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Grace McKee's son sent her a card from Indonesia with the above face on it, and she had so much fun replicating it, right, that she has made it her "mascot" for her upcoming show, a portion of which will benefit the SouthShore Arts Council. Her son said a macaque picked up a professional photographer's unattended camera and shot this photograph of itself. "Now that," said McKee, "shows the real meaning of selfie."



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SELFIES

Technology changes the world of photography, art forever

More and more, 'selfies' becoming a serious art form

■ By **PENNY FLETCHER**
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Grace McKee of Apollo Beach has studied and taught many forms of art most of her life. From owning her own graphic design business to painting and teaching in watercolors, oils and acrylics, McKee has studied and taught many traditional art forms, and still kept up with new ones. In December, however, she discovered an interest in a new art form that became such a passion she now works with it nearly every day.

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Renovated facilities to open to Summerfield's 7,000 residents

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No sooner will the newly remodeled Summerfield clubhouse finally reopen its doors next week than plans for a new building with new amenities are in the works.

Bob Abruzzese, president of the Summerfield board of directors, said the board will begin planning the new expansion with a target date of three to five years. It was the first public announcement of the project.

"This will be a totally separate stand-alone building to offer more amenities," said Ron Midkiff, director of South Cove at Summerfield Homeowners Association. Among the planned amenities are racquetball, a



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The cardio room has been made larger and more machines added.

banquet room, a sauna, new offices and possibly a food court. "We would like to have a massage room to rent out, for a fee, of course," Abruzzese said, "but something that's easily available to residents who would like to have that feature."

But back from the future, the expanded weight rooms, new Wi-Fi room and other renovations to the clubhouse will be available for Summerfield's 7,000 residents to use on Monday, March 17. The clubhouse originally was to reopen last November for residents of the southeast Riverview community.

"We had to deal with some unexpected upgrades," said Abruzzese. "But it turned out even better than expected because of them."

The \$250,000 project was paid for by reserves saved from dues, and no loans were needed, he said. "We also will not have to raise dues this year," he said.

Except for the full-size gymnasium, the entire interior of the clubhouse has been redone from the floors up. Tile floors have been laid, and interior walls knocked out to enlarge both the weight room and the cardio room.

"This enabled the weight equipment to be spread out to give people more room, but no new weight-room items had to be purchased," said Summerfield's community manager, Abi James. "It just looks like we have more because of the way it's arranged."

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Columbia Gorge Hotel and Spa

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Driving north on the coastal highways of California and Oregon and then through the redwood forests is an unforgettable adventure. Venturing into the majestic redwoods is humbling. Some words I've heard others use to describe this experience are "awesome, magnificent, peaceful, quiet, magical, serene and spiritual."

Walking into the woods under the towering trees, away from roadway noise and listening to the quiet is like being in an open-air cathedral. But there were still more of nature's beauties ahead of us yet to be experienced in the Pacific Northwest.

Now here's a bit of trivia for you. On Oregon's highways, every time you cross the 45th parallel, a state-sponsored sign informs you that you are exactly halfway between the North Pole and the equator.

We were driving east from Portland on Interstate 84 toward our hotel in Hood River, Ore., which is billed as the "Windsurfing Capital of the World." About 20 miles east of Portland is the exit for Historic Route 30. Take this little detour if you are not in a hurry to get to your next destination and enter the world of Oregon's rain forest and waterfalls.

On the north side of Historic Route 30 is the majestic

Columbia River, with views of Washington on the opposite bank. To your right are the waterfalls, seven of them, one after another, over a distance of about eight miles. Individually, any of these waterfalls would be a major scenic and tourist attraction. Here they vie for attention.

As you carefully navigate the turns on the two-lane road through the rain forest, many waterfalls are visible from your vehicle. Others require short hikes to visit. And then you reach the fifth waterfall in line, the pièce de résistance...Multnomah Falls. At 620 feet, it is the tallest waterfall in Oregon and second-tallest year-round waterfall in the United States.

At the Multnomah Falls visitor center, the only building on this stretch of road, is a restaurant, souvenir shop (of course) and restrooms. This is a 'must' stop for pictures.

Back on the Interstate, our next stop was just down the road at the Bonneville Dam complex. If you

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JEANNE O'CONNOR PHOTO

The full view of both tiers of the Multnomah Falls. The waterfall is on the Oregon side of the Columbia River Gorge. Underground springs from Larch Mountain are the year-round source of water for the waterfall, augmented by spring runoff from the mountain's snowpack and rainwater during the other seasons.

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Renowned Ruskin artist opens new exhibit in Tampa

By **MITCH TRAPHAGEN**
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Renowned Ruskin artist Bruce Marsh, together with longtime artistic collaborator Jeffrey Kronsoble, opened their newest exhibit, entitled From Franklin Street to Main Street, on Friday at Clayton Galleries in Tampa.

"This represents our work from the past couple of years," Marsh said. "I looked at this with work I've done 10 or 20 years ago, and I feel great about it. Things are falling into place. It feels like stuff is opening up for me, and I'm just so delighted, because I'm 76, and it seems I still have the chops. It has been a real pleasure."

Marsh said that it has also been a sincere pleasure to be working with Kronsoble again.

"Jeff and I have been friends since 1962 — we met each other at USF, and we've shared studios together and have done exhibitions together, so it's really nice. It's sort of like a homecoming for me," he said.

South County residents, in particular, will recognize much of Marsh's work that is on display in

the gallery.

"Both Jeff and I are working from photographic sources," Marsh said. "He is working in an almost 'Old Master' way, and I think our interests are very compatible in the level of realism and believability. I almost feel I'm painting like I'm doing documentation. I tried to be accurate and true to what I've been seeing."

It is documentation in a most stunning and beautiful form. Viewing it makes one feel like being home, yet there is magic and mystery contained within each stroke of the brush.

Marsh's work — his documentation, if you will — also will survive the ages. Despite some time consumed and difficulty in prepping the material, he paints on canvases of linen.

"It's just a very durable and long-lasting material," he said. "I stretch the canvas. I prime it with glue because linseed oil can rot linen, so there is a layer of glue between the canvas and the paint. So, 300 years from now,

someone can peel that away from the canvas and put it on a new canvas."

In other words, his artistic documentation of life in this place will remain long after we are gone. His work is a testament to the communities and the people who live here. And it is a beautiful testament at that.

The exhibit will run through April 12. Clayton Galleries is located at 4105 S. MacDill Ave. in Tampa. For more information, visit www.claytongalleries.net or call 813-831-3753.



Ruskin artist Bruce Marsh stands with some of his work at the Clayton Galleries on Friday's opening night for the exhibit. Marsh is married to artist Dolores Coe.

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Dozens of art patrons attended the opening night of the exhibit, which displays the work of both Marsh and Jeffrey Kronsoble in a way well suited for the beautiful work of both artists.

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Observations: It wasn't surgery, it was a 'procedure'

■ By **MITCH TRAPHAGEN**
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Just over 24 hours after finishing my recent column on health care, I had the unexpected opportunity to seriously put my health-care coverage to use. And what I discovered is that, when experienced in person, such an occurrence allows one to go well beyond all of the rhetoric. The bottom line is that despite the problems related to coverage, American health care is unbelievably good. In fact, it is outstanding. The commitment and excellence of doctors and nurses

goes well beyond anything I've ever experienced. And while, on a personal level, their commitment and excellence carries no price tag, from an administrator's standpoint it certainly does help if you can afford it. Excellent health care is not cheap. But I'm here to say that for what they did and how they did it, I wouldn't expect it to be cheap.

Just one day after finishing that column and two days before it landed on driveways, I heard Dr. Ranchhod Khant, a highly regarded cardiologist at Bay Area Cardiology, tell me, "I'm sorry to

be the one to tell you this, but I'm afraid you have some problems with your heart."

Seventy-two hours later I was on an operating room table, watching a bank of monitors showing a catheter reach into my beating heart.

I've spent the past year mired in what I felt was unrelenting stress. Some of it was self-inflicted, some of it wasn't. My dad died of a heart attack at 43; my Mom started having heart problems in her early 60s. I have a few unhealthy habits and have been far more focused on work than on taking care of myself. And it seemed I was now paying the price for both my care-less attitude and my family history.

In the 1991 movie, *City Slickers*, Billy Crystal played a character named Mitch who was going through a midlife crisis. At Career Day at his son's elementary

school, he sardonically summed up the passing decades of life, including that, in a person's 50s, they'll have a minor surgery. Oh, they'll call it a "procedure," but it's really surgery.

Plans for life changes have been in the works for the past month. Perhaps it was too late, perhaps it wasn't enough. In the time between meeting Dr. Khant and arriving in the dark early hours at Brandon Regional Hospital, I spent the few days wondering where life would lead now, if anywhere at all.

I had studied up on what my own "50s procedure" would entail and learned that it was not only an extremely common operation, it was also incredibly safe. I had very little chance of dying. But first I had to have the procedure.

Dr. Khant greeted me as I was being prepped for it. A smart, warm and gracious man, he

somehow had the ability to make the prospect of opening up a major artery seem like a walk in the park. He also shared a few additional details.

"I had a little fight with your insurance company," he said. "They wanted to deny this. I told them that if they did, I would have to call you up and tell you to go to the emergency room right now."

He said it with a smile; it is likely he has had to use similar tactics in the past. To me, it was stunning that, first, an experienced and highly respected cardiologist would be forced to do such things, and, second, that some faceless, nameless entity at a gargantuan insurance company felt that they somehow knew more about my health than an experienced and highly respected cardiologist.

The speed and efficiency with how things worked at Brandon Regional Hospital was impressive; the compassion shown was even more so. Every step of the way, people were friendly, helpful and understanding. Though they see guys like me coming in the door several times a day, they made me feel like I was the most important person, even the only person, they were working with. I was stunned by how amazing and painless (both physically and emotionally) they made it.

Two weeks ago, I mentioned my experiences with two local doctors. I was not advertising for either of them, just relating my experiences with them. I know there are many great doctors in this area. Previously (with a different insurance policy), my doctor was Debra Shultz, and I thought she was wonderful, just as I think Dr. Satya Gullapalli is wonderful. If I had different insurance, no doubt I would find other outstanding doctors. We are fortunate in South Hillsborough to have so many excellent and dedicated health professionals.

In *City Slickers*, one of Billy Crystal's (Mitch's) friends had taken a very bad turn in life, and things reached a critical point in which he had seemingly lost everything. Mitch told the friend that he should look on the bright side, that it wasn't that he had lost everything but rather he had now been granted a do-over in life. He could simply start again.

I haven't lost anything in this experience; in fact, I've gained much. I know more about my own health, and I've met a whole bunch of health-care professionals with whom I am wildly impressed — and to whom I am deeply grateful. I don't need a do-over, but I do need some life changes. And I'm going to do just that.

After the procedure, I was wheeled into a room where my wife, after speaking with Dr. Khant, found me, and the hours passed in a pretty happy, drug-induced pleasantness. Every few minutes, a very friendly nurse would check in on me, and, after a few hours, she offered me a sandwich. That sandwich was like manna from heaven. And for the millionth time I was left impressed with this incredible group of people and how well they took care of me.

Finally the tubes were disconnected, and the nurse took my arm and walked me out of the hospital. I hugged her before she helped me into our waiting car. Everything went well, and I'm just fine. I waved goodbye, and then Michelle and I drove off into a new life.



Shortly after my "procedure" (it's not considered surgery while I'm in my 50s), I decided to take a self-portrait of sorts. The drugs I was given made me feel good but didn't help my photography. I just rested the camera on my face and pressed the button. MITCH TRAPHAGEN PHOTO



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Positive Talk: Doing great and getting better all the time

How do you feel today? If you answered, "Great and getting better!" then you may well know many of the answers to the questions I will present in this week's column. However, I suggest you read on, because you may want to send it to someone else who does not feel the same way you do about how life is treating them. Every so often it is important to do some introspection in order to plot a course to a happier tomorrow. Here are some of the questions I think we must ask ourselves to get a clear picture of where we are and then see where we can go.



By William Hodges

• Are you harboring slights, hurts or anger from the past? It is amazing how many of us carry old baggage with us into the future. One woman I know has been divorced for 35 years and still refers regularly to anyone who will listen about that "damn Frank." Frank got on with his life years ago, and her anger is not holding him back, but it is a major impediment to her living a happy life. Put down your anger and get on with life. Keep in mind that forgiveness is only part of the battle; true healing comes from forgetting.

• What habits are you hooked on that are destructive to your health and well-being? Are you addicted to some vice that is dragging you down? You may not even know these habits are holding you back. I smoked for 17 years until a friend informed me that I had lost a \$15,000 contract because the buyer did not want to work with me on a project because I smelled like smoke. Yes, I knew smoking was not good for me, but when it hit me in the wallet, I quit. You may well have been passed over for a promotion or lost a friend for some similar problem — a problem within your power to fix. Keep in mind that there are some great support groups for addictions to food, smoking, drugs and alcohol, just to name a few. You do not have to go it alone.

• To whom do you owe an apology? For some of us, the hardest

words we will ever speak are, "I'm sorry." Have you slighted or hurt someone in the past to whom you should say those words? Healing a hurt in someone else can go a long way to healing yourself. When you make the apology, do not include strings, and do be sincere. British author G. K. Chesterton hit the nail on the head when he said "A stiff apology is a second insult. ... The injured party does not want to be compensated because he has been wronged; he wants to be healed because he has been hurt."

• Are you feeling sorry for yourself? Many people spend a lot of their life pining for what they do not have and feeling sorry for themselves. They complain they did not get blessed with the looks of a movie star or the brain of Einstein. Well, things could be worse. You could look like a movie star — Lassie; or you could have a brain just like Einstein's — dead. I love British author D. H. Lawrence's comment "I never saw a wild thing sorry for itself. A small bird will drop frozen dead from a bough without ever having felt sorry for itself." Imitate the wild things and do what you can to survive and prosper. If you do, you will not fall from the bough. Count your blessings rather than your woes.

• What positive lessons have you learned from your failures? They say a cat that sits on a hot stove will never sit on a hot stove again. But the truth is, he will never sit on a cold one either. What lessons have you learned that are preventing you from trying again?

Life is a wonderful place for

those who refuse to die before they are dead. Ask yourself these questions and act on them. Soon, when people ask you how you are doing, you will be able to reply, "Doing great and getting better all the time."

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The SouthShore Chamber of Commerce apparently has some cosmic connections — it would seem impossible to have a more perfect weekend to hold the Manatee Festival of the Arts. Days of cloudy skies and rain leading up to the event opened up to pleasantly warm temperatures and blue skies as thousands of people visited Apollo Beach on Saturday and Sunday for the festival. The festival, held at the TECO SouthShore Events Center, included continuous live music, kicked off by the amazing Doby Elementary Little Kids Rock Band. For information about the SouthShore Chamber and upcoming community events, visit www.southshorechamberofcommerce.org or call 813-645-1366.

MITCH TRAPHAGEN PHOTOS



What a good dad looks like: One father helps his young daughter create bracelets and a necklace at the Children's Creativity Center at the festival.



Hillsborough County Commissioner Sandra Murman took advantage of a beautiful Saturday to attend the art festival.



Dozens of artists from around the nation descended on Apollo Beach for the weekend festival, including Kathy Fields from St. Louis, with her Kathy Jewels display. For information, visit www.kathyjewels.net.



Dogs from Bay Area Greyhounds and Hounds for Heroes greeted festival visitors just inside the entrance. For information, visit www.bayareagreyhounds.org and www.h4htb.org.



Multiple-award-winning artist Jinsheng Song, originally from China, created a booth in which visitors could immerse themselves in his art. For information, visit www.art-mind.com.



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WED., MAR. 19 • 10-11 a.m. • Your Money Matters. Presented by Chris Redhead, CFP®, ChFC®, CFS®, Executive VP of Sequoia Financial Group. During these turbulent times many investors are plagued with challenging questions and difficult decisions that may significantly impact their family's financial future.

WED., MAR. 19 • 1:30-2:30 p.m. • Low Vision Support Group Topic: "Glaucoma," facilitated by Ana Maria Oliva, M.D., sponsored by the SCC Men's Club. Speaker will be Ignatius C. Cyriac, M.D. who earned both his Bachelor of Science and his M.D. at Pennsylvania State University and Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. He went on to an Internship at the Medical Center of Delaware in Newark, and an Ophthalmology Residency at Hahnemann University Hospital in Philadelphia.

THURS., MAR. 20 • 10-11 a.m. • Interested in Your Ancestry? If you would like to learn how to research your genealogy, don't miss this opportunity to spend time with TOLLIE J. BANKER, M.A. and M.I.S., faculty librarian at Hillsborough Community College SouthShore Campus as she takes you through the steps to discover your past using free research tools!

THURS., MAR. 20 (changed due to FunFest) • 1-2 p.m. • Neuropathy Support Group Sponsored by Men's Club of SCC. Held at the Community Association in the Caper Room on North Pebble Beach. Are you suffering from pain and numbness in your extremities? Our speaker this month will be: Emily Wilson, Regional Assistant with FAAST (Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology). Assistive technology is any device used to increase or maintain ability in daily living. Learn methods to deal with this condition and provide support for other members of the group.

MON., MAR. 24 • 1:30-3:30 p.m. • Parkinson's Support Group Sponsored by The Men's Club of SCC. Facilitated by the USF Parkinson's Disease & Movement Disorders Center. Are you experiencing hand tremors due to Parkinson's? If so, learn about "Lift Labs," a new technology to assist you. Presented by Jennifer Lenoir, a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant who has worked in SCC for over 7 years. Jennifer holds a special interest in the implementation and training of adaptive equipment for the purpose of improving a person's independent functional ability. **FREE valet parking** available at entrance.

TUES., MAR. 25 • 1 p.m. • What Everyone with Hearing Loss Should Know About Hearing Aids and Hearing Loops. Why people with hearing loss say they can hear but can't understand. Hearing aid features you need to hear your best. How hearing loops help you hear better in large public places. How to get your favorite venue or church interested in a loop. Presented by Dr. Juliette Sterkens, Audiologist, National Hearing Loop Advocate, HLAA, Academy of Audiology Lea Doerfler Award 2013, Wisconsin Audiologist of the Year 2011, HLAA Technology Access Award 2011, Member National HLAA/AAA Hearing Loop Task Force.

THURS., MAR. 27 • 2:30-4 p.m. • Mental Wellness Support Group Facilitated by Edmond Dubreuil MSW, RCSWI mental health professional. Supported by SouthShore Coalition on Mental Health & Aging and United Methodist Church of SCC.

FRI., MAR. 28 • 1:30-3:30 p.m. • FREE Memory Screenings provided by Dr. Mary Stedman from Stedman Clinical Trials and Wendy Burkhard, LCSW from Wyndbeach Counseling. How much of my memory have I really lost? Are you interested in Clinical Trials designed to cure Alzheimer's? Want to learn more about memory loss? Call to reserve your space today!

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SouthShore Regional Library

Kids program/event highlights

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Acting Out Yoga — Thursday, March 13, 4:30 p.m.

For ages 5-12 ~ Join us for this basic children's yoga class offered by Shore Bliss Yoga. This program uses creative ways to engage young yoga students in stretching, exercising and learning to relax through yoga. Please bring a yoga mat or towel. There are limited spots for this program. Preregistration is required. Please ask at the Information Desk or call 813-273-3652. Funded by the Friends of the SouthShore Regional Library.

Bedtime Stories — Thursday, March 13, 7 p.m.

For ages 2-5 with a caregiver ~ Stories, action rhymes, songs, interactive activities and crafts make up this fun 30-minute program that celebrates a love of reading. Children may wear pajamas and bring a blanket and favorite cuddly toy.

Drum Magic— Saturday, March 15, 2:30 p.m.

For all ages ~ Join us for this loud, feet-tapping program featuring drummer Jana Broder, who brings drums for everyone, and play in a drum circle. Registration is required. Register at the Information Desk or call 813-273-3652.

Baby Time — Monday, March 17, 1:35 p.m.

Tuesday, March 18, 11:35 a.m.

Wednesday, March 19, 10:05 a.m.

For children ages up to 20 months and their caregivers ~ Early literacy begins at birth. Bond with your baby through stories, bouncy rhymes and songs in this 20-minute lap-sit program that introduces early literacy skills and encourages language development.

Super Science Workshop — Monday, March 17, 3 p.m.

For children ages 5-10 ~ Join us for an interactive, hands-on afternoon and experiment as we turn the library into a science lab! This special science workshop features Mad Science presenting experiments on MAGNETS! Limit 25 kids. This is a repeat of the program offered on March 3. There are limited spots for this program. Preregistration is required. Ask at the Reference Desk or call 813-273-3652. This is a school early-release Monday. Funded by the Friends of the SouthShore Regional Library.

Adult/Teen Printing Without a Press — Monday, March 17, 6:30 p.m.

Join art instructor, Tim Gibbons, and explore some techniques of printmaking. Tim will demonstrate some of the basics of printmaking, and students will create their own designs and print them. No experience necessary. Limit 22. Registration required at either the Information Desk or by calling 813-273-3652. Funding for this program provided by the Friends of SouthShore Regional Library.

Toddler Time - Tuesday, March 18, 10:05 and 10:35 a.m.

Wednesday, March 19, 10:35 a.m.

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

Story Time - Tuesday, March 18, 11 a.m.

Wednesday, March 19, 11 a.m.

For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers ~ Stories, action rhymes, songs and interactive activities make up this engaging 30-minute program that highlights early literacy skills and encourages reading readiness and social interaction.

Membership with the Friends of the SouthShore Regional Library helps provide the funding for free programs offered at the Library. If you are interested in becoming a Member of the Friends of the Library, call Jim Duffy at 813-634-1396. www.southshorefriends.com.



Terrific Kids are focused at Gibsonton Elementary School

The following students are recognized for showing their peers how to be focused: Haili Garland, Ave Kalbach, Adriana Hernandez-Soriano, Arrianna Lopez, Esveidy Munoz, Jacquelyn Nesbit, Jocelyn Hinojoza, Jesus Vargas, Trinita Yorks, Hailey Sturgeon, Elizabeth Arnold, Lynnix Oglesby, Isaias Pineda, Gabriela Fernandez, Zury Lopez, Evelina Cruz, Jahira Morillo, Madison Cartegena, Lastat Goeddeke, Larissa DeLeon, Haillie Ritter, John O'Connor, Erika Jimenez, Fernando Martinez, Derrick Martinez, Peyton Fortney, Keagan Hancock, Gabriella Rodriguez, Hailey Engle and Pedro Garcia Jr. The Terrific Kids program is sponsored by Kiwanis of the South Shore.



Cruisin' for Critters Poker Run is Saturday, April 5

The Cruisin' for Critters Poker Run, a benefit for C.A.R.E. Animal Shelter, will be held Saturday, April 5.

The first stop and check-in is at the Dog House and More, on Shell Point Road in Ruskin, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Complimentary breakfast sandwiches and coffee will be provided by the Dog House.

The route is a fun ride (by motorcycle or car) in a loop from Ruskin, to Peggy's Corral in Palmetto, Woody's River Roo in Ellenton, Uncle Mike's SmokeHouse Grill in Plant City and ending at Alley Kats Bar and Grill, in The Alley at Southshore in Riverview. The Alley is the final stop and meal sponsor; there will be vendors and entertainment provided by DJ Doogie Entertainment.

The first prize is four tickets to SeaWorld; second prize is two tickets to Busch Gardens; and last prize is a coffee gift basket donated by Harry & David. All cards must be turned in by

4 p.m., with prize winners announced at 5 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased by downloading the registration form at www.careshelter.org and mailing in payment, or by calling C.A.R.E. with a credit card. Preregistration is appreciated, so that organizers can be sure to have food for everyone!

- Registration fee (motorcycle or car) is \$25. Additional passengers are \$5. Additional poker hands, \$10.

- Registration fee includes: event participation, one poker hand, one T-shirt per vehicle, and end-of-ride meal. Note: Passengers receive meal only, unless additional poker hands and/or T-shirts are purchased.

Sponsor and vendor booth spots are available, with booth setups at the Final Stop (The Alley). Sponsor donation is \$100. Vendor donation is \$50.

To be a sponsor, vendor or to donate auction items, call Jennifer Mc-

Cafferty, event manager, at 813-846-1316 or email jennifer@jens-market.com.

C.A.R.E. is a no-kill shelter that accepts stray and abandoned dogs and cats, founded in 2000 by Dr. Hal Ott and a group of local citizens concerned about the high number of healthy animals being euthanized each year in Hillsborough County. Its mission is to reduce the number of homeless and abandoned animals through adoption, sterilization and education. The facility is located on three acres of land and can accommodate 15-20 dogs (depending on size) and 35-45 cats. C.A.R.E. is funded by fundraisers, donations, memberships and small grants. It does not receive tax dollars, so it relies heavily on support from the community to cover animal care and operating costs. For more information about the shelter, visit www.careshelter.org or call 813-645-2273.

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FOODNOW is currently accepting reservations for many events, including *Masters of Illusion*, *Peter Nero*, *Collective Soul*, 1964... *The Tribute*, *Colin Mochrie & Brad Sherwood: Two Man Group*, *Aziz Ansari's 7 p.m. performance*, *Ameri-*

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Don your green for square dancing

To celebrate St. Patrick's Day, the Sun City Center Swingers Square Dance Club will hold a St. Paddy's Party Mainstream/Plus Square Dance on Friday, March 14. To help alleviate the dancers' hunger, club members will provide "Irish Tinted" finger food, and the club will supply lime punch. So, dancers, wear your green square-dance clothes and join the group for a festive night of dancing and refreshments.

This special dance, along with the club's regular Friday night Mainstream/Plus Dances, will be held in Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd. Pre-rounds start at 7 p.m.; the Mainstream/Plus Dance, with rounds, runs from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The Club will participate in the Sun City Center FunFest on March 15, with a square-dance demonstration in the Rollins Theater at 1:15 p.m.

For more information, call Veanna at 941-776-0477 or Geri at 813-633-9742 or visit <http://floridasquaredance.com/suncity/index>.



Live music, dance demonstration to be featured at next Moonglow Dance

Moonglow Ballroom Dance Club presents an evening of live music by Daniel Fugazzotto at its monthly dance from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 20, at Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City Center. As a special treat, Fugazzotto and his partner in ballroom competitions, Janis Merluzzo, will perform an exhibition at intermission.

The attire at Moonglow Dances is dressy casual. Members are free; visitors/guests pay \$5 per person at the door. Singles table(s) are always available. BYOB and snacks; the club will provide ice, water, cups and napkins.

Moonglow schedules monthly dances year-round, always with live music. Visitors are welcomed, so why not get your friends and neighbors to join you at a Moonglow Dance? For more information, call 813-633-1297 or 813-633-6453. If you would like to receive Moonglow information by email, email gail3357@gmail.com.



Sonny & Perley in concert at SouthShore Regional Library March 22

Well-known jazz duo Sonny Daye and Perley Rousseau will perform at the SouthShore Regional Library from 3 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 22. Their repertoire includes hits from the Great American Songbook and the golden age of popular song, including movie standards like Moon River, My Favorite Things and Send in the Clowns.

Admission is free. This program is funded by the Friends of the SouthShore Regional Library. The library is at 15816 Beth Shields Way, Ruskin. For more information, call 813-273-3652.

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Automobile aids that can help elderly drivers

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you recommend any products that can help older drivers with their vehicles? My 84-year-old mother is still a pretty good driver, but she has arthritis, which limits her range of motion and hinders her driving.



By Jim Miller

Searching Son

Dear Searching,

To help keep older drivers safe and extend their driving years, there are a number of affordable products you can purchase today that can easily be added to your mom's vehicle to help with many different needs. Here are several to consider.

►Entry and exit

If your mom's limited range of motion is hampering her ability to get into and out of her vehicle, consider these products:

- **Standers Metro Car Handle:** This is a small portable support handle that inserts into the U-shaped striker plate on the door-frame that helps with getting out of a car.

- **CarCaddie:** This is a nylon strap handle that hooks around the top of the door window frame for entry and exiting help.

- **Swivel Seat Cushion:** A round portable cushion that turns 360 degrees to help drivers and passengers rotate their body into and out of their vehicle.

►Vision helpers

If your mom has a difficult time

looking over her shoulder to back up or merge into traffic, or struggles with sensitivity to glare, these products can help.

- **AllView Mirror:** This is an oversized rearview mirror that attaches to the existing rearview mirror to widen her rear visibility and eliminate blind spots so your mom can see traffic without significant neck or body rotation. It also helps during parking.

- **Blind Spot Mirrors:** These are small convex mirrors that stick to the corner of the side view mirrors to improve side and rear vision.

- **Backup Camera:** To eliminate blind spots and avoid turning around when backing up, this device (which costs around \$100) comes with a wireless night-vision camera that attaches to the license plate and a small monitor that mounts to the dash or windshield.

- **Sun Zapper Glare Shield:** This plastic, tinted visor clips onto the existing sun visor to remove sun glare without obstructing vision. It also has a special sliding shield that lets you block extra-bright glare spots.

►Arthritic hands

If your mom's arthritis makes turning the ignition key, twisting open the gas cap, or gripping the steering wheel difficult and painful, consider these devices:

- **Key Turner:** This is a small plastic handle that attaches to the car keys to provide additional leverage, making it easier to turn the key in the ignition or door.

- **Gas Cap Removal Tool:** To help at the pump, this long-handled device works like a wrench to make loosening and tightening the gas

cap much easier, and it fits most gas caps.

- **Steering Wheel Cover:** It fits over the steering wheel to make it larger in size and easier to grip.

►Short drivers

If your mom has shrunk a little over the years to the point she needs help seeing over the steering wheel or reaching the pedals, consider a "wedge seat cushion," which is an orthopedic cushion that supports the back and elevates her a few inches. Or, "foot pedal extensions" (see pedalexenders.net, drive-master.com or summiteasy.com) that allow her to reach the pedals while keeping her 10 to 12 inches from the steering wheel.

►Seat-belt aids

The "Easy Reach Seat Belt Handle" is a six-inch rubber extension handle that attaches to the seat belt strap to make it easier to reach for seniors with mobility loss. And the "seat belt shoulder pad" that fits around the shoulder strap protects the neck and shoulder from rubbing and chafing.

►Where to buy

All of these items (except the pedal extensions and backup camera) cost under \$50, and can be found online at amazon.com. Type the product name in the search bar to get a variety of options.

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

East Hillsborough Dems meet April 8

The East Hillsborough County Democratic Club will hold its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8, at O'Brien's Irish Pub, 701 W. Lumsden Road, Brandon.

George Niemann, a community activist, will talk about the citizens organization CAN-DO and its concern with local issues. Donations of food, clothing and toiletries for ECHO are appreciated.

For more information, visit hillsboroughdems.org or email Michael Newett, club president, at ehcdclub@yahoo.com.

New OA meetings start in Wimauma

A new Overeaters Anonymous meeting has begun in Wimauma, meeting at 11:30 a.m. every Thursday in the office building of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 16650 U.S. 301 S.

The only requirement for attending is a desire to stop eating compulsively and/or overeating.

OA is an international 12-step program that addresses the emotional, spiritual and physical needs of those who want to stop eating or overeating compulsively. OA is patterned after the Alcoholics Anonymous program. There are no scales, no dues, no fees; all are welcome.

Learn more about OA online at www.oa.org/newcomers/is-oa-for-you or call Norma at 813-634-3201.

South Bay Hospital offers online access

South Bay Hospital now offers Patient Portal, a secure and convenient way to access personal health information.

Patient Portal is a free service that enables patients to go online to retrieve lab results, discharge instructions, hospital visit histories and radiology reports. All of the information found in the Patient Portal comes from the electronic health record maintained by the hospital.

To access the Patient Portal, patients must first obtain their patient information, including email address and medical record number, from South Bay Hospital. The patient information is then used to complete the secure online enrollment and access the personal health information.

For more information about South Bay Hospital's Patient Portal, visit SouthBayHospital.com/patient-portal or call 813-634-0381.

Spring Fling comes to Little Manatee River State Park

On Saturday, April 12, Little Manatee River State Park in Wimauma will hold its first Spring Fling.

The event runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and will offer educational fun for those interested in nature walks, fresh air, clean water, birds, fish, bees, native plants for sale and more.

There will be animal face-painting to transform kids into their favorite critter. There will also be an art project called fish printing, an ancient Japanese art that is easy for kids and gives them a souvenir of the day.

Enjoy music, food and live animals. The Spring Fling is free; however, there is a \$5 per vehicle charge for up to eight people.

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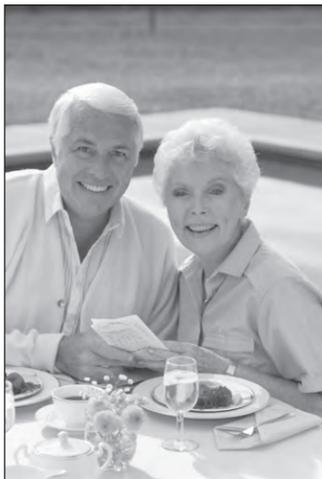
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For dog-friendly fun, go to Southeastern Guide Dogs Walkathon

On Saturday, March 22, the Southeastern Guide Dogs Walkathon kicks off at 8:30 a.m., when festivities begin at Cotanchobee Fort Brooke Park, Tampa. Opening ceremonies are at 9:45 a.m., and the 3K Walkathon starts at 10 a.m. Join hundreds of dogs and their favorite friends. Enjoy paws, a cause, friends, food and tail-wagging fun. There will be local food vendors, pet-friendly shopping, a silent auction, music, a raffle and the chance to support the life-changing puppies and people at Southeastern Guide Dogs. This Palmetto-based nonprofit organization raises and trains world-class guide dogs for the visually impaired, and relies 100 percent on private donations. The annual Walkathon season is Southeastern's biggest fundraiser of the year. Interested walkers can sign up at www.guidedogswalkathon.org, and fundraisers can find helpful resources on the website.

Girl Scouts' ESCAPE Series educates young girls in how to react to danger

A personal empowerment series has been developed by a committed adult girl scout, Melinda Exum-Bihler, to help girls be safer and more aware of the environment they frequent and the people they encounter.



Girls in a recent ESCAPE seminar.

The Extreme Safety Course And Personal Empowerment (ESCAPE) Series is designed to educate the young women of tomorrow by developing their awareness of dangerous and potentially unsafe situations.

The two-hour sessions are held once a month at Girl Scout Camp Dorothy Thomas, off Boyette Road, Riverview. The series is open to all girls in fifth through 12th grades.

A volunteer through Girl Scouts of West Central Florida, Melinda Exum-Bihler's goal is to empower them with the knowledge, strategies and techniques against violence, such as assault, abduction, abuse, harassment, bullying, etc., that may prevent them from becoming a target of crime as they begin to have life experiences on their own.

The series began in January and, so far, the girls have been educated on fire safety and first aid/CPR.

Other sessions being offered are on the Florida Law/Statutes, presented by the State Attorney Office, Sex Offender/Child Abuse Division.

The next session, on physical defense techniques, is Sunday, March 23.

Exum-Bihler believes that one of the best gifts we can give young ladies is the opportunity to acquire the skills to protect themselves and avoid danger!

For more information about the program, call Melinda Exum-Bihler at 813-843-3245 or email her at memibihler@aol.com.

Government Leadership University welcomes citizens and students

Want the inside scoop on how government really works? Hillsborough County residents can sign up for a series of action-packed opportunities during the 2014 Government Leadership University.

The free series begins with an orientation at 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 18, inside County Center, 601 E. Kennedy Blvd., in downtown Tampa.

The GLU series is open to all Hillsborough County residents, including students grade nine and up (with parent and school approval). GLU covers a wide variety of county departments and

functions over a series of 10 three-hour sessions from 9 a.m. to noon each Tuesday through the month of May.

Now in its ninth year, Hillsborough County Neighborhood Relations offers this annual program to strengthen communities by creating more informed residents and neighborhood leaders.

Anyone interested in learning more about Hillsborough County government and the vast array of county departments is encouraged to attend GLU.

Participants will experience a mock board meeting, hurricane-

evacuation planning and enjoy visits to agencies such as Code Enforcement, Fire Rescue, Emergency Management and Public Utilities.

Attendees for GLU are asked to sign up by Monday, March 17, and online registration is available at www.HillsboroughCounty.org/GLU.

For more information on Government Leadership University, call Neighborhood Relations in the Office of Community Affairs at 813-307-3564 or visit www.HillsboroughCounty.org/ONR.



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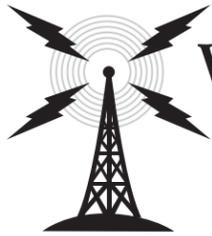
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We're at WSCQ in Sun City Center!

A longtime radio man and Sun City Center resident "unretires" for the third time to open a community radio station.

■ By **MITCH TRAPHAGEN**
mitch@observernews.net

Like many thousands of others, Peter Swartz and his wife Janet came to visit Sun City Center in search of a retirement paradise. They almost immediately fell in love with the community, deciding to buy a home within two hours, but Peter also saw an opportunity among the palm trees and the manicured lawns.

Peter Swartz is a radio man. And soon Peter's retirement will be put on hold and WSCQ-FM radio should be broadcasting live from Sun City Center.

"We are ready to go on the air now," Swartz said. "I could basically just push a couple of buttons."

WSCQ is already licensed by the Federal Communications Commission as a Low Power FM station. The license was granted Feb. 6, and Community Radio of Sun City Center Inc. was born with the intention of serving Sun City Center and Kings Point, and some news from

the surrounding communities as well. Swartz is currently assigned 100.1 MHz on the dial, but that may change before the station goes on the air.

"I'm basically a newcomer here," Swartz said. "We bought the house two or so years ago. When we first came here, I was transitioning from running a station and retiring. Being in radio, I saw an opportunity for something that would be really neat. There is a lot going on here, and having a community station seemed like it would be perfect."

He is now coming off his third retirement after first selling his Christian broadcasting station to a national radio chain in 2000. He expected to retire then, just as he expected to retire upon moving to Sun City Center. But radio seems to be in his blood, and he hopes to provide a useful and entertaining service for the community.

"I don't retire well," he said with a laugh. By 2002, he was operating four stations before retiring yet again. And now he is back in the

game once more. "In the 30-plus years I've been in broadcasting, things have changed so much," Swartz said. "The FCC does not allow just anyone to decide they'll open up and run a station. And today there are filing windows they occasionally open for licenses."

The last window closed last November. There is no word as to when the next window may open.

"I know what I want to do but don't have it down completely yet," he continued. "I knew Christian broadcasting, but this will be different, it's a new venture for me. Radio is the same, but I'm working on a listenable mix that is informative and entertainment, with nice music from the '50s to the '90s."

WSCQ won't be a Christian station, but Swartz does hope to broadcast local church services on Sunday mornings.

"There was a time when nearly every broadcaster gave their air time over to churches on Sunday mornings," he said. "Most don't



PHOTO COURTESY OF PETER SWARTZ

Peter Swartz operating in a small studio. His station has already been licensed by the Federal Communications Commission.

do that anymore, but we will. We'll also play some gospel music during those times."

Swartz is visually impaired, describing himself as almost blind, but that hasn't slowed him down in the least.

"My idea is to find interesting people in the community to interview," he said. "I've been doing interviews for years. We can do it as though it is just two people having a conversation that also happens to be going out over the radio. People seem to enjoy it."

Sun City Center offers him a near infinite potential for interesting people and stories.

WSCQ is limited to a 100-foot antenna and 100 watts of power. The station will likely reach as far as Apollo Beach, into Riverview, Ruskin and Wimauma.

"Our main emphasis will be Sun City Center and Kings Point," Swartz said. "It's a noncommercial station. We can do fundraising, much like PBS raises funds for their operations. But we can't do full-blown advertising."

He does, however, hope to promote local businesses and clubs with interviews as a community service, no advertising involved. He is looking forward to doing remote broadcasts from the many community events.

"I want as many friendly neighbors as I can get," Swartz said. "I want them to tell us about them, to put them on the air."

He also hopes to attract young people, providing them with the benefit of the vast experience and knowledge of the retirees.

Although electronically he could

begin broadcasting right now, he is still looking for suitable studio space, his needs for which are minimal.

"There is no sense in me going on the air until I get into some kind of alignment with people in the community," he said. "For the station to be what it needs to be, I'll need the support of the community. I want to be careful. I don't want to step on people's toes, but I think this would be good for the community. I think once we're out there, broadcasting and communicating, people will come around."

He is also looking for some help, and Sun City Center could well be a very fertile ground for such a search. Although the station will be noncommercial, he is hoping to find some help in funding the operation. Thus far, Swartz has paid out of pocket for the equipment needed and for the Emergency Broadcast System.

"I would love to get some volunteer help," Swartz said. "And also to get where people can make announcements and so on. I can take my computer and a little bag of stuff and I can broadcast from anywhere. I'm looking at the end of the month, it could be mid-April, but I could have been on the air three weeks ago with no problem. This isn't my first radio station."

Indeed it isn't. It is his seventh station. In Sun City Center, Peter and Janet Swartz found a home, both on a broad residential boulevard and in his heart, fulfilling his love for radio. So much for retirement — he's at WSCQ in Sun City Center.

For information, email Peter Swartz at WSCQFM@yahoo.com.

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Mar 13: Bar bingo at 6 pm

Mar 14: Fish Fry 4:30-7 pm
Music by Full Circle at 8 pm
Cash drawing at 8 pm

Mar 15: Arts & Crafts Show
9am - 2pm. Breakfast will be served at 8 am for \$4.

If you would like to reserve a table to sell your crafts, there is no charge; we are only

asking for a donation for a Chinese auction. Please call 813-634-8740 or 813-634-2315 to reserve a table.

Mar 16: Games in lounge 2 pm
Music by Bert & Sassy 6:30-10 pm
Queen of hearts drawing at 7:30 pm

Mar 17: Crew games and free hot dogs 6 pm

Mar 18: Games in lounge 1-4 pm
Bingo doors open at 3 pm BINGO begins at 6 pm
Kitchen opens at 4:30 pm

East Bay Watch

Flag Football season has arrived at East Bay High School

by Michael Cooper



1st Row: Jada Lester, Jenna McEaney, Fre-Deja Hayes, Damaris Morales, Michelle Rodriguez, Susan Reynaga and Jaliza Olascoaga. 2nd Row: Chloe Dinard, Riley Sniezyk, Chiana Springs, Scarleth Jimenez, Noora Al-Qili, Megan McKeefer and Lindsay Grear. 3rd Row: Odalis Castillo, Jasmine Zamora, Monica Vigil, Keila Esteva, Stephanie Villanueva, Kiana-Jade Green, Lorianne Santiago, Aviana Johnson and Nicole Stokes. 4th Row: Coach Cooper, Briana Brown, Kya Matthews, Gabby Ruiz, Alexis Gomez, Zory Rosado, Mashayla Gallmon and Quiana Jean-Baptiste. 5th Row: Coach Taplin, Coach Miley, Sydney Hostelley, Sara Hostelley, Valorie Gutierrez, Tabitha Willis, Maribel Mendoza and Madeline Hornacek.

Last Tuesday, East Bay's Girls' Flag Football team played its Pre-Season Classic. For the Classic, each team is allotted two games. Host school Bloomingdale defeated Wharton 40-7 and Steinbrenner 15-0.

East Bay faced Steinbrenner, which went up 13-0 in the first quarter with a long touchdown

pass and an interception return for a touchdown two plays later.

Then the Indians' defense held while the offense had several 12-play drives, but failed to score.

Against Wharton, the first half was back and forth, with the Wildcats scoring first. The Indians took the lead with QB Madeline Hornacek throwing a touchdown to

Michelle Rodriguez and converting the extra point to Sydney Hostelley. The Wildcats scored again for a 12-7 lead at halftime.

With 30 seconds left in the game Hornacek drove the team down the field and scored the winning touchdown with a 15-yard run. East Bay 13, Wharton 12.

Regular Season Schedule

Sat. March 15	at Matanzas	Varsity 9 a.m.
Sat. March 15	Flagler Palm Coast	Varsity 10:30 p.m.
Tue. March 18	at Armwood	JV 6:30 p.m. Varsity 7:30 p.m.
Thur. March 20	Newsome (D)	JV 6:30 p.m. Varsity 7:30 p.m.
Mon. March 24	at Spoto (D)	JV 6:30 p.m. Varsity 7:30 p.m.
Thur. March 27	at Durant (D)	JV 6:30 p.m. Varsity 7:30 p.m.
Mon. March 31	King	JV 6:30 p.m. Varsity 7:30 p.m.
Thur. April 3	Bloomingdale (D)	JV 6:30 p.m. Varsity 7:30 p.m.
Thur. April 10	Riverview (D)	JV 6:30 p.m. Varsity 7:30 p.m.
Thur. April 17	Lennard (D)	Varsity 7 p.m.
Thur. April 24	Strawberry Crest	Varsity 7 p.m.

Supervisor of Elections and Hillsborough County Public Schools team up to engage youth

Twice a year, the Supervisor of Elections Office sends staff into public high schools in Hillsborough County to give students a chance to register to vote and talk with them about the importance of doing so. Staff members also share some key information that not all students know: In Florida, students can pre-register to vote beginning at age 16, and they will receive their voter registration card in the mail when they turn 18.

"High-school students are just coming into their own as thoughtful, passionate young adults, and I hope they'll see voting as both a right and a responsibility," said Craig Latimer, Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections. "We need them to be active participants in our government."

This year, in an effort to bring more attention to the importance of engaging in the democratic process, Supervisor Latimer and Superintendent for Hillsborough County Schools Mary-Ellen Elia have announced several contests for students.

Students are invited to participate in three contests:

• High School Voter Registration Contest — The three schools that register the highest percentage of voters during the registration drives conducted by the Supervisor of Elec-

tions Office will be presented with a plaque and publicly recognized.

• Poster Contest — The best original artwork encouraging people to vote will be used in the Supervisor of Elections' marketing efforts, which will include bag stuffers at Caspers Company McDonald's. Poster dimensions are nine inches high by six inches wide and templates are available from the Supervisor of Elections Office. McDonald's is partnering on this project by underwriting a portion of the printing cost for the bag stuffers. In addition, to recognize their efforts, McDonald's restaurants will donate a free item coupon to students who submit an entry, and the contest winners will receive a complimentary Dinner for Four certificate. Open to middle- and high-school students.

• Video Contest — The best original 30-second videos encouraging people to vote will be shared on the Supervisor of Elections' website, posted on Facebook and twitter, and offered to public service directors at local TV news stations. Acceptable formats include .mov, .mpeg4, .avi, .wmv and .flv and may be submitted via email or on a DVD or flash drive. Open to middle- and high-school students.

Poster and video submissions are due Friday, March 28, and winners will be announced in May. Submissions and questions about the contests go to Gerri Kramer, Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections Office, 600 E. Kennedy Blvd., 16th floor, Tampa, FL 33602 or gkramer@hcsoe.org and 813-367-8827.



Sign up for the Tour de SouthShore

On Friday, March 28, the SouthShore Chamber of Commerce will host its inaugural Tour de SouthShore. Reserve a seat on the bus for a fast-paced, fun-filled day ... something like a field trip for grownups.

Meet at Kids R Kids at 8:15 a.m., and board the bus. You'll be chauffeured to eight different businesses, be fed breakfast, snacks and lunch and get a bunch of little goodies along the way.

The cost to be a "tourist" is \$25, but seats are limited, so reserve your spot today.

To RSVP, call the Chamber at 813-645-1366 or 813-645-3808.



Champion Self Storage to hold community yard sale

Champion Self Storage in Ruskin will hold a huge community yard sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 22.

The fee to set up as a vendor is \$20, and Champion Self Storage will donate the fees to the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

More than 2,000 shoppers are expected to attend this event, so it's a good opportunity to make extra money.

Space is limited. Call organizers at 813-641-1777 to secure a spot in this mega-yard sale.

Williamson Marine Surveyors opens in Ruskin

Joe Williamson has opened Williamson Marine Surveyors LLC in Ruskin.

Williamson enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard in 1977, and worked as a machinery technician for the next 10 years, honing his skills in small-boat operation, marine-engine repairs and hull repairs, as well as electrical repairs on some of the service's finest rescue vessels.

Following his service, Williamson became general manager of one of the largest storage and service yards on Ohio's north coast. Being partners in a small brokerage business allowed him to experience both sides of buying and selling yachts. Williamson also became very familiar with marine surveyors, who found his knowledge of ABYC standards and SAMS Standards to be very highly regarded.

In 1997, Williamson began ma-

rine surveying with one of the largest marine surveying companies in the U.S. He quickly became an accredited marine both with the SAMS organization and with ABYC.

Over the years, Williamson has completed more than 4,500 marine surveys involving recreational and commercial vessels. This includes condition and value surveys, appraisals, damage claims, fire investigation, theft, mega-yacht inspection and mega-yacht construction, along with expert testimony in marine forensics.

He is a member of the Fort Lauderdale Mariners Club, Tampa Bay Mariners Club, American Society of Appraisers, Society of Accredited Marine Surveyors and the American Boat Building Council.

To contact Joe Williamson, email him at joewillsurvey@gmail.com, call him at 813-401-8215, or visit www.joewillsurvey.com.

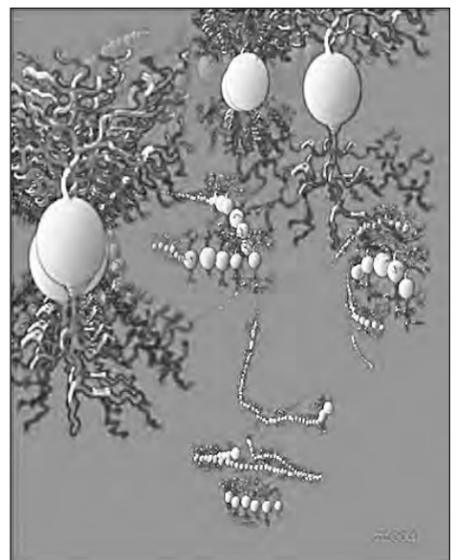
Physician artist exhibits at Artspace

A new exhibition entitled "Neon Neurons" opens at Artspace Studio & Gallery on Anna Maria Island.

The public is invited to an artist's reception from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 22, to meet the artist, Dr. Juan Sanchez-Ramos.

Also known as Zeno, Sanchez-Ramos started his early career as a wandering portrait artist and designer, but evolved over the years to become a neuroscientist-physician. He is the medical director for the Parkinson Research Foundation and professor of neurology at USF-Tampa.

Zeno uses images from research in neurobiology to inspire new designs and artworks. Neon Neurons was inspired by photomicrographs of neurons in his laboratory. Intrigued by the fractal nature of neurons, he began to draw simple neurons using a 3D fractal drawing program. The images show the structure of developing neurons, from their stem-cell origins to their beautiful fractal branching structures.



Neuronal Face by Zeno.

Zeno will give a short talk about his research and design processes during the reception.

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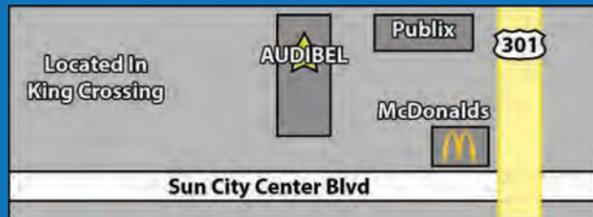
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Brandon Foundation tees off to aid local charities by hosting Brandon Hyundai Charity Golf Classic; features luau party & golf celebrities

Brandon Foundation will host its signature Charity Golf Classic on Friday, March 14, and Saturday, March 15, at River Hills Country Club, Valrico. Proceeds from the event, presented by Brandon Hyundai, will benefit local charities.

The festivities will begin with the Luau on the Green Charity Golf Classic party from 6 to 11 p.m. on Friday, March 14, at River Hills Country Club. Tickets for the party are still available.

Guests will enjoy an evening of fun and entertainment. Music and complimentary food and drinks will be provided by various local restaurants. Guests will have a chance to mix and

mingling with celebrity guests playing in the golf tournament on Saturday. Special items will also be auctioned and raffled off, with all proceeds going to local charities. Luau-themed attire is encouraged.

The golf tournament will tee off the morning of Saturday, March 15, on the 18-hole course at River Hills Country Club. Player opportunities are still available. Some of the golf celebrities scheduled to appear include:

- Trevor Consavage, a five-time Re/Max World Long Drive Finalist and Trick Shot Entertainer
- Brittany Lincicome of Seminole, who plays on the LPGA Tour



• Stefanie Kenoyer, "Big Break" contestant and 2009 U.S. Women's Open amateur competitor

• Latana Stone, 11, youngest female golfer to qualify last year for the U.S. Women Amateur at 10 years old; she is enrolled at IMG Academy in Bradenton

River Hills Country Club is at 3943 New River Hills Parkway., Valrico.

For details, visit www.BrandonFoundation.info.



Welcome Home, Vietnam Vet ceremony is March 29

At 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 29, the Veterans Memorial Park and Museum Committee Inc., along with the Veterans Council of Hillsborough County Inc., will conduct the annual Welcome Home, Vietnam Veterans Day ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park, 3602 U.S. Highway 301 N., Tampa.

This annual event is to honor all the veterans who served in Vietnam, including a special remembrance for those who did not make it back. The Rolling Thunder Florida Chapter 11 Color Guard will present Colors, and the National Anthem will be sung by Hillsborough County firefighter and retired U.S. Marine Thurnell (Chip) Shields. The invocation and benediction will be offered by ordained minister Linda Pugsley, former U.S. Air Force nurse and Vietnam veteran.

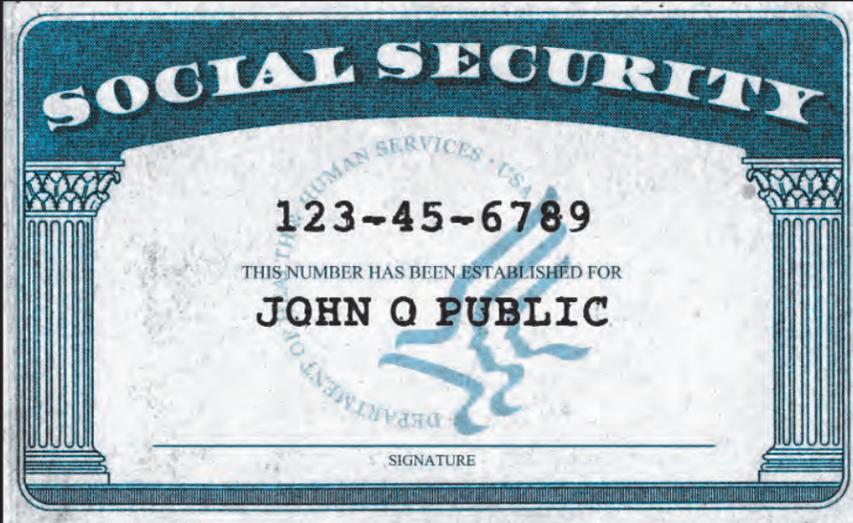
Keynote speakers for this program are retired Air Force Maj. Gen. David J. Scott, former deputy director of Special Operations Command's Special Operations; and Dr. Richard M. Swier, Ed.D., LTC, retired from the U.S. Army.

Rolling Thunder Florida Chapter 11 will conduct the POW/MIA Missing Man ceremony and Medal of Honor Remembrance, followed by a rifle salute and TAPS by the Riverview detachment of the Marine Corps League.

Following the ceremony, the Suncoast Vietnam Veterans chapter will conduct a reenactment of the Last Patrol in the closing days of the Vietnam War. It is a powerful performance, presented as a living history with patrol members, a K-9 war dog, smoke for special effects and music from the '60s.

This event is open to the public, and all are encouraged to attend to show support for America's service members. The James A. Haley VA Hospital mobile bus will be on site for the program. Veterans and families need to know that assistance is at hand in the community. All Veterans will be directed to sign in at the bus, as this support counts for the on-site visit and influences whether the VA bus will return for future events.

Refreshments will be provided by the Women and Men's auxiliaries of the VFW Post 8108, Riverview, at the main pavilion next to the museum building. For more information, contact Walt Raysick, immediate past president of the Hillsborough County Veterans Council, at 813-653-4924 or email him at wraysick@vertzon.net.



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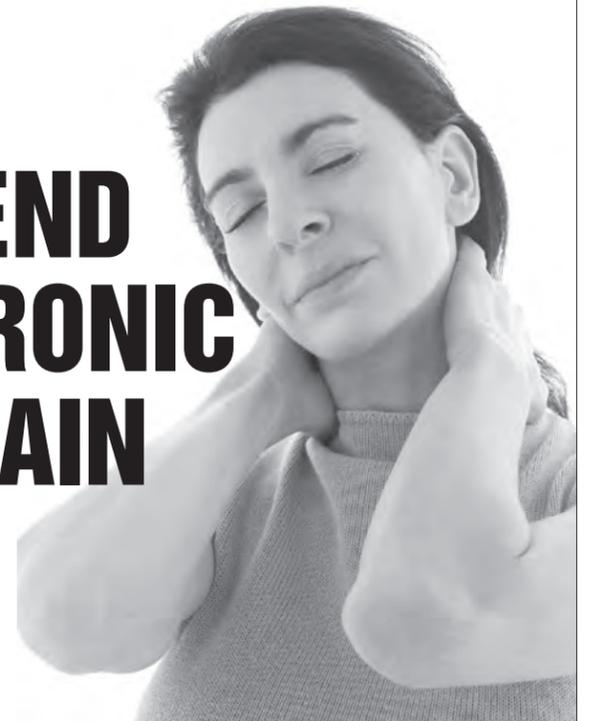


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RE/MAX South Shore Realty recognized its top agents at its annual awards banquet held at East Coast Pizza in Riverview.

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In addition to her recognition by the local franchise, Vaughan was ranked 24th overall in the RE/MAX Florida Region Top 25 Producers for 2013.

Tampa Bay Aquarium Society has moved to Riverview location

The Tampa Bay Aquarium Society has moved its meeting location to the Riverview Civic Center (from the previous location in downtown Tampa at Channelside). The Tampa Bay Aquarium Society is a nonprofit comprising fish keepers and hobbyists who promote the hobby, education and conservation of the aquatic environment.

The group meets every second Monday of the month at 7:15 p.m. in the Civic Center, 11020 Park Drive, Riverview. Each meeting centers on a talk on some aspect of maintaining, breeding or caring for fish. The speakers include members from the Tampa Bay community as well as speakers from other areas of the country who have expertise relating to the hobby.

The group welcomes children accompanied by an adult, as well as young adults. Also featured each month is a bowl show, which permits members to exhibit fish they maintain.

The Aquarium Society encourages members of the Riverview community, and surrounding communities, to join them at an upcoming meeting. For more information, call Bill Little at 727-530-0928 or visit www.tbas1.com for more information.



Camp Bayou Spring Open House helps visitors 'find the wild'

From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 29, Ruskin's Camp Bayou will hold its free, family-friendly Spring Open House. The theme, "Finding Wild," encourages visitors to find the wild in their community.

The activities on the schedule are plentiful:

- Get your Save the Frogs Day passport from the Conserve it Forward table to learn about frogs and toads — maybe win a prize in the process.
- Take a short canoe trip around the oxbow island with a special reduced Open House rate of just \$10/canoe for a one-hour paddle starting at 9:30 a.m.; last canoe rental at 11:30 a.m.
- Hop aboard a docent-guided cart tour of the trails. Tours leave on the half hour starting at 10 a.m.
- Visit the butterfly habitat and talk with an Eagle Audubon Society volunteer about the plants and the butterflies that visit.
- Help create the largest display of origami birds in an activity that commemorates 100 years since the passing of the last Passenger Pigeon, as well as the last Carolina Parakeet.
- Trace your child's hand to be added to a display for Children's Week.
- Celebrate Women's History Month with Rachel Carson.
- Learn a bit about the Florida outdoors with recent graduates of the Florida Master Naturalist Program: Lori, Charlie, Joanie and Kevin.
- Take the "Rewild your life" Challenge: 30 minutes outdoors in nature for 30 days.
- Visit the fishing cabins and take a tour inside with Frank, a volunteer who helped restore them.
- The Little Free Library encourages reading in nature by offering books in an open-air location. Visitors will learn about an upcoming program for World Book Night, which will provide a free book by Michael Pollan to a limited number of participants.

Other agencies and nonprofits, such as Little Manatee River State Park, Florida Aquarium, Florida Master Naturalist Program, League of Environmental Educators in Florida and the Paleo Preserve Fossil Museum, will also be offering nature-based activities.

At noon, a Wild Lunch will be available: wild-orange-mojo-marinated pork, wild rice and beans, salad with wild herb dressing and a beverage, for \$7 a person, or 2 for \$10 (credit cards will be accepted this year, and cash, of course). Activity tables will stay open until 1 p.m.

The Camp Bayou Outdoor Learning Center is managed by the nonprofit Bayou Outdoor Learning & Discovery Inc. in a public-private partnership with Hillsborough County Parks, Recreation and Conservation. Camp Bayou is located 3 miles south of State Road 674 at the end of 24th Street SE in Ruskin. More information is on the web at www.campbayou.org or call 813-641-8545.

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From left, Pastor Mark Canfield of Pinellas Community Church; Gary Kaukonen of Keller Williams Realty; Edward Brown of St. John the Divine Episcopal Church; Pastor William Cruz; and Kitty and Charles Talcott of Talcott Family Foundation.

The Lord's Lighthouse gives thanks

■ By **MITCH TRAPHAGEN**
mitch@observernews.net

The Lord's Lighthouse, a Ruskin ministry committed to providing spiritual nourishment, educational empowerment and compassionate assistance to the less fortunate, gave thanks to those who have helped them in fulfilling that mission. The mission provides food, clothing, translation services, advocacy, application assistance for various programs, crisis intervention, spiritual counseling and emergency assistance to those in need.

"Without the help of others, we could not do our mission," said Pastor William Cruz, who, with his wife, Dora, founded the Lord's Lighthouse. "These organizations represent those in the community who have been the backbone of helping us do that, of serving this community."

Representatives from four of eight of the organizations attended a luncheon given in their honor two weeks ago. Pictured are Pastor Mark Canfield of Pinellas Community Church, Gary Kaukonen of Keller Williams Realty, Edward Brown of St. John the Divine Episcopal Church, Pastor William Cruz, and Kitty and

Charles Talcott of Talcott Family Foundation.

Organizations not pictured are the Sun City Center Funeral Home, the Jeko Family Trust, the Law Office of Ricky Martinez, and David Gauthier of Sun City Accounting.

"This is in sincere appreciation for your exemplary support of the work of the Lord's Lighthouse," Cruz said. "From the bottom of my heart, thank you so much for being so kind."

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The Columbia Gorge Hotel and Spa

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think dams are alike and differ only in size, you are mistaken. The Bonneville Dam visitor center's educational displays describing the dam's features are extensive, but there is something special here, a complex system of fish ladders for salmon and other species moving up and down the river. A viewing area with large underwater windows gives visitors the opportunity to actually see fish migrating, and it's all free.

Continuing our way east, we are blessed with a tantalizing glimpse of the snow-covered 11,235-foot Mount Hood. Then the clouds descended. It was to be our only view of this majestic mountain during our three days in the Hood River area.

Americans first became aware of the extent and majesty of the Columbia River through the Lewis & Clark expedition (1804-1805). The expedition's purpose was to discover a water route to the Pacific Ocean or, to quote President Thomas Jefferson, to discover "the most direct and practicable water communication across the continent for the purposes of commerce."

Arriving in Hood River, we checked into the small, elegant Columbia Gorge Hotel and Spa situated on a bluff overlooking the Columbia River. It was built in 1921 atop a 208-foot waterfall named Wah Gwin Gwin (Native American, meaning rushing waters). The waterfall was described

in the Lewis & Clark journal.

The Columbia Gorge Hotel has undergone many changes over the years, but one thing has never changed: the sweeping views of the majestic Columbia River and the mountains of Washington, visible from many of its 39 rooms and suites. It has been a favorite of movie stars since the days of silent movies.

Hollywood heartthrobs such as Rudolph Valentino, for whom the lounge was named, and Clara Bow were frequent guests. Then there was Shirley Temple, Burt Reynolds, Olivia Newton-John, Anthony Quinn, Tom Cruise and many other notables, including Presidents Taft, Coolidge and Roosevelt (Teddy).

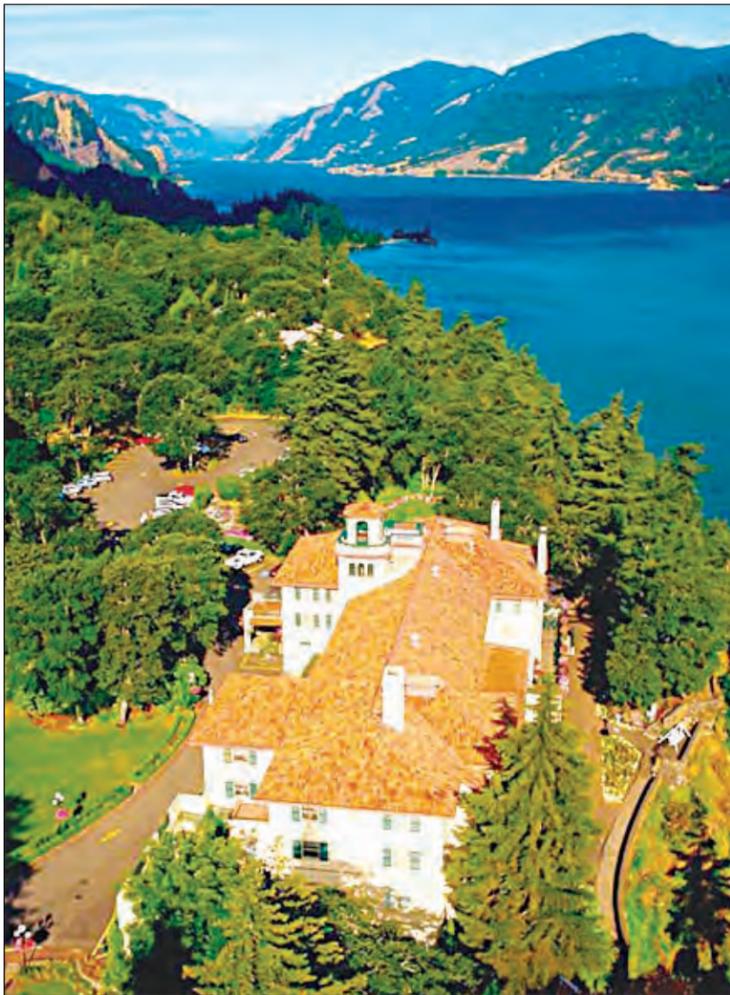
On our arrival, we were greeted

by Paul Robinson, general manager and head chef, an unusual combination. Paul quickly displayed his abilities in both areas during our stay, but no more so than when we dined in the hotel's

signature restaurant, Simon's Cliff House.

For dinner he prepared halibut stuffed with Dungeness crab over a bed of curried raisin rice and

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An aerial shot of Columbia Gorge Hotel & Spa looking west. Columbia River and Washington shoreline on right.



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Wah Gwin Gwin waterfall in back of Columbia Gorge Hotel and Spa. Its sighting was reported in the Lewis & Clark journal.

See the U.S.A.

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zucchini flowers stuffed with cheese, fried tempura style. The hotel's restaurant prides itself in serving only the freshest of local foods and the best of the local wines.

It was immediately obvious that this very professional restaurant staff did not go to that school where servers are taught to ask how everything is just as you put a forkful of food in your mouth. Adding to the overall ambiance and dining experience was the ever-present view of the Columbia River

Paul Robinson has lived onsite for the past four years as a hands-on manager overseeing daily operations. He is largely responsible for bringing new life back to a classy old lady.

This is a low-key hotel. Guests have an opportunity to recharge

their batteries. It's all about the views and atmosphere. There are no golf courses, riding stables or large exercise facilities. There is a spa on premises.

Walking the beautifully landscaped grounds, enjoying the scenery, having an afternoon cocktail on the outdoor patio and enjoying the excellent food are what a stay at the Columbia Gorge Hotel and Spa is all about. Weekends, there is music in the lounge. The hotel is a magnet for weddings, and things can get lively during those times.

However, if you want activity, downtown Hood River is close by. It's a city of young people with coffee and art shops, restaurants and outdoor outfitters. Trips can be booked for windsurfing, kite boarding, Hobie Cats and kayaks, Mount Hood railway tours, Mount Hood air tours from the local airport, where there is also an impressive air museum. Skiing and snowboarding are available year-round on Mount Hood. The abundance and variety of game fish in local waters make this an angler's paradise.

When you visit the Columbia Gorge Hotel and Spa, be sure to ask for Paul and have him show you the photo of the hotel's ghost captured on film in the background during a wedding rehearsal. I have a copy, but it won't reproduce well in the paper. The photo is amazing.

This was the last stop on our 2013 USA road tour. It was 3,200 miles back home to West Palm Beach by the shortest route. Leaving the "Land of Waterfalls," we traveled east and were soon driving through Oregon's high desert. It is truly an amazing and diverse state when you can go from rain forest to waterfalls to high desert



JEANNE O'CONNOR PHOTOS

in about an hour.

An Oregon law, strange to outsiders, prohibits drivers from pumping their own gas. It must be done by an attendant, who might even offer to clean your windshield. I believe the only other state that has this law is New Jersey. Oregon also has no sales tax, making many purchases a relative bargain.

A quick glance at the car's odometer when we pulled into our driveway showed we had covered almost 10,000 miles in two months. Eliminating major city traffic from the equation, most driving was done on almost traffic-free set-the-cruise-control-and-forget-it highways. The sights and experiences were wonderful, and we took almost 3,000 photos. Isn't digital wonderful?

The USA is a large, diverse and beautiful country. If you have been putting off your trip for "someday," picture a billboard we passed on I-80 somewhere in the middle of Nebraska that said, in bold letters, "SOMEDAY IS TODAY." I didn't get a chance to read the words below the headline but don't think it was a religiously based message. It got me thinking.

Our trips have taken us to many foreign countries and most recently around the USA. Many people we know well past the retirement age say to us, "Someday I'd like to do what you are doing." Our reply is exactly what the billboard said but with the added thought, "If not now, when?"

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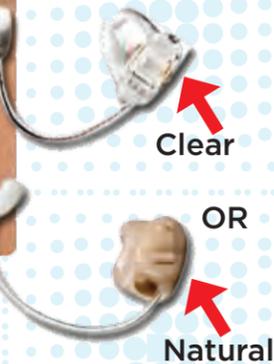
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Last year, in celebration of the golden anniversary of the Sun City Center Women's Chorus, the SCC Men's Chorus was invited to be their special guests.

Such a grand time was had by chorus and audience members alike that a "redo" was discussed to celebrate the 2014 golden anniversary of the Men's Chorus.

During a planning session with presidents of both groups, the directors presented their music selections. Both had chosen "Broadway" along with "Americana" as a concert theme: Both were more than willing to work together on a dynamite concert.

So what can happen when leaders from both choruses put their heads together to form a plan?

It's nearly a case of "anything goes." The room was electrified as one idea blossomed from another.

Quickly it became apparent that "Broadway" should be afforded more than one concert. If once is nice, why not "twice the nice" with two concerts?

You can watch rehearsal snippets of both groups on the Women's Chorus Facebook page. (Type SCC Women's Chorus into your search box.)



So mark your calendars for this historic, first-of-its-kind dual concert. The Women's Chorus, with the Men's Chorus as special guests, will present the concert Sunday, March 23, at 3 p.m.

The Men's Chorus, with the Women's Chorus as special guests, will present their concert Sunday,

March 30, at 3 p.m. Both concerts will be held at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 1239 W. Del Webb Blvd., Sun City Center.

Both concerts are free and all are welcome.

For more information, call Chris O'Hara at 813-634-4341 or Bob Garrod at 813-634-4110.

You, me and business

The perfect cure for spring fever

Sunday was the day we move those clocks forward an hour to take advantage of all the wonderful sunshine coming our way. Gone are the sweaters and boots, scarves and hats. The weather has warmed up, and the sunlight is revealing that we have survived another winter. (We survived it a lot easier than our fellow Americans up north!)

I'm seeing golf carts with the sides up and more folks dining al fresco. Neighbors are out walking and biking and stopping to chat with friends. The grill is out more often, and I can smell the aroma of steaks over the charcoal.

Nature's natural circadian rhythms urge us to replant in the garden, clean out the garage and redecorate. It's also time to file the taxes, check our investments, make doctor's appointments and all the other chores and maintenance of everyday life. It's an exciting and rejuvenating time, but also a little overwhelming.

In other words, it's the perfect time for our Splash Into Spring Trade Show! On Thursday, April 3, scores of vendors will converge at the Community Hall on South Pebble Beach Boulevard to show off their products and services. In one visit to one location, you can check out banks, home remodelers, air purifiers, new cars, com-

puter repairers, the cable company, home-health services and much, much more!

Even if you don't have any major projects planned or any pressing needs, you'll want to come and see what is new and different. It's always good to get fresh ideas. Maybe it's time to plan that cruise or trade up on a new golf cart. Or you could be ready to volunteer with the Security Patrol or the American



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Cancer Society and you'd like some more information. Lots of our non-profits will be there, eager to talk to you about how you can help rescue critters or donate blood.

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Cobia, redfish and flounder were all caught last week.

Tarpon are jumping in our waterways, and what a sight to see as they gracefully glide in the air, with their silvery bodies glowing in the moonlight. It is amazing that a fish of that size can jump so high in the air. This game fish has no food value and is revered as a trophy fish. It may take hours to boat a tarpon, but it is best to release them. Have patience and slowly help him back into the water. Of course, snap a photo to brag about your catch, or to give to a taxidermist for your trophy. You must have a \$50 tarpon tag on your license to make the catch or to have one on your boat. It is against the law to spear or snag this fish.

Mullet are a hot topic this week. A cast net is important in catching this fish. Most all bait shops sell these nets, and will show you how to make a complete circle over the school of mullet before you pull the string on your net. If you throw your net right and correctly read the water where the school is, you will have enough fish for dinner with one cast of the net. There are anglers who have mastered the art of catching this fish with a hook and line. This is the only fish that has a gizzard and is a vegetarian.

There is an old fish tale about several anglers from Ruskin who were arrested for having too many mullet in their boat. Their trial in Tampa made world headlines



FISH TALES

because they proved to the jury that a mullet is not a fish — but a chicken — because it has a gizzard.

It is the time of year that if you drop a line you will get some kind of fish everytime.

Black drum are schooling in large numbers in local rivers and canals. This fish does not excite most anglers because the meat is often full of worms, and some consider it a trash fish. But there are those who are having a ball catching these fish. With an average weight of nine pounds, some of these fish weigh up to 20 pounds. The largest on record weighed in at 115 pounds and was caught in Tampa Bay by a tourist from Illinois.

Florida pompano are out in our waterways, just waiting for you to cast them a live shrimp. The average size is two pounds. They are considered excellent table fare.

Some lucky anglers last week saw many dolphins at play alongside their boats. A dolphin is said to be the most beautiful of all game fish. Its gorgeous coloring is like a rainbow. They are also known as the fastest swimming fish.

Redfish are out there in schools, but catches were few last week. As one angler related: "There are plenty out there, but they seem to be playing 'hide and seek' with us."

Be thankful for our local waterways, the seabreeze that you are feeling and the beauty of our sunsets. Always watch the weather and fish together.

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Android Open Lab — Thursday, March 13, 12:30 p.m.

Bring in your Android along with your questions or problems, and we'll do our best to help!

Film: Screening & Discussion — Friday, March 14, 2:30 p.m.

Celebrate Women's History Month at the Library with this screening of the film *Feminist: Stories from Women's Liberation: 1963-1970*, a documentary that tells the story of the women's liberation movement, explores the details of the feminist revolution and debates the controversy surrounding these events.

Kindle Open Lab — Saturday, March 15, 4 p.m.

Bring in your Kindle or Kindle Fire along with your questions, and we'll do our best to help!

Adult/Teen Printing Without a Press — Monday, March 17, 6:30 p.m.

Join art instructor, Tim Gibbons, and explore some techniques of printmaking. Tim will demonstrate some of the basics of printmaking, and students will create their own designs and print them. Limit 22. Registration required at either the Information Desk or by calling 813-273-3652. Funding for this program provided by the Friends of SouthShore Regional Library.

Internet: Safety & Security — Tuesday, March 18, 12:30 p.m.

Connect with fellow writers to inspire and encourage, and to exchange ideas about the writing process. Opportunities to share your writings and receive feedback will be available. All levels of writers are welcome.

Internet: Introduction and Google — Tuesday, March 11, 12:15 p.m.

Learn how to surf the Internet while avoiding common scams and pitfalls that can compromise your security. Learn about different types of malicious software, how they get on the personal computer, how to remove them, and precautions to take when using the Internet. Limit: 20.

eBooks for Kindle and Kindle Apps — Wednesday, March 19, 10:30 a.m.

Learn how to check out and download free library eBooks to read on the Kindle or any device using the free Kindle app and Overdrive. Presented by the Tampa Bay Library Consortium. Limit: 20.

Elder Law Seminar — Wednesday, March 19, 2 p.m.

This program will provide information and education regarding legal issues for seniors, including planning for incapacities and long-term care, with emphasis on public benefits. Medicaid, Medicare and V.A programs will be discussed.

SouthShore Needle People — Wednesday, March 19, 6 p.m.

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

Mah Jongg Club — Wednesday, March 19, 6:30 p.m.

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Quiet morning fog
A morning fog was captured by photographer Shayna Coonin recently as she strolled along the water's edge at Land's End Marina in Apollo Beach. While taking photos, she also saw a spotted eagle ray, gliding through the still water. www.lowtidephotography.com

SHAYNA COONIN, LOW TIDE PHOTOGRAPHY



Riverview's scrawling snail caught in the act

The mystery writer is back! Last month, around Valentine's Day, Ralph Wozniak discovered a heart-shaped trail on his porch, left by a slimy visitor. Last week he was greeted by the universal symbol of affection (an "X" for a kiss, of course) in the same location where the heart had been. This time, the secret admirer was caught in the act, and Ralph was able to snap a photo of the graffiti artist. The heart, below, was featured in the February 20 edition of *The Observer News* and *The Current*. We can't wait to see what April brings!



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Summerfield clubhouse renovations

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People have more room to move around."

In the cardio room, however, equipment was added so that now there are four treadmills, three elliptical machines and four stationary bikes, said Midkiff.

Both the men's and women's restrooms have also been completely redone, from new pipes, stalls and toilets to decorative mirrors, sinks, counters and flooring.

Hanging lamps and comfortable chairs add a final touch to the Wi-Fi room.

As for the clubhouse's exterior, that was repainted four years ago and did not need any work, Abruzzese said.

When the remodeled facility reopens for use March 17,

clubhouse hours will be from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekdays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturdays and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sundays. There will be Grand Opening festivities at the clubhouse for residents on Saturday, March 22, from noon to 3 p.m.

Summerfield was the first of the many developments built along the U.S. 301 corridor from Sun City Center north to Bloomingdale Avenue. First built in 1984 on what was then cattle land, Summerfield has become the busiest development because of its location at the intersection of Big Bend Road and U.S. 301. In the last 10 years, two elementary schools and four plazas have also been built within and adjacent to its borders.



PENNY FLETCHER PHOTO

Bob Abruzzese, left, president of the Summerfield Board of Directors in Riverview, and treasurer Ron Midkiff talk about the new workout facilities to open for the development's 7,000 residents March 17 and future plans for a separate building that will house more amenities.

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Biologists rescue panther kitten in Collier County

A team of panther biologists rescued an approximately week-old Florida panther kitten at the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge in Collier County in mid-January.

Biologists from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Conservancy of Southwest Florida discovered the kitten while conducting research. The 1-pound male kitten had a dangerously low body temperature and was nonresponsive.

"We want to give any panther kitten the best opportunity to survive in the wild," said commission veterinarian Dr. Mark Cunningham. "But clearly this kitten was in poor condition and almost certainly would have died without intervention."

Biologists transported the kitten to the Animal Specialty Hospital of Florida in Naples, where veterinarians and staff performed life-saving measures. Although his condition improved quickly, he still required 24-hour care.

Once the kitten was strong enough to travel, biologists transported him to Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo. The young male is the fourth kitten and eighth panther to receive rehabilitation at the zoo.

Because this kitten was so young at the time of rescue, he will not learn survival skills from his mother and, therefore, cannot be released into the wild.

Although he will not return to the wild population, this panther will help to raise awareness and aid with potential research efforts. Initially the kitten will not be on public display, but, once old enough, he will be transported to the Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park, where park visitors may observe him.

"This kitten exemplifies how joint efforts of the FWC, the US Fish and Wildlife Service and our partners are helping recover imperiled species in Florida," said Kevin Godsea, manager of the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge for the USFWS. "We are certainly pulling for him and hope he leads a long, healthy life."

The rehabilitation of this kitten would not be possible without the help of the Animal Specialty Hospital of Florida, Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo and the Department of Environmental Protection's Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park.

Florida residents can support conservation efforts like the rescue of this kitten by purchasing a "Protect the Panther" license plate at BuyAPlate.com. Fees from license plate sales are the primary funding source for the FWC's research and management of Florida panthers.

For more information on Florida panthers, visit www.floridapanther.net.org.

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Windows 8: Introduction - Tuesday, March 18 at 3 p.m.

For adults. Learn the layout, switching from tiles to desktop, and how to get the Start button back. Basic mouse and keyboarding skills are recommended. Limit: 18. Registration in person required no earlier than one hour prior to the start of the program.

Computer Tutor - Wednesday, March 19 at 5:30 p.m.

For adults. Tutoring in Microsoft software, email, and the Internet. Limit: 18. Registration in person required no earlier than one hour prior to the start of the program.



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Golf courses in the Southshore area report the following holes-in-one for the past six months:

- Vince Pirone of SCC shot a hole-in-one Oct. 26 at the Falcon Watch - Sands Golf Course. The 117-yard ace was shot on the 7th hole and witnessed by Bill Salowitz, Kurt Hoffmann and Gary Waldron.
- Lata Raby shot a hole-in-one Nov. 9 at the Scepter Golf Club. The 116-yard ace was shot on the 11th hole with a 6 iron and witnessed by Judy Frank, Heather McKown and Carolyn Avrett.
- Betty Hill shot a hole-in-one Nov. 11 at the Scepter Golf Club. The 108-yard ace was shot on the 11th hole with an 8 iron and witnessed by Judy Fenwick, Lata Raby and Judy Schafers.
- Clyde Schafer shot a hole-in-one Nov. 12 at Falcon Watch - Cypress Golf Club. The 135-yard ace was shot on the 8th hole with a 5 wood and witnessed by Ken Lightle and Richard Vollrath.
- Richard Rivard of Apollo Beach shot a hole-in-one Nov. 13 at the Apollo Beach Golf Club. The 155-yard ace was shot with a hybrid club on the 17th hole and witnessed by Dennis Plant and Ron Williams.
- Ralph Fuente shot a hole-in-one Nov. 15 at Falcon Watch - Cypress Golf Course. The 135-yard ace was shot on the 2nd hole with a 5 iron and witnessed by Bryden Rosborough.
- Greg Woodard of Apollo Beach shot a hole-in-one Nov. 17 at the Apollo Beach Golf Club. The 153-yard ace (with one bounce) was shot on the 4th hole with a 6 iron and witnessed by Michael Donaldson.
- Barry Presunka of Winnipeg, Manitoba, shot a hole-in-one Nov. 14 at the Apollo Beach Golf Club. The 150-yard ace was shot on the 17th hole with a 7 wood. Witnesses were Pat Slater and Russell Johns.
- Tim Pieper of Apollo Beach shot a hole-in-one on Dec. 9 at the Apollo Beach Golf Club. The 141-yard ace was shot on the 17th hole with a 6 iron. Witnesses were Dennis Tucker and Steve Brown.
- Dietrich Schaefer shot a hole-in-one Dec. 16 at the Scepter Golf Club. The 145-yard ace was shot on the 6th hole with a 4 hybrid and was witnessed by Jerry Cluthe.
- William Pyle shot a hole-in-one Nov. 17 at the Caloosa Greens Course. The 137-yard ace was shot on the 13th hole with a 7 wood and was witnessed by Udea Onslow-Thompson.
- Gary Turner of Sun City Center shot a hole-in-one Feb. 6 at the Falcon Watch Golf Course. The 173-yard ace was shot on the 8th hole with a 4 iron and witnessed by Michael Donaldson, Dennis Walters and Jim Kraft.
- Ray Parisen shot a hole-in-one Feb. 13 at the Scepter Golf Club. The 151-yard ace was shot on the 2nd hole with a 6 iron and witnessed by Ann Parisen.
- Victor P. Schilling of Riverview shot a hole-in-one March 1 at the Apollo Beach Golf Club. The 145-yard ace was shot on the 12th hole with a 6 iron and witnessed by Victor P. Schilling Jr..
- Jerry Wick of Sun City Center shot a hole-in-one Feb. 17 at the Falcon Watch Golf Course. The 125-yard ace was shot on the 8th hole with a Rescue Club 27 and was witnessed by Ron Bimson and Less Easton.
- Ralph Fuente shot a hole-in-one Feb. 28 at the Kings Point Golf Course. The 114-yard ace was shot on the 8th hole with 6 iron, and was witnessed by Bryden Rosborough.

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Area Obituaries



Dennis Patrick Donahue

Dennis Patrick Donahue died unexpectedly in his sleep on Wednesday, February 26, of a massive heart attack. Mr. Donahue, born in Providence, R.I., on June 7, 1950, retired as a patrolman from the Warwick, R.I., Police Department in 1989 following a stroke, and had been confined to a wheelchair ever since.

Dennis loved his family very much. He is survived by his wife, Rosalie Jean Donahue; son Sean Patrick Donahue and his wife, Brittany; and his father, Henry Joseph Donahue. He is also survived by stepchildren Donald Edward Ford, Carvel Douglas Perkins, Michelle Perkins Schiefelbein, and 10 grandchildren.

He and Rosalie had lived in Sun City Center since 1996, and were members of the Trinity Baptist Church. A memorial service is planned for 10:30 a.m., Thursday, March 13, at Trinity Baptist Church, 702 W. Del Webb Blvd., Sun City Center.



Virginia "Gigi" Konefal

Virginia "Gigi" Konefal, 92, went to join the angels in heaven on March 3, 2014. She was predeceased by her husband Pal Konefal.

She is survived by her four children: Ginger (Dave) Reagor, Carolyn Konefal, Robert (Valerie) Konefal and Janet (Wolfgang) Meub. Gigi is also survived by six cherished grandchildren; five beloved great-grandchildren; and brother Anthony "Bud" (Helen) Broskie.

Aside from her family, her passions were painting, golf and playing the organ.

A celebration of her life will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 18, at the Sun City Center Funeral Home, 1851 Rickenbacker Drive, Sun City Center.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Sun City Center Lions Club, P.O. Box 5684, Sun City Center, FL 33571.

Vernon C. Otto

On March 6, 2014, Vernon C. Otto, 59, of Ruskin, joined his Lord Jesus Christ, father Vernon F. Otto, son Vernon J. Otto, and niece Victoria Barnette in Heaven.

His love for others, his stories and his smile will be missed by his mother Sarah Platt Otto; sister Lois Otto Barnette; daughter Jennifer Otto; nieces Sonja Barnette Krout, Camryn Krout and Bella Barnette; nephews Tony, Ty, Trevor and Dillon Barnette; relatives and friends.

Donations in his memory may be contributed to the Hope Children's Home in Tampa. Arrangements by Zipperer's Funeral Home.

Annie Beatrice Myrick Washam Sessoms Russell

Annie Beatrice Myrick Washam Sessoms Russell was born February 27, 1927, in Ft. Mill, S.C. This beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother passed away peacefully March 9, 2014.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to your local hospice. Services will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Friday, March 14, at Zipperer's Funeral Home.



Agnes (Sissy) Witsell

Agnes (Sissy) Witsell (née Fanelli), 79, daughter of the late Rose and John Fanelli, went home to heaven to be with the Lord Jesus on February 26, 2014.

Sis was predeceased by her brother John, her sisters Angel (Carmella) Oreo and Mary Ann Parkinson, and her granddaughter Hope Witsell.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory her sister Janet Doto and brother Michael (Lois) Fanelli. She also leaves daughters Roseann McCaffrey and Fran (Bob) Shaw; son Cholly (Donna) Witsell; granddaughter Michelle Shaw; grandsons Bradley Shaw, Wesley Shaw and Matthew McCaffrey; as well as many beloved nieces, nephews and in-laws.

Sis was a devoted and sacrificing mother, relative and friend with the hugest heart. She loved her family, dabbling in art in many forms, fishing, shopping and a little gambling. Her unique and warm humor and heartfelt laugh will be sorely missed.

Her family in Pennsylvania had a Catholic Mass said in her honor at Saint Gabriel's Catholic Church in Norwood, Pa., on Sunday, March 9.

Her family in Florida will also have a Catholic Mass said in her honor at Saint Anne Catholic Church in Ruskin, Fla., on Saturday, March 15.

A Celebration of Sis' Life service will be held at the clubhouse of Caribbean Isles Mobile Home Park, 405 Elsberry Road, Apollo Beach, on Sunday, March 16, at 1 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to The Warriors for Hope Outreach Ministry at www.gofundme.com/WFHdonation.

Arrangements by Zipperer's Funeral Home.

Unity's annual women's retreat is March 22

Unity SouthShore (formerly Unity Community of Joy) will hold its annual women's retreat from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 22, at the DaySpring Episcopal Retreat Center in Ellenton.

All women, regardless of religious affiliation, are invited to attend. This event is an opportunity to engage in contemplative activities, explore your spiritual gifts and be inspired to express more of your divine potential in the world. You'll leave feeling a deeper connection with your inner spirit and with a few new friends as well.

The cost is \$50, including lunch. For more information, call 813-481-9060.

In Memoriam

Lillian Bonnie Butler

March 1917 to August 2009

Mom, we love you.

Sheila, Sandy and Danny

Lee Alys Cunningham



Mom, we miss you, Craig and Amy

Grandma, we miss you, Sierra and Zachary

Dear Lee,

You've been gone

one year and our lives will never be the same.

I miss your encouraging words, your hearty laugh, and "I Love You's" Phil

Astronomy lecture series at Prince of Peace

Prince of Peace Catholic Church will hold a four-week Astronomy lecture series every Thursday, starting March 13, at 2 p.m. in the Conesa Center.

The series will feature lectures by retired Navy Lt. Commander Fulvia Fiorani.

Topics for this year's series include: "The Universe through the Hubble Space Telescope," "Our Night Sky," "Planets and Other Solar System Bodies" and "Light Phenomena."

The astronomy lecture series is open to the public, and there is no charge for participation.

Prince of Peace Catholic Church is at 702 Valley Forge Blvd., Sun City Center.

Good Samaritan Mission needs volunteers for a day

Good Samaritan Mission needs volunteers to assist on Thursday, March 13, with a general work day.

The Mission needs help getting the site ready for the Family Salsa Festival to be hosted by the Mission on Saturday, March 29.

Volunteers interested in helping on this project should call Jennifer at the Mission at 813-634-7136 to discuss the details and availability. For more information about Good Samaritan Mission, see its website at www.gsmission.org.

Redeemer women to meet

The women's organization of Redeemer Lutheran Church will meet Wednesday, March 19, beginning with refreshments at 9:30 a.m.

The program, beginning at 10 a.m., will be provided by Mary & Martha House, a Ruskin shelter for battered and homeless women. Everyone is invited to attend.

For more information, call 813-634-1292.

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Women's Seder is April 1

Congregation Beth Israel will hold its annual Women's Seder on Tuesday, April 1. Plan to be there at noon in the Henry Gibson Social Hall at Beth Israel, East Del Webb Boulevard, Sun City Center.

Enjoy a wonderful afternoon of music, fun and food to celebrate Passover, all geared especially to women.

The cost to attend is \$5, and must be sent with your reservation to Rochelle Lafer by Tuesday, March 25. Guests are welcome to attend at the same cost of \$5.

Don't get left out of this lovely afternoon; send your reservation and \$5 to Rochelle Lafer, 2247 Oakley Green Drive, Sun City Center, FL 33573

For additional information, call Rochelle at 813-938-3824.

'Women of Substance' is topic

Three members of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Sun City Center will present a program lauding three "Women of Substance" at the Thursday, March 13, meeting of the Fellowship at 7 p.m. in the Henry Gibson social Hall of Beth Israel Synagogue on East Del Webb Boulevard.

The members and their heroines are, respectively: Carla Miles (Alvina Lardo Schalle); Mary Ann Worthington (Beate Sirota Gordon); and Marilyn Balkany (Caron Balkany).

All are welcome to attend.



Catholics remember Ash Wednesday

On March 5, Prince of Peace Catholic Church held special Masses for the celebration of Ash Wednesday. The placing of ashes on foreheads symbolizes the attitude of internal penance to which all the baptized are called during the holy season of Lent.

Prince of Peace Catholic Church is at 702 Valley Forge Blvd., Sun City Center.

Garage sale set for River of Life Christian Center

From 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 15, the River of Life Christian Center will hold its annual garage sale.

Proceeds from the sale go to sponsor youth and ministries of the church in the surrounding community.

The church is at 6605 Krycul Ave., Riverview, just off U.S. Highway 301.



VERN ELARTH PHOTO

From left: Senior Pastor Dr. Ron Churchill, Associate Pastor Dr. Ross Laidlaw, Dr. Dan Schmierer, Linda Schmierer, Pastor Emeritus Dr. Bill Millican, Minister of Music Rev. James Feist and Associate Pastor Rev. Edward Schafer.

Trinity Baptist Church ordains Dr. Dan Schmierer as pastor

On Sunday, January 12, Dr. Dan Schmierer was ordained as a pastor at Trinity Baptist Church in Sun City Center. Dan was the first pastor to be ordained in the 40-year history of the church.

The service was officiated by Senior Pastor, Dr. Ron Churchill, and Associate Pastors, Rev. Ed Schafer and Dr. Ross Laidlaw.

Dan grew up as the son of a U.S. Army colonel and his wife. He recently retired as the head of U.S. operations for a large German company after a 45-year professional business career. Dan has bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering, along with an MBA.

Dan was baptized at age 12 in Augsburg, Germany. Throughout his adult life, Dan was active in his church and served in many leadership positions.

During the last 15 years of his

business career, Dan undertook religious studies. He graduated from seminary, earning a Master of Arts Biblical Studies from the Dallas Theological Seminary, and completed doctoral work from the International Theological Seminary, earning PhD/ThD degrees.

As Dan neared retirement, he and his wife Linda decided to devote their remaining years in the service of the church. Dan's ordination as an associate pastor of Trinity Baptist Church will allow him to share the Gospel, leading people to a spiritual loving relationship with Christ and the joy of having a church family.

Trinity Baptist Church is located at 702 W. Del Webb Blvd., Sun City Center.

For more information, call 813-634-4228 or visit www.trinitybaptistscc.com.

International concert pianist to perform at United Methodist Church

On his first American concert tour, Italian concert pianist Alberto Lodoletti will perform at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 21, at the United Methodist Church of Sun City Center.

Well-known in Europe, Lodoletti will be performing a demanding and virtuosic program including Scarlatti's Sonata in E major, K. 380 and Toccata in D minor, K. 141; Beethoven's Piano Sonata in F minor, Op. 57 "Appassionata;" Chopin's Ballade No. 1 in G minor, Op. 23; Liszt's Les jeux d'eau à la Villa d'Este; Debussy's Reflets dans l'eau; Ravel's Alborada del gracioso; and Liszt's popular Mephisto-Waltz No. 1.

A donation of \$10 is requested at the door on the night of the performance. Concertgoers are encouraged to arrive early for a good seat.



For additional information about this and other events and activities at the United Methodist Church, call Jeff Jordan, director of worship arts, at 813-634-2539.



Pastor Mark Salmon (in white shirt) leads discussions in the monthly café in St. Andrew Presbyterian Church.

Holy Andy's Café welcomes you

Interesting and stimulating topics are discussed once a month at Holy Andy's Café in Sun City Center. Any local residents are welcome to join the friendly conversation at the café in St. Andrew Presbyterian Church.

Pastor Mark Salmon leads the discussion. Free cappuccino, coffee and sweets are available.

The next café will be Wednesday, March 19 at 4 p.m. St. Andrew is at 1239 W. Del Webb Blvd.



Childhood lessons in healthy nutrition at United Methodist Church will last a lifetime

The Children/Youth Ministries of the SCC United Methodist Church received a \$10,000 grant from the Sun City Center Impact Fund within the Community Foundation of Greater Sun City Center.

The funds will provide nutritious meals and snacks for Kidz Klub, Under the Cross Youth, Kidz4Christ and Sunday Morning Kids and Youth — all ministries of the church.

The goal of the grant is that children will learn lessons in healthy nutrition that will last a lifetime.

Meet the Easter Bunny for breakfast at South Shore United Methodist Church

South Shore United Methodist Church will host a free breakfast and Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 19. Breakfast will be served from 8 to 10:30 a.m., with appearances by the Easter Bunny at 8:30 and 10 a.m. The egg hunt starts

at 9 a.m., and participants are reminded to bring an Easter basket.

South Shore United Methodist Church is at 11525 Big Bend Road, Riverview.

For more information, call 813-677-9482.



Calvary Lutheran held Diaper Sunday

Recognizing a need at its Angel Attic thrift store, Calvary Lutheran Church called on the congregation to donate to "Diaper Sunday" on Feb. 23. As a result, the church collected more than 5,500 diapers and baby wipes, along with cash to purchase even more.

Diapers are a frequent request at the Angel Attic, located at 1480 E. College Ave., Ruskin. The facility serves the entire South Shore area with donated clothing, household goods and other furnishings. Now, gratefully, diapers can be added to that list.



Trinity Baptist Church will hold multimedia Easter presentation

At 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 12, and at 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 13, Trinity Baptist Church will hold its Easter presentation, "The King is Coming." The multimedia presentation will include singing, drama and audience participation. Admission is free, but seating is limited, so plan to arrive early. The church is at 702 W. Del Webb Blvd. For more information, call 813-634-4228.

Learning from Pope Francis

Have you been captivated by Pope Francis since his election to the papacy last March? Join Prince of Peace Catholic Church for a three-week series on the Pope's first Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*.

During this special course, participants will have the unique opportunity to journey through the long-awaited teaching of Pope Francis on the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This dynamic document encourages all to embrace the call to participate in the New Evangelization.

Classes will take place on Tuesdays, March 18 and 25, and April 1, from 10 to 11 a.m., in the Conesa Center on the campus of Prince of Peace Catholic Church.

For information on course materials and to register, call Karen Fernandez-Valentine in the Prince of Peace parish office at 813-634-2328 or email karen@popcc.org

Prince of Peace Catholic Church is at 702 Valley Forge Blvd. in Sun City Center. For more information, visit www.popcc.org.

Short-story writer audition

On Monday, March 14, and Tuesday, March 25, the United Methodist Church of Sun City Center will hold auditions from 6:30 to 8 p.m. for writers who would like to read their short story as part of a program called *In Their Own Write*.

The program will feature select local authors reading to an audience from the stage of UMC's Life Enrichment Center. The performance of *In Their Own Write* will be in the LEC on Friday, April 25.

If you have written an interesting short story and would like to share it, organizers welcome your participation.

For additional information about this and other events and activities at the United Methodist Church of Sun City Center, call Jeff Jordan, director of worship arts, at 813-634-2539.

This Friday night movie is *The Way*

On Friday, March 14, the United Methodist Church of Sun City Center will present *The Way*, starring Martin Sheen and his son, Emilio Estevez.

The Way is a powerful, inspirational story about family, friends and the challenges we face while navigating this ever-changing and complicated world. Martin Sheen plays Tom, an irascible American doctor who travels to France to deal with the tragic loss of his son (played by Emilio Estevez). Rather than return home, Tom decides to embark on the historical pilgrim-

age, "The Way of St. James," to honor his son's desire to finish the journey. What Tom doesn't plan on is the profound impact this trip will have on him. Through unexpected and oftentimes amusing experiences along "The Way," Tom discovers the difference between "the life we live and the life we choose."

The movie starts at 6:30 p.m. Snacks and beverages will be served starting at 6 p.m.

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2014 Hyundai Azera — a lot for the money

By **NITISH S. RELE**
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Redesigned in 2012, the midsize upscale car from Hyundai continues in 2014 without any significant structural changes. Except a huge one that lightens up the pocket for a potential buyer. And that's a \$1,250 price cut from last year's model.

CAR REVIEW

The second-generation Azera — targeting move-up sedan buyers from Sonata — responds with nimbleness irrespective of road and weather conditions. You are certain to enjoy a pretty pleasant and comfortable ride.

The Korean carmaker rightly simplified the power train for the front-wheel-drive car with a sole 3.3-liter gasoline-direct injection V-6 developing 293 horsepower @ 6400 rpm and 255 pounds-feet of torque @ 5200 rpm. Coupled to the engine is a lone 6-speed auto gearbox. An active ecosystem ensures slight fuel savings.

Ensnared on the steel unibody Azera is a winged chrome grille surrounded by projector auto headlights, sleek roofline, wraparound LED tail lights, and chrome on dual exhaust, body side and window belt moldings. The roomy and pleasing cabin is packed with such standard goodies as an all-new 6-inch color LCD audio display with rearview camera, new driver blind-spot mirror, fresh electroluminescent gauge cluster, 10-way power and heated driver seat, 8-way passenger seats, push-button start, 60/40 fold rear seat, dual-zone auto climate control, navigation system, leather seats, cooled glove box, tilt/telescopic steering column and a driver information center. Rear passengers get the

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Base-priced at \$31,000, the Azera is a lot of car for the money. The drive down the road may not rouse oodles of excitement, but the sedan surely is a graceful, satisfying and easy-riding companion. If you need any more reassurance, Hyundai's

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Selfies make a statement as art

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People who have been her students or seen her art exhibits — filled with portraits, landscapes and everything between, with prices ranging from a few dollars to a few thousand dollars — will find it hard to believe her latest inspiration came from modern teenagers' love of sending self-taken photographs via social media and cellphones.

They call these impromptu photos "selfies," taken at odd positions and usually not posed in the traditional sense. McKee says they capture the "truth" of a person's essence better than any portrait can.

As an artist, she became intensely interested in these as she watched her grandchildren send photos of themselves taken on their cellphones with the snap of a button that suddenly made them available to everyone they knew on social media, or privately, to a person or two on their phones.

Instead of the magnificent colorful paintings she is known for, McKee suddenly started drawing, in charcoal and graphite, black-and-white images, beginning with a Christmas card that contained hand-drawn pictures of her six grandchildren.

It was so well-received, and she enjoyed doing it so much, that she combined using the black-and-white technique with her interest in "selfies," and immediately the passion set in.

She began to copy cellphone photographs. "I want to draw these exactly as they are," she said, adding a stroke to the canvas in her lap.

"People would never deliberately strike such poses for photographs," she said. "Some of

these are just magnificent."

She pointed to two as her favorites: One was of a woman dancing with abandon, holding a cigar in one hand; the other was of a man holding a beer to the mouth of his pet parakeet.

"These are such fun," McKee said in an interview in her home studio March 5. "I suddenly had a desire to become proficient in them."

McKee recently gave up her Tampa studio in an old cigar factory that she said she absolutely loved: "It was perfect, with the old brick walls and high columns. Perfect for any artist. But I was never there. We do so many things, I found I was using my home studio more than the one I was renting, so it seemed a waste to keep it." The old-style Tampa studio was her third since moving to the area in 1970.

She now teaches art classes at MiraBay, where she and her husband Archie reside. If there are open slots after MiraBay residents register, anyone may take the group course. For those who want to take private lessons, she gives those in her home studio. All the information about lessons and photographs of her many art mediums can be found at www.gracemckee.com.

But all that aside, this year she said she thinks most of her own creations will be selfies. "I want to perfect the technique. I see truth in it," she said. "People the way they really are at an exact moment in their life."

In December, rather than make a New Year's resolution, McKee decided she would draw one selfie a week in 2014, a total of 52.

That total was surpassed sometime in February, in less than

two months. "Once I started, I couldn't stop," she said.

McKee decided to have a showing of them, with the \$5 entrance fee benefiting the SouthShore Arts Council, of which she is a member.

It will be held Saturday, March 15, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the MiraBay clubhouse on the west side of U.S. 41 at the south end of Apollo Beach.

Attendees may drive straight in and park at the clubhouse, which is the first building inside the entrance, before reaching any of the gates where guards check for residency.

"I felt a \$5 charge at the door is one way for me to share my passion and support both present and future artists in the SouthShore area," McKee said. "I have designated the monies

collected to be used to pay for art classes for SouthShore residents who cannot afford them. These classes might be a part of the Firehouse Cultural Center programs, either private or in groups."

As a result of this project, McKee has opened an online "Etsy" shop where she will take commissions for her work. It is at www.etsy.com/shop/gracemckee.



PENNY FLETCHER PHOTOS

Long-time artist and art teacher Grace McKee from Apollo Beach suddenly developed a passion for "selfies," a new art form created by technology, camera phones and the Internet. In December, McKee decided she would draw one "selfie" a week, but by the end of February, had already surpassed her yearly goal of 52.



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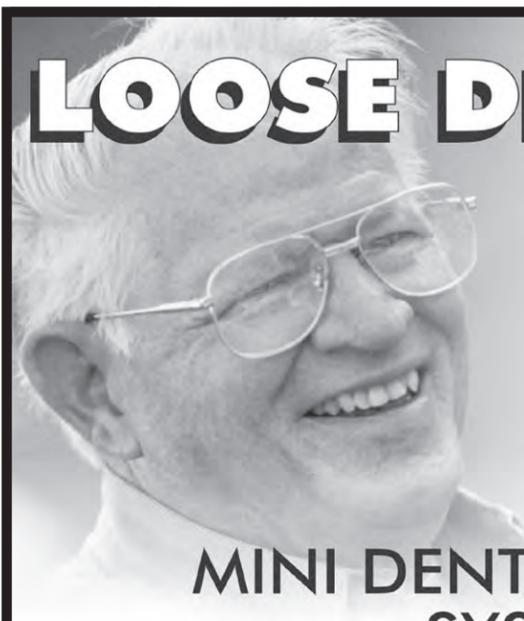
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Younger Legs!™

Leg/ankle pain? Tired legs?

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Treatment is now easier than ever

and Insurance and/or Medicare now pays for vein treatments.
(medically necessary!)

Often Invisible to the naked eye, **Chronic Vein Issues affect 4 of 10 Americans.** These issues are not simply cosmetic nuisances — they are medical conditions that get worse and worse. They can cause serious complications when left untreated. With new technologies, treatment is now easier than ever, and paid for by your insurance company. You can improve circulation and stop deterioration now for stronger, healthier, more youthful feeling and looking legs today!



1-Minute Self Screening

Check if you have any of the following:

- Leg Pain/Ache Night cramps Restlessness

Leg pain, night cramps, restlessness, "tiredness" or aching — like an iceberg, most of your vein problems are hidden. Now, the source of your pain is easily discovered using Ultrasound.



- Blue Feet/Ankles:

Blue vessels at the instep and ankle often indicate vein valve failure in larger hidden vessels.



- Swollen Ankles:

Swelling is often caused by failed veins, rather than renal or cardiac issues.



- Skin Changes:

Discolored skin results when veins with failed valves leak blood, fluid and protein, sickening the skin.



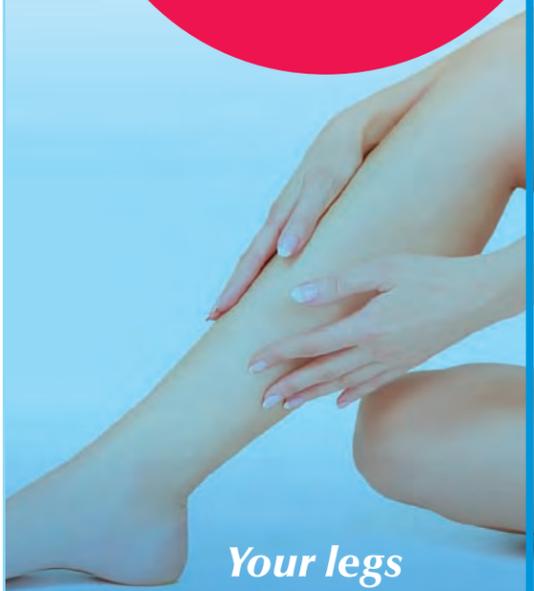
- Spider or Reticular Veins

Spider, Reticular and Varicose veins are easily treated in the office with modern technologies.

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520%
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