, Alan and Rita Payne. She is also survived by 35 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. Martha was very loved. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends. Prayers to the family.

Ralph E. Willett

Ralph E. Willett, 78, passed away on Friday, Sept. 7, 2012, at Life Path Hospice in Sun City Center, FL, of complications from brain cancer following a successful kidney transplant. He was a research metallurgist and marketing manager for over 40 years, serving the copper & brass industry. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Nancy, his daughters Kathy Willett, Kristin (Al) Gagne, and Kelly (Mike) Heffernan, and grandchildren Melissa, Dan, Sarah, Drew, Rebecca & Jack Fenway. There will be a private family gathering to honor his memory in South Portland, ME. His charity is the National Kidney Foundation.

Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble.
1 Peter 3:8

Grief recovery program offered

A 10-session grief recovery group program will be held from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20 at St. Anne Catholic Church. The program is offered by Anne McGuire, MS, a Certified Grief Recovery Specialist, who has been coordinating this type of activity for the past 12 years.

The sessions are designed to help those currently grieving the loss of a loved one. Participants will gain fresh insights into valuable coping techniques through group interaction. Meetings are centered on Christian beliefs, science, and psychology, all of which support the healing effects of group sharing. This program is open to all and there is no charge.

Dates are Saturdays, Oct. 20 and 27; Nov. 3, 10, and 17; Dec. 1, 8 and 15; Jan. 5 and 12. Call the St. Anne Parish Office at 813-645-1714 to express your interest in participating.

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'Community Sing' set for Maranatha Church of God

South Hillsborough Ministerial Association, an organized, interactive group of local church ministers and congregations in South Hillsborough County, will host the monthly 'Community Sing' starting at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 24 at the Maranatha Church of God, 55 6th Avenue S.E., Ruskin, FL. The "Prelude" to the sing will begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served afterwards. For more information, call (813) 634-5585, or go to www.shmasouthshores.org.

Popular minister returns

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church is pleased to welcome Jim Cummings back into the pulpit for one Sunday, Oct. 7. Jim was a popular interim minister in 2004 at St. Andrew, located at 1239 Del Webb Boulevard West in Sun City Center. Folks who knew him then are welcome to greet him during and after the 9:30 a.m. service on October 7.



Jim Cummings.

Now retired, Jim has concentrated on helping schools of the Presbyterian Education Board (PEB) in Pakistan, where he has deep connections. His grandparents went to what was then part of India in 1889. His father was born in Gujranwala, and in the early '60s Jim taught for two years in Rawalpindi. In 2006 and 2007, he went to Lahore, Pakistan, to teach high school teachers of Christian schools.



Welcome one and all

Two Trinity Baptist Church ushers wait to greet people at the entrance to the Sanctuary for the Sunday morning worship service. The ushers greet people, provide bulletins and assist with seating. On the left is Jose Perez and on the right is Ben Caudill. For more information on the church, call 634.4228.



Lois Farr, (L), newest Liturgist for NCWS, is shown presenting checks totaling \$1946 to Doris Ragland, President of Samaritan Services.

NCWS Liturgist presents donation

Donations were the love offerings of the Nondenominational Christian Worship Service for August were presented by Lois Fare. Doris Ragland said, "How great it is to have friends like Nondenominational Christian Worship Services. Because of their gifts, we are able to provide the services we do to reach out to our neighbors who turn to us for help. Many thanks to all of the NCWS attendees for their kind donations. They are truly appreciated." For more information regarding NCWS, call Jim at 634-3114.


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Judaica Gift shop restocked

Beth Israel Sisterhood's Judaica Gift Shop is filled with brand new items for the coming Jewish Holidays this Autumn. There is a beautiful array of items, from cups with matching plates, artistic menorah's, children's books, and a marvelous display of sculpture, metal and ceramic pieces by the renowned artist, Gary Rosenthal. The shop is open every third Monday morning of every month, from 10 a.m. till noon. If those hours are not convenient, you can call Elayne Grossman who is manager and buyer of the shop, at 813-634-9993. She will be happy to assist you. The shop is located in the Temple, 1115 Del Webb Blvd. Sun City Center.

Gospel Singer to Appear at UMCSCC

As part of the church's Thank God Its Variety Concert Series, gospel singer Debbie Domer will be performing at the United Methodist Church of Sun City Center, 1210 Del Webb Blvd West in Sun City Center, on Friday, September 21 at 6:30 p.m. Originally from Ohio, Debbie started singing when she was nine years old in church. She started singing with a quartet, The Crusaders out of Columbus, Ohio and sang with them for three years. Then in 1981, Ms. Domer started traveling and singing as a soloist. She travels with her parents. Her father drives the bus and runs the sound equipment and her mother writes all the songs. Debbie has 13 CDs recorded including a Christmas offering on their own label, Wayhome Records. The family travels about 300 days a year singing and ministering. She also has a puppet ministry that she uses for family revivals, youth camps and vacation Bible schools. For Debbie's concert here in Sun City Center, a donation of \$5 is requested at the door. For more information call 813-634-2539 or visit www.sccumc.com.

Simmons Loop Baptist Church expands services

Simmons Loop Baptist Church is making room for you. In order to meet the needs of a growing community beginning Sunday, October 7, they will be providing two morning opportunities for Worship and Bible Study. They are excited about what God is doing in our fellowship. Come and join them for Worship and Bible Study at one of their new times. They are located south of Big Bend Road and just off of SR. 301 on Simmons Loop Road 6610 Simmons Loop, Riverview, 33578. For more information call the church office 813-677-9310, Monday-Thursday between 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
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 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
 10:45 a.m. Sunday School

Hey, kids! Let's go fishing!

It's time for the annual Lake Eaton Kids' Fishing Derby at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) Ocala Conservation Center and Youth Camp in the Ocala National Forest. The derby is Saturday, Oct. 13, from 8 a.m. until noon for children ages 6-12.

Advance registration is required, and space is limited to 90 children. To sign up, call the FWC's Ocala office at 352-732-1225 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., weekdays. The Ocala Conservation Center is 8.5 miles north of State Road 40 off County Road 314 in the Ocala National Forest.

"Everything the kids need to fish, including cane poles, bait, instruction and help, will be provided," said Eric Thomas, freshwater fisheries biologist for the FWC's Northeast Region. "We'll be stocking channel catfish so there's a pretty good chance the fish will be biting.

"The kids will fish from the pier. For safety and to avoid tangled lines, please leave rods and reels home," he added.

In addition to fishing, there will be a casting contest, an arts and crafts activity and an all-time favorite of derby-goers called "Bugs and Critters." In this creepy-crawly activity, the

kids get to wade into the lake with dip nets and scoop up fish, bugs and other aquatic critters. AnFWCbiologist uses the experience to teach kids about the aquatic ecosystem. The kids will get wet, so they should bring a change of clothes.

Each registered child who participates will receive the famous Lake Eaton Kids' Fishing Derby T-shirt and a brand new rod and reel to take home absolutely free. The rods and reels are courtesy of Fish Florida!, a nonprofit organization that supports activities to teach children about fishing and aquatic habitats. Fish Florida! funding comes from the Fish Florida! specialty license tag, featuring Florida's official saltwater fish, the sailfish. Purchasing one

of these tags helps ensure that children will have an opportunity to participate in the wonderful world of fishing. To buy one, go to BuyAPlate.com and click on Fish Florida! under the list of plates.

"Fishing is truly a family pursuit, and these derbies provide a great opportunity to introduce kids to this fun and wholesome activity," Thomas said. "And who knows? After the adults see what fun it is, they too may decide to start fishing again."

This is the 22nd year the FWC and its partners have offered this derby for children. Without the support of the Marion County Parks and Recreation Department, the U.S. Forest Service and other local sponsors, these derbies would not be possible.



Netting bugs and critters from Lake Eaton is one of the favorite activities at the derby.

Volunteers needed on National Public Lands Day

In celebration of National Public Lands Day on Sept. 29, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) Ridge Rangers Program is looking for volunteers to help clear invasive plants from five spots along the Lake Wales Ridge. Those volunteering will receive a free pass to any state park and a free pass to Bok Tower Gardens (exceptions apply as noted on the passes).

Removal of invasive plants on Saturday, Sept. 29 is from 9 a.m. to noon at Bok Tower Gardens in Lake Wales, The Nature Conservancy's Tiger Creek Preserve near Babson Park, Highlands Hammock State Park in Sebring and Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid. At Hilochee Wildlife Management Area in Clermont, volunteers are needed from noon to 4 p.m.

"Invasive plants tend to crowd out native plants that provide high quality food and cover for wildlife," said Bill Parken, FWC Ridge Rangers coordinator. "Your aid in removing these harmful plants helps ensure the health of the unique ecosystem, which exists nowhere else on Earth except the Lake Wales Ridge."

The Lake Wales Ridge is an ancient sand ridge that runs from north of Clermont, south beyond Lake Placid and was once the only part of peninsular Florida not covered by oceans. Due to this ancient island's isolation, the ridge developed a unique ecosystem of plants and wildlife that survives to this day.

Ridge Rangers are FWC volunteers who work with a number of conservation agencies and nongovernment organizations on and near the Lake Wales Ridge to help restore wildlife habitat.

To sign up for National Public Lands Day events on the Lake Wales Ridge, or for more information about Ridge Rangers, go to MyFWC.com/RidgeRangers or contact Bill Parken at Bill.Parken@MyFWC.com or at 863-699-3742.



Biologists identify a critter netted up during the bugs and critters portion of the derby.



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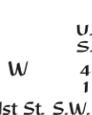
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your attention on Periwinkle Way, the island's two-lane main street. On a day in September, before the circus of snowbirds come back to Florida (and generally even after), it is an experience in utter peace, tranquility and solitude. The woman at a souvenir shop smiles warmly and greets you, the cashier in the liquor store shares a joke and laughs at your offering in return, and the employees of Jerry's Supermarket seemed unperturbed, downright pleasant even, when you lock up the self-service check-out lane by combining multiple varieties of multiple-priced delicious baked goods into a single box.

Down past Periwinkle Way, a few miles down Sanibel-Captiva Road, lay a throwback to a more simple time. There are numerous such places on the island, with wonderful names like the Kona Kai, the Anchor Inn, and so on. The Tropical Winds Motel, however, is special. Located on the beach, the soft white sand ends only at the doorstep of the small, screened lanais outside of each of the handful of rooms in the 1950s style building. For me it is special as one of the first places my wife and I ever slept under the Florida sky. Today, the rates are higher than they were 17 years ago, but the charm of the place remains and is well worth the increased price of admission. It is a rare place in the ever-changing Florida landscape that has stood the test of time and has remained standing. Indeed, in a life sorely lacking in guarantees, it is a place to go where peace, indescribable beauty and tranquility are guaranteed. Besides, the motel simply isn't big enough to accommodate a horde or even a single teeming mass.

The blazing sunset sputtered out behind a low-lying bank of clouds, but the magic of the nightly island show was still omnipresent. The water, kicked into whitecaps from a strong west wind, changed from blue-green to a deep aqua, a color that my mind could almost feel, but could not articulate. Only a handful of people were on the beach, few enough

to feel as though the expansive beach was ours, the trails from the Tropical Winds still visible in the diminishing light. There is no neon, no lights painting the sky — both are as unthinkable as a velvet Elvis in the Louvre.

As darkness settles in on the beach and the island, it is possible to get a true sense of scope in the universe. With the water of the Gulf of Mexico cascading from infinite ocean waves in the darkness, the lack of lighting, mandated by law to avoid confusing nesting sea turtles, opens the sky for an incredible show of stars that light the way along the short trail back to the darkened motel. When looking up at the sky and hearing the slap of the waves, it is possible to be aware of your true size in the immensity of the universe that is unveiled before you. Yes, I may be small but so, too, are my problems. My joy, however, is as boundless as the sky above and the sea crashing beside me.

She must indeed sell seashells. For as long as I've been coming to the island, the She Sells Sea Shells store has remained a comforting landmark located just past the toll bridge to the island. I miss the little take-out place, Any Fish You Wish, now forgotten in a stream of new restaurants and



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The Tropical Winds Motel, isolated on a quiet street off the main (and only) road across the island is a throwback to a simpler time.

shops that characterize the places where tourists and climatic refugees congregate in the Sunshine State. But the turnover on Sanibel is much lower than in most places. She Sells Sea Shells is proof of that, along with Jerry's Supermarket and the souvenir shop that is an unnecessary but compulsory stop whenever we are fortunate enough to visit the island. It feels good seeing familiar things, and despite that the employees

don't know us, it is much like visiting an old friend.

It was with old friends that we enjoyed a quiet Saturday night on Florida's hidden paradise. Gathered on a wicker sofa and chairs in our two-bedroom motel room decorated with tropical accents, our dreams were articulated, our laughter sustained long into the night. Outside the infinite waves crashed onto the otherwise quiet beach, the stars of an immense universe twinkled brightly above. We may be small, we may not be wealthy, but for that night, we were at home in a place we could never afford to live. The respite was ours and it felt good.



Below, a woman practices Tai Chi before windswept waves while her husband soaks up rays. I've never seen this beach crowded.



Sunset Grills
[ALL YOU CAN EAT]
Snow Crab & Fish Fry Monday

	<p><i>All You Can Eat</i> Snow Crab</p>	<p>Served with Drawn Butter, Lemon, Garlic Bread and Your Choice of Fries, Cole Slaw, Corn on the Cob, or Fresh Fruit.</p>	<p>\$19⁹⁵</p>	<p>First order, 1 pound. Second and all other orders, 1/4 pound.</p>
	<p><i>All You Can Eat</i> Fried Fish</p>	<p>Served with Tartar Sauce, Lemon, Garlic Bread and Your Choice of Fries, Cole Slaw, Corn on the Cob, or Fresh Fruit.</p>	<p>\$13⁹⁵</p>	<p>First order, 1/2 pound. Second and all other orders, 1/4 pound.</p>
	<p><i>All You Can Eat</i> Combo Snow Crab & Fried Fish</p>	<p>Served with Tartar Sauce, Drawn Butter, Lemon, Garlic Bread and Your Choice of Fries, Cole Slaw, Corn on the Cob, or Fresh Fruit.</p>	<p>\$19⁹⁵</p>	<p>First order, 1/2 pound snow crab and 1/2 pound fish. Second and all other orders, 1/4 pound snow crab and 1/4 pound fish OR 1/4 pound one or the other</p>
	<p><i>Peel and Eat</i> Shrimp Special</p>	<p>Old Bay Steamed and Chilled Jumbo Shrimp Served With Lemon and Cocktail Sauce.</p>	<p>\$7⁵⁰ Half Order</p>	
			<p>\$11⁹⁵ Full Order</p>	

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