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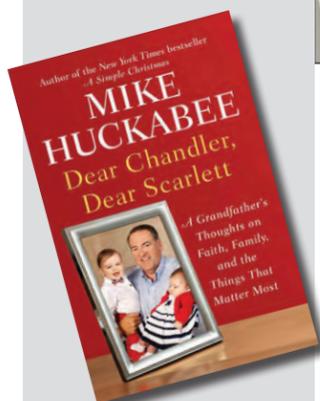
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Mike Huckabee will be at the Sun City Center Area Chamber of Commerce at 8:00 a.m., Monday, Nov. 26, promoting his newest book "Dear Chandler, Dear Scarlett." This event is open to the public and his book will be available for sale.



PHOTO BY ROBERT WILSHIRE

Ruskin honored its veterans with a parade through downtown last Saturday. See photos and more information on **page 1B**.



MITCH TRAPHAGEN PHOTOS

## Honor and remembrance

It was a day of remembrance for veterans still among us, a day of gratitude for service, sacrifice and the nation, at the annual Sun City Center Veteran's Day celebration. At left, the East Bay High School JROTC color guard. See more on this event on **page 10**

## World-wide reach of The Carter Center touches South Hillsborough

By MELODY JAMESON  
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APOLLO BEACH — Individual drinking filters inhibiting water contaminants and bed netting to ward off insects — the simple but successful tools employed in The Carter Center's humanitarian health efforts — on Saturday helped introduce some 60 South County residents to the strange world of the Guinea worm and limbs that blow up like balloons.

They assembled around the pool and piano in the Symphony Isles home of Dr. Hal Ott, Ruskin veterinarian — to hear the first South County presentation by representatives of the world-wide, non-profit charitable organization established by President and Mrs. Jimmy Carter after they left the White House.

As the assemblage sampled trays of finger foods and beverages, Delita Marsland, senior associate director affiliated with the center's development arm, explained the multiple endeavors fielded by The Carter Center that implement its mission "to Wage Peace, Fight Disease and Build Hope."

Now observing its 30th anniversary, the center was founded in 1982 by the Carters in Atlanta where it functions in partnership with Emory University and focuses on three primary but multi-pronged activities — encouraging and monitoring foreign attempts at conducting democratic elections as well as controlling or eradicating some of the world's most debilitating diseases, plus advocating for mental health services.

Over the years, these peace and health initiatives have been undertaken in some 70 countries, large and small, across the planet, Marsland said. They include monitoring more than 90 elections in 37 nations and, with access to leaders at high levels, multiple efforts to mediate or resolve armed conflicts.

Conducting health education programs and distributing medications produced by major U.S. pharmaceutical firms, the center's disease fighting endeavors have

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## A step back in time: Crossing the bridge takes visitors back 100 years

By PENNY FLETCHER  
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TAMPA - Stephanie Sumner is proud to be from a long line of Florida Crackers.

She's found evidence of relatives living in Hillsborough County as far back as the 1850 Census.

Dressed as a pioneer woman from 100 years ago, Stephanie tells stories about her dad who raised beef cows on land now covered with blacktop and about how early families of the area used open-fire cooking.

"It's fun to watch kids' eyes open wide when they see this place and hear about life without computers and cell phones," Stephanie said, looking around her at the wooden buildings at Cracker Country on the Florida State Fairgrounds.

This is the 18th year Stephanie has served as one of the docents at Cracker Country and she takes the volunteer job to heart.

"This is a real calling. I love it. I love the feeling it gives me to do it," she said. "It's not like working for a wage. It's giving of yourself. You bring your own set of skills and you don't have to be a sixth-generation Cracker like myself to enjoy it."

The term "Cracker" comes from the



The school house was built in 1910 in the historical town of Castalia in Desoto County, and served as a school from 1912 until 1937. The building was constructed from local heart-pine on the site of the old log-cabin school house. The building was donated to Cracker Country in 1980, along with some original furnishings.

sound of a whip that was cracked in the air to get the attention of cows roaming in the wild back in the days of early Florida settlers and has come to mean "native-born Floridian," she explained.

Anne Paige is another of Cracker Country's 120 volunteers who keeps coming back for more.

Originally from Alabama, Anne said a friend recommended the position to her when she moved to Florida. She's been at it now for 19 years.

Anne also tells visitors tales about life as it was years ago. She was trained in Florida history by others and by a variety of historical documents and

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# Oliver North draws a crowd at SCC Business Expo

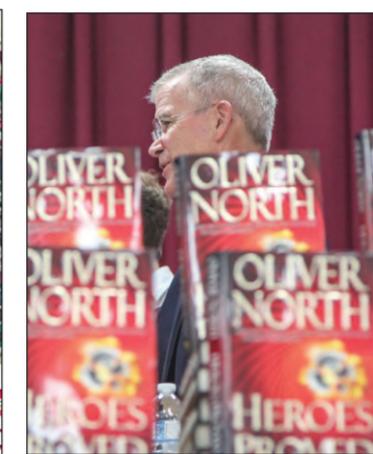
By MITCH TRAPHAGEN  
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Lt. Col. Oliver North (USMC-Ret), political commentator, military historian, Fox News host, one-time senate candidate, and *New York Times* best-selling author, drew a crowd in Sun City Center on Thursday during a visit to the community's annual Business Expo to promote and autograph his latest book, *Heroes Proved*. North has had several best-selling books over the years including *Under Fire*, *One More Mission*, *War Stories — Operation Iraqi Freedom*, *Mission Compromised*, *The Jericho Sanction*, and *The Assassins*.

More than 100 people lined up to purchase the new book and for autographs. Col. North also specially autographed books for some of the veterans attending the expo.

He rose to fame during the Iran-Contra controversy in the late 1980s. Heavily decorated for service in Vietnam, North was the recipient of the Bronze Star, the Silver Star Medal and two Purple Hearts. In 1981, he was assigned to the National Security Council in Washington, D.C. as deputy-director of military-political affairs. North spent his final two years of active duty assigned to Marine Corps Headquarters in Washington.

For more information, visit [www.olivernorth.com](http://www.olivernorth.com).



Above, Lt. Col. Oliver North (USMC-Ret) looks out over the capacity crowd at the Expo. Right, North autographs a book for fellow Marine Corps veteran and SCC Chamber board director Donald Schings.

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At left, North addresses a book specially for "Sgt. Cam," USMC Sgt. Benny Campbell. Above he shakes hands with a fan during the book signing.

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**Fri., Nov. 16 • 2-3 p.m. • House of Christmas.** Do your Christmas shopping early! Browse our selection of Arts and Crafts while enjoying the sound of the "Just Us Duo." Refreshments will be available. Enjoy the sounds of the holiday and get in the spirit!

**Mon., Nov. 19 • 1:30-3:30 p.m. • Parkinson's Support Group of SCC-** sponsored by the Men's Club of SCC with Eden Feldman, MSW who is the Director of Outreach at the USF Parkinson's Disease & Movement Disorders Center. If you have Parkinson's, or are caring for someone with this disease, be sure to attend this support group where needed assistance is readily available! Valet Parking available at entrance.

**Tues., Nov. 20 • 2:30-3:30 p.m. • Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group.** Bring your loved one for a well deserved break. Facilitated by Aging Care Advocates. You will receive information while your loved one is cared for in our Secured Memory Care. **RSVP no less than 3 days prior to 813-246-4120.** [alzheimer's association](http://alzheimer'sassociation.org)

**Tues., Nov. 27 • 2:30-4 p.m. • Amputee Support Group:** Facilitated by Ty Wilson, Patient Care Advocate with Orthotic & Prosthetic Centers. The group is open to amputees, their family member, friends and involved medical personnel. It is our goal to enrich the lives of amputees and help them reach their full potential. The tools we use are peer support, education and activism.

**Thurs., Nov. 29 • 10-11 a.m. • South Bay Hospital presents: Eating with Dementia.** Shirley Allen, MS RDLD is a registered, licensed dietician with a Master's Degree and will share with you the mealtime and snack tips for Caregivers and those with Alzheimer's.

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# South Bay Hospital growing...again

■ By MELODY JAMESON  
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SUN CITY CENTER — Two key areas on South Bay Hospital's first floor are about to get treatments of the expansion kind.

Work on enhancing and upgrading the hospital's interventional radiology suite as well as on expanding its physicians' dining lounge is to get underway in December and continue on a concurrent basis, according to Natalia Diaz, marketing director.

Part of a larger scale, long-term capital improvements program envisioned on the hospital's campus immediately west of the retirement center on S.R. 674, the dual projects are expected to be completed about 90 days after they are begun, she added.

For the interventional radiology suite within the radiology lab, plans call for better utilization of the present 750- square- foot area, plus adding new imaging software, enhancing the technological capabilities. Interventional radiology utilizes various imaging techniques to reduce the invasive aspects of certain surgical procedures, Diaz noted. As an example, she cited inserting or replacing a stent as part of cardiac treatment which formerly required major surgical intrusion into the body but now can be accomplished with only small incisions and frequently is done on an out-patient basis.

New software providing the latest imaging technology giving better imaging with lower radiation will come on line in February, Diaz said.

While the departmental work is underway, the radiology imaging formerly performed in the area will be relocated to a portable room near out-patient surgery, the

marketing director said, adding it is anticipated all functions will continue without change or inconvenience.

The physician's lounge, now just 485 square feet in area and able to seat only eight, is being enlarged to 1,115 square feet and when completed will be able to provide salad bar, soups, beverages and entrées, along with seating for 24 individuals, Diaz said.

The total number of physicians on staff at South Bay Hospital and those with staff privileges is close to 500, she added.

In recent years, the 30-year-old, 112-bed facility has been enlarged and upgraded with several other projects. A new emergency services department was constructed in 2002, including a more convenient and specifically designated entrance on the hospital's north side.

And, in December, 2010, the first floor reception area was enhanced with refinements. At the same time, the specifically designated second-floor joint and spine center was opened, complete with a waiting section for patients' family and friends which was enlarged, refurbished and made more comfortable, Diaz said.

The current project costs are estimated at \$1.2 million, the marketing director noted.

South Bay is a unit of Tennessee-based Hospital Corporation of America, the largest for-profit medical services companies in the country. The hospital itself a few years ago was projected by the company to be relocated to HCA property on Big Bend Road. However, area residents, many of them Sun City Center residents, campaigned vigorously to keep the facility in its present location as an asset to, for and of the retirement community.

South Bay's primary medical focuses are on orthopedics with an on-site center for joint and spine care, on cardiac and vascular treatment, on cancer, stroke and urological patients, as well as on general surgery, plus diagnostic imaging and radiology.

The hospital also offers pre-registration for in-patient care and mammogram appointment scheduling, plus use of the Consult-a-Nurse feature, through its website. Anyone wishing to send an email to a patient can do so through the website as well as access the monthly support group calendar of events and discussions. The hospital's online home page can be found simply by entering South Bay Hospital, Sun City Center, in a browser window.

South Bay is one of 15 HCA facilities on Florida's Central Gulf Coast.

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## Palmetto's Christmas in the Park

Start your holiday festivities with an old-fashioned Christmas at Palmetto Historical Park and Manatee County Agricultural Museum. On Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 from 5- 9 p.m., this free event offers something for everyone. Enjoy creatively decorated buildings, vintage toy exhibits, kids' crafts, entertainment and of course, Santa. Featured activities include letters to Santa, contests for prizes, letters to soldiers, birdfeeders with FFA, recipes to collect in each of the park buildings, and a "Memory Tree" in the Military Museum. Santa will be arriving by fire truck at 6:00. Bring your own camera for a photo with Santa.

The park is located at 515-10th Ave. West, Palmetto. For more information, call 941-721-2034.



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## A talk exceeding the speed of sound for Silver Osprey Squadron

The Silver Osprey Squadron in Sun City Center held their monthly luncheon on Friday with a special guest: William J. Fox, a former aeronautical engineer involved in the development of the A-12 Blackbird, an aircraft flown by CIA pilots. Mr. Fox was introduced by Dr. Don Vining, a former USAF flight surgeon who had met him at Groom Lake (also known as Area 51). The lunch meeting opened with words from Rear Admiral Larry Chambers, the new commanding officer of the Silver Osprey Squadron. The luncheon was held at Freedom Plaza. For more information about the organization, email Barry Dyer at barry.dyer13@gmail.com.



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# Positive Talk: The Keeper of the Flame

In the book *Atlas Shrugged* by Ayn Rand, she writes, "In the name of the best within you, do not sacrifice this world to those who are its worst. In the name of the values that keep you alive, do not let your vision of man be distorted by the ugly, the cowardly or the mindless of those who have never achieved his title. Do not lose your knowledge that man's proper estate is an upright posture, an intransigent mind and a step that travels unlimited roads. Do not let your fires go out, spark by irreplaceable spark, in the hopeless swamps of the approximate, the not-quite, the not-yet, the not-at-all. Do not let the hero in your soul perish in lonely frustration for the life you deserved but have never been able to reach. Check your road and the nature of your battle. The world you desired can be won, it exists, it is real, it is possible, it's yours."



By William Hodges

criminals moved somewhere else. Wouldn't it be great if there was nowhere else for them to go? Be that as it may, because members of a community were willing to stand up for their values, their children can walk to school in peace.

Speaking of schools, the fire burns brightly on many of our college campuses where the students have banded together to ensure that all students can travel to and from after-dark activities without fear of rape or robbery. At one school, the football team offers an escort service to those who fear walking alone. I'll bet that's one school that doesn't refer to its athletes as dumb jocks.

Residents of one community simply fought back and kept the spark alive by turning on their porch lights. This simple act lowered the crime rate in their area by several percentage points. One resident pointed out that as a side effect of the lights, it seemed to her that the neighborhood as a whole was more cheerful. She also noticed that the people of the neighborhood seemed to take more evening walks. The crime rate drop makes sense. Where would you commit a robbery—in a community that sits in the dark, or one that is well lit and people are actively moving about?

Whenever you see the headlines saying the world is going to pieces, remember you are the one that has the glue to put it back together again. Look for ways to stand up for your values. If you do not like what you see on television, pick up your pen and write the sponsors. If you are on the Internet, you can quickly dash off an e-mail

to many of the sponsors that will get to them before the program is even over. What groups can you join to help amplify your voice and effort? How about churches, Neighborhood Watch, or other such organizations that are proactive?

The American dream is more alive than ever before. We are closer to true equality than any time in history. But the battle is not over. For the dream to continue, the spark must stay alive. You are the keeper of the flame.

*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. Phone: 824-641-0816. Email: bill@billhodges.com Website: www.billhodges.com*

## TECO group tackles the tough jobs

Mary & Martha House would like to thank TECO/South Hillsborough Operation Center volunteers for the generous donation of their time and talents on Wednesday, October 10, at one of the transitional homes. The grueling work included laying sod, trimming trees, tree removal, shoveling fill dirt throughout the yard for leveling. In the Florida heat, they removed brick pavers, painted fences, pressure-washed the house, and cleaned its gutters. With a volunteer heart, this group didn't even react when told the pallets of sod had to be transported from the drop off location and all the debris needed to be loaded and disposed of. They came with trucks and trailers and took care of all our needs as part of the Hands-On Suncoast Project sponsored by United Way of Tampa Bay. The Mary & Martha House operates Emergency and Transitional Housing programs serving abused and homeless women and children throughout all of Hillsborough County.

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### Join the social at Manatee RV Nov. 17

The Manatee RV Park will host a social dance from 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 17 at the park hall, 6302 U.S. 41 South.

Music will be provided by Dave Harris. The public is invited for this event, which has a \$5 per person donation. BYOB. Ice will be provided. The Manatee RV Park is 7 miles south of Ruskin (or 4 miles north of I-275) on U.S. 41. For more information, contact J. Sullivan at (813) 649-9150.

### Giant yard sale set for Nov. 16-17



A two-day yard sale, sponsored by the Laureate Zeta Pi sorority, will take place at 411 W. College Ave. in Ruskin, on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 16 & 17. The sorority is a chapter of the international group Beta Sigma Phi, a social and cultural organization that incorporates service as part of its activities. The next meeting of the sorority is Thursday, Dec. 20, and the chapter is seeking new members. Anyone who would like more information on the group should call (813) 641-1880.



### Terrific Kids at Corr Elementary School

Corr Elementary School celebrated its Terrific Kids for 'doing what's right' on Nov. 2. Pre-K-K: Reinaldo Perez-Gomez and Henry Barahona. Kindergarten: Juliana Alvarez, Rena Malcolm, Shelby Adkins, Kayleyona Dennis, Akilah Allen, Nevaeh Joiner and Destoni Stokes. 1st Grade: Franklin Diaz, David Delgado, Darien Osorio, Evelyn Gallegos, Diego Roblero, Dominic Rodriguez, Brianna Colome, Sarah O'Sullivan and Elias Cortez-Zuzack. 2nd Grade: Kameron Scott, Sasha Santiago-Casillas, John Alvarez, Emma McHenry, Hailey Orcutt, Lexy Palmer and Gianna Vitelli. 3rd Grade: Iseal Iturriaga, Antonio Rios, Lorena Araujo, Faythe Thorton, Sa'Niyah Murray, Patrick Pittard, Osvaldo Garcia and Timothy Mills. 4th Grade: Jonathan Perez, Zoey Kennedy, Kayla Grey, Rachelle Difilippo, Abigail Sexton, Nathan Cuevas and Adil Saleem. 5th Grade: Ilee Coleman, Ethan Sisouphone, Michelle Hand, Jessika Tellier, Atayla Garza, Teegan Hernandez and Mackenzie Gutierrez.

## Southshore Regional Library Kids program/event highlights

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**Baby Time - Monday, Nov. 19, 1:35 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20, 1:35 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21, 10:05 a.m.**  
For children ages 0-20 months and their caregivers ~ Early literacy begins at birth. Bond with your baby through stories, bouncy rhymes and songs in this 20-minute lapsit program that introduces early literacy skills and encourages language development.

**Super Science Monday: Static Electricity - Monday, Nov. 19, 3 p.m.**  
For children ages 5-12 ~ Join us for an interactive, hands-on afternoon and experiment as we turn the library into a science lab! Register at the Reference Desk or by calling 273.3652. This is a school early-release Monday.

**Toddler Time - Tuesday, Nov. 20, 10:05 a.m. and at 10:35 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21, 10:35 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, Nov. 20, 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21, 11 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.

**Teen Volunteer Orientation - Tuesday, Nov. 20, 4 p.m.**  
Prospective teen volunteers are invited to attend this informational session. Topics will include the application process, filling out school forms, shelving guidelines, and volunteer expectations.

Membership with the Friends of the SouthShore Regional Library helps provide the funding for free programs offered at the Library. If you would be interested in becoming a Member of the Friends of the Library, call Jim Duffy at (813) 634-1396 or visit [www.southshorefriends.com](http://www.southshorefriends.com).



### Gibsonton Elementary's Terrific Kids

The following students were recognized by their peers and teachers as outstanding examples of enthusiastic students: Antonius Brown, Jeanette Gonzales-Vargas, Ciclaly Hidalgo, John Grimshaw, Kinverlin Pena, Ty Jay Brown, Jahira Anayiesze-Morillo, Tristan Perkins, Diangely Sanchez, Hunter Eargood, Estefany Mendoza-Tellez, Teagan Horvath, Hailey Watson, Pedro Lemus, Hailey Sturgeon, Joshua Glover, Octavio Reyes, Kaylee Meyers, Arrianna Lopez, Courtney Sumner, Hailey Ammons, Allyson Catledge, Jacqueline Capilla-Alvarado, Victoria New, Anthony Arroyo, Hailey Aguilar, Amir Mc-Niel, Joseph Steadman, Shianne Chmura, Autumn Hauck, Sergio Merida, Hailey Gillette, Nayeli Cano-Sanchez and Skylar Humphreys.

### Holiday in the Park comes to Apollo Beach

Celebrate the holidays at the Apollo Beach Recreation Center. This free event features holiday music from 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 14. Santa arrives at 8 p.m., and will give free toys to all children 12 and under. The Apollo Beach Recreation Center is located at 664 Golf & Sea Blvd.

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## How to Save Money by Donating Your Body to Science

*Dear Savvy Senior, What can you tell me about body donations? With little money to spare, I'm looking for a cheap way to die and have heard that donating my body to science is free, not to mention it benefits medical research.*

*Old and Poor*



By Jim Miller

Dear Old, If you're looking to eliminate your final farewell expense and help advance medical research, donating your body to science is a great option to consider. Here's what you should know.

### Body Donations

Each year, an estimated 10,000 to 15,000 Americans donate their whole body, after death, to medical facilities throughout the country to be used in medical research projects, anatomy lessons and surgical practice.

After using your body, these facilities will then provide free cremation – which typically costs \$600 to \$3,000 – and will either bury or scatter your ashes in a local cemetery or return them to your family, usually within a year or two.

Here are a few other tidbits you need to know to help you decide on whether whole-body donation is right for you.

• **Organ donors excluded:** Most programs require that you donate your whole body in its entirety. So if you want to be an organ donor, you won't qualify to be a whole body donor, too. You'll have to choose.

• **Not all bodies are accepted:** If, for example, your body has been badly damaged in a car accident or if you're morbidly obese, you may not qualify.

• **Body transporting is covered:** Most programs will pay to transport your body to their facility unless your body must be moved from out of state.

• **No special requests:** Most programs won't allow you to donate your body for a specific

purpose – you give them the body and they decide how to use it.

• **Funeral services are not covered:** Most programs will allow your family to conduct any final services they wish before taking custody of your body, but they won't pay for it.

• **Your family won't be paid:** Federal law prohibits buying bodies.

### What to Do

If you do decide you want to donate your body, it's best to make arrangements in advance with a body-donation program in your area. Most programs are offered by university-affiliated medical schools. To find one near you, the University of Florida maintains a list of U.S. programs and their contact information at [www.med.ufl.edu/anatbd/usprograms.html](http://www.med.ufl.edu/anatbd/usprograms.html).

In addition to the medical schools, there are also a number of private organizations like Anatomy Gifts Registry ([anatomicgift.com](http://anatomicgift.com)), BioGift ([biogift.org](http://biogift.org)) and Science Care ([sciencecare.com](http://sciencecare.com)) that accept whole body donations, too.

If you don't have internet access, you can get help over the phone by calling the National Family Services Desk, which operates a free body-donation referral service during business hours at (800) 727-0700.

Once you locate a program in your area, call and ask them to mail you an information/registration packet that will explain exactly how their program works.

To sign up, you'll simply need to fill out a couple of forms. But you can always change your mind by revoking your authorization in writing.

After you have made arrangements, you then need to tell your family members so they will know what to do and who to contact after your death. It's also a good idea to tell your doctor and put your wishes in writing in your advance directives. These are legal documents that include a medical power of attorney and living will that spell out your wishes regarding your end-of-life medical treatment when you can no longer make decisions for yourself.

If you don't have an advance di-

rective, go to [caringinfo.org](http://caringinfo.org) or call (800) 658-8898, where you can get free state-specific forms with instructions to help you make one.

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



## Dancing lights return for holiday season in Apollo Beach

Those who were thrilled to see last year's Christmas display in a private home's Apollo Beach front yard, will be pleased to hear that James and Dottie DeBusk are repeating the spectacular decorations.

In fact, they are going even bigger this year, with over 100,000 lights (last year it was 70,000), a 20-foot mega tree with its own 20,000 lights, leaping arches, mini trees, a nativity scene and more.

The DeBusk family works for months on their holiday display, programming the lights to Christmas music and straightening out the kinks.

This year the Christmas Display will start Thanksgiving evening and will run until Jan. 6, 2013. Also this year the family will accept donations, giving all of the funds to St. Anne's Catholic Church.

The DeBusk home is at 486 Florida Circle North in Apollo Beach, at the corner of Fairfield Drive. To see part of last year's display, visit [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cwi\\_46NDD\\_E](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cwi_46NDD_E).



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IN MY OPINION...

# Flying blind in the voting booth

■ By PENNY FLETCHER  
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The 11 proposed amendments to the Florida State Constitution on the Nov. 6 General Election ballot were almost impossible to understand.

As an avid reader and trained journalist with more than 40 years of writing and interviewing under my belt, I can say this with the utmost accuracy. I have written about ballot amendments many times before, and I have had trouble deciphering their meaning before, but never faced anything like the horror I experienced prior to Election 2012.

It's a wonder even three of the 11 proposed amendments passed so few people could understand what they meant. Was it by chance that those that passed used more clarity than the rest, and used wording that included "disabled veterans," "death of military veterans and/or first responders," and "low income seniors?"

After a study of the amendments that took me down a long list of county and state employees refusing to go on record, I can say

the three amendments that passed were the only ones I personally was able to finally understand by simply reading them.

I decided to tackle the chore of finding out exactly what the amendments meant two weeks prior to Election Day purely on my own. I can't say anyone made me (or even asked me to) do it. When I saw my sample ballot in the mail, I was filled with a combination of anger and fear. Had we finally reached a point in our elections where somebody, somewhere did not want us to know what we were voting for (or against)?

Immediately I called the Supervisor of Elections Office. I have known Earl J. Lennard for almost 30 years. I know he's an honest hardworking man. Yet all he could go on the record as saying was to give me an explanation as to why there was no Number 7.

"Number 7 was rewritten and became No. 8 by judge's order,"



he explained.

When I asked if he could help me understand the wording of the amendments, he said he could not, because under the law, his office could not aid anyone except to point them to the sample ballot in advance of the election so they could do their own research.

But why? Isn't it the duty of the Elections Office to aid people in voting?

As it turns out, it's not. The Supervisor of Elections Office can only encourage people to vote. It can supply ballots, aid people in obtaining and filing their ballots, but it cannot explain anything.

"If we were to explain, then people could say we took a position," Lennard told me.

He was able to point me to several places online that summarized the ballot amendments.

What I found was, however, either slightly slanted words in the explanations (depending on whether the source encouraged passage or opposed the amendment) or, in the case of two sites, The League of Women Voters and the Collins Center for Public Policy, even the shortened versions used what I call \$10 words and even then were not right on target to explain the entirety of what would occur if passed.

Next I went to the County Attorney's Office.

Surely lawyers retained by Hillsborough County could explain "legalese."

Debora Cromartie-Mincey, senior assistant county attorney pointed me to — of all things: The League of Women Voters. "They have an excellent website," she told me in an email after I had spoken to her on the phone and received a promise I would get an email from her that day. But the email was disappointing.

When I got it, I quickly hit reply.

"I have already visited that website before I called your office," I explained. "Is there no one in the County Attorney's Office who can help me?"

A short while later, I was assured there was not.

Since several of the issues concerned property taxes, I called

the county property tax office to help me gain perspective.

After contacting an old source I have dealt with many times over the years, I was sent to the Media Relations Office where a spokeswoman went over the wording of No. 9, which compared to the others, was relatively easy to understand.

The problem was however, that No. 9, which did pass, only said it granted surviving spouses of military veterans and first responders "homestead property tax relief."

The ballot did not mention the words "will pay no property tax" or "must have been a resident of the State of Florida Jan. 1 of the year they died" or "must remain in the home to be exempted and not remarry."

These things were explained to me, however, in detail on the phone prior to the election and included in my story.

But that meant the ballot explanation was incomplete.

Since this was so hard to believe, I asked the exact terms, and even posed the question, "so this means they will pay no property tax?"

After calling several people to the phone I received a hesitant "yes" (they would pay no tax) and they also explained the conditions which state that the surviving spouse must stay in the exempted home and not remarry to qualify for the exemption.

After the amendment passed, the condition about being a resident Jan. 1 of the year of death appeared in the explanation of what passed in several

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I have to prepare for Thursday's monthly Chamber luncheon and Board meeting, and get a jump on anything that is scheduled for next week while I'm gone.

On the home front, the babysitter for the feline twins must be secured, laundry done, and prescriptions filled. Oh, and I need to get a haircut...

Meanwhile, sometime Friday night, Husband will pull out some jeans, shorts and shirts, throw them into a duffel bag and be ready to hit the highway. He will do this confident that everything else is taken care of.

We may have skimmed on several things this year, but we never skimp on our annual trek to paradise. I was asked the other day why we choose one of the most family-oriented days of the year to escape off by ourselves to dine with locals in Marathon.

It's simple. We are thankful for each other and this is our special time together. No big expense for food. No hours spent trying to get all the dishes ready and hot at the same time. No mess to clean up. No worrying about Uncle Max getting tipsy and hitting on Cousin Sam's wife.

We get to bypass the sibling rivalries and nosy questions from Aunt Bev. No kids will put a permanent stain in the carpet and no one will fight over leftovers.

Instead, we stay in a beautiful condo with a fabulous tiki bar, the Sombrero Lounge. We have a whole week to see all of the tourist destinations and sip exotic drinks



By **Dana Dittmar**,  
Executive Director  
SCC Chamber of  
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at the base of the Seven Mile Bridge. I'll have hours to work all of the crossword puzzles in the books I bought from Merle Reagle at the Expo last week and Husband will laze around the lagoon and keep his Facebook page updated.

We'll take the bus into Key West (only \$3 per person!) and do the Duval Crawl. After a beer or three we'll catch the sunset at Malory Square before catching the return bus back to Marathon.

On Thanksgiving Day, I'll watch the Macy's Day parade and amble over to the tiki bar to watch football. We'll either find a restaurant and have lobster or bring a dish to the local Turkey Day Pot Luck at the marina. We've done both and always have a great time. The evening will end with karaoke back at the Sombrero and maybe even a midnight swim in the pool.

And no Black Friday shopping at 4:00 in the morning. Just sleeping late and buying more shells at the trinket store.

So, enjoy your turkey and stuffing and tag football in the backyard. Hug Uncle Max for us and make the kids help with the dishes.

Husband and I will hoist a beer to you at sunset and let the busboy take away the dirty dishes. And if you're burned out on turkey, I might bring some leftover lobster home to you.

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When Don moved to Myakka City three years ago, the Falcon came along and the restoration work continued. That included much new sheet metal and floors, and a new custom interior. In place of the old inline six, he installed a somewhat enhanced Ford 302 V8, automatic transmission, an upgraded rear end and power front disc brakes.

Don got an early exposure to auto mechanics working in his dad's independent repair shop, and was helped with the Falcon restoration by his own son and a few friends.

The next Roamin' Oldies cruise-in will be a special Christmas show, to collect gifts for local children who might otherwise go without. It will be from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6 in the Apollo Beach Winn-Dixie Plaza on US41. (Rain date is December 13.) Entry for show cars is \$5 plus a new unwrapped gift. There is no charge for spectators.

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### Classic cars cruise back into the Dog House

With the return of the snowbirds comes the return of the monthly Cool Car Cruise-In at the Dog House and More at 204 Shell Point Road in Ruskin. Held the first Saturday of each month, the event attracts some of the coolest cars cruising the streets of South Hillsborough. For more information, search for The Dog House and More on Facebook.



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SS American Victory, a World War II era merchant marine vessel plied the waters of Tampa Bay on Saturday. Although loaded with passengers, lacking munitions and cargo, the ship sat high in the water exposing the props.

## American Victory goes to sea

■ By MITCH TRAPHAGEN  
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A number of coastal cities have floating museums, ships that once saw military service but have since been mothballed and are now floating reminders of the past. Tampa is included in that roster of cities with SS American Victory, a World War II merchant marine ship, docked in the Channelside District near the Florida Aquarium. American Victory, however, has managed a different course from many of her museum peers: she remains fully operational.

On Saturday, hundreds walked up the gangplank to board the ship and prepared to sail aboard for the Relive History Cruise. It was to be a three-hour cruise through Tampa Bay, with a stop to pay final respects for an at-sea burial of ashes.

SS American Victory, laden only with passengers and no cargo or munitions, rose far out of the water, exposing the enormous propellers with each revolution. That, however, didn't stop the old ship from exceeding nine knots as it departed Tampa.

Cruises aboard American Victory typically depart once or twice a year with the remainder of the year spent as a fascinating and well-maintained dockside museum. For information about the ship visit [www.americanyictory.org](http://www.americanyictory.org).

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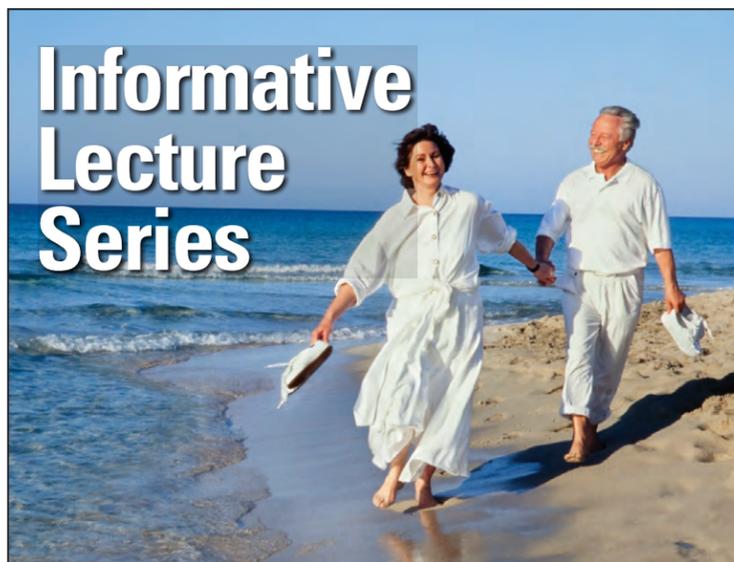
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# Music, Honor and Remembrance mark Veterans Day in SCC

■ By MITCH TRAPHAGEN  
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It began as Armistice Day in the aftermath of World War 1, in which hostilities formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. In 1954, the day became known as Veterans Day to honor all veterans who have served the nation.

Decades later, those who served were honored, celebrated and remembered at Community Hall in Sun City Center. The procession of speakers and honorees was lead by a drummer and included Commander Ed Socha (US Navy-Ret), a veteran from the attack on Pearl Harbor. The East Bay JROTC provided the color guard and music was provided by the Trinity Singers. LTC Paul Wheat (US Army-Ret) provided the introduction and the keynote speaker was Dr. Nicholas J. Steneck, M.A., PhD, assistant professor of history and chair of the Department of History and Political Science at Florida Southern College in Lakeland.

TAPs was played by bugler Rev. James Feist, the invocation and benediction were provided by Dr. Ron Churchill of Trinity Baptist Church with the musical postlude provided by Jeff Norman of Fletcher Organ Studios.

Officers from the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office and State Senator Ronda Storms were in attendance as special guests.

The event, A Tribute to Our Community's Veterans, was sponsored by the combined military veterans organizations in the community. It was a day of remembrance for those veterans still among us, a day of gratitude for service, sacrifice and the nation. On Veterans Day and on every day, thank you veterans for your sacrifice and for keeping this nation free.



Drummer Robert Lohr (USMC) leads the procession of guests into the ceremony.

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## SCC Business Expo a success

Thousands of area residents turned out for the Sun City Center Area Chamber of Commerce 2012 Fall Business Expo on Nov. 8. The free event featured offerings from area businesses ranging from financial services to fishing charters. This year's event featured book signings by Col. Oliver North and Merl Reagle, creator of Sunday Crosswords. For information about the Chamber, visit [www.suncitycenterchamber.org](http://www.suncitycenterchamber.org).




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### Program Agenda

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- 11:00<sub>AM</sub> – 11:30<sub>AM</sub> Complimentary lunch provided by Suncoast Catering
- 11:30<sub>AM</sub> – 12:30<sub>PM</sub> How to use the Medicare.gov Plan Finder Tool

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23:		Closed
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# Flying blind in the voting booth

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publications.

Please note I said “after the election.”

By now I was completely frustrated and wondering what the average voter who did not have this kind of time to investigate would do.

So I changed my tactics.

Instead of calling as a reporter, I then called “Voter Services” at (813) 744-5900.

“I am a registered voter in Hillsborough County and I need help understanding the ballot amendments,” I said to the volunteer.



“Would you like me to send you a sample ballot?” the voice asked.  
“No, I have a sample ballot in front of me. I need someone to explain the

wording as I do not understand it.”

“I’m sorry ma’am. All we can do is supply you with a sample ballot,” the voice — who would not give her name — answered.

Now wondering what the average voter would do if they weren’t spending three whole days on a news story so they could understand the ballot, I went back to Mr. Lennard.

He was able to shed a little bit more light and I knew if he was not prevented by law, he’d have told me more.

“There were no petition efforts this year,” he said. “All the amendments came directly from the (Florida) Senate and House.”

So I went to the websites where the bills first originated in

Tallahassee and followed their progression in PDF files online that told what words were taken out and what was substituted. I ran these links in my news story, knowing that perhaps one in every 100 readers might have the time to check them out.

So I, who crafts words to make a living, set out with my magnifying glass to read each word in every proposed amendment. I poked along, calling this person and that and finally getting some help from an aide in County Commissioner Sandra Murman’s office. But this was not the job of a County Commissioner’s aide. He was only helping me parse out the words and try to figure out why saying “yes” really meant “no” as in Amendment No. 1.

The most confusing amendment by far was No. 8, which before the Supreme Court justice’s ruling, had been No. 7. (As if that in itself wasn’t confusing enough.)

Called the “Religious Freedom Act” No. 8 had nothing to do with religious freedom.

The first five lines of the proposed amendment talked about religious freedom. Why, wouldn’t just about everyone want that?

“... that no individual or entity would be denied, on the basis of religious identity or belief...”

Sounds like it’s about religious freedom, right?

Well, by the time my magnifying glass and I made it to the bottom line, I realized this amendment was talking about removing the existing ban on vouchers for religious schools. A “yes” vote meant you were in favor of removing the Constitutional prohibition for state funding of any institution owned or run by a religious denomination.

My problem is not with the state paying for — or not paying for

— anything to do with religious denominations. My problem is with “yes” meaning “a prohibition — or in other words, ‘no.’”

Using double-negatives is an attempt to confuse.

Shame, shame. State legislators, shame.

Our government should never aim at confusion and that is just what these legislative-written amendments did.

Take No. 5 for instance. Did it ask us outright if we wanted to move judicial powers to the legislative branch of government? Wait a minute, did that ask if we want to give the legislators — who won’t even write a clear proposed amendment — power that now lies in the hands of judges on the bench?

Yes voters, it did.  
And No. 10: the exemption on “personal” property. That doesn’t mean “personal?”

No, this amendment was about businesses.

How did I know that? It didn’t use the word businesses on the ballot anywhere.

But I found out from the property tax office that businesses are the only ones who pay the tax listed in No. 10 — the “tangible personal property tax.”

This column could not be written until after the election because it is not the purpose of this newspaper to influence the vote. The story about the amendments was written to aid voters in understanding what lay before them.

Many have written and told me it did. But that is not the question now. The voting is over, and there is much to be said about the way legislators wrote the amendments.

It would behoove (yes, occasionally I will use a \$5 word) us to use our individual and collective voices to tell our legislators what we think of the phrasing they used on our ballots.

Just say “No!” to their legalese. Tell them we deserve better.

# Cracker Country

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books available on site for new volunteers.

Besides her job as a host, Anne sews aprons, bonnets and period clothing with a group who craft the apparel worn by volunteers and also sell it in the General Store at the Cracker Country museum display.

Cracker Country is open for 10 weeks in the fall, 10 weeks in the spring and the 12 days of the annual State Fair, which will be held beginning Feb. 7.

Besides this, about 18,000 youth of all ages, but mostly elementary school age from Pinellas, Pasco, Orange, Polk and Hillsborough counties, take guided tours throughout the year.

While there, the youths experience churning butter and tasting cane syrup. They’re shown how the syrup is made, hear how children their age lived 100 years ago, experience the type of chores they did to help their family with daily life, and get to see what the typical buildings of the era looked like.

All told, it’s quite an experience. Upon entry into the circular Cracker Country complex, visitors cross over a wooden bridge.

“When you cross this bridge, you step back in time to 100 years ago,” said Anne Paige as she led a group of second graders from the First Baptist Christian Academy of Brandon to the historic Carlton House.

As they crossed the bridge, children expressed themselves out loud.

“I wonder if Laura Ingalls Wilder is around here?” one girl asked. “Wow! Everything’s made out of wood!” exclaimed a boy.

“It’s not like our town,” one wide-eyed boy said as he lingered at the rear of the line just looking around.

The docents show visitors the 13 original buildings moved to the exhibit from around the state and explain their heritage.

Some days a newspaper is printed on an antique press. Wood carving,

blacksmithing and candle-making are all part of the exhibit at various times.

One day in early November, Pauline May was demonstrating how string was dipped into wax to make candles that served as a home’s only light.

Fascinated youths from Brandon watched in awe.

“You mean that was their only light?” one boy asked.

Jennifer Becker, museum program supervisor explained the age and history of the buildings.

“The Carlton House was built in 1885 by Albert and Martha Carlton and donated as a museum by their descendants in 1978. Other buildings were acquired later.”

The museum has both men and women docents and guides along with people who volunteer to demonstrate a particular skill, like crafting or quilting or gardening.

“If somebody has an interest in a particular craft or activity, we can find a place for them (to volunteer),” Jennifer said.

Sabrina Permeth works in human resources for the Fair Authority but was on hand on the museum grounds to encourage new people to volunteer.

“We could use many more people,” she said. “Cracker Country is under the (State) Fair Authority but receives no State dollars. We really need dedicated volunteers to help interpret Florida history.”

Fifteen new people will also be needed to rotate in the Cracker Cow Rodeo Artifact Exhibit being brought from Miami before the opening of the next State Fair.

Besides scheduled tour times listed on line, groups of 10 or more persons may set up a private guided tour by calling Jennifer at (813) 627-4225 or emailing her at Jennifer.Becker@freshfromflorida.org.

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Area Obituaries



**Robert S. Griffith**

Robert S. Griffith, 82, of Apollo Beach, Fla. passed away November 9, 2012. He retired from the U.S. Air Force as a Master Sergeant.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Ethel; a son, Gregg S. (Irene R.) Griffith; two daughters, Donna R. Barbarise and Beverly A. Griffith; a brother, Jim Griffith; five sisters, Nancy Strickland, Rachel (Steven) Stauder, Carolyn (Jim) Breisler, Kaye Nichols and Marion Donley; 11 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the funeral service at the funeral home. Funeral service at 11 a.m. Thursday, November 15, 2012 at Sun City Center Funeral Home, 1851 Rickenbacker Drive. Interment with Military Honors will be at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Fla. Arrangements by Sun City Center Funeral Home.



**Sandra Kay Roberts**

Sandra Kay Roberts, 64, of Wesley Chapel, passed away Friday, November 9, 2012. She was born on January 3, 1948, in Carroll, Iowa, to the late Byron and Esther Schlotzhauer.

She moved to Hillsborough County in 1977 and spent most of her professional life working within the insurance industry.

An icon of her family, she will be remembered for her huge heart, infectious smile, unwavering love of her family, immense appreciation of her friends, and her positive mental attitude.

Sandra is survived by her husband of 18 years, Rick Roberts; her sister Patricia (Jim) Hurlbutt; half-brothers Joseph (Barbara) Schlotzhauer, Timothy (Roxanne) Schlotzhauer, and Randy (Theresa) Merchant; sons Michael (Laura) Williams and Cory (Shirleen) Forrester; Niece Tracy (Roger) Pettee; grandchildren Melissa and Melanie Williams, Jordan and Joshua Forrester; great grandchildren, Alayah Williams and Dean Koeber

Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, November 17, 2 p.m. at the home of Joe and Barb Schlotzhauer, 218 13th St NW, Ruskin, FL 33570.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to your local American Cancer Society Relay For Life event.



**Elizabeth Rankin**

Elizabeth "Bette" Rankin, 90 of Sun City Center, passed away on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at Sun City Center Hospice House.

Born in Irvington, NJ, Bette was a retired Corporate Secretary who spent time in North Carolina and California before she retired to Sun City Center.

Bette was a member of Prince of Peace Catholic Church and a member of the bereavement committee, before she became ill.

Bette was preceded in death by her husband Russell in 2001 and a brother Henry, October 13, 2012. Survivors include three nephews in Florida, sister-in-law Bernadeen Schaible in Florida and two cousins in Pennsylvania.

A Funeral Mass was held 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 10, 2012 at Prince of Peace Catholic Church. Memorial contributions can be made to Life Path Hospice, 3725 Upper Creek Dr., Ruskin FL 33573.

Arrangements by Sun City Center Funeral Home.

**All jazz fans are invited tomorrow**

Friday, Nov. 16 is another day for sharing jazz from 2 to 4 p.m. in the South Social Room of Kings Point Main Clubhouse.

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**Chanakah and gifts: Enjoy both at Temple Beth Israel in Sun City Center**

This is the time when calendars only have two more months before the page is turned to next year. Everyone is busy preparing for the upcoming holidays, and that means sharing some good times with families and friends.

Beth Israel Sisterhood of Sun City Center has many events planned to fill these two remaining months, including its annual Chanakah party, hosted by the Sisterhood and the Men's Club. It will take place at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 9 in the Henry Gibson Social Hall at the Temple. Yummy House will provide a Chinese dinner with several different dishes to choose from. A highlight of the meal will be the famous "Millstein Latkes," served with all the trimmings.

Reservations should be in by Dec. 3. Contact Marsha Fader at (813) 633-9736.

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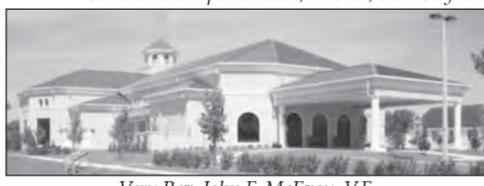


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### Free Thanksgiving meal for all offered at United Methodist Church

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The traditional turkey meal with all the trimmings will be available in Creason Hall on the church campus at noon on Thanksgiving Day. Meals will be available for take-out and delivery upon request.

Call the church office, (813) 634-2539, by Friday, Nov. 16 to make Thanksgiving plans with the United Methodist Church.



What a surprise! Smack dab in the middle of rehearsing for their Christmas Concert, the Women's Chorus was joined by Santa, his helpers and reindeer.

### Christian Science Church holds Thanksgiving service

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Ruskin-Sun City Center welcomes all to its annual Thanksgiving Day service at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 22, when we pause to reflect and give gratitude for blessings we have received.

Readings of thanksgiving and gratitude will be from the Bible and from *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy. The Thanksgiving proclamation by the President of the United States will be read. The service will provide time for expressions of gratitude by individuals in the congregation. No collection will be taken.

Readers will be Lynn Knapp and Betty Kuemmerling; soloist, Betty Bishop; and organist, Shirley Bengston, all of Sun City Center.

The Church is located at 204 Second St. NW in Ruskin. For further information, call (813) 633-6459.

### Free workshop at UMC: Surviving the holidays

Sam Rorer will be leading a workshop, "Surviving the Holidays," on Thursday, Nov. 15 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the United Methodist Church of Sun City Center.

Through video experience and discussion, participants will meet Christian experts and others who have experienced the death of a loved one or another life tragedy.

Facing the holiday season after a loss can be more difficult than friends and even family members realize.

This Griefshare experience will help participants to not only survive the holidays, but find strength, healing and tools to move forward in the challenges of everyday living. For more information or to register, contact the UMC church office at (813) 634-2539.

### SCC Women's Chorus offers free Christmas concert for the holiday

For anyone who ever went dashing through the snow, heard sleigh bells ringing or watched chestnuts roasting on an open fire: there's no better way to rekindle those memories than attending a Christmas concert.

The Women's Chorus of Sun City Center is putting out the welcome mat and inviting all to attend its 49th Annual Christmas Concert at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 1239 Del Webb W on Sunday, Nov. 25 at 3 p.m.

As always, the chorus presents 'A Christmas Concert' as a free gift to all and no tickets are necessary.

Throughout the years, the Women's Chorus has delighted audiences by performing a combination of traditional and eclectic holiday music sprinkled with a few surprises.

The chorus wants the audience to be a part of the festivities, too, and will invite them to sing along with several selections.

### SCC Community Foundation awards \$7,500 grant to Backpacks on a Mission

South Shore United Methodist has received a \$7,500 grant from the Community Foundation of Greater Sun City Center's "Dr. Charles W. and Iona A. Mathias Fund" for Backpacks on a Mission Outreach.

Backpacks on a Mission is an outreach ministry of South Shore United Methodist Church that provides a weekend supply of nutritious food for children, so that these children have food on Saturday and Sunday when they are not in school.



Backpacks on a Mission Program Director Kathy McGartland with a young volunteer.

Each weekend the children take home a backpack full of food containing supplies for meals and healthy snacks. On Monday, the children return the empty backpacks to their teachers. SSUMC volunteers then pick up the backpacks, return them to SSUMC, refill the backpacks, and return them to each teacher by the next Friday.

Statistics show that nearly one out of three families in the Tampa area are struggling to put enough

food on their tables. Backpacks on a Mission is intended to help "fill the gap" for these families. SSUMC started Backpacks on a Mission in January 2012 and is currently serving two local school in the community. They are helping 40 children at this time.

### Fun Brigade welcomes back Homer Noodleman

Homer Noodleman will return to the United Community Church on Friday, Nov. 23 (the day after Thanksgiving) when the Fun Brigade sponsors a fun-filled evening. Starting at 7 p.m., Homer will wow the audience with his comedy, magic, impressions, and instrumental talents.

Everyone is invited to this Holiday Show. United Community Church is located at 1501 La Jolla Ave. in Sun City Center. Tickets are \$5 each.

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Pictured from left: Nola Theiss, Executive Director of Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships, Inc., and the Youth Prevention Programs ARTREACH and TIPS; Edmond Dubreuil, Founder and Executive Director of Community Mental Wellness Center, Natasha Nasicmento, Founder of Redefining Refuge, Laura Hamilton, Founder and President of Bridging Freedom, Judge Irene Sullivan, Retired – Nationally recognized speaker and author of “Raised by the Courts” and June M Wallace, Facilitator of the Tampa Bay Community Campaign against Human Trafficking.

## Event raises awareness of human trafficking in Tampa Bay region

On Saturday, Nov. 3, the Tampa Bay “Community Campaign Against Human Trafficking” hosted a White Ribbon Against Pornography event to educate the community about the dangers of pornography and its connection to the human trafficking business.

The event was held at the United Methodist Church of Sun City Center and featured speakers from organizations ranging from the non-profit Morality in the Media to the Tampa Bay Area FBI. The presenters spoke about the growing problem of human trafficking and the role that pornography plays in fueling the pandemic of child sex trafficking. Tampa is identified as 5<sup>th</sup> on the list of U.S. cities with the highest concentration of child sex trafficking.

The seminars promoted awareness, advocacy, and action, as well as the community responsibility to respond. The speakers also discussed what could be done to protect the community and teen runaway population from being impacted by this crime. The entire program was also offered in Spanish.

“We are very encouraged by the success of this event,” says June Wallace, Facilitator for the Tampa Bay Community Campaign Against Human Trafficking. “We were able to educate attendees on the negative effects of pornography and the growing human trafficking epidemic in our community.”

For more information on the Tampa Bay “Community Campaign Against Human Trafficking,” call (813) 419-4053.

## South Bay Hospital celebrates 30 years of caring on the South Shore

On Nov. 30, from 8 to 10:30 a.m., South Bay Hospital will host a Community Health Fair and Open House to celebrate its 30th anniversary. The event will take place in the hospital cafeteria and will feature free health screenings and cake.

Originally named Sun City Regional Medical Center, the facility was initially designed to be a branch of Blake Medical Center. It first opened its doors to the public on Nov. 20, 1982 for a dedication ceremony.

The first patient was admitted on Dec. 3, 1982. Once the doors were officially opened, the hospital filled up quickly, showing the pent-up demand for a medical facility in the South Shore area.

The facility soon evolved into its own state-of-the-art hospital and changed its name to HCA Sun City Hospital in 1986. And in 1989, the hospital began an 11,000-square-foot expansion and renamed itself South Bay Hospital, to better represent the hospital’s regional influence.

“Although we have gone through a few name changes over the years, our mission has always been the same,” says Sharon Roush, Chief Executive Officer at South Bay Hospital. “We are committed to being the best community hospital and providing the highest level of care. We look forward to many more years of caring for our community.”

For more information about the 30th Anniversary Celebration, or to learn more about South Bay Hospital, call (813) 634-0496.

## South Bay is part of MRSA prevention study

South Bay Hospital recently participated in a groundbreaking study that concluded that using antimicrobial soap and ointment on Intensive Care Unit (ICU) patients reduces bloodstream infections, including methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), by 44 percent.

The study, known as Randomized Evaluation of Decolonization Versus Universal Clearance to Eliminate (REDUCE) MRSA, was a collaborative effort between South Bay Hospital’s parent company, HCA, the Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention (CDC), Harvard University and several other academic institutions. The study involved 43 HCA hospitals and nearly 75,000 patients located in 74 Adult ICUs.

The results of the study were released recently at IDWeek™, an annual meeting of infectious disease organizations. The results showed strong evidence that the widely used practice of Screening and Isolation for MRSA are not as effective as Universal Decolonization, or treating all patients in the ICU setting with an ointment and antimicrobial soap.

## Nominations still open for 2013 Hillsborough County Women’s Hall of Fame

The deadline to nominate an outstanding woman for the 2013 Hillsborough County Women’s Hall of Fame is fast approaching. Nominations are due on or before 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 16.

The Hillsborough County Commission on the Status of Women will select up to three exceptional women for the 2013 Class of the Women’s Hall of Fame. Inductees may also be honored posthumously.

The Commission on the Status of Women created the Hillsborough County Women’s Hall of Fame in 2011 to recognize women who have made significant contributions to the betterment of life for residents of Hillsborough County in areas such as business, education, philanthropy, military and public service. Thirteen women have now been inducted.

Nomination forms are available online at [www.hillsboroughcounty.org/WHOF](http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/WHOF) or by calling Brandon Wagner, Commission on the Status of Women at (813) 276-2640.

The induction ceremony will be held March 28, 2013, at the Tampa Convention Center.

## Avoid headaches this holiday season

### Advice from the Better Business Bureau

Many retailers rolled out their layaway plans for the holidays a month earlier than last year. Some are even offering additional incentives to use the layaway option, such as cutting fees and increasing the number of items eligible for layaway. But the Better Business Bureau is warning that putting an item on layaway could result in some costly shopping blunders.

The layaway concept dates back to the Great Depression, when cash-strapped families found the idea of paying for items on a monthly or weekly basis attractive. The concept lost its luster in the days of easy credit, but it has been revived and proved popular recently.

Additionally, third-party businesses have sprung up, offering online layaway plans between customers and retailers. Consumers can create and manage a payment schedule within their budget and make periodic payments to the third-party layaway service provider. Once the item is fully paid for, the business buys the item from the retailer and ships it to the customer.

BBB advises:

- **Plan ahead.** Before signing a layaway contract, make sure you can actually come up with the money to pay for the products. Unlike outstanding credit card debt, which will just accumulate interest, failure to pay your layaway means you don’t just lose the product, but also any fees you may have paid.

- **Obtain a written contract.** Ask the company for a written contract and read it carefully. Contracts should include when payments must be made and what happens if a payment is late.

- **Confirm how long the item can be kept on layaway.** Some stores only hold items for a specific number of months, and then redistribute them for re-sale.

- **Ask where item(s) will be stored.** Be sure your items will be placed in a secure area until all payments are made, so they won’t be sold to other customers.

- **Read the company’s refund policy.** What happens if you change your mind and decide not to purchase the item? Be sure to check if refunds are available.



SCC Interfaith Council President Jay Sparkman, left, with Cypress Creek Elementary Principal Roy Moral and Pat Pelton, Vice President of the IFC.

## Grant from Interfaith Council helps Cypress Creek Elementary School

At a recent meeting of the Sun City Center Interfaith Council, Roy Moral, Principal of Cypress Creek Elementary School, thanked members for a \$6,000 grant received earlier this year that was used to help fund a project called ‘Enrich, Extend, Empower’. This project was designed to provide students with engaging activities that stimulate and enrich their lives. Supporting various clubs such as the Chess Club, Robotics Club and a South Shore History Club, the grant was used to purchase equipment, fund activities for the clubs and keep them ongoing.

Moral and his staff have provided many opportunities for students to benefit from out-of-school organized activities. With approximately 84% of his students considered to live below the poverty line, Moral spoke about the impact of those club activities.

He also expressed gratitude for the Nearly New Shop and told how the ‘gently used’ merchandise available at the shop has helped parents of his students as well as workers at the school.

Grants from the IFC are made possible by proceeds from the Nearly New Shop in Sun City Center and the hardworking volunteers at the shop. The Nearly New Shop is located at 1515 Sun City Center Plaza and is open Wednesday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. Donations are accepted Monday through Saturday, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Arrangements can be made to pick up larger items by calling (813) 642-9099.

For more information about the Interfaith Council and the grants process, visit its website at: [www.interfaithcouncilofsuncitycenter.com](http://www.interfaithcouncilofsuncitycenter.com).

## Boaters: winter manatee zones take effect Nov. 15

The Tampa Bay Manatee Awareness Coalition reminds boaters that several slow speed zones go into effect Thursday, Nov. 15 in Tampa Bay to protect manatees that will be gathering near area power plants as water temperatures fall.

As many as 350 manatees are expected to spend all or part of the winter months in Tampa Bay and its tributaries. When water temperatures consistently drop below 68 degrees, the majority of the animals will be in or near Tampa Electric Company’s Big Bend power plant near Apollo Beach.

Through Nov. 2, 12 manatees have already been killed by watercraft in Hillsborough, Manatee and Pinellas counties. Statewide, 306 manatees have died already this year, 73 as a result of collisions with boats.

Manatees are most in danger of being hit by boats when in waters less than 6 feet deep that contain underwater seagrass meadows where the animals feed and rest. These flats, and their deeper edges, are popular with anglers as well as manatees.

Several slow-speed zones or combustion-motor exclusion zones will be in effect from Nov. 15 to March 31. In Hillsborough County, the zones are as follows:

- A No Entry zone is in effect from Nov. 15 - March 31 in the waters immediately south of the discharge canal at TECO’s Big Bend power plant near Apollo Beach, where the vast majority of manatees in Tampa Bay seek refuge when water temperatures fall below 68 degrees.

- An Idle Speed Zone is in place from Nov. 15 - March 31 for waters south of the Apollo Beach No Entry area, generally east of the “Hammerhead” portion of Apollo Beach and north of Apollo Beach Blvd.

- A year ‘round slow speed zone is in effect south of the Courtney Campbell Causeway near Rocky Point from the shore out to the 6-foot depth and extending to Old Port Tampa south of the Gandy Bridge. Marked channels into Culbreath Isles allow speeds of 25 mph.

- A year ‘round slow-speed zone is in effect from the shore to the 6-foot depth from the mouth of the Alafia River south to the Manatee County line, except for marked channels into Apollo Beach, Bahia Beach and into the Cockroach Bay boat ramp which allow on-plane speeds.

Maps of most of the zones can be downloaded at <http://myfwc.com/manatee/data/mapref.htm>.

To report an injured or dead manatee, or an on-water violation, call 1-888-404-FWCC (3922). If you do hit a manatee while boating, please report it! The sooner the animal is located and its condition is assessed, the better its chances for survival. You will not be cited for accidentally hitting a manatee as long as you were not violating any boating laws.



## Southshore Regional Library Adult program/event highlights

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**Internet: Introduction and Google - Tuesday, Nov. 20, 12:15 p.m.**  
Introduction to the Internet and related terminology. Learn how to use Google to find information and tips for evaluating what you find. Basic mouse and keyboarding skills are recommended. Limit: 20

**Collateral Relatives with Donna Murray - Tuesday, Nov. 20, 1 p.m.**  
In this genealogy program, Donna Murray will discuss why it's important to track down siblings for family history research. Donna Murray is an expert genealogist with more than 25 years of research experience. Co-sponsored by the South Bay Genealogical Society.

**eBooks for Tablets & SmartPhones - Wednesday, Nov. 21, 10:15 a.m.**  
Learn how to check out and download free library eBooks to read on Android, Blackberry, iPad, iPhone or Windows 7 devices using a free app. Learn how to register for a free Adobe ID to wirelessly check out and download

**Elder Law Seminar - Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2 p.m.**  
This program will provide information and education regarding legal issues for seniors, including planning for incapacities and long-term care with emphasis on public benefits. Medicaid, Medicare, and V.A programs will be discussed.

Membership with the Friends of the SouthShore Regional Library helps provide the funding for free programs offered at the Library. If you would be interested in becoming a Member of the Friends of the Library, call Jim Duffy at (813) 634-1396 or visit [www.southshorefriends.com](http://www.southshorefriends.com).

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# The Carter Center touches South Hillsborough

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zeroed in on the parasitic eye infection known as river blindness spread by a small black fly, on trichiasis which causes eyelashes to turn inward, on schistosomiasis or “snail fever” spread by a parasite whose eggs tear internal organs, on malaria, the fever spread by mosquitoes, on lymphatic filariasis which can lead to grotesquely swollen limbs and on guinea worm disease, the ancient affliction that can produce worms three feet in length erupting painfully from the body through blisters on the skin.

Today, however, Guinea worm disease is poised to become only the second ailment to be eliminated from the earth without vaccines or medications, Marsland asserted. And she demonstrated one of the low-tech methods used by The Carter Center to reduce the disease from 3.5 million cases in 1986 to 1,100 in 2011 – a hand held, heavy duty straw with a fine mesh screen in one end and a whistle -like mouthpiece at the other that filters parasitic larvae from contaminated drinking water.

Similarly, the center has helped protect untold numbers with distribution of bed nets that bar disease-carrying insects from sleeping families, Marsland noted. Campaigns to stamp out the common ailments also currently are ongoing in such places as Uganda and Niger, Ghana and Ethiopia, she added.

The center, which played a prominent role in drafting the United Nations’ Declaration of Principles for International Observances, most recently also witnessed the 2011-2012 series of Egypt’s first free elections in the post-Hosni-Mubarak era. Led by Jimmy Carter himself, the delegation ultimately described the process an important step forward for the country and found shortcomings in some of its council election procedures. The center also observed November, 2011, elections in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, labeling them “not credible” and then monitored December, 2011, processes in Cote d’Ivoire, noting a generally peaceful voting environment, encouraging the government to pursue a dialogue of national reconciliation, then suggesting some election reforms.

While most of The Carter Center’s efforts are focused in poor and emerging nations outside U.S. borders, its mental health services advocacy led by Rosalynn Carter is America-based. The center’s initiative tries to identify concrete action steps to improve both access to and quality of mental health care.

Ott, the presentation host and a member of The Carter Center’s Ambassadors Circle, is no stranger to humanitarian endeavors. The veterinarian founded C.A.R. E., the South County’s only no-kill animal shelter, maintains Ruskin’s dog park, has made several mission trips to Haiti and currently is an investor in a Haitian micro-lending cooperative which lends capital to island farmers in \$40 increments, enabling them to produce a variety of crops for sale in the village market or in Port-au-Prince. The reward, he said, is “the joy that comes from giving. I don’t expect to be repaid.”

His guests agreed. Before saying their good-byes, they donated or pledged a total of \$7,500 to The Carter Center.

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Microphone in hand, Dr. Hal Ott, (center) Ruskin veterinarian, fielded questions during The Carter Center presentation in his Apollo Beach home. Delita Marsland, (left) representative of the Atlanta-based humanitarian organization with a world-wide reach, provided an overview of its various programs which prompted Donald Pearson (right) AB businessman, to make a substantial pledge of support.

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Navy Seaman Recruit Edward J. Cochrane, a 2008 graduate of Riverview High School, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Cochrane completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

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# Prep football results



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- ▶ The stadium lights went out as the regular season drew to a close on Friday night. This is how local teams fared last week:
- ▶ Riverview (2-8) fell to Gaither (8-2) 24-34
- ▶ Brandon (1-9) fell to Jefferson (6-4) 0-41
- ▶ Spoto (3-7) fell to Wharton (2-1) 13-42
- ▶ East Bay (4-6) fell to Strawberry Crest (4-6) 14-29

## Logo contest for the 2013 Manatee Festival of Arts announced

The SouthShore Chamber of Commerce is calling for artists to enter a competition for their 21st Annual Manatee Festival of the Arts Logo and T-shirt.

Artists, young and old, amateur or professional, are invited to submit their original designs to the Chamber no later than Friday, Jan. 4. The winner will receive a \$100 cash prize, resultant publicity and will receive complimentary booth space at the festival. Winner will be notified by the Chamber on or before Jan. 12.

Judges will select based on artistic merit. There are no guidelines for the images’s subject matter.

Image must be two dimensional and an original work of art created by the artist within the last three years. Digital image reproduction must be submitted no less than 180 DPI and no less than 1200 pixels one way. Winner will be required to submit a higher resolution image for print.

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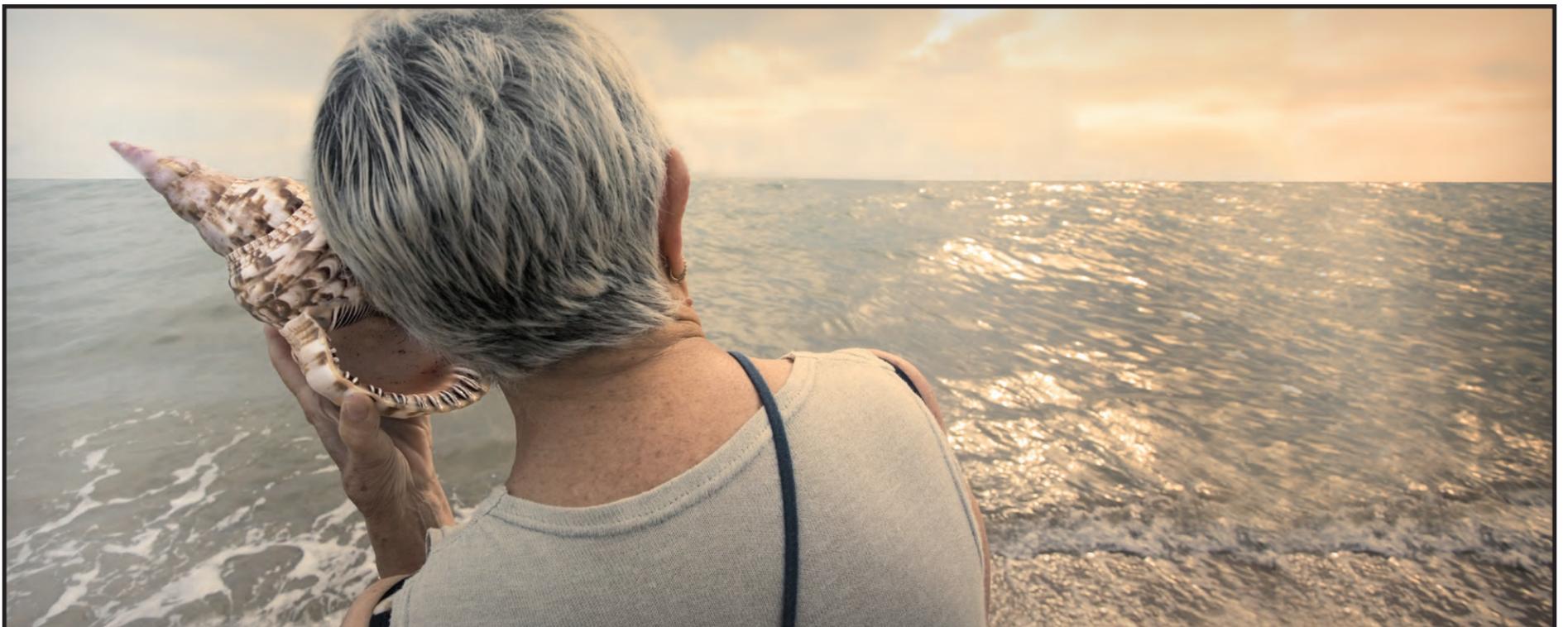


■ By ROBERT WILSHIRE  
Correspondent to the Observer News

RUSKIN — At 11 a.m. on Saturday morning, the beautiful sound of the church bell could be heard ringing throughout the quiet little town of Ruskin, informing its residents to the time. However, to many people who were standing anxiously along the roadside, this bell signified something else: the start of the 2012 Ruskin Memorial VFW Post #6287 Veteran's Day Parade. This annual event could not have been held on a more beautiful Saturday, with the temperature at a cool 72 degrees and partly cloudy skies, the scene was set to give all the attendees and participants of this year's parade a real treat.

The event took place on US Hwy 41 between 5th Ave SE to 19th Ave through the community. I spoke with a gentleman named Tom before the parade began. Tom resides in Ruskin for six months out of the year, and resides the other six months in Columbus, Ohio. A

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# Fish Tales: Fish the shallows this week

A few days of cold weather have dropped our water temperatures to about 60 degrees. This has put our focus on potholes and shallows for finding fish this week. Some fish have taken cover in the protected canals, with others finding the muddy bottoms of rivers to wait for warmer weather.

Those with catches this week say they fished on high and low tides when the fish surfaced to eat.

Kingfish were seen slowly moving in our waters this week. Most have moved south to warmer waters. As the colder weather and snow hits the northern states, they will again start migrating our way.

Cobia are still in our waterways, but seem to have left the rivers and Gulf and are now playing around in the canal from the warm water flow of Tampa Electric near the Manatee Viewing Center.

Good news for many is that the mullet are jumping in the canals this week, just in time for the holiday cookouts. One good thing about mullet is that you can feed a multitude of people with just one cast of the net. That is, if you read the water right and make a complete circle over a school.

Veteran's Day cookouts were outside with dinner on the grill and lots of fried mullet and hush

puppies.

The best fishing this week is in the shallows, as one might call "Fall Shallows," it is Fall here, even though we have 80-degree weather most of the time. This is one waterway where you can fish the year 'round, Spring, Winter, Summer and Fall.

Sheepshead are always waiting for an angler, at piers, bridges, wrecks and artificial reefs, regardless of the weather it's a lean white-meated fish, ugly and boney but well worth cleaning and always good tablefare.

Freshwater catches in private lakes and the waters of upper rivers gave some anglers great catches of catfish, panfish and a bass or two.

Visiting Williams Park in Gibsonton this week, I found the parking lot was about three-quarters full of boat trailers now

that so many are back fishing. I couldn't help but notice a lot of pickup trucks without trailers and as I stayed around for a while I found that those pickups were driven by people owning kayaks. Talked with some anglers from Plant City, who said, "It is very easy to swing off of I-75 to this launching pad." They own boats but the kayak doesn't take gas: "You paddle along, forget your work and life is wonderful in a kayak. In our boats we rush to one spot, hang out awhile, if the fish don't bite we speed across to another spot. It takes a lot of gas, it's also harder to launch. We are not pulling a trailer, we can get here faster, and life is beautiful in our kayaks. Another advantage in our kayak is that we can go places that our boat can't go."

There are also a few anglers out there in canoes. Both are great gas

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By Jonie Maschek

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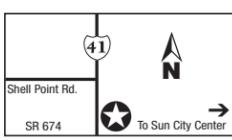


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# A Parade to Remember

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A veteran of the United States Marine Corps, he was a rifleman during the Vietnam War, and later on became a rifleman trainer to officers who were heading off to do their tour in Vietnam. He has proudly been a member of close to 50 years of the American Legion in New Knoxville, Ohio, where he had once held the position of National Vice Commander. There is no twisting of his or his wife's arm to get them to come to the annual parade. They come to show their pride, and respect for those who have served in our armed forces throughout the decades, as so many others do as well.

Dale and Kay, who have been friends for many years, were also in attendance and thoroughly enjoying themselves with cold drinks in-hand, sitting on their tailgate along with their 3'x5' American flag attached to their truck, proudly waving in the light breeze. Dale has been a resident of Ruskin for nearly four decades and is a United States Army veteran himself who served as an engineer with the 3rd Armored Division. Kay has lived in this town for nearly 20 years. Kay's favorite part of the parade is watching the ladies auxiliary color guard team. They both come to the parade every year, and "don't have any plans of stopping."

Watching the many young children in attendance proudly waving their American flags and interacting with the people riding on the fascinating floats is an enjoyment. These children are experiencing first-hand the many people who have fought for this great nation, and are recognizing not only the selfless contribution that these veterans have given, but the contributions of their families as well. Seeing their eyes grow big and watching their jaws drop as the participants in uniform come over to shake their hands and thank them for their support is priceless.

There were plenty of candy and bead necklaces soaring through the air towards the attendees along the parade route. One young boy standing next to me was leaning; not to get a better look at what the next float was that was slowly approaching his location, but because of the dozen or more beaded necklaces he had dangling around his neck, yet he was loving every minute of what he was witnessing, and was still receiving more necklaces as I made my way down the parade route.

This Veteran's Day parade was one that will not soon be forgotten by many of the roughly 2,000 people who were in attendance.



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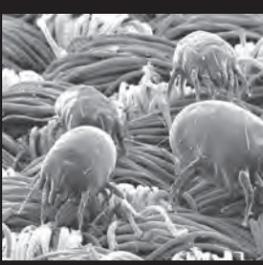


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# An out-of-this-world restaurant: Dixie Crossroads

■ WARREN RESEN, International Food, Wine & Travel Writers Association

TITUSVILLE, FL — Dixie Crossroads Seafood Restaurant &

More in Titusville, Florida has a reputation that transcends the boundaries of earth, literally. The business was built on the back of a little crustacean, known as the "peanut shrimp," at one time considered practically inedible. Today known as a "rock shrimp" its taste, according to fans, is similar to lobster (not chicken). It has become a delicacy because of a technique to clean and prepare it that Rodney Thompson and his family perfected one weekend at home in their kitchen.

For the Thompsons, it has always been about the ocean and its bounty. Rodney, founder of Dixie Crossroads, built pleasure and commercial fishing boats in the 1950's and 60's in Port Canaveral and is credited with building the first commercial fiberglass shrimp boat.

Laurilee Thompson, Rodney's daughter and current owner of Dixie Crossroads, was at one time possibly the only crewman (there was no political correctness back then) in the Atlantic long-line fleet. Then when her father gifted her with the last boat from his commercial production line, she gathered a crew and went off

on her own, fishing the Gulf and Atlantic.

In January 1983 Rodney bought a small orange grove in Titusville, Florida and opened a restaurant using fiberglass coolers made in his ship building facility to keep the shrimp fresh.

Customers used plastic forks, spoons and knives. It was definitely not a white table cloth operation.

In the years since its opening as a small 30 seat neighborhood restaurant, Dixie Crossroads has outgrown its humble beginnings and today can accommodate more than 450 people. Fresh caught seafood is the reason for its continued success, and then there are those sinfully delicious baskets of corn fritters, each one shaped like a golf ball. Laurilee estimates more than a million are consumed by patrons yearly. When you try a basket, you'll know why.

In the beginning Dixie Crossroads was the place to go for rock shrimp. Today it is more than that. Rock shrimp is just one of five species of domestic shrimp that are featured and every one of these five varieties has a different flavor profile. According to Laurilee, "Rock shrimp just happens to be the most unusual. The selection of shrimp on our menu also features Royal Reds,

Key West Pinks, Canaveral Whites, Florida Browns and Hoppers."

"ALL of the shrimp we serve at Dixie Crossroads are wild caught not farm raised. Approximately 90% of the shrimp consumed in the U.S. are farm raised, usually in foreign countries where growing conditions are often unregulated. Wild caught shrimp are firm and sweet and have a distinctive taste. They are not soft and tasteless like the farm raised variety that needs hot sauce for flavor," Ms. Thompson said.

But then there is even more to the Dixie Crossroads menu than its famous shrimp. Alaskan King Crab, Maine Lobster, and Wild Salmon as well as many varieties of fish are offered. For meat eaters there is organically raised beef and poultry.

Dixie Crossroads' original reputation was founded on serving Rock shrimp which looks like a miniature rock lobster tail. It was difficult and time consuming to clean. They were considered a by-product of a catch, used for bait or tossed back, except for the few brought home for personal consumption.

While hand cleaning a batch of rock shrimp in their family kitchen that Rodney had bought for home consumption, the Thompsons discovered an easier way to clean these delicious little crustaceans, making it economical to serve in a restaurant. The rest is history.

The motto of Dixie Crossroads is "Buy American." The Thompson family promotes the interests of American fishing fleets, American fishermen and American products. However, they occasionally have to buy products from other sources when a particular variety is not available in local waters. Their horizon has grown beyond the boundaries of Florida's waters and today reaches to all corners of North America. But the seafood they serve is always wild caught.

Dixie Crossroads was named, not as many think for the South, but for the nearby roadway with a similar name, Dixie Highway. It was NASA and the Space Shuttle program at nearby Cape Canaveral that helped the restaurant take off and earn an international and "out-of-this-



world" reputation.

In its heyday, NASA's visitors and employees were regular patrons of Dixie Crossroads in nearby Titusville. Engineers, scientists, politicians, foreign dignitaries, reporters, personalities and of course astronauts came to what was undeniably the best place to eat in the area and big enough to accommodate large groups. NASA would literally take over the restaurant, exposing it to a world-wide audience.

When America's astronauts landed on the moon would it be unrealistic to think that they might have carried with them thoughts of the restaurant's corn fritters? Was it really a golf ball that was whacked on the Moon or a golf ball sized corn fritter from Dixie Crossroads?

The Dixie Crossroads Restaurant in Titusville, Florida, has an out-of-this-world reputation and continues to attract patrons from far and wide.



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