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## For Thanksgiving, a bounty of choices in the food you eat

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It is Thanksgiving, the long-held American tradition of giving thanks for the bounty that we in this nation have received. One day each year we gather together as a nation around kitchen and dining room tables, on couches and on folding chairs with TV trays; we gather together, united in gratitude for the feast of good fortune with turkeys or hams and a cornucopia of vegetables and sweet desserts.

In the past, little thought was given as to where all of that food came from. In the not too distant past, much of it probably came from farms within driving distance of home, although perhaps the turkey, corn, and other items came from points north, such as the Carolinas or Illinois. Like the fabled first Thanksgiving, we celebrate the bounty this nation produces through agriculture. America was and still is a world agricultural powerhouse.

But things are different today. Where our food comes from is much more complex and there are fewer things known in terms of how foodstuffs are grown and harvested. America is still the world's breadbasket, but increasingly we import food as well. Why? It's cheaper or, perhaps, it's more profitable. Additionally, this nation's



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Fresh produce is arguably the most marketed of all products in New York City, such as this one in Brooklyn. Most neighborhoods have several produce markets and farmers markets can be found in many places throughout the city.

annual agricultural bounty has as much to do with science as it does farming. GMOs, genetically modified organisms, mean genetic engineering is playing an ever-larger role in increasing not only the yields of modern agriculture, but also in insulating it against pests and a changing climate. Yet to the public, little is known

about GMOs and the impact of engineering over nature on the food we eat.

As recently as the mid-1990s there were two tack stores in Ruskin and it wasn't uncommon to see people riding horses along relatively quiet streets in Riverview.

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PENNY FLETCHER PHOTO

Amanda Zawacki, a leader with Beth Shield's Middle School's AVID program, hands out safety goggles before students enter the work areas of the Kencco manufacturing plant.

## Learning life lessons

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RUSKIN — Bank employees set up chairs and readied their stations. They set out plates of cookies and bottles of water.

Nicole Arbis prepared to talk with students about customer service at the teller desk.

Becky Lorenzo talked about how she would tell them the story of her transition from working in the fields with her parents to managing a McDonald's and then using her cash-handling experiences to move into banking.

Ann Mize prepared to talk about the various aspects of banking in which she has worked for more than 35 years.

Then the busload of students from Beth Shields Middle School pulled up outside and about 45 students in the AVID program got out.

They were greeted by Charlotte Clark, vice president and area manager for American Momentum Banks in Apollo Beach and Sun City Center.

Chairs had been set up in the Sun City Center bank Nov. 14, where students sat and listened intently as Clark gave a brief talk about working in a professional environment.

She explained how to dress and act, from picking up an application through the interview process, and also what was considered good behavior on the job once it was secured.

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## County officials, community leaders want to

# Put the "beach" back in Apollo Beach

■ By MELODY JAMESON  
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APOLLO BEACH – If current plans are realized, this waterfront community on the eastern shore of Tampa Bay once again may have its own public beach.

And, it well may be the result of different objectives established by two distinct organizations blended in a cooperative endeavor undertaken on a dovetailing schedule.

Hillsborough County's Parks,

Recreation and Conservation Department wants to save the steadily eroding Apollo Beach Nature Park at the north end of Surfside Boulevard. The Apollo Beach Waterways Improvement Group (ABWIG) wants to dredge the community's two primary boating channels of accumulated silt to give sailors easier going to

and from Tampa Bay. With some close coordination, they may be able to pull off both... by next fall... and with lasting consequences.

This was the gist of discussions last week during a quarterly ABWIG community meeting where parks department managers shared their concerns and outlooks with group members about saving the gradually disappearing public nature preserve.

Hillsborough County acquired the property in 1996 when it was purchased for \$2.1 million from a developer under the county's Environmental Lands Acquisition and Preservation Program (ELAPP), noted Forest Turbiville, parks department ELAPP manager.

At the time, the site consisted of 63 acres. Today, due to the erosion generated by wave action and often driven by weather conditions, the same property is just about 56 acres, he added. In 16 years, seven acres of land simply has been washed away, Turbiville emphasized. In dollar terms, based on the original price,

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Calling attention to a growing degree of damaging erosion, Ross Dickerson, recreational parks manager in Hillsborough County's Parks, Recreation and Conservation Department, points out how the shoreline has changed along the western edge of the Apollo Beach Nature Park as he and Forest Turbiville (left) discuss the situation during an ABWIG community meeting last week.

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# Traffic signals set for busy Symmes Road intersection

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GIBSONTON - Drivers frustrated by roadway congestion and concerned about vehicle accidents here have something different to be thankful for this year – forthcoming traffic control signals.

But they may have to hold on to their patience until the summer holiday season to see them in place.

Lighted signalization to guide traffic – both vehicular and pedestrian – at the intersection of East Bay Drive with Symmes Road has been designed and scheduled for construction by Hillsborough County's Public Works Department.

The intersection, currently marked only with unlighted stop signs, is among the busiest in the

area as drivers use Symmes to access two primary highways to the west and east - U.S. 41 and U.S. 301 - as well as popular local recreational facilities to the south and north using East Bay Drive.

The project is slated to get underway between May and October, 2013, and most probably in July, according to Daniel Rhodes, a manager in the department's roadway design section.

Part of a larger eventual project involving lane reconfigurations at that intersection, the signalization design calls for three poles bearing mast arms containing traffic control lights, Rhodes said. The standards are to be placed in the southeast corner, on the northwest corner and at the northeast corner of the intersection. Two will have a single mast while the third

will carry two masts. Each must be custom-constructed for the specific site, the manager said.

The light situated at the northeast corner will direct northbound traffic while the northwest light will guide drivers west bound and the third light at the southwest corner will control two directions, east- and southbound vehicles, Rhodes added.

The broader concept for the intersection ultimately is to rework the roadway with changed lane patterns, but that portion of the project is on hold awaiting future funding, he noted. The signalization design implemented in 2013, however, is expected to mesh with the future reconfiguration.

In the meantime, the traffic control device aspect is proceeding, a need recognized by both county officials and local residents. Bob Campbell, traffic engineering manager, said this week that the volume of traffic through the intersection warranted moving ahead with the project.

And Lee Stevens, president of Concerned Citizens of Gibsonton, the community's civic organization which has campaigned for light signals at the site for at least five years, echoed his comment. "It's been greatly needed," Stevens said, "and long anticipated."

The total project cost has been budgeted at \$415,000, including some pedestrian features, Campbell said. When completed next summer, he indicated the intersection also will have crosswalks, sidewalks at the corners and pedestrian controls on the light standards.

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## Kick up the kickstands for fallen veterans

Kick up your motorcycle's kickstand on Dec. 8 and support veterans in the first annual Project Corregidor's Ride for the Fallen. The ride will take place in memory of fallen veterans and in support of the Project Corregidor Program that provides peer mentoring and grief support programs for veterans returning from deployments. Project Corregidor was created by Kelly Kowall (pictured above), in memory of her son, Spc. Corey Kowall, who was killed while on active duty. The Tribute to the Fallen will take place at 10:45 a.m. with a pig roast beginning at 11 a.m. The event is open to all riders and non-riders. Prizes will be awarded for the motorcycle poker run. For information visit [www.ride4fallen.org](http://www.ride4fallen.org) or [favebe.com](http://favebe.com).

## Christmas simulcast to feature Francis Chan, Sheila Walsh

South Bay Church in Riverview invites the community to gather together in one hope-filled, joyful celebration at a special Christmas simulcast on Friday, Nov. 30.

The perfect kick-off for your Christmas celebration, the event will be broadcast live worldwide, including South Bay Church, from Plano, TX. This family event offers messages for men, women and children 10 and older.

Hear Francis Chan, Pastor Jack Graham, Women of Faith speakers Sheila Walsh and Lisa Harper weave stories of hope and the gift



Francis Chan

of Christmas.

Musical guests include Kari Jobe, Point of Grace, Anthem Lights, and introducing Rachel Chan (16-year-old daughter of Francis Chan) who has captured the attention of teens through her open and honest approach to life and discipleship through her music.

Childcare is available for children under 10 with advanced registration at a cost of \$5 per child (\$10 per family) collected on the night of the event. Funds from childcare will benefit the South Bay youth mission trip to Haiti.

Doors open at 7 p.m. for Christmas cookies and hot chocolate. Event begins at 8 p.m. and ends at 10:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person. Space is limited, so purchase your tickets now at [www.SouthBay.cc](http://www.SouthBay.cc) or stop by the church welcome desk.

The church is located at 13498 U.S. 301 South, Riverview, FL 33578. Call 677-0721 for more information or visit the above website. Sponsored by Women and Faith.

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# Positive Talk: Aiming High

The road is long and the way is hard; there is no guarantee of victory. That's not a fun message, but it is the way of life. How can we make the road easier and increase our chances for victory? I think the answer at least partially lies with what Niccolo Machiavelli wrote in *The Prince*, "The wise man should always follow the roads that have been trodden by the great, and imitate those who have most excelled, so that if he cannot reach their perfection, he may at least acquire something of its savor. Acting in this like the skillful archer, who seeing that the object he would hit is distant, and knowing the range of his bow, takes aim much above the destined mark; not designing that his arrow should strike so high, but that flying high it may alight at the point intended."

I greatly recommend listening to and reading the words of great men and women of history for motivation. These writings can be our umbrella for those days when gloom, doom and doubt rain down. One of the men I admire is the late, great Og Mandino. His writings in the area of self-improvement are legendary. It would be easy to believe that such a man was always on the right path and that failure was a stranger to him. Not so. Mandino tells of returning from war to a lackluster career in insurance sales. As his career bottomed out, he lost his wife, daughter and home. For several years, he traveled the country in an old car and in his own words, "... spent all my time trying to gather a few more cents for another bottle of wine." One day when he had



By William Hodges

bottomed out, he contemplated suicide. He walked up to a pawn shop and was about to buy a pistol when he noticed a library next door. For some reason, he was drawn to the library and began reading from the area marked Self Improvement. It was that shelf that not only saved his life, but turned it around.

Mandino went on to be a success in the publishing business and wrote 18 books; his 19th was in his word processor when he died. It would be hard to estimate what a difference he has made in the lives of many devoted readers. Did Mandino come up with some new principles for success? No, but he was a consummate storyteller and he was able to bring the principles of success to life. More importantly, he not only told us of the principles, but his life was a living laboratory of these success principles in action—something for all of us to imitate.

There are many such authors, some still living, who can provide us with the answers to almost all of life's questions. Look on the same shelf that Mandino did. You will see the works of such giants as Napoleon Hill, W. Clement Stone, Robert Schuller, Dale Carnegie, Zig Ziglar, and Norman Vincent Peale, just to name a few. In that same library, take a look at the Biography section. In that section, you will find works of truth that, if written as fiction, would defy belief. Biographies will help us have the knowledge and courage to overcome our current problems, allowing us to rise from the dust of discouragement and stand on the mountain top of achievement.

When one stands alone, the road can indeed seem long and hard. But when that same man or woman stands with the knowledge of the ages, they are invincible. Their quiver is full of knowledge arrows and a bow fashioned from the lives that have gone on before. All that is left is to aim high.

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## Attention all Veterans

The Disabled American Veterans SCC Chapter 110 who assist Veterans and surviving spouses with VA claims have relocated. They now utilize the meeting room of the security office located at 1005 N. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City Center. They provide support to Veterans and surviving spouses in need of assistance with;

- Applying for initial VA Benefits
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## Apollo Beach Woman's Club to celebrate at luncheon Dec. 12

The Apollo Beach Woman's Club will hold its December luncheon/meeting at Little Harbor in Ruskin, on Wednesday, Dec. 12.

A Holiday program will be presented by the East Bay High School Choral Group, under the direction of Brian NeSmith. This is one of the highlights of the ABWC year and they invite all to attend.

Luncheon is \$16 per person and reservations must be made and paid for by Friday, Dec. 7 by contacting Deanna Anest at (813) 938-3641 or e-mail: hookr06@hotmail.com.

Membership is open to all women in Apollo Beach and surrounding communities. For membership information contact: Sharon Vasquez, 2nd Vice President of

Membership, (813) 641 7856 or e-mail sharonvasquez47@yahoo.com

The ABWC was founded 54 years ago by a group of women who wished to contribute to the community by providing college scholarships to Apollo Beach high school graduates. The club has now grown to over 162 members who not only provide scholarships to Apollo Beach high school graduates but have expanded their help to the community by supplying clothing to the two elementary schools, assisting families in need with Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, and providing Christmas gifts under their tree. Visit the club at: www.apollobeachwomensclub.com.

## Free seminar on age-related macular degeneration

Those interested in the latest research updates on clinical trials and preventive information about age-related macular degeneration are invited to attend a free presentation on Sunday, Dec. 2, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens in Sarasota.

Sponsored by the Foundation Fighting Blindness, the seminar will feature Dr. Timothy Schoen

, who will discuss the latest research on AMD and other retinal diseases that affect more than 10 million Americans. In fact, AMD is the leading cause of blindness in people 55+.

The Foundation is the leading private funder of research for retinal diseases, including macular degeneration.

Also speaking at the presentation is Mrs. World, April Lufriu (also Mrs. America), who founded the Tampa chapter of Foundation Fighting Blindness. Lufriu and her two young children have been diagnosed with retinitis pigmentosa, and she has become a national spokesman for the Foundation.

The Marie Selby Botanical Gardens is located at 811 South Palm Ave. in Sarasota. Light refreshments will be served and attendees get free admission to the Botanical Gardens until 5 p.m. RSVP by Wednesday, Nov. 28 to (877) 254-6308 or email jcorneille@fightblindness.org.



## Simple Steps to Tackling 6 Common Holiday Stains

Holiday time can be hard on a home. House guests, parties, cooking and baking combined with a busy schedule often result in spills, stains and frustrations. Dove Interiors Carpet One Floor & Home has compiled six common holiday stains along with simple cleaning steps to relieve holiday stress.

Putting together a holiday stain "emergency kit" before the holidays begin can also help relieve some stress when accidents happen. A good "emergency kit" should include:

- White vinegar
- Baking soda
- Unprinted white paper towels
- Clear dishwashing detergent – Mix 1/2 teaspoon detergent with one cup of warm (not hot) water when you need it.
- A laundry pre-soak solution: Mix 1 teaspoon enzyme laundry detergent with one cup of water before using.
- A dry powder carpet cleaner.
- Dry cleaning solvent: Non-oily, non-caustic type sold as spot removal for garments. Caution: May be flammable.



With the techniques and tools ready, a holiday stain is easier to handle. The steps below cover six of the most common holiday household stains that occur all

over the house.

**1. White glue.** Kids' craft projects make great gifts. When the glue ends up on the floor instead of the project, first scrape or blot up excess spill. Then apply the detergent solution using a damp towel. Blot the stain - don't rub. Next, apply white vinegar (undiluted), using a damp towel and blot again. Apply water with a damp sponge. Blot again and finish by weighing down a half-inch-thick pad of white paper towels to absorb all the moisture. Leave overnight if necessary.

**2. Lipstick.** In a hurry to get ready for a party, the lipstick gets dropped on the carpet. Start by scraping or blotting up the excess spill. Apply the detergent solution using a damp towel and leave 3-5 minutes. Blot and apply white vinegar (undiluted), using a damp towel. Apply water with damp sponge. Blot again and finish by weighing down a half-inch-thick pad of white paper towels to absorb all the moisture. Leave overnight if necessary.

**3. Candle Wax.** Candles make any holiday celebration a little more festive. When the wax drips on the carpet, first scrape off excess



## Terrific Kids for Ruskin Elementary School

The Terrific Kids character trait for October at Ruskin Elementary was Citizenship. The following were present for the ceremony and picture: Kevin Monterrosas-Coeto, Humberto Alanis- Perez, Janelle Maya, Julian Saldivar, Briseida Mejia, Natalie Olivera, Chidubem Anaebio, Giovanni Briseno, Spencer Tingley, Makayla Frost, John Monterrosas- Coeto, Mariany Alaniz, Emerson Lee, Rey Alvarez, Deacon Alls, Aiden Ledesma, Victoria Garcia, Destiny Padron, Jullian Gifford, Elizabeth Salazar, Mia Borja- Sanchez, Ashley Basurto, Kelany Marinez, Andrea Rodriguez, Alejandro Aguirre- Ramirez, Anthony Vasquez, Maxieli Hernandez, Lucia Cervantes, Jazmene Flores, Jason Dominguez, Luis Alonzo-Ortiz, Sebastian Giles, Makenna Miley, Elisbeth Heron, Selena Fernandez, Lexi Mosley, Mariajosse Claudio, Karla Basave, Shane Sausal, Aubrey Rellias, Joshua Brandt, Melanie Chavez, Darrell Brown, Juan Avonce- Martinez, Victoria Perez, Henry Figueroa, Jorge Rendon, Zaida Dominguez, Annabelle Saenz, Brandon Weaks, Keyah Buelna, Luis Narvaez, Perla Garcia Macias, Charlize Rivera, Olivia Sims, Alexis Ramos, Adam Martinez, Leslie Torres, Lalayla Golden, Luis Morel. Kiwanis Members Joe Naragawala, Charlene Wirick, Donna and Tom Braden. Ruskin principal- Lisa Amos and Assistant Principal Rebecca Salgado. Student not present for photo: Jonatan Gomez.

## Club's Live Manatee Webcams "Wow" Viewers

From coast to coast and around the globe, people are watching and enjoying wild manatees in their natural habitat on Save the Manatee Club's live webcams at Blue Spring State Park in Orange City, FL. The website is www.manatv.org. This past January, the Club strategically placed underwater and above-water cameras in the park's spring run to provide mass live streaming of endangered manatees and other Florida wildlife at www.manatv.org. Much of each day's live views are archived for those who have missed it, or if not much is happening on any given day, so there is always something interesting for viewers to see when visiting the livecams page.

In winter, wild manatees are found in Florida at warm-water sites such as natural springs and effluents of power plants, as they are a subtropical species and cannot tolerate prolonged exposure to water temperatures below 68 degrees Fahrenheit. Blue Spring is one of the most important warm-water refuges for the Upper St. Johns River manatees, with a constant year-round temperature of 72 degrees.

"As we had hoped, Blue Spring webcam viewers have watched millions of minutes of manatees in their natural habitat," says Patrick Rose, an aquatic biologist and Save the Manatee Club's Execu-

wax. Cover the stain with brown paper and apply a warm iron until remaining wax is absorbed. Be sure paper is large enough to cover the stained area. Take care never to touch the iron to the carpet as the fiber might melt. Change paper or rotate to clean area and repeat until all material is absorbed.

You can also try scraping the spill and then freezing it with ice cubes. Shatter the frozen wax with a blunt object like the back of a large spoon. Vacuum chips away before they melt.

**4. Red wine.** Instead of limiting your guests to clear beverages, be ready with these steps. Blot up excess spill as quickly as possible. Apply the detergent solution using damp towel and leave 3-5 minutes. Blot and apply white vinegar (undiluted), using a damp towel. Blot again. Finish by weighing down a half-inch-thick pad of white paper towels



tive Director. "It's absolutely thrilling to watch manatees just being manatees, playing and cavorting. It gives viewers who might never otherwise see a manatee the opportunity to view them up close, in real time, and to observe them in their natural environment." Rose explains that the webcams offer unique opportunities for additional manatee research, as well as helping with preliminary health assessments of individual manatees who may be injured or sick, and to identify calves who are orphaned and need rescuing. In addition, viewers who visit the site can read the latest manatee reports from Wayne Hartley, the Club's Manatee Specialist and former Park Ranger and Principal Investigator for manatee research conducted at Blue Spring State

Park. Visitors to the webcams will also see alligators and a variety of spectacular Florida fish, birds, and turtles.

"The webcams help raise public awareness about manatees, attract countless new fans around the world, and ultimately strengthen the connection between people and Florida's endangered manatee," Rose adds. "Hopefully, people will come to understand the vital role manatees and manatee protection efforts play in the aquatic ecosystem."

Save the Manatee Club is a 501-(c)-3 nonprofit conservation and manatee welfare organization, established in 1981 by world-renowned singer/songwriter Jimmy Buffett and former Florida Governor and U.S. Senator, Bob Graham.

to absorb all the moisture. Leave overnight if necessary.

**5. Cooking oil.** Holiday cooking projects are fun for the whole family. A greasy stain could ruin the fun. First, apply a dry cleaning solvent, using a dampened towel. Blot the stain, as rubbing will embed it further. Then repeat these steps, first applying a solvent and then blotting. Lastly, apply water with a dampened towel and blot-finish with a weighted pad of towels.

**6. Chocolate.** Holiday candies are an indulgent treat but when one gets dropped, it can cause a big mess. First, finish your remaining treat, and then scrape up excess spill. Apply detergent solution using a damp towel and blot. Apply white vinegar (undiluted), using a damp towel, blot and apply water with a damp sponge. Blot and finish by weighing down a half-inch-

thick pad of white paper towels to absorb all the moisture. Leave overnight if necessary.

Dove Interiors Carpet One Floor & Home is a locally owned flooring retailer serving the Ruskin area. It is located at 2305 College Ave. in Ruskin; (813) 645-8660.

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## You, me and business: Reasons to be thankful

There are many, many wonderful things about living in the South Shore area that we should all be grateful for, yet often take for granted. Maybe today is a good time to be reminded of how blessed we are.

I'm grateful for the tiki bar down at Little Harbor and the gorgeous view of the bay from the terrace. Not only did Husband and I get married on the white sandy beach there several years ago, but we've spent many wonderful evenings watching breathtaking sunsets with friends and family.

Our location in the state is ideal. We're a few minutes from the beach, an hour from Disney, and quite close to professional baseball, football and hockey. We have performing arts, museums, Busch Gardens and Ybor City.

And while there is inevitably someone who just has to complain about the weather, we live in a temperate zone with mild winters and beautiful springs and falls. The summers may be stormy, but we have not had a hurricane come anywhere near us in years. Even when they did in 2004, the damage here was minimal. Some say there is an atmospheric anomaly that keeps storms out of Tampa Bay. No matter. We've been blessed.

For boaters, kayakers, jet skiers, sailors and scuba divers, there is water, water everywhere! Manatee, Little Manatee, Hillsborough and Alafia Rivers all flow into our beautiful bay and out into the Gulf.

Don't you love the wildlife? No, I don't mean the wild pigs that have been ravaging Kings Point in recent months. I mean the elegant sandhill cranes, bobcats, and even alliga-

tors. The occasional iguana sighting is a thrill.

Life is good when Walmart sells their Oakleaf brand of wine for \$2.77 a bottle (and it's good!) and the strawberries are so big they look more like apples. Avocados, oranges, limes, and tomatoes grow in the backyard next to the hibiscus and palm trees.

Those of us in Sun City Center are privileged to be able to get where we want to go on golf carts, saving gas money and the environment at the same time.

Mostly, I am grateful for all of the community-minded and huge-hearted people who reside here. All of the hours spent volunteering to make our neighborhoods better; all of the charitable groups who help so many people; and all of the funny, laid-back people we socialize with. All of these people make our area one of the best places on earth to live.

I'm grateful for everyone who has attended a Chamber function, whether it be a member coming to a luncheon or a resident participating in our golf cart poker runs. You bring energy and vitality with you!

On a personal note, I am incredibly grateful I have been given the opportunity to lead the Sun City Center Chamber of Commerce these past two years. I have met some of the most inspiring people and been a part of many great events. This job is a dream come true and I hope it is the one I retire from years down the road.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and when you show your gratitude, be thankful you live in such a great place.



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

## Hillsborough County is one of the nation's top agricultural producers

Agriculture continues to be a vital mainstay of Hillsborough County's economy, as shown by the 2011 agriculture sales and acreage estimates released last week by the Hillsborough County Agriculture Industry Development Program and Hillsborough County Extension Service.

According to the data, the 2011 sales estimate of Hillsborough County agriculture products is \$832 million, up \$16 million from 2010. Hillsborough County has 2,843 farms, which is the second largest number of farms of any county in the state of Florida.

Hillsborough County covers more than 1,000 square miles, and 255,532 acres of that (39 percent) is used for agriculture production.

Hillsborough ranks as the 4<sup>th</sup> largest producer of agricultural products in the state, and 5<sup>th</sup> out of 3,076 counties in the United States.

Strawberries continue to be the highest sales crop at \$388,125,702, which is almost 47 percent of the County's total agricultural sales.

Hillsborough produces 90 percent of the strawberries grown in Florida, and nearly 11 percent of the strawberries grown in the nation. Hillsborough also produces 14 percent of Florida's tomatoes, and 5 percent of the tomatoes grown in the U.S.

The next highest sales crops after strawberries are:

- Vegetables production at second with \$150,000,000 with 18 percent of annual sales.

- Ornamental plants at third with \$139,232,407, accounting for 16.7 percent of annual sales.

- Aquaculture at fourth, with \$23,546,112 and 2.8 percent of annual sales.

- Beef cattle/pasture at fifth, with \$18,934,207 and 2.2 percent of annual sales.

Local agriculture sales support the local economy through related businesses such as banking, real estate, transportation, packaging, equipment, seed, agricultural suppliers and services, and marketing firms.

## Enjoy a "Plantation Christmas"

The United Daughters of the Confederacy, Florida Division, the Gamble Plantation Preservation Alliance and the Florida Park Service have announced that the Plantation Christmas Open House will be held this year on Sunday, Dec. 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Gamble Plantation Historic State Park in Ellenton.

Once again visitors can travel back to the Old South during the day through the many lifestyle demonstrations of that time period. The Ladies of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will be wearing costumes reminiscent of the era of the 1840s through 1870s to add a touch of authenticity to the day. The 4th Florida Volunteer Infantry will be dressed in military uniforms re-enacting a Confederate encampment. There will be music, crafts and fun for everyone. Admission is free.

Everyone is invited to the Christmas Open House. Gamble Plantation Historic State Park is located on U.S. 301 in Ellenton, one mile west of I-75 off exit #224. Florida State Parks are in various stages of accessibility. They are working to improve access to services and facilities. Should you need assistance to enable your full participation, contact Gamble Plantation. For further information call Gamble Plantation Historic State Park at (941) 723-4536 or fax (941) 723-4538.

## South Bay Hospital celebrates 30 years of caring

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.

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# Thanksgiving bounty

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Back then, agriculture was still the state's biggest industry, competing strongly with tourism. In years prior to that, Ruskin was known as the salad bowl of the nation, with farms producing famous tomatoes and other vegetables. Even when living in the city, it was easy enough to find local produce in most grocery stores or at numerous roadside stands.

Things have changed since then. One former tack store became the office of a now-bankrupt housing development. It is now vacant and owned by a bank. Hundreds of acres of farmland have given way to homes and roads. Agriculture, while still a significant part of Florida's economy, is no longer king.

But more and more, people, including those living in urban areas, are becoming concerned about the food they eat. Despite that the Tampa Bay area is on the doorstep of a Gulf full of shrimp, the relatively inexpensive packaged shrimp in the supermarket freezer is much more likely to be a product of Vietnam than of Key West or Ft. Myers, and the cheap tomatoes may well be from Mexico rather than Ruskin. Oranges, Florida's biggest agricultural product, are more likely to be found in juice containers than on shelves, where California (or foreign) oranges dominate the offerings.

In an age when news of food recalls due to *E. coli* and other contaminants are becoming increasingly common, people are becoming more concerned about where their food comes from and how it is grown. Buying local produce doesn't

guarantee that your food will be perfectly safe, but building a relationship with a local farmer or market can certainly increase the trust and confidence in the food you eat. Few people know how tomatoes are grown in a foreign land, or what chemicals or sanitation standards are adhered to in harvesting. No one really knows if the healthy-looking pink shrimp from the other side of the world is truly healthy or simply the result of a chemical spray used to enhance the appearance. For those with such concerns, buying locally is an answer to the nearly unfathomable mysteries of imported food. If nothing else, buying from local producers at least provides the comfort and satisfaction of knowing where the food you eat comes from. It also goes a long ways towards keeping the money you spend in the local economy.

Community supporting agriculture (CSA) is a growing trend across the nation, harkening back to days of old in terms of how people buy food. With CSA, people invest directly in local farming, paying a farmer upfront for a crop that is harvested months later. The benefits are many, as the upfront investments help a local farmer with cash flow and the investors know exactly from where their food comes because they have a relationship with the farmer who grew it. There are risks, of course, as a bad harvest is bad for everyone involved.

CSAs haven't yet gained a foothold in South Hillsborough, but local agriculture is growing again. Although numerous produce stands exist along the highways and byways of the

region, a few local businesses have emerged as local leaders in either growing or selling farm-fresh local products. 3 Boys Farm and Hydro Harvest Farms in Ruskin and Mabry's Market in Wimauma are among the three leading businesses making names for themselves in providing farm-fresh organic food.

"Thanksgiving Dinner is always Fresh at the Farm" reads Hydro Harvest Farms' twitter feed (@hydroharvest1). Hydro Harvest appears at numerous local festivals and monthly at the SouthShore Farmers Market in Ruskin. The farm and market on Shell Point Road in Ruskin also sells hydroponic equipment to help others get a start on their own organic farming.

3 Boys Farm offers their fresh produce weekly at the St. Petersburg Saturday Market downtown. The operation was founded by Robert Tornello, who helped people design rooftop gardens in New York City in the 1960s. Although the nation's largest city may seem an odd place to get started in sustainable, organic agriculture, produce is arguably the most marketed of all products in neighborhoods throughout the Big Apple.

Today, 3 Boys Farm near Ruskin achieves year-around greenhouse crop production of numerous organic vegetables. They invite everyone from the South Hillsborough area to visit them at the St. Petersburg Saturday market, stating that on low-homework weekends, you'll meet at least one or two of the three boys. They also have dog treats on hand for canine companions.



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Hydroponic tomatoes and other vegetables growing at Hydro Harvest Farms on Shell Point Road in Ruskin.

You can order half a pastured Berkshire pig from Mabry's Market in Wimauma. You can also order grass-fed beef, eggs and a large selection of organic vegetables. Most of the produce is local but the market will source from nearby states, if necessary, to maximize the freshness of the crops. Their market offerings are continually updated on their website and orders can be placed online between Monday evening and Thursday noon. That allows the farmers to harvest and deliver the produce for pickup at the market on Friday.

With a rapidly growing and increasingly hungry world population, advancements in agricultural science and massive

farming enterprises will be required more and more to feed the planet. But fortunately in America, the breadbasket of the world, and more specifically, in Florida with year-around organic farming now a reality, consumers have a choice. For many people, knowing where their food comes from, just like on the first Thanksgiving, is even more reason to be grateful for the bounty.

For more information visit Mabry's Market at [mabrysonlinemarket.locallygrown.net](http://mabrysonlinemarket.locallygrown.net); 3 Boys Farm at [www.3boysfarm.blogspot.com](http://www.3boysfarm.blogspot.com); and Hydro Harvest Farms at [www.hydroharvestfarms.com](http://www.hydroharvestfarms.com).

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The Bowery Boys entertain at the Christmas Walk at the Village of the Arts in Bradenton.

## An 'olde-fashioned village Christmas' awaits at the Village of the Arts

The Village of the Arts in Bradenton, called the Gulf Coast's largest art community, hosts an 'olde-fashioned village Christmas' from 6 to 9:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 7, and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8. Over 35 galleries and five restaurants in restored vintage cottages will be festooned with holiday lights and will echo to the sounds of Christmas carolers and a barber shop quartet.

Enjoy a visit with Santa and special holiday treats and sugar plums and a Christmas Tea Room at restaurants throughout the Village. There will be special displays of antique quilts, toys, dolls and vintage holiday fashions by Retro Rosie, plus Village artists will be displaying their latest one-of-a-kind creations. The Village is located four blocks south of Manatee Ave. between 9<sup>th</sup> St. W. and 14<sup>th</sup> St. W. The festival is presented by the Artists Guild of Manatee. For more information, go to [www.villageofthearts.com](http://www.villageofthearts.com), call (941) 746-4556 or email [villageoftheartspr@gmail.com](mailto:villageoftheartspr@gmail.com).



### Easy Heating Pad

For a fast, easy, and safe heating "pad," fill an old sock with two or three cups of dry beans. Close the end with a rubber band, and when needed for tired muscles or winter chills, microwave until warm (one to two minutes).

Phyllis

### Removing Stains from Plastic

I have found that a mixture of hydrogen peroxide and baking soda removes stains from plastic. Using a scrub brush and this mixture, I have restored plastic play tables ruined with paint and marker stains and also bathroom shelves stained with make-up.

T.

### Easy Freezer Meals

Instead of doing a month's worth of cooking at once, whenever I have the time/energy to make a nice meal, I double or triple the recipe and just freeze the extra. There is no extra stress and no extra time needed, and I still end up with a freezer full of fast meals.

Rebecca

## IN UNIFORM

### Air Force

Air Force Airman Jason L. Wiggins graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX.

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

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

Wiggins is the son of Kenneth Wiggins of Villa Ridge Court, Dallas, GA, and grandson of Ralph Varney of Gast Dr., Prospect, OH.

He is a 2003 graduate of Riverview High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in 2010 from Pensacola Christian College, FL.

## Holiday schedule for Hillsborough County offices

The majority of Hillsborough County offices and facilities will be closed on Thursday and Friday (Nov. 22 and 23) in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Closed facilities include the administrative offices of County government, neighborhood service centers, all libraries, all County-operated Head Start/Early Head Start Centers, recreation centers, senior centers and nutrition sites.

Some regional parks will be open on Thanksgiving Day.

### Solid Waste Collection and Disposal

There will be no solid waste collection (including garbage, recyclables and yard waste) in the unincorporated Hillsborough County Service Area, which also includes Tampa Palms, Hunter's Green and New Tampa, on Thanksgiving Day. Solid waste customers whose collection day falls on the holiday may set out twice the amount of garbage, recyclables and yard waste on the next scheduled day for pickup of these items.

Solid waste collection will resume as usual on Friday, Nov. 23. The Southeast County Landfill, Northwest and South County transfer stations, Resource Recovery Facility, community collection centers and yard waste processing facilities will be closed on Thanksgiving Day. They will reopen on Friday, Nov. 23, with a normal schedule.

### Animal Services

Animal Services will be closed on both Thanksgiving Day and Friday. A limited number of emergency personnel will remain on call through the main number at 813-744-5660. The shelter will resume regular hours on Saturday, Nov. 24.

### Fire Rescue

Fire Rescue Administration, the Fire Marshall's Office and the Office of Emergency Management will be closed both days. All emergency services will continue without interruption.

### Head Start

All County-operated Head Start/Early Head Start facilities and Delegate Agencies (Hillsborough County Public Schools, Tampa Metropolitan YMCA and Lutheran Services of Florida) will be closed on both days.

### InfoLine

Hillsborough County's InfoLine, 813-272-5900, also will be closed both days.

### Libraries

On Wednesday, Nov. 21, all of the public libraries in Hillsborough County will close at 6 p.m. except the Temple Terrace Public Library, which will close at 8 p.m.

All of the public libraries in Hillsborough County will be closed on Thursday and Friday.

### Parks, Recreation and Conservation

All County recreation centers and the two skate parks will be closed on Thursday and Friday.

The following regional parks will be open on Thanksgiving Day: Alderman's Ford, Edward Medard, and the Flatwoods, Morris Bridge and Trout Creek sections of Wilderness Park.

These regional parks are closed on Thanksgiving Day: E.G. Simmons, Eureka Springs, Lake Park, Lake Rogers, Lettuce Lake, Lithia Springs, Upper Tampa Bay, and the Dead River, Harney Boat Ramp, John B. Sargeant and Veteran's Memorial sections of Wilderness Park. The Upper Tampa Bay Trail also is closed on Thanksgiving Day.

### Sunshine Line

The Sunshine Line transportation service will not be in operation on Thanksgiving Day or Friday.

### Water and Wastewater Emergencies

The Public Utilities Department customer call center and water/wastewater customer service centers in Northdale and Brandon will be closed Thursday and Friday.

Emergency calls regarding County water and wastewater service may be made to 813-744-5600. Also, the Public Utilities Department's Water Quality Hotline is answered 24 hours a day: 813-264-3835.

### Constitutional Officers

Offices of the Property Appraiser, Tax Collector and Supervisor of Elections will be closed on Thursday and Friday, as well as offices of the Clerk of the Circuit Court and court facilities.

### Environmental Protection Commission

The offices of the Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County will be closed both days.

## Silent Auction to benefit Apollo Beach Elementary

Apollo Beach Elementary PTA will be holding its 8th Annual Casino Night and Silent Auction on Friday, Nov. 30 at the South Shore Falls Clubhouse in Apollo Beach from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. This event is held each year in order to raise funds for the school.

Last year, profits from this event amounted to \$12,000, all of which was put toward the repair of the track utilized by students, staff, parents and community. Now, all who use it can continue to work towards promoting their health and wellness in a safe manner.

Tickets are \$25 and include a full dinner, DJ, dancing, starter casino cash, cash bar and the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets and bid on items in the live and silent auction. Auction items feature tickets to multiple local and regional attractions, lodging, golf outings, fishing charters, sports memorabilia and tickets, spa and salon packages, jewelry, various dining establishments and much, much more.

Anyone interested in purchasing tickets for this philanthropic event should email [abespta@yahoo.com](mailto:abespta@yahoo.com) or call (813) 658-8156.

## Lighted boat parade on Little Manatee River

Riverside Boat Club at Riverside Club Golf and Boating Resort will hold its annual Christmas lighted boat parade on Sunday evening, Dec. 2.

The parade will gather at 6 p.m. at the marina in Hayes Bayou on the Little Manatee River, proceed down the river to the Route 41 bridge, and return. It will conclude with pot luck dessert and refreshments at the Riverside Club marina.

Best viewing will be along the river between 6 and 7 p.m.

The club welcomes non-residents who are interested in decorating their boats and joining this year's parade. Decorated boats can arrive at the marina by water prior to 6 p.m.

Rain date is Monday, Dec. 3.

For more information, call Bill Troeber at (813) 938-1299.

## Bingo returns to Riverbreeze Estates

Bingo has started for the season at Riverbreeze Estates in Ruskin. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. on Monday nights, and all are welcome.

For more information, call Bernice at (813) 641-2967.

### Free Gift Boxes

Never use store-bought gift boxes again. Use empty food boxes (cereal, granola bars, etc.) to put your Christmas presents in before wrapping. When my kids were little, they would always figure out what their gifts were, so I started saving empty food boxes after Halloween to use for Christmas presents. Because the boxes had straight edges, they never again guessed what their presents were.

Cathy

### Another Use for Vinegar

My daughter works at a fast food restaurant, and her uniform stinks from the smell of grease when she comes home from work. In the past, no matter how I washed her uniform, the grease odor would not leave and would sometimes make the other clothes in the washer and dryer smell. I decided to add half to one cup vinegar to the wash cycle and the smell disappeared. Now, there is no vinegar odor, and all the clothes smell fresh.

M.

### Locked Out of Your Car?

When I was at the post office the other day, I was so distracted that I locked my keys in my car. When I told the postmaster what I'd done and was about to call a locksmith, he said, "Wait a minute, and I'll see if I can unlock it for you." He was a former cab driver and had an entire kit in his car for unlocking various kinds of vehicles.

He said that if it ever happens again, call a cab! They usually charge around \$20 for the service, while locksmiths charge around \$60.

AB

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**Oreo**

Oreo is a handsome boy with a loving personality. Unfortunately, his owners could no longer care for him. He has been busy flirting with the gals in his cat condo and watching the birds from the lanai. He would really like to find his forever home though. Won't you come and give Oreo a second chance at happiness? Oreo is neutered and fully vaccinated and micro chipped.

DOB: June 2, 2011.



**Rex**

Rex is a handsome American Bulldog mix who was abandoned by his owner. The shelter has succeeded in getting his health back in order, and he has an awesome personality, showering every person he meets with love. He also seems to like other dogs, especially puppies. Do you have a place in your heart for this guy? If so, come and meet him. As part of Rex's adoption, he has been neutered, microchipped, brought current on his shots. He is in the process of Heartworm treatment.

DOB: December 2, 2009

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By Jim Miller

Dear Looking, If you're worried about outliving your retirement savings, longevity annuities are definitely an option worth looking into.

Longevity annuities are simply deferred annuities that pay you income for life, but only if and when you make it to a certain age. How does it work? You give an insurance company a lump-sum of money when you retire (say age 60 or 65), in return for monthly income usually starting at around 80 or 85.

The advantage of choosing a longevity annuity over an immediate annuity is that the payouts are much higher. For example, a 65-year-old man who puts \$30,000 into a longevity policy could expect to receive around \$1,600 per month (that comes to \$19,200 per year) starting at age 85. Buying a \$30,000 immediate annuity at age 85, he'd get only around \$370 per month.

Why such a big difference? Because the insurer has more time to make money off your money before it must begin paying you back. And, they're betting you won't live long enough to receive many, if any, checks. National statistics show that a 65-year-old man will live, on average, to 82, and a 65-year-old woman to 85.

Another great benefit with a longevity annuity is it gives you the freedom to spend down your nest egg, knowing you've locked up an income stream for your later years.

But as tantalizing as those big payouts may be, longevity annuities have their drawbacks. For starters, a basic longevity policy offers no escape hatch for you to retrieve your money during the 20 years or so you're waiting for benefits to start. And your heirs won't get death benefits if you die before you begin to collect.

If that bothers you, you may want to consider a longevity policy that offers flexible features like a death benefit to be paid to your heirs, early payment options, inflation protection and more. The downside, however, is that every extra feature you add will reduce your monthly benefit.

You can use the Brandes Retirement Simulator (see [www.brandes.com/institute](http://www.brandes.com/institute)) to figure out if you should consider a policy. Plug in your current and projected income, expenses and investment strate-

gies. It will show you the possible impact of a longevity product on retirement spending and on your income after age 85. Brandes does not sell longevity insurance.

#### When to Buy

Most people purchase a longevity annuity at or just prior to the time they retire. To estimate how much coverage you should get, figure out how much of your essential expenses you can cover with Social Security, pensions, and other forms of guaranteed income, and buy longevity coverage for the rest. But don't overdo it. Experts recommend you use no more than 10 to 15 percent of your assets to purchase a policy, and leave the rest in your portfolio to provide income until it kicks in.

Also, when choosing a product, remember that you're buying income that will not kick in for 20 years or more. So be sure to go with a company with a good reputation and solid financials which you can check online for free at [ambest.com](http://ambest.com), [standardandpoors.com](http://standardandpoors.com) and [thestreet.com/insurers](http://thestreet.com/insurers). Insurance companies that currently sell longevity annuities are MetLife, Hartford Financial Services, Symetra, New York Life, Northwestern Mutual and MassMutual.

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.

## Some thoughts before shipping gifts

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- Use a shipping option, like UPS, that provides a package tracking number.
- Take batteries out of toys, electronics, etc., before shipping and wrap them separately to avoid contact with metal.
- Seal homemade holiday treats in an interior airtight container or plastic bag before packing them. This is when it makes sense to use an expedited air service.
- Ship wrapped gifts and luggage ahead to your destination, especially if traveling by air.

Mondays are typically the busiest shipping days and Dec. 17-21 is expected to be the busiest week of the year.

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## Fish Tales: Try fish for Thanksgiving dinner

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By Jonie Maschek

Why not have fish on your Thanksgiving menu? With sea trout in the run in our bay waters, you can serve :

### Stuffed Sea Trout:

For each fish, rub the insides with butter, salt and pepper, mince garlic to your taste, sauté 2 medium, chopped onions in butter. Add the onions to bread crumbs mixed with a shot of sherry wine, until soft. Add chopped almonds, or chopped cucumbers (optional) Bake in 400 degree oven until fish is flaky, don't overcook.

Our flat, one-eyed, Florida Flounder is swimming our waterways waiting for you to put him on your Thanksgiving table. This fish is one of the most remarkable groups of fish in existence. They are only one-half of a fish, and spend their entire life on the bottom. Only one side is marked, with the opposite side always white. The bones are twisted so as to put both eyes together on one side. Your legal catch must measure 12" and you may harvest 10 per day by hook and line or by spearing. This fish is a lean, white, meat and may be cooked in many different ways. The flounder is often thrown back when caught by those that think this flat fish cannot be cleaned, but many have mastered this skill with a sharp knife. Popular on many restaurant menus either baked, broiled, fried, stuffed with crab meat or used in a fish stew.

Crab cakes are expensive in most public eating places. I have

seen one crab cake on a lettuce leaf served with sauce and crackers for \$11. Why not make your own from the blue crabs in our waterways?

Get approximately 1-1/2 pounds of crab meat; 2 slices white bread, chopped fine; one egg, beaten; one half cup mayonnaise; juice of one lemon; big dash of Tabasco sauce; one tablespoon of mustard; add

Worcestershire sauce, a good dash. Mix together and shape in cakes about the size of a biscuit. Fry in hot oil about 3 to 5 minutes on each side until brown. Don't use artificial crab meat. If you buy crab meat, look in the freezer section or seafood department and buy the real thing.

Redfish are in the swim in our rivers, canals, and bay waters. One redfish baked with vegetables would serve a family of four. You can grill it stuffed with veggies, wrapped in foil, or bake it with a variety of stuffings. Buy a box of stuffing and add apples, raisins, nuts, or make it with veggies and onions.

Don't fish? Buy some frozen shrimp at your favorite store. To one pound of shrimp add: one chopped onion; one teaspoon each of dry mustard, thyme, and hot sauce; one cup of chicken bouillon; one quarter cup of vinegar (this will make the shrimp spicy, like hot chicken wings). Boil until the shrimp turn pink. *Omit vinegar, hot sauce and mustard if you don't like them spicy*, and add butter and pineapple chunks.

If you like tuna fish, serve it with your favorite pasta dish.

Our fresh waters are full of bass, pan fish, and catfish. Each could be broiled, fried, or baked. Make it a Southern tradition and serve your fish with hush puppies.

*A Happy Thanksgiving to everyone from Fish Tales.*



Joe Desmaris of Brandon and Grace Kelder of SCC accepted the award on behalf of the Greater Tampa Lions Sight Fund.

### Tampa Lions Sight Fund recognized for its services to area students

On Thursday, Nov. 8, the Hillsborough County Board of Education gave the Greater Tampa Lions Sight Fund, Inc. a recognition award for providing vision services to the students of Hillsborough County.

The Greater Tampa Lions Sight Fund provides money to school nurses for eye exams and funds to purchase glasses for students who cannot afford these services.

Joe Desmaris of Brandon, president of the Sight Fund, and Grace Kelder of Sun City Center, secretary-treasurer, accepted this award. Joe and Grace have worked diligently to provide these funds to the Hillsborough Public Schools.

Joe shared with the board a letter that he received from a mother. When her daughter was young, this mother had been told by the schools that her daughter was illiterate. Through the funds given by the Greater Tampa Lions Sight Fund, her daughter was given an eye exam and received glasses. Her daughter later became an honor student and attributed that success to this program.

# Music to their ears

■ By PENNY FLETCHER  
penny@observernews.net

RUSKIN — Officials of the South Hillsborough Ministerial Association want to help their northern neighbors who took the brunt from Hurricane Sandy but they want to be sure they don't duplicate efforts.

So instead of trying to aid them directly, they decided to donate to Franklin Graham's effort, Samaritan Purse.

"We've worked with them before," said the ministerial association President, Rev. Don Tanner of Ruskin's Maranatha Church of God. "The Graham organizations are very well organized and accountable."

Franklin Graham, son of evangelist Billy Graham, world-renown preacher and advisor to many U.S. presidents, heads up Samaritan's Purse International Relief, a mega-assistance and development organization that has helped out in many natural disasters, often reportedly before governmental agencies arrive.

Currently it is on the ground giving aid in several areas of New Jersey and New York hardest hit by Hurricane Sandy Oct. 29.

The SHMA pastors decided to raise funds in the best way they know how: through their monthly joint "Sing."

The association consists of an ecumenical group of houses of worship existing in the area of south Hillsborough County between Big Bend Road and the Manatee County Line.

"Our motto is unity with diversity," said the Rev. Ernest R. Howell, pastor of Grace and Truth Fellowship International. Grace and Truth is the church that built

and maintains the SHMA website at [www.shmasouthshores.org/ministries.html](http://www.shmasouthshores.org/ministries.html).

"We decided to do this at the Pastor's Council in early November," Howell continued.

If all the houses of worship in the organization participate, there are 11, Tanner said.

"It is reported that Sandy rivaled the amount of damage of Hurricane Katrina," Tanner continued. "We felt we had to do something to offer our aid."

The association holds a community sing the last Monday of each month at different churches on a rotating basis. In order to start gathering enough funds to make a good contribution, all member pastors have been asked to take a donation at their church prior to the next sing, Nov. 26, as well as the collection that will be taken at the event.

The sings make a joyful noise, using all types of music from contemporary bands and guitars

to traditional hymns, said the Rev. Howard Roshaven, pastor of Tree of Life Christian Fellowship in Wimauma and secretary/treasurer of SHMA.

Anyone can participate, whether or not they belong to a local



Howard Roshaven, pastor of Tree of Life Christian Fellowship, plays guitar at the last monthly sing.

church.

The last time the association took a collection for Samaritan's Purse was when the 7.9 magnitude earthquake hit China and killed more than 88,000 people in May 2008.

The sing being held for this relief effort will be hosted by Friends and Family Assembly Church in

Wimauma, said its pastor, Rev. Donnie Newberry. But it will be held at the Maranatha Church of God, 55 Sixth Ave. S.E., Ruskin, Monday, Nov. 26 at 6:30 p.m. because of that church's larger size and easy-to-find location.

For more information about SHMA visit [www.shmasouthshores.org/index.html](http://www.shmasouthshores.org/index.html).



PENNY FLETCHER PHOTO

Planning the event are pastors Don Tanner, president of the South Hillsborough Ministerial Association, Vice President Ernest R. Howell, Secretary/Treasurer Howard Roshaven, and Pastor Donnie Newberry, host pastor for the November SHMA sing which will take offerings for disaster relief.



Pastor Ernest R. Howell leads singers from Grace and Truth Fellowship International in a rousing chorus.



Charles Wirick plays piano at the Oct. 29 SHMA Sing hosted by the South Hillsborough Ministerial Association at St. John the Divine Episcopal Church in Ruskin.

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### DECEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

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10:	GENTLE CHAIR YOGA	3 to 4:15 pm
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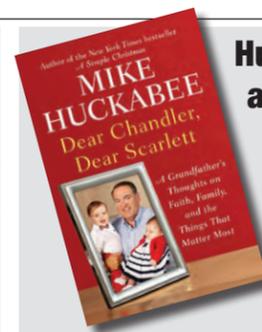
### Avoid the madness with unique gifts from the SouthShore Sunday Market

The Sunday SouthShore Market will take place on Sunday, Nov. 25, part of what is expected to be one of the busiest shopping weekends of the year. The market may offer a respite from maddening crowds, long lines at cash registers and generic gifts, offering instead unique products exclusively from local vendors. The market takes place on the southeast corner of Shell Point Road and U.S. Highway 41 in Ruskin from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This Sunday's market will be the only one until after Christmas.



*Happy Thanksgiving*

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### Huckabee to appear at chamber

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.

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# Metropolitan Ministries new donation drop-off is now located in South County

For years Metropolitan Ministries has been helping those in need, especially during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. And for years, residents and organizations in south Hillsborough County have trekked to Brandon or Tampa to drop off their donations of food and toys. Well, trek no longer, the new drop off location for this mega-charity is now centrally located in Riverview on the property of South Bay Church.

South Bay was chosen by Metropolitan because of its location, enthusiasm to help, and availability of open land to erect the huge tent used for housing and sorting the donations during drop-off hours. It was also an ideal location in proximity to other churches in the area. Metropolitan Ministries wants to see churches of every denomination coming together to help out during these trying times. Volunteers from many area churches are helping man the tent, unload items, sort and pray with those in need.

The south county drop-off location is a pilot this year — taking the pulse of the community's ability to unify, in preparation for a future pick-up center, eliminating the long drive to Tampa for many residents who choose to use their services.

South Bay Church is located at 13498 U.S. 301, Riverview, FL 33578, just two blocks south of Big Bend Road, look for the Metropolitan Ministry signs.

Any individual, organization or church group that has donations for Metropolitan Ministry may drop off their items Monday through Friday 4 to 6:30 p.m., or on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. through December 23.

For more information contact Missions Coordinator Laurie Herring at [laurie@southbay.cc](mailto:laurie@southbay.cc), or call South Bay Church 813-677-0721. If you are a family in need of food or toys for Christmas, check the Metropolitan Ministries website at [www.metromin.org/Client-Registration-Location](http://www.metromin.org/Client-Registration-Location) for registration locations and



Volunteers from local churches are accepting donations for Metropolitan Ministries' Holidays of Hope at the organization's tent which is located at South Bay Church in Riverview.

CHERE SIMMONS PHOTOS



Volunteers from local churches unload boxes of hope.



One hundred families benefited from Saturday's meal distribution. Above volunteers from South Bay Church help Pastor Bob LeFranc (second from left) deliver to 17 area families. LeFranc is pastoring the newly formed Haitian service taking place at South Bay Church on Sundays at 1:00 p.m.

## "Hammer In" to be Held at Ag Museum

Interested in the art of blacksmithing? A novice or an experienced "smithy" will learn something from a Hammer In. Manatee County Agricultural Museum and Palmetto Historical Park are hosting blacksmith Steve Berglund for a Hammer In Saturday, Dec. 1, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is an opportunity to learn techniques and try them out.

The Hammer In is free and you may attend for the full three hours or just drop by when you are available. The museum is located at 515 10th Ave. West, Palmetto. For more information call 941-721-2034.

## Dollar Stetchers

### Protecting My Hair Color

On the advice of my stylist, I've recently stopped using conditioner, which tends to strip out hair color. I'm using up leftover conditioner to shave my legs.

### Replacing Cooking Spray

I don't like the price of cooking spray. Even if you get it at a dollar store, you are still paying \$1 for six ounces of oil when a 32-ounce bottle is \$2. I put my own healthier, cheaper oil in a spray butter bottle. It works great, and for \$2, I get the equivalent of five cans of cooking spray.

### Nearly Wilted Salad

I had a salad made up and in the fridge for several days (taking a bit of it for my lunch each day). On day four, it was getting limp, and I still had a couple days left to make it last. I wet a paper towel, placed it over the salad, and placed the cover over it. When I went back to it a couple hours later, it was as good as new. It just needed "watering." I don't know if this would bring back a truly limp salad, but it brought back one getting there!

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Nicole Arbisi answers questions students ask about working with large sums of money.

# Learning life lessons

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Differences between everyday professional dress and professional casual were discussed as well as attendance and professionalism.

“You don’t show up — even to pick up an application — in an outfit that may be a fad, but that you would wear clubbing or to a movie,” Clark said. “First impressions can not be undone. They are lasting.”

When the talks were over and each employee had done her part in explaining their function in the banking system to students, Josue Gonzalez and several others showed Clark they would remember the three points of a professional greeting just as she had told them: a sincere smile, direct eye contact, and a firm handshake.

The student’s time at the bank was the first of two experiences planned by the SouthShore Chamber of Commerce’s Education Committee which is chaired by Brandy Evans, chief financial officer at Kennco Manufacturing Inc., in Ruskin where the students went next.

The trip was the first one of its kind sponsored by local businesses but the Education Committee members say it will

not be the last. They are seeking other businesses to host AVID students, of which Beth Shields has 226 under the direction of AVID Coordinator Amanda Zawacki. Once the Beth Shields AVID students have had their turn, the committee plans to approach other area schools as well.

According to Zawacki, AVID students are those in a college readiness program who are “middle ground” in academics.

“The students with higher grades get scholarships, and those on the lower end get many different kinds of services, but students in the middle who have a desire to succeed are often left out,” she said.

AVID means Advancement via Individual Determination and is a class taught in both middle and high schools.

In order to contrast the professional environment with a technical one, the next host was Kennco Manufacturing Inc.

Arrival was also anticipated in advance at Kennco, where employees lined up outside the main building to greet the bus as it pulled in.

Robin Knowles, owner and president; Brandy Evans, chief



Brandy Evans, chief financial officer at Kennco Manufacturing Inc., and chairwoman of the South Shore Chamber’s Education Committee, explains how this machine cuts plants and what goes into custom making machinery for each farm’s specifications.

financial officer; and Chelsey Giurbino, purchasing officer, had their staff ready to show the students what happens inside a plant.

The first thing they did was discuss safety and hand out safety goggles.

Kennco is a manufacturer of farm equipment, mostly made to individual specifications depending upon the needs of a particular grower.

“If it goes in a salad, we make the equipment to produce it,” Robin Knowles said.

Some of the equipment used in the plant costs hundreds of thousands of dollars, explained Evans. “Heavy equipment is designed to last for many years,” she said.

Then Mike Magee explained the torch-cutting process and Mike Shuman showed some equipment made in the 1940s and 1970s.

In the fabrication room, Shuman explained that there was a great demand for qualified machinists all over the world.

“This is very skilled work, and it is a trade you can learn from the bottom up,” he said. “The thing is, once you get a job, try and learn as much as you can about the other jobs and duties in the company. Make yourself valuable to them.”

Thomas Smith had a lot of questions while on the tour of the plant.

“How much does something like this cost?” he asked. Pointing to a large machine. And “What do you make with it?”

When he asked if other countries bought the machinery built there Evans answered that it’s shipped to Africa, and the Philippines and Mexico. “It’s all over the world,” she told them.

Once the tour of all the buildings in the plant was completed, the bus headed to E.G. Simmons Park for lunch.

American Momentum Bank and Kennco had bought Subway meals and provided drinks for all of them, which they ate under the

large picnic shelter across from the playground.

During lunch, the students were questioned about the differences between the professional and the trade environments.

Most all the girls preferred the professional environment, except for Jaelle Gilot, Justice Eliam and Trinity Keels.

They said they preferred the trades because they liked to be able to move around freely, especially outdoors.

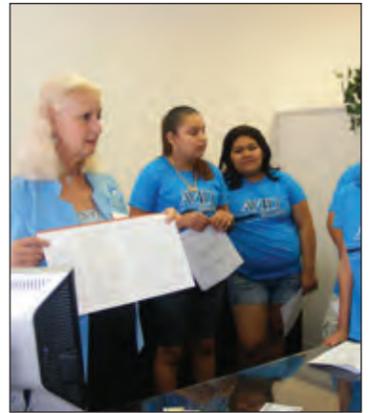
“I love nature,” said Eliam.

The boys, however, preferred the trades, except for Josue Gonzalez, who said he was going to work on the professional greeting taught him by Clark.

Melanie Morrison, executive director of the SouthShore Chamber said they are seeking business sponsors and will host a similar outing once there are two more sponsors signed up.

“This kind of experience gives students a chance to see how things operate in the real world,”

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# Observations: Meet Zoe. She is one of us

American writer and newspaperman Finley Peter Dunne once famously said that newspapers have the ability to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable. Indeed, in Dunne's era that may have been the case as it is claimed that President Theodore Roosevelt had his columns read during White House staff meetings to keep tabs on public sentiment.

Things have changed a lot for newspapers in the last century. Even media titan Rupert Murdoch of News Corporation, the parent of the *Wall Street Journal* and Fox News, recently sent a tweet to a disgruntled follower saying, "Haven't you heard of the Internet? No one controls the media or will ever again."

Yes, the Internet — the frontier of new media and the scapegoat for the failing business models of organizations that refuse to change with the times. No one controls it, but often it lacks self-control as more than ever conspiracy theories fly unabated and un-vetted, fed and consumed by those who seek only to justify their own beliefs and paradigms. But today, more so than newspapers, it now has the power to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable. The problem is, will anyone listen or care?

Four years ago, Ben Montgomery wrote one of the best articles I ever read in the *St. Petersburg Times* (now called the *Tampa Bay Times*). The

article entitled "He died because he was poor" was published on July 27, 2008. It told the story of Dallas Carter's last day on earth. Clearly, Mr. Carter made bad choices but to me it seems the world was increasingly stacked against him and people like him.

One day Mr. Carter must have decided that his two young boys, children who, like Mr. Carter, often went hungry, would be better off without him. He had no arrest record, his neighbors knew him as a loving father and a good man, but a man who struggled to get by. One day he opened fire on a charcoal grill on the patio of his apartment. When the police arrived, he waited for his children to run from the building and then walked out the door carrying a rifle and a pistol. He was shot dead, leaving his boys fatherless and forever scarring the police officers who felt they had no choice but to shoot him. The note he left behind was an effort to offer an explanation and confirmation that he did not intend to hurt anyone. He felt he had no choice.

In Mr. Carter's world, there were a lot of things that involved the words, "no choice." Perhaps most heartbreakingly, that included sometimes watching his children go hungry. He is now long forgotten but I don't think the world is better off without



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him. I am grateful to Ben Montgomery of the *Tampa Bay Times* for sharing his story in such an eloquent, compassionate and respectful way. I am certain his words somehow managed to comfort the afflicted.

Zoe is a woman who lives under a freeway in the Overtown area of Miami. It is a rough place, the home of the homeless, crack-addicted and hopeless.

I know of Zoe because of Magnum Photos, Leica Camera AG, and photographer Jim Goldberg. Magnum, one of the world's premiere photo agencies, is sponsoring a project called "Postcards from America," which shows slices of life in this nation that go beyond the center of the bell curve that most of us are fortunate to live in. The project ventured across the nation, ending up in Miami to document the city as the election approached. They weren't searching for the politicians or the power brokers, they were searching for those the politicians and much of society often choose to ignore.

It can't be an easy project for the photographers like Mr. Goldberg. It takes some courage to carry \$30,000 in Leica camera gear and walk under an overpass where people are smoking crack. It takes even more courage to make an effort to listen to the

stories of people who have lost hope; it also takes a great deal of heart.

Every so often, such a person steps up. The Congressman I once worked for had that heart and courage. Each day while crossing the street from the Longworth House Office Building to the Capitol, he would encounter a homeless man with a sign protesting something Congress was or was not doing. The Congressman would stop, reach out, touch the man's arm and ask him how he was. Later, as we walked on to the Capitol, he told me that little by little he was learning the man's story about how he ended up where he was. If nothing else, the Congressman showed that man that someone cared about him.

And now there is Zoe. She didn't come into this life with a black eye from being punched in the face. She is someone's daughter, someone's sister, and perhaps in her deepest dreams at night she sees glimmers of the life most of us take for granted: a life of comfort, support and love. Yes, it might be argued that she made her own bad choices, and there will be no loss to society when she is found dead under the freeway overpass she calls home. But is that really the kind



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of society we want? Is America a land of compassion or a brutal and heartless place of the survival of the fittest — or the luckiest, those born with means and trust funds?

No politician sought her vote. Nor is any politician likely to support her. She is on no marketer's radar. She is forgotten, discarded, ignored and punched in the face. But she is one of us. She is a human being, a woman with a heart; perhaps a heart buried under calluses formed by pain and disappointment but a heart nonetheless. She is a child of God. I can't possibly make the argument that you or anyone else owes her anything, but in my opinion, she is afflicted and she deserves some comfort. At a minimum, Mr. Goldberg did just that by sharing her story. She is not a faceless statistic that will someday end up buried in a single paragraph deep inside the *Miami Herald's* Metro section. She has dreams, too, at least at night, and in those moments before wakefulness, perhaps she even feels a fleeting sense of hope.

When Mr. Goldberg took her portrait, she told him she was looking for someone, a person who had something she needed. As he walked away from the overpass where people hid their faces while smoking crack pipes or stared at him in hatred, he found a discarded, waterlogged photo album in the weeds. It smelled badly so he wrapped in plastic and took it home. He later decided the photo album is probably what Zoe was looking for. Inside was a tenuous link to another life, perhaps just a little bit better than what her life is now.

I don't think Zoe is asking or expecting anything from the government or anyone's tax dollars. It seems she is past expecting anything from life; she is alone on the fringe of society, looking only for something that ties her to a different life in which her dreams weren't nightmares and her eye wasn't swollen shut. Perhaps the only thing she is looking for is a waterlogged photo album.

I don't know what any of us can do for Zoe. But at least now, thanks to Mr. Goldberg, Magnum Photos, and Leica, you know her name. At least now you have some sort of connection to her. She is a human, just like all of us, with a soul and a heart of fears and, perhaps, some deeply buried hope. She is one of us and, although it seems to be often forgotten and sometimes outright ignored, we are all in this together. I don't know what to do, though, so I'll start by saying a prayer for her. And then I'll ask God for some courage. As one among the comfortable, I would like to be one who can provide some comfort.

*Samples from the ongoing Portraits from America project can be seen at [postcardsfromamerica.tumblr.com](http://postcardsfromamerica.tumblr.com).*

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The Silver Sneakers demo at the JSA Medical Open House was performed by Sharon DiMezza (left) and Holly Orlando.

**JSA Medical open house welcomed all to its newly renovated facility**

Recently, the JSA Medical Group at 787 Cortaro Dr. hosted a Community Open House to re-acquaint area citizenry with the services provided by JSA. The newly renovated state-of-the-art facility and its staff, with Board Certified physicians Dr. Vu Xuan Tran and Dr. Regy G. Korah, welcomed between 600 and 800 guests for the event.

The catering was provided by local caterer Gracie's Pastries, and SCC restaurateurs Hungry Howie's and The Seafood Dive. Entertainment and demonstrations were provided by Silver Sneakers and the 'Zombies,' who performed a rendition of *Thriller* that kept the audience spellbound. (The 'Zombies' are really the JSA line-dancing instructors, Larry and Darlene Meadows!)

Accompanying keyboard music was provided by Bryan Lewis. Photography was provided by local photographer and SCC Chamber member Larry Brigant.

JSA Medical Group has received NCQA recognition as a patient-centered medical home. It's not a place or a building but rather an approach to deliver primary care through a team of expert health care professionals. Services include: same day appointments for urgent care, 24-hour physician on-call availability, IV and respiratory services, on-site lab services, joint injections, disease management programs, well-woman services, diabetic and COPD education, radiology department, and the new activities center, offering yoga, line dancing, Silver Sneakers, and educational seminars, with a full host of other diversified social activities.

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These clever bites start with versatile party favorites Hillshire Farm Lit'l Smokies — and then the fun begins. Start off with an impressive — and edible — wreath for the centerpiece and serve with a cranberry-barbecue dip. Next, dress up your cocktail links with some delicious fare: simmer your Smokies in a zesty sauce; wrap them up in crispy bacon; make a splash with pineapple and edible flowers; dip and fry to make your own mini corn dogs; and turn them into tasty reindogs. With these fun-tastic appetizers, not only will you give guests plenty of food to eat, you'll give them plenty to talk about.

For more recipes to add merriment to your celebrations, visit [www.hillshirefarm.com](http://www.hillshirefarm.com).

## Reindogs

Yield: 20 servings  
Prep Time: 30 minutes  
Cook Time: 2 to 3 minutes

- 1 package Hillshire Farm Lit'l Smokies
- Pretzel twists
- Mustard
- Ketchup

Heat sausages according to package directions.

Break a small pretzel twist in half. Stick a pretzel half into both sides of sausage to resemble antlers.

Use 2 small drops of mustard for eyes and a small drop of ketchup for the nose.



## Corn Doggies

Yield: 20 servings  
Prep Time: 30 minutes  
Cook Time: 2 to 3 minutes

- 1 package Hillshire Farm Lit'l Smokies
- 1 package (8.5 ounces) corn muffin mix
- 2/3 cup flour
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 cup milk
- Vegetable oil for frying

Preheat oil to 375°F. Open package of sausages and drain off any liquid. Insert wooden toothpick into tip of each sausage.

Mix corn muffin mix, flour, egg and milk in a large bowl until well combined.

Working quickly, dip 4 to 5 sausages in batter.

Fry for 2 to 3 minutes, or until golden brown and batter is cooked in the center.

Drain on paper towels. Repeat with remaining sausages.



## Pigs in Heaven

Yield: 20 servings  
Prep Time: 15 minutes  
Cook Time: 20 minutes

- 1 package Hillshire Farm Lit'l Smokies
- 1 package thick sliced bacon

Preheat oven to 400°F.

Open package of sausages and drain off any liquid.

Cut each bacon slice into 3 to 4 pieces. Wrap each sausage with a piece of bacon; secure with a toothpick.

Place on a 15 x 10 x 1-inch baking pan.

Bake 15 to 20 minutes, or until bacon is browned.



## Lit'l Luau

Yield: 20 servings  
Prep Time: 5 minutes  
Cook Time: 3 minutes

- 1 package Hillshire Farm Lit'l Smokies
- Canned pineapple (1 can)
- Edible flowers

Heat sausages according to package directions.

Cut 1 pineapple ring in half.

Wrap two halves of pineapple around each sausage.

Garnish with edible flowers.



## Holiday Appetizer Wreath

Yield: 16 servings  
Prep Time: 30 minutes  
Cook Time: 15 minutes

- 32 Hillshire Farm Lit'l Smokies
- 1/2 cup whole berry cranberry sauce
- 1/2 cup barbecue sauce
- 1 can (8 ounces) refrigerated crescent dough rolls

**Optional: Roasted bell pepper strips, cherry tomato halves and fresh rosemary for garnish**

Preheat oven to 375°F.

Open package of sausages and drain off liquid.

Combine cranberry sauce and barbecue sauce in a small saucepan; heat over low heat, stirring until smooth and hot.

Unroll dough, separate at perforations, creating 4 rectangles. Press perforations to seal. With knife or pizza cutter cut each rectangle lengthwise into 8 strips, making a total of 32 strips.

Wrap 1 strip of dough around each sausage. Place crescent-wrapped sausages with sides touching on ungreased cookie sheet or round baking stone in a circle, forming a wreath shape.

Bake for 11 to 15 minutes or until golden brown. Cool slightly.

Carefully remove wreath onto serving platter, if desired. Garnish wreath with bell pepper strips to form a bow, and cherry tomato halves and rosemary sprigs for ornaments, if desired.

Serve with cranberry-barbecue sauce.

## Lit'l Party Delights

Yield: 9 servings  
Prep Time: 5 minutes  
Cook Time: 15 minutes

- 1 package Hillshire Farm Lit'l Smokies
- 3/4 cup chili sauce
- 3/4 cup grape jelly
- 1 tablespoon red wine
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1 1/2 teaspoons soy sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg

Open package of sausages and drain off liquid; set aside.

Combine remaining ingredients in medium saucepan. Heat, stirring occasionally, over medium heat until jelly is melted and mixture is smooth.

Add sausages; heat 10 minutes or until hot.





**Layaway plans could create shopping 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 in the last couple of years.

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.

For any consumer considering a layaway plan, 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. Keep in mind that each company may have a different layaway policy.

- **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.

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**Legal Shield joins ranks of Greater Riverview Chamber of Commerce**

Recently Legal Shield (Brandon) hosted a Greater Riverview Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to celebrate their membership. Edith Calvert and Jan Tinder organized this special event which took place at S&S Tacos/Pizzas & Stuff in Riverview. After the cutting of the ribbon took place, Jan explained how Legal Shield could help protect and assist small businesses and business owners, both professionally and personally. For more information, contact Edith Calvert (813) 240-9518.



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the loss amounts to more than \$233,330.

Over the years, several measures have been employed to try to halt or slow the erosion, Turbiville said. Salt marsh grasses were planted along 300 feet of the little park's shoreline, but 90 percent of them soon were washed away in unpredictable weather conditions. In late 2007, the department tried another low-tech approach involving setting marsh grass plants inside open-ended tubular containers close together along the shoreline to form a barrier until the grasses could take hold. The concept had been successful in other parts of the country, but failed to keep the nature park land from disappearing into the bay, he added. The next attempt to save the park shoreline was placement of riprap in 2009, but even those heavier materials now are showing signs of undercutting. Turbiville said.

The department, however, remains committed to salvaging and rebuilding the park land area, estimating a \$600,000 budget to accomplish the objective, he indicated. It now is preparing to issue Requests for Proposals (RFPs) aimed at getting a study of wave energy around the park shoreline and the most effective means of dissipating such wave action to prevent erosion.

Once the study points to the wave attenuation system best suited to the site, applications for the appropriate permits allowing installation can be submitted

to the several agencies with oversight responsibility by the second quarter of 2013, Turbiville said.

At this point, ABWIG's channel cleaning efforts become particularly pertinent to the park restoration, the department managers pointed out. If the dredging, expected to get underway in June, 2013, were to begin in the north channel, the sandy material could be immediately placed at, in and around whatever system is chosen to block or redirect the destructive wave action that erodes the park shoreline, Turbiville suggested. In this way, the park shoreline could be re-nourished and rebuilt, he indicated, while the ABWIG expense related to transportation of dredged material to another location is reduced.

Len Berkstresser, ABWIG president, said that in view of the advantages to both organizations and the community benefits of coordinating their efforts, he was leaning toward beginning the dredging endeavor in the north channel. The most recently revised ABWIG project timeline also encompasses the concurrent parks department erosion control procedure.

Now closing in on their \$250,000 funding raising goal, with most permits in hand and selection of a dredging contractor on the horizon, Berkstresser pointed out that "we're near the finish line; we can see it from here." The cooperative efforts,

he added, will produce not only a "long term solution lengthening effectiveness of channel dredging but also a dramatic Apollo Beach improvement in the form of a restored functional park that will complement other area features such as Tampa Electric's Manatee Viewing Center complex."

A re-nourished beachfront in the nature park may not rival the white sands of a Gulf of Mexico beach, Turbiville summed up, but "restored as we envision, the new beach will be enjoyable for shelling, wading, walking, sun bathing, even contemplating marine activity on the bay."

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Unusual flavored coffee recipe

I used to spend a fortune buying flavored coffee for the morning. Now I have a cup of flavored tea in the evening, and in the morning, I put the tea bag in my coffee. Now I can have flavored coffee for the morning. Also, I have about 25 different flavors of tea bags, so I have a large assortment of flavored coffees.



Gary and Therese Wishnatzki erect a sign at a live oak planted in their honor at RCMA Leadership Academy. The Wishnatzkis and their Plant City-based company, Wish Farms, raised more than \$330,000 for construction of RCMA Leadership Academy.

## Kids, donors celebrate new RCMA academy

WIMAUMA – Children cut the ribbon Thursday, Nov. 15, on a gleaming new charter school, honoring some 80 special guests who made it possible.

Thursday's celebration at RCMA Leadership Academy marked the end of a fundraising campaign that began in March and final touches on a cafeteria/auditorium that opened last week.

Collectively, Thursday's honored guests had generated more than \$1.5 million in donations for the project. They gathered in the new "cafetorium" for plaques and presentations by students.

"We could not have done it without the support of the people in

this room," said Barbara Mainster, Executive Director of Redlands Christian Migrant Association, the Immokalee-based nonprofit corporation that owns the school.

Leadership Academy, currently with 52 students in grades 6 and 7, opened in August. At capacity, it will serve 132 students in grades 6-8. It is a sibling to the 12-year-old RCMA Wimauma Academy, an elementary school next door. The schools are located off U.S. 301, on the campus of Beth-El Mission.

At the top of Thursday's list of honorees was Gary Wishnatzki, an RCMA board member and owner of Plant City-based Wish Farms. Through his company and an annual tennis tournament, Wishnatzki accounted for more than \$330,000 in donations to the Leadership Academy building campaign. In Wishnatzki's honor, the school named the cafetorium after his family, planted a live oak on the grounds and mounted a painting of strawberry pickers in the office.

Next was Tampa businessman John Kirtley, founder of Step Up For Students and leader of Florida's movement for parental choice in schools. Kirtley personally donated \$100,000, and Step Up for Students matched it. A live oak was planted in front of the school in honor of Kirtley and his family.

Also honored were two local groups that contributed more than \$50,000 apiece: the Interfaith Council of Sun City Center and the Community Foundation of Greater Sun City Center.

"Building this school was like giving birth," said Mainster. "Once it was done, we could forget all the pain."

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Area Obituaries

Lawrence Armour, Sr.

Lawrence William Armour, Sr. passed away November 6, 2012. Formerly of Sun City Center, FL, he most recently lived in Dearborn, MI.

Beloved husband for 57 years of Georgine. Dearest father of Sheryl (David) Bieniak and Lawrence Jr. (Kim). Loving grandfather of Ryan, Jay, Kyle, Warren and great-grandfather of Henry and Emmett. Dear brother of James.

Larry was born in Vassar, MI where he attended high school and was a football and track star. He graduated from Michigan State and was an employee of Ford Motor Company for 25 years. Loved sports, hunting, and family.

Memorial Service was held Saturday, November 17 at Henry Ford Village in Dearborn, MI. The family requests donations be made in Larry's name to the COPD Foundation at [www.copdfoundation.org](http://www.copdfoundation.org).

Share condolences at [www.staneyturowskifuneralhome.com](http://www.staneyturowskifuneralhome.com)

Jodi Colleen Bavetz

Jodi Colleen Bavetz died Thursday, Nov. 15, at her home in Cortland, Ohio, after a two-year battle with cancer. She was 50 years old. She had been a resident of Sun City Center and ran a successful business, Bavetz Home Management, for many years in Florida before she moved to Ohio. She is survived by her companion Lonny Milchling; her two sons Mark Edward Lesnoski and Derek Dean Hutzler; granddaughter Madalyn Elizabeth Lesnoski; and James D. Bavetz.

Antoinette M. DeLeo

Antoinette M. "Toni" DeLeo, 81 of Sun City Center, FL, passed away on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at South Bay Hospital with her loving husband at her side.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, on May 16, 1931, Toni was a retired Registered Nurse, receiving her Master's Degree from St. Louis University, a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Survivors include her husband of 54 years Dr. Bernard C. DeLeo of Sun City Center; daughters Mary Catherine (Dr. Mark) Uggeri of Kalamazoo, MI; Elizabeth (Donald) Gibbs of Omaha, NE; sons Bernard C. (Rebecca) DeLeo, Jr. of Falls Church, VA, John D. DeLeo of Dublin, OH, and Paul C. (Amanda) DeLeo of Baltimore, MD; and daughter Claire (Michael Wand) DeLeo of Boulder, CO; 12 grandchildren; and sister Concetta 'Tina' Garland of Mentor, OH.

A Memorial Mass will be said on Saturday, December 1, 2012 at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, Sun City Center, and a Gathering of Friends on Friday, November 30, 2012, from 4 to 6:00 p.m. at the Sun City Center Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, family requests that donations be made in her name to a charity of your choice.



Thomas I. Diggs

Col. Thomas I. "Tommy" Diggs, 92, of Sun City Center, FL, passed away November 3, 2012. Born in Washington, DC March 22, 1920, he was preceded in death by his loving wife Doris, of 48 years. Survivors include his son John F. Diggs, Boise, Idaho; grandchildren Jonathan and Maria of Albuquerque, New Mexico; five great-grandchildren.

Col. Diggs made the USAF his career (1942-1971), starting WWII with the 8th Air Force in England, surviving being shot down over France two days after D-Day.

He retired in 1971, living in Washington DC, Rio Rancho, New Mexico and Sun City Center, FL, with summers in Kennebunkport, Maine. He lived a good and full life in service to his country and family. Burial will be beside his wife in Rio Rancho, New Mexico. In lieu of flowers, thank a Veteran.



Mary Geralyn Register

Mary Geralyn (Jerry) Register died peacefully in her home, surrounded by loved ones, on Sunday, November 11, 2012 in Orlando, FL. She was born in Atlanta, GA on July 2, 1921. For many years before retiring, Jerry worked in the office of Dr. Harold Coe, DDS, Orlando, FL.

She was preceded in death by her father, Mercer Callaway Stripling, and her mother, Mary Alice Stripling. She was also preceded in death by both her loving husband of 54 years, Josiah David (JD), who died May 24, 2012, and her only daughter Cheryl Howard, who died July 26, 2012. Jerry is survived by her son-in-law Larry Howard; granddaughters Tiffany Samford and Tracy Howard; and great-granddaughter Savanna Samford, all residing in Texas. She is also survived by her sister Alice Pope Roberts, her niece Jacquelyn (Jackie) Hanner, great niece Alissa Wood (Darrell), great nephew Michael Hanner (Annalee), two great-great nephews and one great-great niece, all residing in Georgia.

At a later date, there will be a graveside service for both Jerry and JD in Pine Mountain, Georgia. Arrangements by Robert Bryant Funeral & Cremation Chapel, 407-240-6080.



Edgar Sikes

Edgar Sikes, 91, of Gibsonton, passed away on Veterans Day, Sunday, Nov. 11, 2012. He served his country proudly during WWII as a P51 Mustang mechanic in the 8th Army/Air Force Division in Essex, England. He fell in love with and married his precious 'English Rose,' Gladys Butcher Sikes. While stationed in Saffron Walden, he and Gladys had two children born in England: their oldest son Keith and only daughter Gloria.

He brought his new family back home to Ruskin, where he had lived his young life until going into the service. He continued his education as a diesel mechanic in Nashville, TN. After completing a year of school, they returned with the third addition

to their family: a second son, Bobby. Edgar and Gladys settled in Gibsonton, where they raised their children. Edgar loved his family and he loved to fish. He was a master of making, repairing and throwing a cast net. When he threw that cast net, you knew there would be a bounty of mullet coming home with him. He loved sharing that bounty with friends and family. He and Gladys also owned and operated a tropical fish farm in Riverview. They were happily married for 59 years. He unfortunately lost his loving wife Gladys in 2003. He was also preceded in death by his father, General Sikes, his mother, Beatrice Sikes, and a sister, Myrtle Sikes Clark.

Edgar is survived by two sons: Keith (Carol) Sikes, Bobby (Gayle) Sikes, and daughter Gloria (Benny) Stanaland; four grandchildren, Dean (Kim) Martin, Mickey (Tracy) Martin, Bryan (Krista) Sikes, and Cindi (Bobby) Weaver; eight great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; two brothers, Mason (Florence) Sikes, and Alfred Sikes; two sisters, Gillie (LaVaughn) Baker, and Maxine Dozier. Edgar is also survived by numerous nephews, nieces, cousins, and other loving family members and friends. His earthly body was cremated, but his soul will live on in all who loved him. The memorial service is at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 24 at Fellowship Cemetery Church. Please bring a covered dish and celebrate the life of Edgar Sikes.

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## Nationally known Catholic author to speak at Prince of Peace

Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Sun City Center will host Thomas Smith, a Catholic evangelist, speaker, and teacher, Nov. 26 through 28 as part of its Year of Faith celebrations.

Smith will speak at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. (mirror session) each day in the parish hall. The talks are free of charge and open to the public. Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith is encouraged to attend. For more information, visit www.popcc.org.

Prince of Peace was founded in 1969 and is a parish of the Diocese of St. Petersburg. It is currently led by Father Joel M. Kovanis, pastor.

## All-day retreat set for Camp Bayou

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Sun City Center will hold an all-day retreat on Thursday, Nov. 29 at Camp Bayou in Ruskin.

The retreat agenda will include: long-range planning, selection of the time and day of meeting, program subjects, program presenters, budget matters, and outreach activities.

Lunch will be provided. This event is an important "civic" responsibility of the membership.

## Ruskin church hosts monthly sing

South Hillsborough Ministerial Association (SHMA), will facilitate the monthly Community Sing on Monday, Nov. 26 at the Maranatha Church of God, located at 101 6th Ave. in Ruskin, beginning at 7 p.m.

Friends and Family Assembly is the 'hosting' church. The prelude to the Sing will begin at 6:30 p.m., and refreshments will be served afterwards.

Call (813) 642-8228 for further information.

SHMA is an organized, interactive group of local church ministers and congregations in South Hillsborough County.



## Seven women comprise the Healing Team

St. John the Divine Episcopal Church Healing Team, from left: Jean Brown, Lovell Symons, Trisha Saalbach, Connie Keister, Sharon Van Loan (team leader), Carole Del Castillo, and Ella Blades. The church, at 1015 Del Webb Blvd (Sun City Center campus), has a Morning Prayer and Healing Service each Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. The Healing team offers prayers for healing and laying of hands for whomever seeks it. The community is welcome.

## United Methodist Church to present 5th Annual Christmas Madrigal Dinner

For the fifth year in a row, the SCC United Methodist Church will present *A Christmas Madrigal Dinner*. The date is Friday, Nov. 30.

This year the performance has a subtitle: "The Golden Years." This traditional Elizabethan madrigal dinner is an evening of dinner theatre in which diners join a 16th century English court in its celebration of Christmas dinner, typically a four-course meal that is eaten along with a royal family and their immediate friends.

The emphasis is on silliness, slapstick comedy, good music and period food. Besides toasting and eating, diners are also encouraged to participate in the festivities by singing and dancing.

The plot of this latest installment of the show revolves around the King and Queen, who are in the midst of contemplating a place to retire. Should they move into King's Place or to Sun City Central that lies just across the road? And when they 'retire', who will assume the throne?

The evening of comedy ends with dessert and a short concert of Christmas madrigals, 16th century a cappella choral pieces.

The players in this year's Madrigal include Barbara Kanoza, Bill and Diane Turcotte, Denny Hanson, Grant and Lisa Hachen, Herb and Shirley Silbert, Glen Appleyard, Melva Potvin, Mike Sekol, Kathy Straub, Tom and Sue Montgomery, Manny Escudero, Amanda Jordan, Chip and Dot Churchill, Shirley Bengston, Shirley, Walker, Judy Valley and Jene Evans. Costumes are by Carol Stewart, dinner by Jeff Cofer and Amanda Jordan, and the play is written and directed by Jeff Jordan.

The *Christmas Madrigal Dinner V* will take place at 6 p.m. in Creason Hall on Friday, Nov. 30, and Saturday, Dec. 1.

Tickets, at \$15 each, include a home-cooked, four-course meal and may be purchased in the church office during business hours. The United Methodist Church is located at 1210 Del Webb Blvd. W.

For more information about this and other concerts and special events at the United Methodist Church of Sun City Center, contact Jeff Jordan, Minister of Worship Arts, at (813) 634-2539.

## Life after loss group resumes meetings

The Life After Loss Bereavement Group has resumed its twice a month meetings in the chapel of United Community Church, 1501 La Jolla Ave., on the first and third Wednesday every month from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

The Group is open to those who have recently lost a loved one or are having difficulty coping or adjusting to life on their own.

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# Church news

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## Movie shows miracles do happen

In keeping with the Christmas spirit, the United Methodist Church will show *The Christmas Shoes* on Friday, Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m. in Creason Hall. Doors open at 6 p.m.

*The Christmas Shoes*, inspired by a #1 hit song and best-selling book, is about a 10 year old boy who finds out that it's his mother's last Christmas. So he sets out to find that special gift for her.

The movie shows that miracles still happen if you believe and are willing to keep trying.

The United Methodist Church is located at 1210 Del Webb Blvd. West.

## CCW invites card players on Dec. 12

The Council of Catholic Women of Prince of Peace Catholic Church invites all who like to play cards or board games to make up their table in advance and come to its monthly Dessert Card Party on Wednesday, Dec. 12 from noon until 3:30 p.m. in Conesa Center.

The CCW furnishes cards, pencils and tallies. And they have an assortment of desserts and table and door prizes.

For more information call (813) 633-2460.



Eleonor Lvov, piano virtuoso

## Russian pianist to perform

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church welcomes Eleonor Lvov, piano virtuoso and popular recording artist, in concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 2.

Ms. Lvov has been described as passionate and romantic, emotive and luminous by music critics in the U.S. and Europe. She has won many international competitions and performs widely as a soloist with major orchestras.

Tickets are \$10 at the door. St. Andrew Presbyterian Church is located at 1239 Del Webb Blvd. West in Sun City Center.

This performance is part of the Fine Arts Concert Series. For further information, call the St. Andrew reception desk at (813) 634-1252 or Judy Vorrhees at (813) 642-8125.

## Happy Thanksgiving!

"Oh come, let us sing to the LORD!  
Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms."  
Psalm 95:1-2 NKJV

## South Bay Church announces Christmas schedule of events

South Bay Church is gearing up for the Christmas season with several special events.

▶ First on the calendar is the Christmas simulcast Friday, Nov. 30, featuring a live feed of inspirational speakers Francis Chan, Jack Graham, Sheila Walsh and Lisa Harper. Point of Grace, Kari Jobe, Anthem Lights and Rachel Chan will provide worship music for the whole family. \$10 per person. Purchase tickets online at [www.SouthBay.cc](http://www.SouthBay.cc). Childcare is available for \$5 per child (\$10 per family) for children under 10.

▶ Saturday, Dec. 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. is the Annual Christmas Coffee, *A Gift to Remember*. Sponsored by the Women's Ministry *More Than Sisters*, this extravagant event will feature music by American Idol contestant Jeremy Rosado. Admission is a \$20 Wal-Mart gift card or cash donation. Funds benefit area families in need during the holidays. For more information on availability email [faith@southbay.cc](mailto:faith@southbay.cc).

▶ Sunday, Dec. 23, during regular services times of 9 and 11 a.m. will feature worship led by Dave Fitzgerald and Temple Veil. Pastor David Speicher will deliver the Christmas message.

▶ Christmas Eve, Monday, Dec. 24, there will be three services themed as *Christmas Through the Generations*. Join them for a special message celebrating family and the birth of our Savior. Music from all generations will be featured by the every-age praise team of 4-year-olds and up.

South Bay Church is located at 13498 U.S. 301 South, Riverview, FL 33578. Call 677-0721 for more information or visit [www.SouthBay.cc](http://www.SouthBay.cc).



## New Beginnings Fellowship celebrates

### Pastor Appreciation Day

The congregation of New Beginnings Fellowship in Ruskin honored Pastor Lewis Brady and Pam Brady on Sunday, Oct. 28 as part of Pastor's Appreciation Day. The Pastors have been with the church since February 1998.

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# St. Augustine gearing up for 500th Anniversary

■ By WARREN RESEN, North American Travel Journalists Association

Next year marks the 500th anniversary of Ponce de Leon's landing in 1513. The City of St. Augustine has already begun its celebration of this momentous event which will continue well into 2013. There are so many happenings that you will have go to the St. Augustine web page to find what's of interest to you.



That's me (right) with Pat Croce, owner of the Pirates & Treasure Museum.

St. Augustine is the oldest continuously occupied European city in the in the USA. It should come as no great surprise then that the city is a blending of many cultures: Spanish, English, Minorcans from the Spanish-owned Balearic Islands located in the Mediterranean Sea, French, Irish, Greek, Jewish and others.

One of the oldest tourist attractions in Florida is the famed Fountain of Youth in St. Augustine. Generations of tourists have visited but there was never a reason to return because there was nothing new to see. Now the owners seem to have taken a drink of the fabled waters and are making changes by adding exciting new attractions.

A team of archeologists was brought in and after extensive research, discovered the remains of an old Spanish village on the site. The village is being resurrected on the exact location where it once stood. When completed, it will house a living replica of those times.

Last year the new Pirate & Treasure Museum opened across from the Castillo de San Marcos fort. In a previous article for *The Observer News*, I wrote about how and why it moved to St. Augustine from Key West and what an exciting new exhibit it was of "old" pirate stuff. Now Pat Croce, the owner of the museum, has teamed up with the City of St.

Augustine for an even bigger attraction on St. George Street where the Old Spanish Quarter was formerly operated.

Known as the Colonial Quarter it will open early next year and is designed to preserve, educate, entertain and interpret the story of Colonial St. Augustine spanning three centuries of Spanish and British rule. It will be an interpretive experience that "visitors will never forget." According to Pat, The Oldest City is constantly reinventing itself.

Each time we visit St. Augustine we try to experience a different restaurant and have not had a bad dining experience even in the midst of this most touristy location. With all of these diverse cultures in such a geographically small area, the choice of dining opportunities is endless.

For breakfast or lunch try the Hot Shot Bakery and Café across the street from Flagler College. The owner is of Minorcan descent and besides typical fare, does wonderful things with datil peppers.

Sara's Crepe Café on St. George Street is more than crepes. They have an extensive menu of freshly prepared food from around the world. Ask Margarita to suggest the day's specials for a special treat.

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# St. Augustine

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Margarita is of Russian descent. Now on to Greece in the guise of the Athena Restaurant on

Cathedral Place just west of the bridge. George will be happy to suggest the Saganaki, flaming goat cheese, as an appetizer. The rest of the menu offering has familiar

and exotic specials all at very reasonable prices.

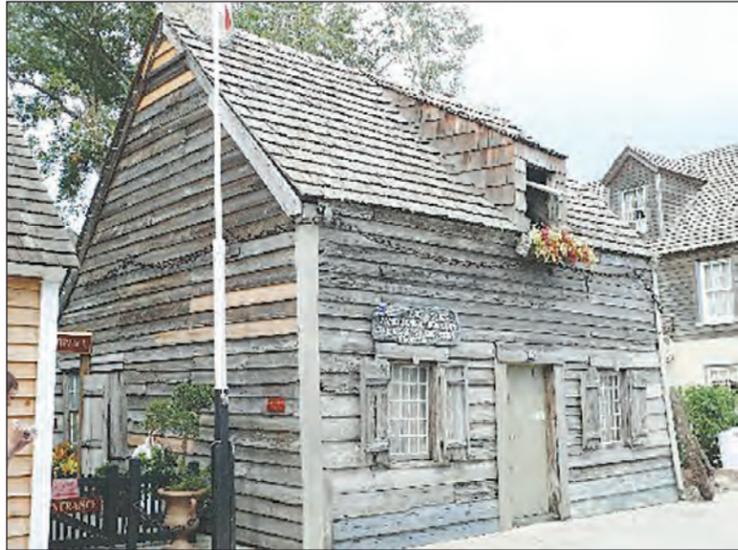
The sightseeing tours are a must for a quick overview of the city which is then easily accessible by foot. In a city this old there must be apparitions, and the Ghost Tours are informative and fun. For those who are believers, it is not unusual to get pictures of orbs and unexplained light sources. We have some in our photo library.

*“Each time we visit we experience a different restaurant and have not had a bad dining experience.”*

St. Augustine is a city that encourages return visits. There is Flagler College, the Lightner Museum, Ripley’s Believe It Or Not, tall ship and pirate ship cruises on Mantanzas Bay, the lighthouse, Festival of Lights, year around special events and so much more.

The St. Augustine Beach offers visitors a different experience. It is W-I-D-E and long and mostly empty. Cars are permitted on some sections. It is a destination that many people think of only in relation to points further south and comes as a surprise to many who think of St. Augustine only as a place to experience historic old Florida.

We try to visit at least once a year to see what’s new in America’s Oldest City, revisit favorite old restaurants and find new offerings.



America's oldest schoolhouse is on St. George Street in St. Augustine.



The only pirate's treasure chest known to exist can be seen at the Pirates & Treasure Museum.



Crepes at Sara's Crepe Café on St. George Street.

Saganaki (flaming goat cheese), a favorite Greek appetizer at the Athena Restaurant.



A beautiful Tiffany window at Flagler College in the heart of St. Augustine.



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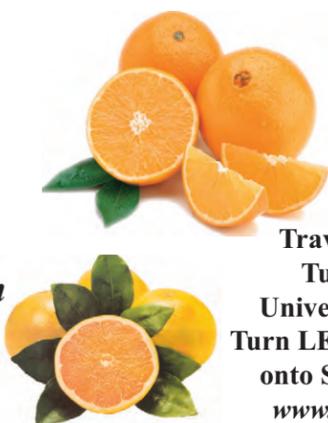


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## Loving those Leftovers

In many homes, Thanksgiving leftovers are as anticipated as the big meal itself. Knowing this, we offer our readers some Thanksgiving leftover recipes.

Food safety experts advise that leftover turkey, stuffing and other cooked dishes will only stay safe to eat in the refrigerator for three to four days. For a safe enjoyment of leftovers, freeze extra portions to use later. Be sure to reheat all turkey leftovers to an internal temperature of 165 degrees. Always bring gravy to a rolling boil before re-serving and if you are reheating in the microwave oven, cover food and be sure to rotate the dish so it heats evenly.



### Loaded Mashed Potato Cakes

3 slices bacon  
2 tablespoons butter  
1 small onion, chopped  
1 stalk celery, chopped  
1/4 teaspoon minced garlic  
1 1/4 cups mashed potatoes  
1 cup shredded American cheese  
3/4 cup all-purpose flour  
1 egg, slightly beaten  
1/4 teaspoon yellow mustard  
1/8 teaspoon black pepper  
1 dash hot sauce  
1 tablespoon vegetable oil  
2 tablespoons sour cream

Place bacon in a large skillet and cook over medium-high heat until evenly browned, about 10 minutes. Drain the bacon slices on paper towels, reserving grease in skillet; crumble bacon.

Melt butter in bacon grease over medium heat; cook and stir onion, celery, and garlic until tender and lightly browned, about 15 minutes. Transfer vegetables and bacon to large bowl; stir in mashed potatoes, cheese, flour, egg, mustard, black pepper, and hot sauce.

Heat vegetable oil in a clean skillet over medium heat. Drop spoonfuls of mashed potato mixture, flattening slightly, and fry patties until golden brown on both sides, 5 to 7 minutes. Serve with sour cream.

### Cranberry-Orange Scones

2 cups all-purpose flour  
1 tablespoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
2 tablespoons sugar  
1 tablespoon grated orange rind  
1/2 cup butter, cut up  
2/3 cup buttermilk  
1 cup dried cranberries  
1 tablespoon milk

Combine first 6 ingredients; cut in butter with a pastry blender until mixture is crumbly. Add buttermilk and dried cranberries, stirring just until moistened.

Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface; knead 5 or 6 times. Pat into an 8-inch circle. Cut into 8 wedges, and place 1" apart on a lightly greased baking sheet. Brush with milk and sprinkle with sugar.

Bake at 425°F for 15 minutes or until scones are golden brown.

### Leftover Turkey Pot Pie

*Makes 2 9-inch pot pies*

2 cups frozen peas and carrots  
2 cups frozen green beans  
1 cup sliced celery  
2/3 cup butter  
2/3 cup chopped onion  
2/3 cup all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon ground black pepper  
1/2 teaspoon celery seed  
1/2 teaspoon onion powder  
1/2 teaspoon Italian seasoning  
1 3/4 cups chicken broth  
1 1/3 cups milk

4 cups cubed cooked turkey meat - light and dark meat mixed  
4 (9 inch) unbaked pie crusts  
Preheat oven to 425°F

Place the peas and carrots, green beans, and celery into a saucepan; cover with water, bring to a boil, and simmer over medium-low heat until the celery is tender, about 8 minutes. Drain the vegetables in a colander set in the sink, and set aside.

Melt the butter in a saucepan over medium heat, and cook the onion until translucent, about 5 minutes. Stir in 2/3 cup of flour, salt, black pepper, celery seed, onion powder, and Italian seasoning; slowly whisk in the chicken broth and milk until the mixture comes to a simmer and thickens. Remove from heat; stir the cooked vegetables and turkey meat into the filling until well combined.

Fit two pie crusts into the bottom of 2 9-inch pie dishes. Spoon half the filling into each pie crust, then top each pie with another crust. Pinch and roll the top and bottom crusts together at the edge of each pie to seal, and cut several small slits into the top of the pies with a sharp knife to release steam.

Bake in the preheated oven until the crusts are golden brown and the filling is bubbly, 30 to 35 minutes. If the crusts are browning too quickly, cover the pies with aluminum foil after about 15 minutes. Cool for 10 minutes before serving.



### Southwestern Turkey Soup

*8 servings*

1 1/2 cups shredded cooked turkey  
4 cups vegetable broth  
1 (28 ounce) can whole peeled tomatoes  
1 (4 ounce) can chopped green chile peppers  
2 roma (plum) tomatoes, chopped  
1 onion, chopped  
2 cloves garlic, crushed  
1 tablespoon lime juice  
1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper  
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin  
salt and pepper to taste  
1 avocado - peeled, pitted and diced  
1/2 teaspoon dried cilantro  
1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese

In a large pot over medium heat, combine turkey, broth, canned tomatoes, green chiles, fresh tomatoes, onion, garlic, and lime juice. Season with cayenne, cumin, salt, and pepper. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat, and simmer 15 to 20 minutes.

Stir in avocado and cilantro, and simmer 15 to 20 minutes, until slightly thickened. Spoon into serving bowls, and top with shredded cheese.



### Cranberry Crunch Squares

*2 dozen*

1 (16 ounce) can jellied cranberry sauce

2 1/3 cups rolled oats  
3/4 cup all-purpose flour

1 5/8 cups packed brown sugar  
1 cup butter, melted

Preheat oven to 350°F

Combine the oats, flour, brown sugar and butter. Stir until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Spread the cranberries into the bottom of one 9x13 inch baking pan. Sprinkle crumb mixture over top.

Bake at 350°F for 25 minutes. Cool and cut into squares.

### Cape Cod Turkey Salad

*6 servings*

3 cups diced cooked turkey  
1 cup diced celery  
1/2 cup dried cranberries  
1/2 cup coarsely chopped walnuts  
1 cup mayonnaise  
1/2 cup sour cream  
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley  
1 tablespoon chopped fresh rosemary  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/8 teaspoon black pepper

Mix the turkey, celery, cranberries, and walnuts together in a bowl.

To make the dressing, whisk the mayonnaise, sour cream, parsley, rosemary, salt, and pepper together in a bowl. Pour over the turkey mixture, and toss to coat evenly. Refrigerate the salad for at least 1 hour. Serve cold.



### Broccoli Quiche with Mashed Potato Crust

*4 to 6 servings*

2 large potatoes, peeled  
2 cups chopped fresh broccoli  
1/4 cup milk  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
1/2 onion, chopped  
1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese  
3 eggs  
1 cup milk  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper  
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
Preheat oven to 350°F  
Bring a large pot of salted water

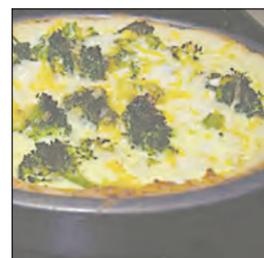
to a boil. Add potatoes and cook until tender but still firm, about 15 minutes; drain. Meanwhile, place broccoli in a steamer over 1 inch of boiling water, and cover. Cook until tender but still firm, about 2 to 6 minutes. Drain and set aside.

Mash the potatoes with milk and salt. Brush a deep 9 inch pie dish with olive oil and press the potatoes in. Brush with remaining olive oil. Bake in preheated oven for 30

minutes or until lightly browned.

Arrange onions, broccoli and cheese in the potato crust. Whisk together the eggs, milk, salt, pepper and nutmeg. Pour over broccoli and cheese.

Bake in preheated oven for 30 to 40 minutes, until slightly puffed and cooked throughout. Allow to cool for 10 minutes before serving.





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# BLACK FRIDAY

## SALES EVENT

# 4 HOURS ONLY!

# \$99 DOWN\*

# \$99 PER MONTH\*\*

# ALL MODELS!



# INCLUDING NEW 2013 HYUNDAI ELANTRAS AND SONATAS!



# 8AM TO NOON ONLY!

\*\$99 down payment with approved credit for well-qualified consumers. \*\*\$99 monthly payment only applies for first 3 months, payment then increases for the remainder of the lease term. With approved credit for well-qualified consumers. Excludes tax, tag, title, registration and dealer fee. All factory rebates and incentives to dealer. Prior sales excluded. Photos used for illustration purposes only, may not be actual vehicle. See dealer for complete details. Offers expire end of day 11/23/12.



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# TOYOTA of Lakewood

# SILENT SALE



*This Wednesday night we will be posting our best pricing of the year inside every new and used vehicle on our lot. This Thursday, you will be able to browse the best pricing available on every new and used vehicle that we have.*

**IF YOU'RE THE FIRST TO COME IN ON FRIDAY MORNING AND CLAIM YOUR VEHICLE, IT'S YOURS AT OUR BLACK FRIDAY SILENT SALE PRICE - IT'S THAT SIMPLE!**

*Our doors will be closed on Thursday, but our lot will be open.*  
**DO NOT MISS OUT ON THIS EVENT OF THE YEAR GOING ON AT TOYOTA OF LAKEWOOD.**

If you're one of the **FIRST 20 BUYERS** to come in on Friday morning, you will also receive the following...

- ✓ 32" HD Television†
- or
- ✓ Kindle Fire†
- and
- ✓ 2 Years Complimentary Maintenance



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**MAINTENANCE FOR 2 YEARS/25,000 MILES PROVIDED BY TOYOTA**  
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Covers normal factory scheduled service for 2 years or 25K miles, whichever comes first. The new Toyota vehicle cannot be part of a rental or commercial fleet or a livery or taxi vehicle. See participating dealer for complete plan details. Valid only in the continental United States and Alaska.

## TOYOTA of Lakewood BLACK FRIDAY SALES EVENT

## Don't miss out on the best deals of the year at Toyota of Lakewood's Black Friday Silent Sale!

†Limited to the first 20 consumers who purchase, lease or finance a new or used vehicle at Toyota of Lakewood on Friday 11/23/12.



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