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The Venetian Waterway Park runs along both sides of the Intracoastal Waterway. Existing amenities include benches, little receptacles, dog cleanup stations, play structures, fitness stations, and an 8-foot-wide linear trail for walkers, joggers and bikers. Parking is available on the west side of the waterway and can be found on Gulf Street, near the east side of Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice and at the east end of Airport Avenue, through the gates, on the dirt road, to the south side of Bayou Bries.

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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Electrical accident

An electrical accident on New Year’s Day left a 22-year-old woman in Venice Gardens without power for a short time as many homes were without power for a while longer until Florida Power & Light repaired the line. A 12-year-old woman was keeping her stepfather company while he entered a home using radio-controlled equipment. The metal pole struck the power line and both grabbed the pole. The woman was electrocuted and was knocked unconscious. Her step- father then held onto the pole for about three seconds before she fell to the ground.

Sarasota County Sheriff’s Office and fire and rescue arrived on scene. The young woman’s mother was administering CPR when they arrived. They took her to the hospital, and power to the neighborhood grid was shut down for a short time and as many as 18 residents were without power for over three hours. The neighborhood grid was shut down to facilitate safe treatment.

The young woman was taken to Venice Regional Medical Center in serious condition. An update on her condition was unavailable.

Wife abuse

A woman and her stepdaughter escaped from the woman allegedly abusive husband. According to a Sarasota County Sheriff’s Office report, a witness called 9-1-1 because of a domestic battery. The victim said she was battered using her husband’s hand, a 12-year-old boy, and a metal pipe. The witness said the husband grabbed her and shook her into the bathroom and then forced her to wash her hair in the bathtub. The woman and an argument started because the woman never came out of her way by force of her husband. Later, they and another male agreed to go for the night. The witness knew the husband had consumed alcohol, the argument began and the husband threw a punch at her wife. He kicked her in the legs and hit her with the metal pipe. The witness said he had no place to go.

Upon his arrival by car from Bradenton, he yelled and cursed at the victim because she had broken up with him. While he was doing this, he went through her purse and found her credit cards and her husband’s passport. He took the passport and he burned it on top of her head in the mouth and in the hands, and then he walked out of the house. Officials finally made contact with Hammond. Hammond admitted he had thrown a punch at the victim’s head after he and his wife moved into a home in the Venice area. Hammond said he was charged with battery. His bond is $2,000.

RODRIGUEZ

An 81-year-old man reported that a "deleterious" according to an SCSO report, the victim received a call from a "Detectors International" who said he had purchased two suspects who had broken into his home. One of the victim’s personal information was turned out to be false.

Lying in wait

After punching a woman, a man arrested himself and avoided her arrest. According to a Venice Police Department report, two men, both were having an alter- cation with the woman when they failed to respond when she called out to them. Upon arrival by car from Bradenton, the police officer who responded as backup saw the man and had no place to go.

HAUSER

Hammond, who had fallen asleep in the garage at the time and didn’t see what happened, but he said he couldn’t have heard Hauser yelling and that sounded like a physical alter- nation going on inside. Hauser’s daughter was inside the house and saw her father push her stepmother. Following her step- mother’s orders, she went into her room and her stepmother left and they escaped from Hauser through the bedroom window. Hauser, 41, 700 Block Matlack Street, Venice, was arrested and charged with domestic battery. He received no bond.

Throwing plastic

A deputy witnessed a battery. According to an SCSO report, a deputy who responded as first aid said that she saw Kathleen Patricia Fagan argue with the victim. During the argu- ment, Fagan threw an empty plastic 1-gallon water bottle at the victim. After the victim left the house, he wanted to press charges against Fagan. Fagan, 34, first block of Sugar Hill, Venice, was arrested and charged with battery. Her bond is $750.

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Rory Button

Inspirational teaching

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Stray Witness

When he was a small boy liv-
ing on a farm north of Ormond, Richard Holder went on a snipe hunt.

At the time, Holder, now 60, didn’t know what a snipe was and was told the only time to hunt such a bird was at night. He had to hold a sack to catch such a bird, and when the other children put on pots and lids to chase the snips, the result was a mess. Not surprisingly, Holder did not see a snipe that night.

“I waited for about an hour and was getting a little bored,” Holder said. He learned later that “snipe hunting” was a classic practical joke.

“Holder is happy to say that he was his first spot—it was a real snipe—beside a pond in his back yard of Chesnut Creek in South Venice. Snipes are small wading birds.

“That’s what I was supposed to catch 60 years ago,” he said with a laugh. “That’s what got me excited about that little bird.”

Named president of the Venice Area Audubon Chapter four months ago, Holder is learning a lot more about birds. The local chapter has 260 members from Englewood and Nokomis south to Englewood and North Port.

“From the Indians to me, it’s a whole lifestyle,” Holder said. “For me, it’s our tradition, family, people, and it’s about concern for the environment. One time I see a bird, I ask what it is.”

Through his involvement with the Audubon, Holder helped his community transform an island in a retention pond into a bird rookery.

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The push is now and will continue to be to bring a more diverse industry to the Sarasota area. This, along with putting developments together that use all the best practices that provide a ‘green’ use of Sarasota County’s land, will help Sarasota County be less dependent on the construction industry for its employment needs.

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Letters from Our Readers

A real Christmas story
date

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Two years ago my husband suffered a major stroke and is now disabled. He also had his prostate surgery, and after that a quintuple bypass.

Before that, he went all out at Christmas, decorating the roof and house. And here they were, our neighbors, decorating your yard and house even though they needed our yard for garbage. I tried to hold back the tears that came to my eyes, but I couldn’t.

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MR. SHEEPSHEAD

Where are the fishermen?

On a Sunday morning visit to the Venice jetty with temperatures in the mid-60s, I noticed only two fishermen. Then I visited to the Venice Municipal Pier and the same results. Water was calm with a light easterly breeze.

So where are all the fishermen? It was a holiday weekend with plenty of tourists and snowbirds. One would think with the improving weather, people would be fishing. Maybe they waited until a warmer afternoon.

My buddy on the east coast informs me that they are having a nice run of sheepshead in the Intracoastal Waterway. The best bars are on or near islands, sand bars and long rights. Maybe you’ll get lucky and a stay pompano will pout your bait.

Well, fellow Sheepshead fans, the time has come to say goodbye until next week.

Mr. Sheepshead is Dave Campbell, a regular contributor to the Venice Gondolier. Send comments to msheepshead@verizon.net.

SPORTS CALENDAR

**COMING UP**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday**

**Saturday**

Venice javelin coach Zach Fleigleto gets shot down by Charlotte center Jenny Sciascio during Tuesday night’s game against Charlotte High School in Punta Gorda. Venice fell behind in the fourth quarter and lost to the Tarpons, 66-62. SUN PHOTO BY JUSTIN FENNELL

**SPORTS BRIEFS**

**BOYS BASKETBALL**

Venice falls late to Tarpons

**SPORTS WRITER**

**By ROB SHORE**

For 24 minutes, the Venice Indians reminded you why they’ve been a dominating team in maniacal on the basketball floor — they took mercurial care of the ball, gave up nothing easy and generally shot the lights out.

The problem was that after missing Charlie on the stripe for 24 minutes, the Tarpons needed just two to deliver a Charley Brown.

Charlie closed off their runs, “Venice coach James Slavens said. “And just like Charlie ran out too long.”

The Tarpons (2-1, 3-0 in District 1A-11), who have a versatile mix of players to storm out of the gate this year, went big down the stretch with Marcus Hardison and Cory Shain on the floor at the same time.

Massilo said the Tarpons had tinkered with a big lineup in practice.

“I thought, ‘Let’s try to dominate’ and start fast,” Massilo said.

It paid dividends — Hardison had seven rebounds in the fourth quarter.

Slavens led the Tarpons with 20 points and his golf course affiliation or handicap. Groups will be divided by age and skill. Cost is $35 for Lake Venice Golf Club members and $40 for nonmembers and includes a $50 Rally for the Cure donation, cart, golf and buffet lunch.

“Don’t forget to wear pink,” Massilo said. “We really shut down their guards.”

Indeed, guards D.J. Scott and Ryan Gianetti — normally the game’s high point contributors — were held to six points combined. Venice (5-3, 1-3) had used the longhorn to get going. Chris Hauz framed his first two-pointer attempt and missed a free throw in the first six in the first quarter to keep Charlie out of the equation.

The sharpshooting Indians led Venice 21-19 in the first quarter.

“I don’t know where our team was,” Massilo said.

**VENICE HIGH WRESTLING winter warm-up camp for ages 5-16**

**投入**

**by DAVE HUCK CAMPBELL**

Venice Wrestling is holding an alumni night at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Chuck Reiter Community Center in Venice.

Mr. Sheepshead is Dave Campbell, a regular contributor to the Venice Gondolier. Send comments to msheepshead@verizon.net.
FALLS

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sense was — 21 points in the first quarter!” he said. “They shot the ball well. Maybe I shouldn’t have

BRIEFS

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dated office at 497-3800, Ron Noble at 497-3087 or

NOTICE OF GRANT APPLICATION AVAILABILITY

Sarasota County Transportation Authority (SCATA) announces the availability of the Job Access Reverse Commute Program (JARC) and New Freedom (NF) grant applications. JARC and NF funds are available to support transportation projects in the Sarasota-Manatee area.

In 2013, $13.774 million was awarded to 129 transportation projects through the JARC and NF programs.

JARC funds support projects that provide low-income individuals with transportation to employment and employment-related activities. JARC funds also support commuter projects. NF funds support transportation projects for elderly and disabled individuals that go beyond the Americans with Disabilities Act.

All proposed projects must be based on transportation priorities developed in the Sarasota-Manatee Locally Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan (LCHSTP). Proposals are due March 1, 2011, 5 p.m. EST. The following grant funds are available.

- $15,300,000 JARC
- $1,450,000 NF

INSTRUCTIONS:

- For JARC or New Freedom (NF) grants, please visit the following websites:
  - JARC: jarcandsf.com
  - NF: hsgov.com

In addition to submitting the hard copy of the grant application, applicants are required to submit the electronically fillable versions of forms found in the JARC & NF Application. The Editable Budget Worksheet and Transmittal Worksheet are provided as separate documents for your convenience, but are included in the downloadable grant application.

To apply for JARC or New Freedom (NF) grants, please:

1. Download the application and fillable forms.
2. Complete the application and forms.
3. Provide all required documentation.
4. Submit the completed application and forms to the Sarasota County Transportation Authority (SCATA).

For more information, call SCATA at 941-863-8773 or email scata@scgov.net.
art, sewing for children, volunteering in the Girl Scout movement and raising her Boston terriers. She spent many years enjoying her "Tip & Ties" Birthday and Garden clubs. She was a member of Venice-Nokomis United Methodist Church and an active participant in the Rebecca Knit Circle at her church. She appreciated their friendship, support and work in missions.

Helen brought joy to all who knew her. She was loved and admired by those who worked with her on her many projects. We will miss her bright smile and warm, gentle touch.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Col. Martin Allen Ross, Helen was pre- ceded in death by her two daughters, Simone Jeannette Young and Elizabeth Sharon Ross. She was also preceded in death by her twin brothers, Raymond and Russell Payne, parents Helen and Kirby Payne, and grandmother Martha Greenstreet.

Payne, parents Helen and Kirby Payne, her twin brothers, Raymond and Russell Ross. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Curtis; grandson Hal Ross Curns and his wife, Cecilia; granddaughter Sharon Lipton Curns; and seven great-grandchildren, Samantha Nichole Curns, Sarah Elizabeth Lurae Tucker, Carl Gilbert Fairholm, Benjamin Allan Fairholm, Maggie Helen Tucker, Nathan Ross Fairholm and William Rex Fairholm.

Survivors include daughter Vivianne Ross Phillips and her husband, Carl, niece Harriet Ross; granddaughter Shannon Phillips Fairholm and her husband, Matt; granddaughter Patricia Ross Philip- lipes Houston and her husband, Chuck; granddaughter Kathleen Curns Tucker and her husband, Curtis, grandson Hal Ross Curns and his wife, Cecilia, granddaugh- ter Shannon Lipton Curns and seven great- grandchildren, Samantha Nichole Curns, Sarah Elizabeth Lurae Tucker, Carl Gilbert Fairholm, Benjamin Allan Fairholm, Maggie Helen Tucker, Nathan Ross Fairholm and William Rex Fairholm.

Services: a memorial service will be held at a later date. Jan. 3, at Ven- ice-Nokomis United Methodist Church, 208 Palm Ave., Nokomis. The Rev. James Whimhin and the Rev. Ralph Burton will be conducting the service. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery in Hamilton, Ohio.

Mrs. Towne was born Dec. 4, 1916, in Ansonia, Conn., and relocated there until relocating to Brunswick, Ohio, in 1976. She relocated to Venice in 1994 to be closer to her family.

While residing in Connecticut, she was employed by Unisys until becoming a li- censed practical nurse until her retirement. Sara is survived by her sisters, Con- stance Valentine and Lucille Mcillic, both of Ansonia, Conn., her son, Thomas [Elaine] Mikishi of Venice, Fla.; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Service Services will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5, at Farley Funeral Home, Venice Chapel. To send condolences, visit www.farleyfuneralhome.com.

Obituaries are accepted from Obituaries, notices of services and repeat death notices will be subject to a shape based on their length. Obituaries should be a single, brief even-toned paragraph and must include a phone number. Times are in addition a charge of $50 for hand-delivered obituaries, and for phone. The Venice Gondolier Sun publishes on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Obituary deadlines are one time for any obituary, and for a 2 p.m. for each obituary.

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Louis Farrakhan Reed, instigated the victim to confirm his Social Security number and other personal information so he could arrest the suspect. The victim provided some of the requested information, but then he became suspicious and hung up on Reed. That was on May 15.

On May 18, Reed, claiming to be the “grandson,” called the Trust Bank, gave it the victim’s Social Security number and instructed the victim to confirm his identity before making a credit card be issued to an address registered to Reed’s car. Wilson said Reed gave her a SunTrust card in her name that she did not ask for. He kept possession of the card except when he directed her to make specific purchases, such as a Macintosh laptop computer, an $800 Target gift card and jewelry at various pawn shops. Video evidence showed Wilson making the purchases and the items were found in the search of Reed’s home. The Target gift card purchased on May 25 was used on May 28 by Reed at the Target store without Wilson being present.

As a result, $1,197.83 was traced directly from the victim’s account. Reed, 23, 300 block Briarwood Road, Venice, was arrested and charged with three counts of fraud (misrepresenting himself to commit personal identity theft, impersonating a law enforcement officer in the commission of a felony and possessing the identification of another person without consent) and exploitation of elderly (less than $20,000). He received no bond on the exploitation charge and $16,500 on the remaining charges.

Reed has been in the Sarasota County Jail since May on similar charges.

**Sweatshirt heist**

A man was attacked by people in a car and his shirt, along with his prescription pills.

According to an SCSO report, the victim and a female friend were walking on Shamrock Park Boulevard when they were approached by four people in a red car. The passengers in the back seat struck the victim, releasing him from the vehicle. The victim told authorities that inside his hooded jacket were 100 30 mg oxycodone prescription pills and a Sam-son 40 cell phone. The victim has the prescription filled on the 10th of every month. He told authorities that Smith was aware of that. The victim identified Smith through a photo lineup.

Smith, 18, 100 block Auster Road, Venice, was arrested and charged with robbery by sudden snatching without a weapon. His bond is $5,000.
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SUN NEWSPAPERS
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 5, 2011
Nolen plans the list

By KIM COOL
Korwek's Jewels & Gems

It was an eight-year project," said Historic District Architect John Nolen, noting that he had worked on the district's listing since 1968. "We had a lot of buildings to review, and we had to weigh the importance of each building to the overall quality of the district."

In 1989, the National Register of Historic Places included the Historic Edgewood Park District in the city of Venice, marking the completion of the listing process. This was a significant achievement for the city of Venice, as it allowed the district to receive federal tax credits and other incentives for the preservation of historic resources.

The listing process involved the submission of a detailed application to the National Park Service, which included information on the significance of each property in the district. The application also included evidence of the district's historical context and the methods used to evaluate the significance of the properties.

The listing process was not without its challenges, as there were some disagreements among the city officials and the Historic District Architect regarding the inclusion of certain properties. However, after several rounds of review and discussion, the application was accepted for listing on the National Register in 1989.

Since the listing, the district has received various federal and state incentives for the preservation of historic resources. The district now includes a variety of historic structures, including homes, churches, and commercial buildings, all of which add to the overall character and historical significance of the district.

The listing of the Historic Edgewood Park District is a significant accomplishment for the city of Venice, and it serves as a testament to the importance of historic preservation in enhancing the quality of life for current and future generations.

Nolen's architectural plan or not, as it gave the city a new identity and a focus on the change in design concept may have affected the city's chance to become the third city in the United States to be listed as a National Register on the National Register of Historic Places. However, as a National Register District, it is important to protect the historic resources and maintain the quality of the structures within the district.
Fourth-graders make a difference
Fourth-graders on Venice Elementary School’s Student Council participate in the VES Can Make a Difference project to benefit the Mayors’ Feed the Hungry Program.

Third-graders make a difference
Third-graders on Venice Elementary School’s Student Council participate in the VES Can Make a Difference project to benefit the Mayors’ Feed the Hungry Program.

Fifth-graders make a difference
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CLASS ACTS

Sertoma names Students and Educator of the Month

Venice Sertoma Club honored two Venice High School students and an educator at its Dec. 16 meeting. Students of the Month are Melissa Pifer and Jessy Lewellyn. The Educator of the Month is Nada Carlsdon. Melissa Pifer holds a 4.72 grade-point average and is ranked fourth in her class. One of 400 students nationwide to receive the Carson Scholar Award, she is the first at VHS to do so. She also received the Mount Holyoke Book Award and the Iron Indian Award last year.

Pifer is the co-founder and co-president of the Habitat for Humanity Club and the VHS liaison to Suncoast Communities Credit Union. Pifer participates in the Honors Society, Spanish Honor Society and Literacy Council.

Over the past three months

Teacher awarded Swiftmud grant

From Southwest Florida Water Management District
Barbara Sue, a Laurel Nokomis School teacher, was one of seven Sarasota County educators who were awarded Swiftmud school grants.

Fourth-graders also use the district’s collection of curriculum materials and other free educational resources.

This year 206 Swiftmud grants were awarded to educators across Swiftmud’s 16-county region. The goal of the Swiftmud school grant program is to provide hands-on learning opportunities that teach students about their local water sheds and the freshwater resources within them. Swiftmud school grants provide up to $5,000 per school on a reimbursable basis only and are available to public, private and homeschool teachers.

In addition to Swiftmud grant funding, the district offers educators free teacher training workshops, speakers for classroom presentations and free educational material.

The publications are correlated to Florida’s Sunshine State Standards and can be ordered on the district’s Web site at www.PeachBaskets.org. Publications are also available at Florida’s State Park to monitor educational field trips.

52ND ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Don Criola, of Venice, Fl, celebrated their 52nd anniversary Dec. 27, 2010. They were married in Buffalo, N.Y., Dec. 27, 1958.

Criola is the former Carol Aubrey.

Don and Carol owned Boynton Mobile Homes for 18 years and retired 10 years ago. Mr. Criola worked as a salesman in Venice; Mrs. Criola worked as a broker in Venice.

The couple are the parents of two children, Davia Criola and Donna Petrinovic. They have five grandchildren.

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Food giveaway
Time: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Where: West Venice Community Center, 326 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice. Notes: Free USDA-com- munity food to qualified Sarasota County residents Call: 474-5578

Indiana Club
Time: 5:30 p.m.; Where: Lemon Bay Park meeting room, 570 Bay Bypass Blvd., Englewood. Notes: Potluck, bring your table service and dish to share. Wayne Saltade will speak about emergency management. Open to all present and former members. Call: Jim Cabell, 488-5578

Peer referral counseling
Where: Women’s Resource Center, 701 Center Road, Venice. Notes: Make an appoint- ment to speak with one of our ap- pointed referral counselors who is a trained listener in a confidential, non-judgmental, and respectful setting. For more information, call 485-9724.

Cost: $5

Career counseling
Time: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Where: Women’s Resource Center, 701 Center Road, Venice. Notes: Career adviser Asia Morris office on one-on-one ap- pointments to help with em- ployment resources. She will help with resumes, employ- ment resources, job searching, education and financial aid, and emotional and social resources. Cost: $5

Call: 485-9724

Kiwanis
Time: 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Where: American Legion No. 515, 1770 E. Venice Ave., Venice. Notes: Visitors and out- of-town Kiwanians are welcome Cost: $15

Call: Beverly Miller, 484-7394

Running group
Time: 6 a.m. Where: Meet at Centennial Park, 701 Center Road. Notes: People of all ages, paces and distances are welcome. The group meets every Monday Wednesday and Friday; Slow-widders are also welcome. No cost Call: Talia, 488-5888

Watercolors with Valerie
Time: 10 a.m.-noon; Where: Woodmore Park Blvd., Venice. Notes: Call 861-5000

Cost: $20

Italian culture class
Time: 2-4 p.m. Where: Italian American Club of Venice, 1375 Ringling Drive, Venice Notes: Optional class to study Italian culture. Call: 498-1492

Club food
Time: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; Where: Italian American Club of Venice, 1375 Ringling Drive, Venice Notes: Menu varies weekly. Drive-up available. Authentic smoked meats available Wednesday and Friday in park- ing lot. Cost: Prices range from $5- $32.

Call: 498-1854

Notes: Free Monday lunch - 8 p.m.

Time: 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; Where: Disabled American Veteran, 600 East Colonia Lane, Nokomis Notes: Varied menu. Take- out available. Call: 488-4500

Time: 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Where: American Legion No. Vet Post 151, 1770 E. Venice Ave., Venice Notes: Members and guests are welcome.

Call: 488-1157

Phishing
Time: 9 a.m.; Where: 751 S. Union 41 Bypass, Venice Notes: This is a friendly introduction to competitive bridge for those with less than 200 masterpoints. Cost: $7

Call: 486-9806

Link: www.bridgebuddy.net

Bridge class
Time: 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Where: 751 S. Union 41 Bypass, Venice Notes: Class is for advanced players who want to improve their skills. Cost: $7

Call: 486-9806

Link: www.bridgebuddy.net

Duplicate bridge for novices
Time: 1-3:40 p.m.; Where: 751 S. Union 41 Bypass, Venice Notes: This is friendly and competitive bridge for play- ers of all ages, sanctioned by the American Contract Bridge League. Cost: $7

Call: 486-8437 or 486-9553

Link: www.bridgebuddy.net

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, Jan. 13
THURSDAY, JAN. 13, FRIDAY, JAN. 14, and SATURDAY, JAN. 15
Pops concert: A Celtic Celebration
Dates/Time: Jan. 13, Jan. 14, 8 p.m. and Jan. 15, 8 p.m.
Where: Where: Church of the Nazarene, 3553 South Tamiami Trail, Venice Notes: The Venice Symphony will perform a holiday concert conducted by Kenneth Kowert. All seats are reserved Cost: $15, $22 and $25

Call: 412-4723

Link: www.venicesymphony.org

Friday, Jan. 14
FRIDAY, FEB. 11, and SATURDAY, FEB. 12
Love-themed cabaret
Time: Feb. 11-12, 7-10 p.m. Where: Florida Studio Theatre, 136 South S. Noko- mis Ave., Venice Notes: Celebrate Valentine’s Day at the Love is a Many Splendored Thing cabaret with an array of local band and pianist Dave Sayer will be featured. Bring your valentine and win a basket of wise will be presented. Prices will include all you need for a best food, best table décor and more.Proceeds will go to VAC to repair the air conditioning system. Cost: $30

Venice: Lenny, 497-0454; Port Charlotte: Roger, 9431-4734

SELF-DEFENSE for public safety workers
Where: 2141 Tamiami Trail, Venice Notes: Nut Bisk Masters offers special financial martial arts and fitness class every Wednesday for police, fire fighters and security workers. If interested in more classes, people can sign up for fee- based sessions.

Call: 474-4295

Train depot tours
Time: 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday Notes: Train depot tours. Where: Depot ArtVenture, 701 Center Road Notes: For tours of 10 miles ($15) or 30 miles ($25). Call: 412-0531, leave a mes- sage.

Silver Strings harmonica Jammer Band

Call: Edith Sauder, 444-4433

Gentlemen of Jazz
Time: 3 p.m. Where: Gazebo, Centennial Park, 701 Center Road Notes: Tony Oronato and his Gentlemen of Jazz will be playing “At The Copa.” Lemon Bay’s Wednesday March through May. Music and song are wel- come. Donations suggested. Call: 423-9373

Thursday, Jan. 6
Recreating your life as a widow
Where: Where: South Venice Yacht Club Notes: Tony Onorato and his Gentlemen of Jazz will be playing “At The Copa.” Lemon Bay’s Wednesday March through May. Music and song are wel- come. Donations suggested. Call: 423-9373

Wednesday, Jan. 19
Women in Power Luncheon
Time: 11:30 a.m.; Where: Highlands On East, 1212 S. East Ave., Sarasota Notes: The 25th annual luncheon will honor Dr. Helen Faigie, educator, and Holocaust survivor. Leslie Glass, novelist, the former Sarasota News Leader photojournalist and Lost White, superintendent of Sarasota County Schools.

Cost: $65

Call: For a personal invitation or more information, call National Council of Jewish Women, 16-18-1455

Thursday, Jan. 20
Women in Power Luncheon
Time: 10-12 p.m. Where: La Dolce Vita Wine Bar, 217 W. Manasota Ave., Venice Notes: Scholarship kick-off party business card exchange and friends of the University of Florida. More information and funding ap- plications are on the Web. Link: www.sarasotagatorclub.com

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Venus best bet under the sun "Catch Me If You Can" light up stage

Photo courtesy of Lemon Bay Playhouse
Ki Fiacke, left, John Wyczlinski and Jack Rahnke perform in "Catch Me If You Can," which will be produced at Lemon Bay Playhouse, 96 W. DuBois St., Englewood, Jan. 5-23. The box office is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in person. For more information and performance times, call 475-6756 or go to www.lemonbayplayhouse.com.
VENUE

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from where and how to find identiﬁcation, preservation, age, and more. Reservations are required by Jan. 6.

Table tennis

Lawn-dance classes

Trivia

Hula class

Karaoke

Club food

Square dancing

Banjo music

Computer questions

Notes: Reservations suggested during season.

WHERE: Venice-Nokomis Elks Lodge, 1021 Discovery Way, Nokomis

TIME: 7-10 p.m.

Link: www.mpos.org

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**Pulmonary support**
A pulmonary support group for people with breathing problems will meet weekly on Thursdays to the end of June, from 1 to 2 p.m., to share suggestions and information to help cope with the condition. The group will meet at Venice City Hall, 401 W. Venice Ave., Venice. For more information, call Sheryl Farr at 487-3369 or x3041.terrien.net.

**TOPS**
Taking Off Pounds Sensibly meets at 11 a.m. at the Senior Center at the Senior Friendship Cen- ters, 2350 Scenic Drive, Venice. Weight loss programs begin at 9:30 a.m. and last until 9:45 a.m. For information, call Cathy at 493-9206.

**Wellness Community**
Events are free for cancer patients and a caregiver. Call 921-5319.

**Walkabout group**
The Saturday Morning Walkabout group meets at 8 a.m. Saturdays at the Venice Community Foundation of Venice. Each Saturday a different course is walked. Mileage is recorded and awards are given for those walked over various total miles walked. Bring your pets, too. New walkers welcome.

**Bicycling**
Join bicyclists from 9:30-10 a.m. Saturdays at Volunteer Park, behind Gulf Coast Community Foundation, of Venice, for a Sunday morning ride on the Venetian Water- way. All skill levels of experience are welcome. Call 447-8124.

**Alcoholics Anonymous**
Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 7:30 p.m. Tues- days and Thursdays in the Sanctuary Auditorium at the Englewood Community Hospital, 700 Medical Blvd. Call 426-7655.

**Nar-anon group**
The Nar-anon group meets at 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday. Nar-anon Family Group, a support group of nine fam- ilies with a drug addict. Call 426-7655 or St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, church office building, 513 S. Nassau St., Venice, 561-2777.

**Caregiver Time Out**
A free weekly caregiver support group meets 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Fridays at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, 790 South Tamiami Trail, Venice. The group is open to the public. Offer- ings include Qigong, steel drum, reiki, and a professional facilita- tor. For information or to offer support, call 646-8004 for details and locations.

**Community Health and Wellness**
And activities provided for loved ones during the session. Registration necessary. Call Tania Palma at 366-2224.

**Helpless Homeowners**
An anonymous 12-step program for all couples looking to rebuild their relationships, 7:30-8 p.m. Fridays in Room 105 of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 790 South Tamiami Trail, Venice. Twelve-step experience not necessary. Couples work on such things as commitment, confli- cting resolution — anything that impedes a healthy and happy relationship. For a donation to cover rent is appreciated but not necessary. Call 475-8355 or 492-9647, or visit www.recovering-couples.org for more information.

**To Be Announced**
Keep It Simple Sunday, 7 a.m. Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 790 South Tamiami Trail, Venice.

**Sundae sand**
Sundae Elaine, certi- fied instructor, teaches Sundae Dance fitness classes at 9 a.m. Wednesdays at Venice Community Center, 320 S. Nokomis Ave. For more information, call Sundae Taylor at 544-7932.

**Sundae Dance**
Sundae Dance fitness class, 6:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 790 South Tamiami Trail, Venice Community Center, 790 South Tamiami Trail. Fee: $15. Call 497-6879.

**Yoga**
Yoga with Elin is held at 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. Mondays through Saturday. 9 a.m. Sunday, Sundays, 5 a.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at Venice Beach, near the pavil- ion. This introduction to yoga on Venice Beach with Elin Larus at 408-5642.

**Yoga and Tai Chi**
Daily yoga and tai chi classes are Monday through Saturday at Spa Blaine, 517 S. Tamiami Trail. For information, call Goodwill. All levels, various instruc- tors. The cost is $15 per class. SLL series of eight classes. Call 480-9009 or go to www.spa-blaine.com for schedule.

**Social events**
**Baby Boomers**
Meetings are every third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 790 South Tamiami Trail, 7 p.m. Thursdays at 513 S. Nassau St., 7 p.m. Thursdays at the Right Di- rection, St. Mark’s Epis- copal Church, church office building, 513 S. Nassau St., 7 p.m. Thursdays at 475-8779.

**Miracles Al-Anon Family**
This is a drop-in, casual group. For information, call St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, church office building, 513 S. Nassau St., 7 p.m. Thursdays.

**Monday Morning Miracles Al-Anon Family Group, Epiphany Ca- thedral, Joy Building, 317 Tarpon St., 11 a.m. Monday**
Beginners Meeting, St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, church office building, 513 S. Nassau St., 7 p.m. Mondays.

**Monday Evening Miracles Al-Anon Family Group**
Meet at 7 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 790 South Tamiami Trail, Room 101, 7 p.m. Thursdays.

**Al-Anon and Alateen**
This group is for the recovering-couples.org

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Al-Anon and Alateen take place several times a month, the exact locations. Call 426-7655 or visit www.al-anon.org.

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Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. Mondays at the Salvation Army, 1315 Abies Farm Road, Venice. For more information, call Donna Taylor at 544-7932.

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**Al-Anon**
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“The concert will celebrate love, the spirit of the season. “It will also celebrate goodness and the nobility of the human spirit and its ability to rise above adversity,” maestro Kenneth Brown said to the audience at the Venice Sym phony holiday concert.

The program included musica l pieces such as the maestro’s favorite, “Finlandia.” Tenor Ryan Gage made hearts soar with “O Holy Night” and “You Raise Me Up.”

Before hearing “The Parade of the Wooden Soldiers,” the audience learned its composer was tortured and killed by the Gestapo. His spirit lives.

The maestro made the audi ence the official chorus of the Venice Symphony and led a sing-along of carols including “Silent Night” and “We Wish You a Merry Christmas.”

Memories tagged at the heart. The musicians and the maestro made the audience feel the past was gone. This night spirits soared.

Meet the maestro on Jan. 12 at 1 p.m. at the Venice Public Library for Program Notes With the maestro.

Christmas is a time to give. Christmas is a time to love. Christmas is a time to remember and learn how to live. Christmas is a time to thank those who have helped us the most.

Join the Venice Symphony and led a sing-along of carols including “Silent Night” and “You Raise Me Up.”

Karen Tuttle, left, and Donna Smith celebrate a new season with the Venice Symphony.

Gail Dempsey shows off original art in her new artists co-op gallery, Melange, at 252 W. Tampa Ave.

Jean Fox, left, and Fifi Queen enjoy the Jacaranda Women’s Club luncheon at the Jacaranda Women’s Club headquarters at Mission Valley Country Club.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

If you are a person with a disability, you are entitled, at no cost to you, in accordance with Section 459.02, Florida Statutes, to have the documents related to this proceeding, or summarizations thereof, read aloud to you. If you are a person with a disability and you require this information in an alternative format, please contact the Clerk of the Circuit Court at 941-386-3411.

The Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit, in and for Charlotte County, Florida, has entered its Final Summary Judgment dated October 5, 2010, in the case of Saxon Mortgage Services, as successor to The John J. Caraba Revocable Trust, Plaintiff, vs. William Amos, Individually and as husband of Mary Jane Amos, Individually and as widow of William Amos, Individually and as joint tenant with right of survivorship with Mary Jane Amos, Estate of Mary Jane Amos, Executors, Debenedicita A. Sanchez, Mayselle A. Barilla, Under kneeling power of attorney of Mary Jane Amos, Executors of the Estate of Mary Jane Amos, beneficiaries of the Mary Jane Amos Trust, William Amos, and County of Charlotte, Florida, Defendants. Notice is hereby given, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment entered on January 19, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. EST at the County Courthouse at 941-386-3411, that the Plaintiff will sell the property situate in Charlotte County, Florida, wherein Saxon Mortgage Services, as successor to The John J. Caraba Revocable Trust, Plaintiff, vs. William Amos, Individually and as husband of Mary Jane Amos, Individually and as widow of William Amos, Individually and as joint tenant with right of survivorship with Mary Jane Amos, Estate of Mary Jane Amos, Executors, Debenedicita A. Sanchez, Mayselle A. Barilla, Under kneeling power of attorney of Mary Jane Amos, Executors of the Estate of Mary Jane Amos, beneficiaries of the Mary Jane Amos Trust, William Amos, and County of Charlotte, Florida, Defendants, has been recorded in Plat Book 107024, Page 22A Through 107024, Page 22A, in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit, in and for Charlotte County, Florida, as RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 107024, PAGE 22A THROUGH 107024, PAGE 22A, as the SUBJECT PROPERTY, WHERE instruction is hereby given to the record owner as recited above. The sale will be conducted to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.charlotte.realforeclosure.com where more information can be obtained.

Dated this 4th, 2010, in the following day of Octo in the County Courthouse at 941-386-3411, the following described property, the following described property in the following described property, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.charlotte.realforeclosure.com where more information can be obtained.

NOTICE OF SALE

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DINING TABLE

TOP BURGUNDY BASE..NICE

DINETTE SET

w/chair white

SCHOOL — oak

COUCH, LIGHT

Wednesday, January 5, 2011 E/N/C

W icker

Rack. Excellent Condition. $20

GRAND VEGA LCD

40X30 rect. $25

SWIVEL ROCKER

OAK

SOFAS

SOFA, CHAIR,

WIDE, Heavy

RECLINER LA-Z-BOY

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PUB TABLE

& stools,  Dark Wood,

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$7500. 877-219-9139 DLR

2004 TOYOTA CAMRY
$6500. (877)-219-9139 DLR

2005 LEXUS IS300
$10,890. 877-219-9139 DLR

2007 TOYOTA COROLLA
$6400. Contact Trish 941-445-3943

2008 FORD FOCUS 2008 HONDA ACCORD
$5999. (877)-219-9139 DLR

2006 FORD MUSTANG
$11,988. 941-626-9120

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2001 FREIGHTLINER TOURING,
13’ Box Van, perfect! $4000. 941-798-1234

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TRUCKS/ PICK-UPS 7300

2000 DODGE RAM 1500 4x2, Quad Cab, $11,000 941-412-1735

2003 FORD F-350 Quad-Cab, SLT, Certified, blue, 32,011 mi. 34k miles, $20,872 dlr 941-475-8675

2007 TOYOTA TACOMA Prerunner, 2WD, 2004 mi. 941-207-1200

2006 TOYOTA TUNDRA SR-5, 4.7L, 7330-1RC1, $16,500 877-7330-1RC1

2007 SUBARU LEGACY, green, 79K, 941-426-8950

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NORTH  108742  10  4  73  185

WEST   8K93   6  8K166  8  8K742  8K109

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The bidding:

SOUTH  WEST  NORTH
not-so-expert play

Opening lead King of 

Here’s another deal played in a World Team-Olympic South’s two-potato rebid showed a balanced 18-19 points and North’s raise to game ended the auction.

West led the King of hearts, taken with his partner’s low finesse. A diamond was met successfully. A diamond to the 1st trick but the 4-1 split sunk the contract. With no entry back to the table to repeat the finesse, declarer ended up losing a diamond and four heart tricks.

Declarer was careless in his play to the first diamond trick – he should have unblucked the nine of diamonds. Then, because the eight was singleton with West, the four of diamonds had been played under the seven on the second round of the suit. Declarer could have been on the table to repeat the finesse and bring in the suit without losing him to score five diamond tricks, two clubs, and the two major-suit aces.

With Tannah Hirshc welcomes readers’ responses sent in care of this newspaper or to Tannah Media Services Inc., 225 Kenneth Ave., Suite 114, Buffalo, NY 14207. E-mail messages may be sent to gorenbridge@axis.com.
Dear Dr. Donohue:

I am 82 and in pretty good health except for a recent problem. During the day everything is fine, but when I lie down to go to sleep, the room starts to spin. It lasts about 10 seconds. Then if I turn my head to look at the clock, the dizziness returns. In the morning when I wake and turn my head again, the room spins.

Do I have an inner-ear infection? How can this problem be fixed? — J.C.

Answer:

Although I can’t give you 100 percent assurance, I can say on solid ground that you have benign positional vertigo, BPPV. Vertigo is dizziness. BPPV is not an inner-ear infection. It comes on just as you have written, with a change in the position of the head — lying down, turning to the side or looking up to a cupboard shelf. The attacks are brief but disrupting.

Crystals normally found in one part of the inner ear have migrated to another part. Moving the head activates the displaced crystals, and they send a message to the brain that brings on the dizziness. The inner ear is not only for hearing; it’s also for balance.

You can bring the crystals back to their original site through a series of movements called the Epley repositioning maneuvers. Sit on the side of a bed and bend your head to the shoulder on the side that triggers dizziness. Let’s make it the right side, so you can follow the instructions. If it’s the left, just change the direction. With the head turned to the right, lie down so your head projects off the other side of the bed. When dizziness subsides, turn the head to the left side, with the left ear facing down. Next, roll over on your left side so the head faces down for 10 to 15 seconds. Finally, return to the sitting position with your head bent slightly down in front. You might have to repeat the procedure more than twice. If this is too confusing, have your family doctor or an ENT doctor put you through the motions.

The booklet on vertigo explains the common causes of it and their treatment. To obtain a copy, write: Dr. Donohue — No. 801, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for $4.75 U.S./$6 Can. with the recipient’s printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Readers may also order health newsletters from www.rbmamall.com.

Dr. Donohue
Dear Heloise: After many years of cooking for my family, I am finding it difficult to COOK FOR JUST ONE PERSON. I know this is a common concern for other single people, too.

The food industry is not really geared toward one person. I throw away lots of food that just goes bad even though I try to freeze portions and share with friends. What about doing some hints on keeping leftovers fresh, etc.?! — Lou W. in San Antonio

Lou, I understand your situation. When you find individual portions, they can be pricey. Here are some hints for keeping food fresh:

• Store crackers in tall, round potato-chip cans. And here’s a hint from the original Heloise: Keep crackers in the freezer after putting them in a freezer bag.

• Label, label, label, and date everything! Mark each item in the freezer.

• Did you know that canned and frozen vegetables may be better nutritionally and less expensive than fresh produce? Think about peas, green beans or broccoli. They are picked; they may sit on a truck, then in a warehouse, then in the bin at the supermarket. Many frozen or canned veggies are picked and packaged right away.

• Keep an inventory of what’s in your refrigerator and freezer. You’ll use leftovers on that half-serving of meat before it goes south! — Heloise

Dinner for one

Kitchen towel

Dear Heloise: I keep a kitchen towel on my oven door handle, and I constantly have to bend down to pick it up after I bump against it. I cut a small, 3-inch-wide strip of nonstick drawer liner long enough to wrap around the handle a couple of times, and I fastened it with tape. This keeps the towel off the floor, which is more sanitary. — Janice Moses, via e-mail

Frozen biscuits

Dear Heloise: I have never liked biscuits after they have been frozen, but I don’t want to throw away food. I was in my kitchen one day with leftover frozen biscuits and decided to try something to improve them. I boiled a pot of water and put my splatter screen over the boiling water. I split the biscuits and laid them on the splatter screen for about 10 seconds, turned them over and did the other side. They came out great. The steam added moisture so the biscuits weren’t crumbling, and they came out hot! — Lois P., via e-mail

Hints from Heloise

Hi and Lois By Brian and Greg Walker

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KEVIN MAHOGONEY

Kansas City jazz vocalist Kevin Mahogany is back for an encore! Join the Charlotte County Jazz Society on at 7 p.m. Monday, as they present “Catch A Rising Star” featuring Kevin Mahogany in the Cultural Center Theater.

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Is there an encore in Venice’s future?

Come to Venice Saturday for a peek into the past and, many hope, the future.

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January 5–11, 2011 E/N/C/V Let’s Go!
The second annual Arcadia Days Festival will be held in DeSoto Park, next to the Peace River Campground on NW Hwy 70 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday.

“T’ll be a lot of unique items offered by our vendors again this year” said Sheridan. A mechanical bull, the popular water bubbles, games galore, a huge treasure hunt, many varieties of food and lots more will give the kids plenty to keep them busy.

In addition, the World’s Largest Pinball Machine will be there. Fifteen bands playing country music have been added to the already full slate of attractions.

There will be music most of the day with the main concert starting late in the afternoon each day. The Disco-Connected K9 World Famous Frisbee Dogs will return showing off their high-flying acrobatics, having played to packed houses last year. They are truly an experienced act that has performed over 7,500 shows at NFL, NASCAR, MLB and NBA events, among others.

Saturday features a Pirate Contest for children as well as a separate event for dogs. Dogs are welcome at both the frisbee dogs shows and the Pirate Contest. Area children are invited to dress up and come out Saturday afternoon and compete for one of the many prizes up for grabs.

“We open up the Pasta Court,” Sheridan said. Judging will be by a blind taste test. Samples of each restaurant’s offering will be available two hours before the judging begins. Jack Minish from Fort Myers NBC’s “Trash or Treasure” will be on hand Sunday also to appraise any items you have in your house that you feel may have some value. He’ll tell you if it’s worthless or not. You might be sitting on a goldmine.

Fossil hunts along the Peace River will be guided by the Southwest Florida Florida Club both mornings. “There will be plenty of door prizes to go around with every paid admission automatically entered in the drawings,” said Sheridan.

Adult admission is $5 for one day and $10 for a two-day pass. Children ages 5-12 are $3 each day or $5 for both days. Four and under are free.

Parking will benefit the Boy Scouts and shuttles will be available. There are 20,000 free kids tickets available as well as 10,000 discount senior citizen tickets at area stores and The Arcadian offices. For more information and exact showtimes please see www.arcadiadays.com.

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- 10:30 a.m. - Fossil Hunts
- 11:30 a.m. - American Indian Pow Wow Tee Pee
- Noon - Frisbee Dogs
- 12:45 p.m. - Home Depot Workshop
- 1:15 p.m. - Kenny Flint & the Rough

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- 10 a.m. - Gates open
- 10:30 a.m. - Fossil Hunts
- 11:45 a.m. - Frisbee Dogs
- 12:30 p.m. - Chris MacArthur & Florida Cracker Boys
- 1 p.m. - Reptile Demonstration
- 1:15 p.m. - B.J. Slaughter & The Country Classic Band
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B.J. Slaughter and The Classic Country Band is traditional, and as pure as it gets. The show will be full of great music that you are sure to know and love, and the talented musicians will breathe life back into old favorites. This is the number one most requested classic country band in Southwest Florida, and now is your chance to see them live, in Port Charlotte, for one night only.

Opening the show will be Chris MacArthur and his Florida Cracker Boys Band. This artist traveled with Tammy Wynette for over 5 years combining his great singing voice with his dynamic piano and keyboard skills. The Cultural Center and all in attendance will be blessed with a genre of country music that’s known as Traditional and “As Pure As It Gets.” Doors open at 5:15 p.m. with show starting at 6 p.m.

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A Tribute To Motown

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Visani will have a very special “Tribute To Motown” show on Tuesday. This show features local favorites Verceal, Wilson Williams and Al Holland. It has been said that Verceal has the voice, beauty, and class of no other can claim. Wilson Williams is the class act with a voice to match. Al Holland has played with many major orchestras, including the Detroit Symph- phony, the Wind- sor (Ontario) Symphony, the Chicago Civic Orchestra and many more.

Wanting to go in a different direction, Al switched to keyboards and joined the band “Attraction” in 1982. Along with Wilson and Verceal, he joined the Platters and is currently a member of “Wilson Williams and his Platters”. This is the show that everyone will be talking about the next day. Another amazing evening of great music! One more thing, bring your comfy dancing shoes.

Tickets are $12. Doors open for dinner and cocktails at 5 p.m., with the show starting at 7:30 p.m. For additional information visit www.visani.net or call 941-629-9191. Visani Restaurant is located at 2400 Kings Highway, Port Charlotte.

The Potsdam Pointecounts

provided by the Charlotte players

The Charlotte Players will present a one night only performance of the talented and entertaining men’s a capella group, The Potsdam Pointecounts on at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Cultural Center Theater. This award-winning group of young men from Potsdam University, North Carolina, New York begin their “Swimmin’ into Sunshine” winter tour with private performances for Charlotte County School students and staff early on Tuesday, and by popular demand have included a public perfor- mance that evening. Their music includes a broad spectrum of composition but is entirely a capella.

Tickets are $12 and are available online at www.charlotteplayers.org or at the Cultural Center box office at 605-4175 ext. 220. The Cultural Center is located at 2280 Aaron St., Port Charlotte.
Let's Go!

TRAVEL

Offbeat Miami: The Miami Modern District or MiMo

F or travelers looking for respite from South Beach clubs and the oh-so-chic Design District, the offbeat Miami Modern District — also known as MiMo — offers a welcome change of pace. No Segway tours here. This is the real Miami, a place to pass a lazy afternoon by the bay, purvey independent boutiques and enjoy some surprisingly delicious local bistros — including celebrity chef Michelle Bernstein’s flagship restaurant, Michy’s.

The stretch along Route 1, which recently received a historic designation, lies just north of midtown, dividing Biscayne Bay’s hidden residential neighborhoods of Miami’s Little Haiti corridor. MiMo is easily distinguished by a string of 1950s-era mid-century Modern motels along Biscayne Boulevard, and by the original, kitschy, three-story sign of the Copperpoint Girl and her dog on a building overlooking the traffic at 7300 Biscayne Blvd. The hotels flourished in the 1950s as affordable, family friendly lodging at 7300 Biscayne Blvd. The hotels flourished in the 1950s as affordable, family friendly lodging.

Then head for the sun. Off the southeast end of MiMo is Morningside Park, where shaded benches offer tranquil views of the bay. Turn east off of Biscayne Boulevard at 58th Street and ask the guard at the gate for directions to the park. During the winter, kids will enjoy the covered playground and a mini-nature walk through mangroves. In the summer, you can rent kayaks and visit one of a handful of the bay’s uninhabited islands. Also fun for families, bayside Legion Park at 68th Street features two sets of playground equipment beneath giant mango and banyan trees.

Feelings the need to sweat indoors? Try a boxing class at Biscayne Boxing & Fitness Club at 7200 Biscayne Blvd., or a pole dancing class and a massage up the street at IronFlower Fitness, which doubles as one of several neighborhood hair and nail salons.

Unlike South Beach’s Lincoln Road, when it comes to shopping, MiMo boasts a bevy of locally owned stores, ideal for fashionistas on a budget. On the west side of Biscayne at 72nd Street, there’s the vintage store Divine Trash. Two blocks north, award-winning designer Julian Chang creates samples for his international line of women’s wear. Next door, the Consignment Bar displays Gucci and Hermes beneath a ceiling of rose printed-paper and crystal chandeliers. Consignment Bar co-owner Ilissa Whitehead, who opened the store earlier this year, said she wanted to support the neighborhood in which she lives. “There’s a long way to go, but MiMo is undiscovered,” she said. “It’s eccentric, and things are changing a lot,” she said.

On the east side near to Legion Park, Rebel features trendy Miami styles and atmosphere. A giant bowl of Legos means mom can try on that little black sheath in peace. Just south of Biscayne Boulevard at 73rd Street, the riverside locale offers patrons rare city views of the bay, as well as a glimpse of the neighborhood’s remaining corner strip club... just like old times.

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MiMo: http://mimoboulevard.org/. Miami Modern/Biscayne Boulevard Historic District runs 50th to 77th street on Biscayne Boulevard.

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Flexibility: Mike and Catrell Cooney (www.cooneyworldadventure.com) took their three teen-aged kids along with a few more we came up with while brainstorming with the business traveler in mind. The book is available at standard retailers and at pleasethemomemies.com.

Back up your laptop: — A great and important tip now that external hard drives are small enough to slip into a briefcase. “This is one of those things that we put off in life that we know we should be doing,” Michaels said.

Get your shoes shining — “This might be one of those things you rarely do, but the poor guy needs work, and it’s a nice tradition that has sort of taken by the wayside,” Michaels said.

Read a random Wikipedia entry — “How thick are Saturn’s rings’? How long do sharks live?” was What Babe Ruth’s childhood like? It’s all there. Piggybacking on that, Michaels suggests buying a magazine that you don’t usually read.

Stash a movie on your laptop or media player in case of emergency boredom — Resist all temptation to watch unless you’re stuck.

Listen to music — Sounds simple, right? But really listen. Reading or washing dishes while listening to Miles Davis isn’t really listening to Miles Davis. Close your eyes and listen. A lot of music is worth the concentration.

Provided by Ringling College Library Association

Riding College Library Association’s Town Hall 2011, the highly popular speaker series which has hosted the upper echelon of intellectual and artistic leaders including Pulitzer Prize, Nobel Prize winners and Emmy, Grammy and Tony award winning artists, now enters its 31st season with full houses for a total of 11 events in 2011.

Last spring the subscriptions for Town Hall series sold very quickly with Platinum subscribers reaching their maximum numbers first and most other levels topping off by the end of the summer. The good news for the public is that there are still scattered seats available for subscription. Those wishing to subscribe for the entire series may call Phyllis Anderson at 941-905-1343.

If available, single tickets can be purchased on or after Jan. 12 by calling Anderson. All sales are concluded on a first-call, first-served basis.

Thanks largely to the success of the Town Hall series as a fund-raising vehicle over the past 30 years, the Ringling College Library Association has become the largest cumulative benefactor to the college as a whole, and to the Library and its collections, in particular.

2011 speakers
JAN. 19, VEN VEZEL Performing Arts Hall, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. — Greg Mortenson, co-author of The New York Times bestseller, “Three Cups of Tea.” The book has sold more than four million copies, been published in 45 countries, and been a New York Times bestseller for almost 200 weeks since its 2007 release.

FEB. 2, VEN VEZEL Performing Arts Hall, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. George F. Will, Pulitzer Prize-winning newspaper columnist of The Washington Post since 1974.


FEB. 22, Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota, Platinum Dinner for Platinum Subscribers Only. Cherie Blair is a leading human rights lawyer and a passionate campaigner for women’s equality across the world. She is the founder of the Cherie Blair Foundation for Women, which helps women achieve financial independence in countries where they have few advantages. She is married to Tony Blair. For tickets, the prices can be purchased on or after Jan. 12 by calling Anderson. All sales are concluded on a first-call, first-served basis.

March 8, VEN VEZEL Performing Arts Hall, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Elie Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor, won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986. Wiesel’s work has earned him the United States Congressional Gold Medal (1985); the Medal of Liberty Award (1986); the Presidential Medal of Freedom (1992); the rank of Grand-Croix in the French Legion of Honor (2001); an honorary Knighthood of the British Empire awarded by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II (2006) and the 2009 National Humanities Medal.

March 21, VEN VEZEL Performing Arts Hall, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Author Malcolm Gladwell (“The Tipping Point,” “Blink and Outli- ers: The Story of Success” and Adam Gopnik, an award-winning journalist.

Town Hall will again feature a post-lecture luncheon with the speaker in the Grand Foyer of the Van Wezel, as well as “Supper by the Bike,” which was introduced last year and quickly became a sought after ticket. For information, go to www.RCLAssociation.org.

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Oprah’s expanding universe includes her OWN cable channel

BY CHUCK BARNEY
CONTRA COSTA TIMES

Oprah Winfrey didn’t become a dynamic cultural force and one of the most influential figures in television by keeping her aspirations in check. The woman dreams big.

But on Saturday she took it to a whole new level with the high-stakes launch of the Oprah Winfrey Network (OWN). No longer satisfied to be a talk-show queen, she aims to rule over a vast cable TV kingdom.

Speaking to advertisers last year, Winfrey said OWN would be a network “built on great intentions.” Its programming, she has often stated, is intended to “inspire viewers and give them hope.”

Discovery Networks reportedly is sinking $189 million into the joint venture, which will reach nearly 80 million homes right out of the gate and offer 600 hours of original fare in its first year. Few cable channels have debuted to such high hopes.

Still, success isn’t assured, according to Derek Baine, an analyst for industry consultant SNL Kagan. “Oprah has a very powerful brand name, but it’s really difficult to get people to change their viewing habits and find a new channel,” he says. “Plus, the fact that she’s still be on her syndicated show will probably be confusing to some people.”

Paul Levinson, a professor of communication and media studies at Fordham University in New York, also strikes a note of caution. He points out that Winfrey may not be able to muster her usual clout in an era of audience fragmentation.

“It’s very difficult to be a star in one medium and transfer that star power to another,” he says. “…I don’t think it will be an undamaged disaster, but I can’t see her having the same kind of impact.”

Here’s what you need to know about Oprah’s new venture:

—Where to find it: OWN takes over the channel space formerly occupied by Discovery Health (check your local cable listings).

—Familiar faces: The OWN lineup features several well-known Oprah disciples, including Dr. Phil McGraw, Suze Orman, Dr. Mehmet Oz, Dr. Laura Berman and Gayle King.

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—Daytime (Monday-Friday):
  10 a.m. — “The Gayle King Show”: Oprah’s pal brings her radio program to television.
  3 p.m. — “Ansa & Kristina’s Grocery Bag”: Average Joes tackle the culinary arts.
  3:30 p.m. — “Cristina Ferrare’s Big Bowl of Love”: The host opens up her home for this cooking series.
  4 p.m. — “Trading Spaces”: Renos of the home-improvement series.
  7 p.m. — “Best of Dr. Phil”: Renos of the syndicated advice show.

Prime time:

—Monday:
  9 p.m. — “Our America with Lisa Ling”: Documentary series that will have Winfrey traveling the world to conduct in-depth interviews with intriguing subjects. It will debut after Winfrey’s talk show goes off the air in September.

—Target audience: Like Winfrey’s daytime show, OWN is designed to appeal mainly to women 25-54. But Norman believes it can cast a wider net.

“We’ve got to serve the core, devoted fans of the Oprah universe and then to try to widen the audience,” she says. “I think shows like ‘Master Class’ have a great chance to do that.”

—Number-crunching: Cable startups need time to grow, and OWN will be no exception. Norman hopes that, within the first year, the network can climb into the Top 20 cable rankings and reach an average of 500,000 viewers in prime time in its target demographic. That would more than double the current prime-time audience for Discovery Health, which ranked 41st among women 25-54 this year.

“IT’S NOT AN EXTREMELY AGGRESSIVE GOAL,” says Baine. “It’s doable, especially considering all the money they’re spending on promotion.”

ON HER OWN

After a preview weekend, the Oprah Winfrey Network will settle into its regular daily schedule. Here’s a look:

Sunday Prime time:

9 p.m. — “Season 25: Oprah Behind the Scenes”: A look at the production of the iconic talk show.

9 p.m. — “Our Own Show: Oprah’s Search for the Next TV Star”: An “Apprentice”-like competition is produced by Mark Burnett.

Sunday Prime time:

8 p.m. — “Ask Oprah’s All-Stars”: A series of advice-giving specials featuring Dr. Phil, Suze Orman and Dr. Oz.

9 p.m. — “Our America with Lisa Ling”: Documentary series examines topical issues. ( Begins Jan. 30)

—Oprah presents “Master Class”: Famous people share their life lessons.
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Venice Theatre’s next MainStage production is the 1970s comedy “Love, Sex and the I.R.S.” Opening Tuesday, the show runs through Jan. 30. Veteran area actor Daniel Greene is directing the production and says, “One thing that stands out in my memories about the ’70s is the wealth of classic situation comedies on television.”

The premise of “Love, Sex and the I.R.S.” is simple: With a roommate named Leslie, it’s fairly easy for Jon, an out-of-work musician, to save a little money and claim Leslie on his taxes … as his wife. Trouble and hilarity ensue when the I.R.S. sends Mr. Spinner to conduct an audit. The script by Billy Van Zandt and Jane Milmore delivers everything audiences expect from a classic farce: broad comedy, mistaken identity, a little cross-dressing, sight gags and twists of fate.

Tickets for “Love, Sex and the I.R.S.” are $24 for adults and $12 for students. Tickets are available by calling 941-488-1115 and www.venicetheatre.com. The box office is also open for walk-up sales from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays and one hour before show time. Venice Theatre is located at 140 W. Tampa Ave. on the island in Venice.

Kansas City jazz vocalist Kevin Mahogany is back for an encore! Join the Charlotte County Jazz Society on at 7 p.m. Monday, as they present “Catch A Rising Star” featuring Kevin Mahogany in the Cultural Center Theater. An incredibly diverse talent, Kevin is known for his virtuosic scat singing, as well as a personal sound and style often compared with Joe Williams and Johnny Hartman. His first CD release as a solo artist was Double Rainbow in 1993. This was followed by the self-titled album Kevin Mahogany, which won him his first critical acclaim in the media, prompting Newsweek Magazine to call Mahogany “…the standout jazz vocalist of his generation.”

Mahogany appeared in Robert Altman’s 1996 film Kansas City playing a character said to be based on Kansas City singer Big Joe Turner. Mahogany lists his vocal influences as Lambert, Hendricks and Ross, Al Jarreau and Eddie Jefferson. As a jazz educator, Mahogany has taught at the Berklee College of Music in Boston and at the University of Miami.

General admission tickets are $15 and they can be purchased at The Cultural Center box office, 2280 Aaron St., Port Charlotte or by calling 941-625-4175 ext. 221 or online at www.theculturalcenter.com.

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Ed Kilbourne in concert

Provided by Englewood United Methodist Church

Popular performer Ed Kilbourne returns to perform for the Englewood United Methodist Church Music Ministry Concert Series at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Sanctuary at 700 E. Dearborn St., Englewood.

Kilbourne is known nationally and beyond for uniquely combining acoustic guitar music with storytelling and spiritual teaching through clever humor and insightful monologues. Early in 2008, Ed’s monologues and Gospel stories were published as ‘The Gospel According To You.’ Audiences leave his concerts with laughing, enlightened hearts.

This prolific artist has recorded 23 albums. His catalogue includes the early albums ‘Beyond Belief,’ ‘A Place To Watch The Rain,’ and ‘Light The Fire Again.’ 2009, his CD collection of his stories and songs, ‘The Light The Fire Again’ was released. The Grateful E’d Live.

Kilbourne grew up in China, Korea, and Japan, where his parents served as missionaries. He became a United Methodist minister, and started his career in Atlanta, Georgia. As his gifts for teaching and performing became widely recognized, he began to tour the country as a musician and spiritual resource person.

During his 40-year career of over 8,000 solo appearances, Kilbourne has worked throughout the country and toured Europe. Today, he primarily works in the southeastern United States. Kilbourne and his wife, Kathleen, are now seasonal residents of Englewood’s Manasota Key. They also reside in the Carolinas, where United Methodist Minister Kathleen directs the Masters of Arts in Christian Education program for Pfeiffer University.

To learn more about this musical story master, go to edkilbourne.com. For concert information, call the Church office at 941-474-5588. Free childcare services are available for all concerts go to edkilbourne.com. For concert information, call the Church office at 941-474-5588. Free childcare services are available for all concerts throughout Florida for over ten years with various shows. Rick uses his performances as a vehicle to bring Elvis great music and unique personality back into the lives and hearts of people who enjoy “The King.”

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To perform for the Englewood United Methodist Church Music Ministry Concert Series, Garnet Rogers will be joined by a full live band Rick and the band recreate the music of Elvis’ ALOHA from Hawaii live broadcast.

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Born and raised in Arcadia, now living in Port Charlotte, Marcille Wallis on the hammer dulcimer and her ‘friends’ first performed “Christmas With the Celts” eleven years ago at Congregational United Church of Christ, Punta Gorda. Wallis taught math at Charlotte High School from 1980 thru 1998 before she started touring around Florida and other parts of the states.

Four Leaf Strummers playing holiday songs center stage at Fishermen’s Village drew a smaller crowd then their normal shows the week before Christmas. With temperatures in the low 50’s high 40’s there were as many blackbirds singing from the rafters as were people attending the concert. Those that did forge the cold were happy they did, enjoying the talent of the local banjo players.

The Ladies of Pelican Pointe enjoyed High Tea. Pictured are Mercedes Alcantara, Carol Lehrman, Mary Wilkinson, Hildegarde Ciesiel, Christel Lacey and Kathy Spinner Tanguay.

Jon and Diane Luzny along with Larry and Toni Sandles were a few of the members from the chorus that performed with the Praise Band from Burnt Store Presbyterian Church.

Joanne Picken, Kathy Snell, Sara Wuemlner, and Ullian Bama were admiring the ‘very large’ Christmas tree next to the stage.

Nine-year-old Jenna Griffith and her 8-year-old brother Peter along with their grandparents, Mike and Marian Harkins were ready for the ‘Christmas With the Celts’ concert to start.

Chris Klossner and her husband Rev. Bill pastor at Congregational United Church of Christ along with Greg McGrath welcomed the guest attending the ‘Christmas With the Celts’ concert.

Crystal Reyes, and her children Madison Pleski, 4, and Ashley Pleski, II, stop for photos with an oversized Gingerbread house at Fishermen’s Village.
Conservatory offers ‘Reasons To Be Pretty’

PROVIDED BY ASOLO CONSERVATORY FOR ACTOR TRAINING

T he FSU/Asolo Conservatory for Actor Training presents “Reasons To Be Pretty” by Neil LaBute, Jan. 4-23, at the Cook Theatre in the FSU Center for the Performing Arts, 5555 North Tamiami Trail, Sarasota.

This scathing, dark comedy by one of today’s most celebrated authors, explores our culture’s fixation on surface beauty. When a young man makes a casual comment about his girlfriend’s appearance, he finds himself in the midst of a storm that threatens to destroy not only their relationship—but also his friendships with his co-workers.

LaBute, acclaimed as a playwright and screenwriter, has been called everything from a misfit to a visionary. Reasons To Be Pretty is both darkly comical and very, very human, as sadistic in its portrayal of humanity as it is compassionate.

“Reasons To Be Pretty” is as dark and absurd as all of his plays and deals with some of the same issues he deals with in other plays like Fat Pig, says Greg Leaming, director of the FSU/Asolo Conservatory. “This time, however, LaBute shows a much more human side. The play is as compassionate view that the sets the work apart,” says Leaming, in an essay about the play, states that he “makes case for being yourself and standing up for what you believe in. For being brave. For making choices that are hard and adult not easy. For going out and being a part of the world instead of a mere observer.”

“Of course, it’s still Neil LaBute, and his characters still revel in their brutality. The play is sharp, edges challenging and funny, it will keep audiences thinking for a long time,” the production, directed by Barbara Redmond, will showcase the talents of second-year Conservatory students, Tony Stopperan, Gretchen Port, Jake Staley and Ashley Scallon.

Redmond says that Reasons “marks a shift in LaBute’s treatment of his characters. In con-

trast to the arrogant, misogynistic men we’ve seen in his plays, the main characters here are created with more nuance. They feel fights, fail, and make mistakes. They are flawed, and all the more relatable.”

Ten out of ‘10’: 2010’s best CDs

A nywhere you turned in 2010, youth dominated. Whether it was Taylor Swift and her syrupy sob stories, Justin Bieber’s flop -loved by his fans, and propelled forward by skill.

1. Arcade Fire, The Suburbs
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4. Daft Punk, Random Access Memories
5. The Black Keys, Brothers
6. Patty Griffin, Prairie Wind
7. Amy Winehouse, Back to Black
8. Gorillaz, Plastic Beach
9. The Black Keys, Brothers
10. Grizzly Bear, Co exist

Ten of 2010’s best CDs

“Reasons To Be Pretty” runs Jan. 4 - 23 at the FSU Center for the Performing Arts. Productions are Tuesday through Saturday at 8 p.m.; and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are $28 evenings; $26 matinees; $14 students. Student rush tickets are $5. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Asolo Repertory Theatre box office or online at www.fsucenterforthearts.com. 941-351-8000.

The 2010-2011 season subscriptions and single tickets are on sale now.
**What's playing at the MOVIES**

**Black Swan (R) A-**
Nina (Natalie Portman) is a ballerina whose passion for the dance rules every facet of her life. When the company’s artistic director decides to replace his prima ballerina for their opening production of “Swan Lake,” Nina is his first choice. She has competition in newcomer Lily (Mila Kunis) however. While Nina is perfect for the role of the White Swan, Lily personifies the Black Swan. As rivalry between the two dancers transforms into a twisted friendship, Nina’s dark side begins to emerge.

**Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG-13) A-**
Without the guidance and protection of their professors, Harry (Daniel Radcliffe), Ron (Ronupert Grint) and Hermione (Emma Watson) begin a mission to destroy the Horcruxes, the sources of Voldemort’s immortality. Though they must rely on one another more than ever, dark forces threaten to tear them apart. Voldemort’s Death Eaters have seized control of the Ministry of Magic and Hogwarts, and they are searching for Harry – even as he and his friends prepare for the ultimate showdown.

**How Do You Know (PG-13) B**
How Do You Know is a comedy from Academy Award-winning writer-director James L. Brooks, starring Reese Witherspoon, Owen Wilson, Paul Rudd and Jack Nicholson. Feeling a bit past her prime at 27, former athlete Lisa Jorgenson finds herself in the middle of a love triangle, as a corporate guy in crisis competes with Lisa’s current, baseball-playing beau.

**The King's Speech (R) B-**
England’s Prince Albert (Colin Firth), soon to become King George VI, is plagued by a crippling stammer. An extraordinary friendship develops between the pair as Logue uses un conventional means to teach Albert how to speak with confidence.

**Tangled (PG) B+**
The test of two battling families – between Flynn Rider (voice of Zachary Levi) and Eugene’s Royal Castle – escalates to new heights of comedy in the third installment of the blockbuster series – Little Fockers. It has taken 10 years, two Little Fockers with wife Pam (Fifi) and countless hurdles for Greg to finally get “in” with his tightly wound father-in-law, Jack. After the cash-strapped dad takes a job moonlighting for a drug company, however, Jack’s suspicions about his favorite male nurse come roaring back.

**Season of the Witch (PG-13)**
Nicolas Cage and Ryan Perri l (star in this supernatural action adventure about a heroic Crusader and his closest friend who return home after decades of fighting, only to find their world destroyed by the Plague. The church elders, that a witch accused of being a witch is responsible for the devastation, command the two to transport the strange girl to a remote monastery where monks will perform an ancient ritual to rid the land of her curse. They embark on a harrowing, action-filled journey that will test their strength and courage as they discover the girl’s dark secret and find themselves battling a terrifyingly powerful force that will determine the fate of the world.

**The Tourist (PG-13) B**
Resolves around Frank, an American tourist visiting Italy to mend a broken heart. Elise is an extraordinary woman who deliberately crosses his path.

**Tron: Legacy (PG) B**
“Tron Legacy” is a 3D high-tech adventure set in a digital world that’s unlike anything ever captured on the big screen. Sam Flynn (Garrett Hedlund), the tech-savvy 27-year-old son of Kevin Flynn (Jeff Bridges), looks into his father’s forgotten world and finds himself in the same world of fierce programs and gladiatorial games where his father has been living for 25 years. Along with Kevin’s loyal confidant (Olivia Wilde), Frank and son embark on a life-and-death journey across a visually-stunning cyber universe that has become far more advanced and exceedingly dangerous.

**True Grit (PG-13) B**
A 14-year-old girl (Hailee Steinfeld) joins an aging U.S. marshal (Jeff Bridges) and another lawman (Matt Damon) in tracking her father’s killer into hostile Indian territory in Joel and Ethan Coen’s adaptation of Charles Portis’ original novel. Sticking more closely to the source material than the 1969 feature adaptation starring Western icon John Wayne, the Coen’s True Grit tells the story from the young girl’s perspective, and re-teams the celebrated filmmaking duo with their No Country for Old Men screening partner Scott Rudin. Josh Brolin co-stars.

**Unstoppable (PG-13) B**
Derelict Washington and Star Track’s Chris Pine star in this action thriller from director Tony Scott. The plot surrounds two locomotive operators who team up to stop a runaway train filled with explosives.

**Yogi Bear (PG) C**
Hann-Barbera’s beloved picnic-basked- stealing bear makes his big-screen debut in this live-action/animated mix children’s pic from director Eric Brevig. Brad Copeland provides the screenplay, which centers around a documentary crew (headed by Anna Faris) as they delve into the apogee of Yogi’s hangout, Jellystone Park, home to Yogi the Bear and Boo Boo (voiced by Dan Aykroyd and Justin Timberlake, respectively).

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Venice Theatre stages the contemporary musical ‘Falsettos’

Venice Theatre’s production of Falsettos is directed and choreographed by the award-winning Brad Wages who says, “This touching, comical and heartwarming show examines life, love and the redefining of ‘family’ as the beautiful and fun-filled score of William Finn washes over you.” More specifically, “Falsettos tells the story of divorced couple Marvin and Trinia. Marvin, after years of marriage, realizes he is gay, divorces Trinia and falls in love with Whizzer. Trinia remembers the psychiatrist that she and Marvin had been seeing and starts her life over. Their son, Jason, is about to be bar mitzvahed and is struggling with girls, getting older and his father’s sexuality. Two neighbors, a lesbian couple - Dr. Charlotte and Cordelia - enter the scene when Whizzer begins to see Dr. Charlotte after struggling with a series of health problems which we later find out are life-threatening.

“Falsettos” opened on Broadway April 29, 1992. It is actually the pairing of “March of the Falsettos” and “Falsettoland,” both acclaimed off-Broadway musicals written nearly a decade apart. “Falsettos” won 1992 Tony Awards for best book and musical score. Variety called it “A masterly feat of comic storytelling and ... visionary musical theatre.”

Performances are at 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and at 2 p.m. on Sundays. Seats are $34 for adults and $12 for students on Tuesdays through Thursdays and $27 and $15 on weekends. Tickets can be purchased online at www.venicestage.com or by calling the box office at (941) 488-1115. The box office is located at 140 West Tamapa Ave., Venice, is also open for walk-up sales 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays and one hour before show time.

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Yahoo! looks back at top searches of 2010

BY KATIE CROWE
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What do the World Cup, the BP Oil Spill and Kim Kardashian have in common? Well, essentially nothing — except for the fact that Americans were seemingly obsessed with all of them this year.

The national sporting event, disaster in the Gulf and curvaceous superstar were three of the most searched items on Yahoo! in 2010, grouped with other newsworthy people and things, like the iPhone 4, Lady Gaga, teen sensation Justin Bieber and reality hit TV show "Big Brother 12," the World Cup and soccer in general, new Apple devices and pop culture icons.

People also turned to the Internet to deal with financial woes, get medical advice and to figure out what to make for dinner. The top financial search this year was "unemployment," followed by "Wall Street companies," "recalls" and "fore-closures." "Pregnancy" and "diabetes" were the most-searched health topics, and users fawned over chicken and Crockpot recipes.

More lighthearted searches, like the "top searched questions" and "top obsessions" lists gave interesting results. Users most needed to know "how to tie a tie," "how to lose weight" and "how to kiss." Sadly, rounding up the list at the No. 10 spot was "how to boil an egg." Really?

Americans were most "obsessed" with the latest iPhone model, Lindsay Lohan, the iPad and "Glee." "Bedbugs" snagged the No. 7 spot after widespread reports of infestations dominated the news.

This year, the Yahoo! Year in Review also launched in 16 different countries and revealed what the majority of non-U.S. citizens were searching throughout the world. Spain was most interested in "Big Brother 12," the World Cup and Shakira, while Italy was fascinated by Facebook, games and horoscopes.
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