The end. Demolition starts at Arena

All to be gone by year’s end

By GREG GILES

While the city gets ready to herald in a new landmark, the Venice Performing Arts Center, it was demolition day for another landmark, the historic Venice Circus Arena, constructed in 1960. Construction crews from Cross Construction Services arrived on Thursday to begin breaking up acres of pavement surrounding the arena. Under contract with the city, CCS is required to complete demolition by Dec. 31. Members of the Venice Circus Arts Foundation, which fought to preserve the building, will be allowed to remove “the Save the Arena” sign posted on the property near U.S. 41 Venice Business. Noah’s Ark Circus, which was planned as a “Save The Arena” fundraiser to take place simultaneously with the Sarasota Chalk Festival from Nov. 8-17, was canceled.

On Tuesday, Oct. 28, the Venice City Council will consider a staff recommendation to demolish a second, smaller Octagon building, where famed animal trainer Gunther Gebel-Williams performed along with others. Parts of the cement wall building, including metal roof trusses and the original circus ring, can be salvaged for some other purpose, such as council approval demolition. Supporters will hope to save the Octagon, as well, but its poor condition makes restoration difficult and expensive.

Also on Tuesday’s council agenda will be discussion of the city’s historic Preservation Board that is revising an earlier proposal to restore a vintage circus car for placement at the Train Depot near the Gebel-Williams statue.

Final demolition of the Circus Arena began on Thursday when Cross Construction Services began removing pavement from the property. It’s expected to take until the New Year to remove the entire arena.
How do you choose the right helmet?

By RANDY ANDREWS
Guest Columnist

Most of the content of this article was taken from this month's issue of American Cyclist, the monthly magazine of the League of American Bicyclists. The article was referenced as it offers a clear and concise explanation of selecting and fitting bicycle helmets. Almost all bicycle helmets sold in the U.S. meet the Consumer Product Safety Commission standards. The helmets offer the same level of protection regardless of price, but make sure you have the CPSC logo.

Neatly every model has a hard exterior shell molded to an inner layer of EPS foam. The variety of helmets is enough to satisfy every cyclist, mountain bike helmets usually have larger shells molded to an inner layer of EPS foam. With all the engineering that goes into providing maximum protection, the price, but make sure yours has the CPSC logo.

To provide maximum protection, the helmet must be worn so that the front is positioned about midway on the forehead. The helmets also have larger vents to provide better air flow at slower speeds. Plunges of side-slung models can be a little heavier and tend to have more dainty shells to withstand the rigors of urban riding.

All with the engineering that goes into providing cyclists head protection, does not come good unless 1) you wear one, and 2) if you do wear a helmet, it has to fit and be worn back of your head.

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Under the “About” tab, click “Citizens Academy.”

The Sheriff’s Office has conducted CLEA twice a year for the past 21 years with more than 800 citizens graduating. The next class, scheduled for spring 2015, is full, but applications are being accepted for the fall 2015 session next September. Visit SarasotaSheriff.org. Under the “About” tab, click “Citizens Academy.”

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Wozniak elected to hospital association board

**From Page 1**

**By GREG GILES**

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“We have a problem with him being on stage at a candidate forum … while wearing a city shirt,” Anderson said.

“The image of two sitting city council members interacting in a congenial manner on stage in agreement aligned against a perceived outsider with different views is not only a hard one to overcome, it is an illegal one,” Anderson said.

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“His opinion states councilmembers who are candidates who are asked to participate in forums can do so. They (just) can't discuss the reason among each other,” McKeon said.

As for claims the McKeon is campaigning for Sherman, he said, “I am not campaigning for Dave. I am supporting him.”

**SPOTLIGHT**

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A cloud crosses the setting sun over Nokomis Beach during the partial eclipse Thursday.
Parent arrested after refusing to take back child

By GREG GILES

A South Venice man was arrested after he refused to take back a child from foster care.

According to a Sarasota County Sheriff’s Office report, the mother of two children is currently serving time in a Florida jail, while Andrew McNamara, 48, was left to care for the children, two boys. The younger is 4; the oldest child’s age was not specified in the report.

It didn’t go well, apparently, towards parenting, according to officials.

In late September, the older child was admitted to Sarasota Memorial Hospital’s Bayside Behavioral Center for disruptive behavior, and released. Only a few days later, McNamara called Bayside back and told them if someone does not come and take the child “there will be an Amber Alert.”

On Aug. 7, both children were found wandering unattended by a passerby in the parking lot at Franks Movie Theatre. Deputies located McNamara at his residence. He said he was looking for a file so he could notify the Florida Department of Children and Families that the children had run away and were “out of control.”

Deputies called in a DCF investigator after McNamara started drinking beer in front of them. As the deputies were preparing to leave, both children attempted to run away a second time. McNamara made no effort to gain control of the children, who were returned by a deputy.

On Sept. 17, McNamara refused to take the child back when DCF and deputies showed up at his door. McNamara also said there were no other family members willing to take custody of the child.

The child was subsequently taken into custody by DCF and was placed, again, into foster care.

On Sept. 24, a warrant was issued for McNamara’s arrest after he refused to allow the child back into his home. He was arrested on Oct. 17 and charged with child neglect without great bodily harm. Bond was not available.

Jack-o-Lanterns in waiting at the Pumpkin Patch

There are still plenty of pumpkins for sale at the Pumpkin Patch on Avenida Del Circo. Grace
Elephant’s Trunk; A Memorable Shopping Experience

The Elephant’s Trunk, voted #1 Best of Venice by Venice Gondolier Sun readers, is the “must see” thrift store in Venice. Operated by Hospital Volunteers of Venice (HVV) for more than 30 years, it is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization. HVV has contributed over $8 million dollars to the Venice community since 1951. The Elephant’s Trunk offers gently used merchandise at reasonable prices. Dedicated volunteers and staff, Stephanie Elliott, Harold Kohls, and Tony Pilkiewicz, work together to make your shopping experience one to remember. Savvy shoppers know to make Elephant’s Trunk Thrift Store a frequent stop, as new merchandise arrives daily.

There are daily specials and a variety of items to be found at Elephant’s Trunk. High-quality furniture is available in single pieces or entire sets for the living room, bedroom or the dining room along with accessories from lamps to wall art. Medical equipment is often available on the second floor. The Elephant’s Trunk Thrift Store also offers personal shopping assistance and delivery service. They will pick up unwanted items at no charge. All donations are recognized with an IRS receipt for tax purposes. The Elephant’s Trunk is truly an asset to the Venice community. In 2011, it was featured in the AARP magazine. It has also been a Venice Gondolier Sun Best of Venice award recipient many times.

Please stop in for a visit. The store is located at 595 Tamiami Trail South, across from Venice Regional Medical Center on Venice Island. Hours are Monday through Saturday 10am – 4pm. Telephone (941) 483-3056 or online at www.elephantstrunkthrift.com
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When it finally does bulk of our maintenance. “It has to do with the end of the rainy season,” said Clinch, saying Citrus County was getting ready for the rainy season. “The outfalls, especially those that have consistently flushed with the summer rains and that keeps water from stagnating. There’s more stagnant,” Clinch said.

According to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the midweek Red Tide report of Oct. 17 indicated low concentrations of Karenia brevis, the Florida red tide organism, offshore of Sanibel Island.

The Sarasota Healthy Beach Program monitors coastal beach waters. The Department of Health in Sarasota County collects water samples from 16 different beach sites that are analyzed for enterococci and fecal coliform bacteria. If elevated levels are found, health advisories and warnings are issued.

The public meeting may continue from time to time. Place water details are available at public inspection at the City Clerk’s office, 401 West Venice Avenue, Venice, Florida. 1 bed room .

This notice is published pursuant to the requirements of Section 86.47(c) of the City of Venice Zoning Code. All interested parties are invited to appear and be heard. This public hearing may be continued from time to time.

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Residents of A Banyan Residence Assisted Living Resort walked the red carpet for their third Annual Fashion Show. Chris Snider, director of Business Development at A Banyan Residence, emceed the event while volunteers from the community and health care field helped with everything from judging to hair and makeup. Volunteers included Amanda Yakicic (Gulf City Home Care), Cassie Snider (Pinebrook Care & Rehab), Kristen Colavita (Senior Bridge), Cris Scholz (Gulf City Home Care) and Beth Lampecht (Mary Kay). “This is our third year hosting the Red Carpet Fashion Show and it takes a lot of time and effort to put these kind of events together but when you see the residents coming down the red carpet with smiles on their faces, it makes it all worthwhile and we feel very fortunate to be a part of their lives,” Snider said. Walking the Red Carpet

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Shown are, in no particular order, Patricia Houghton, Jennifer Jewart, Jean Pletcher, Jeanetta Spinazola, Anna Slingerland, John Paxman, John Harris, Deborah Stewart, Jane Stanley, Michael Granick, Sarah White, Suzanne Ellis, Theresa Feary (Veteran Lord, A Banyan Residence), Marvene Short, Gary Plant, Edith Bruehlman, Grace Dein, Beverly Bowman, Zoltan Friedmann, Mary Kamim, Donna Foran, Hutton Beverly and Agnes Crosby.

Patricia Houghton.

Alice Snyder with Colleen Depasse, the activities director at A Banyan Residence.

John Paxman.

Leona Plant with Jenna Martens, an administrative assistant with A Banyan Residence.

Joshua McElwee, the activities director, with Sonya Klein.

Chris Snider (director of Business Development at A Banyan Residence) with Suzanne Ellis, who won third place overall in the fashion show.

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Food collection for the annual Mayors Feed the Hungry program is planned for Nov. 10-21, to help those who are struggling to put together a Thanksgiving meal.

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I pulled a ‘reverse’ Halloween, to my regret

Rick Parks
Guest Columnist

Well, there I was with enough candy to conservatively serve 200 children. I had the good stuff—Bessie’s Pieces, Kit Kats, Milky Ways, etc. OK, it’s 7 p.m. and no kids yet. Not to worry. They’re probably still just finishing up supper and dropping in and out of their costumes. You know the kind—princes, princesses, pirates—whatever.

Excitement is in the air. They’ll be here soon. Well, not quite yet, and not a single ghost. What the world needs today is a little trick or treat!

What is going on here? Where are all the little ones?

I’m sure there must be many of you out there who think I’m going to give little Johnny and Mary something unseemly? By no means, I hasten to say. I am a gentleman who feels com-

munity spirit and responsibility enough to stop in when the doorbell does ring. Have the kids ring the doorbell, too, and I’ll come out to greet them. I don’t believe in closing the door on a kindly soul, especially when there’s the possibility of a broken heart, maybe two or three, in there.

I returned their rings with regularity and generosity. People didn’t move in or out of Venice in those days. The streets were quiet. Money was plentiful. Barns were full. Nothing was ever lost.

Now, that’s the way it should be. Now, that’s what I mean by a man meeting a neighbor and being kind. After all, isn’t it a matter of right and respect to others? If we want to raise kids around here, to have a good place to raise kids, then we’d better have a society where the kids have a chance to have a good time.

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That’s how many Florida children are taken away from abusive or neglectful parents each year. Ten thousand.

In October of 2012, 3-month-old Khloe was one of those children. Her mother, a daughter of a mother with a drug problem, was arrested in Florida the same day Khloe was shuffled among three foster homes. In the next two months,丽 and Bob Hagemeier took in. Her birth story has a happy a picture as the next stop. Bob and Hagemeier, both in their 50s, were only planning to be foster parents to help families in need. They fell in love with Khloe, adopting her last March.

Thousands are still in the system, however, with about 175,000 children up for adoption in any given year. Almost 24,000 in Florida. Adoptkin.org.

Adoption is of course, the least resort, because the goal of the system is to return them to their parents. Often, they freed the paths that led to them being taken away in the first place.

Most children are placed the closest possible to serious situations, meaning some family continues until the hoped-for time can pass.

Referrals can’t or won’t take the job on. So it’s us, the folks that brought Hagemeier started out to be—the next option, still with the idea places where kids can begin to find their feet together.

Editor’s Note: We have received a few phone calls from people saying we got their words wrong in their Let ’em Have It calls. Please make sure to speak clearly and slowly if you call in. There are some calls we can’t cut at all because we can’t understand the person calling. Again, speak clearly and slowly, please.

What’s In A Name?

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Much Ado About Mulch

Mulch? No, you go. Venetians, you can dispose of perfectly good mulch with more open space and two more visibility. People didn’t move in or out of Venice in those days. They moved down here for the sun. There’s been nowhere else to move. Why waste money, and all of this has to be maintained by landscape companies. There’s more police work for patrol cars and more noise and more noise in the streets. It costs money. No, you go.

Firesfighers DoDesc 34 December

Most of us who live in Venice are comfortably re-

This is the ease. After all, in Florida, it was before the beginning. Ring the doorbell, too, and I’ll be out to meet you. Don’t worry. We know where the next house is. We always have been there.

OK, let’s talk. “Trick or Treat,” the phrase used to describe giving and receiving candy to conservatively serve a bunch of old folk farts anyway, who want to raise kids around here. Well, if that’s the case, I expect to be the last of the living dead. Well, by gosh, what is going on here? Where are all the little ones?

I’m set. Now all I have to do is find some lettuce where the lead shot will be here soon. Well, it’s 7:30 and it’s 7:30. Well, there I was with enough candy to conservatively serve 200 children. I had the good stuff—Bessie’s Pieces, Kit Kats, Milky Ways, etc. OK, it’s 7 p.m. and no kids yet. Not to worry. They’re probably still just finishing up supper and dropping in and out of their costumes. You know the kind—princes, princesses, pirates—whatever.

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WHAT A DISAPPOINTMENT. STOP THE CALLS. I HAVE NO DO-NOT-CALL LIST, AND I REFUSE TO VOTE FOR ANYONE WHO WOULD BE CALLING ME IN A SINGLE DAY. CREDIT CARD HOTELS CALL ALL THE TIME, and the political candidates are disgusting. I don’t even have a cell phone, I’m on a circuit! I had someone with consumer protection call every single day. I’m in high school, we have to have alcohol, tell them to have alcohol, tell them to have alcohol, tell them to have alcohol. I was in high school, we always seem to handle things after the fact. We’re going to have a terrific traffic problem, and we always seem to handle things after the fact. I don’t think so.

The Let ‘em Have It line appeared. Having alcohol, tell them to have alcohol, tell them to have alcohol, tell them to have alcohol.

Could be worse. I totally agree. Internet is just unbelievable.

Secondly, the column was clearly marked as a column, not a news story. He did not say, “I volunteered to publish his column.” He did not say, “I was in high school, we have to have alcohol.”

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Stop hurricane calls. Leave all storm funds, says the University of Florida. Over-pruned palms cancel out at the top and bottom. Look around and you’ll see condemned palms. Stop hurricane calls.

Why Did You Run Fangle? I’m calling about the prominent positioning of the article “Throwing the blame at ‘fangate’” written by somebody, whose picture are the “editor” and “publisher” of what? An educational school publication, certainly not this very newspaper. Granted, the two principals in the letter that says “We need to resort to fantasy to actually print such a piece” must be at least 13 people who have problems with alcohol.

Article Didn’t Belong. Fifty plus years ago when I was in high school, we were taught that editorials should be labeled as such. That they belonged on the editorial page. Evidently this rule does not apply to the author of an article on the Crist/Scott disagreement over television. Mr. Dunn-Rankin, the author of the article, “Fallowed to usurp and fan and foment and Mr. Crist was the one who wanted the debate.” In my opinion, I don’t think so. Editor’s Note First, you misapplied Dunn-Rankin’s column. He did not say, “I was in high school, we have to have alcohol.”

No To Alcohol At School. Having alcohol at any school function at any county school or city school is absolutely absurd. If these people can’t go to one function without having alcohol, tell them to stay at their local bar. This is just unbelievable.

Don’t Rally on Internet. I totally agree with the Let ‘em Have It line. I wrote the Let ‘em Have It line. In Shredding. I totally copy on the newspaper.

Let ‘em Have It line. I totally agree.

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I was in high school, we have to have alcohol, tell them to have alcohol, tell them to have alcohol, tell them to have alcohol, tell them to have alcohol.
The Venice Indians freshmen football team celebrates their undefeated season after this week's 39-0 win over Lemon Bay.

By SCOTT LOCKWOOD

On one of the walls of the Venice High School gym, there is a giant ban-
ner that proudly lists the Venice volleyball team's 12 straight district titles and the school's fourth state title (coming in 1998, 2005 and 2012) is within reach.

"We're starting to do all of the little things right and getting everything together piece by piece," Rotella said. "It's perfect timing with us going into the playoffs so we can go in strong and do everything we have to do to get there."
Young VHS girls soccer team looks to improve

By SCOTT LOCKWOOD
SHORT STORY

With nine of 11 starters returning from last year’s team, the Venice Lady Indians soccer team is looking to build from a season that many felt came to a premature end last year.

“We had a fairly good year last year,” said Venice head coach Gary Boylard, who is entering his fourth season at the helm. “Getting knocked out of the district tournament early was a disappointment to the team and it’s going to be tough. It’s going to be those ‘outstanding’ players. It’s going to be those ‘outstanding’ young and we have no far,” Boylard said. “We’re looking good so far in practice, but I feel we’ll get there as the season goes on.”

Weaver said that the team has been “practicing lazy” and has been working on motivation in game situations in recent practices. She said that when the team has taken the field for preseason games they’ve been able to “turn it on” and show their true potential as a team.

Dalton said the team could use a little more team spirit and energy — something that could be missing from the team since a lot of players are playing both club and school soccer or running cross country. Ireland MacDonnell and Allie Wool are still running cross country and haven’t been able to focus their attention on the soccer program. Weaver agreed. “I feel we can get into a good flow and just keep improving once the season goes on,” Weaver said.

Venice plays in a tough Class 4A-District 13 that includes Braden River, Charlotte, Lakewood Ranch, North Port, Port Charlotte and Sarasota. They open the season at Charlotte on Monday and will host Lakewood Ranch Thursday in their home opener.

Byland said his team hasn’t set those sights on overall goals as the season begins, but he feels they’ll be ready to improve last year’s finish. “We want a look at the district championship,” Byland said.

Venice soccer varsity and junior varsity soccer player workout on a diving drill during a recent practice.

Beard said he’s been a couple of years since we’ve been district champs so we want to get back on that pedestal and go from there.”
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The SKY Family YMCA is hosting a new girls basketball-weekend Edition • October 25, 2014 SUN NEWSPAPERS

**Gondo Bowl IV update**

Mike Montgomery, Jay Landham and Daniel Adam.

The camp begins Dec. 5 and runs through Feb. 28, 2015, in the YMCA gym, on Fridays from 6 to 8 p.m. Cost of the camp is $76 for YMCA members and $80 for nonmembers. An academic reversal jersey will be provided. Athletes are encouraged to register early as space is limited to 80 players. You may register at the YMCA’s front desk or online at www.SouthCountyFamilyYMCA.org.

For more information, call Venice YMCA sports director Gary Smith at 941-495-8622, ext. 158.

**40th Annual Men’s Best Ball Championship**

Cplt Jake Fla Cup will be hosting the 40th annual Men’s Best Ball Championship Dec. 6-7, with donation starts at 9 a.m. both days. The tournament is open to all amateur players and features a scratch best half of partners format. Players will play from the blue tee, with players age 70 and older as of the first day of the tournament playing from the white tee. Entry fee is $55 per player and includes 36 holes of golf, cart, special tee gifts, food each day, range balls and prizes. Prizes will be paid to more than a third of the field and at least five places at each flight.

Practice rounds will be available beginning Nov. 28. Tee times will be available after 11 a.m. for a call-in. The first 64 paid entries into the tournament will be accepted. Inégible entry forms with a check can sent to or filled out at Capt. Isles, 849 Capt. Isles Blvd., Venice. Entries can be called in using a credit card Public Boating Course

The Venice Sail and Power Squadron is holding its Public Boating Course Nov. 15, Nov. 22 and Nov. 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The class will entitle successful graduates to the Florida Safe Boater’s Certificate. Anyone born after 1988 is required to hold this certificate in order to legally operate a vessel with more than 18 horsepower.

Subjects covered include docking and undocking rules of the road, required equipment, weather and adverse conditions. Cost of the course $55 per person. To reserve a spot, call 941-498-0781. For more information, visit BoatVeniceFL.com.
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Audrey Blackwell, Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary President, talks at the Venice Library on March 5 about the auxiliary’s 105th anniversary. (Audrey Blackwell/Staff photo)
COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Free Food
Free Food distribution for any South County resident may be available every Friday at The Salvation Army, 1051 North Fort Road, Venice. Bring a form of photo ID or a id showing you live in Venice, North Port, Englewood or Nokomis. The rear doors of the gym open at noon, when a number is issued and individuals can wait in air conditioning until distribution begins at 1 p.m. Bring a box or bag to carry home. Volunteers are appreciated and needed for set-up, distribution and breakdown. Call 941-484-6227.

InStyle Barbecue
InStyle Hippodrome, 1629 Ranch Road, Nokomis, holds its 10th annual “Grand Bar-B-Q for InStyle” Sunday, Oct. 26, starting at 3 p.m. It will be a family fun afternoon with great food and activities at its 62- acre facility in Nokomis. InStyle will celebrate its 20-year anniversary. Tickets are $5 for adults; children 10-14 are $10 online at InStyleHippodrome.org or by calling 941-412-9333. Proceeds are donated to America’s Second Harvest. Alfalfa and bacon dipped in queso sauce is served. For more details, visit InStyleHippodrome.org.

Haunted House
The annual Halloween haunted house is ready for area witches, goblins, ghosts, and ghouls to come and show off their finest attire. This year the haunted house is at Centennial Park, 1201 Jacaranda Blvd., Venice. From Oct. 31, 4:30-5:30 p.m., children can gather at 4 p.m. Event is sponsored by Venice Lions Club and Venice MainStreet.

Party In Pink
Venice Regional Bayfront Health will host the public in Party In Pink at its sixth annual breast cancer awareness event Thursday, Oct. 30, 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Venice HealthPlex, 1201 Jacaranda Blvd, Venice. With a hint of glitz, there will be live entertainment, education about health screenings, discussions about breast cancer survivor and breast cancer health specialists, and pink pumpernickel courtesy of Sandpiper Salon & Day Spa. This month, Venice Regional Bayfront Health will host a mammogramm for just $20. Mammo Money helps cover mammogram screening costs for local breast women who cannot afford screenings. Wear something pink for Party In Pink by RSVP call 435-876-2362.

Art Festival
The 27th annual Venice Arts Festival is Saturday—Sunday, Nov. 1-2, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Visit Artfest.org to support the Arts, Venice MainStreet and the local economy. This first-class outdoor art gallery-style event will showcase original hundreds of art from a myriad of media and styles. Admission is free. Visit ArtFestival.com or call info@ArtFestival.com at 941-746-6155.

Cat Show Set
The Gulf to Bay Cat Club cat show is Nov. 1, 10 a.m. at Venice Civic Center, 720 Alligator Drive, South Venice. To show a pedigreed cat, provide the club with a registration certificate from any cat association; call Colen about show- ing a breed, post card to 941-753-8057. Spectators are welcome; 13 donations requested; children under 12 are free.

Novel-writing Challenge
Sarasota Libraries will take part in National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo), a fun, writer-driven approach to creative writing. On Nov. 1, participants will begin writing a 50,000 word novel to be completed by Nov. 30. There will be online support and tools such as email pep talks and a huge online community and blog available at http://NaNoWriMo.org. A kickoff event will be Nov. 1 at the North Port Library from 1-3 p.m. with light refreshments.

Community Caregiving Forum
For more details, visit SeCaVen or call Sarasota County Contact Center at 941-881-1640.

Historical Society
The annual History and Things-Making Challenge of the Venice Historical Society hosts “Celebrate Circus” Style Show Thursday, Dec. 11, 11 a.m. at Plantation Golf & Country Club, 500 Bellkirk Drive, Venice, hosting The Sailor Circus and featuring Dolly Jacobs and Pedro Reis, leaders of the Circus Arts Conservatory. Tickets are $40 (tax-deductible) and are available at Sandy’s Designer Clothing, J & G Jewelers, and Venice Stationers. Call 941-412-0511 or email information@historicalsociety.org.

Performing Arts
The Grand Opening of Venice Performing Arts Center (VPAC) will be Nov. 6, 6:45-8 p.m., at Venice Performing Arts Center, 1 Indian Ave, Venice. A ribbon cutting is at 6 p.m., followed by an open house, which will be open to all students and community members. Features will be student showcases and resident artist organization performances. VPAC is managed through an interlocal agreement between the Sarasota County School Board and the city of Venice. For more information, call 941-881-9528.

Community Caregiving Forum
“Meeting the Challenges of Caregiving” is the focus of the 14th annual Community Caregiving Forum Sunday Nov. 9. Free, open to all. For more information, call 941-484-6227.

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Powerful Tools for Caregivers

Stand Down
The holidays often present special challenges for caregivers. Powerful Tools for Caregivers, weekdays, Oct. 29-Dec. 3, through Sarasota County’s Caregiver Resource Center, is designed to help caregivers learn to care for themselves while caring for their loved ones.

It will meet from 10 a.m. to noon in the Pat Buizer Room of the Venice Regional Bayfront Health community, 2550 Scenic Drive. The fee is $6 per session paid in advance. Attendance at all six sessions is required. This program is sponsored by the Venice Regional Bayfront Health Foundation of Venice, Inc. For more information or to reserve a place, call 941-883-4030.

Powerful Tools has been called a “life-changer” for caregivers, reducing stress and changing negative self-talk. The six-week workshop teaches caregivers to communicate their needs and wants and increase their self-confidence in decision-making. Participants often find the workshops help with difficult emotions, including anger, guilt and depression.

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Ladies in Retirement pull up their retirement plans

By AUDREY BLACKWELL

Features Editor email: ablackwell@venicegondolier.com

The Lemon Bay Playhouse has a new twist, and twisted view, on retirement planning in its latest play, “Ladies in Retirement,” running through Nov. 9.

Though it’s the first time in many years that this melodrama has extra success to its doorway, it was able to deal with present day women. And handled the past with an aplomb of a woman taking a seat with — even spicing up the situation to show her main role character in this multifaceted women-cost-

ed play — the other actors also allowed themselves dealing with their roles.

Perhaps that is why the performance of this group of women is a half hour and a half in length, which is 1911. The Lemon Bay Playhouse, 189 Pocono Tr. E., Nokomis, 941-685-8445. Yoga, Bodysculpt, Nia & Mon, 7:30 pm.

Luncheon & Learn, Park & Picnic Luncheon of the Florida Palm Beaches, 128 Phoenix St., Nokomis. Mary Lynn, 941-848-0088.

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Community MLK Day of Service Set

Community MLK Day of Service will be held on Monday, Jan. 27, 2020. The event is sponsored by the Sarasota County Community Resilience and Prosperity Task Force and the Sarasota County Division of Community Resilience and Prosperity. The event will begin at 9 a.m. at the Senior Friendship Center, 1515 S. Tamiami Trail, and will conclude at 3 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, 400 N. Pineapple Ave.

The day of service will include three main activities:
1. A community meeting at the Sarasota County Commission Meeting Room, where attendees will be provided with information on ways to support the county's mission to rescue, resettle, and provide opportunities for community prosperity.
2. A volunteer fair where attendees will be able to sign up for various volunteer opportunities throughout the county.
3. A community barbecue at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, where attendees will have the opportunity to enjoy food and music while networking with other community members.

The event is free and open to the public, and volunteers of all ages and backgrounds are encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact Denise Kowal at 941-306-9721 or visit the Sarasota County Community Resilience and Prosperity website at sarasotacounty.org/Resilience.

Sustainable Communities Workshop Set

Sustainable Communities Workshop will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sarasota County Commission Meeting Room, 1700 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34236.

The workshop is designed for community leaders, organizations, and businesses interested in exploring sustainable community development practices. The event will feature keynote speakers, panel discussions, and interactive workshops on topics such as renewable energy, green building, and sustainable transportation.

For more information or to register, please visit the Sarasota County website at sarasotacounty.org/Resilience or contact Denise Kowal at 941-306-9721.
Irlen Syndrome may hinder ability to read

By JOLIE L. LANKAHM
Sun Correspondent

The brain of individu-
als with Irlen Syndrome often fails to receive clear, visual information, affecting their reading ability. Identities of all ages and ethnicities may experience Syndrome symptoms, which include visual distortions, headaches or migraines, difficulty or discomfort in school or work environments.

Irlen Syndrome affects large sections of the U.S. population but is not yet identified by the educational, medical or research fields. For many of these people, reading is a daily struggle. Those affected may have difficulty reading normal print and seeing things with their eyes, even when wearing corrective glasses.

Sandy McIntyre, a local Reading Professor, has been involved with Syndrome research for years. She says the condition affects at least 10 million people in the U.S.

"Irlen Syndrome is not an optical or medical test. The Awareness Week that was held Oct. 24-26 was designed to draw attention to the awareness of the condition and its impact on those affected," McIntyre said.

For more information, contact sandy@ilmcar.com.

Top ‘Big’ shares ‘Brotherly’ love

John Sciandra of Englewood was named Big Brother of the Year for 2014-15 by Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast.

For Sciandra, his commitment to the program was born out of necessity. His first Little Brother, Nikolei, was 18 years old and is, in Sciandra’s own words, “an inspiration.”

“Sciandra described his commitment to the two brothers as ‘a family unit,’ and Sasha, with whom he has a different Little Brother, is 18. Sciandra’s young man is “incredible,” and he has formed a bond with the two boys that will mean that they will be together for many years to come.

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Be Not Afraid

It is almost Halloween here on the Sun Coast, and, as I walk through the “round parts” I’m wondering whether there will be hordes of kids coming around to trick-or-treat. If so, I will need to don my own costume and pretend to be somebody else for a few hours.

Halloween has become one of the biggest holidays across our county—maybe because it’s so much fun watching kids have fun, or maybe because we have permission to be somebody else for awhile, or maybe because so many of us like being scared.

Halloween has never being liked being scared at all. In fact, the very idea of trouble from the spiritual world is frightening to me. The word, “afraid,” is in my vocabulary, but it seems linked to sudden terror, a splitting apart and your sleep will not be peaceful. When you lie down, you will not be at peace, you will not be able to lie down and your sleep will be sweet. Be not afraid of sudden terror. If the Bible seems old and hard to understand, this ancient Buddhist saint’s words are something helpless that we need. We want our love.”

This Halloween, let’s treat the little demons we encounter with dignity and respect. We could all stand to be a little more compassionate and loving. For more information, call the church office at 481-494-482.

Free Family Fun Fair

Emma Lutheran Church, 790 South Tamiami Trail, on the Island, is hosting a Family Fun Fair on Oct. 25, from 1 to 3 p.m.

There will be free hot dogs and chips, free bounce house, face free painters and balloon artists, an ambulance and fire truck, free games and rescue dogs. There will be free snacks. Children are to be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, call 481-494-482.

Harvest Chapel begins its gospel music series

Harvest Chapel of Venice is beginning its Winter Gospel Music Series with the appearance of Flamingos No. 1 down-home gospel family, The Peytons. The concert is open at 6 p.m. Sunday evening, Nov. 2, at the church.

This family has traveled extensively throughout the Southeast as they shared their musical message for the glory of God. When hearing this family’s beautiful harmonies, the listener can’t help but feel the presence of our Lord.

Their musical journey began in Appalachia where the originators of this group were born. Their music was born on gospel music and sang on home with family members before a formal group was formed as The Peyton.

Their successful Gospel music concerts are so well received that they’ve directly followed behind Lake: Lutheran Church.

If you need further directions or more information, please call Pastor Phil Enloe at 419-485-5200.

Be Not Afraid

It is probably safer for many people on Earth to leave the house, and I certainly have a better life here than alone among people who have ever lived. So not only am I glad that I will have to be afraid of anything.

Indeed, whatever comes of uncertainty, domestic and international terrorism, an impending Ebola epidemic? There’s actually something we can be afraid of. If we choose.

I was caught again defeat in the Heser Bible, in chapter 12 of the Book of Proverbs: “You will walk safely in your way, and your foot will not stumble.” When you lie down, you will not be afraid of the darkness. When you walk, and your foot will not stumble.” When you walk, you will not be afraid of the darkness.

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Get your adrenaline going and your body ready for the big event at the Christmas Tree Shop! The event kicks off at 6 p.m. on Dec. 13 and 14, at the Christmas Tree Shop on State Road 41. The event will be open to the public and will feature more than 100 Christmas trees and wreaths, all donated by local businesses and organizations.

The Christmas Tree Shop is a partnership between the Venice Rotary Club and the Venice Area Chamber of Commerce. The event is a way for the community to come together and support local businesses during the holiday season.

In addition to the Christmas trees and wreaths, the event will also feature live music, a raffle, and a holiday market with vendors offering a variety of holiday-themed items.

The proceeds from the event will be donated to local charities and organizations, supporting the community’s holiday spirit.

So come out to the Christmas Tree Shop on State Road 41 on Dec. 13 and 14, and get ready to get into the holiday spirit! The event is open to the public and is a great way to support local businesses and give back to the community during the holiday season.
**VETERANS FROM PAGE 1**

A few states, including Ohio, Colorado and Pennsylvania, Momentum grew for the organization under the first name of American Veterans of Foreign Service (AVFS). In August 1913, in Denver, the AVFS and National Society of Foreign War Veterans amalgamated with the chosen name of Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.

In the meantime, an Auxiliary of women began individual:

In the state of Florida, we try not to keep a lot of things we do in the local community. If a veteran needs help, we do what we can here for them and get sick or they usually go to Bay Pines in St. Petersburg, said

In the meantime, an Auxiliary of women began:

The talented Vocal Vixens will lead the
dollop to a steak dinner at the Post, and 76 attended. “Thank you for

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Sally Carmello, Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary president, receives the gift of a crystal glass serving bowl from Chris Casey, Jr., commander, on behalf of the entire VFW Post 1118 in honor of the 100-year celebration of the auxiliary. She also accepted a lapel pin honoring the 100th anniversary that had the VFW Ladies Auxiliary emblem on it, as well as a certificate.

All Ladies Auxiliary members and their guests were treated to a steak dinner at the Post, and 76 attended. “Thank you for

For what it is:

Providing the music is a band led by music director pianist Mark Gallovison with Kennewick Nellys and Joe Branham on base, Lanett Billum on drums, Bill Vanallen on guitar and faith Casemore on keyboard.

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Dr. Anna Kupcha, left, granddaughter of Bobby Wood, right, and Janice Zarro (not pictured), recently visited Venice after graduating from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School (UTSMS) in Dallas. She is an intern at Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas, and will then fulfill a medical residency in Ophthalmology at UTSMS. Anna entered medical school at age 17, making her the youngest female doctor in recent U.S. history. At age 12, she had entered the University of Hawaii-Hilo, majoring in cell and molecular biology. She has raised money in the past for those in need and has produced, directed and starred in “Rent.” She also founded the Theater Arts Conservatory in Hawaii.

Tom Dougherty ponders his next move at the recent Venice Newcomers Club/Newcomers of Venice Alumni golf tournament.

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Members of The Venetian Harmony Chorus enjoy a pool party given by Nancy Dohanick.

There were plenty of dirndls and lederhosen worn at the annual Oktoberfest at the Venice American Legion NOVEL Post 159 this year.
The Family Circus

As soon as we get home, can we figure out what kind of face he’s gonna wear?

This is good practice for rook out our Christmas tree!

That one’s no good, Daddy, it’s a dead one of its chimney.

Do we start buy the one Billy’s sitting on?

Can we save the sleds and snow our own next year?

Pumpkin pies are the ones that don’t have a roof, right, Mommy?

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Are you asleep yet?

No.

Now look at all the stars.

They’re so bright and shiny out here!

Why can we see them better?

Light pollution.

What call a flounder to everyone I got this.

In populated areas lights are shining everywhere.

Our lights reflect on dust and water vapor, spreading the light from the stars.

Hey! Suddenly, I can’t see the stars!

Okay, valve.

Will you bake will? I can sleep.

Oh!...Sarge pollution.

Hagar the Horrible

Hagar! Come down from there!

Where’s your body? There’s an official coming to give him the “H最 of the Year” award!

Are you both not to do that?

It’s too dangerous!

Blondie

Okay, I’ve got it! It’s go on the pepperoni supreme instead of the sausage.

Sounds great! We won’t have to wait on that crusty old deep crust.
Happy Halloween!

There’s lots of no-shows for the party. The witch’s flight was delayed, and the vampires can’t come out because it’s still daylight saving time.

Frankenstein’s monster couldn’t get it together to be here.

So there’s only a small crowd...

...just a skeleton crew.

Ske by Gary Brookins & Sue MacIntyre

Do you believe in this day for the dead? I do!

It’s in a New York City neighborhood.

So today I am confirming that I was wrong in yesterday’s question. I was.

Here it is:

I love beautiful call and-who, like this?

On a day like this, I like to lie down on the grass and look up at the autumn leaves.

Pickles by Susie Ghahremani

Oh, heck, not again!

I love beautiful call and—like this.

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I love beautiful call and—like this.

The Barn Loser by Chip Simons

I usually recommend our special, the sautéed frog legs.

I’m going to follow your suggestion and order the frog legs.

But I hear everyone says they taste like chicken.

No, not at all. Contrary, actually.

In France, we say chicken tastes like frog legs.

Actually, I didn’t know how they’re supposed to taste. I’ve never tried frog legs before.

But I hear everyone says they taste like chicken.

Tiger by Bud Blake

Now, let’s get on with your help.

I appreciate your help.

Thank you. Thank you.

The very least you could do is watch me.
**THE PHANTOM**

**BY LEE FALK**

**TOUGHEST MAN IN CAMP**

**TWO MORE WHO THOUGHT THEY WERE**

**BECOME VICTIMS OF RHODA IS CORDIAL, BUT SEEK OUT HONEST AUTHORITIES ABOUT YOUR TIME HERE.**

**KHANNE KOPPE**

**BUT HE HAS GORDON'S OBER OR DEATH**

**I KNOW YOUR EX-COMMANDER WILL ANSWER FOR THAT!**

**DOONESBURY**

**BY GARRY TRUDEAU**

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**MARRY IN FAMILY**

**BY ANNA WOOLFSBERG**

**PEGGY LOST HER SITTER KID - TO WATCH HER BABY UNTIL SHE CAN FIND SOMEONE ELSE**

**HOW'S HE SET THE HONE TRICK?**

**WE'VE NEEDED SOMEONE TO HELP WITH CHRISTMAS PICS**

**WELL, I KNOW ONE HOLIDAY WE CELEBRATED TOGETHER!**

**I'M HUNGRY WHEN'S CHOW**

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The title “Love at First Sight” is so true regarding John Milioti who while serving in the Air Force at Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas — where he was transferred after an assignment in Panama — went into a large mess hall only to find the food line closed. Seated around a nearby table were several young WAFs, so this single Airman First Class sat down with them. One of those WAFs was Airman Renee Jones with whom John began a conversation and being very hungry noticed she had some untouched leftovers on her plate. She offered them to him and they became instant friends. After going out together, they married within 75 days of that chance meeting. Two years later Renee became pregnant and was discharged in 1966 from the service due to Air Force regulations of that era. John stayed in through 1967, was discharged to return to civilian life in New Mexico where he grew up. Taking with him, his bride, a native of New Mexico, they quickly learned to ad-just to the weather and accents. This couple became employed and settled down, she with Blue Seal Seed Company in New Hampshire for 15 years. John worked for Zerox Corp. from 1988 to 1982 moving through various positions to become Regional Service Manager for several states. From 1983 until 2001, he was in management of the OFF Tech Co. that became Ricoh Tech Co. An opportunity to become Vice President of Toshiba Business Solutions for their New England Region became his final job before moving to Punto Gorda in 2008. Renee worked in Southwest Florida for the U.S. Census Bureau a total of five years, retiring this year. Both thoroughly enjoy the beautiful weather here that allows them to ride bikes most every day and his hobby of gardening, especially growing pineapples.

Now with free time John decided to buy a car of his dreams, a big red convertible to cruise about in on a daily basis. A Dynasty Red 1974 Cadillac Eldorado was found for sale online at a specialty car dealer in Tampa. A trip there resulted in those 120-wire spoke wheels “jumping out” at him and after an inspection, photos were taken before the year around home. One week later John and Renee returned, made a deal that allowed one happy fellow to drive the Caddy back to Charlotte County. The nickname “Isabelle” was agreed upon because it’s Italian and exotic sounding.

Before going further about the Eldorado it should be known John liked special autos since he was a young man who got his driv-er’s license in his dad’s 1957 Chevy hardtop. While in Panama he owned a 1951 Ford which was sporty, and later a beautiful 1954 Chevrolet Bel Air hard-top in New Hampshire. The Chevy was driven regularly to show for years all around the tri-state area until it was sold just prior to mov-ing south. Of course, there were others, but these three have always remained in his mind as fun vehicles.

Back to “Isabelle,” it had the transmission, brakes, suspension and carburator rebuilt plus the valve job and installation of an all-stainless dual exhaust system as well as a new fancy white wall tires. It was a “WOW” car when he purchased it and even more so now with the upgrades. Where you see it at the Sun Newspaper Show Nov. 21 take a look inside to see the great custom-made floor mat.

While John is “tinkering” with his four-wheel mistress, Renee reads and visits used bookstores. Evenings, beside bicy-cyling they like to ride top down anywhere they want to go. Nice!

Forty eight years after their whirlwind courtship the Miliotos have two married daughters, Christine, a double degreed teacher who also is Director of Music for a middle school in Binghamton, N.Y. Jennifer is a col-lege professor at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y. Between them they have three suzes.

Some interesting specifications of the 1974 Cadillac Eldorado

- CV: Basic cost new,
19437; production;
7600; weight, 5019 lbs.
- length, 224.1 inches
- or 18 ft, 8 in. long;
wheelbase,126.3 inches;
- width is 78.7 in.;
- engine is 8.2 liters, V8, 500 cu. in.;
- fuel capacity, 27 gal.;
- 93 octane required;
- MPG-8 (no kidding!!!)

John says “Isabelle” will be with him until he can no longer drive, then will be passed on to younger family members.

Here are some statistics on the 1974 Cadillac Eldorado:

- CV:
- 3.66:x1.73;
- 7:1;
- 1.78:1;
- 18:1;
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- 18:1; a ratio that is most efficient for performance and fuel economy.

Photos by Lee Rosston

Renée and John Milioti owners of the 1974 Cadillac Eldorado.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday, Oct. 25, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free Open Cruise-In at Home Depot, 391 Tamiami Trail/Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda by the Veteran Motor Car Club of America. All vehicles are welcome. Free DJ, coffee and doughnuts to car show participants, 50/50 drawing. No preregis-tation or fees to be the military. Info Lee Rosston 941-626-4552.

- Sunday, Oct. 26, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Muscle Car City Monthly Auto Flora Market, 3811 Tamiami Trail, PG, 510 double space for auto-related items only, $5 per single “For Sale” car space in the “For Sale” aisle. Pay day of show to view items on sale. Proceeds by Sun’s Traveling Tunes. All activities free of charge, public welcome. Info Contact Donna Modesto, Gen. Manager 941-575-5959.

- Saturday, Nov. 1, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free Open Cruise-In at Tawawa Plaza, 2705 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda by the Veteran Motor Car Club of America. All years, makes, models including modified welcome. DJ, coffee and doughnuts to show participants, 50/50 drawing. No preregistration nor fees to be the military. Info Lee — 941-626-4552.

- Saw this date! Sat. Nov. 8, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sun Newspaper 8th Annual Welcome Back Open House and Collector Car Show, 2370 Harborview Road, Port Charlotte. See how your award-winning newspaper operates, tours of the newspaper office and plant starting 10 a.m. to noon. Live entertainment by Shale, Rattle and Soul featuring Mike T-Roy Obsoinu Tribute Artist with Mike Brown as Johnny Cash & The Big Bopper, Pat Brown portrays Connie Francis & Patry Cline. Charlotte Technical Center will be available with instructors and auto components to answer questions pertaining to modern vehicles. Speak to Barney Duffy, School Director about this and other programs available. Hospitality room with free DJ, coffee and doughnuts to car show participants first hour. Open to only non-modified cars and trucks at least 23 years old. See the “Rock of 1955-57” Thunderbird display and some new 2015 paint. Space limited to 500 vehicles. There is no registration fee, but participants must preregister. RVP to “Drive” Osborne, 941-235-7701 other info Don Rosston — 941-626-4552.

- Collector Car Event Information: Larry May of Lee County has Cruise-In and show information from Naples to Sarasota. Access his website at www.larrymayinltswfl.com for weekly updates. Also for similar but somewhat different hobby happenings log onto www.musicallycorrect.net. You may also contact the DJ’s Tom’s Traveling Tunes — 941-240-5799 and Lance Crouter to the Hop — 941-371-1001.

The instrument panel of the 1974 Eldorado featured car.

500-cubic inch engine of Milioti’s Caddy CV.
2015 Honda Fit is still different and mostly good

By TERRY BOX

The Dallas Morning News

Wacky, wisy Honda Fits make Minis seem scarce. They raucously cele-brate small, proudly wearing widdy little hood-ies and headlamps that resemble George Jetson’s slippers. Every time I see one of the moon-dusted pods in traffic, I halfway expect wind turbines with red noses and yellow shoes to leap out, juggling balls and performing dance routines.

Here’s the deal, though: While oddly styled and distinctly non-luxurious — qualities I appreciate — the Fit has had big accolades for nearly a decade.

Since 2006, it has been one of the shiniest skates on the road, a 2,600-pound compact that sings when pushed, smiles when shaved and tackles curves and corners with good-natured vigor. And it delivers a fun for a starting price of less than $16,000 — sort of the same excitement you get happy to tolerate a Big Mac from the drive-thru for four bucks.

So Honda faced a daunting challenge when it decided to re-engineering the 2015 Fit. The Fit was not a low-volume vehicle; its sales last year were 53,513. But it’s the kind of car that aging, practicality and commendable levels of performance in ways no one else in the segment can match. And Honda mostly got it right on the ’15 Fit, giving it a new engine, platform and body.

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REAL ESTATE NEWS...

FOUR CORNERS OF THE DOCUMENT

By Marie D’Artagnan

Many times parties to a real estate contract are confused about what their responsibilities are. The specific language incorporated within the four corners of the contract is what prevails. In those instances where section delineates either the buyer’s or the seller’s obligations, and when certain things must be performed and concluded.

Over the years the Florida Association of Realtors and the Florida Bar Association have collaborated in developing and revising real estate contracts to better fulfill the needs of the consumers and realtors alike resulting from dynamic market changes and the way we do real estate business.

A real estate purchase agreement is very straightforward, and there really should not be any major issues associated with the contract itself. The real questions appear when someone cannot or does not perform within the time constraints specified in the contract. For example, what happens when the buyer’s lender inserts a document in the mortgage loan package that contains language that the buyer is not comfortable signing? Allowing the buyers/borrowers had provided truthful information during the course of applying for their loan, this last minute loan issue can, in fact, delay closing. To avoid this delay the buyer/borrower’s attorney will usually ask the lender to provide the original contract as a new closing date. The simple answer is that the seller would continue to be responsible for granting access to the new closing dates. Laws, however, are changing because of the property泡沫. Therefore, delaying closing can create a hardship for the seller, particularly when the property泡沫. The property泡沫. The seller may want to close transactions as much as the property泡沫. And to ask to the agents for a closeout of contracts when the agents have done everything within the scope of their duties.

All real estate contracts contain “hidden” agenda. The hidden agenda is not intentional. It is inherent in the writing of many contracts, years of commitment, commitment to family, commitment to consummate common sense issues. Weighed answers are included in each of the four corners of the document, but address in a professionally meaningful manner. The united dynamics are placed between each and every paragraph of the buyer/borrower’s attorney. A truly professional must be educated, professionally and personally experienced enough to determine the issues. Being fully informed in the last minute, negotiable, and be the buyers that will assure that their customer walks away from the closing date, completely satisfied that their best interests have been fully and clearly represented within the four corners of the document.

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Here’s what you need to know about sidestepping sneaky trans fats and why we’re in favor of the total trans fat ban currently under consideration by the Food and Drug Administration.

Trans fats, also known as partially hydrogenated fats, are made by bubbling extra hydrogen through hot oil to create a Franken-fat that’s solid at room temperature. It’s used to improve the texture and shelf life of processed foods.

Once widely used in everything from french fries to baked goods, trans fats fell out of favor after researchers discovered that even small quantities accelerate artery clogging. In 2006, the FDA required trans fats to be listed on nutrition labels. Since then, food makers have slashed the amount in the American food supply by 73 percent, which some claim has saved up to 9,000 lives a year. We think the number is much higher.

But a loophole lets manufacturers claim on the nutrition label that their products with less than 0.5 grams of trans fats per serving contain zero trans fats. The problem is that no amount of trans fat is safe to eat! That’s why the FDA is considering declaring trans fat no longer “generally recognized as safe.” That would effectively ban partially hydrogenated oils from being used in foods. We hope it happens! That change could prevent 10,000-20,000 heart attacks and other heart “events” per year, and save at least another 7,000 lives per year.

Until then, take these steps to ban them from your diet.

Start with the nutrition facts. When buying processed food—anything that’s not a fruit, veggie, plain dairy product, meat or unadorned grain—flip the package over and check the nutrition panel for trans fats. If the number is higher than “0,” put the product back on the shelf.

Next, read the ingredients list. As you now know, trans fats hide out in processed foods that claim to have none. So if a product says there are zero, double-check by scanning the ingredients list for the words “partially hydrogenated oil.” That’s trans fat. If it’s there, say, “no thanks.” Don’t worry about “natural” trans fats in dairy and meat. You may have heard that bacteria in the stomachs of cows and sheep convert oils from the food they eat into naturally occurring trans fats. So far, there’s no evidence that these raise risk for heart disease—although red meat does!”

ZITS By Jerry Scott & Jim Borgman

MY MOM SAYS THAT I SPEND HALF OF MY TIME COMPLAINING ABOUT HER AND THE OTHER HALF MESSING WITH MY PHONE.

RIDICULOUS!

I KNOW, RIGHT?

SHE’S NOT EVEN COUNTING THE TIME I SPEND COMPLAINING ABOUT HER WHILE I MESS WITH MY PHONE.

GERALD, THERE’S AN OLD SAYING... "A LAZY CAT GATHERS NO FONDUS." THAT’S WHY YOU ARE HERE TO SERVE ME.

MARY WORTH By Karen Moy and Joe Giella

I’M A CONVENIENT WAY TO LIVE A LIFE OF DEPENDENT LIVING FOR THE PRONEST?!

JEN, COME WITH ME TO TAKE A LOOK AT MY SPIDERWEB COMMITMENT WEB. CHECK IT OUT.

OOPS, SORRY. I DIDN’T KNOW YOU WERE ALREADY THERE.

WUMO By Wulff and Morgenthaler

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REX MUNIZAN by Woody Wilson and Terry Beatty

YOU CAN’T BE SERIOUS! WHY CAN’T I HAVE THE CANS?

OWNING A CAT IS A BIG RESPONSIBILITY, KELLY....

...BUT SARAH MORGAN IS AN EVEN BIGGER RESPONSIBILITY!!

YOU’RE NOT READY YET... I HAVE TO SAY NO!

MEXICAN Oafaoz by Scott Adams

PHIL: IF I HAD YOUR JOB I WOULD SECRETLY SUBMIT IT OUT TO STRANGERS ON THE INTERNET AND PAY THEM $5 OF MY SALARY WHILE I DID NOTHING ALL DAY.

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DILBERT, MEET OUR NEW GRAPHIC DESIGNER.

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MY MOTHER ENTERED ME IN A MACRAE MATH CONTEST. I HOPE I DON’T WIN.

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LET ME PUT IT THIS WAY...

IF YOU WERE A PHONE NUMBER, YOUR AREA CODE WOULD BE 911!

MUTTS By Patrick McDonnell

I DON’T LIKE THE WAY HE’S LOOKING AT ME.

BABY BLUES By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott

OF COURSE NOT, WE ARE PARTNERS. BUT YOU ARE IN CHARGE, RIGHT?

DOONSBURY By Garry Trudeau

HELP! I HAD TO SPEAK TO "MARKETING" "MAINS" Dad AGAIN.

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE By Lynn Johnston

MICHAEL, IF YOU'RE GOING TO THE PARTY ON FRIDAY, MAKE SURE YOU ARE AT THE TABLE YOU ARE GOING TO!

Hang on to this hint

Dear Heloise: I have a small closet and never seem to have enough space. Rather than keep empty hangers in my closet, I keep them in a laundry basket near the washer and dryer. They don’t take up much-needed space and are right there when I pull clothes out of the dryer. — Lydia in Illinois

Don’t put an empty hanger back on the rod only to have it take up space. I move mine to the end of the rod so they are all in one place. Also, there is a big hook attached to the wall, where I hang extra hangers that need to go to the laundry mom. — Heloise

Wedding bouquet

Dear Heloise: I dried the flowers from the wedding bouquet of our children. Then I put one or two flowers in clear plastic. Christmas ornaments that come apart, which you can buy at craft stores. On the outside, I put their names and the date of their marriage. For the parents and grandparents, I used their corsages and boutonnieres. They made lovely surprise gifts for the next Christmas! — A Reader in Canada

Prepare pets

Dear Readers: How many of you have emergency plans that include your pets? Our pets are members of the family! In my household, my thinking is that David, my husband, can get himself out the door, but Charmy, our silken wheaten (adopted dog), may need my help! If there’s an emergency, don’t have any pets behind the door. Here are a few hints from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and me to be prepared so your pet friends will be safe:

• Have a visible sticker or sign that shows the number and type of animals present. This alerts emergency personnel that animals may be inside.

• Store an emergency kit, leashes and carriers so they can be grabbed quickly if you live in an area that is prone to sudden evacuation situations.

• Locate (beforehand) places your animals can stay if necessary. Make a list of boarding facilities and hotels that accept pets.

• Make sure your pets always have identification tags and are chipped, if possible!

If you don’t live somewhere sudden “disasters,” still think through the steps you might need. — Heloise
Occasional hookups keep flame alive for 10 years

DEAR ABBY!

I have known “Justin” for 10 years. I’m very interested in him. I’m sure he knows it, but we have never talked about it. Once in a blue moon we “hook up,” and I’m usually the one to set the date up. We’re friends on social media, but weeks — even months — can pass without our speaking to each other. Justin and I have no mutual friends, so I can’t “accidently” bump into him at gatherings or anything like that.

I honestly don’t mind hooking up with him because he’s the only one I do that with. But it does hurt when I don’t hear from him afterward. What should I do? Is it obvious I’m head over heels for him — he can’t be that blind?” — Plain Jane in Stockton, Calif.

DEAR JANE: If Justin was interested in something more than an occasional hookup, he’d be the one calling you, and it wouldn’t be once in a blue moon. Ten years is long enough to chase an emotionally unavailable man, if this was meaningful to him, it would have already happened, and you’d be more than friends on social media.

DEAR ABBY: I’ll be 30 soon, and my friends and I have drifted apart because we’ve all in different stages of our lives. Some of us still frequent the bar scene, others have gotten married or dropped off the radar. My closest friend is so wrapped up in “mommy blogs” and all things “baby” that she’s no longer able to discuss much else.

I don’t have children, and I’m tired of going to bars. I’m in a happy, committed relationship, but neither of us wants to focus on marriage for a few years. How do people connect with others at this stage of the game? — Friendless in New Jersey

Dear Friendless: One way is to expand your interests. You and your boyfriend should join groups and meet people with whom you’ll have something in common. If you’re interested in politics, the next 10 years should give you plenty of opportunity to meet new volunteers. Volunteering is another way to expand your circle of acquaintances.

While you won’t make dear friends overnight — friendships usually take a while to grow — the more people you meet, the greater your chances will be of developing meaningful relationships.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 20-year-old college student who is a virgin. I think this is the time to date people and get a better understanding of who I am and what I like in men. When I tell guys I’m a virgin, they don’t want to talk to me anymore. When is the best time to bring it up, and how do I do that in conversation? — Diamond in the East

Dear Diamond: You may be jumping the gun and announcing your status prematurely. The subject of one’s virginity — or lack thereof — is relevant at the time when there’s a reason to anticipate there will be intimacy in a couple’s relationship.

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“Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whoever is deceived thereby is not wise.” — Proverbs 20:1

Alcohol specialists in making fools. Be wise and keep your life pure from this mocker that destroys homes, jobs and lives.

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Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and 3x3 block. Use logic and process elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

RATING: GOLD

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Just because a situation is working for you right now doesn’t make it working for you in general. Tonight, your mood is full of contradictions, and you’ll have important interactions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): It’s so easy to become overejected of yourself. Everyone makes mistakes — get over it. Engage in activities that power your self-esteem.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Shopping could be the exact distraction to help you happy, glamorous and ready for love. Tonight, the lifetime calls you. Let loose and live big, because the cosmic focus favors fun.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Release yourself from a group that has been commanding too much of your precious energy. At home, instead of avoiding conflict, go through it with your eyes wide open.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your responsibilities are tall — up — and you’re bringing more people on your team not only to get the job done, but it also helps your forge some close relationships.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): This literary business is really melting with you. But it’s a new beginning, a fresh start, a clean slate. To what are you supposed to focus? Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your role in a group is changing. You don’t necessarily want to lead, but you may find yourself in that position nonetheless. It’s because you have a vision.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be bold and daring. The world needs more of you, so much more. Something you’ve been keeping to yourself is worth sharing. Try it, but do it logically.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Red-carpet dreams fill your head. Try to figure out a way to take on responsibilities that are more to your liking. A current position may begin to push back.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Here’s what your loved one most wants to know. “I’m there for you.” Deliver this message, not in words, but in action. It will be a letter in motion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Getting out from under a rut will be easier than you thought it would be. You simply have to make a choice, and then make another.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Treat yourself how you want to be treated. Don’t wait for someone to give you what you need. Buy yourself a nice outfit or take yourself out. It’s as simple as thinking you’re the one delivering the goods.

TODAY’S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 25): Your dreams will be preserved. Dream about yourself, and think about your wishes and ambitions before you drift off. Your work schedule will change in November, come tasks, different attitude, locational outcome. Love will form your domestic arrangement; January through March will be the best financially. Aquarius and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are 34, 6, 10, 27 and 31.

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WEeKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q 1 - Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ Q 10 7 5 2  ♦ A K J 4  ♣ K 7 3 2

The bidding:

SOUTH WEST
Pass
Pass
Pass
Pass

What call would you make?

Q 2 - North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♥ A 9 8 7 6  ♦ Q 9 8 7 6

The bidding:

NORTH EAST
Pass
Pass
Pass
Pass

What call would you make?

Q 3 - East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♥ Q 4 3 2  ♦ K 0 7 6

The bidding:

EAST WEST
Pass
Pass
Pass
Pass

What call would you make?

Q 4 - Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♥ J 5 A ♦ Q 9 8  ♣ 10 9 7 8 6 5 4

Partner opens one no trump and right-hand opponent bids two spades.
What call would you make?

Q 5 - North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A K 7 0 6 5  ♦ A K 9 4  ♣ 10 2 0

The bidding:

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
Pass
Pass
Pass
Pass

What call would you make?

Q 6 - East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♥ K 8 7 6 5 0  ♦ K 7 6 5 0  ♣ 6 4 3

Right-hand opponent opens one diamond. What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

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