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Teacher charged with child abuse

Now the parent of a child alleged to have been abused wants the accused teacher off the school district's payroll.

BY AUDREY BLACKWELL
STAFF WRITER

A parent of one of four special needs children allegedly abused by a Venice Elementary School teacher is tired of waiting for the school district to fire her.

Diane Zales O'Neill, 45, of Sarasota, who was accused five months ago of abusing handicapped pupils at Venice Elementary School, was formally charged Thursday with four counts of felony child abuse for incidents that allegedly took place from Dec. 5, 2007, to Jan. 14, 2008.

Assistant State Attorney Dawn M. Buff's memo in the case states that the majority of the actions O'Neill is accused of are more in line with statutes prohibiting child abuse — an intentional act that could reasonably be expected to result in physical or mental injury — than aggravated child abuse, the original charge. The state must show torture or malicious punishment beyond a reasonable doubt to prove the higher charge.

O'Neill's arraignment is set for Aug. 8 at the Sarasota County Courthouse.

On the payroll

O'Neill was placed on paid administrative leave Jan. 28 by school principal Theresa Baus, and Baus initiated a school investigation. She remains on paid leave.

The parent, who wants to remain anonymous to protect her child, said the school district should terminate the teacher rather than continue her on the payroll.

"The fact that it took from February until now … I thought it was ridiculous to wait. She should have been suspended with pay only until enough information was gathered," the parent said.

The parent questioned why O'Neill is still being paid and said she is concerned that if the case is not resolved by the beginning of the next school year — "if she is not terminated by then" — O'Neill will still be under contract and will continue to get benefits as if she is an employed teacher and could still accrue retirement.

According to the parent, the school investigation was conducted by an outside party and concluded a couple of weeks ago. She said she called Michael Jones, executive director of the school district's human resources department, and his secretary told her they have the report in hand but would not do anything until the state attorney's office took action.

The parent said she questions why statutes are in place through the school board regarding disciplinary action that are not being used if they wait for the state attorney's office.

"The most important thing is that people understand that the school board has rules they are not enforcing. I worry what that says to other teachers, that she is

Please see **ABUSE, 5A**

SUN PHOTO BY ROGER BUTTON

Work continues on the Nokomis Beach Plaza in readiness for its reopening next month.

Beach plaza to reopen in August

BY ROGER BUTTON
BUSINEWS COLUMNIST

Almost 60 years after the original Nokomis Beach Pavilion was built, the totally rebuilt replica is to be completed on time and will open in one month.

Sarasota County Parks & Recreation Department Supervisor Rob LaDue complimented the contractor, Howell Construction, for doing a great job. He announced the official ribbon-cutting for the renamed facility — Nokomis Beach Plaza — will be at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19.

Visitors will see numerous changes to the combined north and south plaza. The new facilities include linear-access restrooms, a kitchen and community room. The surrounding plaza has been restored to the original design supervised by architect Jack West, who designed it in the early 1950s.

Access to both parking areas has been re-engineered for better parking, particularly in the southern lot, where the entrance is being moved farther south to slow traffic. Posts, ropes, ribbon curbs and cement car bumpers are being constructed.

The north lot has been reconfigured, reducing the impact on the dunes, reducing maintenance and making it user friendly and ADA accessible. Part of the boardwalk has been removed and replaced by posts and rope with access off the new covered seating area.

Proposals are in hand to bring back the concession stand in the south pavilion following renovations in the next 12 months. Built in the early 1950s, the building will be retrofitted, including repairs and replacement of the restroom facilities.

"Saltwater and corrosion batter the buildings, and we have the funding to repair everything," said LaDue.

Electrical service will be replaced and upgraded, providing for a large fryer and grill for the concession operator. Additional seating will be provided.

Following the recent introduction of smoke-free beach zones LaDue said, "Talking to lifeguards and Sarasota sheriffs confirms they have seen a dramatic reduction in smoking litter at Siesta Key and Nokomis Beach."

Improved signs are planned for the lifeguard towers.

Jack Clark, project supervisor for Howell Construction, confirmed work is on schedule for completion on Aug. 29. Public access is expected to be available from that date.

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IN HAND. Sarasota County Environmental Specialist Rene Janneman holds one of the many scallops he hopes will breed and ideally replenish the local sea scallop population.

Mayor: Council has a game plan

BY BOB MUDGE
EDITOR

Venice Mayor Ed Martin met with members of the press Thursday to give an update on major projects on city council's plate.

His message in a nutshell: Progress is being made.

"We've got a process that's moving," he said. "It may not be visible to the public."

He was referring specifically to work on airport plans, but that theme was common to all of the topics on his agenda.

The first item was the comprehensive plan, which council is in the process of revising. It's time, he said, to move from analysis to drafting and adoption.

Martin

"We have thought about and discussed every neighborhood," he said. "We have completed phase 1 of that process."

The next phase will be the preparation of revisions to the plan, which will then go to city advisory boards for comment, then back to council for public hearings and, finally, a vote.

"My hope is that it will be on its way to Tallahassee (for state review) … let's say, within four months," he said.

Please see **PLAN, 5A**

County keeps dollars at River Road-U.S. 41 intersection

BY STEVEN J. SMITH
STAFF WRITER

The money stays at the River Road-U.S. 41 intersection. For now.

Ignoring a lawsuit threat by the North Port City Commission to use $7.8 million collected in county impact fees for Sumter Boulevard, the Sarasota County Commission unanimously voted Tuesday to apply those funds to previously agreed-to improvements to the River Road-U.S. 41 intersection.

"I believe staff is correct in their interpretation that we do have the right to do this," said Commissioner Nora Patterson, referring to the contention by North Port officials that they had the right under an interlocal agreement with the county to first refusal on those funds.

Patterson **Staub**

However, Patterson added, "it would be so much nicer" if the county couched its decision in terms that would not offend the sensibilities of the North Port City Commission.

Commission Chair Shannon Staub suggested the decision could be contingent upon North Port signing off on it as well, although that action was not mandated by the interlocal agreement.

Barbetta

"This is legal stuff and it's common sense," Staub said. "We could write a letter (to them explaining) this is our next step."

"So, what if they say no?" countered Commissioner Joe Barbetta. "Does that mean we're not going to do it?"

"Let's let them know we approved the agenda item with a letter going to North Port letting them know we did this, asking them for comments," Patterson said.

North Port City Commission

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Good morning, *Gondolier Sun* subscriber, **CARL WESEN**

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July 22N ..3103
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July 23.....1-5-6-7-33
July 22.....3-9-21-23-28
July 21.....4-10-19-24-33
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Payoff for July 22

2 5-digit winners: ...$102,970.06
353 4-digit winners: $94
11,049 3-digit winners:.....$8
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MEGA MONEY

July 22 18-20-23-33
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July 18 9-11-17-36
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Drawings occur Tuesday, Friday evenings

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0 4 of 4 + MB .....$—
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1,031 3 of 4.....$56
1,749 2 of 4 + MB.....$23

LOTTO

July 23 8-9-10-29-37-47
July 19 9-14-19-29-44-51
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Year	22.16"	27.46"

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GAS GAUGE

SUN FILE GRAPHIC

According to autos.msn.com on Thursday, the lowest gas price in the Venice area was $3.959 per gallon at several local stations. The highest price in the area, according to the Web site, was $4.199 per gallon at Myakka River Trading Post, 9001 South Tamiami Trail, Venice.

Take shelter from lightning

FROM SARASOTA COUNTY

Lightning can strike when you least expect it. That's what makes it more dangerous than hurricanes and tornadoes combined.

About 47 people a year in Florida are injured or killed by lightning strikes. That's also what makes Florida the lighting capital of the United States.

Sarasota County Emergency Management Chief Ed McCrane reminds residents that it's important to take lightning and thunderstorms seriously by seeking a safe shelter when storms approach.

During Florida summers, severe storms can form with little warning, and lightning can strike 10 miles from rainfall. McCrane said residents are in danger of being struck by lightning if they hear thunder.

People are urged to use the "30/30 Rule" when they're outdoors. They should find shelter when the time between a lightning flash and thunder is 30 seconds or less. They also should remain in a safe location for 30 minutes following the final thunderclap.

Lightning strike victims often assume the threat has passed after thunderstorm, although lightning can travel far from the core of a storm's rain.

Nearly half of all lightening deaths happen in open areas. For safety, look for a substantial building, such as a home, away from windows, or a vehicle with a metal roof. Avoid trees, covered picnic shelters, tents and convertibles.

If someone is struck by lightning, call 9-1-1 and get immediate medical help. Lightning strikes can cause cardiac arrest, burns and nerve damage.

Bystanders are in no danger when providing medical aid and CPR as victims don't carry an electrical charge. Many deaths can be prevented if a victim receives proper, immediate first aid.

Floridians should watch weather conditions and have a plan in case of severe weather, McCrane said. A portable NOAA all-hazards radio can provide alerts in case a severe thunderstorm watch or warning is issued.

For more information on disasters, and to find out how you can Get a Plan! for disaster preparedness, visit www.FloridaDisaster.org or the All Hazards Web site at www.scgov.net.

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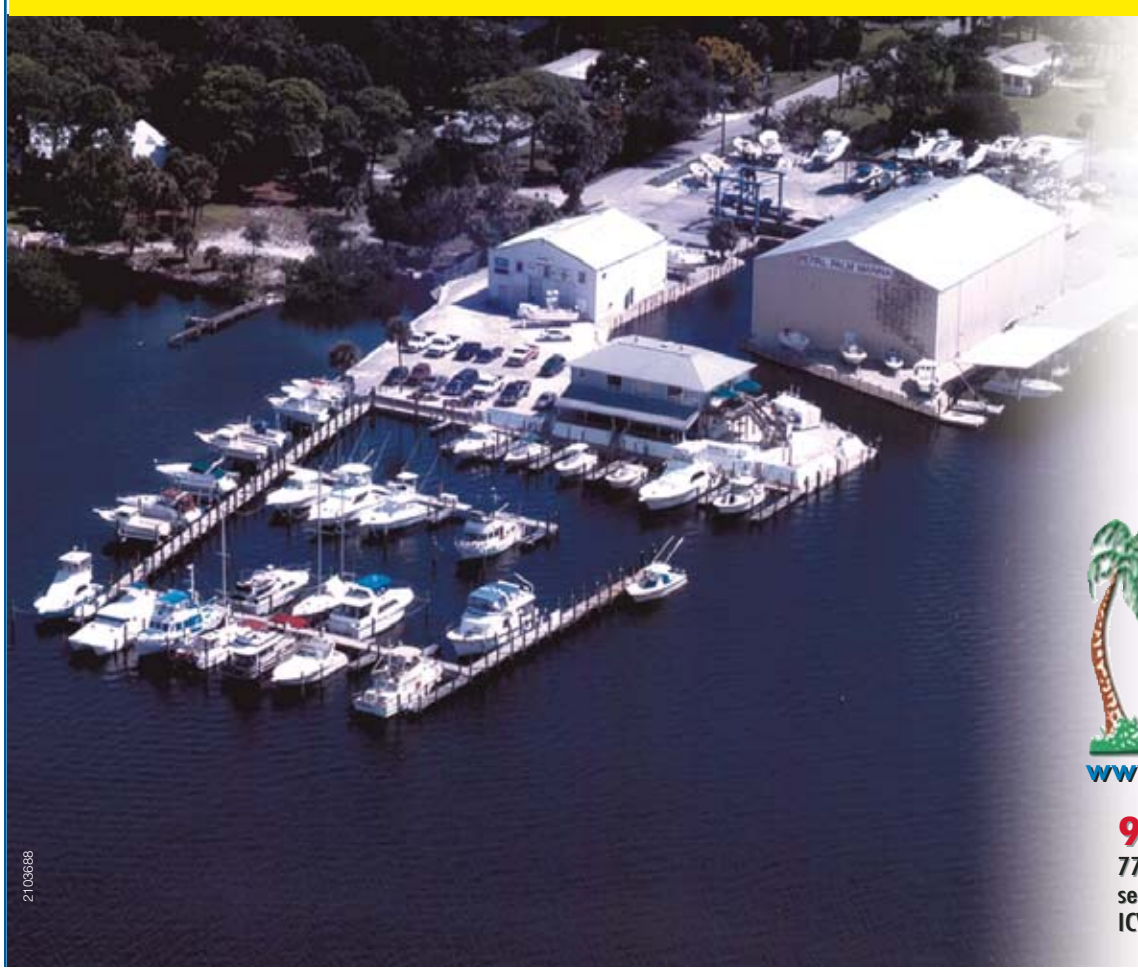

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Lifestyles Committee dedicated to all

BY JESSICA MILLER
INTERN

The Venice Lifestyles Committee met Wednesday afternoon with ears open to all voices, young and old.

The purpose of the committee is to advise city council on issues in the city concerning youth, senior citizens and disabled persons.

The two guest speakers at Wednesday's meeting hit all three bases.

Senior comfort

Sarasota County Senior Advisory Council Member Van Deist addressed the county's position on residential accessibility for seniors and disabled persons.

Deist explained there are two certifications being looked into: visitability and universal design.

"Our council is trying to encourage commissioners on basic design requirements for the comfort of individuals," Deist said.

Components of universal design include an accessible bedroom and bathroom on the first floor of all residences.

"If grandma left her retirement home to come visit, we want her to be comfortable and able to function easily," Deist said.

Other proposed elements include wide-passage doors either 34 or 36 inches wide and low-rise windows that are wheelchair-friendly.

Bathrooms, kitchens and hallways are encouraged to be 5 feet in diameter to ensure movability.

"These are important criteria, and we are trying to keep it simple," Deist said. "Keep in mind it is important for accessibility to be comfortable for the people in the community and the people you care about."

City Council Member Sue Lang said council voted in the comprehensive plan to make this topic a priority.

Lifestyles Committee member Kathy Kurz said the federal government is looking for public input on the new accessibility design for the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"This is a chance for city and county to come together and have public input," Kurz said.

For more information, visit ada.gov. The deadline for public input is Aug. 18.

Eliminating youth vacancy

Next on the committee's agenda: youth development.

Community Youth Development Program Assistant L'tea Humphrey Woodward addressed the committee about the board position for a student volunteer.

Woodward presented the Students Taking Active Roles program.

According to the CYD Web site, STAR "prepares students to serve as decision-makers in Sarasota County through training in civics, communication, leadership, meeting roles and responsibilities, problem solving, and community assessment skills."

After this program, students are expected to be prepared to serve as a board member for different councils.

The STAR program has already put a member on the city of Venice Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Committee Chair Dick Dodderidge said there's an opening for a high school student on his board.

"This could be step one," Dodderidge said.

Kruz then addressed the need for the committee to explore all options.

"The position needs to be open to any student," Kruz said.

Committee Member David Ursel thought of STAR as another avenue to getting youth involved.

Dodderidge then suggested looking into Venice High's volunteer program as well.

The youth position requires the approval of the mayor and city council.

Lang suggested the committee narrow down its choice to one organization and then suggest it to council.

The nomination process for the youth vacancy will then flow, Lang said.

Applications for the youth position on the Lifestyles Committee can be picked up at city hall, 401 W. Venice Ave.

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County OKs loans for library, beach upgrades

BY STEVEN J. SMITH
STAFF WRITER

The Sarasota County commissioners unanimously approved $10.5 million in short-term loans Wednesday to expedite the funding of projects earmarked by the recently passed 1-cent sales surtax.

Among South County projects awaiting the funding were:

- The North Port Health and Family Service Center Facility ($1.025 million)
- The Elsie Quirk Library Remodel Project ($500,000)
- The Manasota Beach Restroom Project ($81,000)
- The Caspersen Beach Restroom Project ($50,000)
- The Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program ($1 million)

County Administrator Jim Ley advocated the speedy passage of the approval for the borrowing, maintaining it would mirror the positive effects of a similar action initiated in May, which occurred days after voters approved bonding up to $300 million for projects earmarked for future sales tax dollars.

"(That) provided monies for things like purchase-approved right of way, sidewalks, and the initiation of some resurfacing activity," Ley said. "This commercial paper borrowing allows us to move (some) projects quickly (and) expedites the projects in the stimulus plan."

Commission Chair Shannon Staub supported the action, aimed at kick-starting the local economy.

"What we do is we go out to move (these projects) ahead quickly," Staub said. "We borrow short-term commercial paper and then once we get about $180 million worth of them, we will then do a bond. Bonds are expensive."

Staub said actual work on the projects will begin very soon. Some, such as road resurfacing projects in North County would start "tomorrow," she said, while others have already begun.

"Elsie Quirk is in the design (phase)," she said. "So they're working on it now. On projects like the Manasota Beach restroom restoration, for example, we finally got them repaired enough to open them back up. Now we start on replacing them. As for bridge rehab, the Overbrook Gardens Bridge was just done in conjunction with Dearborn Street improvements."

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Ford-Coates honored

PHOTO COURTESY OF BARBARA FORD-COATES

The County Commission recognized Sarasota County Tax Collector Barbara Ford-Coates, who received the Victor E. Martinelli Outstanding Tax Collector Award at the National Association of County Collectors, Treasurers and Finance Officers meeting in Kansas City, Mo., July 12. The award is presented to a dedicated individual who has made improvements in cash management, is a professional of the highest caliber in the operation of his or her own county office and serves as a leader in his or her home state.

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Tax Deed File #: 08-0226 TD

Description of Property: 0951-14-6012 LOT 12 BLK 1460 30TH ADD TO PORT CHARLOTTE
Name in which the property is assessed: DENNISTON MITCHELL

All of said property being in the County of Sarasota, State of Florida. Unless the certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described in the certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Sarasota County Court House, 2000 Main Street, Historic Courtroom, East Wing, Sarasota, Florida, at 9:00 a.m. on the 13TH day of AUGUST, 2008.

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Certificate Number: 5361.000
Year of Issuance: 2006
Tax Deed File #: 08-0228 TD

Description of Property: 2020-02-0022 LOT 3 BLK L AMARYLLIS PARK
Name in which the property is assessed: CALVIN BRYANT

All of said property being in the County of Sarasota, State of Florida. Unless the certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described in the certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Sarasota County Court House, 2000 Main Street, Historic Courtroom, East Wing, Sarasota, Florida, at 9:00 a.m. on the 13TH day of AUGUST, 2008.

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Certificate Number: 5640.000
Year of Issuance: 2006
Tax Deed File #: 08-0230 TD

Description of Property: 2028-01-1153 UNIT 511, BLDG 5, SARASOTA PALMS
Name in which the property is assessed: SARASOTA PALMS LLC

All of said property being in the County of Sarasota, State of Florida. Unless the certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described in the certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Sarasota County Court House, 2000 Main Street, Historic Courtroom, East Wing, Sarasota, Florida, at 9:00 a.m. on the 13TH day of AUGUST, 2008.

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Notice is hereby given that MTAG CUST FOR LANARK, the holder of the certificate listed below, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which the property is assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 5678.000
Year of Issuance: 2006
Tax Deed File #: 08-0231 TD

Description of Property: UNIT 621, BLDG 6, SARASOTA PALMS
Name in which the property is assessed: SARASOTA PALMS LLC

All of said property being in the County of Sarasota, State of Florida. Unless the certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described in the certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Sarasota County Court House, 2000 Main Street, Historic Courtroom, East Wing, Sarasota, Florida, at 9:00 a.m. on the 13TH day of AUGUST, 2008.

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Notice is hereby given that MTAG CUST FOR LANCASTER ASSET, the holder of the certificate listed below, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which the property is assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 297.000
Year of Issuance: 2006
Tax Deed File #: 08-0232 TD

Description of Property: W 33 FT OF LOT 4 & E 34 FT OF LOT 5 BLK E LORRAINE PARK REPLAT OF PART
Name in which the property is assessed: LISA PHILLIPS

All of said property being in the County of Sarasota, State of Florida. Unless the certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described in the certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Sarasota County Court House, 2000 Main Street, Historic Courtroom, East Wing, Sarasota, Florida, at 9:00 a.m. on the 13TH day of AUGUST, 2008.

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Notice is hereby given that MTAG CUST FOR LONG BEACH, the holder of the certificate listed below, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which the property is assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 5721.000
Year of Issuance: 2006
Tax Deed File #: 08-0234 TD

Description of Property: UNIT 732, BLDG 7, SARASOTA PALMS
Name in which the property is assessed: SARASOTA PALMS LLC

All of said property being in the County of Sarasota, State of Florida. Unless the certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described in the certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Sarasota County Court House, 2000 Main Street, Historic Courtroom, East Wing, Sarasota, Florida, at 9:00 a.m. on the 13TH day of AUGUST, 2008.

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Notice is hereby given that MTAG CUST FOR LOS COYOTES, the holder of the certificate listed below, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which the property is assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 5293.000
Year of Issuance: 2006
Tax Deed File #: 08-0235 TD

Description of Property: 2005-03-0032 LOT 7 INDIAN BEACH COURT 3RD REVISED PLAT OF
Name in which the property is assessed: ELISABETH ARGUELLES

All of said property being in the County of Sarasota, State of Florida. Unless the certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described in the certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Sarasota County Court House, 2000 Main Street, Historic Courtroom, East Wing, Sarasota, Florida, at 9:00 a.m. on the 13TH day of AUGUST, 2008.

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Notice is hereby given that MTAG CUST FOR LOS PADRES, the holder of the certificate listed below, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which the property is assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 2988.000
Year of Issuance: 2006
Tax Deed File #: 08-0236 TD

Description of Property: 0969-12-2517 LOT 17 BLK 1225 27TH ADD TO PORT CHARLOTTE
Name in which the property is assessed: PAULINE FRANCIS

All of said property being in the County of Sarasota, State of Florida. Unless the certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described in the certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Sarasota County Court House, 2000 Main Street, Historic Courtroom, East Wing, Sarasota, Florida, at 9:00 a.m. on the 13TH day of AUGUST, 2008.

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Notice is hereby given that MTAG CUST FOR MANCHESTER ASSET, the holder of the certificate listed below, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which the property is assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 5658.000
Year of Issuance: 2006
Tax Deed File #: 08-0237 TD

Description of Property: 2028-01-1173 UNIT 5211, BLDG 5, SARASOTA PALMS
Name in which the property is assessed: SARASOTA PALMS LLC

All of said property being in the County of Sarasota, State of Florida. Unless the certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described in the certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Sarasota County Court House, 2000 Main Street, Historic Courtroom, East Wing, Sarasota, Florida, at 9:00 a.m. on the 13TH day of AUGUST, 2008.

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Notice is hereby given that MTAG CUST FOR MARGUERITA ASSET, the holder of the certificate listed below, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which the property is assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 3559.000
Year of Issuance: 2006
Tax Deed File #: 08-0238 TD

Description of Property: LOT 1 BLK 1909 REPLAT OF TRACT B 39TH ADD TO PORT CHARLOTTE
Name in which the property is assessed: JACQUELINE A MOORE & MARTIN D MOORE

All of said property being in the County of Sarasota, State of Florida. Unless the certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described in the certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Sarasota County Court House, 2000 Main Street, Historic Courtroom, East Wing, Sarasota, Florida, at 9:00 a.m. on the 13TH day of AUGUST, 2008.

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Notice is hereby given that MTAG CUST FOR MIDDLEWICH MANAG, the holder of the certificate listed below, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which the property is assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 3.000
Year of Issuance: 2006
Tax Deed File #: 08-0239 TD

Description of Property: UNIT 24 TWIN SHORES MOBILE HOME
Name in which the property is assessed: TWIN SHORES INVESTMENTS #24 LL

All of said property being in the County of Sarasota, State of Florida. Unless the certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described in the certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Sarasota County Court House, 2000 Main Street, Historic Courtroom, East Wing, Sarasota, Florida, at 9:00 a.m. on the 13TH day of AUGUST, 2008.

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Notice is hereby given that MTAG CUST FOR MILTON ASSET, the holder of the certificate listed below, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which the property is assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 5659.000
Year of Issuance: 2006
Tax Deed File #: 08-0240 TD

Description of Property: UNIT 531, BLDG 5, SARASOTA PALMS
Name in which the property is assessed: SARASOTA PALMS LLC

All of said property being in the County of Sarasota, State of Florida. Unless the certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described in the certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Sarasota County Court House, 2000 Main Street, Historic Courtroom, East Wing, Sarasota, Florida, at 9:00 a.m. on the 13TH day of AUGUST, 2008.

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Notice is hereby given that MTAG CUST FOR ROSCO, the holder of the certificate listed below, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which the property is assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 5321.000
Year of Issuance: 2006
Tax Deed File #: 08-0243 TD

Description of Property: 2013-16-0004 LOT 8 BLK 3 BIRD KEY SUB & ACCRETED LANDS LYING ADJ TO LOT 8 AS DESC IN ORI 2001107007
Name in which the property is assessed: JOHN A YANCHEK

All of said property being in the County of Sarasota, State of Florida. Unless the certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described in the certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Sarasota County Court House, 2000 Main Street, Historic Courtroom, East Wing, Sarasota, Florida, at 9:00 a.m. on the 13TH day of AUGUST, 2008.

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Notice is hereby given that MTAG CUST FOR SAMP, the holder of the certificate listed below, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which the property is assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 5585.000
Year of Issuance: 2006
Tax Deed File #: 08-0244 TD

Description of Property: 2025-12-0057 LOT 19 BLK 1 BOULEVARD ADD TO SARASOTA
Name in which the property is assessed: JOXC INVESTMENTS LLC

All of said property being in the County of Sarasota, State of Florida. Unless the certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described in the certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Sarasota County Court House, 2000 Main Street, Historic Courtroom, East Wing, Sarasota, Florida, at 9:00 a.m. on the 13TH day of AUGUST, 2008.

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Notice is hereby given that MTAG CUST FOR SAN FERNANDO, the holder of the certificate listed below, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which the property is assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 3124.000
Year of Issuance: 2006
Tax Deed File #: 08-0245 TD

Description of Property: 0973-16-9411 LOT 11 BLK 1694 36TH ADD TO PORT CHARLOTTE
Name in which the property is assessed: WILLIE STEEN & CARRIE M STEEN

All of said property being in the County of Sarasota, State of Florida. Unless the certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described in the certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Sarasota County Court House, 2000 Main Street, Historic Courtroom, East Wing, Sarasota, Florida, at 9:00 a.m. on the 13TH day of AUGUST, 2008.

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Notice is hereby given that MTAG CUST FOR STUDIO MANAGEMEN, the holder of the certificate listed below, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which the property is assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 1757.000
Year of Issuance: 2006
Tax Deed File #: 08-0246 TD

Description of Property: LOTS 2736 2737 2738 2739 & 2740 SOUTH VENICE UNIT 9 UR/DOC 1988
Name in which the property is assessed: ETHEL M SERRATELLI

All of said property being in the County of Sarasota, State of Florida. Unless the certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described in the certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Sarasota County Court House, 2000 Main Street, Historic Courtroom, East Wing, Sarasota, Florida, at 9:00 a.m. on the 13TH day of AUGUST, 2008.

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Certificate Number: 4659.000
Year of Issuance: 2006
Tax Deed File #: 08-0247 TD

Description of Property: LOT 27 BLK 1569 32ND ADD TO PORT CHARLOTTE
Name in which the property is assessed: ADELINE MILLAN

All of said property being in the County of Sarasota, State of Florida. Unless the certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described in the certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Sarasota County Court House, 2000 Main Street, Historic Courtroom, East Wing, Sarasota, Florida, at 9:00 a.m. on the 13TH day of AUGUST, 2008.

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Certificate Number: 5722.000
Year of Issuance: 2006
Tax Deed File #: 08-0248 TD

Description of Property: UNIT 733, BLDG 7, SARASOTA PALMS
Name in which the property is assessed: SARASOTA PALMS LLC

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Notice is hereby given that MTAG CUST FOR SUN VIEW, the holder of the certificate listed below, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which the property is assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 5689.000
Year of Issuance: 2006
Tax Deed File #: 08-0249 TD

Description of Property: 2028-01-1206 UNIT 631, BLDG 6, SARASOTA PALMS
Name in which the property is assessed: SARASOTA PALMS LLC

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Notice is hereby given that MTAG CUST FOR VALENCIA, the holder of the certificate listed below, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which the property is assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 724.000
Year of Issuance: 2006
Tax Deed File #: 08-0250 TD

Description of Property: 0082-13-0012 LOTS 3 & 21 BLK 22 SARASOTA BEACH
Name in which the property is assessed: CHRISTINE C MASTIN & CHARLES MASTIN II

All of said property being in the County of Sarasota, State of Florida. Unless the certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described in the certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Sarasota County Court House, 2000 Main Street, Historic Courtroom, East Wing, Sarasota, Florida, at 9:00 a.m. on the 13TH day of AUGUST, 2008.

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Notice is hereby given that MTAG CUST FOR VESSING, the holder of the certificate listed below, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which the property is assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 2227.000
Year of Issuance: 2006
Tax Deed File #: 08-0251 TD

Description of Property: 0949-13-7013 LOT 13 BLK 1370 28TH ADD TO PORT CHARLOTTE
Name in which the property is assessed: BISCAYNE DRIVE LAND TRUST & ROBIN L MILLER TTEE

All of said property being in the County of Sarasota, State of Florida. Unless the certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described in the certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Sarasota County Court House, 2000 Main Street, Historic Courtroom, East Wing, Sarasota, Florida, at 9:00 a.m. on the 13TH day of AUGUST, 2008.

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Notice is hereby given that MTAG CUST FOR WALLACE, the holder of the certificate listed below, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which the property is assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 5651.000
Year of Issuance: 2006
Tax Deed File #: 08-0252 TD

Description of Property: UNIT 523, BLDG 5, SARASOTA PALMS
Name in which the property is assessed: SARASOTA PALMS LLC

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Notice is hereby given that MTAG CUST FOR WASATCH, the holder of the certificate listed below, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which the property is assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 5717.000
Year of Issuance: 2006
Tax Deed File #: 08-0253 TD

Description of Property: UNIT 729, BLDG 7, SARASOTA PALMS
Name in which the property is assessed: SARASOTA PALMS LLC

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Notice is hereby given that MTAG CUST FOR WEST COVINA, the holder of the certificate listed below, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which the property is assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 5654.000
Year of Issuance: 2006
Tax Deed File #: 08-0254 TD

Description of Property: UNIT 527, BLDG 5, SARASOTA PALMS
Name in which the property is assessed: SARASOTA PALMS LLC

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Notice is hereby given that MTAG CUST FOR WOODWIND MANAGEM, the holder of the certificate listed below, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which the property is assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 1986.000
Year of Issuance: 2006
Tax Deed File #: 08-0255 TD

Description of Property: 0768-16-0021 LOTS 49 & 50 BLK C WARM MINERAL SPRINGS UNIT 63 AFF/1968
Name in which the property is assessed: CARMEN C TRAVIESO & LUCIO A TRAVIESO

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ABUSE from Page 1A

at home and getting a paycheck even after three investigations say the abuse occurred and they (school district) is not willing to let her go until 'we see what the state attorney's office does,' " the parent said Jones' office said.

"Why bother with their own investigation ... with spending that money?" the parent asked.

School district

Jones declined to comment, but Scott Ferguson, of the school district's communications office, said, "People are innocent until proven guilty, and she (O'Neill) will be on administrative leave pending the result of the case with the state attorney's office."

Ferguson said O'Neill will not be teaching in the classroom next school year because of the legal issues.

"We presume innocence," Ferguson said. "It is part of the American justice system, and sometimes the wheels go slowly."

According to Ferguson, whatever monies O'Neill earns she gets to keep.

"People do not give back any pay they receive while undergoing the process of waiting for a trial and being innocent until proven guilty. That is just the way the system works," he said.

Kids improved

The parent said she met with the parents of the other three allegedly abused special needs children recently, and they all said their children are sleeping better and they have seen some improvements since O'Neill was removed from the classroom.

"At the same time, we are still seeing some ramifications, like flinching" she said. "It is difficult to tell because they can't speak. And that is part of the reason it is so difficult to prove."

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ROAD from Page 6B

Chair Fred Tower III had some comments of his own, upon hearing of the county commission's action.

"The county seems to be going about this their own way, just passing this and leaving us out of the information," Tower said. "There seems to be a problem with the interpretation of our interlocal agreement. We have the right to go ahead and suggest an area (the funds) would be used, which we did do. It's our understanding that we have to pass a resolution directing these funds (to the U.S. 41-River Road intersection), which we have not done."

Tower did not know when Rob Robinson, North Port's city attorney, would get back to him and his colleagues with a legal interpretation of the interlocal agreement.

"Until we get an opinion back from (him), I can't say any more," Tower said.

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PLAN from Page 6B

Given that timeline, City Engineer Nancy Woodley, who will become interim city manager next month, said making the extended deadline of Oct. 1 was unlikely.

Help wanted

Topic two was the budget, where Martin sees some hard work ahead.

"We could get through this year, probably, without bleeding too badly," he said, with staff having presented a budget balanced at the current 2.779 millage rate. (A mill is $1 per $1,000 of a home's assessed value.) But, he said, the Legislature isn't done with tax reform and next year might consider capping local tax rates at their existing levels, perhaps allowing only a minimal increase, perhaps by referendum.

Council voted Tuesday to set the rate at 3.3588 mills for discussion purposes. It can be lowered but not raised during the budgeting process.

The higher rate would give the city about $100,000 more tax revenue than last year; the current rate would bring in about $2 million less.

"That's something the public is going to have to help council decide," he said.

Complicated

So far only one Airport Advisory Board member has complied with council's demand for their resignations. Martin said Walter Hake, a relatively recent appointee, has tendered his resignation, though Jim Leis has indicated he will resign as well.

He said he will be talking to City Attorney Bob Anderson about how to handle any members who don't honor council's demand, which came Tuesday after two motions regarding the abolition of the board failed.

Responses to the city's request for qualifications from prospective new airport consultants are due Aug. 15, Woodley said. By then, Martin hopes, council members will have reviewed the airport layout plan and master plan update prepared by MEA Group and identified their problems with the documents so they can give the new consultant direction.

"We have to give the consultant a clear task," he said. "We have to say, 'Here's what we want in this plan.' "

The new consultant could be MEA (now Hanson), but only if it responds to the RFQ. Lisa Waters, a principal in the company, said Tuesday that decision hadn't been made.

She said the company was still interested in working with the city but had not heard from anyone in several months. On Thursday, Martin and Woodley said the company should have approached the city to try to resolve the objections to its work.

Council's intent, though, is to use as much of the proposed plans as possible, which Martin acknowledged council had not previously made clear.

Doing that, he said, could lower the price tag for revisions significantly, though the dollar figure won't be known until the scope of the new consultant's services has been defined.

"The goal is to get this done, and get this done as promptly as possible," he said. "It's been a more complicated problem than any of us believed."

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COUNCIL CANDIDATE PACKETS AVAILABLE

Election of two Venice city council members takes place Nov. 4. The terms of council members John Simmonds and Vicki Noren expire this year.

Residents who have been registered voters in the city for 12 consecutive months prior to Sept. 2, 2008, may run for office.

Election packets are available in the city clerk's office at Venice City Hall, 401 W. Venice Ave. Call City Clerk Lori Stelzer, 486-2626, ext. 23001, to schedule an appointment to go over the requirements and forms to become a candidate. The review takes approximately one hour.

Qualification of candidates takes place from Sept. 2 until Sept. 5 at noon.

County gets funds for local park

STAFF REPORT

The city of Venice's planned Ruscelletto Park, west of the bypass and just north of East Venice Avenue, will be one of the beneficiaries of $271,000 from the state's Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program.

The funds will be used for a new picnic shelter, bike/nature trail, observation deck and parking.

Funds are also included for Lido Beach, where the money will be used for a new multi-use trail and beach access, and to renovate the bike trail.

The Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program is a competitive grant program, providing funds to local communities for public outdoor recreation.

Over the last decade, Florida has invested more than $250 million to improve local park facilities through this grant program, funding more than 2,000 projects statewide including pavilions, ball fields and courts, parking areas, trails, beach docks, piers and boardwalks.

For a list of funded projects and information about applying for a FRDAP grant, visit http://www.dep.state.fl.us/parks/OIRS/default.htm.

Legal Notices

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Certificate Number: 2967.000
Year of Issuance: 2006
Tax Deed File #: 08-0256 TD

Description of Property: 0969-06-2822 LOT 22 BLK 628 14TH ADD TO PORT CHARLOTTE REPLAT
Name in which the property is assessed: ROSETTA MCKINLEY & JOHN E MCKINLEY JR

All of said property being in the County of Sarasota, State of Florida. Unless the certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described in the certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Sarasota County Court House, 2000 Main Street, Historic Courtroom, East Wing, Sarasota, Florida, at 9:00 a.m. on the 13TH day of AUGUST, 2008.

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Certificate Number: 1007.000
Year of Issuance: 2006
Tax Deed File #: 08-0257 TD

Description of Property: 0125-03-1004 UNIT 15 BLDG B SNUG HARBOR VILLAGE 1
Name in which the property is assessed: DOUGLAS RIEDMILLER

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Certificate Number: 3647.000
Year of Issuance: 2006
Tax Deed File #: 08-0258 TD

Description of Property: LOT 15 BLK 21 13TH ADD TO PORT CHARLOTTE
Name in which the property is assessed: OSI-BISA INC

All of said property being in the County of Sarasota, State of Florida. Unless the certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described in the certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Sarasota County Court House, 2000 Main Street, Historic Courtroom, East Wing, Sarasota, Florida, at 9:00 a.m. on the 13TH day of AUGUST, 2008.

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Certificate Number: 115.000
Year of Issuance: 2006
Tax Deed File #: 08-0033 TD

Description of Property: 0025-14-0075 LOT 217 TRI-PAR ESTATES UNIT 4
Name in which the property is assessed: RALPH E BRADLEY

All of said property being in the County of Sarasota, State of Florida. Unless the certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described in the certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Sarasota County Court House, 2000 Main Street, Historic Courtroom, East Wing, Sarasota, Florida, at 9:00 a.m. on the 14TH day of AUGUST, 2008.

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Certificate Number: 1263.000
Year of Issuance: 2006
Tax Deed File #: 08-0035 TD

Description of Property: 0242-11-0014 COM AT NE COR OF LOT 1 TH S-6-09 -28-E 167.78 FT FOR POB TH CONT S-6-09-28-E 182.64 FT TH S-89-57-30-W 247.79 FT TH N-2-45-W 181.78 FT TH N-89-57-30-E 236.92 FT TO POB BEING PART OF LOT 1 & INT IN AZALEA LN CONTAINING 1 AC M/L BLOOMING GROVE ESTATES
Name in which the property is assessed: KATHY A WIEDEMER & MARK J WIEDEMER

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Certificate Number: 148.000
Year of Issuance: 2006
Tax Deed File #: 08-0036 TD

Description of Property: 0027-13-0006 LOT 29, LESS MYRTLE ST R/W AS DESC IN ORI 2002169168, NEWTOWN FARMS IN OR 410 PG 669, CONTAINING 1.45 C-AC M/L
Name in which the property is assessed: FBO WHITNI T BRYANT

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Certificate Number: 149.000
Year of Issuance: 2006
Tax Deed File #: 08-0037 TD

Description of Property: W 1/2 OF LOT 28 NEWTOWN FARMS
Name in which the property is assessed: FBO WHITNI T BRYANT

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Certificate Number: 1721.000
Year of Issuance: 2006
Tax Deed File #: 08-0038 TD

Description of Property: LOT 3 YACHT CLUB ESTATES
Name in which the property is assessed: SARASOTA COUNTY TAX PROPERTY JOINT VENTURE

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Certificate Number: 1739.000
Year of Issuance: 2006
Tax Deed File #: 08-0039 TD

Description of Property: LOTS 3733 & 3734 SOUTH VENICE UNIT 13
Name in which the property is assessed: BARBARA K SCHOENFELDER

All of said property being in the County of Sarasota, State of Florida. Unless the certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described in the certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Sarasota County Court House, 2000 Main Street, Historic Courtroom, East Wing, Sarasota, Florida, at 9:00 a.m. on the 14TH day of AUGUST, 2008.

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Certificate Number: 2074.000
Year of Issuance: 2006
Tax Deed File #: 08-0040 TD

Description of Property: 0791-06-1599 LOT 599 LA CASA
Name in which the property is assessed: LETHA L ROMANO

All of said property being in the County of Sarasota, State of Florida. Unless the certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described in the certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Sarasota County Court House, 2000 Main Street, Historic Courtroom, East Wing, Sarasota, Florida, at 9:00 a.m. on the 14TH day of AUGUST, 2008.

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Certificate Number: 2402.000
Year of Issuance: 2006
Tax Deed File #: 08-0044 TD

Description of Property: 0952-12-1806 LOT 6 BLK 1218 27TH ADD TO PORT CHARLOTTE
Name in which the property is assessed: LAURA LUNA & CARLOS V LUNA

All of said property being in the County of Sarasota, State of Florida. Unless the certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described in the certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Sarasota County Court House, 2000 Main Street, Historic Courtroom, East Wing, Sarasota, Florida, at 9:00 a.m. on the 14TH day of AUGUST, 2008.

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OUR VIEW

What the airport's detractors just don't get

In his book "True Enough," Farhad Manjoo argues that what we believe colors our perception of reality and that, in the Internet age, we can readily find people who share those beliefs and that perception, even if it is demonstrably wrong.

In common parlance that point of view is sometimes known as "Don't confuse me with the facts."

That seems to us to be the attitude of some people on both sides of the Venice Municipal Airport debate. We discussed in Wednesday's editorial some points we think the airport's boosters have failed to come to terms with. Here are some realities its critics should acknowledge.

First, if you moved here since the mid-'40s, the airport *was* there when you got here. That sounds snide, but it's still true, and it costs you some sympathy, especially among the pilots and businesses at the airport.

Similarly, complaints about the size and type of planes, or the number of take-offs and landings, hit a lot of deaf ears. By law, the airport has to be available for any plane that wants to and can use it, and you know there has never been a guarantee about the amount or type of traffic it would handle. There are more people here every year, and more traffic on our roads; why would you think the airport would buck that trend?

Now, that's not to say the airport and the pilots don't have to be good neighbors. We need strong noise-abatement rules and pollution buffers — in general, more respect for the people who do live close to the airport.

Second, the city can't do most of the things people have suggested regarding the airport.

Shut down the airport and the land reverts to the federal government because it is no longer being used for aviation purposes. Unless, of course, the city creates another airport to replace it — something there is neither the land nor the money for. And if there were, there's no guarantee there would be no development on this prime real estate. Which do you prefer: condos or planes?

Attempting to place restrictions on the planes that use the airport would risk the wrath of the Federal Aviation Administration. Without a control tower, enforcement that would be tricky anyway. There appears to be a legal problem — and a practical one — with charging landing fees, a suggested source of revenue.

Third, the airport needs to make money because it is supposed to be self-sustaining. If landing fees are out and existing leases are locked in, that means finding new sources of revenue — new leases or other paying uses of airport property. Or we could see what the FAA thinks of the airport enterprise fund being in the red.

The last time we fought it, over the Lake Venice Golf Club lease, it withheld the funds to redo runway 13/31. What would happen if the economic stability of the entire operation appeared to be in jeopardy? Experienced pilots say you don't want the federal government running your airport.

Fourth, the airport really does contribute to our economy, even though you may not feel the direct impact, which is difficult to quantify. If it's not the gateway to Venice, it certainly is a gateway, and the businesses there employ dozens of people. A commerce park at the arena site would provide many more jobs and rid the city of an eyesore.

Our final point is that the condition of runway 4/22 really is a safety issue, and more. Opinions vary about how bad it is, but if planes are avoiding it that means more noise for the neighbors. If they're not, then pilots are risking damage to their planes on take-off, already a dangerous part of any flight.

Also, consider the impact on the airport's capacity in the admittedly unlikely event it is needed for hurricane relief.

Complain if you want about spending money to benefit a privileged few. It's a public transportation obligation the city assumed when it accepted the land from the federal government after World War II.

We hope these two editorials have put the key issues into clearer relief. They are the same ones we identified months ago, before emotion got the worst of so many people: What can be done to avoid taking any part of the golf course and to protect the rights of the owners of the homes that appear to be in a runway protection zone?

Those aren't the only issues, just the ones that have gotten spun the most for political gain. That needs to stop.

Ouch, that hurt

MARY KAY RUPPEL
COLUMNIST

That was quite a sucker punch we seniors just got from our esteemed Senate.

When it got the Medicare bill passed recently, this is what President Bush said: "I support the primary objective of this legislation, to forestall reductions in physician's payments, yet taking choices away from seniors to pay physicians is wrong."

Let me go to back to last January. I was invited to attend a reception in honor of Rep. Vern Buchanan given by Republican Minority Leader John Boehner, senator from Ohio. Boehner gave a brief talk during which he was asked (not by me) about the Medicare Advantage Plans. He responded that it was President Bush and the Republican Congress that had put this plan together to help Medicare recipients. Being a personal proponent and having an Advantage plan, I was interested in hearing this from him.

Afterward, I asked Buchanan what he thought of the Medicare Advantage Plans. He responded that he wasn't familiar with them. So, last March when I saw Buchanan at a Republican Club meeting, a friend and I volunteered to work on his staff to educate them on senior citizen medical care. He agreed and said we would get a call from his assistant. We did and we aren't on his staff. Apparently, Buchanan or his assistant felt that his more youthful staff was better equipped to handle senior citizen issues. Hmmm.

At this point I'd like to simply ask Buchanan if he is in favor of socialized medicine, because that's what the Democrats are heading for. If not, I'd like to have him explain why a plan that was formatted by *his* party to help seniors is not his cup of tea — explain to us what exactly he has in mind. Of course, he will have to consult with one of his youthful staff.

Twenty-one Senate Republicans voted for the bill this time, including four senators who had voted "nay" in the two previous Medicare votes. One of whom was Mel Martinez, whom Buchanan had encouraged to change his vote. Hmmm.

Frankly, I started losing confidence in Buchanan when I read that he had voted yes on a bill to financially assist home owners in replacing their septic tanks with sewers. We are talking about people who paid less for their homes because they were not on a sewer. I consider relieving informed adults of their personal responsibility by placing a financial burden on innocent people socialism at its very worst.

My financial status has improved incredibly since joining a Medicare Advantage Plan. This is my second year, but I fear it may be my last as the liberals keep gnawing and gnawing away at them.

Fellow seniors, do you want socialized medicine? Do you want to be disenfranchised so that a 46-year-old woman in Kansas can get her prescriptions cheaper for her bipolar condition? A 46-year-old woman in Kansas can still work; we really can't unless we bag groceries or do something else for a pittance to help us pay premiums and get prescriptions.

With my present Advantage plan, I have saved more than $200 per month from what I was paying with conventional Medicare.

When Barry Goldwater was running for president, I was pretty young, but for some reason his honesty just resonated with me. I even drove a car in a parade dragging a Goldwater billboard in which Bing Crosby's son, Gary, rode with me.

After the election Goldwater said, "You cannot in this game of politics fight your own party. It just doesn't work."

I still admire Buchanan even if I don't always agree with him. You can't please all the people all of the time — but you must be true to your principles.

Mary Kay Ruppel is a Venice resident and has been a frequent contributor to other publications.

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Lord House an expensive lesson

Editor:

It is time to cut bait on the Lord house. We now have a structure in bad shape, unattended for the last three years with the exception of a little bit of paint. The house has little prospect for private funding, and, hopefully, no prospect in the near future for municipal funding.

In the context of Venice history, its usefulness is dubious. In the context of our national history, that value is laughable.

It is certainly ironic that the city is considering passing the International Property Maintenance Code with such a structure on the books. The house fails the "is it habitable?" test from a number of different perspectives.

It's too bad so much money was spent to move this dilapidated structure and shameful that trees were cut down to allow placement on its current site.

Perhaps this can be a lesson for next time a special interest group advocates a pet project at city expense.

Craig McCullough
Venice

We need to get serious on oil

Editor:

Gasoline prices are rising out of control, pushed by politicians limiting domestic supply and speculators from OPEC having a field day.

How serious is this situation?

About a third of our crude oil consumption goes into fuel. All the rest goes into plastics, paints, household products, fabrics, etc. The cost of all these items is going to skyrocket with the price of crude, if politicians continue to sit on their hands.

Liberals in Congress do nothing other than hold public hearings to embarrass productive oil companies. Yet these same politicians have been the real cause of the problem.

We have substantial petroleum deposits in the Gulf of Mexico, in the entire Louisiana Purchase, and stretching from the original discovery in Pennsylvania. Liberals block domestic exploration, construction of refineries and drilling in Alaska. Such politics put us at serious risk, but get applause from activist voting blocks.

To solve the problem, we only need to start serious development of our own resources. Back in 1975, OPEC immediately cut its world price of crude in half as soon as it saw us get serious developing our own production by drilling in Alaska and the British by drilling in the North Sea.

We need liberal politicians to stop pandering to OPEC or voting blocs, start thinking American and take the handcuffs off prudent development of our own resources.

W.E. Gubb
Englewood

New smoke about Obama and county

Editor:

Since Sarasota County officials have decided that cigarette smoking disqualifies someone from employment in their county government I am sure they will remove Obama from the presidential ballot in their county as well. Using their logic, Obama would not be eligible for county employment no matter what his other qualifications may be simply because he is a smoker.

Don't the American voters realize that if they elect a smoker to the highest office in the free world it would send the wrong message to our children? Not to mention the higher health care costs associated with caring for a smoking chief executive.

I, as a taxpayer do not condone this extra burden.

Eric Sovern
North Port

Suddenly, it all became clear

Editor:

I was trying to figure out why we are letting the oil prices get out of control, and then I read an article by Hugh Hewitt that made it clear:

"The economic mess the country confronts can be laid at the feet of Barack Obama, Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid. The Don't Drill Democrats are forcing deindustrialization through depression brought about by soaring energy costs … . The Democrats could halt and reverse the skyrocketing cost of oil, but they are choosing not to … .

"The environmental lobby owns Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid, and Barack Obama — the brave new leader — doesn't dare take it or them on. That lobby is applauding the deindustrialization under way … . Their jobs aren't on the line, after all, and their disdain for the impacted industries is complete.

Please see **LETTERS**, **7A**

LET 'EM HAVE IT: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE PLAN TO WIDEN THE BYPASS TO SIX LANES FROM ALBEE FARM ROAD TO GULF COAST BOULEVARD? CALL US AT 207-1111.

You're not being paid to smoke

Wasted. This comment is about hiring only non-smokers. I agree with it. All of us have seen employees smoking outside their places of employment on their break as no problem, but maybe it is. I work at a major grocery chain and many of my co-workers in management take smoke breaks of 45 minutes to an hour a day, once you add them up. These are not on their lunch breaks. That's four to five hours a week per person, and that's my grocery dollars and your grocery dollars being wasted. People's smoking instead of working adds up to four to five weeks a year. That's not where I want my dollars to go.

Water worries. Does the city's Public Work Department have any employees left? Months ago they sprayed painted "Xs" on sidewalks to replace the broken sidewalks, and nothing has been done to many of those locations; in fact, many of those red marks are being worn away by the weather. Second, the disastrous flooding that happened on Venice Avenue between the bridge and Bypass 41 is horrendous. There are drain pipes that are obviously not working. They need to get in there and decide why they're clogged up and not working. Afternoon rains are flooding there with 6-inch water, making it impassible for cars, and that's a hurricane evacuation route. I hope city council members are trying to find out what's causing the polluting Gulf waters. Forget about the airport for now. You need to find out what's wrong with our beach waters.

There's something wrong that only the beaches in our area are affected with feces. Find out where that's coming from. Are the bay waters infected? Is the Intracoastal Waterway infected? Let's find out what's causing this and get it stopped.

Missed. I happen to work at a supermarket and find that the fire trucks never come anymore. We miss talking to them because every day that they come we know that people ask questions. I spoke with one of the firefighters and he said they were no longer able to shop. I sure hope they have enough food at the station. It's too bad we can't see our fire department at our supermarket anymore.

Good riddance. Your recent editorial states that Black's decision to quit makes sense, and you can't blame him. In a four-column spread, you mentioned that he, number one, disagreed with someone on the council on the airport plan; and two, some of the council members innocently or deceitfully used e-mails improperly, including two of the old guard council members.

You state that there will be an almost certain exodus of city staff in his wake. If these are the only reasons for his quitting, maybe it is good riddance time.

Message. The Florida auto license plates that say "Choose Life" tell the world that we do not support the death penalty.

Run down. There has been quite a lot of attention in the news about parking on the lawns. I would like to bring to your attention to a problem at the intersection of Lucaya and Albee Farm Road. There's a beautiful triangle, and it's being used for public parking.

It is already terribly run down; it's like a terrible dump. I don't understand why this is allowed.

Prepare now, when you can do it right

ED MCCRANE JR.
GUEST COLUMNIST

Are you prepared for the next hurricane that threatens Sarasota County?

Your answers to a few simple questions could save your life and the lives of your family.

If a hurricane heads toward Sarasota County, how would you decide whether to stay or evacuate?

If you stay, what do you need to do?

Have you prepared your home for hurricane force winds?

If you leave, where would you go?

After the storm, would you be self-sufficient for at least a week?

How did you do?

Now's the best time to answer these questions — before the next hurricane is 24 hours from landfall and people are lining up to buy storm supplies.

Hurricane season is a part of living in Florida. It becomes harder to remember that after a couple of seasons with little hurricane activity.

But we can't count on a hurricane-free year. We can only count on being prepared to stay safe. That means doing three things:

- Having a plan for your family and your pets.
- Putting together a disaster supply kit to get you through the first week.
- Staying alert and be ready to carry out your plan.

Your first step for storm preparation and storm information should be a visit to Sarasota County's Web site, scgov.net. Click on the "All Hazards Be Prepared" button at the bottom of the home page.

On the "All Hazards" page, you'll find links to information about preparations for your family, your home, your neighborhood and business. There also is special information and storm tips for senior citizens.

People who have special needs during a storm should contact Emergency Management to register in advance for assistance. If you don't have a computer with Internet access, pick up a hurricane guide at a library or at the county administration center on Ringling Boulevard.

The first question — whether to stay or go during a storm — partially depends on which evacuation zone you live in. Maps are available online at scgov.net or in the hurricane guides. As a storm approaches, the Sarasota County Emergency Operations center will issue evacuation orders by zone, depending on the intensity of the storm. But your evacuation zone isn't the only factor to consider.

Even if you don't live in a mandatory evacuation zone, your house may not be safe if it wasn't constructed to meet recent Florida building codes. If you haven't done a wind inspection on your house, of if you don't have storm shutters, it may not be safe to stay.

This is especially true in some areas of the county that have high concentrations of mobile homes or older homes constructed before we learned how easily wind can damage them.

If you plan to stay home, remember your ABC'S of preparation:

- Anchor your roof, especially if it was built before 1994 and is gabled.
- Brace the entry and garage doors, where 80 percent of wind damage starts.
- Cover windows with secure impact-resistant shutters or other window protection systems.
- Safe, interior rooms provide more protection than rooms with windows and doors.

Preparing your neighborhood for a storm is as important as preparing your home. Sarasota County is helping residents develop Neighborhood Preparedness Programs with the goal of making families self-sufficient for up to seven days following a storm. Neighborhood organizations can provide assistance when police, fire, emergency service and other workers may be overwhelmed with demands.

A NPP includes 25 to 50 households and is lead by a Neighborhood Disaster Team. For assistance in starting a NPP in your neighborhood or homeowners association, call the county Call Center at 861-5000 and ask about the Neighborhood Preparedness Program.

Sarasota County Emergency Management will keep residents informed as storms approach and residents can count on us for help after a storm passes. But residents need to be prepared and self-sufficient until we can respond.

Being prepared is the best way to make sure your family is ready for any disaster.

Edward McCrane Jr. is Sarasota County's emergency management chief.

LETTERS from Page 6A

"What they and the Triple D Democrats hadn't counted on, though, was America making the connection between the deteriorating economy and their anti-energy agenda.

"Energy is freedom. Energy is prosperity. Every Democrat on the fall ballot is part of the anti-energy party which is wreaking havoc on the economy and every family's budget.

"A vote for any Democrat is a vote for shortages, rising gas prices, rising unemployment and falling production.

A vote for any Democrat is a vote for failing airlines and collapsing financial institutions and for the shuttering of car plants and large manufacturing.

"A growing, vibrant economy needs energy. The Democrats are anti-energy. It is that simple."

Now I understand.

Mary O'Nesky
Venice

Yes to inspections

Editor:

My enormous thanks go to our city council, and especially to Ernie Zavodnyik, for their work on behalf of Venice citizens. Council Member Zavodnyik, who based his campaign on the phrase, "Save Our Venice Now," has followed through on his promise.

His recent request to John Patek, code enforcement inspector, to visit blighted properties is a vital step in maintaining Venice's quality and character. No one wants to live in or visit a town that appears neglected or dilapidated.

Bravo, Mr. Zavodnyik, et al.

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Business partners are going Softee

BY ROGER BUTTON
BUSINEWS COLUMNIST

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Partners Rob Spikol and Dennis Krumanocker are spearheading the launch and growth of Mister Softee ice cream trucks and stores throughout Southwest Florida.

Partners Rob Spikol and Dennis Krumanocker are the new, self-proclaimed Mister Softees of Venice.

They have secured the franchise to bring these specialty ice cream trucks to Southwest Florida. Based in and working from Venice, they will initially operate five trucks, and within five years plan to have 50 Mister Softees operating from Tampa to Naples.

School friends, they grew up in Cherry Hill, N.J. Spikol became a commercial Realtor, moving to Venice 12 months ago to join Richard Bradway & Associates. Krumanocker came to Sarasota a few years ago, opened Fabulous Flowers in Englewood and recently sold it.

"It's a step back in a forward kind of way," said Spikol, referring to the jingle chime as a call of the wild to kids of every age, particularly people from up North.

The $130,000 custom-designed Mister Softee trucks are ice cream shops on wheels, equipped with video cameras and sensors enabling drivers to monitor all around the vehicle. Similar to a school bus, the trucks are equipped with flashing lights on front rear and sides, plus a yield sign, "Slow Children." A front bumper swing-arm extends, blocking a child or person from walking directly in front of the vehicle.

Three years ago Spikol and Krumanocker began talking about the project. Within the past few days their first vehicle was delivered and is already active in the Venice community. Additional territories being introduced include unincorporated Sarasota, Englewood, Port Charlotte and Punta Gorda, eventually expanding to Hillsborough, Pinellas, Manatee, Sarasota Charlotte, Lee and Collier counties.

Mister Softee has been building ice cream trucks for 56 years. Totally self-contained, the vehicle has its own generators powering all the ice cream machines and air conditioning. Carrying 100 gallons of ice cream mix, the truck can serve 100,000 customers over a three-day weekend.

"We also supply milk shakes, soda floats, sundaes, flushies, dips, sprinkles — it is an ice cream store on wheels," said Spikol.

Mister Softee does not have a retail store program, but the partners are developing the first store in Venice at 509 North Tamiami Trail, in Fisherman's Marina near Marker 4. Concentrating on ice cream-related products — and, specific to Florida, orange-flavored ice cream — they will be opening more neighborhood stores.

Spikol will operate the new venture in conjunction with his commercial realty practice. Krumanocker is organizing and operating the Mister Softee fleet.

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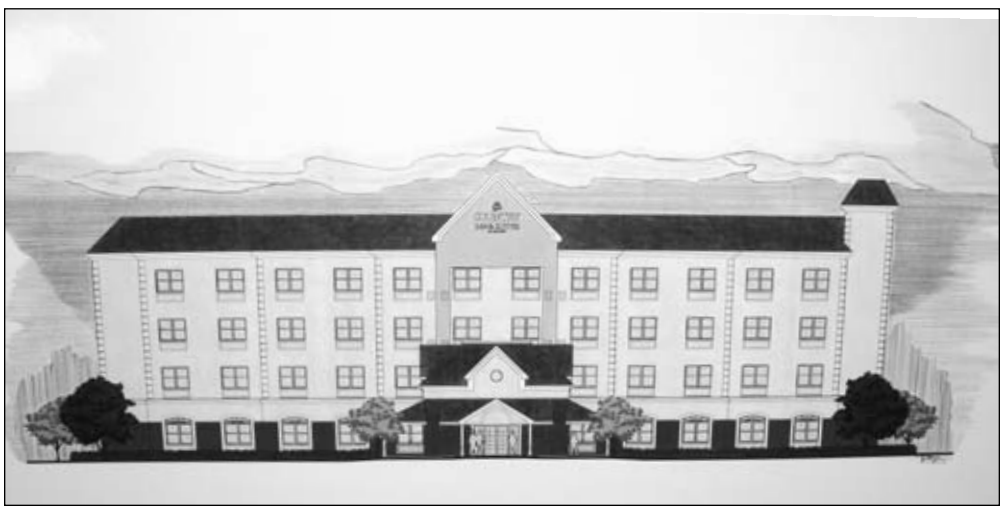

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A rendering of the new Country Inn & Suites Hotel targeted for a June 2009 opening on Commercial Court at the Jacaranda Boulevard Interstate interchange.

Country Inn & Suites planned

BY ROGER BUTTON
BUSINEWS COLUMNIST

A second new hotel is scheduled for groundbreaking within a few weeks at the Jacaranda interchange of Interstate 75.

The 77-room Country Inn & Suites by Carlson Venice will be constructed on 2.2 acres at Commercial Court across from the Holiday Inn Express.

With 40 suites, a meeting room for 60 people, a small boardroom, a business center, breakfast and exercise rooms plus an outdoor pool, the target market is business and leisure travelers.

There are 440 Country Inns & Suites in the Carlson Group. It operates 990 locations in 70 countries worldwide, including Regent Hotels & Suites, Radisson Hotels, Regent Seven Seas Cruises and the TGI Friday restaurants.

Co-owners Majid Yasin and wife Monica plan for construction to commence in August with a targeted completion date of June 2009. Yasin, a Canadian, grew up in the hotel business assisting his father, who owned and operated a hotel in Northern Alberta. In his mid-20s he traveled to the Grand Caymans, where he opened and operated a mom-and-pop-style hotel with 53 rooms until 2007.

Two weeks ago it was announced a Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott is to be built on the southwest side of the Jacaranda Boulevard interchange near RaceTrac.

Anytime is mealtime at Rendezvous Cafe

ROGER BUTTON
BUSINEWS COLUMNIST

Comfort food is the menu of the recently opened **Rendezvous Cafe**, 2115 South Tamiami Trail, in the Galleria Plaza.

"It is the only 24/7 restaurant where you can enjoy any item from the full menu whenever you are hungry," said owner **Lauri Mahaney**.

From New York originally, she has spent most of her life in Venice, with 20 years working at Perkins restaurant before she became one of the owners of the 24/7 Cafe in Bird Bay Plaza.

Small and not equipped as a full restaurant, it closed, but she wanted to do it again and has custom built Rendezvous Cafe.

Much larger, it seats 56 inside, and 28 outside on glider picnic tables with misters to cool and heaters to warm winter diners.

Employing 17 people, the cafe has TV monitors, Internet computers and wireless facilities. An extensive home-cooked basic menu includes peanut and banana-stuffed French toast, Frito pie, shepherd's and meat pies together with sodas and gourmet and frozen coffee.

Call 492-3663.

Graduate launches business

Success in business results from planning, preparation and administration, as **Chris Burch** learned by participating in the recent 12-week Business Training Program organized by Sarasota County's Community Entrepreneur Opportunity.

Upon graduating he decided to launch **Burch's Home Repair**, on Cypress Avenue. Services include minor home repairs, drywalling, electrical, painting, tiling and wood laminate flooring. With 23 years of construction experience, Burch came to Venice in 2005 from Evansville, Ind. Call 485-8325.

Restaurant changes

The **Dimitri family** sold **Dimitri's Country Oven Buffet**, 405 North U.S. 41 Bypass, which closed last week. It will open at the end of this month as **Theo's Restaurant**; more details on this new venue next week.

The rebuilt **Taco Bell**, 430 North U.S. 41 Bypass opened last week.

Downtown, the **Upper Crust Cafe** on West Venice Avenue has opened.

Ping's Chinese Steak & Sushi Bar, 345 Commercial Court at the Jacaranda interstate interchange has closed.

Where are we going?

For the 2008 **Venice Area Chamber of Commerce** and **Venice Area Board of Realtors** Governmental Issues Forum the topic is: "Here We Are … Where Are We Going?"

Panelists include **Paul Mercier**, Sarasota County Commission; **Mike Miller**, Waterford Companies; **Laura Spencer**, CEO, Tervis Tumbler; **Matt Walsh**, editor and publisher, Gulf Coast Business Review; and **Adam Babington**, Florida Chamber of Commerce.

It takes place at the Venice Yacht Club July 31 starting at 8 a.m. and it is open to the public. Registration and breakfast begin at 7:30 a.m.

Tickets are $15 for members and $25 for nonmembers. Call 488-2236.

Explore yourself

Quantum Self-Care Coaching, a new company operated in Venice by owner **Francesca De Michele**, M.A., C.C., explores, defines and affirms you.

"It is primarily taking care and intimately knowing you," said De Michele.

She works on the phone with entrepreneurs, executives, writers, well-care practitioners and teachers engaged in positive, uplifting pursuits all around the country.

Originally from North Carolina, she attended college in New Jersey and worked in the development of promotional products with her husband, **Christopher**, for 14 years. Moving to California, she obtained her degrees in psychology and life coaching.

Last year she moved to Venice, where she is expanding her services to include group workshops in the future. Call 223-3880.

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Sales numbers are inching upward

STEPHEN LINGLEY
GUEST COLUMNIST

I thought it would be appropriate this month to provide the latest sales statistics and analysis from the Florida Association of Realtors. There is now concrete proof that more listings are turning into sales — good news for sellers and great buys for buyers.

In our own area, properties are receiving much more exposure since we joined the Mid Florida Regional Multiple Listing Service. For instance, a buyer can now get information on listings in our area even if he is working with an agent in Tampa. Sharing data with 13 boards and associations of Realtors is a big step in providing our clients and customers a higher level of service.

Existing home sales improve in May

Florida Realtors statewide continued to report positive signs in their local housing markets, with an uptick in existing home and condominium sales in May 2008 from April, according to the latest housing statistics released by the Florida Association of Realtors.

A total of 12,175 existing single-family homes sold in May, up 8.7 percent over the previous month when 11,200 homes changed hands statewide. Existing condo sales statewide rose 3 percent, with a total of 4,018 units sold in May compared with 3,900 condos in April

The median price for both existing single-family homes and existing condos increased slightly as well during the one-month period. The existing-home median price in May was $203,300, up 2.2 percent from April's median price of $198,900. The median price of an existing condo last month was $181,800, up 1.5 percent from April's figure of $179,200.

In the year-to-year comparison, a total of 12,175 existing homes sold statewide last month while 12,882 homes sold in May 2007, a decrease of 5 percent, according to FAR.

Florida's median sales price for existing homes last month was $203,300; a year ago it was $239,000, a 15-percent decrease.

But looking back to May 2003, the statewide median sales price for single-family homes has increased about 34.5 percent over the five-year-period, according to FAR records.

In a year-to-year comparison for condos, 4,018 units sold statewide compared to 4,458 in May 2007, a 10-percent decline. The statewide existing-condo median sales price last month was $181,800; in May 2007 it was $210,200, a 14-percent decrease.

Among the state's larger markets, the Sarasota-Bradenton Metropolitan Statistical Area reported a total of 858 homes sold in May compared to 772 homes a year ago, an 11-percent increase.

The existing home median sales price was $246,200; a year ago, it was $294,700, a 16-percent decrease.

A total of 331 existing condos sold in the MSA last month compared to 339 condos the previous May, a decrease of 2 percent. The market's existing condo median price remained stable at $246,400; a year ago, it was $246,200.

Stephen Lingley is president of the Venice Area Board of Realtors. You call reach him at (941) 809-7580.

Happy holidaze

SUN PHOTO BY ROGER BUTTON

Rhonda Zollner, left, manager of Patchington, and Joyce Socco, owner of The Islander, dressed as Summer Santas, tell Jane Mendola about the special Christmas in July event in downtown Venice Friday. Starting at 10 a.m., Holiday Dreams & Memories, Patchington, Sandy's Designer Clothing, Meows & Growls, The Islander and Krystyna's will be offering discounted prices. Merchants are providing snacks, cookies and cold drinks to customers shopping Christmas in July.

BIZ BRIEFS

Chamber calendar

• Network Lunch, Monday, July 28, 11:45 a.m., Mission Valley Country Club 1851 Mission Valley Blvd., Nokomis; $12 per person (checks payable to host restaurant; no credit cards); no denim, please; RSVP required, 488-2236

• Governmental issues forum "Here We Are, Where Are We Going? Thursday, July 31, Venice Yacht Club 8-10 a.m.

Registration and breakfast begin at 7:30 a.m.; open to chamber members and their guests; $15 members, $25 nonmembers.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, call 488-2236.

OBITUARIES

Shirley M. Butts

Shirley M. Butts. 77, of Venice, Fla., formerly of Norton, Mass., passed away Friday, July 18, 2008.

Shirley was a graduate of Purdue University. She was a member of Delta Gamma Sorority, the PEO, Sarasota Baptist Church and an active member of Bay Indies Homeowners Association.

She is survived by her husband, William; sons David of Hong Kong and Thomas of Walpole, Mass.; her mother, Dorothy Rodgers of Venice, Fla.; and five grandchildren.

Services: Services will be held at a later date.

Contributions: Memorial donations may be made in memory of Shirley Butts to Mission ONE, P.O. Box 5960, Scottsdale, AZ 85261.

Henrietta J. Hartman

Henrietta J. Hartman, 48, of Venice, Fla., died Tuesday, July 22, 2008. Farley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

OBITUARY POLICY

Obituaries are accepted from funeral homes and crematories only. There is no charge for publishing an abbreviated death notice once. Full obituaries, notices of services and repeat death notices will be subject to charges based on their length. Obituaries should be e-mailed to lkennedy@venicegondolier.com and must include a phone number. There is an additional charge for faxed or hand-delivered obituaries, and for photos. The *Venice Gondolier Sun* publishes on Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Obituary deadlines are noon for faxes and 2 p.m. for e-mails the day before publication. For more information, call (941) 207-1110.

High gas prices are fueling crime wave

KEN KLEINLEIN
CRIME SCENE COLUMNIST

Recently while driving in and around our area I observed many drivers operating their vehicles with the windows down. Obviously, when driving with the windows open they probably do not have their air conditioners engaged.

Folks are not using air conditioning in order to save gasoline. According to the auto club, you can save approximately 1 to 2 gallons a tank if you drive without using the air conditioner.

The continuing astronomical spike in fuel prices has resulted in a number of adjustments put in place to conserve gasoline and cut the cost of operating a vehicle.

Unfortunately the high prices have also resulted in an increase in crime statistics.

Drive-off larcenies at gas stations have more than tripled.

Local authorities have investigated a number of thefts from fuel storage tanks in rural areas that contain gasoline and diesel fuel. These larcenies have resulted in increased security at those locations and the use of surveillance cameras.

Crooks use power tools to drill holes in tanks to siphon gasoline. Using this method to steal fuel presents the danger of explosion and fire, not only to the thief, but the victim. There is always some spillage, and should someone drop a cigarette in that area, the consequences could be catastrophic. And consider the trail of gas left if the operator drives away and does not notice the fuel being left along the route.

Thieves are also siphoning gasoline directly from vehicles parked at malls, on streets, in front of homes and in driveways.

You must also be on guard for unscrupulous gas stations that calibrate their pumps to show more gas was pumped than you actually received. In essence, you pay more for less fuel.

If you are suspicious and feel you are being victimized, use the following method to combat this scam.

Put exactly 10 gallons into your tank, then look at the dollar amount. If the dollar amount is not exactly 10 times the price of the fuel you have purchased, the pumps are rigged. Report the incident to the Attorney General's Office at (850) 414-3300.

Hopefully, help with high gas prices may soon be on the way. A Senate committee is studying the situation and preliminary reports indicate that much of the problem stems from gas prices inflated by speculation, suggesting that investors should have to pay larger margins up front.

Sean Cota, a regional chair of the Petroleum Marketers Association, testified before the committee. Based on testimony received, Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., stated stock speculation requires a 50 percent margin, whereas oil commodities only require 5 percent to 7 percent.

To avoid being a victim of gasoline theft, try to park in well-lighted areas. If you do not have a locking gas cap on your vehicle, purchase one, and put your car in the garage, especially at night.

Go to autos.msn.com/everyday/gasstations.aspx?zip=&src=Next to find the lowest fuel prices in your area. Another way to save on gas is to combine trips and reduce your speed.

Congratulations to the Englewood Area Fire Control District, which recently celebrated 25 years of outstanding fire protection and service to the community.

Sad news: Former NYPD officer and Gulf 10-13 Police Officers Club member Chuck Kobel passed away recently after a short illness. Condolences to his family, friends and peers. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Thanks to former NYPD Detective Bernard Carney and Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Police Officer Bill Grey for contributing portions of the information contained in this column.

Ken Kleinlein, a former detective with the NYPD Special Frauds Squad, works as a crime consultant and information specialist.

POLICE BEAT

Identity thief still loose

Sarasota Sheriff's office detectives are still searching for the man behind a July 7 property and identity theft. The man took a Sarasota woman's car and credit cards.

The man is described as a white male, approximately 18-25 years old, average build, with short, dark hair. A clerk who checked the man's ID when given the stolen credit card said that his name is Christopher. He was last seen wearing a black tank-top and accompanied by two females, approximately 16-25 years old.

The vehicle is a green 1994 two-door Ford Thunderbird with Florida license plate number C576AK.

Anyone with information regarding the incident should contact the Sarasota Criminal Investigations Bureau at (941) 861-4900. You may also leave an anonymous tip on the Crime Stoppers Tip Line, (941) 366-TIPS, online: www.sarasotacrimestoppers.com.

Vehicle fire

The Venice Fire Department responded to a car fire in the 100 block of Gulf Manor Drive Saturday night around 5:30 p.m.

Venice units arrived on scene in less than four minutes to a Mercedes that was fully engulfed in flames. The vehicle's fuel tank exploded as crews arrived.

Fire crews brought the fire under control in two and a half minutes and were able to keep the fire from damaging the other vehicles nearby. The cause of the fire is undetermined at this time.

Venice Police Department arrests

- Alan Felt, 19, no address. Charge: fraudulent use of a credit card. Bond: $1,000.
- Grace Amber Young, 21, 1000 block Owl Road, Englewood. Charge: two counts possession of a controlled substance. Bond: $1,120.

Report graffiti online

FROM THE SARASOTA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

As part of its graffiti eradication program, the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office has added a feature to its Web site, www.sarasotasheriff.org.

Visitors can now report graffiti online. The online form is quick and easy to use and can be accessed by clicking on the "Report Graffiti" button on the site's home page. Also available online are tips for graffiti prevention.

The sheriff's office established the program in 2000. It uses both sheriff's office and community resources.

Deputy Shannon Snyder, who has coordinated the program since its inception, received the Customer Service Excellence Award at the 2006 Excellence in Government Awards Ceremony hosted by the Manatee Community College Center for Innovation and Technology in January.

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Kayak fishing saves gas, beverages

There's something that just seems more sporting about kayak fishing. I think it's the fact you can't drink as many Belgian Budweisers while participating.

On a real fishing boat — that is, one with a motor — you can get as sloshed as you want and still stand a good chance of outwitting the marine life. On a kayak you stand a better chance of sloshing yourself overboard.

I bought a used kayak a couple of weeks ago and it only took me a few (alcohol-free) tries to turn it over and end up swimming back to the beach. I didn't bring my rod on that trip for precisely that reason. The only casualties were one flip-flop and a Venice High School basketball T-shirt. You'll be the Catch of the Week if you reel in the flip-flop.

Being from Atlanta, I haven't had a lot of experience with waves. We have lakes in North Georgia, but the toughest swells to navigate are those of a pontoon boat's wake.

Another few voyages upon my new vessel, which I have aptly named Day Tripper, and I was feeling brave enough to try bringing the fishing tackle. I've fished. I've kayaked. What could be so hard about kayak fishing?

It's mostly an issue of balance for me. Turns out even a pontoon's wake in the Intracoastal is nearly enough to roll you when trying to keep up with a floating-away bait bucket and a swiftly swinging, ocularly adjacent fishing hook.

I did manage to stay upright the entire trip, but my hands are pretty well mangled from catfish pokes and hook snags I suffered while trying to remain on board. I'm getting a rod holder and fixing up some places to tie things down next time. Live and learn, I suppose.

In fact, I learned something valuable. As in, money valuable.

Instead of shelling out cash for dinner for two at Sharky's, my girlfriend and I feasted on fresh redfish. Instead of taking my standard-issue GondoYacht out at $5 per gallon, I used the power of the paddle to reach my fishing spot. In a few fishing trips, my $340 kayak will have paid for itself.

So now I've earned my stripes, literally. The sun only hits half of your leg when it's sitting in a kayak, so I've got a stripe down the middle of my shin. Just in time for a beach trip to Destin for the weekend. See you next week.

Now, if I could just get that other flip-flop, I'd be able to step across these oyster shells and get this kayak back on the roof of my car...

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Young ballers ready to wrap up summer ball

BY TRIPP MILLER
SPORTS EDITOR

The Venice High School girls basketball team lacks experience.

The Lady Indians lost their entire starting lineup and most of their bench when eight seniors graduated in May. They have two returning varsity players in junior Kirsten Walchle and sophomore Leanne Marsden, but everyone else is completely green. So Venice has been working hard this summer.

"We've probably played 45-50 games this summer as a team, so that's like three seasons," Head Coach Bruce Reichenbach said. In one 10-day stretch, Venice played 20 games.

"It's surprising to a lot of people that they play that many, but you really have to to compete with some of the good teams," Reichenbach said.

The "offseason" wraps up next week when Venice takes on one of District 5A-12's frontrunners, North Port High School. After that game, which could serve as a measuring stick for the regular season, the Indians finally get a break. Coaches are giving them the month of August to rest before the start of the strength and conditioning program.

SUN PHOTO BY TRIPP MILLER

Venice High School's Leanne Marsden plays defense during the Lady Indians summer league game with Port Charlotte. Marsden is one of only two returning varsity players.

With the end of summer ball approaching, Reichenbach and assistant coach Ann Ross sat down with the *Gondolier Sun* to give a progress report on their young team.

"What's good is that all of our young kids have really made great strides this summer," he said. "The key was to get the young kids on the court as many games as we could because they're the ones that have to step up."

The two returning varsity players, Marsden and Walchle, figure to be the team leaders. After that, two — maybe even three — freshmen are expected to start or at least see significant playing time on the varsity team.

Reichenbach has been very complimentary of Juliana Cavallaro all summer; he also revealed that Hannah Revels will likely contribute considerably. But the biggest surprise this summer has been the progress of freshman Lauren Hackett.

Hackett played just one year of organized basketball, last season at Pine View School, before joining the Venice Velocity, the area's girls youth basketball program directed by Ross and Reichenbach. Now she appears to be a possible four-year varsity player.

"Now she's not only playing varsity but she could start," Ross said. "She has a fantastic work ethic, she listens and applies. You can't beat that."

To compete with North Port and Southeast high schools, Venice will need big contributions from young players. Last year the Indians finished 14-13 with five senior starters, but Reichenbach doesn't see any reason they can't at least equal that.

"Our freshmen, they've been sort of thrown in the fire," he said. "It's really a time that they can get to know where their teammates go when they penetrate and how to help their teammates on defense.

"That's a big part of the summer, is learning each other, each other's moves offensively and defensively. That's what was so nice last year with all the seniors I had. Those girls had been playing together, some of them 10 years. Athletically, we're probably just as good, but our girls don't know where other kids are going to be when they take the ball to the basket. It's just that cohesiveness we're trying to get."

Taekwondo athletes earn medals at Junior Olympics

FROM RED TIGER
MARTIAL ARTS

Five competitors from Sarasota's Red Tiger Martial Arts returned from the U.S. Taekwondo Championships with two gold medals, three silver medals and one bronze medal.

Ten-year-old Mykel Gerace of Venice, along with 11-year-old Karishma Day, 18-year-old Bobby Shusko, 9-year-old Jacob Shusko and 10-year-old Isaac Weintraub competed in forms and sparring July 3-6 in Detroit. More than 2,500 athletes vied for honors over the four-day event held at Ford Field, home of the Detroit Lions. Only those who placed in the top three of their event at one of five national qualifiers throughout the U.S. were invited to compete.

The competition was sponsored and held by the U.S.A. Taekwondo Association, the national governing body of the sport, which is recognized by the U.S. Olympic Committee and a member of the World Taekwondo Federation.

All five students are members of the Red Tiger Martial Arts Club located in Sarasota. They are coached by Master Jin Hwang, who is a fifth-degree black belt. He has practiced taekwondo since the age of 6 in his native country of South Korea.

Taekwondo means the art of kicking and punching. The practice of taekwondo dates back to 50 B.C. and is believed to be one of the oldest oriental arts of self-defense. What distinguishes the sport are its varied and uniquely powerful kicking techniques. In 1980, at the 83rd International Olympic Committee Session in Moscow, the World Taekwondo Federation was granted IOC recognition and became a member of the Olympic Games. It served officially as a full medal sport in the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney. Taekwondo is recognized as the most widely practiced martial art system in the world.

PHOTO COURTESY OF LEISA WEINTRAUB

Competitors from Sarasota's Red Tiger Martial Arts, Mykel Gerace, Karishma Day, Bobby Shusko, Jacob Shusko and Isaac Weintraub pose with the medals earned at the U.S. Taekwondo Championships in Detroit.

SPORTS BRIEFS

We need fishing photos

Remember to send your fishing photos to the sports department at the *Gondolier Sun*. Each week, the best photos will be published on the sports page as the "Catch of the week." Photos can be dropped off in person at 200 E. Venice Ave., or e-mailed to tmiller@venicegondolier.com. Please be sure to identify all persons in the photos. All photos will be returned. Call Tripp Miller at 207-1107 for more information.

Youth football camp

The Venice High School football team is hosting a football camp for boys entering grades 3-9. Camp runs July 28-Aug. 1. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Cost is $50. Call Jon Cooley at 716-8160 for registration information.

Venice High School golf tryouts

The boys golf team at Venice High School will hold tryouts Aug. 11-14 at Lake Venice Golf Club, beginning at 2:30 p.m. each day. All players interested in the varsity and junior varsity programs must tryout. Participants must have school forms and physicals beforehand in order to tryout. For more information, call Head Coach Marty Tarala at 486-8686 or 488-0279.

Venice Vikings family fun night

Join the Venice Vikings for their Family Fun Night at AMF Bowling Lanes of Venice July 26, 6-9 p.m. Cost is $15 per person and $60 per family. Price includes unlimited bowling, shoe rental, pizza and a drink. Parental supervision is preferred for kids uner the age of 13. Proceeds benefit the Venice Vikings Pop Warner Football and Cheer Organization.

Victorious Vipers

COURTESY PHOTO

The Venice Vipers 10U softball team went undefeated and won the NSA B State South Tournament July 12-13 in Fort Myers. Pictured, front row, left to right are Brittany Clipse, Alexis Weaver and Danielle Koche. Middle row, Katie Simes, Kylie Bell, Lauren Disalvo, Georgina Corrick and Taylor Koohns. Back row, coach Dennis Bell, manager Jerry Clipse, coach Jerry Simes. Not pictured are Alex Izatt, Taylor Izatt, Megan Fowler and Emily Sims.

NASCAR THIS WEEK

ON THE TUBE

All times Eastern

Sprint Cup
Allstate 400 at the Brickyard, 2 p.m., Sunday

Nationwide Series
Kroger 200, 8 p.m., Saturday

Truck Series
Power Stroke Diesel 200, 8 p.m., Friday

BURNING ISSUES

▶ Kyle Busch isn't a "points racer." Statistics reflect that he races to win. He has 13 top-10 finishes. Twelve are in the top five. Seven are victories.

▶ As he considered options for next year, Ryan Newman used a familiar phrase to describe his career: "Coulda. Woulda. Shoulda."

▶ Jeff Gordon has never gone four years without a Brickyard victory. This is the fourth year since he won for the fourth time in 2004.

▶ Tony Stewart didn't have to move back to Chevrolet to get Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s assistance. "I work with him regardless," said Junior. "I've been working with him all the time, no matter what he's driving. … Give and take with him; (and) he'll take care of you."

▶ Earnhardt Jr., by the way, said he has no interest in buying DEI. "I don't mean this in a bad way, but I do not and would not have any interest in purchasing it," he said. "I would not have any interest, really, in purchasing any race team just to have the ownership. That just really doesn't seem like a good deal."

▶ Unlike Gene Haas, Teresa Earnhardt has no interest in giving away half her race team. If she did, her stepson might still be there.

▶ Some say Jeff Burton might enter politics when his racing days are over. He says he'll always be around racing. "The thought of just walking away from it is something that doesn't interest me," he said. "I don't want to uninvolve myself."

▶ Even though Casey Mears is, like Kyle Busch a year earlier, leaving Hendrick Motorsports, Mears said he doesn't plan on asking Busch for advice. "I think I've got more experience than Kyle in changing teams," said Mears.

THE POINTS RACE

SPRINT CUP

1.	Kyle Busch	2,881
2.	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	- 262
3.	Jeff Burton	- 291
4.	Carl Edwards	- 372
5.	Jimmie Johnson	- 387
6.	Jeff Gordon	- 497
7.	Greg Biffle	- 563
8.	Matt Kenseth	- 564
9.	Kevin Harvick	- 573
10.	Tony Stewart	- 576
11.	Kasey Kahne	- 586
12.	Denny Hamlin	- 598

NATIONWIDE SERIES

1.	Clint Bowyer	3,107
2.	Brad Keselowski	- 170
3.	Carl Edwards	- 201
4.	David Reutimann	- 266
5.	David Ragan	- 360
6.	Mike Bliss	- 434
7.	Kyle Busch	- 474
8.	Mike Wallace	- 601
9.	David Stremme	- 644
10.	Jason Keller	- 664

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES

1.	Johnny Benson	1,881
2.	Matt Crafton	- 1
3.	Ron Hornaday	- 5
4.	Rick Crawford	- 92
5.	Mike Skinner	- 101
6.	Todd Bodine	- 111
7.	Terry Cook	- 186
8.	Erik Darnell	- 200
9.	Jack Sprague	- 206
10.	Dennis Setzer	- 227

▶ **If you have a question or a comment, write:** NASCAR This Week, c/o The Gaston Gazette, P.O. Box 1538, Gastonia, NC 28053

WHAT'S UP NEXT

Sprint Cup

■ **Race**: Allstate 400 at the Brickyard
■ **Where**: Indianapolis Motor Speedway (2.5 mi.), 400 laps/160 miles.
■ **When**: Sunday, July 27.
■ **Last year's winner**: Tony Stewart, Chevrolet.
■ **Qualifying record**: Casey Mears, Dodge, 186.293 mph, Aug. 7, 2004.
■ **Race record**: Bobby Labonte, Pontiac, 155.912 mph, Aug. 5, 2000.
■ **Last race**: Kyle Busch has become a force of nature, almost always in position to win at the end of races and finding a way to do so. Busch's victory at Chicagoland Speedway in the LifeLock.com 400 was his seventh of the season and his third in four races. On the 251st of a scheduled 267 laps, Jimmie Johnson slipped past Busch, who had dominated the race. He then pulled swiftly away in an unerring impression of what Busch's Toyota had been doing all night long. Johnson's Chevrolet had stretched the lead in vain, though. A rather gaudy blown engine — in the Ford of David Gilliland — gave Busch one more shot. He bested Johnson on the restart, and the result was yet another victory. Johnson won the championships in 2006-2007, and in the latter year, he became the first NASCAR driver in nine years to collect double-digit victories. Busch appears headed in the same direction. He led a track-record 165 laps.

Nationwide

■ **Race**: Kroger 200
■ **Where**: O'Reilly Raceway Park at Indianapolis, (.686 mi.), 200 laps/250 miles.
■ **When**: Saturday, July 26.
■ **Last year's winner**: Jason Leffler, Toyota.
■ **Qualifying record**: David Green, Chevrolet, 113.461 mph, Aug. 4, 1994.
■ **Race record**: Jimmy Hensley, Oldsmobile, 96.923 mph, June 22, 1985.
■ **Last race**: Ford driver Carl Edwards won for the second time this season, dominating the race at Gateway International Raceway in Madison, Ill.

Craftsman Truck

■ **Race**: Power Stroke Diesel 200
■ **Where**: O'Reilly Raceway Park at Indianapolis, (.686 mi.), 200 laps/250 miles.
■ **When**: Friday, July 25.
■ **Last year's winner**: Ron Hornaday Jr., Chevrolet.
■ **Qualifying record**: Joe Ruttman, Dodge, 111.843 mph, Aug. 2, 2000.
■ **Race record**: Greg Biffle, Ford, 88.704 mph, Aug. 5, 1999.
■ **Last race**: Toyota driver Johnny Benson rolled to victory at Kentucky Speedway, taking the points lead and holding off Bill Davis Racing

INDIANAPOLIS DATA

July 27

Distance:.....2.5 mile oval
Length of frontstretch:. .....5/8 mi.
Length of backstretch: .....5/8 mi.
Miles/Laps:.....400 mi. = 160 laps

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

TONY STEWART SPRINT CUP NO. 20 HOME DEPOT TOYOTA

John Clark/NASCAR This Week

After weeks of problems, a frustrated Tony Stewart has not scored a victory in a Toyota. The 37-year-old two-time Cup champion has learned a good deal about humility, luck and change this season. He will leave Gibbs Racing for his own team next season.

Down On His Luck

Winless in 2008, Stewart's frustrated but looking toward the future

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

Tony Stewart is at wits' end. Always superstitious, Stewart's streak of tough luck has left him reeling.

"I'm scared to get in cars, planes, everything," he said, partly in jest. "I'm scared to walk, open doors without looking before I walk through … it's the oddest year I think I've ever seen."

The 37-year-old Stewart has won 32 races and two championships at NASCAR's highest level. So far in 2008, though, he hasn't scored. He's led 531 laps. He's lost because of fuel mileage, because he had a flat tire and because he came down with the flu and had to be relieved.

"There are guys who have had a lot worse seasons than we've ever had, but this is a terrible year for us and our team," said Stewart. "I think that's a compliment to how good of success this team and this organization has had. … I don't know how long it's going to last. Hopefully, it's not much longer."

Stewart could well be right. He's won the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard twice in the last three years. Indianapolis Motor Speedway is his favorite place. He dreamed about Indy while growing up in Columbus, Ind.

The season of discontent has taught Stewart lessons in humility.

"It just reminds you of the stretches that you've had where everything goes right," he said. "It reminds you of how hard those are to have, and when you do get a string like that, how much to appreciate it versus days when you think you should've won and you didn't.

"I think it helps put it in perspective, even though it's frustrating."

This has also been a season of change for Stewart, who will leave the only team he has ever driven for in NASCAR, Joe Gibbs Racing, and his only crew chief, Greg Zipadelli, next year. Stewart will assume half ownership of what will then become Stewart Haas Racing.

But there's still business to attend to at JGR.

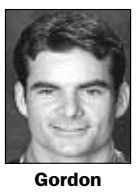
"We try to win the race every week, just like we always have," Stewart said. "We've never a string of bad luck like this. … It's not something that you sit through and formulate. It's luck. … It just comes in waves. We've had short periods of bad luck, but we've never had bad luck like we've had this year."

Read more from Monte Dutton at www.gastongazette.com

FEUD OF THE WEEK

Busch

VERSUS



Gordon

Kyle Busch vs. Jeff Gordon

Busch's former teammate is the only four-time winner of the Allstate 400 and could use a momentum builder for the Chase. Busch's Indy finishes have a nice pattern: 10th in 2005, seventh in 2006 and fourth in 2007. The pattern leads to … a victory this year. Not if Gordon has anything to do with it, though.

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take: "Is Busch the Brickyard favorite? Of course he is. He's the favorite everywhere."

YOUR TURN
LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Love of yellow-flag racing? Most teams hate it, too.

Dear NASCAR This Week,

… Why in the world does NASCAR finish under the yellow flag? That is so unfair and totally stupid. I could see if it were getting dark and the track had no lights, but what the heck? It's ignorant! NASCAR will make one attempt to finish, and when I hear that, my blood boils, and you guys are the biggest morons! Grow a brain and finish under green! Period! That's why I don't go to any more races, travel all that way and finish (under) yellow. I throwup just thinking about it. Change that stupid … rule or lose everyone. Thanks.

Craig Kobel
Worcester, Mass.

First of all, NASCAR This Week isn't formally associated with NASCAR, so we're not in a position to be "morons" in the manner you imply. For all of NASCAR history, races have sometimes ended under caution. It's only recently that the ruling body has attempted to increase the number of green-flag finishes by using the so-called green-white-checkered rule, but the rule stipulates that only one attempt is made. Why not do it over and over? Time constraints are part of the reason the rule exists as it does, but so are fuel and strategic considerations. The bottom line: NASCAR doesn't do it over and over because most of the teams are against "unlimited overtime."

NASCAR This Week welcomes letters to the editor, but please be aware that we have room for only a few each week. Please do not send stamped and self-addressed envelopes with your letters, which should be addressed to:

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FAN TIPS

Track sites in Stock Car Racing Mystery series show

Co-authors Joyce and Jim Lavene have produced the second in the Stock Car Racing Mystery series from Midnight Ink, which is the mystery imprint of Llewellyn Worldwide.

The first book, *Swapping Paint*, was set at Lowe's Motor Speedway. The second title, *Hooked Up*, moves north for a murder-suicide mystery off the DuPont Monster Bridge at Dover International Speedway. The books, both priced at $13.95, are available at www.amazon.com or www.MidnightInkBooks.com.

WHO'S HOT AND WHO'S NOT

▶ **Who's hot** — Carl Edwards is heating up in the Nationwide Series, having dominated the race at Gateway. … Jason Keller's third-place finish was his best in four years.

NEWMAN

▶ **Who's not** — Ryan Newman, at least until he announces where he'll be racing next year. … With seven races remaining in the Sprint Cup regular season, Clint Bowyer has fallen out of the top 12 in points.

Edwards pedals as fast as he can for the closest win

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

Carl Edwards, the fitness enthusiast, rode a bicycle from his home in Columbia, Mo., to Madison, Ill., site of Gateway International Raceway, where he subsequently won in the Nationwide Series.

The track is located near St. Louis, reasonably close to Columbia. Edwards' motor-coach driver, Tom Giacchi, joined him on the excursion.

Edwards built some momentum entering Indy by dominating the Gateway race. The track, while across the Mississippi River from St. Louis, is the closest NASCAR track to Edwards' hometown.

In addition to his pre-race bicycling, Edwards also took part in a charity track walk. It was his second Gateway victory, the first having come in 2006.

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NUTS AND BOLTS

Upbeat — Matt Kenseth has come a long way and proved those who dismissed him from Chase competition wrong.

He still has to hang on, though.

KENSETH

"I feel good about what we've been able to do the last couple of months, in general," he said. "We've had a couple of races where we've been off, where we haven't maybe done everything exactly right. In general, I feel good about where we're at.

"You're not comfortable where you are in the standings, obviously, until you go to Richmond and you're 152 points, or whatever it is, ahead of 13th place. Then you're comfortable. So, you're never really comfortable until you work your way up there a little farther. I'm comfortable with how we're running. We're a lot more competitive, and we're operating more like a championship team here the last month or two. That gives me some confidence."

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Better safe than sorry — Kevin Harvick Inc., noting harsh economic times, has shelved plans to start an NHRA drag-racing team.

"Right now we've tabled all that stuff," said Harvick.

"There's so much changing in the whole world right now as far as where sponsorship dollars are going, and we're just kind of taking a step back and going to take a couple years here and just really focus on our two trucks and see where the Nationwide thing goes, as far as the rules packages and where the economy goes, instead of jumping in with both feet.

"It's something that we're interested in and still would consider looking at going forward, but we're going to take a couple years here and really just see where everything goes."

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JUDGE: Division "A"

IN RE: FORFEITURE OF:

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UNKNOWN ADDRESS

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WITNESSED by hand and Seal of the Court on this **11th day of July 2008.**

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Clerk of Circuit Court
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Case No. 2006-CA-10548-NC
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IN RE: **FORFEITURE OF:**
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No. 2008-DR-10819- NC

ROSEMANE ST. JEAN LOUIS,
Petitioner,

and

MATHIEU LOUIS,
Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

TO: MATHIEU LOUIS
Address Unknown

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Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated: **July 8, 2008**

KAREN E. RUSHING, CLERK
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Amy Thomas
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Johnson's Towing of Venice gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on **08/08/2008, 09:00 a.m.** at **604 Tamiami Trail N, Nokomis, FL 34275-2137**, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. **Johnson's Towing of Venice** reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

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20 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF
JOY L. GORDON,
Deceased,

File No. 2008-CP-10524-SC

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The Administration of the estate of **JOY L. GORDON** deceased, whose date of death was **March 14, 2008** and whose Social Security Number is **(*),** is pending in the Circuit Court for **Sarasota** County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is **4000 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice, FL 34293.** The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court **WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.**
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court **WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.**
ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this notice is **July 18, 2008**

Personal Representative:
JACQLYN SMITH
383 Dorchester Dr.
Venice, FL 34292

Attorney for Personal Representative:
DAVID R. CORNISH, ESQ.
Florida Bar No. 0225924
355 W Venice Ave.
Venice, FL 34285
Telephone: (941)-483-4246
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF
JOHN K. SHAY,
Deceased.

File No. 2008-CP-009780-NC

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of **JOHN K. SHAY,** deceased, whose date of death was **April 19, 2007,** and whose social security number is **XXX-XX-5472,** is pending in the Circuit Court for **SARASOTA** County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is **Post Office Box 3079, Sarasota, Florida 34230.** The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court **WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.**
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court **WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.**
ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IS JULY 18, 2008.

Personal Representative:
BARBARA S. PIGNOTTI
5631 Hale Road
Venice, Florida 34293

Attorney for Personal Representative:
WAYNE C. HALL, ESQ.
Florida Bar No. 199524
1314 East Venice Ave, Ste E
Venice, Florida 34285
Telephone: (941) 480-0999
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22 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION

Case No 2008-CA-5102-SC

JOHN COFFEY
and KAREN L. COFFEY,
Plaintiff,

vs.

GERARDE M. SULLIVAN AND and JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE as unknown tenants in possession of subject property,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned, **KAREN E. RUSHING, Clerk of Circuit and County Courts of Sarasota County, Florida**, will on **August 11, 2008**, **8:30 o'clock A.M.,** at **Room 108, 2000 Main Street, Historic Courtroom, East, Wing, Sarasota, Florida,** offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Sarasota County, Florida. The highest bidder shall immediately post with the Clerk, a deposit equal to 5% of the final bid. The deposit must be cash or cashier's check payable to Sarasota County Clerk of Court.

Parcel 1:
Lots 10 and 11, Block 209, EDGEWOOD SECTION OF VENICE, as per Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 166, of the Pubic Records of Sarasota County, Florida.

and

Parcel2:
Lot 12, Block 209 of EDGEWOOD SECTION OF VENICE, as per Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 166, of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida; LESS that portion previously deeded to the State Road Department for right-of-way as shown in Official Records Book 487, Page 287, of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida.

and

Parcel 3:
All of Lot 13, and the West 42 feet of Lot 14, Block 209, NORTH EDGEWOOD SECTION OF VENICE, as per Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 8, of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida; LESS that portion of Lot 13 containing 117 square feet, more or less, taken by condemnation as described in Judgment recorded in Official Records Book 682, Page 534, of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida.

and

Parcel 4:
The East 8 feet of lot 14, all of Lot 15 and the West 27 feet of Lot 16, Block 209, of VENICE NORTH EDGEWOOD SECTION, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 8, of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida.

pursuant to the Final Default Judgment in Foreclosure entered in a case pending in said Court in the above-styled cause.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this **12th** day of **July, 2008.**

KAREN E. RUSHING
Clerk of Circuit and County Courts
By: Grace Burch
Deputy Clerk

IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT COURT ADMINISTRATION AT 2000 Main Street, Sarasota, Florida (941)-861-7400 WITHIN 2 WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS DOCUMENT, IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED CALL 1-800-955-8771.

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August 1, 2008

Copy to:

Matthew Rheingans, P.A.
355 W. Venice Ave.
Venice, Florida 34285
Attorney for Plaintiff

Gerarde M. Sullivan
2802 Norwood Lane
Venice, FL 34292

30 NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE COUNTY COURT of THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION

File No 2007-CC-006980-SC
Division: Civil

SARASOTA SANDS OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.,
Plaintiff,

vs.

DENISE A. GRANGER,
Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure and Damages dated **JULY 10, 2008** in **Case No. 2007-CC-006980-SC** in the County Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for Sarasota County, Florida in which **SARASOTA SANDS OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.,** a Florida corporation is Plaintiff and **DENISE A. GRANGER** as Defendant.

I WILL SELL to the highest bidder for cash at Room 108, of the Sarasota County Courthouse, located at 2000 Main Street, Sarasota, Florida at **8:30 A.M.** on **August 14, 2008** the following described property set forth in the Final Judgment of Foreclosure and Damages:

Undivided 1/50th interest in and to Condominium Unit C202, Weeks 40 and 41 and their undivided respective share in those common elements appertaining thereto in accordance with and subject to the covenants, conditions, terms, restrictions and other provisions of a certain Declaration of Condominium of SARASOTA SANDS a resort condominium hotel, as recorded in Official Records Book 1364 at Page 1165 et seq., of the public records of Sarasota County, Florida, and as per Condominium Plat recorded in Condominium Book 14 at pages 4 through 4B inclusive of the public records of Sarasota County, Florida.

Dated **July 11, 2008.**

KAREN E. RUSHING
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Grace Burch
Deputy Clerk

cc:
DAVID K. OAKS, P.A.,
407 E Marion Ave. Ste 101
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

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JULY 25, 2008

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No: 2008-CA-4128-NC

FIFTH THIRD BANK, successor by merger to R-G CROWN BANK, Plaintiff,

PARAMOUNT QUALITY HOMES CORP., a Florida corporation, ELIEZER MORGINSTIN, individually; LAURIE MORGINSTIN, individually; MARTIN S. SCHAFFER, individually and LINDA SCHAFFER, individually, jointly and severally,
Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE ON COMPLAINT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Sarasota County, Florida, under and by virtue of the Final Judgment heretofore entered on the **29th day of May, 2008,** and pursuant to the Order Rescheduling Foreclosure sale dated **July 1, 2008,** in that certain cause pending in the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, in and for Sarasota County, Florida, being **Civil Action No. 2008-CA-4128-NC,** in which **FIFTH THIRD BANK,** as successor by merger to **R-G Crown Bank ("Fifth Third"),** is the Plaintiff and **PARAMOUNT QUALITY HOMES CORP.,** a Florida corporation ("Paramount"); **ELIEZER MORGINSTIN,** individually ("Eliezer"); **LAURIE MORGINSTIN,** individually ("Laurie"); **MARTIN S. SCHAFFER,** individually ("Martin") and **LINDA SCHAFFER,** individually ("Linda") (collectively, "the Defendants"), are the Defendants, and under and by virtue of the terms of the said Final Judgment will offer for sale at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, in Room 108, East Wing, 2000 Main Street, Historic Courtroom, Sarasota, Florida, on the **6th day of August, 2008,** at the hour of **8:30 a.m.,** the same being a legal sales day and the hour a legal hour of sale, the real and personal property located in **Sarasota, Charlotte,** Brevard, St. Lucie and Marion Counties, Florida and legally described in **Exhibit "A"** attached hereto.

The property aforesaid, together with all improvements, buildings, fixtures, tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, is being sold to satisfy Fifth Third's claims under said Judgment.

30 NOTICE OF SALE

DATED this **8th day of July, 2008.**

KAREN E. RUSHING
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Sarasota County, Florida
By: Grace Burch
Deputy Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by U.S. Mail delivery to **JOHN M. BRENNAN, ESQ.,** Gray Robinson, P.A., P.O. Box 3068, Orlando, Florida 32802-3068; **PARAMOUNT QUALITY HOMES CORP.,** by serving Berry J. Walker, Esq., as Registered Agent, 1053 Maitland Center Commons Boulevard, Suite 200, Maitland, Florida 32751; **ELIEZER MORGINSTIN,** 98 Northern Pkwy W, Plainview, New York 11803; **LAURIE MORGINSTIN,** 98 Northern Pkwy W, Plainview, New York 11803; **MARTIN S. SHAFFER,** 8702 Native Dancer Road N., Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33418 and **LINDA SHAFFER,** 8702 Native Dancer Road N., Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33418, **this _____ day of July, 2008.**

KAREN E. RUSHING
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Sarasota County, Florida
By: Grace Burch
Deputy Clerk

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FIFTH THIRD BANK - PARAMOUNT QUALITY HOMES CORP.
LIST OF FIFTH THIRD BANK'S COLLATERAL
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Legal Description
Property Address

1. Lot 22, Block 751, TWELFTH ADDITION TO PORT CHARLOTTE SUBDIVISION, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 13, Pages 8, 8A through 8V, of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida KENNETT ST
NORTH PORT, FL 34288

2. Lot 23, Block 751, TWELFTH ADDITION TO PORT CHARLOTTE SUBDIVISION, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 13, Pages 8, 8A through 8V, of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida KENNETT ST
NORTH PORT, FL 34288

3. Lot 32, Block 624, Replat of a portion of FOURTEENTH ADDITION TO PORT CHARLOTTE SUBDIVISION, as per Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 15, Pages 9, 9A through 9E, of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida TILHAL TERRACE, NORTH PORT, FL

4. Lot 33, Block 624, Replat of a portion of FOURTEENTH ADDITION TO PORT CHARLOTTE SUBDIVISION, as per Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 15, Pages 9, 9A through 9E, of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida TILHAL TERRACE, NORTH PORT, FL

5. Lot 5, Block 721, 12TH ADDITION TO PORT CHARLOTTE SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 13, Page 8, of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida SAN MATEO DR
NORTH PORT, FL 34288

6. Lot 17, Block 1173, 25TH ADDITION TO PORT CHARLOTTE SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 15, Page 2, of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida MAKENA ST, NORTH PORT, FL 34286

7. Lot 23, Block 1172, 25TH ADDITION TO PORT CHARLOTTE SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 15, Page 2, of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida
ARMENIA R, NORTH PORT, FL 34286

8. Lot 23, Block 1692, 36TH ADDITION TO PORT CHARLOTTE SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 16, Page 3, of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida. RAOUL AVE, NORTH PORT, FL 34286

9. Lot 30, Block 617, REPLAT OF A PORTION OF 14TH ADDITION TO PORT CHARLOTTE SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 15, Page 9, of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida, EUREKA AVE, NORTH PORT, FL 34286

10. Lot 38, Block 2326, 47th ADDITION TO PORT CHARLOTTE SUBDIVISION, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 19, Page 46, of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida BROLLY ST, NORTH PORT, FL 34288

11. Lot 23, Block 1189, 25th ADDITION TO PORT CHARLOTTE SUBDIVISION, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 15, Page 2, of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida LAGORCE ST, NORTH PORT, FL

12. Lot 10, Block 1340, 26th ADDITION TO PORT CHARLOTTE SUBDIVISION, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 15, Page 3, of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida O SHEA ST, NORTH PORT, FL

13. Lot 7, Block 1232, 27th ADDITION TO PORT CHARLOTTE SUBDIVISION, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 15, Page 11, of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida LAURINA ST, NORTH PORT, FL 34286

14. Lot 26, Block 1368, 28th ADDITION TO PORT CHARLOTTE SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 15, Page 12, of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida BRISTOL AVE, NORTH PORT, FL 34286

15. Lot 11, Block 1396, 28th ADDITION TO PORT CHARLOTTE SUBDIVISION, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 15, Page 12, of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida CAZLER AVE, NORTH PORT, FL 34286

16. Lot 1, Block 1428, 29th ADDITION TO PORT CHARLOTTE SUBDIVISION, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 15, Page 13, Sarasota County, Florida BABROFF TER, NORTH PORT, FL 34286

17. Lot 13, Block 1462, 30th ADDITION TO PORT CHARLOTTE SUBDIVISION, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 15, Page 14, of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Sarasota County, Florida BECKWITH AVE, NORTH PORT, FL 34286

18. Lot 26, Block 1478, 30TH ADDITION TO PORT CHARLOTTE SUBDIVISION, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 15, Page 14, of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida MONTCALM AVE NORTH PORT, FL 34286.

19. Lot 9, Block 1529, 31st ADDITION TO PORT CHARLOTTE SUBDIVISION, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 15, Page 15, of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Sarasota County, Florida, JEMING RD, NORTH PORT, FL 34286

20. Lot 4, Block 1528, 31st ADDITION TO PORT CHARLOTTE SUBDIVISION, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 15, Page 15, of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida NUTMEG AVE, NORTH PORT, FL 34286

21. Lot 7, Block 1065, TWENTYFOURTH ADDITION TO PORT CHARLOTTE SUBDIVISION, as per Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 14, Page 14, of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida HUNTINGTON, T NORTH PORT, FL

22. Lot 8, Block 1065, TWENTYFOURTH ADDITION TO PORT CHARLOTTE SUBDIVISION, as per Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 14, Page 14, of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida HUNTINGTON ST, NORTH PORT, FL

23. Lot 9, Block 1055, TWENTYFOURTH ADDITION TO PORT CHARLOTTE SUBDIVISION, as per Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 14, Page 14 of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida LAKEPORT ST, CITY OF NORTH PORT

24. Lot 10, Block 1055, TWENTYFOURTH ADDITION TO PORT CHARLOTTE SUBDIVISION, as per Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 14, Page 14 of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida LAKEPORT ST, NORTH PORT, FL 34288

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No. 2008-CA-001635-SC

JEROME ELLIS AND FREDERICK ELLIS,
d/b/a VENICE RANCH MOBILE HOME ESTATES,
Plaintiff,

vs.

JAY MEDEARIS, AND IF DECEASED, ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES, BENEFICIARIES, HEIRS, SUCCESSORS, AND ASSIGNS OF JAY MEDEARIS, AND ALL PARTIES HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, LOYAL MEDEARIS, AND IF DECEASED, ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES, BENEFICIARIES, HEIRS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF LOYAL MEDEARIS, AND ALL PARTIES HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, MARIA MEDEARIS, AND IF DECEASED, ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES, BENEFICIARIES, HEIRS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF MARIA MEDEARIS, AND ALL PARTIES, HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, TONY POWERS,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the final judgment/order entered in the abovenoted case, that I will sell the following property situated in Sarasota County, Florida, described as:

1968 SUWA House Trailer, VIN 154320086A and 154320086B, TITLE 3240457 and 32040456B, located on 2482 Sylvia Lane, Venice, 284 Venice, Sarasota County, Florida 33701

At public sale, to the highet and best bidder for cash, at the Sarasota County Courthouse, 2000 Main Street, **Sarasota,** Florida 34237, at **8:30 a.m. on August 15, 2008.** The highest bider shall immediately post with the Clerk a deposit equal to 5% of the final bid. The deposit must be made by cash or cashier's check payable to the Clerk of the Circuit Court. Final payment must be made by cash or cashier's check.

Dated this **12th day of July, 2008.**

KAREN E. RUSHING
Clerk of the Court,
Sarasota County
By: Grace Burch
Deputy Clerk

Original notice to be returned to the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

Bill and duplicate of notice eto mailed to Attorney for Plaintiff:

Brandon M. Daniels
Lutz, Bobo, Telfair, Eastman, Gabel & Lee
Two North Tamiami Trail
Suite 500
Sarasota, Florida 34236

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38 OTHER NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No. 2006-CA-7101-NC
JUDGE: Division "A"

IN RE: **FORFEITURE OF:**
$982.00 in U.S. Currency

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: TONJAY L. SMITH
UNKNOWN ADDRESS

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a forfeiture action has been filed against the above described currency by the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office. You are required to file your written defenses with the Clerk of the Court, 2000 Main Street, Sarasota, FL 34237, and to serve a copy of those defenses on or before the **11th day of August, 2008,** on **Kurt A. Hoffman, Esquire, Post Office Box 4115, Sarasota, Florida 34230-4115.** Failure to file your defenses will result in a default being entered against you.
WITNESSED by hand and the Seal of the Court on this **7th day of July, 2008.**

KAREN RUSHING
Clerk of Circuit Court
By: Colin Overholt
Deputy Clerk

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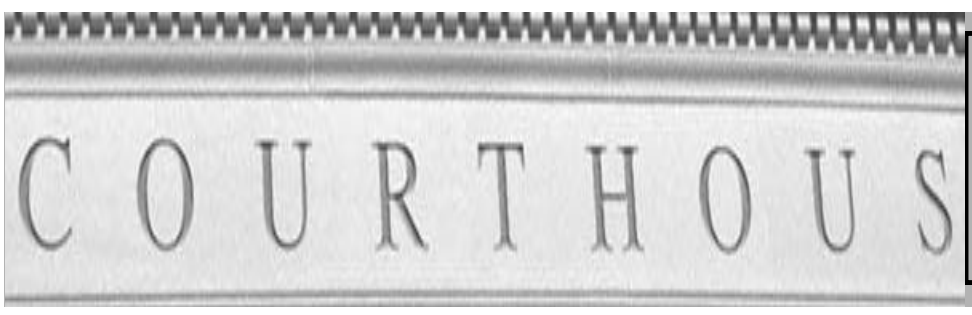
TO PLACE YOUR LEGAL NOTICE, CALL CAROL (941)-207-1206 cmozik@ venicegondolier.com fax (941)-485-3036



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Detert, Grant seek GOP Senate nomination

BY MIKE BILLINGTON
STAFF WRITER

Lonnie Ammaz is paying about twice as much for insurance for his small business this year as he did in 2007.

He's not happy about that and he wants whoever winds up as his state senator to do something about what he thinks are runaway insurance costs.

"Whoever wins the election needs to do something to take control of these insurance companies," said Ammaz, who runs Louie's Bicycles in North Port. "They keep raising their rates at the same time they're posting record profits. They're going to drive some of us out of business because we can't afford our insurance costs."

The Aug. 26 GOP primary for the District 23 state Senate seat pits former state Rep. Nancy Detert, 63, of Venice against current state Rep. Michael Grant, a 58-year-old Port Charlotte businessman. Both are Republican Party powerhouses and both have been successful business owners.

Detert founded and ran a mortgage company in Venice from 1983 until 2007, when she sold it. She now works in marketing for a prominent real estate firm. Grant, meanwhile, started a small nonemergency ambulance service in Port Charlotte that now has additional offices in Venice and Sarasota.

Both candidates understand what it takes to make a business run on a day-to-day basis, which gives Ammaz and other business owners a measure of hope. Despite those similarities, however, Detert and Grant are not two peas in a pod.

Differences

Grant, for example, bills himself as a dyed-in-the-wool conservative. Detert says she's more of an old-fashioned Republican with a reputation in Tallahassee as being a practical, common-sense lawmaker.

Grant says the top three issues in the district are property taxes, property insurance and energy.

"If Congress allows the states to drill offshore, we could be on our way to establishing energy independence, but I don't think our exploration of new energy sources should be limited to natural gas and oil," he said.

He favors investigating alternative energy sources including coal, wind and tidal power.

Detert agrees that energy is on the list of the top issues facing District 23 residents. Like Grant, she favors exploring for oil in the Gulf and seeking out alternative energy sources. She said, however, that something must be done to shore up the economy.

"I think the economy is the No. 1 issue in the district," she said. "More and more people are worried about just keeping their jobs and their houses."

Experience

Both candidates claim they have the experience to succeed state Sen. Lisa Carlton.

As a state representative for eight years, for example, Detert chaired the House's Commerce, Tourism and Children and Family Services committees. She was the recipient of numerous "legislator of the year" awards from business, professional, civic and nonprofit organizations.

As a state representative since 2004, Grant, meanwhile, was responsible for directing millions of dollars of Hurricane Charley relief funds to Charlotte County. He has also made a reputation as a consumer advocate and education reformer during his two terms in the House.

Although both made their reputations in the House, Detert and Grant say that winning a state Senate seat would allow them to have more influence and, therefore, get more done on behalf of constituents.

"You have about three times more clout," Grant said. "You can do more as a freshman Senator than you can as a third-term representative."

Detert echoed his comment.

"You can just do more," she said, "and, really, isn't that why you run for office?"

The winner of the Aug. 26 GOP primary will face Democrat Morgan Bentley and write-in candidate Robert Waechter, both of Sarasota.

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Maintenance is not only thing he does

BY ALISON POSNER
STAFF WRITER

Dave Lattin is not just a friendly face around the Englewood Sports Complex.

As park attendant for Sarasota County Parks & Recreation Department, Lattin is dedicated to maintaining the grounds and keeping a watchful eye around the premises.

Program director Lissa Courts said Lattin takes a lot of pride in everything he does.

"He's a very hard worker, a self-starter and very creative," she said. "He also has an eye for art."

Lattin's originality surfaces even when he prunes trees.

"He did an oak tree that looks like a bonsai tree," Courts said.

Lattin, 59, was a head cook for a state hospital in Connecticut for many years until he moved to Florida 25 years ago. He then worked as a cook at Fawcett Memorial Hospital in Port Charlotte for three years before taking the job with Sarasota County. His job with the county has taken him from crew leader on South County ball fields and outdoor work at the Englewood Recreation Center to attendant at the sports complex five years ago.

Award winner

His 20 years of service with the county has earned him a thick file of accomplishments. Some of the many awards he received from the county include the Notably Outstanding Award for creating a butterfly garden and refurbishing the outside signs at the complex.

He also won several quality service awards for making and designing outside signs and designing and naming the seven bodies of water that surround the complex. In 2004, Lattin received the Performance Recognized as Outstanding Award, which is the highest award given by the county. He redesigned and landscaped the entire complex, saving the county $37,000.

As Christmas approaches, Lattin is preparing a room in the complex that he hopes will soon be filled with toys.

Four years ago, the year that Hurricane Charley swept through Charlotte County, Lattin felt the urge to help families who were less fortunate. He initiated the Caring Toy Drive. As Christmas approached, Lattin began collecting toys, first after cleaning out his son's room, then he asked community members for donations.

His first year was such a success that he continued. The need to help others overwhelmed him and it even brought a tear to his eye.

"I didn't have the heart to stop because people kept coming," Lattin said.

Despite the brutal temperatures outdoors, Lattin has learned how to pace himself accordingly. And he enjoys coming to work every day.

"I really do," he said. "This is like my second home."

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Dave Lattin, park attendant for Sarasota County Parks & Recreation Department, scoops mulch at the Englewood Sports Complex.

Dave Lattin, park attendant for Sarasota County Parks & Recreation Department, drives around the Englewood Sports Complex.

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Bobby Pinkerton, right, and Jared Neugebauer treat someone at the gas station to some unexpected service in a random act of kindness.

Deanna Pfundtner, right, leads a group of students picking up trash at Venice High during the first week of summer vacation.

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Students from seven different churches worked and played together for a week. Getting to know each other are Sean Ruehr, Miranda Coleman, David Swanson, Drew VonMarschall, Jon Stelzner, Jonathan Albino, Riley Jones, Tony Encarnacion and three other Venice youth.

Youth on a Mission

Kids kick off summer break in good way

BY MATTHEW DUNN-RANKIN
GUEST WRITER

As school bells announced the beginning of summer, teenagers across the country made it their business to sleep, play video games and joyfully accomplish nothing.

Some local students, however, broke that stereotype by sacrificing their first week of freedom to wake up early and serve their community through Mission Venice.

This year's Mission Venice took place June 2-6, as youth from various churches across Venice found different ways to meet their mission statement: "Practicing our faith with the goal for all Venice to know Jesus."

The event attracted more than 120 middle-schoolers, high-schoolers and adult leaders from seven different churches. The students broke into three groups, which worked separately each morning, then gathered at noon to compare notes and worship together.

Members of the service team found themselves spreading their message through physical labor. One of the group's projects was to assist Venice High School's media staff in applying bar codes to library books. The staff was impressed with their work and sent a note to participating churches that said the youth "made an enormous job (that we were not looking forward to) simply disappear. Come back anytime!"

Giving is not necessarily easy

The team also ran a car wash, which was not only free, but refused donations. They found it's harder to give something away than you might think. One man was turned down more than he could bear: after his car had been washed, he drove away, leaving a $5 bill where his car had been.

Another group of teens spent their week on the Venice Christian School soccer field, leading the On Goal soccer camp. By teaching both soccer skills and sharing a Christian message, the team pursued its mission of "leading people toward life's greatest goal."

Sean Ruehr, a 16-year-old who was participating in Mission Venice for the first time, was excited about the week.

"The reason I liked it is that even as we got to serve God, we got to have fun with children," he said. "Awesome!"

The third group's challenge did not come in the form of physical effort. Rather, the Evangelism group was presented with the task of sharing their beliefs with Venice.

Kristina Swanson, a student leader and self-proclaimed "MC" of Mission Venice, explained their mission as uncomfortable, but vital. She described her experience as "having to push myself out of my comfort zone in order to encourage others to, as well."

Using methods ranging from surveys to picture cards of random photos, the team poured their efforts into spreading their beliefs while maintaining a "non-threatening" attitude.

Putting it together

This is the sixth year for Mission Venice.

The concept was developed by a Venice High School student, Deanna Pfundtner, when she was a junior in high school. She had just learned that she'd been rejected from her dream job as a church summer camp counselor, and she wondered what kind of a message God was sending her.

After a long, sleepless night, she came to her youth leader and announced that she wanted to organize a week-long, student-run, multi-church mission trip to her hometown. And she wanted it to happen during the first week of summer break, which was only 12 weeks away.

Sean Ruehr and Miranda Coleman learn a little bit about teamwork on the first day of the Mission Venice program.

The event went off with amazingly few missteps, and ever since, it has been run by students, who are coached by adult youth leaders. This year, a group of students met for breakfast before school once a week, starting in February. They planned everything from what mission work to accomplish, to promotion, to recruiting adult helpers.

"That, to me, was one of the more amazing aspects of it all," said Travis Reynolds, youth director at Venice Bible Church. "That kids from different churches can work together always shakes people's perceptions of how churches really can interact."

All in all, Mission Venice was a success in the eyes of the participants. Many said, if only for one week, they were able to make Venice a brighter place.

But why should it only last that long, asked a rising sixth-grader, Elizabeth Haley.

"I wish I could do it all summer!"

Matthew Dunn-Rankin is a 14-year-old student at Pine View and a participant in this year's Mission Venice.

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The Salvation Army church campus is located on Albee Farm Road.

Spaghetti dinner

The Salvation Army church will hold a $5-a-plate Spaghetti Supper 5-7 p.m. Friday, July 25, at its campus on Albee Farm Road as a fundraiser for its youth program.

FRIDAY, JULY 25

Turtle walk

RSVP: Reserve with Freda by July 25. Call 383-6261.
Time: 6:30 a.m.
Where: Meet at the Longboat Observer parking lot, 5570 Gulf of Mexico Drive.
Notes: Start your day with an early-morning beach walk (1.5 miles) with volunteers from Longboat Key Turtle Watch. Learn how the volunteers conduct daily patrols to determine sea turtles' nesting and hatching activity of the night before. Optional post-walk breakfast will be at Blue Dolphin on Longboat Key. Sponsored by the Manatee-Sarasota Sierra Club.
Cost: Donation: $5, members and nonmembers

Band jam

Time: 5-10 p.m.
Where: The Venice Community Center, 326 S. Nokomis Ave.
Notes: Five bands will play: The Disarming, Welcome Home Eleanor, Langdon Alger, What We Aim For, Nomads of the Nook.
Cost: $5
Call: Tim, 941-861-1380
Link: www.myspace.com/venicecommunitycenter

Value Adjustment Board

Time: 4 p.m.
Where: Sarasota County School Board
Notes: Applications for membership on VAB are due today. Application form is on the school's Web site.
Call: 927-9000, ext. 31148
Link: www.sarasotacountyschools.net

Spaghetti dinner

Time: 5-7 p.m.
Where: Venice Salvation Army, 1051 Albee Farm Road
Notes: Served with garlic bread, choice of marinara or meat sauce, beverage and dessert. To benefit the Salvation Army teens.
Cost: $5
Call: 484-6227

Dinner theater

Time: Varies
Where: Golden Apple Dinner Theatre
Notes: "Musical of Musicals: The Musical," the hilarious celebration of the world's most renowned musical theater composers, continues at the Golden Apple Dinner Theatre through Aug. 13.
Call: For reservations or further information, phone the Golden Apple Dinner Theatre box office at 366-5454
Link: www.thegoldenapple.com

Celebrate independent living

Time: 2-6 p.m.
Where: Suncoast Center for Independent Living, 2989 Fruitville Road, Suite 101 (across from Robarts Arena), Sarasota
Notes: 18th anniversary of Americans with Disabilities Act. The event features ribbon cutting ceremonies by the Sarasota and Venice Chambers of Commerce, and speeches by Sarasota Mayor LouAnne Palmer and Supervisor of Elections Kathy Dent.
Call: 351-9545 Voice/TDD/Video Phone for information or accommodations

Latin dance class

Time: 7:30 -8:15 p.m.
Where: 616 North Tamiami Trail, Nokomis
Notes: This class is designed to get you moving on the dance floor with the most popular Latin dances.

Business success

Time: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.,
Where: Women's Resource Center, 701 Center Road
Notes: Career adviser offers career counseling, resume assistance and job resources to help develop an employment plan.
Cost: $8 nonmember donation; $5 member donation

French Club

Time: 9:30 a.m.
Where: Venice Public Library, 300 S. Nokomis Ave.
Notes: Basic knowledge of French required. Practices French conversation and reading from French literature.

Peer counseling

Time: Appointments available Monday-Friday
Where: Women's Resource Center, 701 Center Road, Venice
Notes: Trained volunteers offer support, encouragement and referrals.
Cost: Donations accepted
Call: 485-9724
Link: www.thewomensresourcecenter.org

StrollerFit classes

Time: 9:15-10:15
Where: Nokomis Park, 234 E. Nippino Trail, Nokomis
Notes: StrollerFit blends exercise, child development, group dynamics into a 50-minute exercise experience. It's a total fitness workout providing bonding between mother and child and a connection with friends while losing that extra baby fat.
Call: 861-5000

Toddler Tale Time

Time: 9:30-10:15 a.m. or 10:45-11:30 a.m.
Where: Jacaranda Library, 4143 Woodmere Park Blvd.
Notes: Toddlers ages 1-3 with parents, guardians or caregiver join together for songs, finger plays, rhymes, active storytelling and playtime. Space is limited. Please observe age limits.
Call: 861-5000

Middle Ages

Time: 2-3:30 p.m.
Where: Venice Public Library, 300 S. Nokomis Ave.
Notes: Teaching Company lecture series on the Middle Ages taught by Professor Philip Daileader through Aug. 29.

Computer questions

Time: 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Where: Jacaranda Public Library, 4143 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice
Notes: If you have computer questions, ask Jack.
Cost: free
Call: 861-1270

Club food

Time: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Where: Venice-Nokomis Elks Lodge, 1021 Discovery Way, Nokomis
Notes: Lunch

Time: 5-7:30 p.m.
Where: Venice-Nokomis Elks Lodge, 1021 Discovery Way, Nokomis
Notes: music and dancing, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Cost: Fish fry buffet, $8

American Legion dance

Time: 5-8 p.m.
Where: American Legion, 1770 E. Venice Ave.
Notes: Dinner dance
Call: 488-1157

SATURDAY, JULY 26

Sleeping Turtle Walk

Time: 7:30 a.m.
Where: Sleeping Turtles Preserve
Notes: Join Manatee-Sarasota Sierra Club members for the Sleeping Turtle Walk, a 4-mile walk (two hours) at Sleeping Turtles Preserve. Wear sturdy, wettable shoes, sunscreen and bring plenty of water and lunch, if your time allows.
Cost: $5 donation members and nonmembers
RSVP: Reserve with Sally, 484-4113

Ready, Set, Grow!

Time: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Where: Robarts Arena, 3000 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota
Notes: Success By 6 and nine agencies present 5,000 mothers from throughout the county with newborn goodie bags at this birth-to-kindergarten fair.

Salsa workshop

Time: 1-3 p.m.
Where: 616 North Tamiami Trail, Nokomis
Notes: Join us for an afternoon of intricate patterns and turns. This two-hour salsa workshop will introduce you to the world of rueda.
Cost: $15/person

Venice Area Democratic Club

Time: 12:30-2:30 p.m.
Where: Naar Hall, 620 Shamrock Blvd., Venice
Notes: The Harvest of Hope Foundation will speak about migrant familes in America.
Link: www.venicedemocrats.org

Obama organizational meeting

Time: 2-3:30 p.m.
Where: Naar Hall, 620 Shamrock Blvd., Venice
Notes: South County organizational meeting for Obama campaign
Link: www.barackobama.com

Ballroom dancing

Time: 10-11 a.m.
Where: Gotta Dance Studio, 303 South Tamiami Trail, 4 Bay Center, Nokomis
Notes: Everyone welcome. No partner needed.
Call: 486-0326

Depot tours

Time: Every half-hour beginning at 10 a.m.
Where: East side under the Venice Avenue Bridge
Notes: Trained Venice Area Historical Society docents tell the history of the depot in Venice.
RSVP: For 10 or more, call 493-9061 or 492-5531.

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RSVP: by July 25 to Freda (941) 383-6261
Date: July 27
Time: 6:30 a.m.
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Notes: Annual Turtle Walk sponsored by the Manatee-Sarasota Sierra Club. Start your day with an early-morning beach walk (about 1.5 miles) with volunteers from the Longboat Key Turtle Watch program. Learn how the volunteers, in an effort to protect the threatened and endangered sea turtles, conduct daily patrols to determine sea turtles' nesting and hatching activity of the night before. There will be an optional post-walk breakfast at Blue Dolphin on Longboat Key.
Cost: Donation: $5, members and nonmembers

Timeshare group

Date: July 27
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Where: Venetian Room at Pelican Pointe Golf & Country Club
Notes: Guest speakers will be Anette Aviles of Interval International exchange company, Bill Armbruster of SPM resorts and Shep Altshuler, publisher of TimeSharing Today magazine.
RSVP: Frank Debar (941) 351-1384 or e-mail: fdebar@webtv.net

Music camp

Date: July 28-Aug. 8
Time: 1-4 p.m.
Where: Venice-Nokomis United Methodist Church, 208 Palm Ave., Nokomis
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Cost: $75
RSVP: Call Mrs. Heskett at 716-3313 or the Venice Symphony at 488-1010 for registration forms.

Venice Area Toastmasters 5486

Date: Tuesday, July 29
Time: 7:30-8:45 a.m.
Where: Venice Area Chamber of Commerce, 597 South Tamiami Trail, Venice

Allergy testing & treatment

Date: Wednesday, July 30
Time: 6-8 p.m.
Where: 6231 Lake Osprey Drive, Sarasota
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Call: 957-3890

Venice Theatre

Date: July 31-Aug. 9
Time: Varies
Where: Venice Theatre, 140 W. Tampa Ave., Venice
Notes: Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma!" opens Thursday, July 31, and runs through Saturday, Aug. 9. Performances are at 8 p.m. July 31, Aug. 1, 2, 7, 8 and 9. Matinees are at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 3 and Saturday, Aug. 9. Tickets can be purchased online.
Call: 488-1115
Link: www.venicestage.com

Latin dance class

Date: Aug. 1
Time: 7:30-8:15 p.m.
Where: 616 North Tamiami Trail, Nokomis
Notes: This class is designed to get you moving on the dance floor with the most popular Latin dances.

Teacher appreciation

Date: Saturday, Aug. 2
Time: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Where: Staples, 4291 South Tamiami Trail, Venice
Notes: The first 200 teachers will receive raffle prizes and a 512MB Flash Drive giveaway. Last year, 280,000 gift bags were given to teachers nationwide and the company hopes for more teachers this year.
Link: www.staples.com/teacherday

Women's Challenge

RSVP: by Aug. 4, 485-9724
Date: Runs Aug. 5-21
Time: 6-9 p.m.
Where: Women's Resource Center, 701 Center Road, Venice
Notes: A 30-hour course of intense personal support to gain self-confidence and coping skills to overcome life challenges. Preregistration is required.
Cost: $50.
Call: 485-9724
Link: www.thewomensresourcecenter.org

Friends of Legacy Trail

Date: Tuesday, Aug. 5
Time: 6 p.m.
Where: Oscar Scherer State Park
Notes: Ed Wolfenbarger, naturalist for Sarasota County Parks and Recreation, will speak and answer questions about Legacy Trail. The public is invited to attend and join. There is no park entry fee for those attending the meeting.
Call: 485-4921
Link: www.legacytrailfriends.org

Rock concert

Date: Aug. 5
Time: 6-9 p.m.
Where: Cafe 1660 in the Osprey Inn, 1660 South Tamiami Trail, Osprey
Notes: Student bands and Weekend Warriors of all ages will perform rock, country and more live at the Venice School of Rock concert. Following the students performance, Jam Avenue will perform two sets of classic rock Jam Band music.
Call: Greg Byler at Music Wizard for information, 493-9775

Food giveaway

Date: Aug. 6
Time: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Where: Venice Community Center (formerly St. Mark's)
Notes: Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services has contracted with All Faiths Food Bank to distribute free USDA commodities. Eligible Sarasota County residents will receive nine-12 free commodities. Recipients may sign a self-declaration of income and need.
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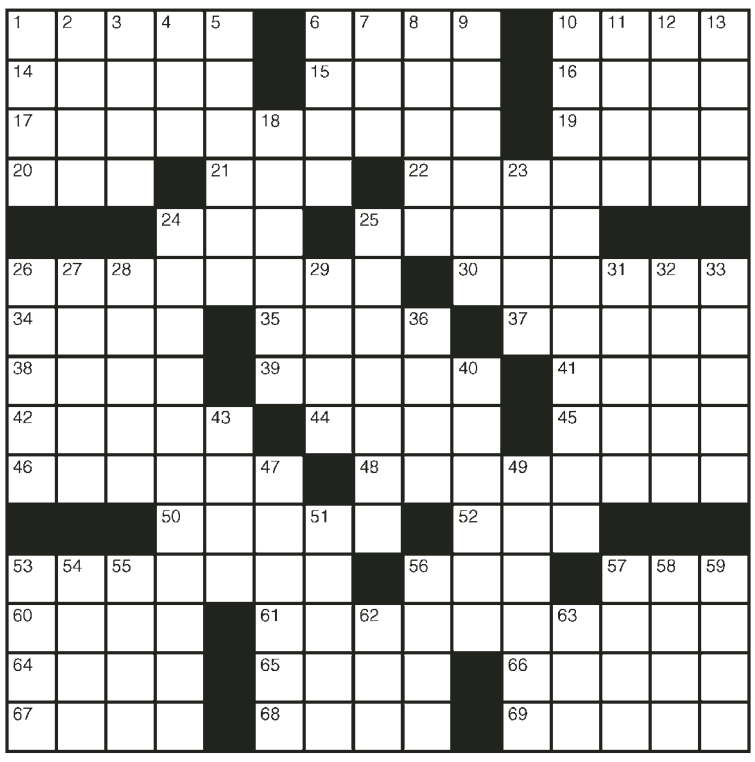
THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams



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6 Strip of smoke
10 Huffed and puffed
14 Likeness
15 Smidgeon
16 Palliate
17 Kind of cookie
19 Bart Simpson's sister
20 Elevs.
21 Actress Grant
22 Homeowner's agent
24 Today's OSS
25 Gardner's Mason
26 Truth, vis-a-vis fiction?
30 Amen!
34 Poker token
35 "East of Eden" twin
37 Actress Irene
38 Take five
39 Consumer activist Ralph
41 Ensnare
42 Quarters
44 You bet!
45 Author Morrison
46 Full stop
48 Offered sympathy to
50 Lethal slipknot
52 Light brown
53 You go girl!
56 Just might
57 AKA's commerce cousin
60 1952 Olympics site
61 Michael J. Fox sitcom
64 Ersatz butter
65 Transport for ETs
66 Santa's helpers
67 Unassuming
68 Totals
69 Meager

DOWN
1 Way up
2 Do not include
3 Morrison and Cliburn
4 Coop item
5 Catch by persistence
6 Sagacious
7 Electrified particle
8 Rubberneck
9 Documents
10 Navel
11 Cafe au __
12 Exxon, once
13 __ and tear
18 Carter's successor
23 2005 MVP
24 Peter Pan's arch enemy
25 Grocery section
26 Throw out
27 In that place
28 Part of a stair
29 Important periods
31 Sign up: var
32 Senseless
33 Lukewarm
36 Roman despot
40 Car for hire
43 Lampblack
47 Clumsy clod
49 Accept a proposal
51 Major glitch
53 Kitchen or den
54 Wight or Capri
55 Merriment
56 Yearn to see again
57 Fabulous entertainer
58 __ around the block
59 Part of P.A.
62 Woman of the house
63 Gentle treatment

By Norma Steinberg
San Francisco, CA

Please see **CROSS, 5B**

The Los Angeles Times SUDOKU

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit sudoku.org.uk.

Please see **SUDOKU, 5B**

Volunteers needed to help cancer patients on their 'road to recovery'

The American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery Program needs volunteers who are willing to drive cancer patients to and from their cancer treatments. Volunteer drivers are needed to ensure that all patients are getting the care they desperately need to get back on the Road to Recovery.

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Call Marion at (941) 745-1214, ext. 5803.

Sister can't knit together family torn by its history

DEAR ABBY
COLUMNIST

DEAR ABBY: My half-brother, "Jace," and I had a complicated childhood. My father had an explosive temper and a disdain for children in general. He was abusive, and our mentally ill mother was absent during his rages.

I had my share of abuse, but it was nothing compared to how Jace was treated. His biological father lived in another state and rarely made contact, and my father never formally adopted him. It left Jace with profound feelings of abandonment.

My parents are finally divorced now. Afterward, Dad's behavior toward me changed dramatically. He's no longer abusive and is even fun to be around. However, he still maintains a palpable distance from Jace.

Jace is an exceptional person with an outgoing personality and a zest for life. He has two beautiful children and one more on the way. Dad has seen the oldest only once, and that was after I begged him for months to visit. It saddens me, and I end up overcompensating by spoiling Jace's kids with gifts, even though I live 2,000 miles away.

I know I can't make Dad be a part of Jace's life, but he's the only father Jace has ever known. Is there any way to open Dad's eyes? If not, how can I fill the gap? — SADDENED SISTER IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR SISTER: Regardless of how your father's attitude toward you has changed, he will never get my vote for Father of the Year. That he took out his frustrations on you and your brother is despicable. He never accepted Jace, and from the time he married your mother considered her son to be excess baggage — nothing more.

You cannot force open the eyes of someone whose heart is closed, so quit trying. You already do more than your share to "fill the gap" as a loving aunt, but understand that Jace's children will never miss what they have never known.

Fortunately, your brother seems to be emotionally resilient. It appears he has gone on with his life. He is married and is building a new family, which may help him heal the abuse he suffered as a young man. However, if he cannot let go of his feelings of abandonment, he should consult a licensed psychotherapist because it may take professional help to put his past to rest.

DEAR ABBY: My wife, "Mona," and I decided to separate a few months ago. She filed for divorce, and during the two months cooling-off period we spent a lot of time talking to each other. After some consideration, we reconciled.

Now that we're back together, I have learned that Mona sold her wedding ring to pay for some living expenses. We discussed purchasing another one, but apparently it's not a top priority on her to-do list. She has also said she doesn't want to buy her own ring or split the cost. I still wear mine, but feel as though I'm the only one who's committed to the relationship.

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The following students from Venice, Nokomis, Osprey, and surrounding communities received one or more scholarships from Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice for the 2008-09 academic year:

Francesca Alonso, University of South Florida, speech pathology
Lisa Amato, Edison College, dental hygiene
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Kristen Bailey, University of South Florida, secondary mathematics education
Josh Baker, Florida Gulf Coast University
Jarrah Bautista, Ringling College of Art and Design, computer animation
Julien Beattie-Lanoue, University of Pennsylvania, biology
Jacqlyn Bender, New College of Florida, English/literature
Samantha Bo, University of Miami, pre-pharmacy studies
Matthew Bowers, University of Central Florida, mechanical engineering
Jennifer Brusger, University of South Florida, elementary education
Taylor Burck, Troy University, sports broadcast journalism
Ashley Caffiero, Fashion Institute of Technology, fashion merchandising
Michelle Calderon, American Institute, massage therapy
Cory Carter, University of South Florida, business management
John Chenowith, Manatee Community College, nursing
Lindsay Chenowith, Manatee Community College, nursing
Megan Clipse, Florida Gulf Coast University, accounting
Enjoli Collins, Manatee Community College, business administration and Accounting
Crista Cotton, Johnson and Wales University, baking and pastry arts/culinary arts
Melissa Damasco, University of South Florida, mass communications
Rachel DeYoung, Manatee Community College, health
Danielle Drennan, University of Florida, nursing
Ethan Dudley, Lawrence University, vocal performance and French
Alexander Durcho, University of Central Florida, marketing
Sophie Erber, University of Tampa, broadcast journalism
Katherine Eskuri Jones, Norwich University, nursing
Joseph Estep, Florida State University, finance and pre-law
Timothy Fiala, Manatee Community College, criminal justice
Lee Folkers, Sarasota County Technical Institute, paramedic
Vincent Giura, University of Miami, law
Mayra Gonzalez, Keiser University, nursing
Grace Gray, Eckerd College, American studies
Meghan Greenfield, New York Medical College, medicine
Nicolas Guerrero, University of Tampa, biomedical sciences
Mandy Gustafson, University of South Florida, biology
Tarah Hart, University of Central Florida, elementary education
Brittany Hipple, University of Central Florida, microbiology and molecular biology
Marina Ivancheva, Manatee Community College, nursing
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Lauren Keane, University of Central Florida, biology
Quinn Keenan, University of South Florida, civil engineering
Meredith Kingsbury, University of Central Florida, finance and economics
Allison Knaust, Florida Gulf Coast University, biology
Laura Lambrecht, Sarasota County Technical Institute, practical nursing
Andrew Lane, Florida State University, medicine
Michael Laneve, Indian River Community College, entertainment production
Benjamin Langnes, Florida Gulf Coast University, criminal justice and political science
James Laurie III, Florida State University
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Jenna Leclerc, University of Florida, chemical engineering and microbiology
Nathanael Levine, Florida State University, zoology
Danielle McCoy, Florida State University, nursing and Spanish
Ryan McHenry, Ringling College of Art and Design, illustration
Megan McKenna, Tallahassee Community College, education
Alicia McKnight, Florida A & M University, broadcast journalism
Jennifer Monville, University of Florida, environmental engineering
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Greg Murphy, Maryland Institute College of Art, illustration
James Murphy, Florida Gulf Coast University, finance and economics
Anthony Nelson, University of South Florida, history
Amanda Novak, Florida Institute of Technology, environmental science
Rachel Perry, University of Central Florida, education administration
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Galina Polyashov, Manatee Community College, dental hygiene
Melissa Reilly, Florida State University, nursing
Patricia Reilly, University of South Florida, elementary education
Rhyan Rice, Shorter College, history and political science
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Anna Rowe, University of Florida, audiology
Jacquelyn Sams Harman, Pacifica Graduate Institute, clinical psychology
Nathan Sardinas, Manatee Community College, computer graphics and digital design
Alisha Schweizer, Manatee Community College, secondary education
Brent Schweizer, Palm Beach Atlantic University, biology
Carmino Spina, Manatee Community College, civil engineering
Sarah Steves, Georgia Institute of Technology, polymer, textile and fiber engineering
Chelsea Stewart, University of Central Florida, political science and environmental studies
London Stockton, University of South Florida, finance
Katrina Swan, Manatee Community College, nursing
Justin Tassone, School of Visual Arts, fine art
Cassandra Thomas, University of South Florida, psychology
Dale Thompson, Saint Leo University, sports business
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Sabra Tubbesing, University of Florida, finance
William Waltman, University of Central Florida, sports management
Robert Whitaker, Florida State University, English literature
Michael White, University of Tampa, finance
Kornwalee Wiangkham, University of South Florida, pre-medicine

HOROSCOPES FOR JULY 25-31, 2008

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The people you admire are leading you. You may not consciously decide to follow, but follow you do. Realize where you're at and make sure you're fine with your choice.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Conversations that would normally be brief and breezy now get long and involved. Learning about others is a kind of escape, and probably more interesting than the work you're supposed to be doing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The most genius ideas you'll have are the small, practical ones, like how to eliminate a daily cause of stress. One tweak to your routine can set you off in a new and happier direction every single morning.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). What you're bringing to a relationship is uncommon. But amongst the common stuff others are bringing, the uniqueness gets lost. That's why this is a good time to separate yourself, be unattainable and out of reach.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're already a generous person, and when that's magnified by the kind of sharing mood that sweeps over you now, it's good news for any charity that happens to be associated with you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Minimize your disappointments and waste no time sulking. Move on to the next situation, with the benefit of experience and knowledge. Your attitude is stellar and you'll eventually get all you want and more.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're being trusted to be discreet, although it hasn't been spelled out exactly. Keep your cards close to the vest and when in doubt, say less. Furthermore, it's best not to answer questions that no one has asked.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Put your sharp intellectual powers to the task of straightening out a financial situation. While you're at it, if there is a way to spend less and make more, you'll find it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Something old and worn can still be salvaged. If anyone can do it, you can. You have the Midas touch and you're turning even the most troublesome situation into a golden opportunity to prosper.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Strangers often get the best of our good manners while loved ones endure the comfortable bad social habits that familiarity breeds. Make the effort to treat loved ones with extreme courtesy. You can't be too nice.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Higher-ups may give you more responsibility because you seem like you can handle it. This is flattering, but do consider your options. You won't fall in their esteem if you don't take on the extra stuff. Sleep on it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Tap into your spirit of adventure. Explore a new neighborhood or a new interest such as cooking, comedy or art. This brings lucky friendships your way, and for singles, a hot date.

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SUDOKU from Page 4B

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Any thoughts? — HAVING DOUBTS IN DALLAS

DEAR HAVING DOUBTS: I'll give you my gut reaction. A wedding ring does not make a marriage; love, commitment and concern for the feelings of the other party do. That Mona got rid of the ring so quickly tells me she was also through with the marriage.

Who buys the next ring is the least of your worries. Listen to your gut. It's sending you an important message. You and Mona are not out of the woods yet. Hie thee to a marriage counselor.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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Manna Ministry's program gives thanks

FROM THE VENICE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

In celebration of the first-year anniversary of Manna Ministry, the pastoral staff at the Venice Church of the Nazarene will pay tribute to those who have helped Venice people in need through the program. A worship service is planned for 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 3, 2008, at the church, where individuals, businesses and volunteers will be recognized for their donations and support. The public is welcome.

"Since our first Sunday evening of Manna Ministry on Aug. 5, 2007, we have served over 1,300 people," said the Rev. David Shore, senior pastor of Venice Church of the Nazarene. "We could not have done this without the generous and loving support of our community."

In a letter to the *Venice Gondolier Sun*, the Rev. Shore explained that the list is long in terms of those hurting and being helped in Venice. It includes widows whose incomes have dropped since the death of their spouse, the working poor, people who cannot work because of an illness, people who feel hopeless due to owing thousands in medical bills, single mothers, people who have gone through divorce, people who have lost their jobs, people who cannot find jobs and people who are losing their home or rental.

"Our goal is to be a bridge from despair to dignity by offering spiritual, emotional and physical (food) needs," the Rev. Shore said.

An invitation is also open to those who are in need of food for the Body and the Soul at the Venice Church of the Nazarene at a 6 p.m. worship service every Sunday at 1535 E. Venice Ave. Registration is at 5:30 p.m. Bags of groceries are distributed at no cost to anyone, regardless of age, sex, race, national origin or religion. It will require your name, address, phone number and your date of birth. Family members must be present to receive family sized portions.

For more information, visit www.venicenazarene.com or call or 488-5007.

SUN FILE PHOTO

Pastor Dave Shore pulls a frozen chicken from one of the two refrigerators donated by Habitat for Humanity to the Venice Church of the Nazarene's Manna Ministry program.

RELIGION BRIEFS

Support groups

• Living Free support group, 7 p.m., Tuesdays, at First Baptist Church of Englewood, 278 S. Mango St. Led by Christian counselor Dr. Christine Robins. Fee for workbooks only. Call 474-2473.

• Bereavement support group, 4-5:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday of each month at Epiphany Cathedral Parish Library. Call Phyllis Jackson at 493-5436.

• Healing Hearts Grief and Crisis Support meetings, 7 p.m., Thursdays, at the Venice Assembly of God Church at 695 Center Road. Call JoAnn Myers at 492-5191 or the church at 497-5683.

• Reformers Unanimous International meets 7-9:30 p.m. Fridays, at Victory Baptist Church, 241 Burney Road, Osprey. Call Pastor Arlo Elam at 966-4716 or visit reformu.com.

• Couples Helping Couples meets 7:30 to 9 p.m., Fridays, at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 2705 N. Tamiami Trail, Nokomis. An anonymous 12-step program for all couples. No 12-step experience necessary. Call 474-5315 or 492-9547 or www.recovering-couples.org

Healing

• Free community healing room, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Thursdays, at Suncoast Worship Center, 881 South River Road, Englewood. Call 474-5045.

• New Life Assembly of God presents Taking Hold of God's Vision for Healing at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of the month, at South Venice Christian Church, 2390 Seaboard Ave. Call 493-0775 or visit www.nlaog.org.

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• 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 9; Sept. 13; Oct. 11: Psychic Fair. Astrology, Tarot and Mediumship. Private readings: $15/15 minutes.

• 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, July 26, Crystal Bed Healing Treatment with Bob Kelley. Appointments made at reception. $30.

Preschool

A new classroom for 1-year-olds opens Aug. 4 at Lakeside Lutheran Preschool, 2401 S. Tamiami Trail, a licensed, NAEYC-accredited preschool program. Hours from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. To register, call 497-5858.

Speaker

• Barbara Walker, Venice resident and religion author, discusses Religion and the Inner Child at 11:30 a.m. the first Saturday of each month at Pelican Pointe Restaurant, 499 Derbyshire Drive. Call 496-9463.

Sign Language Interpretation

• Debbie McWinnie provides sign language interpretation at the 10 a.m. Sunday worship and for other events at the Venice-Nokomis United Methodist Church, 208 Palm Ave. in Nokomis.

Women's events

• Moms Morning Out, 9 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays, at First Baptist Church, 312 W. Miami Ave., for infants through age 5. Donation: $10 for first child and $5 for each additional child, per day. Call Kristin Houser at 485-1314.

• Interdenominational Women's Fellowship group, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, at Fisherman's Net Community Church, 1101 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice Island. Public welcome. Call 223-1180.

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What's new in South Venice Beach

BY LARAINE JANSEN
COLUMNIST

It may be a quiet summer for some folks, but the committees of the South Venice Civic Association have been very busy. The board and the committees are pleased to report on the following:

Meet the Candidates Open House — in a special insert in the Aug. 8 issue of the *Gondolier Sun*, South County voters will find an invitation to attend the Aug. 11 Meet the Candidates Open House from 6 to 8 p.m. at the South Venice Community Center, 720 Alligator Drive, South Venice, hosted free of charge as a service by the board of the SVCA.

Meet more than 35 candidates running in the primary elections, talk with them on a one-to-one basis and pick up their literature. Attending will be the candidates for national and state offices within our district, and Sarasota County commission, school board, judgeships, charter review board, property appraiser, sheriff, supervisor of elections and tax collector.

Code compliance reorganization — Sarasota County Code Enforcement will guide a new task force of South Venice citizens in an initiative to improve the appearance and safety of our neighborhoods. The organizational meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 29, at 2 p.m. at the South Venice Community Center.

A changing population, including renters, need to comply with the county codes and we need to help. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

South Venice Beach Expo — yes, we are starting to put together the ninth annual South Venice Beach Expo, which will be held on Saturday, Jan. 10, in our community center. During August the previous year's exhibitors will have the first right of refusal to reserve a booth, and after that all businesses are invited to attend.

During these uncertain economic times, we are encouraging folks to "Shop at Home" and we know the exhibitors will want to meet new customers from within the greater Venice area.

South Venice CERT — South Venice has an active Community Emergency Response Team with more than 25 members who have been educated by Sarasota County about disaster preparedness for hazards that may affect this area.

They have been trained in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations.

The team meets each month on the second Thursday of the month at the South Venice Community Center at 7 p.m., and they welcome anyone who may be interested. This is your chance to learn how to be a survivor, not a victim, in case a disaster should affect the neighborhood.

The county is planning an initial training class soon, so if you are interested, please attend the next South Venice CERT meeting on Thursday, Aug. 14.

Wi-Fi at the community center — the South Venice Civic Association is always looking for ideas about how to involve more of its neighbors in activities. Next month it is going to install wireless Internet in the community center building.

It hopes to begin programs for kids of all ages, including adults, to come to the building to join study groups, computer game groups and so on. Look for more information in this article next month.

South Venice Garden Club — the South Venice Garden Club is already planning fascinating programs for the upcoming season. With more than 70 members, this active affiliate of the SVCA is a must for those who love nature. Its programs stimulate the interest of skilled gardeners as well as beginners.

Contact the SVCA at 493-0006 with questions you may have about any of the activities in this article.

The SVCA office is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., or you can leave a phone message and your call will be returned during business hours.

STUDY AND CLASSES

• **Calvary Bible Church**, 1936 E. Venice Ave.: 6:45-8 p.m., Wednesdays, Bible study. Call Pastor Brett Jones at 485-7070 or visit cbcvenice.com.

• **First Christian Church of Venice**, 1100 Center Road: 9:30 a.m., Sundays, Bible Study; 7-8 p.m. Thursdays, Roman Bible Study. Fellowship Hall. Call 408-8088 or visit www.churchthatcares.com.

• **Fisherman's Net Community Church,** 1101 South Tamiami Trail: interdenominational class on the History and Background of the Bible, Thursdays, 7-9 p.m. Call 485-8400 or 421-9948.

• **New Life Assembly of God** at South Venice Christian Church, 2390 Seaboard Ave. Breadfast with the Boys at 6:30 a.m. Fridays at Perkins Restaurant on U.S. 41 Bypass. Pastor Randy Burt hosts Family Night, Adult Study, with an evening of praise, worship and study. Infants and toddler nursery; Generation 360 teen ministry; and "Missionettes, Royal Ranger & Daisey's" for children, all at 7 p.m., Thursdays. Call 493-0775.

• **Sarasota Baptist Church**: Bible study at 6:30 p.m., Thursdays in the Venice home of Stephanie and Charlie Gardner on Capello Drive. Book: "Discovery Adult Study Guide," Genesis 1-27, winter '07-'08. Call 376-2199.

• **St. Martha Catholic Church**, 200 N. Orange Ave., Sarasota: Adult Latin classes with Father James Fryar, the third Thursday of each month in the second-floor Creed Room. Call 366-4210 or visit stmartha.org.

• **Suncoast Worship Center**, 881 S. River Road, Englewood: 6:30-8:30 p.m., Mondays. "Breaking Free: Making Liberty in Christ a Realty in Life," a woman's Bible study by Beth Moore. Call 474-5045 or visit suncoastworship.org.

• **Trinity Presbyterian Church**, 4365 State Road 776, will present a Bible study on Ephesians at 11:15 a.m. following Sunday worship service. Lal and Elizabeth Milner will lead using the book entitled "Ephesians: Life in God's Family." Continues each Sunday throughout July and August. Call 493-0018.

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RELIGION from Page 6B

• Sisterhood Book Circle discusses "The Terrorist" by John Updike, 1 p.m. Mondays, beginning July 8, with Arlene Stolnitz facilitating, at the Jewish Center of Venice, 600 N. Auburn Road. Call 484-2022.

• Amazing Love Women's Healing Conference, Sept. 5-6 at the Christian Retreat Center, Fort Myers Beach. For more information call, Church of the Holy Spirit, 941-966-1924 or visit www.chsosprey.com

Music

• Wes Hampton of the Gaither Vocal Band will perform solo at the 8:30 and 10:40 a.m. Sunday services, with a free concert at 6 p.m., July 27 at First Baptist Church, 312 Miami Ave. W.. Call 485-1314.

• New Life Assembly of God presents Sunset Gospel Sing-A-Long one hour before sunset, Fridays, near the lifeguard station at Venice Beach. Bring a chair and your request for a favorite gospel song. Call 493-0775, or visit www.nlaog.org.

• Kenny Evans will perform a Gospel Concert at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service July 27 at Cornerstone Baptist Church, 315 U.S. 41 Bypass S. Call 488-1551.

Musicians wanted

The Klezmer/Dixie Band of the Jewish Center of Venice is looking for people who would like to play with the band, which practices at 9:30 a.m., Sundays, at 600 N. Auburn Road. Improvisational ability helps and all are welcome. Call Jason Arkin at 484-1856.

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My vacation

PHOTO COURTESY OF CHRISTINE BROYLES

This colorful lorikeet cleaned its feathers in the rain on a ginger leaf at the Brevard Zoo in Melbourne, Fla. The photo was taken by Christine Broyles during a recent trip to Cocoa Beach.

PHOTO COURTESY OF BOB PETERS

Chris Shelton of Nokomis visits Old Spanish Coquina Quarry on Anastasia Island, Fla., during a recent trip.

Out and about

PHOTO COURTESY OF JUDIE BAUER

From left, Daughters of the American Revoloution Community Service Chair Ann Dodderidge recently presented Betty Intagliata the DAR's Community Service Award from the DAR Myakka Chapter. DAR Chapter Regent Mary Crocker is on the right. The award is given to those who have shown outstanding service to the Venice community.

SUN PHOTO BY KIM COOL

Hood ornaments are back in style at the Publix Shopping Center on the island of Venice.

My grandchildren

PHOTOS COURTESY OF CHARLIE FENDER

Above and right, Charlie Fender of Venice recently returned from San Diego, Calif., where he and his 13-year-old grandson Christian enjoyed horseback riding, playing golf and a glider ride.

PHOTO COURTESY OF BEVERLY MONAGHAN

Audrey Marks of Knoxville, Tenn., enjoys a moment at a Nokomis playground while visiting her great-grandmother, Beverly Monaghan of Nokomis.

Editor's Note

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Townhouse listed in Auburn Hammocks

BY KIM COOL
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Pino Gambo, a Realtor with ERA Preferred Properties Inc. of Venice, recently listed a two-story townhouse in the gated community known as Auburn Hammocks.

The community, off Auburn Road and just north of East Venice Avenue in Venice features duplex buildings with a Mediterranean feel architecturally. There is a community pool and clubhouse with fitness equipment. A freshwater pond can be seen from most homes in the complex. The listed home has the lake along the back of the property.

Built in 2005, the townhouse contains 1,537 square feet of air-conditioned space and a one-car attached garage.

With a master suite on the first floor and two additional bedrooms and bath on the second floor, the townhouse also has an en suite laundry room, and eat-in kitchen with Corian counters and wood cabinets. There is an additional half-bath on the first floor, plus understair space that might be utilized for storage or as the site for a compact home office/computer center.

The master bath features twin sinks and adjacent walk-in closets.

There is a screened lanai off the master bedroom and living room. Its view is to the south and east.

The decor is neutral, with tile in the bathrooms and kitchen and coordinating carpet covering the rest of the floors.

The residence is at 102 Reclinata Circle. It is being offered for sale for $235,000. There will be an open house Saturday, July 26, from noon to 3 p.m. It can be seen at other times by appointment. Call Gambo at 941-716-4308 or visit www.pinogambo.com.

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The kitchen features white appliances and off-white Corian counters plus real wood cabinets.

SUN PHOTOS BY KIM COOL

This townhouse at 102 Reclinata Circle in Auburn Hammocks has recently been listed for sale with Realtor Pino Gambo of ERA Preferred Properties Inc. of Venice.

The community center at Auburn Hammocks features an outdoor heated in-ground pool and indoor exercise equipment plus meeting space.

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Date: Saturday, July 26

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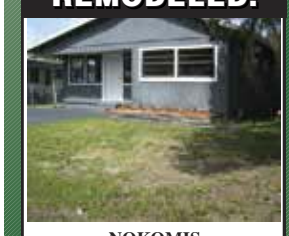
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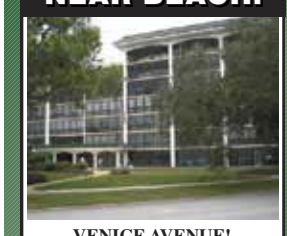
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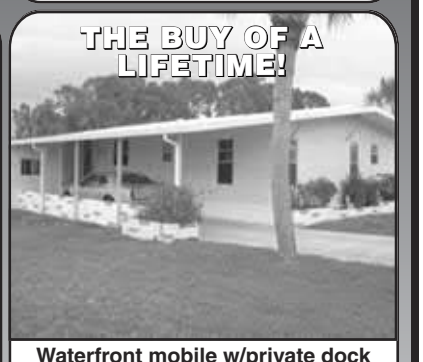
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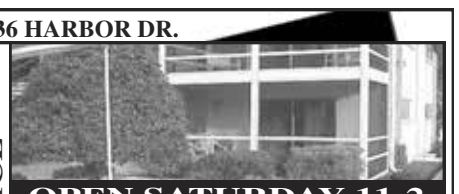
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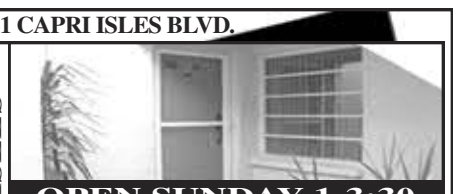
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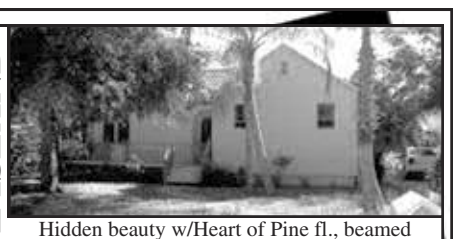
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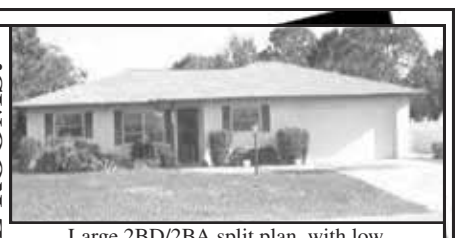
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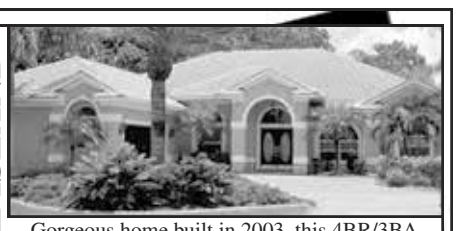
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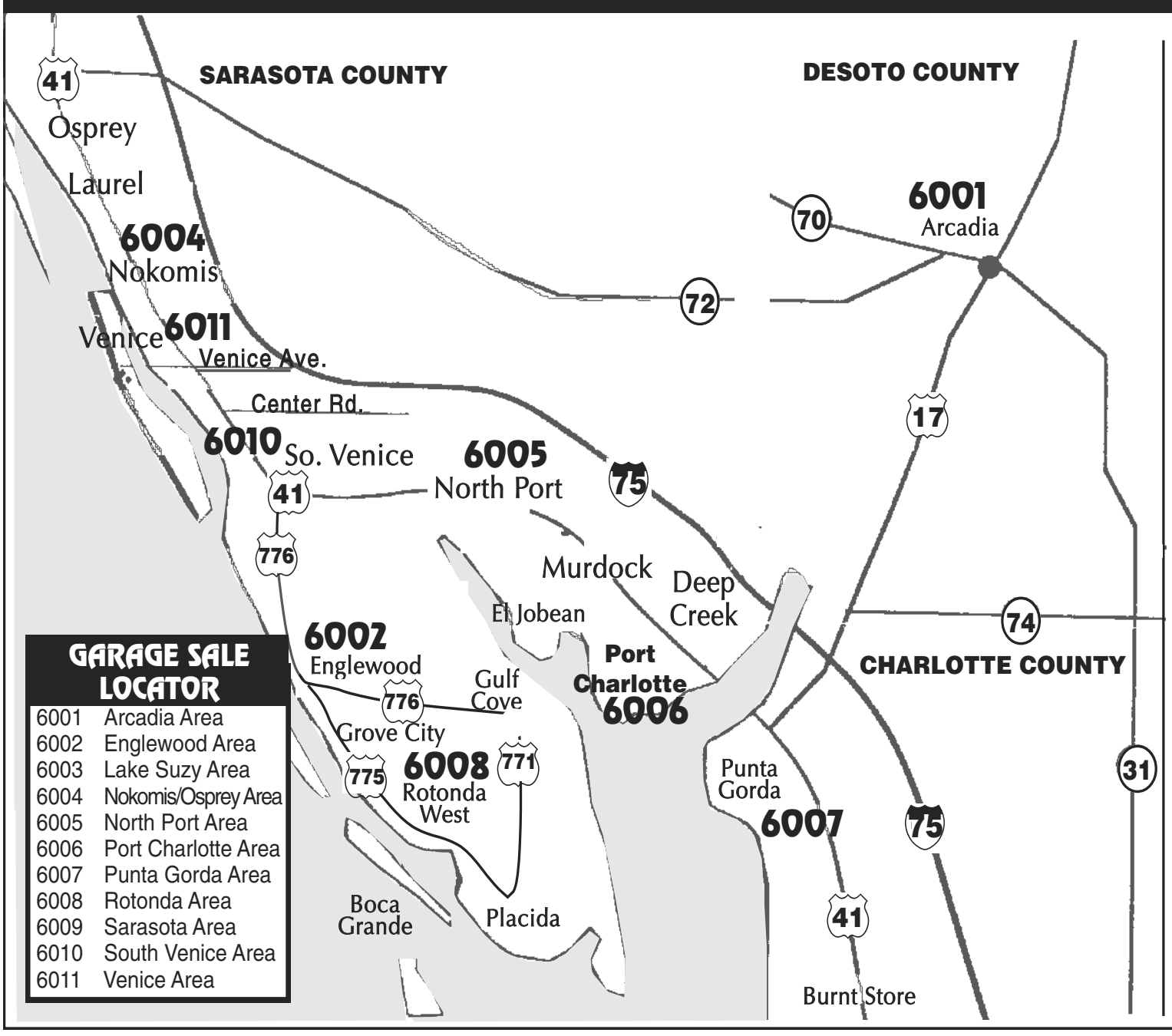

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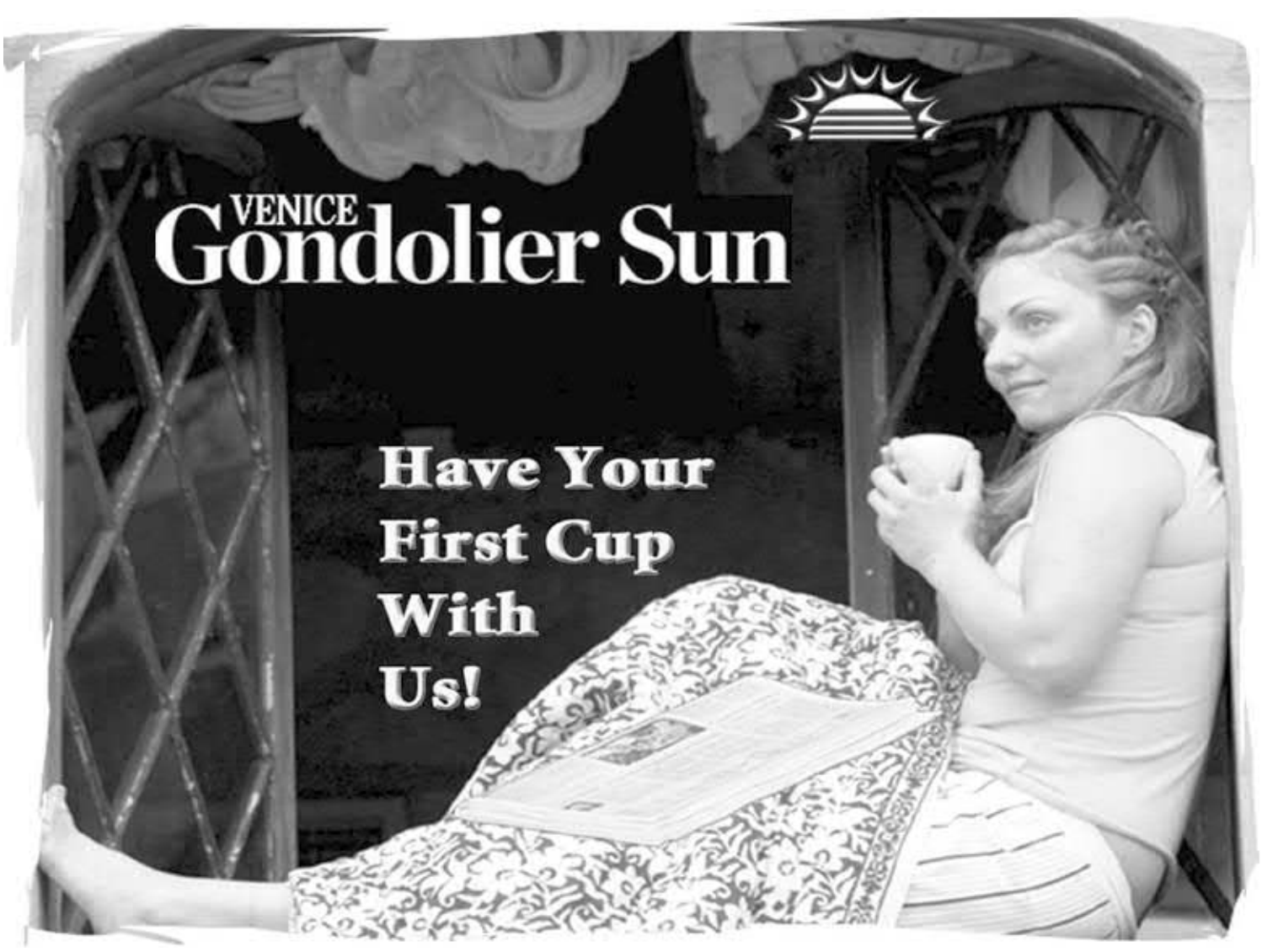

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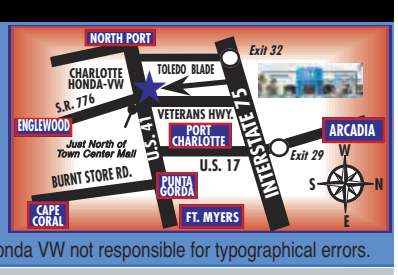

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Two rare fiberglass beauties

'You Auto Know'

Don Royston

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Busy is the word fitting yours truly and wife Lee since starting these articles almost five months ago. It's a fun busy however, gathering information for future stones, interviewing interesting people involved with the car collector hobby, attending various shows and cruise ins, etc. — all of this plus trying to maintain our personal lives, six antique vehicles and overseeing the largest most active chapter of the Veteran Motor Car Club of America. Regarding the previous sentence, thank God for having good friends, conscientious member leaders and a great cooperative staff at the *Sun* papers. With that said, which I purposely put up front so readers could not miss it, I'll move on to tell about the 1937 Cord and 1964 Studebaker shown in the photos. They are as different as night and day, yet each were very innovative when new and remain an image presently. The cars are owned by George and Barbara Chamberlain of Punta Gorda, originally from Massachusetts, and the background of said cars, and the Chamberlains, is very interesting.

As a boy of 11, George was pumping gas at a family friend's Atlantic station in Braintree, Mass., followed up by doing oil changes, tuneups and mechanical repairs. Such part-time "employment" brought him into contact with some fancy "wheels." With that background, the Navy offered him a deal — from 1955-1959, he was a jet engine mechanic. Civilian life was good to him car-wise —he had, at one time or another, a 1939 Ford, a 1950 Caddy, a 1952 Chevrolet Fleetline, a 1953 Studebaker coup, a 1959 Vespa and his favorite, a 1951 Mercury. Of course, he wishes some of those were still in their garage ! Naturally, after retiring in 1998 as engineering project manager at Gillette Co. (Barbara's job was performance improvement statistician for Caritas Christi Healthcare Systems), there remained the urge to own a collector car or maybe two.

The couple have four children, 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. This will come as a surprise to those who know them, due to them looking so young. "Oh, the good life" — surely you remember the Tony Bennett song?

Back to cars — they wanted special interest-type vehicles, ones that would be dependable, easy to maintain and not cookie-cutter styles. Both came via the Internet, the reproduction Cord from a Cadillac dealer in Illinois in 2000. The 1964 Avanti, an original factory-built Studebaker, one of 807 built, was designed by Raymond Lowry in less than 90 days to be an image-maker for this floundering manufacturer. That effort in 1961 led to an early 1963 model that actually hit the showrooms in 1962. It had a fiberglass body over a special frame; a 289-cubic-inch engine turning out 240 horsepower up to 335 hp with a supercharger. Weighing only 3140 pounds, they were fast! A heavily modified version was clocked at 172 mph and when tweaked even more, ran 212 mph on the salt flats. Chamberlain's is a standard 240 hp, three-speed automatic with many power accessories and power front brakes, which all Avantis had. Its engine is very ample developing crisp performance. The cost new was $4,445 — sadly, more than Corvette. This plus slow, poor production methods restricted volume caused Studebaker to close down the Avanti (Italian, meaning "Forward") division and the Hawk series shortly after introducing the almost unchanged 1963 models as 1964s. The dies and all parts were sold, resulting in Avanti II. That company sold to another who is still turning out this "Forever young - timeless" design. At least that's what I call it. George and Barbara made the deal to purchase their Avanti online from O'Hara Restorations in Frostproof, Fla., in 2005. They are rightfully proud of it, and it shows.

Going backward to the Cord, which was part of the Auburn, Dusenberg Cord Company where Erret L. Cord became president in 1926. The Depression wiped them out, yet Cord gathered enough backers to create some powerful sporty models known as 1936-37s called 810's and 812's. Things didn't work out and once more they were shut down, permanently this time.

"Our Cord, a 1937 SAMCO (Sports Automobile Manufacturing Co.) was built in 1969. Bill Lear of Lear Jet fame purchased the rights to the Cord name and set up a factory in Tulsa, Okla. He produced about 400 Cord reproductions, 320 with Ford 302 Mustang drive lines, 80 with 440 Chrysler drive lines. The Ford powered cars, which is what we have, were 80 percent of the original Cord size, sometimes referred to the "three-quarter Cord." The Chrysler powered cars were full-sized. Gordon Buhrig, the designer of the original Cord, redesigned this scaled-down car with a fiberglass body, equipped with A/C, power steering and an automatic transmission. Our Cord is a "fun car to drive!"

This twosome, with their twosome of rare drivable automobiles, can be found most anywhere you see a hobby gathering. Just like all "car people", you'll find them easy to talk to about four-wheel or real gems.

• Note this change for the good: The last Saturday Wal-Mart Punta Gorda Cruise-In, at Jones Loop and Taylor roads, from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., is going to continue in the future as a regular event. This was verified by David Cordial, store manager, and Robert Howell, one of his assistant managers assigned to head the affair. Thus, you readers can mark your calendars as such beginning this Saturday and in the future. Complimentary coffee and pastries will be available for the first hour to those who bring any type of vehicle at least 20 years old. There will be gift card drawings for door prizes, and no registration fees. Ray Negrycz (941-639-8220) will be the official assistant representing VMCCA. If in doubt of the weather at the show site, call the store at 941-637-3800 or Ray.

• Note this change, also for the good: Reference the New Cruise-In held by Home Depot and other merchants of Burnt Store Promenade Center along U.S. 41. That change is this event will now be held the first and third Saturdays of each month starting in August. As usual, special prizes, door prizes and food discounts will remain in place as before. It's open to any and all collector hobby vehicles. No registration fees. Long-time car fancier (since the '60s) Steve Estok is the coordinator. Call 941-769-3475.

Anyone who is an original owner of a car/truck, from new to at least 25 years old, please phone me to possibly be included in future columns.

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An idle solution to a racing engine

CLICK and CLACK
TALK CARS
by Tom & Ray Magliozzi

Dear Tom and Ray:

A friend of mine has a 1997 Honda CR-V, which he bought used a few years ago. It is generally in good shape but has a problem that has become more and more alarming during the past year or so. Sometimes, while driving, the engine will start to race, and the car refuses to slow down. When the engine is racing, my friend has to step on the brakes very hard to get the car to slow down. Usually, after getting the car to slow down, the engine stops racing. But lately, sometimes it hasn't stopped racing. It seems to be getting worse. The CR-V has been to the dealer several times, but the mechanics have found nothing. The problem doesn't happen when they have it. They say they have never heard of the problem. What could this problem be? Is it fixable? Thank you for your help! — Neil

RAY: Funny you should mention it, Neil. Just the other day, we had a 1997 Honda CR-V in our shop with the same exact problem.

TOM: So, what was it?

RAY: We had no idea either. We couldn't get it to misbehave for us. We checked the computer for codes, to see if any of the engine sensors were malfunctioning. We found nothing. We checked the database for any service bulletins or anything that would provide a hint. Nada. So finally, out of desperation, we cleaned the throttle body and added some fuel-injector cleaner to the gas tank.

TOM: And that fixed it?

RAY: Well, no. Not really. We still don't know what's wrong with it. But I'll tell you what I plan to do next, when the customer comes back in waving a baseball bat at me. I'll try to clean the idle air control.

TOM: The IAC is a device that's responsible for boosting the idle speed when certain conditions are met. For instance, if the fuel-air mixture is too rich, a sensor will send a signal to the car's computer, and the computer will instruct the IAC to send in more air to boost the idle.

RAY: Or, if you turn on your air conditioner, which requires a lot of power, a sensor tells the computer that the air-conditioning compressor is on, and the computer then tells the IAC to raise the idle speed to compensate for the extra load. So it's possible that the IAC is sticking in the open position sometimes. And perhaps cleaning it will solve the problem.

TOM: You think so?

RAY: Well, no. Not really. Actually, it might. But if it doesn't, I'd probably replace the IAC next, which is roughly a $400 job.

TOM: OK. Now I know why you want to try cleaning it first.

RAY: Right. Unfortunately, if it's not the IAC, you'd have to look next at the computer itself. But in all my years of working on CR-Vs, I've never had to replace a computer. So I doubt that's the problem.

TOM: We'll certainly report back if we solve this problem, Neil, and you guys do the same (or, if anyone else has solved this problem on a CR-V, drop us a note at our Web site, cartalk.com).

RAY: But in the meantime, at least make sure your friend knows that he can always shift into neutral when the engine is racing. That'll stop the car from accelerating, and it's far preferable to crashing.

Engine's hot problem may be cooling fan

Dear Tom and Ray:

I was coming home from bowling the other night, and I passed my buddy going down the road. So we stopped in the road and were talking. Then all of a sudden he asked me, "What the heck is that?" I looked up at my engine, and it was either steaming or smoking. I was worried, so I popped the hood, and we opened it up. You definitely could smell antifreeze burning, and the smoke was coming from the radiator. Do you think that I have a bad radiator and need to replace the entire thing? Now there is antifreeze coming from under the car, so someone told me to put Bar's Leaks in the radiator. Oh yeah, I have a 1991 Pontiac 6000 LE, with a V-6. Thanks. — Travis

RAY: I'd start by checking the simple stuff first, Travis. The thing I'd suspect first would be the cooling fan.

TOM: Let's say, just for the sake of argument, that your cooling fan bit the dust at some point. Like in 1998. Or last week. You might not have noticed because as long as you're moving, air is flowing through the radiator and helping to cool the engine.

RAY: It's only when you stop, say, at a railroad crossing, to let a 200-car freight train go by, or to chat with your buddy, that you really need the cooling fan to simulate the airflow you normally get when the car is moving.

TOM: So, while you sat there chatting for five, 10, 15 minutes, with no cooling fan, the engine was getting hotter and hotter. Finally, it overheated, your coolant boiled over, and that boiling coolant blew a hole in a weakened hose or maybe even the radiator itself. That explains the steam, the smell of hot coolant and the puddle under your car.

RAY: Now, it's possible that with a car this old, you may need a cooling fan, a new hose, a new radiator AND a new engine as well. So there are no guarantees here, Travis. But start with the simple, inexpensive stuff first, and take it a step at a time.

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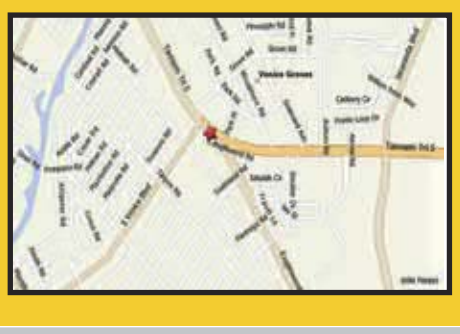

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Four-door truck doesn't have to be full size

By ANN M. JOB
For The Associated Press

Sales of pickup trucks are dropping precipitously this year because buyers dont want big, gasoline-guzzling vehicles. But the 2008 Nissan Frontier Crew Cab isnt a big, V-8-powered pickup truck. Its a mid-size pickup with strong V-6, an accommodating interior and two sizes of truck bed — 5 and 6 feet long.

With a starting manufacturers suggested retail price, including destination charge, of $22,025, the Frontier Crew Cab carries the lowest starting price of all mid-size pickup trucks with two rows of seats and four doors. This starting price is for a two-wheel-drive Crew Cab SE with manual transmission.

The lowest-priced 2008 Frontier Crew Cab with automatic transmission is $23,075, while a Frontier Crew Cab with four-wheel-drive starts at $24,725.

These prices compare with the $23,225 starting retail price for a two-wheel-drive, V-6-powered 2008 Toyota Tacoma Double Cab, offered only with automatic, and the $22,275 for a 2008 Chevrolet Colorado Crew Cab with automatic and two-wheel-drive and four-cylinder engine.

Its also worth noting the Frontier is a recommended vehicle of Consumer Reports magazine, where its predicted reliability is better than average.

Ive always liked the Frontier for its utility. A driver can put bicycles into the truck bed and head to the park, or stock camping supplies back there and spend time at a campground and fishing spot with nary a problem.

This is especially true because the Frontier has good ground clearance underneath it — at least 8.6 inches — and so can navigate the dips and rocks on off-road trails well.

Note that a spray-on bedliner is standard in all Frontiers to help keep the steel bed from getting scratched. A track system with tie down locations also comes standard back there and helps secure items in the bed.

The Crew Cabs bench back seat offers 33.6 inches of legroom and a comfortable 38.7 inches of headroom. But the seat cushion back there is a bit short. If the back seat isnt being used, the rear bench can be folded against the rear cabin wall to provide a wide, carpeted storage spot.

Passengers notice quickly that theyre riding in a truck, not a car, as the Frontier shudders a bit over big road bumps. The Frontier is a traditional, body-on-frame truck that uses the same platform of the larger, Nissan Titan pickup. So the ride doesnt have car-like refinement.

But then, a car wouldnt be able to provide the kind of good views out and over many other vehicles on the road, and it certainly cant match the Frontiers rugged demeanor off road, particularly in four-wheel-drive trim. The Frontier includes low gearing for such adventure treks and seems right at home on both pavement and dirt.

The Frontiers power rack-and-pinion steering has good on-center feel. But as youd expect in a tall-riding pickup, passengers notice some body lean in curves and turns. In the test truck with uplevel, 17-inch tires, there was road noise and, at highway speeds, some wind noise.

AP PHOTO

The 2008 Frontier earned four out of five stars in federal government front crash testing and five out of five stars in side crash testing.

The interior is well-arranged, but the extensive use of hard plastics is less than impressive and couldnt be overlooked even in the test Frontier that had optional leather seat trim.

I also had a difficult time parking the test truck. Even though it only had a 5-foot-long bed, it was a lengthy vehicle and didnt fit in many curbside parking spots. Its also difficult to see whats directly behind the tailgate as a driver backs up.

Front seats were comfortable. At 5 feet 4, I had to scooch up onto the drivers seat to get inside.

My passengers and I readily heard the 4-liter, double overhead cam V-6. It sounded strong and confident and it certainly propelled the pickup with gusto at startup. Theres no wimpy power in this truck, even though it doesnt have a V-8.

This is due in part to a generous 261 horsepower and 281 foot-pounds of torque that the engine develops. Its more than the 210 horsepower and 235 foot-pound of torque in the V-6-powered Dodge Dakota Crew Cab and the 236 horses and 266 foot-pounds of torque thats in the V-6-powered Tacoma.

Indeed, the engine in the Frontier Crew Cab never left me lacking for passing power on country roads or climbing power on mountain highways.

I just wish fuel economy was better. The federal government rating for the Frontier Crew Cab in four-wheel-drive is just 14 miles per gallon in city driving, and in mostly city driving, I managed just 14.6 mpg in the tester. The 14-mpg city rating for the four-wheel-drive model is just 2 mpg better than the rating for a V-8-powered, four-wheel-drive, full-size Nissan Titan pickup truck.

On the highway, the Frontier is rated at 19 mpg, which is just 2 mpg better than the Titan. Both city and highway ratings are notably lower than the comparable Tacoma.

Note that the maximum towing capacity for a Frontier Crew Cab is 6,300 pounds, just shy of the maximum 6,500 for the Tacoma.

Id prefer that the Frontiers curtain air bags and side seat-mounted air bags be standard equipment. As it is, they are optional, which is unusual today. Nissan also charges extra for a Traction Package that adds vehicle stability control and some helpful traction features.

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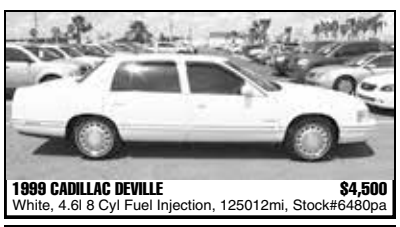
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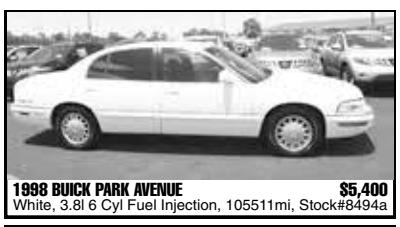
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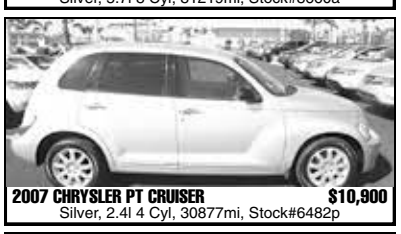
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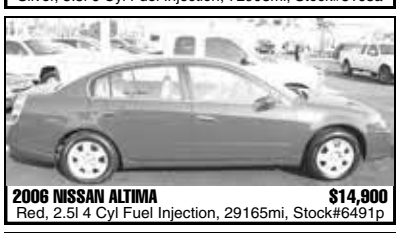
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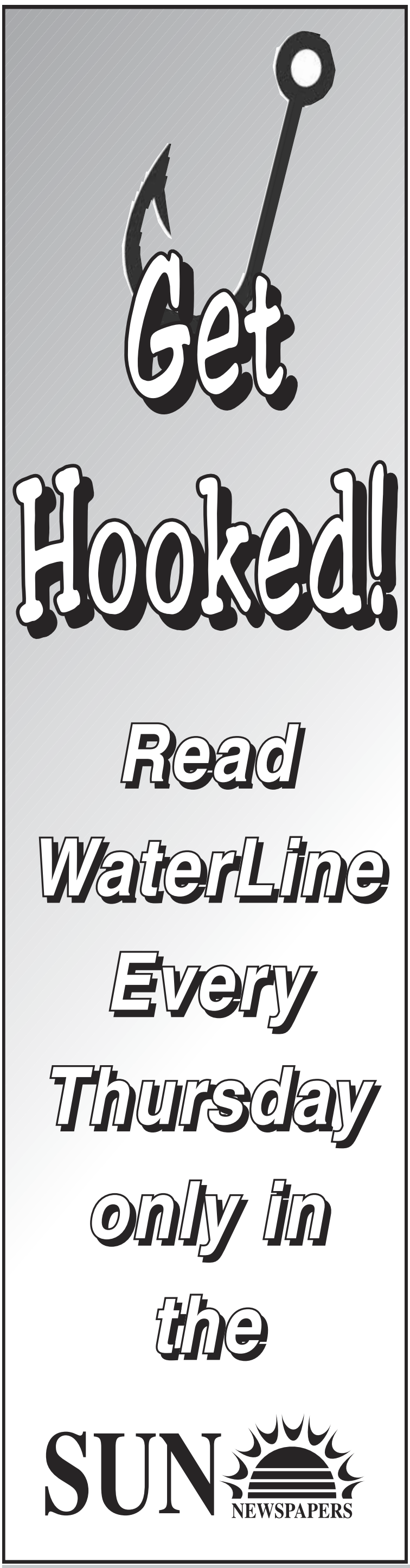

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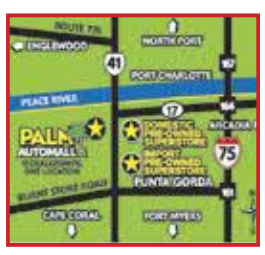

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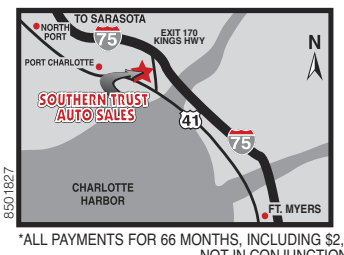

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So you want to hunt alligators

EDITOR'S OPINION

CAPT. ROD WALINCHUS

The other day I drove by a small group of people huddled around a pickup truck with a caged trailer in a parking lot and noticed bystanders snapping photos with their cell phones. Curiosity got the best of me, so I pulled into the lot to rubberneck. There, in the cage, was a huge alligator — a nuisance gator — a trapper had caught. It was clear that the gator wasn't very happy about its predicament. It came out of a local golf course pond and apparently didn't like what was about to happen to it. I assumed it was to be transported to another location, but I didn't ask, so I really don't know its fate.

It was an awesome specimen; one that I certainly wouldn't want to tangle with. So it was with some interest that I read a press release from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission about alligator hunting. Apparently there are a lot of folks that do want to tangle with gators because, "All hunt permits have been sold for this year; however, alligator trapping "agent" permits are available for $52. Agent permits enable permit holders to assist a licensed trapper in taking alligators but only in the presence of that trapper." For a brief second or two I toyed with the idea of getting an "agent" permit and going out with a licensed trapper for the experience. I eventually came to my senses and thought better of the idea.

But some of you may be interested in the adventure or may want to learn about alligator hunting. Heck, some of you may even hold a gator hunting permit but don't really know what to do. So the FWC is offering classes to educate those interested. Read on:

FWC OFFERS GATOR-HUNTING CLASSES

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is offering alligator hunters no-cost, three-hour classes to help them prepare for the Aug. 15 – Nov. 1 statewide alligator harvest. Reservations are not required to attend a class.

Attendance is not mandatory for licensed hunters, but the FWC recommends that participants attend, especially if they have not previously hunted for alligators. Class topics include preparing for the hunt, hunting techniques and safety, harvesting and processing, caring for your alligator hide and alligator hunting rules and regulations. Also, persons who do not have an alligator harvest permit can attend if they want to learn what hunting alligators is all about.

Classes will be offered at the following locations:

July 26, 1-4 p.m. - Dania Beach, IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame and Museum, 300 Gulf Stream Way. For directions, call 954-922-4212 or visit www.igfa.org.

July 30, 6-9 p.m. - Tallahassee, Bryant Bldg., 2nd Fl. Auditorium, 620 S. Meridian St. For directions, call 850-488-3831.

Aug. 2, 1-4 p.m. - Tampa Florida State Fairgrounds, 4800 U.S. Hwy. 301 N. (use the Orient Road entrance). For directions, call 800-345-FAIR (3247) or visit www.floridastatefair.com.

Aug. 3, 2-5 p.m. - Okeechobee Okeechobee County Civic Center, 1750 U.S. Hwy. 98 N. For directions, call 863-462-5195.

Permitted alligator hunters can expect to receive their licenses and hide-validation tags by July 14.

Gator hunting has to be a unique experience and one that I might have considered when I was younger and braver. But I'm of the age that if I had to get out of a gator's way in a hurry, I'd probably end up in the emergency room, so I'll pass — but it does sound intriguing.

'Ladies, Let's Go Fishing!' seminar returns to Sarasota

Women of all angling abilities are invited to acquire or fine-tune fishing skills at the award winning "Ladies, Let's Go Fishing!" seminar. Hosted by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and presented by Mercury Outboards, the program offers a full weekend of educational fishing activities on Aug. 22-24 at the Hyatt Sarasota.

The seminar will kick off with a welcome reception at the Hyatt on Friday evening, Aug. 22, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The classroom portion starts at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 23, where fishing techniques will be taught at beginner and intermediate/advanced levels in the morning. Fishing topics and speakers are: Rod and Reel Basics/Capt. Rachel Nobbe, Inshore/Capt. Merrily Dunn, Offshore/Capt. Ric Ehlis, Bottom/Capt. Dave Zalewski and Fly Fishing/Twig Tolle. After lunch, the women will participate in several hands-on fishing stations, such as conservation techniques, spin casting, net casting, landing and releasing, knot tying, gaffing grapefruits, boat handling, trailer backing and reeling against pressure, until 4:30 p.m. On Sunday, Aug. 24, a fishing trip is offered, concluding with a fillet class.

Seminar registration, which must be made in advance, is $145 per person including instruction, use of equipment, hands-on training, welcome reception, meals, T-shirts, goody bags and more. The five-hour Fishing Adventure, with tackle and bait provided, is additional.

A limited number of scholarships for seminar registration and party boat fishing are available for teachers as well as women in a low-income bracket. Those interested can e-mail a short paragraph about their situation, why they want to take the course and contact information, with "scholarship" in the subject line. Requests will only be accepted via e-mail and must be submitted no later than two weeks in advance of the seminar.

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New fishing regulation goes into effect today

CAPT. RALPH ALLEN

Did you know that a new fishing regulation goes into effect today? Yep, with little fanfare the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has banned recreational anglers from harvesting sandbar and silky sharks from the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean effective on July 24, 2008.

The new rule will have a modest effect on most local anglers. Few silky sharks are landed in local waters but there is a fairly productive local fishery for sandbar sharks (often called brown sharks by Gulf anglers). Most of the sandbar sharks caught in this area are adult fish in the 5- to 8-foot size range, and most seem to be caught a few miles offshore in the Gulf in the late winter and early spring. Sandbar sharks have two identifying characteristics that help distinguish them from other sharks that are similar in appearance: Sandbar sharks have larger pectoral and dorsal fins than do most other sharks, and sandbar sharks are one of only a few species that have a hard, almost solid ridge that runs along the top of their back rearward of the dorsal fin. Other sharks with such a dorsal ridge include silky sharks and dusky sharks. Since dusky sharks are already a protected species, starting today any time a Gulf angler fishing in federal waters catches a shark with a dorsal ridge, that shark will have to be released.

Federal waters in the Gulf of Mexico are those waters more than 9 nautical miles offshore of Florida's Gulf coast. State waters lie inside the 9-mile boundary and at this time Florida has not added sandbar or silky sharks to the list of sharks protected in state waters. In the past, Florida regulations have tended to follow the federal regulations, so it seems likely that Florida will follow suit and eventually ban the harvest of these two species in inshore waters, perhaps as soon as January 1. This would mean that next year's sandbar shark fishing, which usually gets underway in February or March, would be all catch-and-release.

Granted there are only a few anglers who catch and keep sandbar sharks affected by this new rule, but it was almost a lot worse. In the originally proposed draft of this new rule NOAA had proposed a ban on the recreational harvest of blacktip, spinner, bull and some other species of sharks in addition to the ban on sandbars and silkys. NOAA's reasoning: Many shark species are similar in appearance and recreational anglers can't be trusted to correctly identify the species of sharks they land. A public outcry regarding this overly broad ban on recreational shark harvest caused NOAA to reconsider and the final result was that only sandbars and silkys have been added to the list of protected shark species. Sometimes the fishery managers do listen to angler comments. In the coming months NOAA will try to educate anglers about shark identification by producing booklets and pamphlets describing the most common species.

By the way, the National Marine Fisheries Service has just announced that blacknose sharks are overfished and new regulations will be forthcoming to limit the harvest of these small but very common sharks. It never ends.

Let's go fishing!

Captain Allen owns and operates the King Fisher Fleet of sightseeing tour boats, deep sea fishing charter boats and back bay guide boats located at Fishermen's Village Marina in Punta Gorda. He can be reached by phone at 941-639-0969 or by e-mail at captain@kingfisherfleet.com for boating or fishing information or with questions you want to see answered in WaterLine.

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Now we need to follow the math closely. Our 200-pound person has neutral buoyancy for the 80 percent that is submerged in the water (80 percent of 200 pounds is 160 pounds). So 160 pounds is floating neutrally in the water and being aided by an additional buoyancy of 30 pounds from his body fat (15 percent of 200 pounds is 30 pounds). The 160 plus 30 is 190 and leaves a 200-pound person with only 10 pounds to be buoyed up by the life jacket. Thus a life jacket with 22 pounds of buoyancy can keep him afloat.

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GREG BARTZ

What better way to catch bass than to throw a Rat-L-Trap through the hydrilla waiting for a strike to occur? When it does, the fight can make landing a bass in this type of cover extremely difficult. Sometimes, you have to pull through the hydrilla just to see if the fish is still hooked to the lure.

There are a few things you can do to improve your catch ratio when fishing any type of crankbait in grassy cover. Depending on how thick the cover is, I like to change the size of the hooks I use on my baits.

If the cover is sparse and scattered, I like to put on a slightly bigger treble hook. The bait has less of a tendency to get caught up in the cover when it is scattered or thinned out. The bigger treble hook allows you to get a better hook-up when the fish bite, and there is a less likely chance of a fish throwing the hook while you are getting it back to the boat.

If the cover is a little thicker and harder to get the bait through, I like a smaller treble hook. This gets hung up in the cover a little less and makes it easier to get the bait through it. There is one drawback to this however. When you have a fish hooked up and he wants to come to the surface, the smaller treble hooks do not seem to hold as well as the larger sizes. The fish has the ability to throw the hook, especially when it has the added weight of the cover hanging all over the hook.

Just this past weekend my partner Missy and I were fishing in our couples club and using this technique. She had a larger size treble hook on her bait, while I threw a smaller one with smaller treble hooks. She managed to land the big fish of the tournament, but struggled at times getting her bait through the heavier hydrilla we were fishing in. I managed to boat three fish in the same hydrilla mainly due to the fact that I could get the bait through the cover easier than she could. The smaller hooks were not getting hung up as much as the larger hooks appeared to be.

Combined, we managed a strong second place finish that moved us to within two points of the club championship. That will be determined on the next and final tournament of the year.

Just don't be afraid to throw those treble hooks into the hydrilla. If you can find a spot where it is a little thinned out and there are baitfish present, it can sure be a bait that catches a lot of bass. Pay attention to the hook sizes though. It will make the difference in how many you get hooked as well as how many you land.

Greg Bartz is a tournament bass fisherman. His writing focuses mostly on lakes in central Florida.

Spoons are highly effective lures

FUMBLING FISHERMAN

TOM JOHNSON

When I was about eight years old my dad gave me my very first fishing lure. It was a classic red and white Daredevl chosen from his gigantic collection of spoon-shaped lures. I'll bet that somewhere in your tackle box you will find that famous smiling Satan logo. After all, Daredevls (and yes, that is spelled correctly) used to dominate the North American spoon market.

But there are a lot more competitors out there now: FINN, Luhr-Jensen, Nestor, Foilistic, etc. I was sorting through a mess of tackle on one of the rainy days last week. Golly gee, I don't remember buying all those spoons. Some of were pretty crusty. Some were new in the package. But I found the one I was looking for — a gold spoon buzzer made by Nemire Lures. It's basically a spoon with a rotating spinner on the front. Why was I looking for this one?

Well, right now we are at the peak of the summer heat / rain cycle. The backwaters are warm and full of fighting fish. But the water is getting dirty from the excessive runoff. That means baitfish are hovering high in the water table looking for tidbits. And the gamefish are more likely to be attracted to the sound of thrashing bait. Heavily actioned spoons (like the one I have described) worked just under the surface are a great way to target surface feeding fish.

I have heard that you should retrieve these noisy lures relatively slowly, but don't let them sink down to the bottom. And make sure and hold the rod tip high. You can't really employ the "let it sit until they come back" approach that is commonly used with floating surface lures.

Here are some spoon–fed facts that might interest you: Most of these lures are actually very "fish friendly." The hooks are presented at the rear of the lure. This gives spoons a good hookup rate. Plus, this type of lure supports a single, rather than multiple hook arrangement, which means unhooking fish is generally quick and easy. This means they have a better chance of surviving in the livewell or back in the water.

Generally made of metal, spoons sink, and therefore can be presented at any water level. Spoons that have a high surface area to mass ratio will tend to flutter while sinking. This makes them a prime target on the drop and while being retrieved.

I am primarily a livebait fisherman. But I have a neighbor who fishes exclusively with artificial lures. He tells me that you should fish "regular" spoons a little faster than plugs. They are designed to have less resistance in the water and are extremely effective when fished with a stop-start retrieve. Oh, and he gave me one more tip: Instead of jerking the rod tip as you would when fishing a weighted soft plastic, use a few quick winds on your reel.

I have a fair-sized collection of spoons in my tackle box — as every inshore fisherman should. But not surprisingly, I didn't come across that old red and white Daredevl from my father. It's probably rusting its life away hung on a tree branch near some Minnesota lake. And we both know how it got there.

You can contact Tom Johnson, the Fumbling Fisherman, at trjmcp@aol.com.

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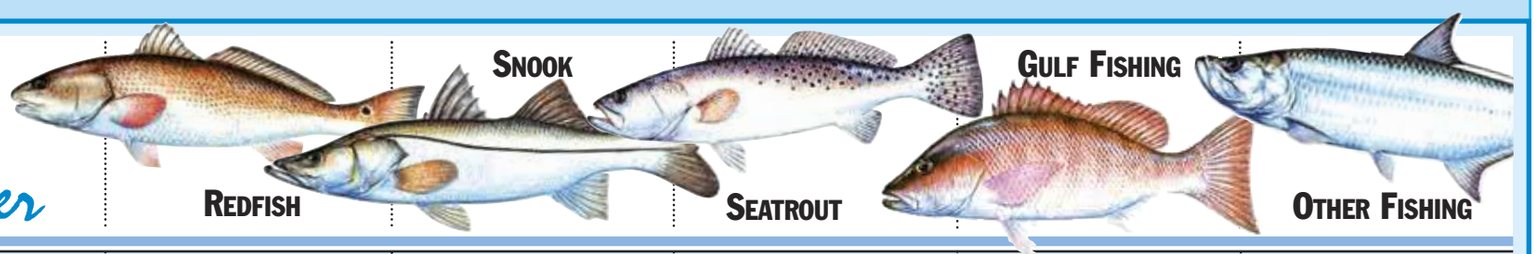

	Redfish	Snook	Seatrout	Gulf Fishing	Other Fishing
Jim **Fisherman's Edge Tackle** Cape Haze 941-697-7595	Shorelines and adjacent flats in Lemon Bay below the Tom Adams Bridge are holding fish.	The beaches and dock systems along Boca Grande are a good bet for catch-and-release action.	The deep areas of Pine Island Sound continue to provide the best reports.	Mangrove snapper are still coming off just reef systems in good numbers.	Tarpon are in the deep holes of the Harbor.
Becky **Rio Villa Bait and Tackle** Punta Gorda 941-639-7166	Outside shorelines between Burnt Store and Matlacha have been providing a bite.	The beaches have been getting the most consistent reports.	There are scattered fish throughout Turtle Bay around the oyster bars.	No reports.	Mangrove snapper are all over area dock systems.
Robert **Fishin' Frank's Bait & Tackle** Charlotte Harbor 941-625-3888	Flats and shorelines adjacent to the Intracoastal in northern Pine Island and Gasparilla sounds have been getting consistent reports.	Pass areas and beaches from Cayo Costa through Captiva are great spots for catch-and-release fishing.	There have been few reports, but the best fish are coming from the deep grassflats in Pine Island Sound.	The mangrove snapper bite is still a good bet on any of the close artificial reefs.	Tarpon are in the Harbor as well as around the U.S. 41 bridges.
Jeff **Captain Ted's Tackle** Port Charlotte 941-627-6800	The Indian Fields and Smokehouse Bay areas of Matlacha are holding schools of oversized fish.	The shorelines of the lower west wall as well as around Cape Haze are getting good reports.	Few reports this week.	The Bayronto is holding amberjacks and good numbers of mangrove snapper.	Bull sharks are on many area flats and bar systems close to the pass like those near Turtle Bay and Jug Creek.

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Reader Photos

Maryann Mize with her first tarpon, a 50-pounder landed in Charlotte Harbor. Captain Rhett Morris is holding the big fish.

Above, we guys can take lessons from JoAnne Landaker. Not only did she get her Grand Master Angler level at the PGI fishing club, but the next night she went out and caught this 50-inch cobia.

A lovely Charlotte Harbor tarpon.

Big redfish and docks don't mix

READERS WRITE

ART CARMAN

Have you ever noticed that sometimes you can do everything right and still lose a nice fish, and at other times, you make every mistake in the book and still land it? This is a story about the latter.

While fishing alone and working a row of docks I hooked a big redfish. It wanted no part of coming out from under the dock with its barnacle-covered pilings, which gave it an advantage over me. Little by little, I began winning the battle and almost had it clear of the dock. The only trouble was the fish pulled me so close to the dock that I was running out of room. I countered by turning my trolling motor sideways and flooring it. Eighty pounds of thrust going one way and a desperate red pulling the other way, sure enough, over I went. There I was, treading water while holding my rod over my head with the red still pulling away. I managed to get back to my boat, but there was no way I could get back on, especially with my rod in one hand. I was, however, able to pull myself up high enough to stick the rod in one of the center console rod holders.

Now I had to get back into the boat. Between being slightly exhausted and weighed down with wet clothes, after several tries, I realized, "this isn't going to happen." I spotted a ladder on the back side of another dock and decided that was my best bet. I was able to reach a bow line on the boat's front deck and began dog-paddling towards the dock with one hand while pulling the boat with the other, all the while, watching my $100 Shimano Teramar rod bending in the shape of a C and thinking it would snap at any moment.

I reached the dock, tied the boat to the front side and swam under it to the ladder. It was one of those aluminum jobs with a latch on it, designed to keep the lower half out of the water. Naturally, the latch was corroded. After wrestling with it for at least a couple of minutes, I was finally able to lower it. I climbed up onto the dock, put the ladder back in place and jumped back in my boat. My rod was still bent to just short of its breaking point. The red was still on; I couldn't believe it. I grabbed the rod, but I was unable to move the fish. It had wrapped itself around a lone piling between the docks. I motored toward it, loosened the drag and fortunately it swam back around the piling and towards open water. The battle didn't last too long after that — the red wasn't the only one who was pooped.

But that's not the end of the story. I noticed a dolphin in the area, but didn't think much of it. I reached down and grabbed the red and just as I was pulling it out of the water the dolphin came up from under the boat looking like Jaws. It just missed the fish and my hand.

The red was oversized, but it was in no condition to be released yet, especially with the dolphin still circling around. I coaxed it along for at least 10 minutes before it finally got its wind back and stayed belly down. I moved away from the dolphin and finally released the fish. As I watched the big bull scurry away, I thought to myself that it had to be thinking, "What the heck just happened?" I know I was.

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5;52 2.28	6:45 2.40	7:49 2.51	9:01 2.61	10:09 2.69	11:12 2.72	12:08 2.69
14:28 0.25	15:54 0.04	17:07 -0.15	18:08 -0.28	18:59 -0.33	19:42 -0.28	20:19 -0.15
21:43 1.24	23:35 1.23				2:34 1.38	2:30 1.37
					4:14 1.37	5:39 1.26
Sunrise: 6:50	Sunrise: 6:51	Sunrise: 6:52	Sunrise: 6:52	Sunrise: 6:53	Sunrise: 6:53	Sunrise: 6:54
Sunset 20:21	Sunset 20:20	Sunset 20:20	Sunset 20:19	Sunset 20:19	Sunset 20:18	Sunset 20:17

PUNTA GORDA

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
7:42 1.80	8:17 1.94	9:00 2.08	9:53 2.19	10:57 2.29	12:09 2.38	13:17 2.45
14:43 0.54	16:05 0.39	17:33 0.23	18:59 0.04	20:12 -0.14	21:13 -0.26	22:04 -0.30
20:24 1.44	22:04 1.22		0:51 1.13			
1:51 0.54	2:18 0.76	2:41 0.97	2:40 1.12			
Sunrise: 6:48	Sunrise: 6:49	Sunrise: 6:49	Sunrise: 6:50	Sunrise: 6:50	Sunrise: 6:51	Sunrise: 6:51
Sunset 20:20	Sunset 20:20	Sunset 20:19	Sunset 20:18	Sunset 20:18	Sunset 20:17	Sunset 20:17

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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
5:24 1.60	5:59 1.73	6:42 1.85	7:35 1.95	8:39 2.04	9:51 2.12	10:59 2.19
11:20 0.48	12:42 0.35	14:10 0.20	15:36 0.03	16:49 -0.12	17:50 -0.23	18:41 -0.27
18:06 1.28	19:46 1.09	22:33 1.01				
22:55 0.68	23:18 0.86	23:17 1.00				
Sunrise: 6:49	Sunrise: 6:50	Sunrise: 6:50	Sunrise: 6:51	Sunrise: 6:51	Sunrise: 6:52	Sunrise: 6:52
Sunset 20:20	Sunset 20:20	Sunset 20:19	Sunset 20:19	Sunset 20:18	Sunset 20:18	Sunset 20:17

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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
8:32 1.21	9:07 1.31	9:50 1.40	10:43 1.48	11:47 1.54	12:59 1.60	14:07 1.65
15:39 0.25	17:01 0.18	18:29 0.11	19:55 0.02	21:08 -0.06	22:09 -0.12	23:00 -0.14
21:14 0.97	22:54 0.82		1:41 0.76			
2:47 0.25	3:14 0.36	3:37 0.45	3:36 0.53			
Sunrise: 6:48	Sunrise: 6:48	Sunrise: 6:49	Sunrise: 6:50	Sunrise: 6:50	Sunrise: 6:51	Sunrise: 6:51
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Reader Photos

Punta Gorda resident Niki Hannon was assisted by her father, Fred Hannon, with her first ever tarpon. The estimated 50-pound fish was released immediately after the picture was taken.

Why is George Saut's Charlotte Harbor shark smiling? Because he knows he'll be released right after the photo.

A 28-inch beach snook caught and released along Manasota Key by Ken Taylor while sight fishing with a barbless MirrOlure MirrOdine 17MR18.

Stephen Bligh pulled this nice red from the Myakkahatchie Creek during his visit from Rochester, N.Y.

Tommy Carlson of Estero moments before releasing this monster goliath grouper.

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Reader Photos

David B. Kipfer with a nice redfish.

Dave L. Kipfer caught this 44-inch, 21-pound king mackerel.

Jimmy Young's tarpon.

Brian Upright of Punta Gorda Isles caught this bonita off Elliot Key.

Greg Demel visiting from Texas caught and released this large redfish off Pirate Harbor.

Bryan Kehoe with a nice Charlotte Harbor redfish.

Diane Ingrisano of North Port caught this feisty permit at Gasparilla Pass.

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Brian Brandenburg caught and released this 16-pound Charlotte Harbor snook.

Port Charlotte resident Dustin Potts with his first ever tarpon caught and released while fishing with Capt. Robert Moore.

A nice-sized trout caught off Burnt Store by Greg Demel.

A blacktip shark caught by Chris Gramza just south of the Charlotte Reef. Chris, from Mishawaka Indiana, was visiting his parents Tom and Janet Gramza of Punta Gorda.

Valerie Cottrell of North Port caught this 7-pound largemouth bass in the canal behind her home.

Jennifer Kertz of Venice recently caught her first bonnethead shark in Lemon Bay.

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Ron Whitely plays a good-sized tarpon.

Gatlin Bass Thornton and his father Glenn Thornton of Wauchula with Gatlin's first redfish. Gatlin will be 3 years old in August.

JACKET

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nearshore, or type II, are the orange keyhole type. They are the least expensive and thus the most common. They have 15.5 pounds of flotation, will sometimes turn an unconscious person face up and are intended for use in areas where rescue may be quick — thus the name nearshore. An offshore life jacket, or type I, has 22 pounds of flotation, is designed to turn an unconscious person face up and is intended to be used where rescue may take some time — thus the name offshore.

When considering the high potential of trauma or hypothermia in instances of a man overboard, the value of a jacket that will float you face up while unconscious is immeasurable. And while the difference in 15.5 and 22 pounds of flotation initially seems small, it is in fact 42 percent more flotation. Depending on your total weight and body fat, that additional flotation can be the difference of floating in the water instead of pulling your life jacket with you as you sink to the bottom.

Remember that 23-pound block? One pound can be the difference between sinking and floating. Hopefully the additional 42 percent of buoyancy and the capability to float you face up will be enough to convince you to invest in offshore, type I, life jackets. Don't be a 23-pound blockhead. Provide the best protection for you and your crew when selecting your safety gear.

Bill Hempel is the Assistant Safety Officer for the Peace River Power Squadron and a member of the USPS national marketing committee.

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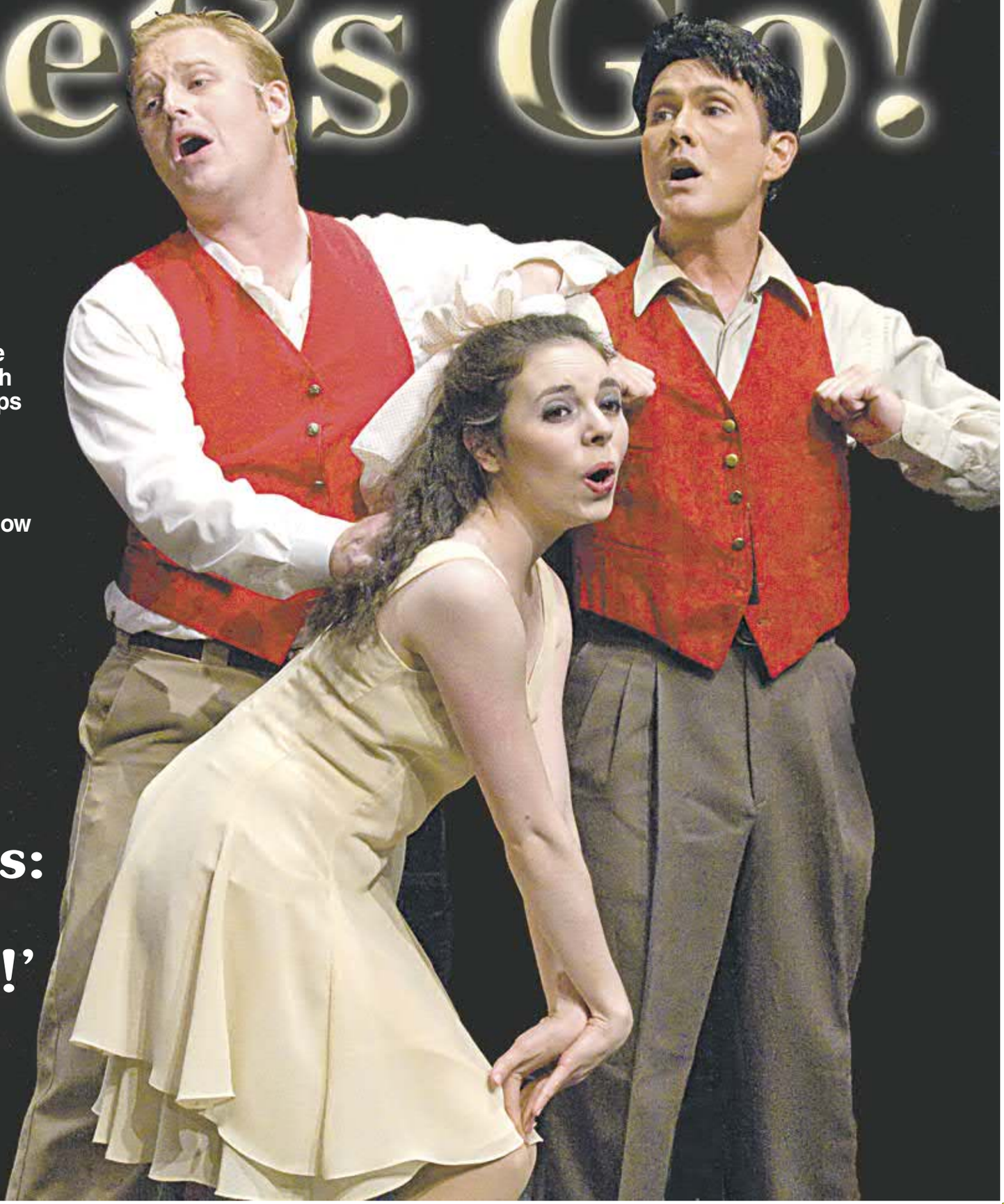

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Time for another birthday at the World

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There is always something to celebrate at Walt Disney World Resort® where the next biggie will be the 20th anniversary of the Grand Floridian Hotel. The best part of Disney celebrations is that they generally last a long time. If you can't be there on a specific day, not to worry.

The Year of a Million Dreams is into its second year. Why not? Everyday Disney guests have dreams come true. Sometimes they are little dreams like being moved to the head of the line for a favorite ride. Other times they are huge dreams like spending the night in the lavish guest suite at the Cinderella castle. It truly is spectacular with its family-size jacuzzi tub, silk fabrics trimmed in gold, incredible views and a personal concierge on 24-hour call. I was fortunate enough to see it the day it received its first overnight guests in April 2007. My visit lasted 10 minutes but I did get to stay at the Grand Polynesian that night, a dream of mine since 1974, when I made my first visit to Walt Disney's dream World.

A stay at the Grand Floridian was another dream come true and now those Disney folks are refurnishing and renovating it, adding flat-screen TVs, new draperies and a yacht. A 52-foot Searay will be available for charter and also to offer a new way to view the fireworks from the Magic Kingdom. Having been on a 48-foot Searay once, my guess is that this too may turn out to be a dream item for a few lucky guests.

If you prefer single-day celebrations — July 25 is National Hot Fudge Sundae Day appropriate during national Ice Cream Month.

May your dreams come true.

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8 p.m. July 31.
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July 31, Aug. 1-3 and Aug. 7- Aug. 9.
Venice Theatre
140 W. Tampa Ave, Venice.
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GEORGE MICHAEL
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A concert to benefit Iraq war veterans featuring country recording artists Twinkle Schascal, Janid and local band, the Armadillo Band.
Noon to 8 p.m. Sept. 13.
Charlotte County Fairgrounds,
2333 El Jobean Road (State Road 776), Port Charlotte.
Concerts from the Heart was created by Margaret and Tony Rotondo. The mission statement is to raise funds using music events and festival celebrations then distributing donations to individuals and organizations on an as needed basis. The Welcome Back From Iraq concert's specific goal is to aid returning veterans and families from all armed services. It is a ticker-tape parade of sorts and celebration of their return to show appreciation for their service to the people of America. For more information, call 941-423-1266 or e-mail celinaflyguy@gmail.com.

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Kids get a night out

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Mom and Dad, it's time for the kids to get a night out.

The Charlotte County Family YMCA is hosting "Kids Night Out" from 6:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Aug. 15 and Aug. 29.

Children in grades K-5 will be able to play in the game room, go swimming, play active games and watch a movie with popcorn.

The cost is $10 for Y-members and $15 for nonmembers. (Reservations are required.)

For reservations or more information, call 941-629-9622, ext. 106, or e-mail dquail@charlottecountyymca.com.

The Charlotte County Family YMCA, Franz Ross Park Branch is located at 19333 Quesada Ave., Port Charlotte.

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The Charlotte Players' Red Feather Investment Club presents "Death By Chocolate at 1 p.m. Sunday.

This murder mystery will be held at the Punta Gorda Woman's Club at 118 Sullivan St., Punta Gorda and benefits the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Charlotte County.

Tickets are $25.

For more information call 941-625-6125.

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Golden Apple offers a five-in-one musical

By KIM COOL
FEATURES EDITOR

"The Musical of Musicals: the Musical!" is more than a musical — it is an event.

Spoofing great American musicals of the past, "The Musical of Musicals: The Musical!" uses four talented performers to deliver one classic story five ways at Sarasota's Golden Apple Dinner Theatre. In this case the story is about a single girl (Jessica Hanson as June, Jeune, Junie Faye, Junita and Juny) who "can't pay the rent," her evil landlord (William Garon as Jidder, Jitter, Mr. Jitter Phantom Jitter and Jutter), a hero (Kip Taisy as Big Willy, Billy, William, Bill and Villy) and a matron (Cara Herman as Mother Abby, Abby, Auntie Abby, Abigail von Schtarr, Fraulein Abby)).

The music is in the style of Rogers and Hammerstein, Stephen Sondheim, Jerry Herman, Andrew Lloyd Webber and John Kander and Fred Ebb, Part of the fun of the show is that one recognizes the music and, sometimes the words, but there is always something about the way the words and music and spoofed and delivered that makes this show both funny and fun. Adding to the adventure, Apple producers invite those in the audience to figure out the musical source of the songs. There is even a mystery show. Answers can be found within the program.

Based on the show "Oklahoma," and featuring the song "Corn," the opening number offers Herman the chance to shine as Mother Abby singing "The rainbow is your dream" to the tune of "Climb Every Mountain" from the "Sound of Music" as set in the "South Pacific." This musical is as packed with parodies as the previous sentence is packed with nonsensical descriptive phrases.

The storyline of Scene 2 is "A Little Complex," presented in the often-neurotic manner of Stephen Sondheim, as even the musical's subtitles become spoofs of the various composers' works.

And so it goes, parody after parody, laugh after laugh as the four players change characters without needing to change costumes or sets — except for a certain bench, which needs some special handling at least twice, earning applause each time.

Garon is the villainous landlord who will have his way with poor June if she doesn't pay the rent. As the show progresses, Garon manages to turn himself into just about every type of villain known to film and theater. In a spoof on "Cabaret" he is more like Joel Gray than Grey himself. The villain is the meatiest character in the show, and Garon has no trouble rising to the occasion in each and every scene. Nor do his fellow actors who each turn in fine performances of their own individual lists of characters.

PHOTOS PROVIDED

Kip Taisey, Jessica Hanson, William Garon in "The Musical of Musicals: the Musical!"

Musical director John Visser also becomes a performer in this show, changing hats and personalities for each scene while providing the piano music that ties everything together.

Choreographed by Dewayne Barrett, the show is directed and designed by Michael Newton-Brown. Costumes are by Dee Richards.

Cara Herman in "The Musical of Musicals: the Musical!"

A funny thing may have happened on the road to Decorum but not nearly as funny as all the schticks that happen in this production with its spoofs of "Sweeney Todd," "The Phantom," "Flower Drum Song," "Evita," "Chicago," "Carousel," Assassins," and other Broadway shows.

"The Musical of Musicals! The Musical!" runs through August 31.

The Sarasota Golden Apple Dinner Theatre is at 25 N. Pineapple Ave., Sarasota. Tickets include a buffet lunch, supper or dinner preceding the show. Four- and three-show packages are $134-$162 or $100-$121.50 per person, respectively for the coming season. For prices, times and reservations for one or more shows, call the box office at 941-366-5454 or toll free at 800-652-0920 or visit www.thegoldenapple.com.

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Murder is on the menu for 'Last Will & TestaMint'

By KIM COOL
FEATURES EDITOR

In a variation on the dinner theater idea, Murders She Wrote Inc., an acting troupe in Clearwater, serves clues with its chicken and beef.

The troupe's next production is "Last Will & TestaMint, which will be presented Friday, at the Radisson Hotel in Clearwater.

Audience participation is part of the fun. The little old lady seated next to you may not be quite as sweet as she seems. Everyone is a suspect. To that end, everyone wears a name tag and becomes part of the team charged with solving the mystery. In another twist, audience members are invited to bring cameras to record the evening's events. Cameras are strictly forbidden in most other theaters because of copyright laws.

Having performed all over Florida since its founding in 1998, the troupe generally performs monthly shows at the Radisson, usually leaving a trail of bodies in its wake. The troupe also does private bookings for conventions or parties.

Stories vary but are usually set in a specific era like the 1950s, '60s or '70s.

The cast for "Last Will & TestaMint" includes Heather Cazzola, Tisha Goble, Pepper McGowan, Cindy St. Lawrence, JT Crowder and Richard & Maria Buckley.

Choose chicken picatta or London broil as the dinner entree. Admission, including dinner, is $46 per person. Reservations are required. Plan to be there at 6:30 p.m. for dinner. The mystery will unfold as you eat. The Radisson is at 20967 U.S. Highway 19 North, Clearwater. For more information, call 813-727-7012 or 813-469-1233.

CALENDAR EXTRAS

Student Art Show

The North Port Art Center, 5950 Sam Shapos Way, is presenting a Student Art Show through Aug. 29. There will be an opening reception at 7 p.m. Thursday. The public is invited to view artwork created by children and adults, as well as pieces from the Art Center teachers. The solo gallery art show features the paintings and fiber art of Louise Hall.

For more information, call 941-423-6460.

Photography reception/exhibit

"Natural Encounters" by nature photographer Kelly Cioffi will be on display at the North Port Public Library in the Juliano Room through July 31. The library is located at 13800 Tamiami Trail, North Port.

'What's New in Charlotte?' talk

Hear Charlotte County Commissioner Tricia Duffy speak on "What's New in Charlotte County" 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Thursday at River Commons Senior Living Community, 2305 Aaron St. in Port Charlotte. The commissioner will discuss current events in the community and how they will impact seniors. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 941-629-0043 or visit www.river-commons.com.

'Death By Chocolate'

"Death By Chocolate" to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters Charlotte Players' Red Feather Investment Club premier performance at 1 p.m. Sunday at the PG Women's Club on Sullivan St. Enjoy decadent chocolate desserts and a humorous, murder mystery for women. $25 per person. For reservation, call BBBS at 941-625-6125.

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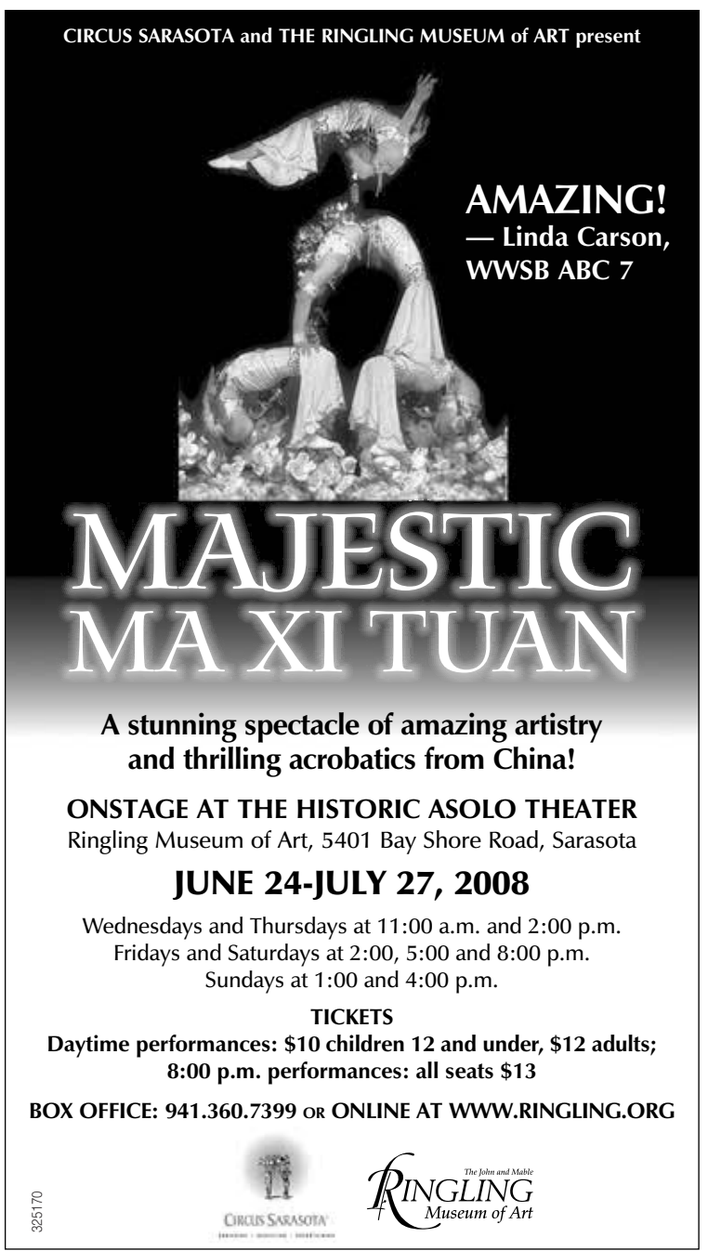

'True West' is darkly moving

By KIM COOL
FEATURES EDITOR

The Banyan Theatre's second offering of the summer, Sam Shepard's "True West," is one of those spell-binding stories, in which you fear you know what is going to happen and you do but you don't.

The story concerns two brothers: Lee, the bad seed, played by R. Ward Duffy and Austin, the perfect Ivy League graduate, good son and somewhat successful film writer, played by Eric Hissom.

Austin is house-sitting for their mother (Nina Hughes) who is away in Alaska. Also in the cast is J. Bloomrosen as Saul Kimmer, a Hollywood producer.

As the story begins. Austin is hard at work on his next screenplay, despite the distractions emanating from his brother who is the personification of an angry man. One just knows that something bad is going to happen and not just to their mother's pristine home.

Lee, who is abysmally unkempt and dirty, lives in the desert and makes his living as a con man and thief. When he meets Sol, Lee "convinces" the producer that he has a Western-movie story worth writing. As he is not a writer, the two decide that Austin will write it.

Hissom's characterization is right on the money throughout the production, which was crisply directed by Chris Dolman with a brilliant fight scene staged by Preston Boyd. That fight scene was so good opening night, July 16, I found myself fearful of what the outcome might be.

Duffy gives a brilliant interpretation of the brother who seems so evil yet has such concern for his alcoholic father and, possibly even for Austin.

Hughes manages to portray Mom as a good, if simple and almost simple-minded matronly mother, who seems to see both sons as equals and, in a way, perhaps they are.

Bloomrosen rounds out the troupe with his on-the-money portrayal of a Hollywood producer.

James Florek's set and lighting helps set the tone for this classic Shepard work. The lighting almost becomes an additional character, so well does it advance the time line.

Technical director Tim O'Donnell, production stage manager Jon Merlyn and his assistants Annette Breazeale, David Coyle and Patty Snyder-Atkins had lots of work on their hands and handled it all well. To say more would divulge too much of the story.

"True West" continues in the Cook Theatre at the Florida State University Center for the Performing Arts, 5555 North Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, through Aug. 3. It will be followed by Sarah Ruhl's "The Clean House," Aug. 7-24.

For tickets, call the box office at 941-552-1032 or visit www.banyantheatercompany.

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Sunrise Park opening

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Finding 'cheap' hotels on Broadway

By CHRIS JONES
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

NEW YORK — An American theater critic must cover Broadway. Here at the Chicago Tribune, the bosses like you to do so on the cheap. Thus, from the Shoreham to the Gorham, the Quality to the Hampton, the Best Western to the hotel of last resort, I've stayed at almost every tourist-class joint the theater district has to offer.

I've booked through Quikbook, Hilton, Orbitz, Hotels.com, the old-fashioned telephone and, once, a Web site aimed at South Americans. And having done this now for some years — and coupled with a travel nerd's love of getting the lowest possible price — I've learned some useful strategies.

If you're headed to Manhattan to see some shows or the tourist sights, here are 10 of my personal rules about Midtown hotels. And the first thing you have to know is that most of the usual rules don't apply in Manhattan.

• Rule No. 1: In New York, the chains are your friend

Many frequent travelers abhor the standardization of chain hotels. Well, save that love of the quirky hostelry for your next trip to Napa Valley. In Midtown, boutique is mostly code for smaller rooms, bigger attitudes and higher prices.

But chains have national standards to which even New York franchisees must adhere. And thus they tend to have bigger rooms, better service and more amenities. There's one caveat: The hotels have to be new, and you have to snag a room on a high floor for noise reasons.

But take the Hilton Garden Inn Times Square (790 8th Ave.; 212-581-7000; www.stayhgi.com) — my favorite Midtown hotel and the place where I am typing these words. The rooms have refrigerators, microwaves, flat-screen TVs. There's room to work. Almost every Broadway theater is within five blocks. And it's cheap. Relatively.

• Rule No. 2: In New York, brand status means nothing.

The Hampton Inn at 50th Street and 8th Avenue (212-581-4100; www.hamptoninn.com), another of my favorite New York hotels, has a concierge, a terrific staff and quite luxurious rooms. A Hampton Inn, you say? That's the cheapest of the Hilton brands and best known for sitting on the exit of a freeway. True. But in New York, it's got better service than the Sheraton. Which brings us to:

• Rule No. 3: In New York, prices depend on timing, not quality.

That Hampton Inn I just mentioned often charges well over $350 a night. You have to adjust your expectations in Midtown; a room under $250 is a cheap room. Everyone knows hotels vary pricing based on sophisticated predictors of demand. But in New York, the contrasts are eye-popping. The difference between pricing on different dates far eclipses the difference in pricing between hotels. In other words, the Waldorf Astoria on a low-demand night will charge less than the Four Points by Sheraton on a high-demand night. So what should you do?

• Rule No. 4: Sundays are your friend.

Try to stay on a Sunday night. Midtown hotels are the cheapest on that night; you can stay most Sundays for less than $200. In general, the most expensive nights are Wednesdays and Thursdays, although weekend rates don't drop significantly. At certain times of year — the spring-break weeks in March and weekends in the fall — hotel rates in Midtown are stratospheric as hotels fill with school groups and shopping Europeans. You can easily pay $400 a night for the crummiest joint. Best to go to New York instead in January, February, late April and May. The summer isn't bad either. And Thanksgiving weekend is a bargain.

• Rule No. 5: Prices usually drop nearer the stay.

Don't assume advance booking serves you well. Using chain Web sites, I recheck prices right up to cancellation deadlines. I switch hotels as prices drop nearer the night. Except for those peak times, room rates tend to fall. By significant amounts.

• Rule No. 6: If you want an independent, use Quikbook.

Most of the big hotel booking sites churn out the same rates in Midtown. And using the so-called opaque sites such as priceline.com is a sure way to get stuck with a room on the second floor — or, once, in my experience, the basement. For chains, use their own Web sites for the best deals. But Quikbook.com, a site that works with independent hotels, offers genuinely lower rates and a high degree of service and reliability.

I use Quikbook at high-demand times. I ended up recently at the Duane Street Hotel in Tribeca (130 Duane St.; 212-964-4600; www.duanestreethotel.com) for about $260 a night. Although the staffers were friendly, it was a classic boutique — trendy, tiny and noisy. Better independent choices in Midtown include the sedate, renovated Belvedere Hotel (319 W. 48th St.; 212-245-7000; www.belvederehotelnyc.com) and the hipper-than-thou but oft-cheap Time Hotel (224 W. 49th St.; 877-846 3692; www.thetimeny.com)

• Rule No. 7: Ignore Trip Advisor.

Many travelers base their choices on the comments at tripadvisor.com, a site that lets guests review hotels. It's mostly useless for New York. The vast bulk of the comments come from people who are in various states of shock at New York prices and concepts of space.

• Rule No. 8: Consider Chelsea.

A lot of new hotels have opened near 8th Avenue in Chelsea. There is a decent new Holiday Inn Express (232 W. 29th St.; 212-695-7200; www.hiexpress.com), a Hilton Garden (121 W. 28th St.; 212-564-2181; www.stayhgi.com) and a Four Points by Sheraton (160 W. 25th St.;

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Skip the airfare and hotel bills: Couple shares tips for a 'stay-cation'

By ROBERT PHILPOT
McCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

Vacation this spring presented a challenge. With gas prices hovering around $3.50 a gallon, we — my longtime sweetie Marilyn and I — didn't think it would be prudent to take a road trip. Recent airline problems made us skittish about flying, and we've grown weary of airport hassles anyway. We did consider a discount fare to New York, but scratched that idea after discovering hotels at this time of year were at least $200 a night if you wanted little luxuries such as working plumbing and locking doors.

So we decided to stay home. But we didn't just sleep late and veg out to TV all day. Instead, we decided to treat Dallas-Fort Worth as a destination, much as if we'd traveled here from someplace else, even though we've both lived here for at least 10 years.

Turns out it's possible to vacation at home and feel like you've made a getaway. Sort of.

If you and your struggling bank account are thinking about just staying home this year, here are some things to consider:

BREAK THE ROUTINE

Of course, merely not working is a break in the routine. But sometimes work comes home with you — in your brain, and you have to shake it off. So from the beginning, we set some ground rules.

No work talk, or doing anything that reminds us of work. This is practically impossible for two journalists, but we largely succeeded in this, although it took changing our computer's home page to get away from journalism Web sites. But if a couple who works at the same place can pull this off, you can, too.

No cooking at home (and especially no cost-saving microwaved frozen lunches). We ate all our meals out, the way we would on vacation, because a big part of travel for us is exploring restaurants in other cities. Because we didn't splurge on airfare or hotels, we felt more comfortable plunking down money for relatively pricey lunches.

Corollaries to this rule: (1) Don't eat at regular hangouts. Every place we ate was, if not new, someplace we've only been once or twice. (2) Wine or beer at lunch isn't essential, but at least it's an option, unlike on a workday. (3) Don't worry about slow service, and in fact luxuriate in places known for food that's too good to rush. If there's a fancy or out-of-the-way place you've been wanting to try, a stay-at-home vacation is just the time to do it.

Do things you've never done before. But if there's a place you've been meaning to go, cross it off your list.

Be spontaneous. One Tuesday morning, Marilyn was on the Internet, looking for something to do, when she saw that alt-country artists Steve Earle and Allison Moorer (Earle's wife) were playing in Dallas. Ordinarily, we wouldn't buy day-of tickets, especially on a "school night," but the freedom of being off allowed us to quickly decide we wanted to go. And the fact that we weren't working the next day made things less stressful when the concert ended at midnight and we still had an hour's drive home.

TIPS FOR TURNING HOMETOWN INTO A TOURIST DESTINATION

While sticking close to home, we thought of some things that might have made this feel like even more of a vacation experience.

Go to a convention and visitors bureau or hotel to pick up brochures on local points of interest.

Try to get along without a car, at least part of the time. We're experienced travelers, and we've navigated London, Paris, San Francisco and Washington using public transportation (to be honest, Marilyn is the one who's good at this; if it weren't for her, I'd probably have spent the past few years on the same bus in the Bay area).

CALENDAR EXTRA

Cabaret shows

Diva and the Italian Guy are back with their variety show from Aug. 5-6 at Visani Restaurant & Showroom, 23490 Spencer Court, Port Charlotte.

See them perform at 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 5 and at 1 p.m. Aug. 6.

Enjoy outstanding singing and laugh-out-loud comedy by Marcy Downey and Buddy Sebastian. Hear blockbuster song hits of the great divas and "Italian guy" Vegas entertainers, as well as hilarious stories and fractured versions of songs. The performances are fresh and fun every time.

This month's show features tributes to Patsy Cline, Elvis and baby boomer favorites.

For dinner and show reservations, call Visani at 941-629-9191.

For more information about Diva and the Italian Guy, visit www.divaandtheitalianguy.com.

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212-627-1888; www.starwoodhotels.com). They're all less than 10 minutes by train from Broadway theaters, and Chelsea now is a terrific neighborhood in which to shop, eat and stroll.

• Rule No. 9: Corporate rates probably won't help.

The company you work for may have negotiated set rates — the Chicago Tribune, for example, has a deal with the frayed New York Helmsley (212 E. 42nd St.; 212-490-8900; www.helmsleyhotels.com) on the East Side. I can almost always beat that price on my own. And when I can't, it's usually not available.

• Rule No. 10: Forget the cab from LaGuardia.

No point in saving money if you blow $45 on a cab from LaGuardia Airport. Instead, walk past the cab line and take the Q33 bus from right outside the terminal (you'll need $2 in change, but there's a machine right by the bus stop). Ride 20 minutes, get off at the last stop in Jackson Heights and hop an express E train to Midtown. You'll often get there quicker and for only $2 (a metrocard gets you a free transfer to the subway, or if you don't have one, it's still only $4). That's almost enough of a saving to buy a ticket to a Broadway show at the TKTS booth, temporarily located at the Marriott Marquis Hotel, which is always beyond my budget.

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Prices may be high, but you can still take that summer trip with these cost-cutting tips

By KERRI WESTENBERG
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

The dollar tanked long ago. Now the prices of gas and airline tickets are soaring — as is the cost of a gallon of milk. In the face of this economic storm, hail begins to fall — the real stuff, pounding the roof over your head. You turn on the television for a weather update only to find political pundits prattling on about the presidential candidates.

Just when it seems you can't afford a summer vacation, you've probably never needed one more.

Take heart. There are ways to get out of town without breaking the bank. We asked travel experts and dug through savvy sources to uncover ways to save on that much-needed, well-deserved summer getaway, whether it's a grand tour of Europe or a road trip to Grandma's house.

HOTELS:

• Check rates with hotel

Hotel-booking Web sites such as Hotels.com aren't always your best option. Sometimes you can get a better deal by going to the hotel's site or calling the hotel directly.

• Shun the 800 number

Don't call a hotel's 800 number to make a reservation; you'll likely be directed to the national center. Call the hotel directly and ask for the manager on duty, who is motivated to fill rooms, and begin negotiating for a discount.

• Call at the last minute

Hotels with open rooms may discount rates. A trick: Secure a room at an inexpensive chain that allows cancellations. A day or two before arriving, call the swank hotel you really want to stay in and ask for their lowest rate. If you get a good deal, cancel your first hotel.

• Ask for deals

If you're staying through the week, ask for a weekend rate for the entirety of your stay. If you're a member of groups such as AAA, ask for a discount.

— From Peter Greenberg's "The Complete Travel Detective Bible," (www.petergreenberg.com).

AIRFARE:

• Research before you book

The more you understand the market, the better your odds for finding the best price because you'll know a deal when you see it. For a quick education, log onto www.farecast.com to view charts that show past price trends for a particular route and predict when prices will be lowest in the future. A watchdog site can also help: www.airfarewatchdog.com sends out alerts about most bargain fares from a given airport; www.travelocity.com and other booking sites will send e-mail alerts when airfares on chosen routes drop or rise significantly.

• Join airlines' sites

More airlines are using promotional rates and e-mail offers to lure traffic to their Web sites. By signing up for e-mail alerts at your commonly used airlines, you get notice of these fares.

• Log onto meta-search sites

My favorite is www.kayak.com, which checks almost all airlines' fares and presents them at a glance, along with charts that show the price trend for that route. It also offers an option to check rates three days before and after your preferred dates. Flying legs of a journey overseas? Check out www.dohop.com.

• Get and use your miles

Northwest is among airlines that are enticing its members to use frequent flier miles to offset the price of a ticket. For nearly a year, Sun Country has also offered a frequent-flier program.

—From Chris Welsch, Star Tribune travel reporter.

• Be flexible

Be flexible about when and where you go: Midweek flights, especially on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, are often cheaper. Connecting flights cost less than direct. Be open to off-season destinations.

— From Beth Caulfield, editor-in-chief of AOL Travel (travel.aol.com).

ROAD TRIPS:

• Travel the speed limit

Gas mileage plummets at speeds higher than 60 miles per hour. Assume that each 5 mph you drive over 60 mph is like paying an additional 30 cents per gallon for gas.

• Pack light

An extra 100 pounds in your vehicle could reduce your miles per gallon by up to 2 percent.

— From www.fueleconomy.gov.

• Log on to find cheap gas

www.gaspricewatch.com or the gas price map at www.mapquest (click on the "gas prices" icon in the upper right-hand corner) can help you find gas stations with the best prices.

• Stop at the grocery store

Skip the enticing bags of Cheetos for 99 cents at the gas station. Stock up on larger bags at the grocery store instead. Bringing your own lunch helps, too.

—From Kathleen Crislip, student travel reporter at www.about.com.

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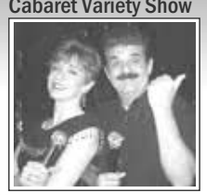
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The Ghost Soldiers': The sad details of everyday life are distilled into a brilliant collection

By CHAUNCEY MABE
SOUTH FLORIDA SUN-SENTINEL

James Tate is the Jerry Seinfeld of American poetry.

You'll remember Seinfeld, the '90s sitcom famously dubbed "a show about nothing." Here's part of Charles Simic's blurb for Tate's new collection, "The Ghost Soldiers": "To write a poem out of nothing at all is Tate's genius. Just about anything can happen next in this kind of poetry and that is its attraction."

Tate's been called worse, especially during the 1970s, when his poems were deemed cerebral, cold, vacant, with little substance beneath the surface dazzle.

Since his emergence at age 23, when his first collection, "The Lost Pilot" (1967), earned selection for the Yale Series of Younger Poets, even admirers have struggled to describe Tate's hypnotically idiosyncratic verse, often quite funny, with its non sequiturs, dream logic, grisly imagery and conversational language.

I can't claim to have read anything close to all of Tate's work. For a poet, he's amazingly productive, with 15 books of poetry, most of them much fatter than the standard 64-page collection. "The Ghost Soldiers" alone, by my count, includes 94 poems. But whatever doldrums, if any, Tate may have traversed midcareer, he's long past them. His National Book Award and Pulitzer Prize came later, in the 1990s.

Not to contradict a distinguished poet and critic such as Simic, but "The Ghost Soldiers" is far from being about nothing. These poems engage everything from war to police-state oppression to romance to small-town family life. Aliens make appearances, as do mythical creatures, talking animals, shadowy government agencies and malevolent corporations. Tate is clearly responding to contemporary issues. The war in Iraq, though never mentioned, looms behind many of the poems.

Here's an excerpt from "The March":

"I was standing next to the captain at the bottom of the mountain. "Shoot them all!" he ordered. "But, captain, they're our men," I said. "No they're not. My men were well-trained and disciplined. Look at this mess here. They are not my men. Shoot them!" he again ordered. I raised my rifle, then turned and smacked him in the head with the butt of it. Then I knelt and handcuffed him. The soldiers gathered about me and we headed for home. Of course, none of us knew where that was, but we had our dreams and our memories. Or I think we did."

You'll notice how this reads like narrative prose. Tate abandoned traditional versification long ago, causing some puzzled critics to reach for new descriptors, one even going so far as to call them "small movies" — ridiculous, what with the perfectly fine term "prose-poetry" close at hand. I'll admit to wondering midway through this collection what qualifies these pieces as poems instead of, say, highly compact absurdist short stories. By the end, I had something of an answer: condensed language, for one thing; intensity of effect for another. And something ineffable: They just are poems, no matter how prosey they appear.

And Tate, by some legerdemain, endows the disparate elements of each poem, and the collection as a whole, with a variety of meaning that also resists classification. A new reader might be frustrated by Tate's surrealism — that's the one description that's stuck to him: American surrealist — while another might want to read slowly, as I did in the early going, savoring and digesting each poem in turn. But the book gains a ferocious momentum, and by the halfway point I found myself gulping them down as fast as I could, one enlarging the morbid pleasures of the next.

Tate once wrote, in a line sometimes used to illustrate a supposed heartlessness, "Of course it's a tragic story; that's why it's so funny." But doesn't that sum up the human condition? We're all going to die, life is often absurd, and yet every day we find something to laugh about.

That's the real genius of "The Ghost Soldiers." By locating humor in tragedy, by highlighting the false connections by which we mortals construct daily life, Tate distills the sad little details of existence into a potent elixir, at once pathetic and noble.

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Don't buy food at amusement parks if you can help it. Many allow you to pack your own food and beverages. At national parks, skip the restaurants; you're there to enjoy the outdoors, anyway, so why not picnic?

• Afternoons delight

Many amusement parks have discounted tickets after a certain time, usually 3 or 4 in the afternoon. The afternoon is a great time to visit parks because they can be less crowded, and many offer nighttime shows.

• Go local

Local and regional parks — with reasonable entrance fees — can give you the same kind of experience you might have been looking for in a national park or theme park.

—From Beth Caulfield, editor-in-chief of AOL Travel (travel.aol.com).

• Buy online

Tickets are often cheaper online, online coupons are cropping up more and more and, anyway, you'll save time at the gate by avoiding lines.

—From www.smartmoney.com.

EUROPE:

• Rethink where you travel

Skip Rome and London; opt instead for Florence, Italy, or Krakow, Poland. Eastern Europe or small cities can save big money.

• Buy a guidebook

Guidebooks help you know when museums don't charge an entrance fee and which parks offer the best free people-watching.

—From Tom Meyers, founder of www.eurocheapo.com.

• Rethink where you sleep

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'The X-Files: I Want to Believe'

By FRANK LOVECE
NEWSDAY

It's a mystery worthy of Fox Mulder's scrutiny: Why make a theatrical motion picture of that iconic '90s TV series "The X-Files" six years after the last original episode aired? Nobody's doing "Seinfeld: The Movie," "Friends Forever" or "Walker, Texas Ranger, Rides Again."

But "The X-Files" is science fiction, and as we know from Trekkies or Trekkers or whatever the FC (fannishly correct) term is these days, sci-fi love never dies. And this past February at the WonderCon convention in San Francisco, those true believers known as X-Philes were sending X's — as in kisses — to the movie's producers and stars on a panel promoting "The X-Files: I Want to Believe," opening Friday.

From the screams and squeals captured in a featurette on the new DVD episode-set "The X-Files: Revelations," you'd think Elvis was in the building.

"We wanted this movie to work for and be loved by fans of the show," says former series executive producer Frank Spotnitz, who wrote and produced the movie with "X-Files" creator Chris Carter. "But if it only works for them," he frets, "it's not a success."

It does make your mind boldly go to "Star Trek: The Motion Picture" (1979), released 10 years after the TV series ended and five years after the Saturday-morning animated spinoff. Like that first "Star Trek" movie, the 1998 film "The X-Files" got a middling reception at best. And if this second film turns things around like the critical and commercial hit "Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan," stars David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson might just wind up this generation's William Shatner and Leonard Nimoy (or, perhaps, Nichelle Nichols).

The movie takes place six years after the events of the series finale, which, bizarrely, echoed the final "Seinfeld": a trial, with recurring characters from the series showing up to testify and yada yada yada. In the end, FBI agent Fox Mulder (Duchovny) — investigator of aliens, monsters and other things that go bump on the screen — escaped his kangaroo court with the help of, among others, his FBI superior, Walter Skinner (Mitch Pileggi, who appears in the film). Mulder goes on the run with his no-longer-skeptical partner, Dana Scully (Anderson). We last see them together in a hotel room, pondering the future and what to believe in.

Unlike "Lost," which has a similarly supernatural backstory mythos, the final "X-Files" seasons were all dangling and muddled loose ends. If the producers ever had a planned-ahead revelation, answer or overall point, it had gotten, well, lost.

"The show clearly didn't unfold the way anybody anticipated," Spotnitz says. "It doesn't have the great circularity of a novel. It changed gears in ways we hadn't anticipated. I understand why a lot of fans weren't as emotionally invested in those last two years as in the rest."

The harsh realm of reality didn't help. "I have come to believe the show ended when it did because of the post-9/11 mood of the country," Spotnitz says. "I remember the Sunday New York Times Magazine a couple weeks after 9/11 having a list of things that were 'in' and 'out,' and 'The X-Files,' it said, was out. And I thought, 'Why would we be out?' And when we came back on TV after that, the audience just didn't show up for season nine. People felt it was an antigovernment show, and out of step with the mood of the country."

Now? "My sense is we're now in a 'post-post-9/11' frame of mind."

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David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson in 'The X-Files: I Want to Believe.'

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AMC SARASOTA 12, 8201 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. 866-423-0764.
HOLLYWOOD 20, 1993 Main St., Sarasota. 941-954-5768.

Editor's Note: Listings not available at press time for Merchants Crossing.

Brick Lane (PG-13) B+

Monica Ali's debut gets the cinematic treatment with this literary adaptation. At the age of 17, Nazneed unwillingly marries an older man, and he takes her from her rural home in Bangaladesh to the busy streets of London. Refusing to live the life that's been assigned to her, Nazneen begins an affair with a man she meets in her new home.

Burns Court: 4, 8:30

The Dark Knight (PG-13) A-

With the help of Lieutenant Jim Gordon and District Attorney Harvey Dent, Batman sets out to destroy organized crime in Gotham for good. The triumvirate proves to be effective, but they soon find themselves prey to a rising criminal mastermind known as the Joker, who thrusts Gotham into anarchy and forces the Dark Knight ever closer to crossing the fine line between hero and vigilante. 2 hrs. 32 mins.

AMC Sarasota 12: 10 a.m., 12:15, 1:15, 3:45, 4:45, 7:15, 8:15, 10:45, 11:30 Fri-Sat; 10 a.m., 1:15, 4:45, 8:15, 10:30 Sun

Frank Theatres Galleria Stadium: 10 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 1, 1;30, 4, 4:30, 7, 7:30, 10, 10:30

Hollywood 20: 11:50 a.m., 12:20, 12:50, 1:20, 1:50, 3:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:40, 5:10, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8, 8:30, 9:50, 10:20, 10:50, 11:20, 11:50 Fri-Sat; 11:50 a.m., 12:20, 12:50, 1:20, 1:50, 3:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:40, 5:10, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8, 8:30, 9:50, 10:20, 10:50 Sun

Town Center 16: 11:50 a.m., 12:20, 12:50, 1:20, 1:50, 3:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:40, 5:10, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8, 8:30, 9:50, 10:20, 10:50

Elsa and Fred (PG) NEW

Elsa and Fred is a story about two people who, at the end of the road, discover that it's never too late to love... or to dream. Elsa is 82 years-old and for the past 60 years she's dreamt of a moment that Fellini had already envisaged: the scene of La Dolce Vita at the Fontana di Trevi. The same scene without Anita Ekberg in it but Elsa instead. Without Marcello Mastroiani but with that love that took so long to arrive. Alfredo is a bit younger than Elsa and was always a good man who did everything he was supossed to do. After losing his wife, he feels disturbed and confused and his daughter decides that it would be best if he moved into a smaller apartment where he'll meet Elsa. From that moment on, everything changes.

Burns Court: 2:15, 5:15, 8

Encounters at the End of the World (G) NEW

Werner Herzog (Grizzly Man, Rescue Dawn) confirms his standing as poet laureate of men in extreme situations with Encounters at the End of the World. In this visually stunning exploration, Herzog travels to the Antarctic community of McMurdo Station, headquarters of the National Science Foundation and home to eleven hundred people during the austral summer (Oct-Feb). Over the course of his journey, Herzog examines human nature and Mother nature, juxtaposing breathtaking locations with the profound, surreal, and sometimes absurd experiences of the marine biologists, physicists, plumbers, and truck drivers who choose to form a society as far away from society as one can get.

Burns Court: 2, 5, 7:45

Get Smart (PG-13) B-

When the headquarters of U.S. spy agency Control is attacked and the identities of its agents compromised, the Chief (Alan Arkin) has no choice but to promote his ever-eager analyst Maxwell Smart (Steve Carell), who has always dreamt of working in the field alongside stalwart superstar Agent 23 (Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson). Smart is partnered instead with the only other agent whose identity has not been compromised: the lovely-but-lethal veteran Agent 99 (Anne Hathaway). As Smart and 99 get closer to unraveling KAOS' master plan—and each other—they discover that key KAOS operative Siegfried (Terence Stamp) and his sidekick Shtarker (Kenneth Davitian) are scheming to cash in with their network of terror.

AMC Sarasota 12: 11 a.m., 1:45, 4:20, 7, 9:45

Frank Theatres Galleria Stadium: 3:15, 9:45

Hollywood 20: 6:50, 9:35, 12:15 a.m., Fri-Sat; 6:50, 9:35 Sun

Town Center 16: 9:35

Hancock (PG-13) C+

There are heroes... there are superheroes... and then there's Hancock (Will Smith). With great power comes great responsibility — everyone knows that — everyone, that is, but Hancock. Edgy, conflicted, sarcastic, and misunderstood, Hancock's well-intentioned heroics might get the job done and save countless lives, but always seem to leave jaw-dropping damage in their wake. 1 hr. 32 mins.

AMC Sarasota 12: 10:25 a.m., 1, 3:30, 5:50, 8:35, 11 Fri-Sat; 10:25 a.m., 1, 3:30, 5:50, 8:35, 10:45 Sun

Frank Theatres Galleria Stadium: 11:30 a.m., 1:35, 3:35, 5:30, 7:35, 9:30

Hollywood 20: 11:45 a.m., 2:05, 4:45, 7:05, 9:45, 12:20 a.m., Fri-Sat; 11:45 a.m., 2:05, 4:45, 7:05, 9:45 Sun

Town Center 16: 12:25, 3:05, 7:35, 10:10

Hellboy II: The Golden Army (PG-13) B

After an ancient truce existing between humankind and the invisible realm of the fantastic is broken, hell on Earth is ready to erupt. A ruthless leader who treads the world above and the one below defies his bloodline and awakens an unstoppable army of creatures. Now, it's up to the planet's toughest, roughest superhero to battle the merciless dictator and his marauders. He may be red. He may be horned. He may be misunderstood. But when you need the job done right, it's time to call in Hellboy (Ron Perlman). Along with his expanding team in the Bureau for Paranormal Research and Defense—pyrokinetic girlfriend Liz (Selma Blair), aquatic empath Abe (Doug Jones) and protoplasmic mystic Johann—the BPRD will travel between the surface strata and the unseen magical one, where creatures of fantasy become corporeal. And Hellboy, a creature of two worlds who's accepted by neither, must choose between the life he knows and an unknown destiny that beckons him. 1 hr. 50 mins.

AMC Sarasota 12: 10:40 a.m., 1:40, 4:30, 7:50, 10:40 Fri-Sat; 10:40 a.m., 1:40, 4:30, 7:50, 10:35 Sun

Frank Theatres Galleria Stadium: 10:15 a.m., 3:05, 7:50

Hollywood 20: 1, 3:50, 7:55, 10:40

Town Center 16: 12:10, 3:35, 7:40, 10:25

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG-13) B

Indiana Jones (Harrison Ford) races the Soviets — led by agent Irina Spalko (Cate Blanchett) — to a lost city called Akakor in the Peruvian forest, in pursuit of a mystical crystal skull. Along for the adventure are old flame Marion Ravenwood (Karen Allen), long-time friend and competitor Mac (Ray Winstone) and new sidekick Mutt Williams (Shia LeBeouf). 2 hrs. 4 mins.

Frank Theatres Galleria Stadium: 9:15

Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) C+

During a scientific expedition in Iceland, visionary scientist Trevor Anderson (Brendan Fraser), his nephew Sean (Josh Hutcherson) and their beautiful local guide, Hannah (Anita Briem), are unexpectedly trapped in a cave from which their only escape is to go deeper and deeper into the depths of the Earth. Traveling through never-before-seen worlds, the trio comes face-to-face with surreal and unimaginable creatures—including man-eating plants, giant flying piranha, glow birds and terrifying dinosaurs from days past. 1hr. 32 mins.

AMC Sarasota 12: 10:10 a.m., 12:30, 2:55, 5:15, 7:45, 10:20

Frank Theatres Galleria Stadium: 11:20 a.m., 1:20, 5:35, 7:45

Hollywood 20: 11:35 a.m., 1:55, 4:20, 7:05, 9:25, 11:55 Fri-Sat; 11:35 a.m., 1:55, 4:20, 7:05, 9:25 Sun

Town Center 16: 1, 3:50, 7:05, 9:45

Kit Kittredge: An American Girl (G) B-

Aspiring reporter Kit Kittredge can't resist bringing home strays, whether it's Grace, an abandoned basset hound, or Will (Max Thieriot) and Countee (Willow Smith), a pair of young hobos willing to trade work for meals. But her happy childhood is abruptly interrupted when her father (Chris O'Donnell) loses his car dealership and must leave Cincinnati to look for work. When a crime spree sweeps Cincinnati, all signs point to the local "hobo jungle," where Will and Countee live. Kit convinces her friends to take her to see the hobo camp for herself and writes an article that creates a sympathetic portrait of the camp's residents. But when Kit's mother and their boarders become the latest victims in a string of robberies, Kit's loyalties are tested. 1 hr. 31 mins.

Frank Theatres Galleria Stadium: 9

Mamma Mia! (PG-13) B

Donna (Meryl Streep), an independent hotelier in the Greek islands, is preparing for her daughter's wedding with the help of two old friends. Meanwhile Sophie, Donna's spirited daughter, has a plan of her own. She secretly invites to the wedding three men from her mother's past in hopes of meeting her real father and having him escort her down the aisle on her big day.

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Frank Theatres Galleria Stadium: 10:10 a.m., 12:30, 2:45, 5:05, 8, 10:15

Hollywood 20: 11:45 a.m., 1:05, 2:40, 4, 5:15, 7:20, 7:50, 9:55, 10:25, 12:35 a.m., Fri-Sat; 11:45 a.m., 1:05, 2:40, 4, 5:15, 7:20, 7:50, 9:55, 10:25 Sun

Town Center 16: 12:35, 1:05, 3:55, 7:20, 7:50, 10:35

Meet Dave (PG) C

A massive fireball from space hits New York's Central Park and an ordinary man emerges unscathed. The man turns out to be a spaceship operated by 100 human-looking aliens who are one-quarter inch tall and seeking a way to save their planet; complications ensue when their captain falls in love with an Earth woman who's always picked losers for previous romances. 1 hr. 30 mins.

AMC Sarasota 12: 10:20 a.m., 12:45, 3:05, 5:20

Hollywood 20: 11:35 a.m., 2:10, 4:25

Mongol (R) B

Award-winning Russian filmmaker Sergei Bodrov (Prisoner of the Mountains) illuminates the life and legend of Genghis Khan in his stunning historical epic, Mongol. Based on leading scholarly accounts and written by Bodrov and Arif Aliyev, Mongol delves into the dramatic and harrowing early years of the ruler who was born as Temudgin in 1162.

Frank Theatres Galleria Stadium: 11:15 a.m., 1:45, 5, 7:40, 10:05

Space Chimps (G) C

Two NASA chimps are sent to a galaxy far, far away. One chimp has 'The Right Stuff,' and the other, a good natured goofball, has 'The Wrong Stuff.' The two chimps find themselves on a strange, uncharted planet, where they embark on a fantastical journey to save its inhabitants from a tyrannical leader.

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Frank Theatres Galleria Stadium: 11:10 a.m., 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10

Hollywood 20: 12:05, 2:10, 4:15, 7:15, 9:30, 11:35 a.m., Fri-Sat; 12:05, 2:10, 4:15, 7:15, 9:30 Sun

Town Center 16: 12:05, 2:40, 4:55, 7:15

Step Brothers (R) NEW

Brennan Huff (Will Ferrell) and Dale Doback (John C. Reilly) have one thing in common: they are both lazy, unemployed leeches who still live with their parents. When Brennan's mother and Dale's father marry and move in together, it turns the overgrown boys' world upside down. Their insane rivalry and narcissism pull the new family apart, forcing them to work together to reunite their parents. 1 hr. 35 mins.

AMC Sarasota 12: 10:05 a.m., 12:25, 2:45, 5:30, 8, 10:30 Fri-Sat; 10:05 a.m., 12:25, 2:45, 5:30, 8, 10:25 Sun

Frank Theatres Galleria Stadium: 11 a.m., 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:10, 10:20

Hollywood 20: 11:40 a.m., 12:10, 2:20, 2:50, 4:50, 5:20, 7:25, 7:55, 10, 10:30, 12:30 a.m., Fri-Sat; 11:40 a.m., 12:10, 2:20, 2:50, 4:50, 5:20, 7:25, 7:55, 10, 10:30 Sun

Town Center 16: 12:15, 12:45, 2:45, 3:15, 5:15, 7:45, 8:15, 10:15, 10:45

Up The Yangtze (NR) B

A luxury cruise boat motors up the Yangtze - navigating the mythic waterway known in China simply as "The River." The Yangtze is about to be transformed by the biggest hydroelectric dam in history. At the river's edge - a young woman says goodbye to her family as the floodwaters rise towards their small homestead. The Three Gorges Dam - contested symbol of the Chinese economic miracle - provides the epic backdrop for Up the Yangtze, a dramatic feature documentary on life inside modern China. 93 mins.

Burns Court: 1:30, 6:30

WALL-E (G) A-

What if mankind had to leave Earth, and somebody forgot to turn the last robot off? Wall-E, a robot, spends every day doing what he was made for. But soon, he will discover what he was meant for.

AMC Sarasota 12: 10:45 a.m., 1:35, 4:05, 6:45, 9:15

Frank Theatres Galleria Stadium: 10 a.m., 12:15, 2:35, 4:45, 7

Hollywood 20: 11:55 a.m., 2:25, 4:55, 7:35, 10:05, 12:45 a.m., Fri-Sat; 11:55 a.m., 2:25, 4:55, 7:35, 10:05 Sun

Town Center 16: 11:55 a.m., 3:25, 7:10, 9:40

Wanted (R) B-

Wes (James McAvoy) was the most disaffected, cube-dwelling drone the planet had ever known. Until he met a woman named Fox (Angelina Jolie). After his estranged father is murdered, the deadly Fox recruits Wes into the Fraternity, a secret society that trains Wes to avenge his dad's death by unlocking his dormant powers. As she teaches him how to develop lightning-quick reflexes and phenomenal agility, Wes discovers this team lives by an ancient, unbreakable code: carry out the death orders given by fate itself. Wes will come to learn what no one could ever teach him: he alone controls his destiny.

AMC Sarasota 12: 8:05, 10:55 Fri-Sat; 8:05, 10:40 Sun

Frank Theatres Galleria Stadium: 1, 5:25, 10:15

Hollywood 20: 12:15, 2:55, 5:30, 8:05, 10:45

Town Center 16: 4:05, 10:40

The X-Files: I Want to Believe (PG-13) NEW

It is a stand-alone story in the tradition of some of the show's most acclaimed and beloved episodes, and takes the complicated relationship between Fox Mulder (David Duchovny) and Dana Scully (Gillian Anderson) in unexpected directions. Mulder continues his unshakable quest for the truth, and Scully, the passionate, ferociously intelligent physician, remains inextricably tied to Mulder's pursuits.

AMC Sarasota 12: 10:15 a.m., 12:35, 3, 5:45, 8:30, 11:15 Fri-Sat; 10:15 a.m., 12:35, 3, 5:45, 8:30, 10:50 Sun

Frank Theatres Galleria Stadium: 10:15 a.m., 12:45, 3, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10

Hollywood 20: 11:30 a.m., noon, 2, 2:30, 4:30, 5, 7:10, 7:40, 9:40, 10:10, 12:10 a.m., 12:40 a.m., Fri-Sat; 11:30 a.m., noon, 2, 2:30, 4:30, 5, 7:10, 7:40, 9:40, 10:10 Sun

Town Center 16: Noon, 12:30, 2:30, 3, 5, 7:25, 7:55, 10, 10:30

Grade:
A : Excellent B: Good C: Average D: Fair F: Poor
— Synopses and grades provided by *Sun* wire services.

Ratings:
· G - Movie suitable for all ages.
· PG - Parental guidance suggested - Contains mature themes, may not be suitable for small children.
· PG-13 - Parents strongly cautioned - Contains mature themes, may not be suitable for children under 13.
· R - Restricted - Contains mature themes. Children under 17 not admitted without an adult.
· NC-17 - No children under 17 admitted.

Jimi Hendrix coming to 'Guitar Hero'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jimi Hendrix is coming to "Guitar Hero."

The Seattle-based company Experience Hendrix, which controls the rock icon's musical legacy, is providing Hendrix's music and likeness for the latest "Guitar Hero" video game, Aaron Grant, a spokesman for publisher and developer Activision and Red Octane, told The Associated Press.

It's the first time Hendrix's likeness will be showcased in the game.

An avatar of Hendrix as well as the song "The Wind Cries Mary" and a live version of "Purple Haze," which was recorded in 1969 at the San Diego Sports Arena, will be included on "Guitar Hero World Tour" — the fourth edition of the popular game franchise scheduled for release Oct. 27.

"World Tour" will be the first "Guitar Hero" to feature playable drums and a microphone.

Experience Hendrix provided Activision and Red Octane with various songs from Hendrix, who famously played the Woodstock music festival in 1969 and died of a drug overdose in 1970. Other Hendrix tunes would be released in the future as downloadable content for the game, Grant said.

CALENDAR EXTRAS

Kayak rides available

Kayak "Freedom Rides" will now be available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday in July. Enjoy a peaceful ride by yourself or bring a bunch for the two-hour ride. It's Time Kayak & Canoe are making the kayak rides available for $15 for a single person kayak and $20 for a double. Guided tours are also available. The rides are located behind the Nav-A-Gator Grill at 9700 Riverview Circle in Lake Suzy, (Kings Highway, three miles north of Interstate 75, exit 170). For reservations, call 941-255-3686.

Country Jamboree benefit

The American Legion Post 103 is having a Country Jamboree, beginning at noon Saturday July 26 at the post, 2101 Taylor Road in Punta Gorda. All the jamboree proceeds will go to benefit Charlotte County veterans.

The festivities include a barbecue, bake sale, games, raffles and prizes. Live music will be provided by the country-western group Bob & Buck. Show up in your best "duds" and boots because there will be prizes awarded for the Best Dressed Western Wear, and dance contests. The post will also conduct an auction for a limited-edition 2008 All Star Game baseball. This is the official baseball used during the last All Star Game played in the original Yankee Stadium.

Donations for the auction and bake sale would be greatly appreciated. Bring items to the post on the day of the event. Everyone is invited.

For more information, call 941-661-3446.

Nature Walk: Amberjack Environmental Park

The Charlotte County Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Department invites you to join a guided nature walk at Amberjack Environmental Park from 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Amberjack is a 220 acre environmental park made up of unique oak scrub, pine flatwoods, marshes and other natural areas. Join Environmental Specialist to explore the new trails through the old growth hammocks.

Amberjack is located near the end of Gasparilla Pines Boulevard off of C.R. 775 (Placida Road). Meet at the end of Gasparilla Pines Boulevard. Sturdy walking shoes that can get wet, sunscreen and drinking water are recommended.

For more information, call 941-625-7529.

Bluegrass concert and pick-in

The Acoustic Music Society of Southwest Florida will sponsor the next Basically Bluegrass concert Aug. 3 in North Fort Myers. The concert begins at 2 p.m. at the Lee Civic Center, 11831 Bayshore Road (take I-75 to exit 143-Bayshore Road. Go east 3 miles to Old Bayshore Road).

Acoustic musicians are invited to bring their instruments and join in various jam sessions. This concert will take place outdoors in a covered pavilion with plenty of shade. Coolers and lawn chairs are welcome. Admission is $5 per person and free for youth under 16 and members of the Acoustic Music Society of Southwest Florida.

For more information, call 941-626-5399 or visit www.palmgrass.com.

CALENDAR EXTRAS

Clown history presentation

2007 International Clown of the Year, Barbara Waters-Riddle, will present "The History of Clowning" during Local History Month at the Elsie Quirk Library at 2 p.m. Aug. 1.

Sarasota County libraries and the History Center are celebrating Local History during the month of August. Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn St. in Englewood, will kick off their celebration with the sights and sounds of the circus.

Immediately following this presentation, two circus films will be shown: "The Circus" and "Our Community and Dolly Jacobs, Pedro Reis: A Living History." Both films are part of the Community Video Archives Collection that was established in 1991 with the objective of documenting and preserving the living history of the community in professionally produced biographic and thematic videos. After the film showings, stop by the library display case to see the clown and circus memorabilia provided by Circus Sarasota and browse the collection of historical poster reproductions provided by the Ringling Circus Museum on display throughout the library.

For more information or to register, stop by the library or call 941-861-5000.

Artist reception

Gallery Joe Mathis presents a reception for "Through the Eyes of the Photographer," featuring Ruth Spies, Brian F. Call, Rick Seekamp and Joe Mathis, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Aug. 1 at 403 Sullivan St., Swiss Connections building in Punta Gorda.

The public is invited to view these artists and enjoy the 717th Swiss National Day celebration. The exhibit will run through Oct. 4 and is free and open to the public.

All the featured artists explore their love for nature and present their individual view through their lenses.

Ruth Spies, who is originally from Chicago and now is retired in Punta Gorda, at a young age had an interest in photography with the gift of her first camera from her father. Today, she continues to pursue her passion for photography; being especially drawn to subjects in our natural world.

Brian F. Call is currently a resident of Miami. His ultimate goal with photography is to encourage others to reconnect with our imperiled natural world. He discovered a passion for nature photography in the years following graduation from Montserrat College of Art.

Rick Seekamp originally from New York, is a native of Punta Gorda for 20 years. As a self-taught photographer and artist, he picked up his first camera in South East Asia in 1971. During the last five years he has been seriously involved in photography. Through his love of geometry, Seekamp's goal is to embrace what others take for granted and transform everyday images into another dimension.

Joe Mathis has enjoyed photography from early on. He has always tried to capture nature and the immediate surroundings through his camera lens.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Saturday and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. during the Third Thursday Gallery Walk of downtown Punta Gorda.

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Productions/Elber's School of Rock will be hosting a free concert/showcase at Fishermen's Village Center Court from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Aug. 9.

Headlining the concert will be Phil Coale, a young local artist who continues to win fans over with his catchy songwriting, eccentric guitar playing and exciting live performances. With the anticipated release date of his album at the end of August, Phil and his production team are ready to take the next step to get this young performer on the road.

Several other artists slated to open the showcase are: The Decor, a power trio out of Sarasota, who have a sound and style that is hard to resist.

They have been performing as a group for more than two years, and have also opened in the past for Phil Coale. Their live performance is crazy funny and their songwriting is very much in tune with the hot sounds of today.

Also appearing will be Hip Hop Artist J-Dez and G.M.A. J-Dez is a rapper that many will agree, is one of the next new hot artists to come out of the Southwest Florida area.

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Lost and found: beloved Key lime pie recipe

By LINDA CICERO
McClatchy Newspapers

Chalk up another win for Cook's Corner sleuths: We've got the signature Key lime pie recipe from the Fern Inn in Islamorada, Fla., home of a renowned version of the South Florida favorite in the 1950s and '60s.

Reader Elizabeth Nichols remembered clipping it years ago, but alas, it was not to be found in The Miami Herald archives. We turned over the quest to our readers.

"The headline said 'Pie recipe "really" lost this time," but I'll bet I'm not the only reader who still has this clipping," said Bonnie J. Rothschild.

"As long as you've got old native Floridians like me around, no Key lime pie recipe will ever be lost," wrote Liz Goering.

"I have reverently retrieved and scanned this brittle, beloved treasure from my archives," said Becky Bleser. "I've made this pie many times over many years, always to rave reviews."

Quite a few others wrote to praise the recipe, which first appeared in July 1975 in Action Line after the death of innkeeper Fern Butters.

Butters came to Miami with her husband, Ed, in 1926. They owned several hotels in the Keys, including The Fern Inn at Mile Marker 81 (1950-1967). Her pie reportedly was a favorite of Harry Truman, Ernest Hemingway and even Julia Child.

Butters would never reveal her recipe. After her death, her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Jack Butters, shared it with Miami Herald readers, with this admonition: "It is of the utmost importance to follow directions exactly as given."

"Believe it or not, my mother, Berniece Head, has a copy of the original article and a subsequent request for the recipe for the Key lime pie," wrote Bob Head. "She has made it over the years and it has always been a great hit."

Colleen Vance recalled that she first used the recipe as a newlywed in 1978. "My husband's family loved this pie. I still have the original newspaper cutout and still fix the pie to rave reviews."

Alicia Hidalgo says she recalls Fern Butters' as "the" key lime pie to get in the Keys. "Grani Frani says simply, 'Fern Butter's pie was world famous.'"

Bleser notes that the pie doesn't keep well. "The meringue tends to weep, get a bit sticky after a day or two — but it's a truly beautiful thing the day you make it — and tastes out of this world!"

Made in a 10-inch pie plate, this is a spectacular dessert with a meringue that towers majestically. We're so glad we got to try it.

Wanda Gates of LaGrange, Ohio, wrote to remind us of another Key lime pie recipe she thought readers might like, from Parker's Lighthouse in Palm Beach Gardens.

"I read the request in my newspaper and dug out my clipping from the late 1970s or early '80s when we spent our winters in Key Largo," she wrote. "I really like the recipe because it uses no eggs at all."

FERN INN KEY LIME PIE

1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
6 eggs, separated (see note below)
1/2 cup Key lime juice
1 tablespoon cream of tartar
1 cup sugar
1 baked 10-inch pie shell (two 8-inch shells may be substituted)

Whip condensed milk and egg yolks together until light and creamy (regular electric beater, medium speed, about 8 minutes). Add the Key lime juice; let rotate at low speed for 1 second. Fold a few times with rubber spatula to be sure juice is thoroughly blended. Pour into baked pie shell; let stand.

Beat the egg whites with the cream of tartar for five full minutes. Add the sugar and beat 5 full minutes. Put on pie and brown in 350-degree oven (about 8 minutes, on middle rack). Chill before serving. Makes 10 servings.

Note: To avoid any risk of salmonella, you may wish to use pasteurized eggs.

Per serving: 370 calories (29 percent from fat), 12.2 g fat (5.3 g saturated, 4.6 g monounsaturated), 145.1 mg cholesterol, 8.7 g protein, 57.8 g carbohydrates, 0.2 g fiber, 200.3 mg sodium.

PARKER'S LIGHTHOUSE KEY LIME PIE

1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
3/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons fresh-squeezed Key lime
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1 homemade graham cracker crust, baked in a 9-inch, deep-dish pie pan

Place the condensed milk, cream cheese, lime juice and vanilla in a food processor or, if available, the large bowl of an electric mixer fitted with a wire whisk beater. (At the restaurant, they used a commercial-size blender.) Blend or whisk on medium speed for 15 minutes.

Place filling in the cooled, baked crust and refrigerate at least 8 hours before serving. Garnish with fresh whipped cream and twisted lime slices. Makes 8 servings.

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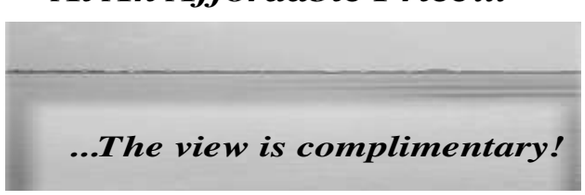
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· **Port Charlotte Elks #2153**
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3 p.m. Thursday, Texas Hold 'em Poker.
8 p.m. Thursday, ACS League 8 Ball.
10:30 p.m. Thursday, $100 First Place Open 8 Ball Tournament.
7 p.m. Friday, Texas Hold 'em Poker
8 p.m. Friday, 9 Ball Texas Express.
3 p.m. Saturday, Texas Hold 'em Poker.
7 p.m. Saturday, Texas Hold 'em Poker.
8 p.m. Saturday, 8 Ball. League rules.
7 p.m. Sunday, Texas Hold 'em Poker.
7 p.m. Monday, Texas Hold 'em Poker.
8 p.m. Monday, APA 9 Ball League.
8 p.m. Tuesday, Q's Texas Express 9 Ball League.
3 p.m. Wednesday, Texas Hold 'em Poker.
7 p.m. Wednesday, Texas Hold 'em Poker.
8 p.m. Wednesday, APA 8 Ball League.

· **Sports City**
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7 p.m. - 11 p.m. Thursday, Tobacco Road.
8 p.m. - midnight Friday, Adrenaline Junkies.
3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday, Afternoon Luau with Kenny Rose.
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Ringling Museum hosts 'Phantasmagoric' show

By KIM COOL
FEATURES EDITOR

Circus and real estate tycoon John Ringling bequeathed one of the word's most valuable collections of Impressionistic art to the people of Florida.

That it came with his John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art was a bonus. Today considered one of the 20 most valuable museums in the United States, the museum continues to broaden its public offerings with new acquisitions and traveling shows.

Its current such special show is Phantasmagoria: Specter of Absence, which continues through Aug. 10 in the new Ulla R. and Arthur F. Searing Wing.

Think shadows, death, mystery, illusion, allusion, static art and animated art. Most art evokes feelings and thoughts. This show may inspire viewers to search the depth of their own souls and the way in which they view this world and, perhaps, that other world, whatever that other world is.

The exhibition includes installations, videos, drawings and objects sharing the common theme of absence or loss — a total of 12 mixed media works by artists from around the world.

One of the least complicated works is a black and white cartoon-like drawing, inspired by a person in the act of making shadows on the wall, using hands and fingers. It was created by Julie Nord in 2007 with a black marker pen and water paint. At the other extreme are works that use projectors, mirrors, water, a fog machine and/or videos to tell their stories. If there is a common thread to the works in the exhibition it is shadows — those images that result from an absence of light.

The term "phantasmagoria" is an 18th-century word to describe the projections of moving shadows and other effects used in traveling shows of that time. The familiar was blown out of proportion, often affecting the viewers's emotions — often in dark and even scary ways.

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The Hands, 2007. Site-specific wall drawing made with black paint marker and water-based paint, by Julie Nord.

In the Ringling show, contemporary artists have used the same techniques but with the addition of modern technology not available 100 years ago to call forth similar emotions with their often ghostly images.

Imagine looking at a mirror and not seeing yourself but instead seeing the image nearly swallowed in a fog. Artist Jeppe Hein used this technique to ask the viewer to explore his or her feelings in regard to loss — up to an including the ultimate loss — death.

In addition to Hein, the artists include Christian Boltanski (French painter), Jim Campbell (American electronic artist), Michel Delacroix (French painter), Laurent Grasso (French installation artist), William Kentridge (South African, film animation), Rafael Lozano-Hemmer (Mexican-Canadian, Large-scale installations), Teresa Margolles (Mexican, forensic inspired art), Oscar Munoz (Colombian photo=bases concept artist), Julie Nord (Danish, drawings), Rosangela Renno (Portuguese, photographer) and Regina Silveira (Brazilian, installation artist).

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Smoking Bench, 2003, Fog machine, bench (stainless steel and leather), mirror, by Jeppe Hein.

The show was curated by Jose Roca who is the director of arts at the Museo de Arte de la Republica in Bogata, Columbia, where the show debuted last year.

In conjunction with the exhibition, the Ringling Museum will host several companion programs in the Historic Asolo Theater and also some educational programs for children. Such presentations, when they occur, are not included in the admission price. Call the museum to learn about offerings scheduled for the day you plan to visit.

Make a day of it at the Ringling. Enjoy lunch at Treviso, tour Ca d'Zan and visit the Tibbals Learning Center to see the miniature circus created by Howard Tibbals who donated it and several million dollars to the Ringling Museum.

That Sarasota area is considered by many to be the cultural center of Florida can be traced to John Ringling's decision to build his art museum in Sarasota. That is a whole other story. For now, enjoy a day at the Ringling — one of the 20 most valuable art museums in the United States.

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