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City objects to amicus brief in Sunshine suit

BY GREG GILES
NEWS EDITOR

Attorneys for the city of Venice are objecting to the filing of a brief in the Sunshine case by the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press. The brief, written by Judith Mercier of Holland and Knight in Orlando, supports plaintiff Anthony Lorenzo's request for payment of attorney fees in the Sunshine case.

On Friday, Judge Robert Bennett scheduled a hearing on a motion to deny the filing for Friday, Aug. 21.

The Reporters Committee is a nonprofit organization that provides representation, guidance and research in First



SUNSHINE LAW

Amendment and freedom of information litigation cases.

The brief states "in cases where ... citizens prevail, it should be the unlawful government body, not the citizen serving the public interest, who should bear the financial burden."

"When citizens — or public interest groups, the news

media, or anyone — step forward to bring such lawsuits and prevail, they must not be penalized for doing so, as a denial of attorney's fees and costs here would effectively do," wrote Mercier.

The city previously objected to a brief submitted by Charles Davis, executive director of the National Freedom of Information Coalition, but Bennett ruled his affidavit could be filed.

Right to know

Davis, an associate professor at the Missouri School of Journalism, where NFOIC is headquartered, stated in his

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SUN PHOTO BY JOSH OLIVE

Anglers who fish from shore, like this fisherman casting his line from the South Jetty, are now required to have a fishing license.

New license law irks anglers

BY DANA SANCHEZ
STAFF WRITER

Conservation authorities claim that shoreline anglers are complying with a new \$9 salt-water fishing license imposed Aug. 1, but on local fishing piers and jetties, some complain about what they see as little more than a new tax.

From Aug. 1-6, the state sold 7,468 new shoreline fishing licenses, according to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

The revenue generated from the licenses — expected to be \$900,000 in its first year — will help pay for marine resource management, research and law enforcement in Florida, the FWC said.

"You take a fish from the ocean — buying a license indirectly helps put another fish back in

there," said Wendy Dial, a spokeswoman for the commission in Tallahassee.

Fishing off Boardwalk Pier next to the Tom Adams Bridge Tuesday, Englewood resident John Rose wasn't buying it.

He pointed to barricades near the end of the pier that were placed there months ago, he said, because a portion of it is disintegrating.

"I don't see Florida Fish and Wildlife stocking this pond," he said, waving his rod over Lemon Bay, where anglers go to fish for pompano, mackerel and mangrove snapper. "I could see if they took some of the money to repair the piers."

Bobby Brazilian thought the new license was unfair.

"If you can't afford to buy food, how can you afford to buy a license?" he asked.

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Draft public art law makes debut

BY GREG GILES
NEWS EDITOR

A legal review by the city attorney and technical review by zoning and planning department are all that remain before a new draft ordinance is presented to city council for its consideration.

The Public Art Task Force unanimously approved what chair Jean Trammell called a "rough draft" on Wednesday.

The policy promotes visual arts in public spaces in the city and sets guidelines to select

artwork, select sites, promote artists and administer the program.

It also calls for the development of a Public Art Master Plan that would be updated every five years.

"I am comfortable with the way we are going on this," said task force member Shaun Graser.

He engaged the task force in a discussion over one of the policy's more interesting ingredients — "special-exception projects." In addition to city-sponsored art works or com-

munity initiated projects, the task force could also accept artworks negotiated by the city through site plans in conjunction with special-exception development projects.

"If public art is a component of the site plan, then the task force shall review the public art proposal ... and may make recommendations to the city concerning the appropriateness of the public art proposal as part of the site plan," states the policy.

Please see ART, 8B



SUN PHOTO BY GREG GILES

No injuries were reported after an emergency landing Thursday morning at Venice Municipal Airport. The nose wheel of this Cessna 310, built in 1969, failed to lock in place.

Bearing blamed for emergency landing

BY GREG GILES
NEWS EDITOR

Preliminary reports indicate a failed mechanical bearing actuator is the cause of an emergency landing Thursday morning at Venice Municipal Airport.

A twin-engine Cessna 310 aircraft two men were flying landed safely without its front landing gear after the nose wheel of the three-wheel aircraft wouldn't lock in place.

Kirk Fryar, co-owner of Sarasota Avionics, said he and commercial-rated pilot Hendrik "Leonard" Van Linschoten, were out to test a new autopilot system his company installed in a Pasco County customer's aircraft. The plane has been at the airport for avionics repairs since June.

Just after take off at 9:30 a.m. they heard a "pop and a snap," according to Fryar.

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NVFD training facility needs new home

BY BROOKY BROWN
PROJECTS EDITOR

Where there's fire, there's smoke. Where there's smoke, there's a boatload of complaints from neighbors.

That's the situation the Nokomis Volunteer Fire Department has been dealing with every time it conducts outdoor fire training at its location on Pavonia Road in Nokomis.

County commissioners decided to change the zoning district classification from residential single-family and governmental use to just GU on the property located in Sarasota County west of U.S. 41 and South of Pavonia Road to extinguish those complaints.

The ordinance specifies that the department will be required to move its fence on the Pavonia Road frontage and provide a 6-foot-wide land-

scape buffer and a 3-foot-tall continuous evergreen hedge along the westernmost 180 feet within 90 days.

In addition, the ordinance dictates that the parcel shall be limited to fire and emergency services and may also include use as a training facility. However, all outdoor fire-training activities at the site must cease by Dec. 31, 2010, and all outdoor training structures must be removed from the site.

NVFD Chief Howard Bearse said he is looking for about 7 acres of government use property in Nokomis to which the outdoor training facility can be moved.

"The sooner we find this property, the better," he said. "Moving the tower and the cottage boxes will be the most time-consuming."

Please see HOME, 8B



SUN PHOTO BY BROOKY BROWN

The Nokomis Volunteer Fire Department has been ordered by the Sarasota County Commission to relocate its outdoor fire-training academy, which includes this burn building.

Good morning,
Gondolier Sun
subscriber,
JOYCE RANALLI

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Florida Lottery

CASH 3	PLAY 4	FANTASY 5
Aug. 13N.....499	Aug. 13N.....5830	Aug. 13.....2-4-17-23-30
Aug. 13D.....843	Aug. 13D.....0003	Aug. 12.....2-4-13-22-29
Aug. 12N.....317	Aug. 12N.....9571	Aug. 11.....3-7-22-29-35
Aug. 12D.....674	Aug. 12D.....4552	Aug. 10.....5-17-19-23-28
Aug. 11N.....304	Aug. 11N.....9345	Aug. 9.....2-3-13-21-22
Aug. 11D.....357	Aug. 11D.....5666	Payoff for Aug. 13
Aug. 10N.....135	Aug. 10N.....9817	2 5-digit winners:.....\$99,455.13
Aug. 10D.....659	Aug. 10D.....1942	295 4-digit winners:.....\$108.50
D-Day; N-Night	D-Day; N-Night	8,996 3-digit winners:.....\$9.50
		2-digit winners.....Quick Pick ticket

MEGA MONEY

Aug. 11.....6-8-19-28
MegaBall.....6
Aug. 7.....6-29-35-44
MegaBall.....22

Drawings occur Tuesday, Friday evenings

Payoff for Aug. 11

3 4 of 4 + MB.....\$500,000
6 4 of 4.....\$1,123
65 3 of 4 + MB.....\$227
1,328 3 of 4.....\$33
1,676 2 of 4 + MB.....\$18

POWERBALL

Aug. 12.....10-25-32-34-47	Aug. 8.....4-33-37-45-50
Powerball.....5	Powerball.....11
Power play.....x3	Power play.....x4

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Rainfall	0.07"	
Yesterday	Actual	Average
	1.20"	3.95"
Month	19.50"	
Year	33.71"	

MARINE

Cape Sable to Tarpon Springs:
(Sarasota and Charlotte counties)
ESE winds at 12 to 25 knots.
Seas 1 to 3 feet, light chop.

Tarpon Springs to Apalachicola:
SE winds at 8 to 16 knots.
Seas 3 to 5 feet, moderate chop.

VENICE TIDES

DATE	HIGH		LOW	
	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.
SAT 15	6:39	4:02		
SUN 16	8:00	5:09		
MON 17	9:20	6:03		
TUE 18	1:11 a	10:30	6:48	3:59
WED 19	1:18 a	11:31	7:26	5:15

*STRONG TIDE
a — A.M. p — P.M.

SUNRISE, SUNSET

Sunrise/set	
Tonight's sunset	8:07 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise	7:02 a.m.
Moonrise/set	
Moonrise	1:34 a.m.
Moonset	4:05 p.m.



Tree shape will also be improved so they look better, have better eye appeal and will grow properly. Trimmed branches and fronds are then mulched for recycling. These arborists, who trim about 3,000 or more trees a year, have earned my respect, and I hope yours as well. The planet — it's worth saving.

Trees, a most valuable asset

BY MONTY ANDREWS
GUEST WRITER

You may have noticed recently a team of Sarasota County arborists trimming trees and palms along Harbor Drive. Having spent some time trying to become educated in the art of proper tree trimming I developed an appreciation for their knowledge, skill and talent.

The team: forester David Godson, arborist foreman Alan Blades and arborists Hong Nguyen, Ryan Burns, Corey Shelton and Dewey Bullock — do work most of us would not dream of attempting.

My first question was, "How they get from the ground up into the tree?" They do it with rope. After securing the rope around their waist and a major fork in the tree, they literally walk and pull themselves up the trunk of the tree. Once in position, they apply the principles they have been taught — and believe me, it is not just sawing off random branches.

It has to be one of the most potentially hazardous jobs a person could sign on to do. For safety, one person is required to be stationed near the tree being trimmed. Seeing this, some folks driving by commented that it was a typical government job — one person watching while one worked. It was pointed out to me that it is an OSHA requirement.

Why are they trimming the trees at all? A properly trimmed tree will allow wind to pass through it with less resistance, therefore reducing damage during high winds or storms. Proper ground clearance of the branches must also be maintained to meet codes.

County to update flood maps

FROM SARASOTA COUNTY

New floodplain maps for Sarasota County will be discussed in a series of public meetings beginning this fall.

Sarasota County, with support from Southwest Florida Water Management District, will present updated preliminary floodplain information and explain the basis for the findings.

The meetings are part of an initiative to revise Flood Insurance Rate Maps. The county uses floodplain information for land use and zoning decisions, to help manage development in and around floodplains and wetlands, reduce flood risks, preserve land and water resources and plan for emergencies. The maps also provide valuable information to the public for decisions about purchasing and protecting property.

Most of the current FIRMs are 10 to 30 years old and are outdated by natural and physical changes caused by land use, development and erosion. The updated FIRMs will replace paper flood maps for the unincorporated and incorporated areas of Sarasota County.

Upon receipt of the preliminary FIRMs, the Federal Emergency Management Agency will begin its FIRM adoption process. A letter of final determination will inform Sarasota County and the public of the date when the FIRMs will be considered effective.

A Regional Floodplain Management Planning and Coordination Committee that includes staff from North Port, Venice, Sarasota, the Town of Longboat Key and Sarasota County, has developed a Web site to keep the public informed about progress.

For more information, visit www.scgov.net/floodmapupdates or call 861-5000 and ask for information about the flood map update.

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OBITUARIES

Elfriede M. Chillman

Elfriede M. Chillman passed away Sunday, Aug. 2, 2009, in Phenix City, Ala. Mrs. Chillman was preceded in death by her husband, Julian P. Chillman of Venice, Fla. Survivors include her children, Barbara and Dennis DuChene of Venice, Fla., Julia and Brian Riddle of Cape Coral, Fla., Christine and Terry Lindahl of Orland Park, Ill., Peter and Karen Chillman of Plainfield, Ill., Adrienne and Thomas Alexander of New Castle, Del., and Mary Hoyne of Phenix City, Ala.; 13 grandsons; five great-grandsons and a great-granddaughter.

Nancy S. Lesko

Nancy Stegman Lesko, age 74, of Venice, died on Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2009. She was born in Dallas, Texas, and moved to Venice from Crofton, Md.



Lesko

Nancy loved to travel and was an avid bingo player. She and her husband also enjoyed being members of the Sarasota Kennel Club.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 49 years, J. James Lesko; daughters Lauren L. Paytes of Venice and Lisa K. Burnett and her husband Richard of Deale, Md.; grandson Jimmy Burnett; granddaughter Brooke A. Burnett; cousins Clydene Hay of Lubbock, Texas, Glenna Haiduk of Lubbock, Texas, and Bonnie Dussau of Dallas, Texas; and several nieces and nephews.

Services: A memorial service will be held in Venice at a later date. Farley Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements. Funeral services and burial will be in Maryland. To send condolences, visit www.farleyfuneralhome.com.

John H. Maassen

The Rev. John H. Maassen, 89, of Venice, Fla. died Monday, Aug. 10, 2009.

He was born in Zeeland, Mich., and came to Venice in 2000 from Holland, Mich. He retired as a Reformed Church in America minister and was a member of the volunteer auxiliary at Venice Regional Medical Center. He received his undergraduate degree from Hope College, Holland, Mich. After serving in the U.S. Army during World War II, he received his divinity degree from Western Theological Seminary. He served pastorates in New York, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois. He was the field secretary for the Synod of Mid-America and went on to serve on the staff of the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, Calif. Upon retirement, he became a member of Venice Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include daughters Elizabeth Piel of Venice, Mary Kohlmeier of Gilroy, Calif., Susan Toren of Shawnee, Kan., and Janet Menzie of Katy, Texas; a son, Stephen of Godfrey, Ill.; two sisters, Gertrude Vander Haar of Holland, Mich., and Leona Posthuma of Waupun, Wis.; 13 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Services: Memorial services are pending. Inurnment will be in Michigan.

Contributions: Memorial donations

may be made to Reformed Church in America, Global Mission, 4500 S.E. 60th St., Grand Rapids, MI 49512.

Richard D. Urich

Richard D. Urich, age 78, of Venice, passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2009.

He was born on Sept. 18, 1930, to Robert and Lillian (Buckert) Urich in Arco, Idaho. He graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in civil engineering. Dick served his country with the Army Corp of Engineers during the Korean War and afterward as a captain with the reserves. He then worked for 30-plus years as a civil engineer with Al Johnson Construction Company of Minneapolis, Minn. Dick and his wife, Patricia, had been yearly visitors to Venice since the late '70s and became permanent residents in 2002. He was a member of the Capri Isles Golf Club, American Legion Post 159, the Elks Lodge and the V.F.W. Dick enjoyed his time serving on the homeowners' association board.

Dick is survived by his wife of 55 years, Patricia; two children, Wesley of Minneapolis, Minn., and Darla of Kansas City, Mo.; a brother, Robert of Arizona; and a sister Patsy of Idaho. He also leaves behind two precious granddaughters, Alissa, 17, and Samantha, 15; many nieces and nephews; and many people whose lives he touched.

Services: A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17, at Farley Funeral Home, Venice. He will be laid to rest at Sarasota National Cemetery in Sarasota. Farley Funeral Home, Venice, is handling the arrangements. To send condolences, visit www.farleyfuneralhome.com.

Contributions: In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, Lions Eye Institute of Tampa or to the American Cancer Society.

Mary A. Winslow

Mary Alice Amory Winslow of Casey Key died after a long illness on Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2009, at her home.

Mary Alice was born in New York on Sept. 23, 1916, the daughter of the late Nellie Dawson Moore Amory and Eugene Horton Amory of Bronxville, N.Y. Mary Alice graduated from Miss Porter's School of Farmington, Conn., and Finch College in New York. She and her husband, the late John Colburn Winslow, were among the founders of the Venice Yacht Club and charter members of the Field Club. Since 1979, Mary Alice had been a member of Founders Garden Club of Sarasota, and had served as its second vice president from 1985 to 1987.

She is survived by her son, John C. Winslow Jr. of Sarasota; her daughter, Ann Winslow Donnelly, and her son-in-law, Norbert P. Donnelly, of Osprey; her granddaughter, Amory Winslow McAndrew of New York; her grandson, Norbert Rogan Donnelly of Boston; and her nieces, Amory Millard and Bonnie Regendahl, both of New York.

Services: A private service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are by Toale Brothers Funeral Home.

Contributions: Memorial donations may be made to TideWell Hospice.

SCAT nets \$1 million grant

BY CAROL SAKOWITZ STAFF WRITER

A \$1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation has been awarded to Sarasota County Area Transit to help expand the county's bus rapid transit program, according to U.S. Rep. Vern Buchanan, R-Sarasota.

"This project will help the county expand its fleet with the most fuel-efficient vehicles and the latest technology," Buchanan said in a statement.

The funding was included in the 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act passed by Congress in February.

The grant will be used to complete the alternative analysis, or planning, phase of the grant application for the Sarasota North-South Corridor Bus Rapid Transit project, SCAT general manager Anthony Beckford said. The alternative analysis must satisfy National Environmental Policy Act requirements when it is packaged with other materials for review by the DOT.

The environmental assessment process, an NEPA requirement, will start with a pair of open-house meetings Aug. 26-27 at Selby Public Library

in Sarasota. An agency meeting involving the U.S. Core of Engineers, the Southwest Florida Water Management Dis-

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— U.S. Rep. Vern Buchanan, R-Sarasota.

trict and various municipalities will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Aug. 26, followed by the first open house from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The second open house is scheduled the next day from 10 a.m. to noon.

As part of the fact-gathering procedure, the public is asked to submit written comments regarding the project at the open houses. The comments will be collected and included in the alternative analysis.

Another part of the procedure involves analyzing the physical envi-

ronment to determine any possible adverse impact by the project.

Beckford said the application package will be reviewed by the Federal Transit Administration, which could reject it or request certain areas be changed or modified before a letter of no prejudice is issued. The letter would enable the BRT project to be eligible for funding along with other federal projects.

Currently, the BRT project addresses only North County transit lines. It is expected to cost approximately \$82 million, Beckford said, but "could rise to \$100 million."

Beckford said the project will be underwritten by state and federal funds. If any Sarasota County money is used, it will be minimal, he said.

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Open Letter to Venice and South Sarasota County

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Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
G. A. Reese III
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NOTICE OF ACTION 16

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

IN RE: NOTICE OF FORFEITURE PROCEEDINGS

To: All Persons or entities having or claiming to have any right, title, or interest in the following property:

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office seized the described property on, **JUNE 28, 2009**, in Sarasota County, Florida. A forfeiture complaint has been filed in the Circuit Court, Twelfth Judicial Circuit, in and for Sarasota County, Florida, being case no. **2009-CA-13635-NC**, for the purpose of obtaining a final order of forfeiture as to the above described property upon producing due proof that same was used in violation of Florida laws dealing with contraband, pursuant to the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act, Sections 932.701-707, Florida Statutes.

PATRICK DUGGAN, ESQUIRE Assistant General Counsel
Sarasota County Sheriff's Office
Post Office Box 4115
Sarasota, Florida 34230
Telephone (941) 861-4058; 861-5800

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AUGUST 22, 2009

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

Case No: 2009 DR 13511 SC

IN RE: THOMAS K. FRENCH
Petitioner

and

SHARON L. FRENCH
Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION For Dissolution of Marriage

TO: SHARON L. FRENCH
5454 Crenshaw Lane,
North Port, FL 34286

YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on **Thomas K French**, whose address is **5454 Crenshaw Lane, North Port, FL 34286** on or before **September 15, 2009**, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at 4000 S. Tamiami Trl., Venice, FL 34293 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

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: AUGUST 7, 2009

KAREN E. RUSHING
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: G. BATES
Deputy Clerk

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

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF CITY OF VENICE ORDINANCE NO. 2009-08

NOTICE is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Venice, Florida will hold a public hearing beginning at 1:30 p.m. or shortly thereafter, on August 25, 2009, in Council Chambers, City Hall, 401 West Venice Avenue, Venice, Florida, to consider and act upon the adoption of the following proposed City Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA CHAPTER 86, LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, ARTICLE VI, DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, DIVISION 7, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, SECTION 86-471, HOURS FOR SALE, SERVICE AND ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Purpose of Ordinance: Amending the Land Development Regulations to clarify the hours for sale of alcoholic beverages to include sales and on-site consumption on Saturdays.

This notice is published pursuant to the requirements of Section 166.041, Florida Statutes; accordingly, the publication of same must be accomplished at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting at which the above Ordinance is to be considered and acted upon. A complete draft of the proposed Ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk for inspection by the public between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

This public hearing may be continued from time to time.

No stenographic record by a certified court reporter is made of this meeting. Accordingly, any person who may seek to appeal any decision involving the matters noticed herein will be responsible for making a verbatim record of the testimony and evidence at this meeting upon which any appeal is to be based.

All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. Written comment filed with the City Clerk of the City of Venice, will be heard and considered.

If you are disabled and need assistance, please contact the City Clerk's office at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Lori Stelzer, MMC, City Clerk

Publish: August 15, 2009

NOTICE OF ACTION 16

Case No: 2009-DR-28594-NC

IN RE: The Marriage of: JOSE MANUEL VEGA ZUNIGA,

Petitioner/Husband

and

MARIA DOLORES VEGA, Respondent/Wife.

NOTICE OF ACTION

DIRECTED TO: RESPONDENT/ MARIA DOLORES VEGA

YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT the Petitioner, a Florida Respondent, has instituted an action seeking to Dissolution of Marriage in Sarasota County, Florida, a copy of the legal description of the same is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this above-written action on **Ms. Maureen Avila, Avila Family Law**, Petitioner's attorney, whose address is **2187 Ringling Blvd, Sarasota, FL 34237**; and on or before **AUGUST 31, 2009**, and file the original with the Clerk of the Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated: July 28, 2009.

KAREN E. RUSHING
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Laura Markey
Deputy Clerk

Venice Gondolier Sun
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AUGUST 8, 2009
AUGUST 15, 2009
AUGUST 22, 2009
AUGUST 29, 2009

NOTICE OF AUCTION 19

NOTICE OF AUCTION

A public auction will be held per Florida Statute 713.78, on **August 28, 2009** for:

- 2006 Saturn VIN # 1G8AJ55F66Z199131

- 2006 Ford Mustang VIN # 1ZVFT84N765192256

Both auction will be held at **570 N. Central Ave., Nokomis, FL 34275 @ 7:30 AM.** JLM Wholesale Enterprises.

PUBLISH: August 15, 2009

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

Pursuant to F.S. 677.210, Elsie Title Services w/power of attorney will sell the listed vehicles to highest bidder subject to any liens. Owner may redeem vehicle for cash sum of lien; all auctions held w/reserve; inspect 1 wk prior @ lienor facility; cash or cashier's check; 25% buyer prem; anyone interested ph (941) 486-0800. Sale date **9/7/2009 @ 9:00 am @ 209 S Jackson Road, Venice, FL 34293** storage @ \$750.00 per month plus tax; DEJ W1 lien amt \$16,200.00 Veh is: 1996 Mack RB688S Dp, Red, VIN# 1M2AM08C2TM003269 Lienor: Heelae Properties LLP, 209 S Jackson Road, Venice FL 34292, (941) 485-7799
Published: August 8, 15, 2009

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

The following vehicle/vessel(s) will be auctioned for unpaid towing & storage charges only, per FS 713.78. Vehicle @ **Premier Finance Adjusters, LLC 171 S Jackson Road, Venice, FL 1 1990 Ford Mustang Cv Bk 1FACP45E8L147159**
On 9/7/2009 at 9:00 am at Above Auction, FL

Publish: August 15, 2009

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

The following vehicle/vessel(s) will be auctioned for unpaid towing & storage charges only, per FS 713.78. Vehicle @ **Touch of Class Towing 1242 Market Cir Unit 9, Port Charlotte, FL 1 1990 Chry LeBaron 2D Gry IC3XJ5533LG501508**
2 1998 Mazda Protege 4D Bk JM1BC1410W0175334
3 1992 Ford Explorer Ut Grn IFMCU22X2NUB81315
On 9/7/2009 at 9:00 am at 171 S Jackson Rd Venice, FL
PUBLISH: August 15, 2009

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

The following vehicle/vessel(s) will be auctioned for unpaid towing & storage charges only, per FS 713.78. Vehicle @ **Tri County Towing & Recovery, 267 Lecturn St, Port Charlotte, FL 1 1998 Chry Sebring 2D Whi**

NOTICE OF AUCTION 19

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On 9/7/2009 at 9:00 am at 171 S Jackson Rd Venice, FL

Publish: August 15, 2009

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF MARILYN S. BUSCH, Deceased,

File No. 2009-CP-011454-NC
Division: Probate

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of **MARILYN S. BUSCH**, deceased, whose date of death was **April 23, 2009**; is pending in the Circuit Court for **Sarasota County, Florida, Probate Division, File No. 2009-CP-011454-NC**, the address of which is **P.O. Box 3079, Sarasota, Florida 34230**. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons, who have claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, and who have been served a copy of this Notice, must file their claims with this Court **WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.**

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturred contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this Court **WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.**

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS 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 **AUGUST 8, 2009.**

Personal Representative: **Neal T. Pauline**
3016 California Street
Berkeley, CA 94703

Attorney for Personal Representative: **Terry L. Dillon**
Florida Bar No. 0664499
6200 South Tamiami Trail
Sarasota, FL 34231
(941) 922-3505
PUBLISH: August 8, 15, 2009

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

IN RE: Estate of **G. EDWARD DALTON**, Deceased.

File No: 2009-CP-12698-SC

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of **G. EDWARD DALTON**, deceased, whose date of death was **May 29, 2009**; is pending in the Circuit Court for **SARASOTA County, Florida, Probate Division**, the address of which is **4000 South 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 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 THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.**

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The date of first publication of this notice is **August 8, 2009.**

Personal Representative: **JOHN F. DALTON**
1336 Pomelo Ave.
Sarasota, FL 34239

Attorney for Personal Representative: **W. GRADY HUIE, ESQUIRE**
143 East Miami Avenue
Venice, FL 34285
(941) 488-8551
FL Bar No. 0192724
PUBLISH: August 8, 15, 2009

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF HELENA E. DICARLO, Deceased.

File No. 2009-CP-11711-NC

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of **HELENA E. DICARLO**, deceased, whose date of death was **May 15, 2009** and whose social security number is **XXX-XX-8955**, 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.**

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DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is **August 8, 2009.**

Personal Representative: **PETER BARCIA**
21 Sunset Drive
Manhasset, New York 11030

Attorney for Personal Representative: **WAYNE C. HALL, ESQ.**
Florida Bar No. 199524
HALL & ANDERSON, P.A.
1314 East Venice Ave, Ste E
Venice, Florida 34285
Telephone: (941) 480-0999
PUBLISH: August 8, 15, 2009

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

IN RE: ESTATE OF MILDRED FABIANI, Deceased.

File No: 2009-CP-12858-SC

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of **MILDRED FABIANI**, deceased, **File Number 2009-CP-12858-SC**, is pending in the Circuit Court for **SARASOTA County, Florida, Probate Division**, the address of which is **P.O. Box 3079, Sarasota, Florida 34230-3079**. The names and addresses of the petitioner and the petitioner's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this Court **WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE 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 persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent, or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this Court **WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.**

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is AUGUST 8, 2009.

Petitioner: **Linda Sellitti, Personal Rep.**
645 Michigan Drive S. Venice, FL 34293

Attorney for Petitioner: **A. BRENT McPEEK, ESQ.**
3986 S. Tamiami Trail
Venice, Florida 34293
(941) 492-3400
Florida Bar No.: 0003905
PUBLISH: August 8, 15, 2009

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF **LOTTIE ALMA LAMPP** aka **LOTTIE A. LAMPP** aka **LOTTIE LAMPP** Deceased.

File No. 2009-CP-12963-SC
Division: Probate

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of **LOTTIE ALMA LAMPP** aka **LOTTIE A. LAMPP**, aka **LOTTIE LAMPP**, deceased, whose date of death was **May 31, 2009** and whose social security number is **XXX-XX-4147**, is pending in the Circuit Court for **SARASOTA County, Florida, Probate Division**, the address of which is **Karen E. Rushing, Clerk - Probate Department, P.O. Box 3079, Sarasota, FL 34230-3079**. 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.**

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The DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IS **AUGUST 8, 2009.**

Personal Representative: **SHELLY LAYNE BABINGTON**
1583 Orange Avenue
Winter Park, FL 32789

Attorneys for Personal Representative: **LORI WELLSBAUM EMERY, ESQ.**
Florida Bar No. 0071110
WELLSBAUM & EMERY, P.A.
686 North Indiana Ave, Ste A
Englewood, FL 34223
Telephone: (941) 474-3241

PUBLISH: AUGUST 8, 15, 2009

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF MARGARET M. LEE, Deceased.

File No. 2009-CP-013134-NC
Division: Probate

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of **MARGARET M. LEE**, deceased, whose date of death was **July 24, 2009**, is pending in the Circuit Court for **Sarasota County, Florida, Probate Division**, the address of which is **P.O. Box 3079, Sarasota, FL 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 THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.**

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NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS 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 **AUGUST 15, 2009.**

Personal Representative: **Robert W. Pallett**
325 Tropic Drive
Osprey, Florida 34229

Attorney for Personal Representative: **Adam R. Miller**
Attorney for Robert W. Pallett
Florida Bar No. 0903841
218 Harbor Drive South
Venice, Florida 34285
Telephone: (941) 488-9641
PUBLISH: AUGUST 15, 22,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF HELEN V. MILLER

Deceased.

File No. 2009-CP-012441-NC
Division: Probate

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of **HELEN V. MILLER**, deceased, whose date of death was **June 29, 2009**, is pending in the Circuit Court for **SARASOTA County, Florida, Probate Division**; the address of which is **P.O. Box 3079, Sarasota, FL 34230-3079**. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IS **AUGUST 15, 2009.**

Personal Representative: **Adelaide L. Karbolic**
375 Pineapple Street
Englewood, Florida 34223

Attorney for Personal Representative: **LORI WELLSBAUM EMERY**
Attorney for Adelaide L. Karbolic
Florida Bar No. 0071110
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PUBLISH: AUGUST 15, 22, 2009

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF LYNN S. NELSON

POLICE BEAT

Road alerts

No construction activity requiring lane closures along the Venice Bypass between Bird Bay Drive and Center Road is scheduled this week. The newly-installed final friction course of asphalt on the travel and turn lanes of the Venice Bypass is in a curing period prior to the application of thermoplastic striping scheduled to begin on Sunday, Aug. 23.

Conversation leads to arrest

Wednesday was a beautiful day in Venice. Adults were sunbathing on the beach, children were making sand castles and swimming in the warm, salty waters of the Gulf.

Scott DeDomenico was there with his girlfriend. A woman who would overhear a conversation between DeDomenico and another man who was there also.

That conversation would change the day for both of them.

Venice Police Department detectives Ronald Perisho and Alek Gregoire, wearing plain clothes and riding in an unmarked car, were conducting follow-ups on several investigations when a call came over the radio from a concerned citizen.



DeDomenico

"The witness said she heard DeDomenico and others talking about narcotics and partying and then they left for the beach parking lot," Perisho said.

The witness followed and saw them take something out of a bag in the car. There was an exchange and then they shook hands.

Perisho called off all marked cars in the area and pulled into the Sharky's parking lot.

"The witness met us in the parking lot and told us the suspects were still on the beach," Perisho said.

Gregoire accompanied the witness to the beach, where she pointed out DeDomenico, his girlfriend and another young man and woman and an older couple.

"Once she pointed them out to us, we asked her to leave the area and I stayed in contact with her," Perisho said. "This witness was fantastic. She talked about all of the families and children at the beach and how she was totally disgusted by what happened."

Perisho called for one patrol car. As lightning streaked the sky, the group packed up and headed for the parking lot, where officers were waiting for them.

DeDomenico gave officers consent to search him and his girlfriend's car. Perisho said DeDomenico was very cooperative.

"We found nothing on him," he said. "But when we searched the car we found a bag containing numerous prescription and nonprescription drugs in the back seat."

They also found marijuana seeds and residue in the car along with a homemade marijuana pipe and a crack pipe in a sock.

DeDomenico's girlfriend said it all belonged to him and that the other man had solicited them.

DeDomenico told officers that he and his girlfriend had gone for a walk on the pier when the other guy ask them for marijuana. DeDomenico told him he didn't have any.

"When they went back to the beach and into the water, the guy approached DeDomenico again and told him he was a little 'dope sick' and needed something," Perisho said. "DeDomenico said he gave him two 15 milligram Roxicodone tablets. He said he was just trying to help out a brother."

The other man gave officers consent to search him and his bags. Nothing was found and he was released.

"He'd already taken the pills, so there was nothing for us to find," Perisho said.

DeDomenico, 31, 100 block The Corsco, Venice, was charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell or deliver, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$3,620.

Burns graduates

Col. Steve Burns of the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office has graduated from the Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute's chief executive seminar. Burns, who joined the agency in 1981, is the chief deputy at SCSO.



Burns

Tikko joins SCSO

Tikko, a male Hungarian Sable Shepherd, has joined the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit.

Tikko was born in Pazmond, Hungary. He was chosen by deputy Dan Biegel to be his new canine partner. Biegel's former partner, Ozzi, died in January.

Beigel and Tikko trained at the K-9 Academy for 12 weeks in narcotics, tracking and patrol. This was followed by advanced training. The team graduated after completing 750 hours of training and was certified by the National Police Canine Association. The SCSO K-9 Unit now has seven teams.



Tikko

Prowler arrested

William Stuart Tucker, 46, was arrested and charged with residential burglary, loitering and prowling, petit theft and possession of a drug without a prescription (two counts).

Venice Police Department officers found his white SUV backed against a fence just beyond the paved roadway in Venetian Golf & River Club.

Officers recalled a stalking complaint in the area. They checked the previous complaint and found that Tucker was a possible suspect. Additional officers were called to the scene and Tucker was found walking in the area. The on-scene investigation revealed that Tucker was in possession of items belonging to the victim's family.

Two for one

Recently, Lt. Todd Resch received a call in reference to a female being body-slammed in the 100 block of Airport Ave., Venice. He was given a description of the person and told that the suspect had run between the buildings on Base Avenue.

Resch notified fellow officers that he would be on foot in the area. Workers at a nearby nursing home pointed out a man matching the description hiding in the bushes.

"I identified myself as law enforcement and the man took off running," Resch said. "I chased him through the neighborhood to a house, where he locked himself inside."

A neighbor told Resch the man had been seen in the area before with a shotgun. The suspect gave up and was taken into custody.

Officers did a cursory search of the house to make sure there wasn't a victim inside.

What Resch found instead was a loaded shotgun. A warrant check revealed that the man was a convicted felon.

Later, officers also arrested another man on the original battery complaint.

Both men were arrested on felony charges reported in an earlier edition of the *Venice Gondolier Sun*.

Venice Police Department arrests

• Shanna Renee Goodrich, 43, 1200 block Barbara Drive, Venice. Charge: no valid driver license. Bond: \$500.

• Alejandro Martineztrujillo, 27, 400 block Substation Road, Venice.

Charge: no valid driver license. Bond: \$500.

Sarasota County Sheriff's Office arrests

• Jennifer Smith, 21, 100 block Rose Drive, Venice. Charge: possession of a controlled substance. Bond: none.

• Timothy Todd Smith, 45, 4000 block North Tramarch Trail, Venice. Charge: possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. Bond: none.

• Robert Stewart, 52, 2800 block Gentian Road, Venice. Charge: failure to register as a sexual offender. Bond: \$1,000.

• James Edward Arnold, 43, 100 block Casey Key Road, Nokomis. Charge: violation of probation (aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill). Bond: none.

• Robin R. Hamilton, 34, 100 block Avenida de Bahia, Nokomis. Charges: fraudulent use of a credit card more than \$100 (two counts), petit theft. Bond: \$2,120.

• Robin R. Hamilton, 34, 100 block Avenida de Bahia, Nokomis. Charges: fraudulent use of a credit card more than \$100 (three counts), petit theft (two counts). Bond: \$1,480.

• Rodney Paul Luckey, 42, 2400 block Lewis Road, Venice. Charges: driving while license suspended, canceled or revoked, leaving scene of accident without giving information (more than \$500). Bond: \$10,000.

• Donald James Fox, 42, 9000 block South Tamiami Trail, Venice. Charge: domestic battery. Bond: none.

• Lance Stirling McKie, 39, 200 block Browns Lane, Nokomis. Charge: trespass after warning. Bond: \$250.

• Christopher McCausland, 24, 1100 West Falls of Venice Circle, Venice. Charge: battery by person detained in prison or jail facility. Bond: \$1,000.

• Donald P. Maynard, 47, 3100 block Concord Road, Venice. Charges: burglary of dwelling with assault or battery, trespass after warning. Bond: none on burglary charge, \$250 on trespass charge.

• Sonny Haskel Grant, 24, 5100 Albion Road, Venice. Charge: contempt (burglary). Bond: none.

• Brian Edward Morton, 23, 500 block South Tamiami Trail, Nokomis. Charge: dealing in stolen property. Bond: \$1,000.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF BARBARA SHANK, Deceased

File No. 2009-CP-007942-NC

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of BARBARA SHANK, deceased, whose date of death was March 20, 2009; is pending in the Circuit Court for SARASOTA County Probate Division, File Number 2009-CP-007942-NC the address of which is P.O. Box 3079, Sarasota, FL 34230-3079. 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 who have claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent, or unliquidated claims, and who have been served a copy of this notice, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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The date of first publication of this Notice is AUGUST 15, 2009

Personal Representatives:
MICHAEL ALBRITTON
ROBERT CHANDLER

Attorney for Personal Representatives:
PAUL A. MORAN, ESQ.
PAUL A. MORAN, P.A.
Attorney
Florida Bar No. 320137
46 N. Washington Blvd., Suite 25A
Sarasota, FL 34236
Telephone: (941)-955-1717
PUBLISH: August 15, 22, 2009

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20

IN RE: Estate of DOROTHY ANN THUMME, Deceased.

File No: 2009-CP-121013-SC

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of DOROTHY ANN THUMME, deceased, whose date of death was July 5, 2009, is pending in the Circuit Court for SARASOTA County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 4000 South 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 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 THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this notice is August 8, 2009.

Personal Representative:
Raymond V. Carter
2794 W. Price Blvd.
North Port, FL 34286

Attorney for Personal Representative:
W. GRADY HUIE, ESQUIRE
143 East Miami Avenue
Venice, FL 34285
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FL Bar No. 0192724

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SARASOTA COUNTY FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF, DORIS M. VANCE, Deceased.

File No. 2009-CP-12357-NC Division: Probate

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OUR VIEW

Drivers, bicyclists need to get along

We were struck — maybe that's a bad choice of words — by a recent letter writer who complained to our daily papers about all those darn bicyclists clogging up the roadways.

A little horrified, really, since he suggested vaguely that some type of "road rage" might be justified at times. (He also mocked tight-fitting Spandex biking outfits, but we'll chalk that up to a matter of personal taste.)

The reaction was swift from the biking community, which is understandable. Anyone who has pedaled along a main road knows how fragile you feel while 2-ton sedans are whipping past at 45-55 mph. The vulnerability only heightens the hope that drivers know the rules of the road and respect a biker's right to a narrow lane of pavement.

Most motorists do. Most understand and are extremely courteous to all fellow travelers.

A few, though, just can't seem to resist an obnoxious honk, or a shouted expletive or hand gesture. What jerks.

The more bicyclists the merrier. Biking is fun. It is a healthy activity. It doesn't use up limited resources. We'd be delighted to see thousands more on the roads, but they also have to follow the rules. Cyclists who ride stupidly just fan potential road rage.

All of us who travel with the benefit of internal-combustion engine need to lighten up — that's a good general guideline, no matter the situation. All who share the road should know the law and rules of etiquette.

Here are some basics:

- Bicycles are classified as vehicles under Florida law. They have the same rights and obligations as motor vehicles.

- That means cyclists may ride in the roadway, as close the side as practicable, but not on the paved shoulder.

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- It also means cyclists have to obey all traffic laws. Stop at red lights and stop signs. Ride on the right (except in certain conditions, like a left turn or traveling on a two-lane, one-way street). Yield the right of way. Motorists may assume a biker knows this, but be careful all the same. It's always best to drive defensively. A little extra caution may avoid an accident. Better safe, etc.

- It's illegal to ride while wearing headphones, or without at least one hand on the handlebars.

- A bike must have a headlight and a rear reflector at night.

- Only one person to a bike, unless an adult is riding with a child in a backpack or child seat.

- Anyone under 16 must wear a helmet. Everyone else should.

- On sidewalks (which are generally considered more dangerous than roads, because people pulling out of

driveways may not be aware of riders there), cyclists have the same rights as pedestrians, but must yield the right of way and shout before passing.

- On the road, bikers can travel two abreast only if they are not impeding traffic. It's single file if there are cars on the road.

- Motorists are required to pass a cyclist with no less than 3 feet of clearance. If no other traffic is on the road, it's OK to pull to the left of the center line.

- If a motorist thinks it may be unsafe to pass, it is. Slow down and wait for a safer opportunity. But try not to follow too closely than "reasonable" behind the bicycle. That's dangerous too.

As the Florida Bicycle Association advises, if you are frustrated by having to slow down for a bicycle, "Take a deep breath; you have nothing to lose but stress." That's always good advice.

Knock, knock. Who's there?



MARY KAY RUPPEL
COLUMNIST

There's been a lot written lately about how to keep our turtles safe from harm during their mating season. Apparently, they have become disoriented by all the lights lately, coming from condos, bonfires and flashlights on our beaches. Well, I have a bizarre story about just such an incident that occurred at my home here about four years ago.

One afternoon while working at my computer, I heard a loud knock at the front door. I went and looked out the window, but no one was there. A few minutes later, more knocking, so I went to look again, as I can see whoever is on my front porch. No one was there.

Now, I'm thinking either I'm going crazy or someone is playing games with me.

The third knocking brought me to the front door, which I opened, but no one was standing there. I looked down and on my welcome mat was a very large turtle. Let's just say, he was bigger than a breadbox.

I slammed the door in his face and called a neighbor and asked him to come over and witness this crazy thing. He kindly picked him up (the turtle didn't snap) and carried him to our lake. Before he took him off my hands and my porch, I got several pictures of him in case people thought I'd started the happy hour a little early that day. Pink elephants, huge turtles?

One of my neighbors, an animal lover herself, told me that perhaps my house used to be a path that the turtles used. I'm glad that there are diligent wildlife groups that work to preserve them. But how do we really know what goes on in their animal heads? Are we butting in?

My house had stood in that turtle's path for about nine

years. Maybe, like human beings, some animals want to dictate their own lives.

I can just hear some of you saying, "Oh, I knew she didn't like animals." Well, actually, I can't even stand to kill the occasional bug that gets into my house. I always try to catch it and carry it outside. And my neighbors will attest to the fact that my dog, Maney, is very well cared for. Yes, I am an animal lover, although I admit I am a little more concerned about the preservation of human life.

Knock, knock. Who's there? Turtle. Turtle who? Turtleloo, I'm moving to a higher rated beach — a place where the city council cares more about preserving its most valuable assets than arguing about the airport.

Let's move on to a subject that seems to be dominating the news. It's the question about socializing medicine in the United States. I personally refuse to give it the innocuous name "universal," because it's disingenuous.

Call me crazy, but I am really attempting to read the Obama administration's health-care plan. Today, I chose Section 1233 (pages 425-430): "Government mandates Advance (Death) Care Planning consultation"; "Government will instruct and consult regarding living wills and durable powers of attorney"; "Government provides approved list of end-of-life resources guiding you in death"; "Government mandates program of orders for life-sustaining treatment"; "Advanced care planning consult" will be used as patient's health deteriorates"; "Advanced Care Consultation" may include an order for end-of-life plans"; "Government will specify which doctors (professional authority under state law includes nurse practitioners or physician's assistants) can write an end-of-life order."

Knock, knock. Who's there? Doctor. Doctor who? Doctor who used to help you make health-care choices.

Mary Kay Ruppel is a Venice resident and has been a frequent contributor to other publications. She writes a regular column for this page.



SHOULD CURRENT AND FORMER CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PAY TOWARD THEIR INSURANCE BENEFITS? CALL US AT 207-1111.

Airport is not for the birds

Crowing. As a Venice resident living on the island not far from the airport, I would like to know if the city or the county or someone could take care of all of the crows that are flying in the area. I play golf off the island and they're just as bad off the island as they are on the island. All I think of is that poor pilot that sucked up all those birds and landed safely in the Hudson River. All the jets planes that leave Venice might as well give it up if those crows fly in front of them, because we do not have a Hudson River here. Please get rid of the excess crows. As a farm boy from Iowa, we used to get paid to bring a pair of feet to the sheriff's office.

Poor grades. Mega kudos to Mary Kay Ruppel's column, "The men who came to dinner." She's so right on in her articles. The National Taxpayers Union was only able to give nine senators and 39 congressmen a grade of "A" based on their 2008 scorecard, which utilized every vote affecting tax spending and regulatory issues. Two hundred and sixty seven senators and representatives got a big, fat "F" Obviously, staying in office is more important than serving the interests of their constituents.

Out soon. The only council members who should be recalled are John Simmonds and Vicki Taylor, but since they only have three months left and they aren't running again, it's not necessary to do a recall.

Losing battle. I would not support any effort to recall Venice City Council members. They are doing an excellent job representing the views of the residents of Venice who elected them. They are being harassed by those who lost the last election and the development interests that supported the ousted members of city council. Do not try to recall them. You will lose.

Wasting funds. The teaching technique of Diana O'Neill is absurd. If these kids need to dress and feed themselves, then evidently mommy and

Let 'em



Have It

daddy aren't doing the job. For her to be paid \$80,000 a year to abuse these kids and scare the public? If I had a handicapped child, would it be abused by someone like this? What's wrong with this school system? Shame on the school board for paying her \$80,000 and for wasting funds.

Doesn't get it. I'm calling about Mayor Martin's article in the paper about principles and policies and staying the course. I think the poor man just doesn't get it, or his other council members either. I feel sorry for the man. He should move on and do something different in Venice, but being the mayor? I don't think so. He

just doesn't get it. I hope we can get him out of office some way or other.

Red writer. As your editorial notes, red tide has been absent for two years and we haven't missed it. Your suggestion that low rainfall the past two years may have helped us is a reflection of our head-in-the-sand attitude. The flushing of accumulated nutrients into the Gulf by the next wet season should return red tide with a vengeance. What is the cost of red-tide-generated illnesses? Losing tourists now is especially critical because we need the room-taxed dollars to pay for a new baseball team. Now where is there a report that's telling all possible causes of red tide and possible solutions? With such a report we might get adequate research dollars. The Japanese do an outstanding job of studying red tide and have had some success in controlling it. They have written a book on the subject. Put the Japanese, not Mote Marine, in charge of our red-tide studies. It would even be a good idea now to hire the Japanese to test Bob Rigby's red-tide control process.

Weed whacks. Would it be possible to have someone cut down the weeds behind the hot dog stand at the Venice Jetty? We love the hot dogs and we love watching the boats go by and, occasionally, a dolphin. But the weeds are so high they obstruct our view. We would just love to have that taken care of. It's such a beautiful place and the city has done a wonderful job there.

Out of tunes. I went to the musical presentation on Nokomis Beach last Tuesday. The audience was predominantly seniors, of course, and the music was the worst music they could have selected to play for a group of people.

LETTERS WELCOME

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One day at a time



FRAN VALENCIC
COLUMNIST

voice in my head said, "Fran, you had the surgery so you could live your wonderful life. Get in that car and live." I did.

I drove to Publix. I purchased a potted plant, a greeting card and milk and picked up a prescription. The nice lady at the counter said, "Fran, it's nice to see you," and she kissed me on the cheek.

I told her of my fear of driving, to which she replied, "Oh Fran, I think you can do anything." My self-esteem meter rose.

When I went to pay for my purchases, I immediately realized manipulating a cart, purse, wallet and debit card was not an easy task. I knew I'd have to simplify.

I saw the young man at the cashier counter looked at my empty sleeve. He immediately put my purchases in my cart and asked if I needed any help. "Thanks for asking, I can manage," I said.

We chatted and I learned he graduated from Venice High School, and the smile on his face showed he was proud of his achievement. I congratulated him and told him how much I appreciate his kindness.

I pushed the cart to my handicapped-parking spot. I was grateful for the extra space, which allowed me to keep the car door open while I loaded my purchases. I then closed the door while I took my cart back. Before the surgery, I would simply have carried the purchases and done it all in one trip.

I got into my car, closed the door and reached over my body for my seatbelt. I learned I needed to open a

car door to get my right arm and hand in place to buckle up. Once I did that I realized I couldn't reach the door handle to close the door. I unbuckled and pulled the door closer, rebuckled and was on my way.

I recall the process was different when I started my journey as the car door started to close after me when I got in the car. I knew then I'd have to face each situation and solve each problem one at a time.

When I got home and looked at my odometer, I saw I had traveled exactly 2 miles. I smiled to myself knowing for sure I could do anything.

When my friend Kathy was visiting me from Cleveland, Ohio, she felt that driving would be easier if I had a knob on my steering wheel. She got me one and installed it. Turning corners is much easier.

One day at the Senior Friendship Centers someone said, "Hey Fran, I see you have a necking knob on your wheel." I never heard that term before. She said when she was a teenager, guys put the knob on their steering wheel so they could keep their arm around their girl even when they were turning the corner.

So, when you see me around town, I'm the one with the cute white convertible with a handicapped sticker and a steering wheel with a necking knob on it.

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LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Did the dogs have to die?

Editor:

After reading the article by Brooky Brown on the shooting of two robust dogs by a cop, I was saddened, troubled and alarmed. Was it necessary to use deadly force to stop an attack?

The officer had every right to defend himself from bodily harm but was it justifiable to kill man's best friend? Capt. Tom McNulty surely was aware of two dogs owned by Mr. Siringer because there was a previous incident at his house.

The VPD had a team of officers cautiously approaching the door and Capt. McNulty was observing this dangerous movement. With all this planning, preparation and equipment girding an officer's midsection, one officer stilled the life of two of Mr. Siringer's family members.

Perhaps a less-lethal tranquilizer gun or a spider-web net or even good, common sense would have been just as effective at preventing an attack. (A couple hot dogs to eat?)

I'm not taking sides, but I think Mr. Siringer was treated like a guilty man, especially since the officers saw the dent on his former girlfriend's car, Mr. Siringer has lost his freedom, his dignity, his money and, most important, two family members.

H.L. Mencken once remarked, "There is always an easy solution to every human problem: neat, plausible and wrong." What more can be said?

William T. Bystry
Venice

Let's share the pain

Editor:

Hard times are knocking at a lot of doors. Companies and people are hard pressed to stay afloat.

I offer an open question to both the people and all of the people employed in government: From the top down, how about a 15 percent reduction in wages and benefits? This is an across-the-board cut, as in *everybody*.

In order to be fair, how about the same financially? Funding of the most expensive items first, top down? That's right, all across the board.

For sure.

Then there is the fed, looking at the same sorts of things.

These ideas have already been running around the county. It was stated that "they" (tax people) would maintain the same level of revenue even if they had to double taxes. The county backed off.

Those who would raise tax rates have stated that "they" can raise rates irrespective of anything.

The people and businesses have been forced to contribute in many ways.

I offer the same opportunity to the employees and entities of government.

Tighten your belt and checkbook, like we have had to.

Drake Bailey
Venice

Not exactly a safe Harbor

Editor:

I cannot stand this anymore. I ride down South Harbor Drive every day and it is so bad that my kidneys shake. When are you going to repair that?

People ride on bikes on the sidewalk. Also, at night, you cannot walk because there are no lights. Put in those nice, soft lamps so you can see to walk.

Oh yes, tell people to stay off the median. A sign needs to be put there. People make U-turns on it and park on it.

I live on that road.

Mrs. M. Benedict
Venice

When my doctors finally gave me the go-ahead to start driving, my heart leapt. Freedom at last, I thought.

No longer would I have to be dependent on family and friends to take me places. I could go grocery shopping and make impulse purchases. I could take advantage of discount days at local stores. I was happy.

My friend dropped me off at home from my appointment at Moffitt Cancer Center. I rested a bit and got ready for the big adventure.

I grabbed my car keys from their regular spot in the drawer and as I held my ticket to freedom in my hand all courage left. I thought, how can I drive? I have one arm. My left arm and shoulder were amputated at Moffitt Cancer Center. I haven't driven in more than two months. I'm scared.

This was a new feeling. I can't remember being scared in years.

The last time seemed to have been when my husband wanted a divorce and I wondered how I would take care of my two children in me. How would I manage life alone?

I looked at those keys in my hand again and the

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HOME from Page 1A

Bearse said he and his firefighters plan to relocate the fence and plant the hedge.

"We have 90 days to accomplish this," he said.

The ordinance went into effect July 21.

The firefighters will plant about \$1,000 worth of shrubs, but Bearse said the survey and moving the fence will be much more costly than that, which is one reason he decided to do his own labor.

The complete cost of

relocating the outdoor training facility won't be known until a site has been found.

While the outdoor training is being moved, the fire department stays on Pavonia Road.

"This rezoning may even open opportunities

for new grants to build a new station," Bearse said.

Until then, it's work as usual for the firefighters, with a little extra landscaping thrown in.

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LAW from Page 1A**Raise it**

There are some exemptions.

You need one only if you're between age 16 and 64. If you use live bait and a pole without a reel, you don't need one.

If you can prove that you receive food stamps, Medicaid or cash assistance, or are on active duty, you're exempt.

At the El Jobean Fishing Pier Tuesday, pier fishing was on the "to-do" list for John Gerstung of North Port and his two grandsons from Texas later.

As far as Gerstung was concerned, the new license law poses no problem. A saltwater fishing license for boaters has been in effect for about 20 years.

"I've had one for years for a boat," he said. "I've always bought one."

Bud Hendrickson of North Port has been fishing from the El Jobean Pier for the past 25 years.

"If they use the money for what they say they're going to use it for, there's no problem," Hendrickson said.

He also favored raising the price for nonresident fishing licenses. Part of the local attraction for visitors is the fishing, and more license money means more money to support fishing in general.

"If we go other places, we have to pay exorbitant prices," he said.

Then again, the issue was a simple one for Hendrickson. He's over 65, so he's exempt from the new

law.

Wrong time

Tom Robertroy was on the Boardwalk Pier Tuesday and said the \$9 license is a small price to pay if something good comes out of it.

Although it isn't a cheap sport, for some people fishing is their only entertainment, he said.

"Bait isn't free," he said. "They've got to spend money to come out here."

The license pre-empts a \$15 to \$25 fee the federal government will begin imposing in 2011 for states without an approved licensing system, according to Henry Cabbage, an FWC spokesman.

Revenue from the new license will stay in Florida, and the state will qualify for matching funds, Cabbage said.

"The reality is fisheries are getting depleted, and this is one way to put money back into the state for those who like to fish," Dial said.

But Rose argues that with the economy in a shambles, this is the wrong time for a new license.

"I just can't see what they put back in the ocean to offset the fee for fishing," he said.

Complicated

While saltwater fish restocking — or enhancement — initiatives are on on the drawing board, they're still 10 to 15 years away

from development, according to Lee Schlesinger, a spokesperson for the FWC Division of Marine Fisheries Management in Tallahassee. The agency is responsible for maintaining the wild stock of fish.

Fish enhancement stocking is paid for by licenses, but efforts to restock have been more successful in lakes and rivers than in saltwater, Schlesinger said.

"Because of the diversity of saltwater species, it's complicated," he said. "We've had some positive results. The technology is getting better."

Venice resident David Dodds came to the Englewood Bait House Tuesday to buy a license but the establishment, along with many others, no longer sells them, he learned. That's because the 50 cents netted for each license sold isn't worth the trouble, he said he was told.

"I can't find one at any of the bait and fishing shops," he said. "They should sell them where people are fishing. If they make it easier to buy them, more people would buy them."

Licenses are for sale at county tax collector's offices, Walmart and a limited number of other outlets.

For more information, go to www.myfwc.com and click on fishing, or call (888) 347-4356.

Staff writer Stephen Baumann contributed to this report.
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ART from Page 1A

"I certainly don't want big brother looking over my shoulder every time someone wants to put a medallion up (on a building)," Graser warned. "I don't think we should be looking at every statue or fountain and say we should approve that."

Task force members agreed the policy applies to public art located on either public or commercial land, but not private developments.

Funding

Funding for the program would come from one-half percent of the city's capital improvement plan "from the areas of local parks and recreation, transportation, community conservation and government facilities." The language

was gleaned from other municipal government policies and does not directly related to the city budget, so its fiscal impact is unknown at this time.

It's akin to implementing a "percent for art" policy under which 1 percent of the construction cost for art is a standard, but the amounts vary widely. Council would have final say over the amount budgeted, under the draft policy.

Staff liaison James Hager, director of historical resources at the Venice Archives and Area Historical Collection, told the task force the city manager requires a three-month review period before bringing forth new ordinances in front of city council for its consideration.

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CITY from Page 1A

affidavit the case is considered "vitaly important" for the preservation of the various open meetings laws across the nation.

"First, it epitomized the challenge of applying open-government laws in the modern technical era. It is the first reported case where a court has ordered elected officials to surrender personal computers for the purpose of retrieving public records," Davis wrote.

"Second, a provision in the settlement agreement achieved in this case represents the first instance where government officials are prohibited from utilizing private e-mail accounts to conduct public business. That this provision is enforceable via a final judgment entered by a court of law is particularly important.

"Open-government advocates across the nation have expressed interest in this case for the purpose of educating governmental officials of

the perils of using private e-mail communications to avoid disclosure requirements under open-government laws.

"The settlement reached ... will be heralded as a significant achievement under the right-to-know laws. More important, the case will provide other citizens with the ability to incentivize private attorneys to accept similar cases for litigation and enforcement of the open-government laws."

Attorney Andrea Mogensen requested Davis' testimony in support of her application for attorney's fees and costs, and the use of a multiplier for cases of great public significance.

Her attorney team, which includes legal consultant Michael Barfield and Matthew Leish and Amy Carstensen, both from Carlton Fields, seeks \$2.2 million in attorney fees and costs.

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"We climbed to assess the situation," he said. "We knew something was wrong. We started doing what the book calls for."

The plane circled the area for two hours but the men were unable to lock in the nose wheel. They used the final half hour to burn off fuel before landing, Fryar said.

Test run

Federal Aviation Administration officials interviewed the pilot and passenger and others. Fryar said the FAA classified the landing as a "minor incident."

"It was a mechanical failure in the nose gear," Fryar said. "It wasn't due to anything anybody did. A part just wore out, and we happened to be in the plane when it did. It had nothing to do with the avionics."

The Cessna 310, he said, is known to have nose gear problems.

He dismissed earlier media reports that said he and the pilot weren't authorized to take the plane into the air.

Fryar said he spoke with the aircraft owner, Robert Williams of Land O' Lakes, after the incident. According to Fryar, Williams told the media he didn't know who was flying his plane, not that (Fryar) wasn't authorized to take it up.

"We installed a new autopilot system and were going to test it," Fryar said. "I don't have a multiple engine rating, so I asked Leonard, who is a commercial pilot, to fly while I checked to see if it works or doesn't. The customer said, 'I want to make sure it's 100 percent right.'"

"You've got to take it up in the air to see if it holds altitude or rolls right or left. It's kind of hard to do that on the ground.

"I think the customer might have been upset at that moment, realizing he is not going to be out in his plane right now. We weren't out joy riding" or putting in "currency" hours.

Airport Director Fred Watts said Thursday the aviators were putting in some hours for currency certification.

"It was an assumption on my part based on the conversation I heard between the (Venice Police) officer and the pilot," Watts said on Friday. "If they were putting time in on an autopilot, that's legitimate too."

The *Gondolier Sun* was unable to reach Williams for comment.

Nonevent

Almost a dozen emergency vehicles responded, including two Venice Fire Department fire engines and two ambulances.

One witness called it a

by-the-books emergency landing, "really a non-event."

"It was the most beautiful landing you'd ever want to see," said Pam Johnson, city public information officer. "Perfect in that no one was injured."

"It landed on its two back wheels and slowly dropped onto the nose wheel, which then folded under, then skidded until it stopped," said Fire Chief John Reed, who escorted media out to where the plane finally came to rest.

A light skid mark, made by the nose of the plane dragging on concrete, was visible for approximately 100 yards, and the propellers on the

twin engines were bent back. Otherwise there was little visible damage.

"That's why we have insurance," Fryar said.

He never got to test the new autopilot system.

"I'm just glad it happened in the daytime with a commercial pilot."

This is the fourth incident the fire department has responded to at Venice Municipal Airport this year. Three were similar incidents where the nose gear failed; in the remaining incident the nose wheel locked but the indicator light didn't come on. Four incidents occurred in 2008, including a fatal crash into the Gulf of Mexico.

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COUNTY CALENDAR

2010 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Awareness Day Planning Meeting, Aug. 21, 10:30 a.m., Room 226, Health and Human Services, 2200 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota. Call 941-861-2578

Bicycle/Pedestrian/Trail Advisory Committee, Aug. 18, 5:30 p.m., Freight Room, Venice Train Depot, 303 E. Venice Ave., Venice. Call 941-861-0925

Budget Task Force Meeting Aug. 21, 10 a.m., Press Room, First Floor, Administration Center 1660 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota. Call 941-861-5438

Citizens Advisory Committee for Public Transportation Aug. 20, 2 p.m., Meeting Room, Gulf Gate Library, 7112 Curtiss Ave., Sarasota. Call 941-861-1003

Community Action Agency Board Family Self-Sufficiency Program Action Team, Aug. 20, 4:30 p.m., Conference Room A, Building J-1, 1750 17th St., Glasser/Schoenbaum Human Services Center of Sarasota, Sarasota. Call 941-861-2564

Community Alliance Steering Committee - Aug. 17, 1:30 p.m. Conference Room A/B, School Board of Sarasota County, Brown Awning Building, The Landings, 1980 Landings Blvd., Sarasota. Call 941-861-2877

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ADVISORY BOARD VACANCIES
Visit www.scgov.net/advisoryboards or contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 861-5000 for latest vacancies and information about Sarasota County Advisory Boards.

General Contractors Licensing and Examining Board - Aug. 20, 4 p.m., Second Floor Conference Room, Building A, Planning and Development Services, 1301 Cattlemen Road, Sarasota. Call 941-861-6126

Library Advisory Board will host St. Paul Library Foundation President Peter Pearson, Aug. 21, 1:30 p.m., Fruitville Public Library, 100 Coburn Road, Sarasota. Call 941-861-5481

Library Advisory Board Workshop Aug. 19, 1:30 p.m., Conference Room, Venice Community Center, 326 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice. Call 941-861-5481

Planning Commission Public Hearing - Aug. 20, 6:30 p.m. Commission Chamber, R.L. Anderson Building, 4000 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice. Call 941-861-5153 LIVE TV

Planning and Outcomes Committee of the Community Alliance of Sarasota County Aug. 21, 10 a.m., Office of Financial Planning's Fourth Floor Conference Room, Administration Center, 1660 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota. Call 941-861-2563

Sarasota Partnership for Children's Mental Health Finance Committee Aug. 20, 10 a.m., Suite 205, 1751 Mound St., Sarasota. Call 941-861-1410

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium Aug. 21, 9 a.m. Auditorium, Second Floor, Health and Human Services, 2200 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota. Call 941-861-2578

Tobacco Free Partnership of Sarasota County, Aug. 27, 3:30 p.m., Conference Room 2063, Health and Human Services, 2200 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota. Call 941-861-2876

WATERING DAYS FOR SARASOTA COUNTY DIFFER FROM SWFWMD

Sarasota County residents, along with the residents within the cities of Sarasota, North Port, Venice and the portion of Sarasota County located within the Englewood Water District, remain under watering restrictions with a different watering schedule from the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD). Current watering days for Sarasota County residents are:

Even addresses (house numbers ending with 0, 2, 4, 6 or 8) may water only on Tuesday.

Odd addresses (house numbers ending with 1, 3, 5, 7 or 9) may water only Thursday.

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Property under two acres may water before 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m.

Property over two acres may water before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.

For more information, call 861-5000.

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State College of Florida charting unprecedented growth

FROM STATE COLLEGE OF FLORIDA

State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota was the second fastest-growing college in the 28-member Florida College System for the 2008-09 academic year according to a recent report from the Florida Department of Education.

SCF headcount grew by an unprecedented 14 percent over the previous year, outpacing the system's overall modest increase of 3.9 percent. The milestone represents the first time SCF has recorded enrollment gains of this magnitude in one year.

"Our college's spectacular progress is great news not just for SCF but also for our region because a well-educated workforce will help fuel our community's economic base," said SCF President Dr. Lars A. Hafner.

Viewed in terms of student numbers, the picture is equally remarkable,



Hafner

SCF officials said. The college added 2,926 students over the last academic year, placing fifth in the system, close behind major metropolitan area colleges including Miami-Dade, Palm Beach and Valencia.

The nearly 3,000 students amounted to the equivalent of another college and surpassed the entire student populations at Florida Keys and North Florida community colleges.

Hafner attributed the college's historic growth in large part to excitement about the college's expanded and evolving mission.

SCF's broader opportunities, especially new and proposed bachelor-degree offerings, appeal to students who realize they can start here and don't have to leave the area to pursue their goal of a quality education, Hafner said.

"Our cost-effective workforce degree programs give taxpayers and students the best bang for the buck," Hafner said. "Students like what they see at SCF — expanded and relevant degree programs, new technology and buildings, convenient locations, affordable cost, and the same welcoming environment they've always had here."

While associate degree programs remain the college's focus, the first bachelor's program — the bachelor of science in nursing degree — starts in January. More proposed workforce baccalaureate programs include energy technology, health services administration, public safety administration, technology management, exceptional student education and early childhood education (birth to age 4).

College officials and faculty have employed innovative approaches to handle the volume of growth while maintaining SCF's quality standards. Primary ways the college has addressed the challenges include hiring new and replacement faculty, efficient scheduling to maximize classroom and laboratory usage, and expanding eLearning classes to provide the full associate in arts degree online.

Recognizing that the

economic downturn has played a part in spurring enrollment growth, Hafner said colleges historically have been the place where people turn to retool for a changing job market.

"A longstanding repu-

tation for access with quality, coupled with a 'best buy' status for meeting community workforce needs, makes SCF a first-choice destination," Hafner said.

The enrollment surge is continuing, college

officials note, pointing to a 17-percent increase this summer over the previous summer that accounted for an additional 1,000 students. Early estimates for fall term indicate a double-digit increase that will

take enrollment to a new high of 12,000 or more students for the semester.

"In good and bad times, students come to us with dreams and goals for their future," Hafner said. "We stand

ready to continue preparing them to achieve their goals so they can get good jobs, buy homes and make a better life for their families. Working together, we can help get the economy back on track."

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SPORTS SHORTS

SENIOR SOFTBALL

SUNCOAST ORTHOPAEDIC WINS

WORLDS: The Venice Suncoast Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine 70+ senior softball team captured the International Senior Softball World Championship in Gallatin, Tenn.

Manager John Zoccano's team lost to the Texas Greyhounds but then came back for a 39-17 win over the same team.

Suncoast then defeated a team from Michigan twice to win the title. In the first game, Suncoast notched a 19-10 victory then sealed the championship with a 20-17 win.

Leading hitters were Mickey Orman and Mel Eubank, who batted .722. Lou Giovanni and Ron Huser hit .706. Vinnie Remson, Bob Johnson, Wayne Hughes, Hansel Faulkner and Norm Ellis all hit over .600. Suncoast hit five home runs in the tournament including two by Ellis and one each by Giovanni, Remson and Bill Lowery.

Making the All-Tournament team were Urman, Remson, Johnson, Eubank and Huser.

Suncoast Orthopaedic will travel to Dalton, Ga., over Labor Day to compete in the SPA World Championship.

Wednesday Night Senior Softball League FINAL STANDINGS (as of Aug. 12)

EAST DIVISION
Affordable Tree Service9-4
Palmer Ranch Travel7-6
Jay & Dean Auto Repair7-6
Crittter Ridge Landscaping5-8
Builders Specialties.....4-9

WEST DIVISION
Peluso Air12-1
Tu Be Computer.....7-6
Rugs As Art6-7
WGACA Trainers5-8
Flanagan's3-10

Aug. 12 results
Rugs As Art 19, Tu Be Computer 7
Palmer Ranch Travel 22,
Builders Specialties 13
Affordable Tree Service 33,
Crittter Ridge Landscaping 31
WGACA Trainers 21, Flanagan's 7
Jay & Dean Auto Repair 8,
Peluso Air 7

ROWING

Taaffe takes fourth at worlds

BY PERRY D. PENTZ
SPORTS EDITOR

Alex Taaffe witnessed the sport of rowing internationally up close and was impressed.

The 18-year-old Pine View graduate just returned from competing in the 2009 FISA World Rowing Junior Championships in Brive-la-Gaillarde, France.

Taaffe, who competes for Sarasota Crew, just missed bringing home a medal in the junior men's Eights (eight-rower boat with a coxswain) as the United States grabbed a fourth-place finish.

"It was awesome," said Taaffe, who spent 10 days in France. "It as the greatest rowing experience I have ever had. Actually, one of the greatest experiences I have had, period. I was able to com-

pete in France and compete against different countries and represent the USA."

In their first heat, the U.S. boat with Taaffe at the bow placed second with a time of 5 minutes, 51.49 seconds over the 2,000-meter (1.2-mile) course. Then in the first repechage, the United States grabbed the top spot in 5:59.05 ahead of second-place Spain by 3.70 seconds. The win qualified the U.S. for the A Final against the top five boats in the world.

In the final, the United States boat started out slow and was fifth after the first 1,000 meters then moved up to fourth place after 1,500 meters. Over the final 500 meters, Taaffe's boat had the best time of 1:24.48. Their finishing time of 5:46.82 was only .12-seconds behind Italy, who took the bronze medal.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Pine View graduate Alex Taaffe competes for the United States in the junior men's Eights at the 2009 FISA World Rowing Junior Championships in France.

Beach volleyball trophy winners



COURTESY PHOTOS

LEFT: Venice's Courtney Krause, right, and Hannah Richards captured the Juniors 12 & Under Division at the Dig the Beach East Coast Nationals on Aug. 1 and 2 at Clearwater Beach. Krause, a sixth-grader at Venice Christian School, and Richards, a sixth-grader at Laurel Nokomis School, went 6-1 overall including 4-1 in pool play. In the playoffs, the tandem went 2-0 with a 21-12 victory in the final game. By winning, the duo qualify for the Dig the Beach National Championships in Miami Beach on Sept. 12-13.

RIGHT: In the same age division, Maddie Enos, left, and Abby Waddill took third place. Enos, a seventh-grader at Sarasota Middle, and Waddill, of Osprey, a seventh-grader at Pine View School, went 5-0 pool play. After losing in the semifinals, Enos and Waddill, who were playing in their first tournament together, came back for third place.



SPORTS BRIEFS

Aug. 23 is VHS day at Beef 'O' Brady's

Come celebrate Venice Indian Football Day at Beef 'O' Brady's located on 4145 S. Tamiami Trail in Venice on Sunday, Aug. 23, from noon to 9 p.m.

The restaurant is donating 20 percent of all sales for the nine hours to the VHS football program.

At 2 p.m., a wing-eating contest is scheduled pitting the defensive line against the offensive line.

Former Tampa Bay Buccaneer player James Evans, executive director of Tampa Bay Academy of Hope, will be talking.

VHS football season tickets on sale

Season tickets for home football games at Venice High are on sale.

Cost is \$36 for the six games at Powell-Davis Stadium.

Anyone who did not have season tickets last year, should visit the law offices of Boone, Boone, Boone, Koda and Froom, 1001 Avenida del Circo, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Season ticket holders also get free admittance to all home junior varsity games.

For more information, call 488-6716.

VHS all-sports season tickets on sale

Individual and family all-sport season tickets are now on sale.

The general admission tickets are for the upcoming sports season and the one-price ticket covers parents and their school-age children admission to all VHS home sports. Playoff or postseason games are not included.

Eligible children must be 18 years old or younger, living at home and currently attending a school in Sarasota County.

Cost for a family all-sports ticket is \$150 while the individ-

Summer Inter-City League champions



COURTESY PHOTO

The Lake Venice Golf Club 18-Hole Ladies golf team bested 11 other teams from Sarasota and Charlotte counties to capture the Summer Inter-City League. The 10 golfers played six games of stableford points over the summer to win the league. Members of the winning team are (front row, left to right) Marilyn Clauser, Helen Burnell, Poppy McDonald, Del Wilson; (back row, left to right) Grace Babcock, Freda Miller, Sandy White, Gay Long, Diane Jerome and Lois Middleton.

ual all-sports ticket costs \$60.

For more information, call Larry Sandburg at 488-6726 or the Boone law firm at 488-6716.

Papa's Bait Shop fishing tournament is Saturday

Papa's Bait Shop on the Venice Pier is hosting its annual Family Fishing Tournament on Saturday, Aug. 15.

Registration begins at 7 a.m. with a continental breakfast. Prizes will be awarded for the largest fish in each age group including ages 5-9, 10-12 and 13-17. Each child must be accompanied by an adult.

Free seminars for the kids

include rigging the fishing pole, ways to bait the hook and what kind of fish will be taught.

The tournament begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 11 a.m.

No fishing license is needed to participate in this event. The city of Venice has a fishing permit purchased that covers anyone who is fishing on the pier.

For more information, call Sharky's On The Pier at 484-7362.

Vipers hold benefit golf tournament Saturday

The Venice Vipers softball team will hold its second annual golf tournament on Saturday, Aug. 15, at the

Lemon Bay Golf Club.

The 8 a.m. shotgun start costs \$65 per person or \$240 per foursome.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Rain date is Aug. 16.

All proceeds will benefit the Vipers youth softball program.

For more information, call Mark Weaver at 441-7420.

Sarasota Crew to hold registration Sunday

Sarasota Crew will have registration for the fall season on Sunday, Aug. 16, at the Historic Spanish Point schoolhouse, 337 Tamiami Trail, Osprey.

The crew is looking for new

and experienced middle school and high school rowers. Registration for middle school rowers is 3 p.m. with the freshmen and varsity at 5 p.m.

For more information, call 966-9791 or visit the Web site, www.sarasotacrew.com.

VHS girls cross country starts Monday

Anyone who wants to run on the Venice High girls cross country team should report to the track at 7:30 a.m., Monday, Aug. 17, according to head coach Brenda Clark.

No experience is necessary.

VHS girls golf tryouts are Tuesday

The Venice High girls golf team will hold tryouts at 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 18, at Mission Valley Country Club in Laurel.

For more information, contact Wayne Robertson at 488-6726.

YMCA hosting girls hoops shooting camp

A girls basketball shooting camp will be held from Aug. 17-21 at the South County Family YMCA in Venice.

The camp, which will be conducted by Venice High girls basketball coach Joe Welton, is open to girls in grades four through eight and starts at 11 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m.

Cost is \$55 for YMCA members and \$75 for nonmembers.

For more information, call the YMCA at 492-9622.

VLL holding fall registration Aug. 22 & 29

Venice Little League will hold registration for the fall season for ages 6-14 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Aug. 22 and Aug. 29 at Chuck Reiter Field.

Cost is \$70 and includes team shirt and hat.

For more information and to register by mail, visit www.venicelittleleague.com or

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e-mail any questions to info@venicelittleleague.com.

Team Tennis Junior League needs players for travel teams

The Team Tennis Junior League is now registering players ages 8-18 for travel teams. The league is for beginning, intermediate and advance level players in Manatee, Sarasota and Charlotte counties. Cost \$90 for eight weeks of play. The Oaks Country Club, Mertz Tennis Academy,

Courtside Tennis Club, Jacaranda West Country Club and Englewood Tennis Club will be participating.

Registration deadline is Sept. 8 with matches starting Sept. 19 from 1-3 p.m.

The team format is for six to eight players per team. The divisions include 12U Stars, 14U Blue, 16U Red and 18U Comets.

Weekly league matches will be held at clubs and tennis facilities in the tri-county area.

Register online at www.TeamTennisJuniorLeague.com.

For more information, call Sue Zipay at 475-4489.

GOLF RESULTS

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July 8
MGA White Tee 3 Best English Stableford by Hole: Jim Murray, Paul Halasz, Tom McGavin, Joe Kuzma +43.

MGA Black Tee 3 Best English Stableford by Hole: Fred Kistler, Harold McReynolds, Orvis Kinney, Bill Skaggs +42.

MGA Blue Tee Ind. English Stableford: JD Powers +2.

MGA 9-holers Low Net: Dave Burkstaller 38.

July 11
MGA Blue Tee 1 BB of 2: Vern Montgomery, Mike

Trimble 60.
White Tee 1 BB of 2: Burt Deiana, JD Powers 61.

July 14
WGA 18-Holers 1,2,3 on 5,4,3: Mary Green, Pat Knasiak, Shirley Loud, Molly Manning 118; Gail Cole, Liesel Ladebeck, Arline Laurino, Patsy Severin 124.

WGA 9-Holers Skins in Foursome: Jean Bole 3, Bonnie Mohler 2, Carole Raymond 2, Bunny Colony 2, Willie Mahoney 2, Betty Gibney 2.

July 15
MGA Blue Tee 1 BB Front, 2 BB Back: JD Powers, Mike Trimble, Bob Kinder 102; Ron Bauerle, Hal Loud, Fran Parisi 105.

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"Our race plan wasn't as solid as the conditions as we would have like," Taaffe said. "There was a slight tail wind and we were too slow in the first 500 meters and got too far behind. We thought we could catch them but it just wasn't enough. Going into this race, we had the second fastest time in the heats. We had a really good feeling and were shooting for first or second."

Germany captured gold with a time of 5:43.62. Great Britain was second in 5:44.65 with Italy taking third in 5:46.70.

"The German team seemed like they hid their speed," Taaffe said. "In the final race, they kind of dominated."

Taaffe, who will attend and row for Princeton University in the fall, was disappointed but not with his rowing.

"We didn't leave anything out on the water," Taaffe said. "I'm not personally disappointed because I rowed my best. Our effort was there, but our execution wasn't."

Taaffe said the nerves were high the night before the final and just before the race.

"Once I got to the line, the nerves went away," he said. "Everyone was really confident and ready to start."

Taaffe was impressed with the level of competition.

"All the racing I've done has been confined against teams from the United States," he said. "When you get to this level, it is the top eight from the U.S. and the top eight from the other countries. The competition is so tough. Coming in to this we thought we were unbeatable. It seems like rowing is the main sport for high school athletes in Germany and Great Britain. Everyone in the United States inspires to be a football player while in Germany and Great Britain, they inspire to be on the international rowing team."

Germany won seven of 13 events at the junior worlds.

This was Taaffe's first time in France.

"It was really great," Taaffe said. "The food was great. It was neat seeing a different culture and experience their different customs and everything they do different. It was great to be there with my teammates and meeting the teams from the different countries."

Taaffe now gets to enjoy what is left of his summer as he leaves for Princeton on Sept. 10.

"I gave up a lot of my summer and it's time to relax," he said.

Not really relax as Taaffe will be doing cross training and participating in triathlons. He is competing in a triathlon in Orlando this weekend.

"I'm going to do other stuff to keep me in shape, that is not rowing," he said.

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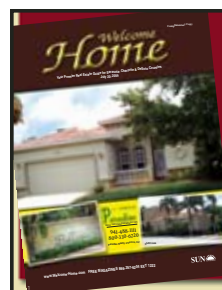
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Seven decades as a priest ... and counting

BY VEE GARRY-CHIULLI
GUEST WRITER

Father Joel has been a priest longer than most local residents have been alive.

Remember that the average age in Venice is 68.

Today, Aug. 15, Father Joel celebrates his 70th anniversary in the Carmelite Order.

"Thanks be to God and the patience of the people I have tried to serve over all these years," Father Joel said about his longevity as a priest.

A Venice area resident since 1986, Father Joel has garnered numerous accolades over the years. There was a "Father Joel's Week" declared in Teaneck, N.J. He has been named both Citizen of the Year and Man of the Year in different years and different places. A street was named for him in Texas.

It is said that he brought a spark of ecumenism to an area never witnessed before.

Speed racer

In the 1960s and 1970s he won NASTAR awards for skiing. As an athlete he has also excelled in basketball, football and baseball.

Holder of a private pilot's license for many years, he flew a single-engine plane whenever he had the opportunity. He participated in flying clubs and in Civil Air Patrol.

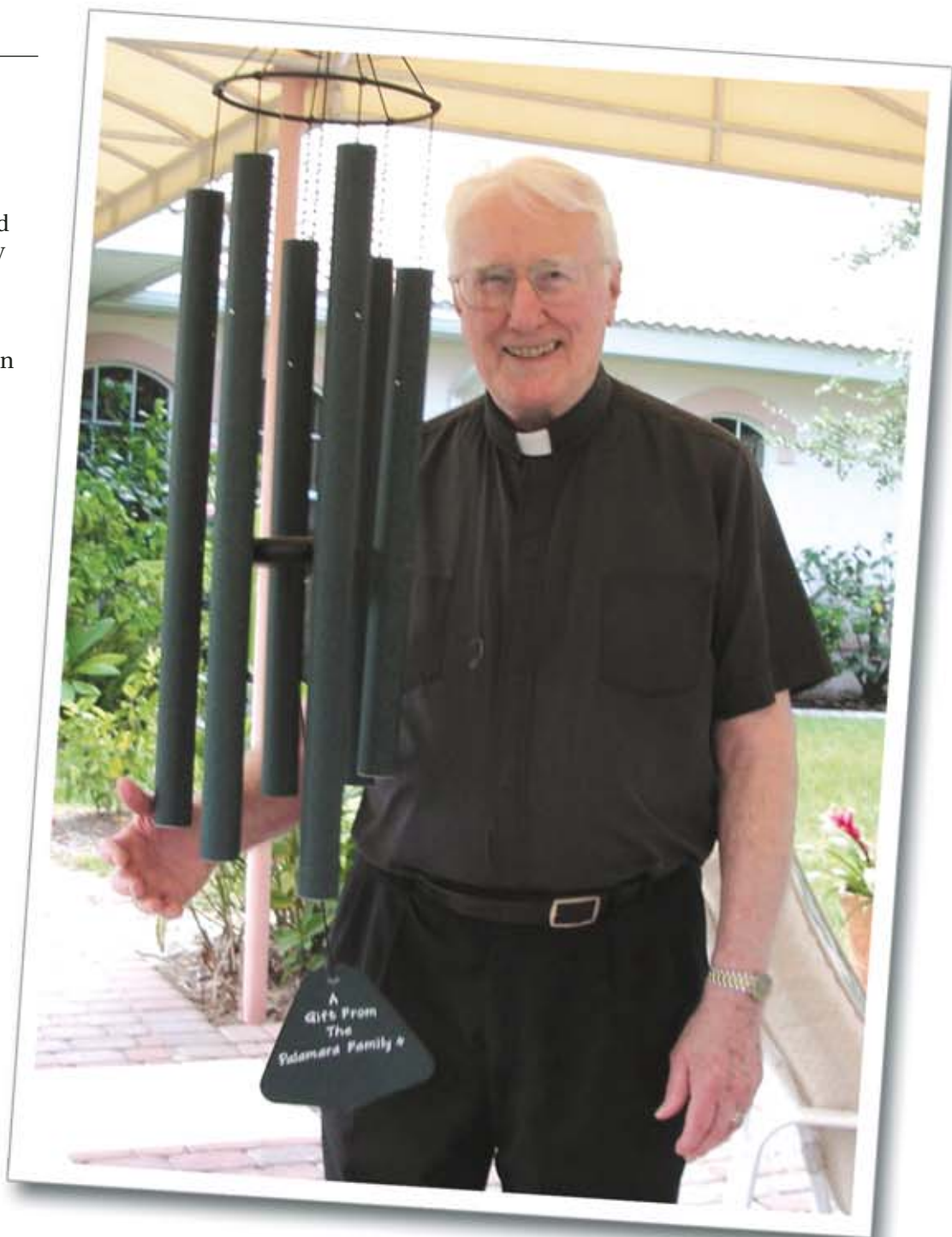
All that pales in comparison to his most meaningful and rewarding recollections — his membership in the Carmelite Order.

As he has enjoyed diversity in his own life, he was attracted to the Carmelites initially for the order's variety of opportunities to serve.

Father Joel's apostolates have been as high school and college teaching, travel for missions and retreats, parish work, education, administration and even a 15-month sojourn to the Austrian Alps to live the life of a hermit. His order also provided him with the chance to serve in Illinois, Texas, New Jersey, Canada, Rome, Massachusetts and now Florida.

In 1986, Father Joel began his long association with Epiphany Cathedral, where he has been fondly regarded by parishioners for his spiritual Masses and outstanding homilies delivered seemingly from the heart — and without notes.

For many years, he headed Jewish/Catholic relations in the Diocese of Venice, and he is still active in the work of the marriage tribunal.



Above, Father Joel celebrates 70 years as a priest Aug. 15. Below left, a statue in the garden where Father Joel lives. Below right, the 10-year-old Carmelite home on Laurel Road where Father Joel lives. PHOTOS COURTESY OF VEE GARRY-CHIULLI

The calling

Father Joel felt the calling to become a priest when he was in fourth grade.

When he graduated from high school he went directly to the novitiate, taking his final solemn vows four years later in 1939. He was ordained to the priesthood in Chicago in 1942.

At one time, Father Joel began an apostolate to the workplace as the first director of a Carmelite chapel in Peabody, Mass., in the Northshore Shopping Center. St. Therese's chapel within the malls seats 450 people and offers three daily Masses, three Sunday vigil services, five holiday masses and confessions all day on Saturdays.

Father Joel chuckled when he said the mall was not open on Sundays in those days so, with no Masses, Sunday was his day off.

Residing currently in the 10-year-old Carmelite home on Laurel Road, Father Joel has the company of five other Carmelites. Among the 16 Carmelites who live in the general vicinity of Venice, some are still active at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, St. Francis and St. Raphael.

About the Carmelites

The Carmelite order has survived for 801 years from its humble beginnings at the top of a mountain in Palestine. One can visit Mount Carmel during a trip to the Holy Land. Carmelites look to Elijah and Mary as their inspirations and models.

Principally a group of hermits, the original Carmelites were given their rule in 1207 by St. Albert, the patriarch of Jerusalem, remaining isolated there until the Islamic resurgence in the area. Eventually the Carmelites became known as the Whitefriars (from the color of their choir robes) in the mendicant tradition of the church as they spread to all corners of the world.

Father Joel said he loves being a Carmelite because he enjoys his fellow Carmelites and their prayerful lives. And, he said, they can still either talk about God or baseball.

Vee Garry-Chiulli is the host of Vee on Venice, shown weekly on BLAB-TV.



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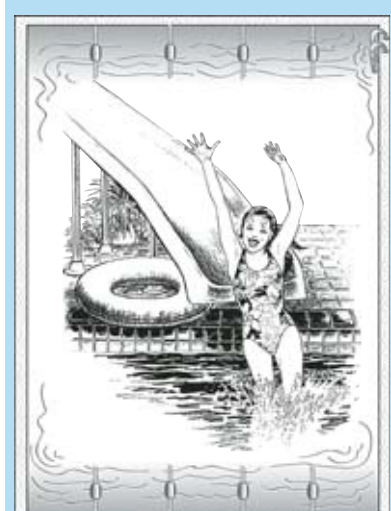
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SATURDAY, AUG. 15

Bluegrass show

Time: 1-4:15 p.m.
Where: Ramblers Rest Resort, McDonald Hall, River Road (three miles south of I-75 from Exit 191), Venice
Notes: The show is part of a bluegrass music weekend put on by the Southwest Florida Bluegrass Association. The air-conditioned building seats about 400 people.
Cost: \$6 or free with a paid \$25 annual membership
Call: Ramblers Rest, 493-4354
Link: www.southwestfloridabluegrass.org

Teacher Appreciation Day

Time: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Where: Staples, 4291 South Tamiami Trail, Venice
Notes: The first 100 teachers will receive an EcoEasy bag of classroom supplies. The store will offer special back-to-school deals to Venice-area teachers.
Link: www.staples.com

Ballroom dancing

Time: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday
Where: Gotta Dance Studio, 303 South Tamiami Trail, Nokomis
Call: 486-0326



Club food

Time: noon
Where: Venice-Nokomis Elks Lodge, 1021 Discovery Way, Nokomis
Cost: \$3
Call: 486-1854

Sail the Gulf



Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Where: Nokomis Beach Park, Albee Road, Nokomis
Call: 587-9313
Link: www.aquarianquest.org

Bingo

Time: 6 p.m.
Where: Eagles Aerie, 621 East Colonia Lane, Nokomis
Call: 484-4470

Farmers Market

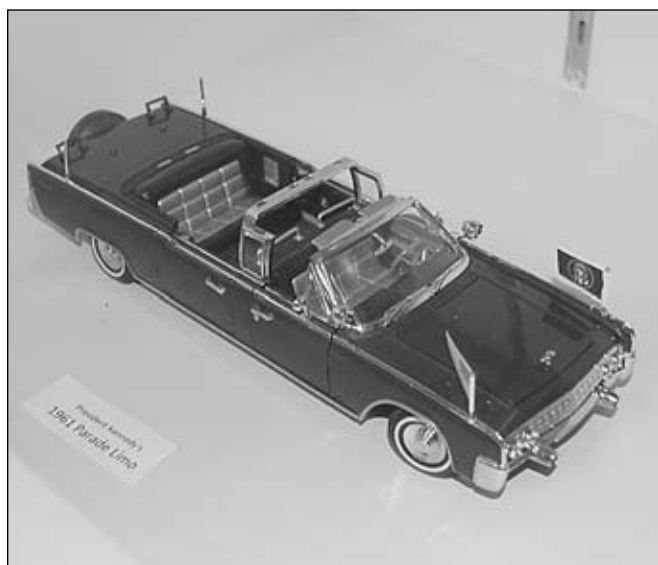


Time: 8 a.m.-noon
Where: Corner of Tampa and Nokomis avenues in the

EDITOR'S NOTE: Please call or e-mail location to confirm the date and time prior to attending an event.

BEST BET UNDER THE SUN

Model cars display historical journey



SUN PHOTO BY AUDREY BLACKWELL

A model of former President John F. Kennedy's parade limousine is part of an 80-car display at Jacaranda Public Library, 4143 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice, through the end of August. Pictured is a model of the 1961 Lincoln Continental convertible in which JFK was riding when he was fatally shot in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963. The display cars belong to Robert Millner, kindergarten-fifth grade music teacher at Laurel Nokomis School, who has about 400 cars in his collection. Other display items include models of cars belonging to former President Dwight Eisenhower and gangster Al Capone, a Coca-Cola Works van with miniature Coke bottles, and a model Sinclair gas station.

Centennial Park parking lot
Notes: Fresh produce, plants, organic herbs, flowers and more.
Call: 468-5104

Composting class

Time: 10 a.m.-noon
Where: Laurel Nokomis School, 1900 East Laurel Road, Nokomis
Notes: Gardening questions will be answered; free plants for children to pot; prizes will be given.
Call: 861-9900

Train depot tours

Time: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays only
Where: Historic Venice Train Depot, Seaboard Avenue, Venice
Notes: For information about individual or group tours, call Jim Middleton.
Call: 232-6797

Pups at the Point

Time: 9 a.m.-noon
Where: Historic Spanish Point, 337 North Tamiami Trail, Osprey
Cost: \$9 adults, \$3 ages 7-12, free for ages 6 and younger and dogs
Call: HSP, 966-5214; HSSC, 955-4131
Link: historicspanishpoint.org or hssc.org

SUNDAY, AUG. 16

Ramsey benefit

Time: 2 p.m.
Where: Fraternal Order of Eagles, 621 East Colonia Lane, Nokomis
Notes: Proceeds will benefit Michael Ramsey, 18, son of Michael and Kim Ramsey, who was injured in a car accident recently. The band will be High Gear & Butch (from Bandana). Hamburgers, hot dogs and potluck dinner will be sold. The public is welcome.
Call: 716-4533

Sunday brunch

Time: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Where: American Legion, 1770

E. Venice Ave., Venice
Call: 488-1157

Ballroom dancing

Time: 3-5 p.m.
Where: Nokomis Community Center, 234 East Nippino Trail, Nokomis
Cost: \$3
Call: 861-5000

Chess

Time: 1-4:30 p.m.
Where: Jacaranda Public Library, 4143 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice
Call: 861-1270

Bingo

Time: noon-5:30 p.m.
Where: Knights of Columbus, 512 Substation Road, Venice
Notes: nonsmoking
Call: 485-1663

Acoustic jam

Time: 5:30-8 p.m.
Where: Venice Beach pavilion
Call: Bruce Brunette, 223-6373
E-mail: bruceb@onsync.com

Pancake breakfast

Time: 8-11 a.m.
Where: Knights of Columbus, 512 Substation Road, Venice
Call: 485-1663

MONDAY, AUG. 17

Women on the Go



Time: 2-4 p.m.
Where: Venice Public Library, 300 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice
Notes: All women interested in travel are welcome to hear Ann Favreau share travel tales from her book "Window Eyes." Optional dinner will follow at a restaurant.
Call: Kay, 485-3525

Gymnastics

Time: 6-7:30 p.m.
Where: Nokomis Community

Center, 234 East Nippino Trail, Nokomis
Notes: For children ages 5-12 from 6 to 6:45 p.m. and ages 13 and up from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m.
Call: 861-5000 for fees and details

Zumba classes

Time: 9-10 a.m.
Where: Nokomis Community Center, 234 East Nippino Trail, Nokomis
Cost: \$8 per class, \$60 for 10 classes
Call: 861-5000

Square dancing

Time: 10 a.m.-noon
Where: Bay Indies Mobile Home Park, 950 Ridgewood Ave. (off East Venice Avenue), Venice
Notes: Summer square dancing with Red Bates. Dancing will be in Indies Hall. Wear casual attire.
Cost: \$5
Call: 223-0987



Peer counseling

Time: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Where: Women's Resource Center, 701 Center Road, Venice
Notes: Peer counseling is available every weekday.
Cost: \$5 donation
Call: 485-9724
Link: www.thewomensresourcecenter.org

Bingo

Time: 6 p.m.
Where: Disabled American Veterans, 600 East Colonia Lane, Nokomis
Call: 488-4500

Empowerment class

Time: 6-7:30 p.m.
Where: Women's Resource Center, 701 Center Road, Venice
Notes: Esther Bird will help participants learn to build self-assurance, confidence and pride in themselves.

Cost: \$5 members; \$8 non-members
Call: 485-9724
Link: www.thewomensresourcecenter.org

Club food



Time: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Where: Venice-Nokomis Elks Lodge, 1021 Discovery Way, Nokomis
Call: 486-1854

Time: 5-7 p.m.
Where: Veterans of Foreign Wars, 832 E. Venice Ave., Venice
Call: 486-8551

Time: 5-8 p.m.
Where: Eagles Aerie, 621 East Colonia Lane, Nokomis
Call: 484-4470

Monday Mingle

Time: 4-6 p.m.
Where: Venice-Nokomis Elks Lodge, 1021 Discovery Way, Nokomis
Notes: Two-for-one drink specials; free appetizers. Members and guests welcome.
Call: 486-1854

Italian class

Time: 4:15-5:30 p.m.
Where: Italian American Club of Venice, 1375 Ringling Drive, Venice
Notes: Free intermediate Italian language class.
Call: 486-1492

Shuffleboard

Time: 9 a.m. Mondays and Fridays; 7 p.m. Wednesdays
Where: Hecksher Park, 450 W. Venice Ave., Venice
Call: Bill, 586-5889

Guitar lessons

Time: 5-6 p.m.; 6-7 p.m.
Where: Venice YMCA, 701 Center Road, Venice
Notes: Group lessons. Level 1 classes, 5-6 p.m.; level 2 classes, 6-7 p.m.
Cost: \$15 members for four-week class; \$25 nonmembers
Call: 496-4398

Venice Archives

Time: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays
Where: Historic Triangle Inn, 351 S. Nassau St., Venice
Notes: Open to the public two days a week for the Venice Archives and Area Historical Collection. Personal research may be arranged by calling James Hagler, director.
Call: 486-2487

Venice Gondoliers Chorus

Time: 6:30-9 p.m.
Where: Lakeside Lutheran Church, 2401 South Tamiami Trail, Venice
Notes: All men who like to sing are welcome to join the Venice Gondoliers Chorus rehearsal.
Call: Wayne Hart, 408-1266

Please see **VENUE, 4B**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SATURDAY, AUG. 15, TO SEPT. 15

Yard sale donations

Notes: Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center is collecting goods to sell at a fundraising yard sale Nov. 14. Donations of household items, tools, gently used clothing and accessories, gift items and holiday decor are being accepted, as well as offers of help. All SPARCC services are free to victims.
Call: Shirley, 497-6951, or Ruth, 408-8587

SATURDAY, AUG. 22

YMCA Hawaiian Luau fundraiser

Time: 7-11 p.m.
Where: Poolside at the Venice branch of the South County YMCA, 701 Center Road, Venice
Notes: Food and libations will be served from under tiki huts, a disc jockey will spin the latest hits, and there will be raffles, prizes and a special guest appearance by The Cryin'

Shames. Proceeds will benefit the YMCA Children & Family Scholarship Fund. Purchase tickets by phone or at the front desk of the Venice or Englewood YMCA.
Cost: \$50 (must be 21 or older)
Call: 492-9622
Link: www.venicemca.org

SUNDAY, AUG. 23

Venice Indians Day

Time: noon-9 p.m.
Where: Beef 'O' Brady's, 4145 South Tamiami Trail, Venice Village Shops, Venice
Notes: Twenty percent of sales will be donated to the Venice High School football program. A buffalo wing-eating contest will be held at 2 p.m.
Call: 408-1800

TUESDAY, SEPT. 1

Low-vision classes offered

RSVP: Aug. 22

Time: 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Dates: Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 1-Oct. 15
Where: St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 513 S. Nassau St., Venice
Notes: Low-vision training will be offered free of charge in reading, writing, telephone skills, medication management, and financial and home management. Classes are sponsored by the Lighthouse of Manasota. Call for an appointment.
Call: 359-1404

THURSDAY, SEPT. 10

Cub/Boy Scouts sign-up

Time: 7 p.m.
Where: All public elementary school cafeterias in Sarasota County
Notes: Now is the time to join America's foremost youth program for boys — Cub and Boy Scouting. Scouting provides youth with an opportunity to try new things, provide service to others, build self-confidence,

develop academic skills and reinforce ethical standards. These opportunities help them when they are young and carry forward into their adult lives and the values by which they live.
Call: Margie Watson Byers, BSA SW Florida Council, Fort Myers, (800) 269-8072, ext. 140
Link: www.swflcouncilbsa.org

THURSDAY, SEPT. 17

Class on snakes

Time: 2-3 p.m.
Where: Shamrock Park Nature Center, 3900 West Shamrock Drive, Venice
Notes: This class will discuss snakes that are native to this area, how to identify harmful and harmless ones and how to manage a snake encounter.
Call: 861-9900
Link: http://sarasota.extension.ufl.edu



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TUESDAY, AUG. 18

Bingo



Time: 11:30 a.m.
Where: Venice Gardens Civic Center, 406 Shamrock Blvd., Venice
Notes: nonsmoking
Call: Linda, 497-3098

Girl Scouts sign-up



GIRL SCOUTS

Time: 2-4 p.m.
Where: Selby Library (Children's Department), 1331 First St., Sarasota
Notes: Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida will hold an open house and show what opportunities await girls ages 5-17 who join.

Career counseling

Time: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Where: Women's Resource Center, 701 Center Road, Venice
Notes: Career adviser Ania Morris offers one-on-one appointments to help with employment resources.

Peer counseling

Time: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Where: Women's Resource Center, 701 Center Road, Venice
Notes: Peer counseling is available every weekday.

Cost: \$5 donation
Call: 485-9724
Link: www.thewomensresourcecenter.org

Leads Club

Time: noon-1:15 p.m.
Where: Aqua Restaurant, 576 Blackburn Point Road, Osprey
Notes: All are welcome.
Cost: \$12
Call: Wendy Moore, 371-1151
Link: www.leadsfl.com

Women's Wellness



Time: 2-4 p.m.
Where: Women's Resource Center, 701 Center Road, Venice
Cost: \$5 donation
Call: 485-9724
Link: www.thewomensresourcecenter.org

Toastmasters

Time: 7:30-8:45 a.m.
Where: Venice Area Chamber of Commerce, 597 South Tamiami Trail, Venice
Notes: Visitors are welcome to join the fun while developing communication and leadership skills.

Stamp Club

Time: 5 p.m.
Where: Venice Public Library, 300 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice
Call: 493-4040

Shrine luncheon



Time: noon
Where: Eagles Aerie, 621 East Colonia Lane, Nokomis
Cost: \$12
Call: Bob Munson, 496-8749

Cruise club

Time: 6 p.m.

Where: Crossroads American Grille, 385 North U.S. 41 Bypass, Venice
Notes: Dinner meeting is for all boat owners who enjoy cruising area waters. Guests are welcome.
Call: 408-9486
Link: www.coastalventurescc.com

Doggy Tales



Time: 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Where: Jacaranda Public Library, 4143 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice
Notes: School-age children read to Suncoast Humane Society pet therapy dogs.
Call: 861-5000

Job search

Time: 1-4 p.m.
Where: Women's Resource Center, 701 Center Road, Venice
Notes: The center's computer lab is available to those looking for a job. A career adviser is available to help; free.
Call: 485-9724
Link: www.thewomensresourcecenter.org

Bingo

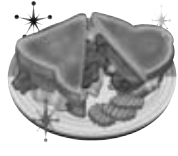
Time: 6-8 p.m.
Where: Venice-Nokomis Elks Lodge, 1021 Discovery Way, Nokomis
Notes: This is a nonsmoking facility with a smoking area available outside. Snacks and a regular menu are available 5-7:30 p.m. There will be a cash jackpot, door prizes and cash prizes.
Call: 486-1854

Bingo

Time: 7 p.m.
Where: Eagles Aerie, 621 East Colonia Lane, Nokomis
Call: 484-4470

Club food

Times: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; 5-8 p.m.
Where: Venice-



Nokomis Elks Lodge, 1021 Discovery Way, Nokomis
Notes: Karaoke will be 7-10 p.m. Disc jockeys will be Gil and Rhonda with Spotlight Entertainment.
Call: 486-1854

Croquet

Time: 10 a.m.
Where: Wellfield Park, corner of Pinebrook Road and Lucaya Avenue, Venice
Notes: free lessons
Call: Marge Chandler, 488-2747

Italian class



Time: 4-6 p.m.
Where: Italian American Club of Venice, 1375 Ringling Drive, Venice
Notes: free beginning Italian language class
Call: 486-1492

Zumba class

Time: 6:15 p.m.
Where: Venice Community Center, 326 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice
Call: 408-8205
E-mail: mlszerbin@aol.com

Dance



Time: 4:30-7:30 p.m.
Where: VFW, 832 E. Venice Ave., Venice
Call: 484-8118

Guitar lessons

Time: 2-4:30 p.m.
Where: Nokomis Community Center, 234 East Nippino Trail, Nokomis

Notes: Beginning guitar classes. Bring an acoustic guitar, pencil and notebook. Adult classes 2-3 p.m.; children's classes 3:15-4:30 p.m.
Cost: \$3 per class; \$15 for five weeks
Call: 861-5000



Aerobic Walking Club

Time: 5:45-7 p.m.
Where: T. Mabry Carlton Jr. Reserve, 1800 Mabry Carlton Parkway, Venice
Notes: Members of the Aerobic Walking Club walk at Carlton Reserve, led by a ranger. Meet at the pavilion.
Call: 486-2547



Adopt a pet



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Hi, I'm Lucille. I am a 5-year-old spayed, domestic short hair. I am a brown tiger. I was abandoned at a rental home where they just left me outside. I don't know why they did this as I am used to living in the house. I am a really sweet girl, and I love attention. For more information, call the Suncoast Humane Society at 474-7884 or visit www.humane.org.

NOTICE OF TAX CERTIFICATE SALE ON REAL ESTATE LISTED BELOW FOR THE TAX YEAR 2008

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT TAX CERTIFICATES WILL BE SOLD ON THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LANDS. THE TAX SALE WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THE INTERNET AT SARASOTACOUNTYTXSALE.COM.

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BARBARA FORD-COATES
SARASOTA COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR
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SARASOTA, FL 34236

NOTE: NUMBERS ABOVE EACH LISTING INDICATE THE FOLLOWING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:
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SENIOR BRIEFS

Senior Friendship Centers
2350 Scenic Drive, Venice
584-0075

CLASSES

Classes, programs and activities for people 50 and older are offered on an ongoing basis. Call 584-0075 for more information. Please note: Class fees have increased to \$3 to help cover center operational costs. Balance movement class, \$4 per class. Call Tom Harlow at 556-3259 if this presents a hardship. Open weekdays 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Dining, noon, for 60 and older, suggested donation is \$3.50. Lunch reservations required 24 hours in advance. Call 584-0090 or 584-0067.

MONDAY

Associated Medicare Patients counselors, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Pat Buster Conference Room. No appointment needed. Beginning tap dancing, 11 a.m.
Lunch, noon-1 p.m.
Music with the Upbeat Gang, 1 p.m.
Duplicate bridge, 12:50-4 p.m.; partner required; \$3 donation required; call Daisy at 584-0075
Cards, 1 p.m.

TUESDAY

Pool room opens, 8:15 a.m.

Tai chi, 8 a.m.
Video Fitness 2, 8:45 a.m.
Yogarobics, 9 a.m.
Woodcarving, 9 a.m.
Quilting, 9:30 a.m.
Basket weaving, 10 a.m.
Ballroom dance lesson, 10 a.m.
Lunch, noon-1 p.m.
Craft room, noon
Single-deck progressive pinochle, 12:30 p.m.
Tin Pan Alley performs, 1 p.m.
Cards, 1 p.m.
Low-impact introduction to tapperise, 3 p.m.
High-impact introduction to tapperise, 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Final arrangements — the choice is yours

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 9
Time: 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Where: Caregiver Resource Center at Senior Friendship Center
Notes: Make your own choices on final arrangements. Explore all the options, including tips from the Florida Department of Financial Services. Program facilitated by National Cremation.

Pool room opens, 8:15 a.m.
Small Appliance Repair Shop, 9 a.m.-noon
Senior-friendly aerobics, 9 a.m.
TOPS, Take Off Pounds Sensibly, 9:30 a.m.
Watercolor art, 9:30 a.m.
Euchre, 10 a.m.
Associated Medicare Patients counselors, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Pat Buster Conference Room. No appointment needed.
Line dancing, 10:30 a.m.

Lunch, noon-1 p.m.
Friendly bridge, 12:30 p.m.
Joe Rivers & Friends perform, 1 p.m.
Spanish, 1:30 p.m.
Crafts, 2 p.m.
Italian class, 2:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Pool room opens, 8:15 a.m.
SHINE, Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders, Medicare assistance, 9 a.m.-noon
Woodcarving, 9 a.m.
Yogarobics, 9 a.m.
Hand and Foot game, 9 a.m.
Senior-friendly aerobics, 9 a.m.
Line dancing, 10 a.m.
Duplicate bridge, 12:50-4 p.m.; partner required; \$3 donation required; call Daisy at 584-0075
Lunch, noon -1 p.m.
Music by Dick Rivers, 1 p.m.
Mind Your Mind, 1 p.m.
Cards, 1 p.m.
Tai chi, 3:30 p.m.

Assisted living

When: Thursday, Sept. 10
Time: 10-11:30 a.m.
Where: Caregiver Resource Center at Senior Friendship Centers
Notes: Do you have questions about what to look for when evaluating an assisted living facility? This seminar will provide important information on making an informed choice. Facilitated by Paula Carney from Bella Vita.

VA benefits

When: Thursday, Sept. 17
Time: 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Where: Caregiver Resource Center at Senior Friendship

Centers

Notes: Caregivers: If you or your loved one served in the military, there may be some benefits available to you. Join Greg Worth from the South County Veterans Affairs for information on all VA benefits, and how to apply.



FRIDAY

Pool room opens, 8:15 a.m.
Tai chi, 8 a.m.
Video Fitness 3, 8:45 a.m.
Crochet class, 9 a.m.; bring needles
Yoga with Marilyn, 9 a.m.
Mindful Meditation, 10 a.m.
Friendly bridge, 9 a.m.
Balance movement, 9:30 a.m.
Hula, 10:30 a.m.
Lunch, noon-1 p.m.
Music by the Gene Bennett Trio, 1 p.m.
Duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.
Cards, 1 p.m.

Appointments are available for a free 30-minute attorney consultation with Marcella Mika, a local attorney who volunteers her time to assist seniors. Call 584-0075 for an appointment.

New Italian classes are

starting. If you or anyone you know is interested in teaching, please call Daisy at 584-0075.

Mind Your Mind, Thursdays, 1 p.m. You exercise your body, why not your mind? Heighten memory, reasoning, creative thinking and more. Research has shown that exercising your mind 30 to 40 minutes three to five times per week produces lasting results. Self-assessment questionnaires are provided to track progress.

Yogarobics, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m., low-impact aerobic workout combined with classic yoga.

Balance movement and falls prevention

Tom Harlow, a falls prevention specialist and senior personal trainer, teaches a class Fridays at 9:30 a.m. This ongoing class helps seniors reduce their risk of falling. Movements improve balance, flexibility and strength.



Senior Friendship Centers Inc., established in 1973, is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to helping older adults live with dignity and independence in Sarasota, DeSoto, Charlotte, Lee and Collier counties. Funded in part by state and federal agencies, and support from private foundations and individual contributions, Senior Friendship Centers serves more than 10,000 older adults annually. Contact Laura Skinner at 556-3273 or lskinner@seniorfriendship.com.

LIBRARY BRIEFS

Jacaranda Public Library
4143 Woodmere Park Blvd.
Venice, FL 34293
861-5000

Jacaranda Teen Fun

There is some space in the teen programs in August, but you need to sign up quickly. Call 861-1270 and ask to sign up for teen fun.

Libraries and Sarasota Reds team up to promote reading

Sarasota County libraries and the Sarasota Reds are teaming up to promote reading. Children who check out four books at any of the eight Sarasota County public libraries will receive a Home Run Reading Card. Upon reading the books and returning them to the library, a library staff member will initial their reading card, which is good for a general admission ticket to any 2009 Sarasota Reds game at Ed Smith Stadium.

"We created the Big League Reader Program here in Sarasota because we felt it was very important to show the necessity and importance for children to read and to make it an enjoyable experience at the same time," said General Manager Dan Wolfert. "We are happy to provide kids with an incentive to read."

Toddler Tale Time

On Friday, Aug. 21, 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., toddlers ages 18 months to 3 years and their parent, grandparent or caregiver, are invited for stories, rhymes, songs and playtime with a different theme each week.

Ask Jack

On Friday, Aug. 21, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., bring your computer questions and trade them for computer answers.

Student art show

On Saturday, Aug. 15, 9 a.m. to noon, the teens will present the fruits of the watercolor class they have been taking.

Chess at the Library

Novice to master, everybody plays chess at the library Sunday, Aug. 16, 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Preschool Storytime

On Monday, Aug. 17 to 10:45 a.m., this program helps preschoolers to recognize letters of the alphabet, improve listening skills, participate in group interaction, develop fine motor skills, follow directions and recognize rhyming words. Activities include listening to stories, rhymes and music, and participating in movement exercises, creative dramatics and theme-related crafts.

Baby Rhyme and Sign Time

On Tuesday, Aug. 18, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m., this program is geared toward babies from infant to 24 months. The 45-minute program will include nursery rhymes, songs, baby sign language, a book and playtime. Space is limited. Older siblings are welcome.

Tuesday Movie Matinee

On Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2 to 5 p.m., Calvin wants to sell the family barbershop, but first he must spend a day working there.

Read to the dogs

Tuesday, Aug. 18, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., children of all ages are invited to come to the library and read to Suncoast Humane Society pet therapy dogs. The dogs



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The Frances T. Bourne Jacaranda Public Library offers many activities in addition to offering reading materials.

make very patient and understanding listeners, giving children the chance to read aloud and develop their reading skills. Register at the youth desk upon arrival.

Evening Book Club

On Wednesday, Aug. 19, 6 to 7 p.m., "Shadow of the Wind" by Carlos Ruiz-Zafon will be discussed. Daniel is united with a book, and his attempts to find more

books by, or information about, the author lead him on a lifetime journey.

Video Lecture Series

On Thursday, Aug. 20, 2 to 3 p.m., find out why "King Lear" is one of the most difficult of Shakespeare's plays to portray.

Venice Public Library
300 S. Nokomis Ave.
Venice, FL 34285
861-5000

Women On The Go

A support and discussion group meets at Venice Library for women who want to travel. Women on the Go meets from 2 to 4 p.m. every third Monday of the month. Members share travel experiences and give encouragement and help in independent trip planning to others in the group. The next meeting is Aug. 17.

Youth Services

DIAL-A-STORY: Dial 486-2330 and enjoy a two-minute fairy tale for children (5-10 years). The story is changed every week.

Please see **LIBRARY, 6B**



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State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota announces the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools has awarded membership at Level II to offer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

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SCF Bradenton Thu., Aug. 20, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m., Bldg. 29, Rm. 106
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SCF Venice Tue., Aug. 18, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m., Bldg. 800, Rm. 852
8000 S. Tamiami Tr. Wed., Sept. 16, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m., Bldg. 800, Rm. TBA

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7000 Professional Pkwy. E. Thu., Sept. 17, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m., Rm. 135

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You need proof



JUNE CASAGRANDE
A WORD, PLEASE

and proofreader. In recent years, I've gotten really good — good at catching other people's errors, that is. But my own work is a different matter. I make lots of typos, and I find it much harder to catch them.

We look at our own writing with a different eye. We're more focused on the big picture of what we're trying to say than the minutiae of whether every single little letter is just right. That's why a friend can often catch things you can't.

But anyone can overlook errors. That's why, even before you send it to a friend, you should do everything in your power to assure your resume is 100 percent error free.

Start by running spell-check. Your computer can catch some things the human eye can easily overlook, like repeated instances of "the" and "to," as well as easily misspelled words like "achieve." But spell-check won't necessarily catch "lead" in place of "led," "principle" in place of "principle," "lightening" in place of "lightning" and countless other little typos that plague people's writing.

That's why I believe that the most important thing you can do to assure a pristine resume is read it aloud. No, the aloud part isn't optional. By engaging your mouth, you force your eye to take in each word individually — something we normally do not do when we read our own writing.

The most troublesome typos all involve apostrophes. The king of them all is "it's" versus

"its." Remember that, contrary to how we usually form possessives, the "it's" with an apostrophe is not possessive. It's a contraction of "it is" or "it has" — always. The possessive form used in a sentence like "The department met its goals" never takes an apostrophe.

"Who's" versus "whose" and "they're" versus "their" and "there" follow the same principle: If it contains an apostrophe, it can be expressed as two words. "Let's" versus "lets" is trickier because "let's" is a contraction of two words we don't use together much anymore, "let" and "us." The version without the apostrophe is a conjugated form of the verb "to let." So you'd say "Let's talk Tuesday" but "My experience lets me tackle problems effectively."

With just a few extra steps, you can avoid sending your resume straight to an executive's wastebasket.

And in case you're wondering, experts disagree on whether "I appreciate you taking the time to meet with me" is OK. But all agree that the version with "your" in place of "you" is a solid choice.

And yes, in American English, commas always go inside quotation marks.

Happy hunting.

June Casagrande is author of "Mortal Syntax: 101 Language Choices That Will Get You Clobbered by the Grammar Snobs — Even If You're Right." She can be reached at JuneTCN@aol.com.

Barbara Taylor Bradford's latest blockbuster: 'Being Elizabeth'

FROM NAPSA

Barbara Taylor Bradford's legendary rise to fame contains many parallels with her classic debut novel, "A Woman of Substance," a rags-to-riches tale of female empowerment — and one of the top-10 best-selling books of all time.

She has an extraordinary literary record of success, including 23 novels — all best sellers — 81 million books in 90 languages and 10 network TV movies.

Her career began at the age of 16 in the typing pool at the Yorkshire Evening Post. By the age of 20, she had risen to become a magazine fashion editor and later an editor and columnist for the London Evening News.

Bradford's journalistic career would have been enough to satisfy the most ambitious of writers ... but not Barbara Taylor Bradford. Even today, Bradford remains as determined as ever. Each year, she sets out to write another classic, keeping to a strict regimen. "I like to start my day early," says Bradford from her home office in New York City. "I'm usually up at 5:30 a.m. and at the typewriter by 6:00, with two little white dogs under my desk to keep me company. I prefer using a traditional typewriter, as opposed to a computer, because I get to handle the paper, which allows my books to grow more organically."

Beyond her string of best-sellers, she was recently awarded an OBE (Order of the British Empire) by Queen Eliza-

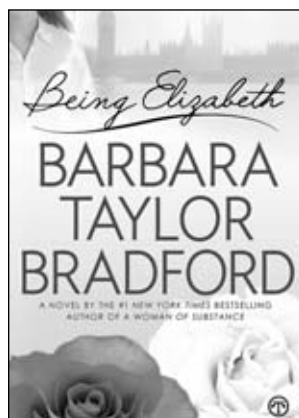


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published by St. Martin's Press. This tale of passion, betrayal and suspicion promises to be the ultimate summer saga.

Says Bradford, "'Being Elizabeth' is a modern story about a fiercely ambitious young businesswoman who stands on the verge of everything she's ever dreamed of. However, in a world of male chauvinism and family jealousy, Elizabeth must navigate a vast array of challenges in her rise to power and in her complicated relationships."

beth II for her contributions to literature.

Bradford's 24th book, "Being Elizabeth," is

FINE WHINES Bad humor man

BY BOB MUDGE
EDITOR

If you've noticed that I haven't been my usual jovial self lately, I want to apologize and offer an explanation: After decades of believing that I was a fairly humorous guy, I recently learned

that I'm not funny, and I'm still coming to terms with that.

Here's the back story. I wrote one of these columns a few months ago about how my wife "runs around" on me — she has some male friends she jogs with. She tolerated the piece — she

doesn't like me to write about her — but a lot of people said they liked it, so I submitted it for an award in the Florida Press Association Better Newspaper Contest.

Then my world came tumbling down around

Please see HUMOR, 11B



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Father joins daughter in musical tradition

BY JUDITH ZANGWILL
SPECIAL TO THE
GONDOLIER SUN

A multigenerational musical tradition continues at the Jewish Center of Venice when Joel Reznick leads the choir for the High Holidays in September.

As newly appointed choir director, Reznick will work closely with JCV cantor Marci Vitkus, who just happens to be his daughter. Reznick officiated as cantor and choir director with Chicago Northwest Suburban Jewish Congregation before retiring with his family to Sarasota, where he joined the Sarasota Jewish Chorale. Reznick's father — Vitkus' grandfather — was a cantor and supervisor of music at the Chicago Board of Jewish Education. Reznick's grandfa-

ther sang regularly at his Chicago synagogue, and Reznick's great-uncle was a renowned cantor in St. Louis, Mo.

Vitkus has participated in musical theater in Chicago and Sarasota, as well as singing with the Sarasota Jewish Chorale. Eventually she studied to be a cantor, and her lovely voice has delighted the JCV congregation for eight years.

Vitkus varies the traditional prayers with a variety of old and new melodies, and has introduced arrangements for oboe, guitar and cello, into the service, bringing an innovative musical dimension to traditional Jewish worship.

"I have no sons and never expected the family

Please see **TRADITION, 9B**



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE JEWISH CENTER OF VENICE

Newly appointed choir director Joel Reznick will join his daughter, Cantor Marci Vitkus, at the Jewish Center of Venice.

Guatemalan mission trip was gratifying

BY MARY LINDSKOG
SPECIAL TO THE
GONDOLIER SUN

Ask anyone from Venice Presbyterian Church who went on one of the recent mission trips what was their most memorable experience. Chances are the answers range from seeing a different culture to capturing on camera the broad smiles of the adults and children, observing the extreme poverty of the natives, hearing their expressions of gratitude. All would be saying it was one of the most meaningful experiences they ever had.

In Guatemala, a team of 18 people spent a week installing ONIL stoves in 67 Maya homes. This was an especially important project because of the alarming number of children who were treated for burns and respiratory problems — all due to the centuries-old tradition of cooking meals using an open fire pit on the dirt floor of their one-room home.

Excessive smoke inhalation is the leading cause of death in Guatemalan children under the age of 5. Thanks to the invention of the ONIL stove, thousands of rural Maya families are living healthier lives.

"There is now a 45 percent reduction in pneumonias," said Dr. Jim Weeks.

He has traveled to Guatemala since 1991, first on medical teams and more recently on the stove project. The deadly gas carbon monoxide that families were inhaling by using the old cooking method caused acute respiratory infections.

Weeks said the first medical team traveled to Guatemala 25 years ago. Since then, the hundreds of volunteers who have worked with the Maya communities have contributed more than \$100 million of their time and energy to improving the lives of the Guatemalans.

Ruth Smith was another mem-



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ber of this mission team. As a former nurse, she was particularly interested in the health of the families, especially the women and children.

"I really felt as if I was making a difference in the lives of the women," she said. "The trip made me more aware of the blessings I enjoy every day and made me appreciate them more."

Would she go on another mission trip to Guatemala? "Absolutely. I would love to," she said.

Weeks and his wife, Lois, are working on plans for two Guatemalan trips next year. He wants to use the dates of Feb. 27 to March 9 and March 13 to March 23. He is planning on 16 to 18 people on each team. Most of the teams will probably be from Venice Presbyterian Church, but he would like to open the trips to others in the community.

Frank Ebertino, an elder at Venice Presbyterian Church and a retired pharmaceutical chemist, delivered and dispensed much-needed medicines to a

clinic located in another small Guatemalan village school. He, his medical student granddaughter, Meaghan, and his brother, Charles, assisted a local doctor and his nurses. The medicines were purchased with church mission funds from Blessings International, a nonprofit organization dedicated to alleviating suffering and delivering medicines worldwide.

While in Guatemala, they were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Erick Estrada, in who's house, the Estradas care for and home-school 11 children, eight of them previously homeless. Venice Presbyterian Church and many friends are supporting this effort, in addition to supporting the construction of a medical clinic in an area where there is no medical service.

During this mission, arrangements were made with the local Habitat for Humanity office to help in the construction. Dedication of the first floor and the treatment of the first patient in the new two-story clinic will probably be in September.

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Why you should scratch fleas before they itch

FROM NAPSA

While they may seem like a small problem, fleas can cause more harm than just an annoying itch. Pet owners are advised to stop fleas before they spread

parasites and disease.

Aside from skin irritation and flea allergy dermatitis, these tiny insects are also hosts to tapeworms, which can infect both pets and children. Fleas are common during

warm months and in some climates they may be present year-round. To control fleas, use a convenient, over-the-counter formula like TriForce Squeeze-On for dogs and cats, which repels and kills fleas in

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Flea control is most effective when they are eliminated at all life stages. "A lot of products control adult fleas, but you really need to break their life cycle by also killing eggs and

larvae," said Brian Reardon, product manager for TriForce. "TriForce combines two modes of action—an insecticide and an insect growth regulator—to keep eggs and larvae from ever becoming biting adults."

HUMOR from Page 7B

my ears, thanks to judge Carolyn J. Bowen:

"Columnist needs to understand that humor relates to an event or situation; it does not flow from 'punny' comments ... they are not humorous."

Ouch. Admittedly, this is sort of a self-inflicted wound: If I hadn't entered the contest, I would still be blissfully unaware that I'm not funny. But I did, and I'm not, and it has caused me to re-evaluate my life.

For as long as I can remember I've

been making people laugh. Now I know that they must have been laughing at me instead of because of me.

That time in 10th grade when I thought that something I said made chocolate milk squirt out of Chuck Trout's nose? Probably just his gag reflex. (Oh no, was that a pun?)

The time I did what I thought was a killer stand-up routine at Rotary Futures' Comedy Night? No doubt the audience's reaction was due to the availability of an open bar.

All the times the people in the newsroom have broken up at some quip or wisecrack? Obviously they were just sucking up to the guy who signs their timecards.

So I hope you're happy, judge Carolyn J. Bowen, for having destroyed my self image in the space of three lines on a judging form. Would it have killed you let me down easy? Just because I'm a former lawyer and a hardened journalist doesn't mean I don't have feelings.

Maybe I could try to be philosoph-

ical instead of funny. Knowing my luck, I'd submit a serious column next year and judge Carolyn J. Bowen would tell me I'm not smart either. No, I'll just keep plugging away, hoping this blind — and humorless — squirrel will eventually find an acorn.

Oh, did I mention I won first place for that column? From judge Carolyn J. Bowen? If she didn't think I'm funny, imagine what she said about those writers.

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HOROSCOPES FOR AUG. 15-21, 2009

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You have the time for anything you want to do — but not everything you want to do. Choose your top three priorities carefully. Those are the ones you'll be able to accomplish.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There's a definite advantage to being the new person on the scene, so go where you've never been. You'll cause a stir and those you encounter will immediately want to know more about you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your reaction to the events of the week will not be easy to predict. There are many shades of you, and your moods change from moment to moment. That's part of what makes you so exciting to be around.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). What others wish for, you live every day. Take a moment to be grateful for the wonderful life you've made for yourself. This isn't all you can create. After you appreciate what you have, decide what's next for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Someone in an earlier stage of life reminds you of how you used to feel

and who you used to be. You've come a long way. You have something to teach younger people just by who you are. No extra effort is necessary.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You want everyone to get along. You can't make that happen — each person has free will. However, you can create an atmosphere around you of calm understanding and others are likely to relax into it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You've been in a position of having less, and so you're not afraid to lose. In that charming way of yours, you take a firm stance for what you want. The opposition is likely to cave in.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are usually not one to ask, "How am I doing?" The proof, for you, is in the results you're getting regardless of your current approval rating. This week will be an exception. It will be nice to know what others are thinking, so ask.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your intensity is set on "high," but this is not overbearing to those around you. You're pleasantly effective. People notice you and move in response to your energy.

You get a hard job done in a snap.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The ones who are supposed to be working for you may be just doing

Please see **HOROSCOPES, 12B**

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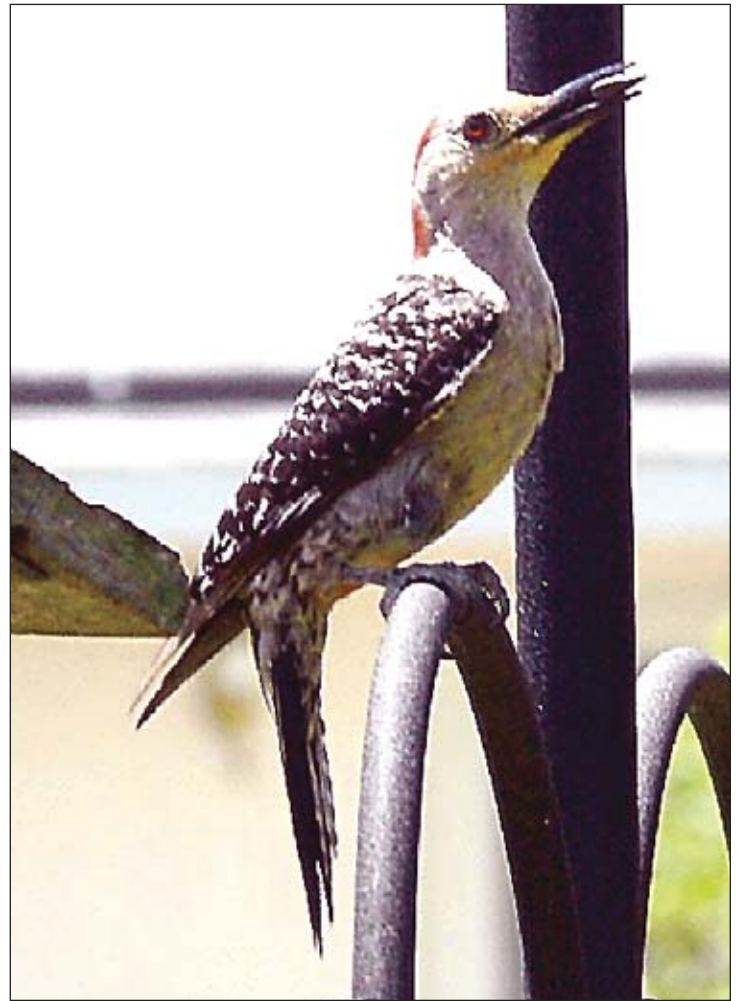
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On behalf of Women's Sertoma Club of Venice, Sheila Kauffer presented a \$250 check to her daughter, Cindy Kauffer, for the Desmond Tumor Research Foundation.



PHOTO COURTESY OF NORMAN MACLELLAN

American Legion No-Vel Post 159 Commander Norman MacLellan presented a check for \$3,500 to assistant coach Bill Schneeloch to help support Post 159's boys baseball team. The team ended the summer with a 20-8-2 record.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MINNIE SLOAN

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 159 held a baby shower for the South County Food Pantry at its July 14 meeting. Collected were diapers, food and assorted baby items. Auxiliary President Judy Steimel showed some of the items donated.

My volunteer work



PHOTO COURTESY OF BOB PETERS

Christina Skelton of Nokomis, center, was with Kevin Barton, president of the Wildlife Center of Venice, and Peg Magee, the center's education director, during a broadcast from WSCR 96.5 FM in Sarasota, a community radio station. They were doing a show about the center and the work it does for area wildlife.



PHOTO COURTESY OF PENNY NUTTLEMAN

Shannon Day, center, received a grant from PEO International to help her finish a nursing degree from State College of Florida Manatee-Sarasota. Sally Downey, left, and Jean Pereria, Chapter DU, presented a check for \$1,000 to Day from PEO International.

My family



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHARLOTTE POSTEMA

Henny Speek, 96, of Venice, gathered with her family recently. Pictured are her daughter, Charlotte, standing, granddaughter Sandra, great-granddaughter Jennifer and great-great-granddaughter Samantha.



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHARLES MCMANUS

On a recent trip to Massachusetts for his great-granddaughter's baptism, this photo was taken of, from left, daughter Donna Leverone, Mary Stoddard of Nokomis, Charles McManus with great-granddaughter Emiley Begley, and Emiley's mother, Linda Begley, of Scituate, Mass.

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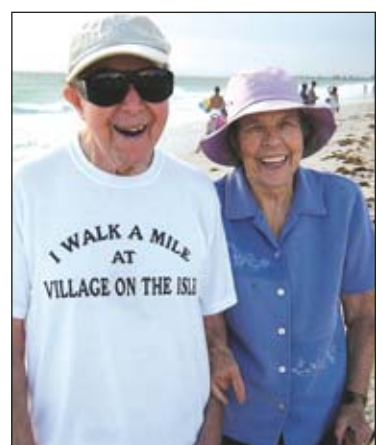
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Out and about



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Residents of Village On The Isle recently attended the Sunset Sip and Stroll at Nokomis Beach, sponsored by Village On The Isle and Sarasota County Parks. The event is held the third Saturday of the month, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The residents had the opportunity to listen to live music, stroll down the beach, pick up shells, and watch the beautiful sunset. Pictured, from left, are associate director of marketing Kathy Keenan, Shirley Grabner, Shirley and Roger Blackmore, Helen Larsen, Joyce Splitt, Billie Dell, David Altimer, and Allan and Jean Clough.



Allan and Jean Clough enjoyed the beach stroll.

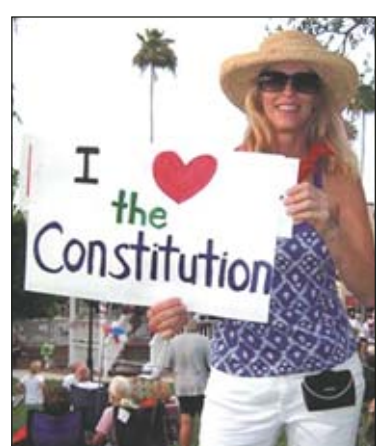


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The nonpartisan 912 Project held July 4 in Venice was well attended, and included speakers, music and messages, all led by event coordinator Pat Wayman. There were about 500 participants.

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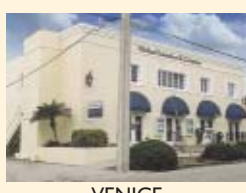
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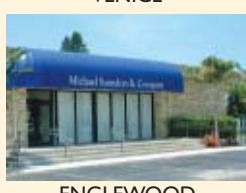
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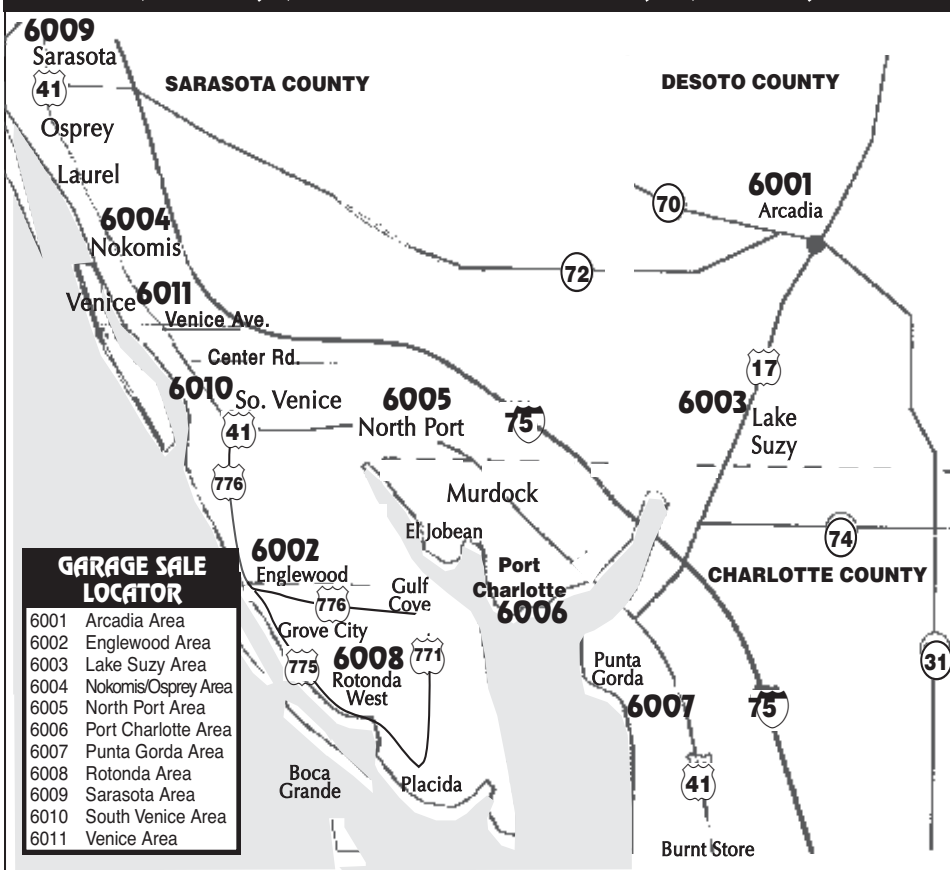
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REAL ESTATE MAILBAG

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THE 411

WHO: Benny L. Kass, a practicing attorney in Washington, D.C.
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DEAR BENNY:

My wife and I purchased a four-unit rental property for \$935,000 in 2006 and put 10 percent down. The lender split our loan into 80/20 and we have a loan balance of \$650,000 and a HELOC balance of \$192,000. We have an ARM payment on our first mortgage and our monthly mortgage increases annually. It's now getting to a point where we can't pay anymore.

Currently, the property value is \$625,000, so we pretty much are upside down. The bank doesn't want to adjust our loan because it is a rental property and they won't refinance. We also have a problem with a tenant who could not pay rent because she lost her job, and it is hard to find tenants due to the economic downturn. I would like your honest advice on what I should do. Should I just walk away? — Julius

DEAR JULIUS:

It will not be a consolation to you, but I am receiving questions from many, many readers with similar issues.

Unfortunately, there is no easy answer. The federal government and many state governments have started implementing plans and programs to assist people who are in your situation, but there still remains a lot of confusion — and indeed distrust — of many of these operations. More importantly, many lenders are unwilling to work with people whose properties are underwater.

There are a number of options available — but only you and your wife can make the final decision. You can file for bankruptcy relief, but you must consult a bankruptcy attorney to determine what the consequences will be.

You can try a short sale. Contact a local real estate agent, and see if there is any market for your property. Obviously, your lenders will have to approve, and this can take some time.

You can ask the bank if they will take the property back. This is called a "deed in lieu" of foreclosure. Or you can just walk away from the property, and let the bank foreclose. However, once again, you have to determine the consequences.

Many states allow lenders to go after their

borrowers for a deficiency judgment. Let's take this example: You currently owe a total of \$842,000 on both loans. If the bank sells the property for only \$600,000, that leaves a balance owing of \$242,000. This is known as a "deficiency." You have to talk with a local attorney to see if your state law permits — or prohibits — lenders from seeking that additional money from you.

I know you have already talked with your lender, and that's the first thing anyone should do. But don't talk to a local bank representative; it's difficult to find a responsible person in the lending community, but make the effort to talk with someone as high in the chain of command as possible.

EX WANTS HOUSE DEED TRANSFERRED

DEAR BENNY:

My husband and I divorced in September 2008. We own a house that was purchased in June 2006. I currently live in it, and according to our divorce decree, my ex-husband pays half the mortgage. Due to the current state of the housing market, we are very reluctant to put it up for sale and potentially lose a lot of money. He has asked me to sign a quitclaim deed and deed the house to him. We are to have the house appraised and split the

equity that we have in the house (approximately \$180,000). He is in the process of refinancing it himself, to get me off the mortgage. I will be allowed to rent the house for several more months until I find a place to live. Do you think this is a wise move? Additionally, are there any tax ramifications we need to be aware of? —Heidi

DEAR HEIDI:

Yes, it could be a wise move if you are prepared to move out of the house. Before you commit yourself to this transaction, make sure that you and your ex reach agreement — to be reduced to writing — as to how long you will be able to stay in house.

The biggest problem that divorcing couples encounter is that even if the family home is transferred to one of the parties, the mortgage lender will usually not let the transferring party off of the loan. But if your husband is prepared to refinance and have the loan in his name only, you have overcome that big hurdle.

As for tax implications, the law was amended back in the 1980s, so that no gain is recognized when the property is transferred — and thus no tax has to be paid. The basis of the transferee (you) will be added to your husband's basis for tax purposes.

But there are limitations and restrictions on

this. First, it does not apply to a spouse (or former spouse) who is a nonresident alien. Second, and perhaps more important, the transfer must be "incident to a divorce." According to the Internal Revenue Code, a transfer of property is incident to the divorce if such transfer:

- Occurs within one year after the date on which the marriage ceases, or
- Is related to the cessation of the marriage.

The IRS has taken the position that if the transfer is required in the divorce or separation agreement, it is incident to the divorce if the transfer occurs within six years after the date on which the marriage ends.

On the other hand, for transfers that are not made under a divorce or separation instrument, or that do not occur within six years after the end of the marriage, there is a presumption that the transfer was not related to the ending of the marriage.

This is a rebuttable presumption that can be overcome if the parties can demonstrate facts to support the position that this was really part of the divorce requirements.

It is not clear from your situation whether such a transfer would, in fact, be "incident to a divorce." You should consult legal counsel for specific assistance.

BANKS OFFER FREE FORECLOSURE LISTS

DEAR BENNY:

How can I obtain foreclosure lists for my area? I thought this list was free, but everyone seems to be selling them. Any recommendations? —Diane

DEAR DIANE:

That's a surprise to me, since there are literally thousands of Internet Web sites that list foreclosed property — 871,000, to be exact, when I did a search. You can also contact local banks and see what they have in their inventory.

But a word of caution: Do your homework, inspect the house, and consult legal and financial advisors before you sign a sales contract.

SHORTAGE OF ESCROW ACCOUNT

DEAR BENNY:

I am a senior citizen who is literally being priced out of my home of 10 years due to the consistent shortage of my escrow account. I asked my lender to remove the escrow account from my home loan, but was denied. The lender said that although it understands my desire to establish payment of property taxes on my own, its policy is to maintain an escrow account on all loans where an escrow

MAILBAG | P3

REAL ESTATE FINANCES

30-year mortgage rates increase this week

McLEAN, Va. — Rates on 30-year mortgages rose this week, remaining above 5 percent after reaching a record low earlier this year, Freddie Mac said Thursday.

The average rate on a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage was 5.29 percent this week, up from 5.22 percent last week, Freddie Mac said. Last year at this time, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 6.52 percent.

Rates on 30-year mortgages dropped to a record low of 4.78 percent earlier this year, but have been above 5

"Mortgages rose this week, remaining above 5 percent after reaching a record low earlier this year,"

— Freddie Mac

percent since June.

Though the troubled U.S. housing market is beginning to stabilize,

higher rates could slow down any recovery, since prospective buyers would be able to borrow less money and might decide to hold off on their purchases.

Freddie Mac collects mortgage rates on Monday through Wednesday of each week from lenders around the country. Rates often fluctuate significantly, even within a given day.

The average rate on a 15-year fixed-rate mortgage was 4.68 percent, an increase from 4.63 percent last week, Freddie Mac said.

Rates on five-year, adjustable-rate mortgages averaged 4.75 percent, up from 4.73 percent last week.

Rates on one-year, adjustable-rate mortgages dropped to 4.72 percent from 4.78 percent.

The rates do not include add-on fees known as points.

The nationwide fee averaged 0.7 point for 30-year and 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, 0.6 point for five-year adjustable-rate mortgages, and 0.4 point for one-year adjustable-rate mortgages.

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MAILBAG: Escrow too low

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account was required at the time of closing.

My issue is not about having an escrow account. My issue is that every year I am faced with an escrow shortage that affects my monthly mortgage payments.

What I don't get is why the mortgage company routinely estimates my account too low. Property taxes go up every year and obviously enough money isn't being collected; otherwise, there wouldn't always be a shortfall. And, what I also don't understand is if I have paid the entire escrow shortage, why is my monthly mortgage payment being increased as well? — Carol

DEAR CAROL:

There are two reasons why I do not like the idea of having to give a lender 1/12th of my annual property tax and insurance bill. First, most lenders do not pay interest on these escrowed funds, but clearly have the use of the money for a good part of the year. Second — and perhaps more importantly — I have had too many clients whose lender either did not pay the real estate tax at all or was late in making the payment.

Many years ago, I was successful in getting the law in the District of Columbia changed, so that if you get a loan of not more than 80 percent of the purchase price of the house, you

have the absolute right to pay your own real estate taxes and insurance without escrow.

But that's not the law in most states. Lenders do have the right to escrow for taxes and insurance. In fact, you may have heard lenders talk about PITI — which means your monthly payment includes loan principal, loan interest, property taxes and home insurance.

In your situation, while I understand your concerns, I cannot agree that your lender is pricing you out of your house. Unfortunately, it is the real estate tax that you have to pay — whether directly or through escrow — that is causing you pain.

Instead of trying to fight your lender — which probably won't work — I suggest that you determine the amount of your real estate tax (and insurance if applicable) and budget this on your own. If, for example, you know that 1/12th of your next real estate tax bill will cost you \$100, but if you are sending your lender only \$80 a month for escrow, put aside that extra \$20 into a savings account. At the end of the year, if the lender comes up short, you will at least have the money to pay the deficit.

Additionally, you should check with your local taxing authority. Many states and counties have programs whereby senior citizens can get a break on the amount of the real estate tax they have to pay.

Protecting concrete counters and floors

San Francisco Chronicle — Concrete has become a popular material for contemporary kitchen counters and floors. A mixture of cement, gravel and sand developed by the ancient Romans, it hardens to a rocklike, porous surface. But if not protected, concrete, like stone, will absorb salts, water and oil stains.

Old-fashioned beeswax and elbow grease can help to beautify and protect a patinaed concrete floor or countertop, giving it an attractive, albeit slippery sheen.

Two other, more effective types of sealers have been around for decades but are now improved with stronger resins. They are formulated to protect new stone, masonry and concrete surfaces from acidic citrus juices, wine or vinegar and even soap or salt stains.

The first is a topical urethane or acrylic-based transparent finish that is applied like paint; the other is a penetrating sealer that sinks into the molecular structure of concrete or stone and bonds to it to invisibly ward off spills and stains as an umbrella does rain.

Newly cured concrete floors can be protected with a penetrating sealer that, when brushed or sprayed on liberally, will sink to about 1/8 inch below the surface before it crystallizes and fuses to a slab of stone or concrete. This invisible water barrier will allow the material to breathe.

Concrete continues to

cure and harden for decades. So a freshly poured floor shouldn't be sealed under a thick film of polyurethane that locks out stains and air, because it will also lock in moisture and promote mold.

In certain instances, such as shower floors and kitchen counters, penetrating sealers chemically formulated with silane, a silicone-based molecule, to block oil as well as water are recommended.

AT A GLANCE

EXPERT OPINION:

Concrete's alkaline corrosiveness, which diminishes as it dries, decomposes sealers if they're applied too soon.

"Wait for about 28 days before sealing a new concrete floor," says Terry Tomlinson, a spokesman for Prosoco, a Kansas company specializing in

stone and concrete sealers.

Most sealers are topical (applied like paint on the surface) or penetrating (under the surface) types. Acrylic-based finishes are applied on the surface.

They form impermeable skins that prevent evaporation if water seeps in through cracks. Trapped moisture promotes surface mold or rust in steel-reinforced concrete.

Penetrating sealers form water-repellent crystals just under the surface of masonry, concrete or stone and allow water that sinks in to evaporate.

Even protected concrete surfaces need care. "If you don't wipe off spills, they soak in deeper," Tomlinson says. Oil and water repellents generally incorporate Teflon — ideally 3 percent to 4 percent — in their formula.

PROS: Matte or high-gloss topical sealers enhance and seal surfaces simultaneously.

A penetrating sealer typically won't alter appearance, and because it dries below the surface, it won't wear off easily.

Prosoco's SLX100 penetrating oil and water sealer repels soap scum on concrete shower floors. It behaves like a tough topical finish but allows moisture to evaporate.

CONS: A shiny topical sealer looks like plastic. It can blister if any moisture is trapped under it and it is hard to refinish. Penetrating sealers are easier to reapply but are less durable.

PRICE: Prosoco's SLX100 and other oil- and water-repelling sealers range from \$50-\$150 per gallon or more.

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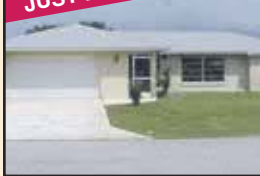


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- Barely Lived In
- 3/2/3 Backs To Conserv.
- With Creek
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- 3/2 Nice Neighborhood
- Close To Schools,
- Boat Ramps & Tennis
- \$79,900
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- Rotonda West
- 3/2/2 On Canal
- Golfing Area
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- Lake View
- Condo
- Lots Of Upgrades
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- Mini Estate
- 2/2/2 w/Pool
- 3.4 Ac w/City Water
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- Stainless Appl.
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- Walk To Beach
- 180° Waterview
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- Views of Lake, GC & Preserve
- 4/3/3 Hm-Rm For Pool
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- Great Community
- 2BR/2BA w/Space
- Room To Roam
- \$119,000
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- Harbor View
- 2/2 Furnished
- Everything New
- \$135,000
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- 4/2/Mobile Hm
- Punta Gorda
- \$99,500
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- South Venice
- Lg. Kit & Liv Room
- Fenced Yard, Pool
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- MLS#C6997290
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- Quiet Neighborhood
- 3/2/2 Split Level
- Great Rm. Layout
- \$96,000
- MLS#C7003204
- (941) 625-6120



- Canal Front
- 3BR, 2.5BA
- Well Cared For
- \$238,000
- MLS#C6999963
- (941) 347-6113



- Affordable!
- Condo - 654 sq ft
- The Waterways!
- \$54,900
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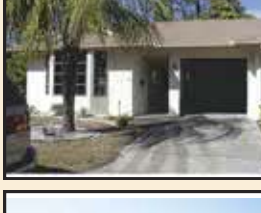
- Never Lived In
- Custom Hm w/Xtras
- Gourmet Kitchen
- \$199,900
- MLS#C7000887
- (941) 429-3341



- Cute 3BR/2BA Pool Hm
- Updated Kitchen
- Newer A/C & Roof
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- Harbour Heights
- 2/2/2 Needs TLC
- Wrap Around Porch
- \$69,900
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- Newer Home
- 3/2+ Office
- Needs TLC
- \$105,000
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- 5/4/2+ Lots Of Space
- Rambling 5 Acre
- Fenced & Gated
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- Country Setting
- "Homes Of Merit"
- 3/2 Split Plan
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- Rotonda Greenbelt
- Canal View
- Open Floor Plan
- \$129,000
- MLS#D5772521
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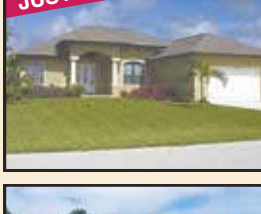
- Bobcat Trail Villa
- 2/2/2 Gated GC
- Lots Of Tile
- \$147,900
- MLS#C7003123
- (941) 429-3341



- Former Model!
- Split Plan!
- Circular Drive
- \$149,900
- MLS#C6995173
- (941) 625-6120



- River Oaks
- 3/2/2 Upgraded
- Family Home
- \$235,000
- MLS#C7003971
- (941) 347-6113



- Custom Home with
- Waterview AND
- Lots Of Upgrades
- \$268,000
- MLS#D5770426
- (941) 475-0004



- Cute Little FL Hm
- Lots Of Fruit Trees
- Fenced Yard
- \$69,000
- MLS#C6999319
- (941) 429-3341



- 2/2/CP w/Lake View
- Pool, Clubhouse, Etc
- Storage Shed
- \$65,000
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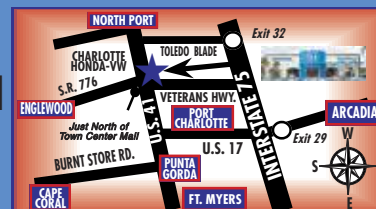


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Placida resident's very special 1987 El Camino

The beautifully restored metallic blue El Camino seen here is truly one of the best I've ever encountered. Its owner, David Kelley, formerly of the Philadelphia, Pa., area until October 2001, thinks so too.

He should know because his efforts, labor, knowledge of this particular popular model by Chevrolet, along with determination and connections with Al Collision on Placida Road, resulted in a restoration that stands out as excellent.

Kelley cleaned, sanded and painted the firewall after he personally removed its engine, transmission and drive line, and arranged for the suspension and steering parts to be powder-coated. The time required to do this allowed him to take the frame down to bare metal and prime and paint it, as well as the engine; to add some speed equipment; and more.

Every detail was accounted for, then this man reassembled the entire running gear. From start to finish to get it back on the road took five months, often with 8- to 10-hour days involved. It was a labor of love!

Kelley says, "This truck runs great, looks good and is a pleasure to drive. It (engenders) a multitude



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of compliments!" I'm sure you'll agree once you've seen this beauty.

At the end of this article will be some factory specifications regarding the El Camino.

Meanwhile, I'm really enthused about being able to write some of Kelley's personal background. He was born 1938 in a suburb northeast of Akron, Ohio, where his father and uncle started a trucking company that grew to having operations in New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Georgia and Alabama. The home office remained in Akron, where their No. 1 customer was Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co.

Age 10 saw Kelley delivering the morning edition of the Cleveland Plain Dealer until he turned 14. (Note: Sun Chairman of the Board Derek Dunn-Rankin and yours truly also were "Newspaper Boys.") Following the paper route period, an after-school position opened up for a mail and file clerk. He stayed there two years and transferred to become a



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mechanic's helper, then a class A mechanic, and was voted Union Shop Steward by his fellow mechanics.

The company had a terminal in Columbus, Ohio, where, while at college and law school, he would drive a tractor trailer during the school year. For adventure on summer break, he drove long-distance deliveries. Upon completion of his formal education, he went on to practice law for the state of Ohio, followed by service as vice president and legal counsel for several very large trucking companies operating nationally from 1966 through 1981. The years 1982-1988 saw him in the position of similar duties for Vita-Fresh Vitamin Co. Inc. in Garden Grove, Calif., one of America's largest manufacturers of vitamins. Since June 1988, he operates actively as a business consultant. His affiliations and awards/publications fill an entire page.

Known by many as "Kelley," his interest in cars began as a kid, going along with his dad to help pick out a new Chrysler every two years. By 15

years old, he owned a 1940 Mercury convertible requiring an engine rebuild, which was done by a fellow mechanic and himself. Later, for more power, an Olds Rocket motor was installed. During his early years, several Model A Fords were modified heavily, one had a Hemi V8 using it at drag strips.

About the same time, he struck up a friendship with Eddie Johnson, Harvey Firestone's private pilot and race car driver extraordinaire. Johnson drove the Indy 500 16 times, once finishing in sixth place. Each May, Kelley spent a lot of time at the track, followed with many trips around the USA helping and watching his friend drive varied types of race cars, including sports machines. In one race in Lime Rock, Conn., he finished second to the great Sterling Moss.

The love of cars was truly in his blood, constantly on the lookout for that special one. You'll love this: In 1967, Kelley saw an ad in a local paper listing a 1958 Mercedes 300 SL roadster for sale,

needing only a paint job, for just \$1,800. Needless to say, the money was in the seller's hands immediately. Very soon he arranged for a silver-colored paint job, similar to what factory race cars looked like. After many years of great enjoyment, he sold it to finance some real estate investments in Southern California, which were successful.

Many special and unusual automobiles passed through his hands, including the first fuel-injected 1957 Corvette sold in Ohio. His last restoration prior to the El Camino was a 1974 MG Roadster that turned out good enough to go from California to Key West, up to Ohio, and back out West without any problems.

He is satisfied with the Chevy and even though his wife, Maryanne, enjoys riding along, she prefers her 2005 Dodge Hemi-powered Magnum. Kelley takes great pride as owner of this fancy vehicle, and as father of Lori Sachs, a longtime chemical engineer for Chevron Oil Co.

Basic specs: Wheelbase,

117 inches; length, 202 inches; weight, 3,400 pounds; height, 55 inches; width, 72 inches; engine, 305 cubic inches with stock 160 horsepower modified to 250 horsepower; transmission, 200 series four-speed over-drive equipped with power steering, brakes, windows and rare factory AC.

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1958 Mercedes 300 SL roadster

Submersion in water might have fried air-bag system

Dear Tom and Ray: I live here in England (my wife is from New Jersey, and she introduced me to you guys). Recently my wife and I drove our "eBay special" Renault Laguna to Twickenham in Surrey. We parked not far from the river and went for a coffee. When we returned to the car an hour later (it was a dry day), the whole street was under water. Our Renault was in about two feet of water. The car started and I backed it out whilst the locals watched me and shook their heads. After drilling holes in the foot wells, we drove home. We got the car dried out at a garage, and the engine is fine. However, the seat-belt pre-tensioners got soaked, and now the air-bag light flashes constantly. The garage could not do a diagnostic of the air-bag system on this 12-year-old banger. Do you think there is a danger of the air bag going off whilst driving? Cheers! — John

TOM: Quite the opposite, John. I think there's a danger that the air bag will NOT go off if you have an accident.

RAY: I'm just impressed that he happened to have an electric drill in the car, just in case he needed to put drain holes in the floor! Now, that's planning ahead!

TOM: When the air-bag light is flashing, John, that

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means there's a fault somewhere in the system. The car's computer runs a self-diagnosis every time you start the engine. The flashing air-bag light is telling you that the computer detected a problem, and you can't count on the system to work properly.

RAY: The seat-belt pre-tensioners are part of the air-bag system, or more correctly, the supplemental restraint system (SRS). They use small explosions to instantly cinch up the seat belts in preparation for a crash, to pull you into the correct position, where you can most benefit from the air bag.

TOM: If your mechanic is certain that the pre-tensioners are what's causing the light to flash, you can try to have them replaced. You might talk to a collision repair shop, which would have experience in rebuilding cars after accidents involving air-bag deploy-

ments. **RAY:** But I'm not certain that's all that's wrong. If your mechanic was unable to scan the computer and read the codes, how does he know there aren't other problems with the SRS system? The air-bag sensor itself could have been under water, too.

TOM: So before replacing anything, I'd try to find a mechanic who can perform a proper scan for you. That may require a trip to the Renault dealer. And if you're thinking about returning to Twickenham, you might consider having the dealer install the official Renault bilge-pump and pontoons while you're there. Good luck, John.

How to gently get out of a tight squeeze

Dear Tom and Ray: It might have been the Red Sox sticker on my car, but I found myself in a no-win situation in New York City a few weeks ago. I had traveled to New York for the weekend, and I was able to secure a perfect parking spot on the street. When I arrived back at my car on Sunday, I came across a gruesome sight. The cars in front of and behind me were parked so close to my bumpers that there wasn't enough lube, crowbars or 1,000-point turns to get

me out of my spot. The cars on either side of me literally were touching my bumpers. So my question is, What to do? Should I "gently" move them (use my car to push the other cars far enough so I can get out)? Or should I just walk to the nearest bar for cocktails to wait them out? — David

TOM: Well, I think you may have little choice, David. You may have to use what some New Yorkers call "persuasion."

RAY: I certainly would give the other drivers a reasonable grace period. Wait around for 15 minutes or half an hour if you can — just in case they stopped to run into a store or pay a quick visit to a friend. But in some parts of New York City, people can park a car and not use it again for a month!

TOM: But even if you're in an area where people have to move their parked cars every day, having to stand around until the next morning is not fair to you. And clearly, those cars weren't there when you parked the car (or you never would have gotten into the space). So both of them knew they were blocking you in. In which case, you are justified in forcing your way out.

RAY: We don't know if a police tow truck or the city help line (dial 311)

would be of any assistance. We tried calling the NYPD to ask, but they suggested we e-mail them Form 4063b and wait until the Martians land for a response (to be fair, we prefer to think they're out preventing crime rather than responding to questions from a couple of jamokes like us).

TOM: But unless the police or parking department will help you, you may have no choice but to force your way out. I saw a guy in Boston with a Lincoln Town Car, and he was in the same situation — he had been parked in. So he was turning the wheel back and forth, back and forth, trying to get out, all to no avail. Finally, he lost his patience.

RAY: So he puts the thing in drive and floors it, smashing into the car in front of him, and pushing that car into the car in front of it.

TOM: Then he realizes he's not sure which guy was more responsible. So he puts it in reverse and floors it again, and does the same thing to the guy behind him.

RAY: Then he puts on his turn signal, which is now dangling from the back of his car, pulls out and goes on his merry way.

TOM: By the way, that's how my brother usually gets INTO a parking space.

RAY: Here's a better way to do it, David: Put the car in drive; make sure you're bumper to bumper, so you do as little damage as possible; and then slowly squeeze the gas pedal (you ultimately may have to push it pretty hard) until the car in front of you moves a couple of feet. Then go backward slowly, until you're bumper to bumper with the car behind you, and do the same thing.

TOM: Once you have room to get out, feel free to leave a sternly worded note on the offending windshields, and go on your merry way. And next time, take the train to New York. It's a wonderful experience.

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CHARLIE BROWN AND I ARE GOING TO PLAY A LITTLE CATCH

NOT WHERE I'M JUMPING ROPE, YOU'RE NOT! NOW GET OUT OF HERE!
WHY SHOULD I? I LIVE HERE, TOO, YOU KNOW!

WHY SHOULD YOU ALWAYS HAVE YOUR WAY? WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU'RE SO IMPORTANT? WHY SHOULD I ALWAYS DO WHAT YOU SAY?

WHAT COULD I DO? SUDDENLY I WAS LOOKING DOWN THE BARREL OF A FIST!

THE LOCKHORNS
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"I'M OUT OF THE DOGHOUSE AND INTO THE KENNEL."

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"OH, I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE... I JUST NEED HELP FINDING MY KEYS."

"ARE YOU YELLING AT BILL O'REILLY OR WITH HIM?"

Hi and Lois
by BRIAN and GREG WALKER

COULD YOU FINISH RIGGING UP THE TENT, CHIP?

>GROAN<
DO I HAVE TO? I'M EXHAUSTED FROM THE HIKE OUT HERE.

WHAT 'HIKE' IS THAT?! YOU CAN STILL SEE OUR #@*! CAR FROM HERE! NOW GO RIG THAT TENT, MISTER!

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WHEN DELILAH SURPRISES LAWRENCE AT HIS SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT...

I MISSED YOU!

I MISSED YOU TOO... BUT WE NEED TO TALK!

I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE, DEAR.

ME TOO...

AND I'M SO SORRY I HURT YOU!... LEAVING SO MANY TIMES... I DON'T WANT TO DO THAT ANYMORE!

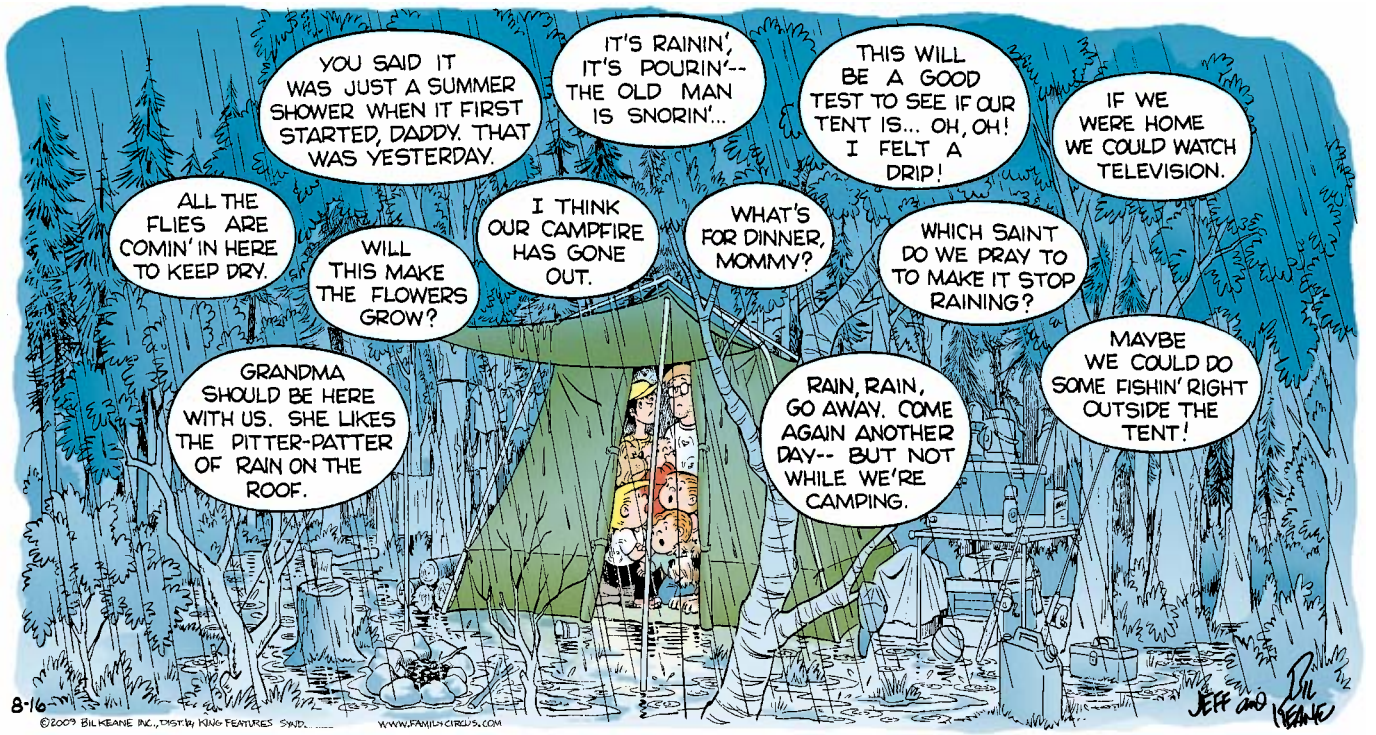
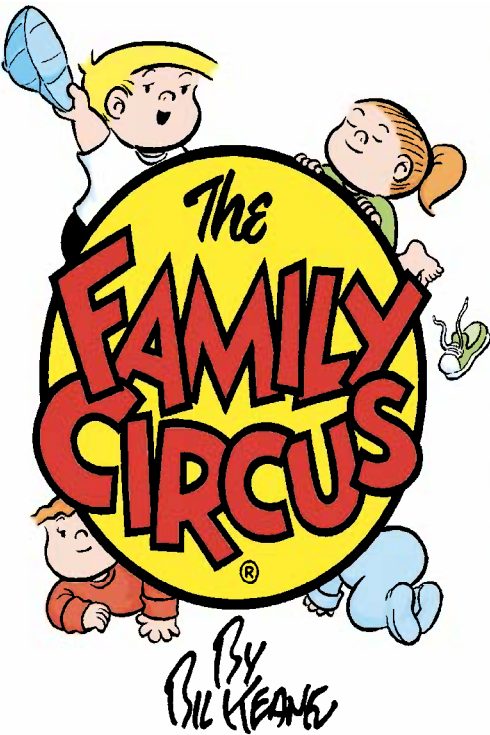
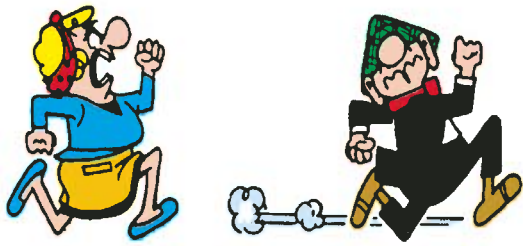
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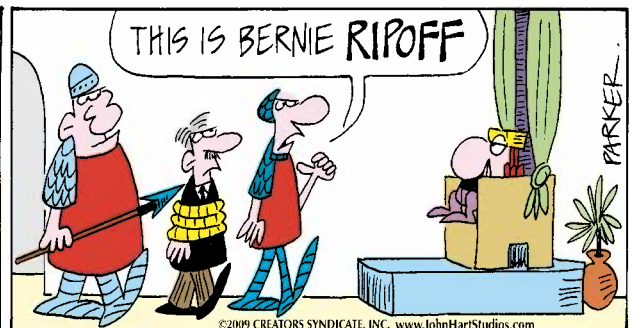
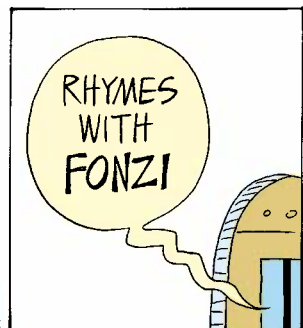
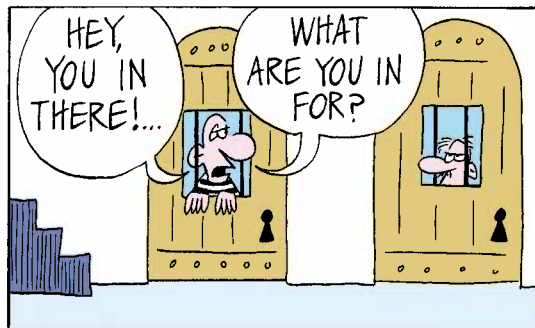
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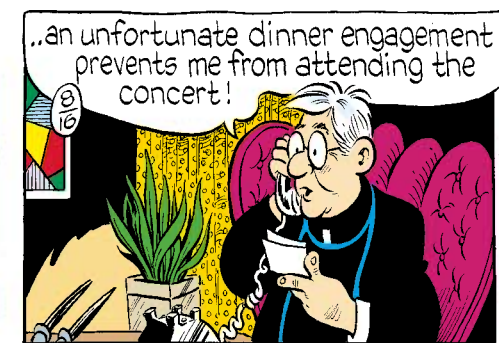
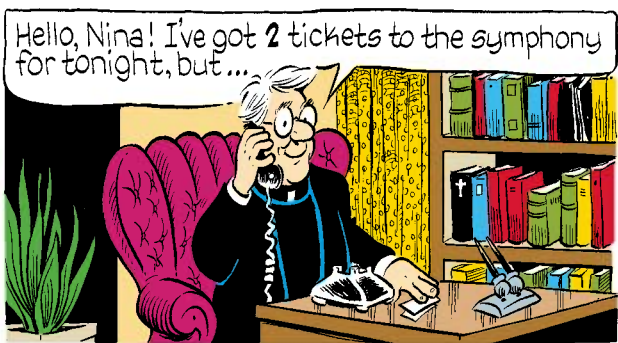
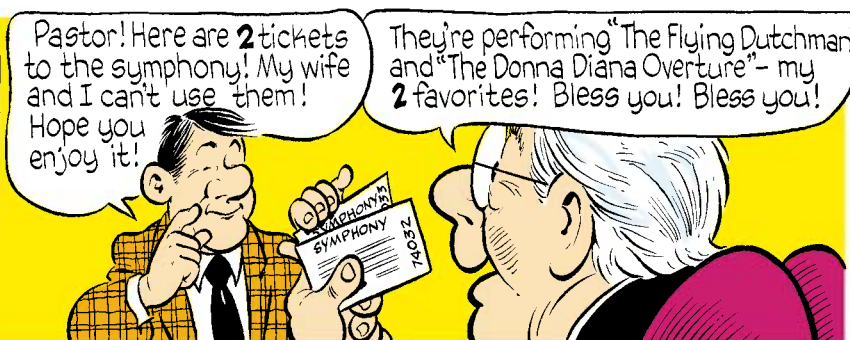


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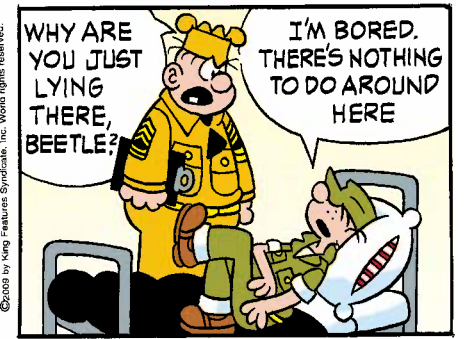
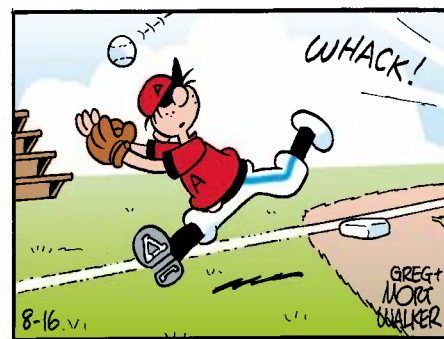
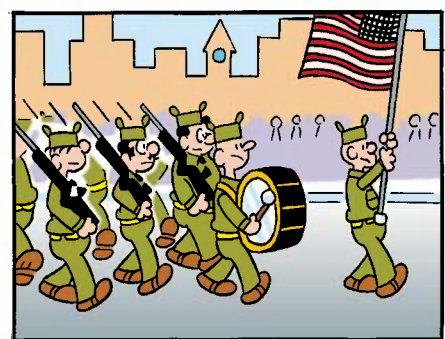
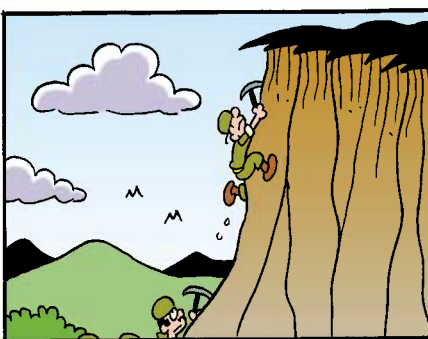
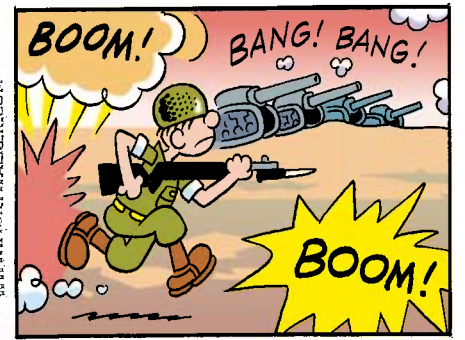
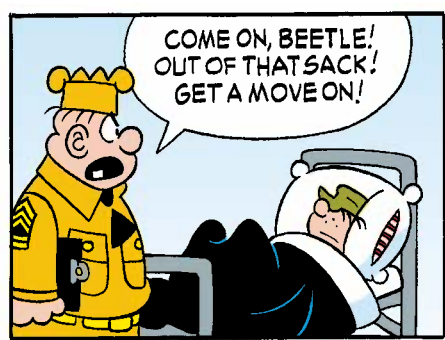
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HAGGAR
the horrible
by DIK BROWNE

NOW WHO COULD THAT BE KNOCKING AT THIS HOUR?
KNOCK! KNOCK!

IT CAN'T BE HAGAR - HE HAS A KEY!
KNOCK! KNOCK!

KOYER THE LAWYER!
GOOD EVENING, HELGA!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING KNOCKING AT MY DOOR IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT?

IT'S BUSINESS, HELGA!

I REPRESENT HAGAR YOUR HUSBAND..

HE HIRED ME AS HIS LEGAL COUNSEL TO EXPLAIN WHY HE'S GETTING HOME SO LATE!

BLONDIE
BY DEAN YOUNG & JOHN MARSHALL

BING BONG

WELL, HELLO THERE!
NO CLOWNS TODAY! I'M IN NO MOOD TO DEAL WITH A CLOWN AT MY DOOR!

THIS IS THE BUMSTEADS! RESIDENCE, ISN'T IT?!
NO! THE BUMSTEADS MOVED FAR, FAR AWAY!!

WHY IS IT SO DIFFICULT TO READ A BOOK IN MY OWN HOME ON MY DAY OFF?!

WHAT WAS ALL THAT COMMOTION ABOUT, DEAR?
SOME GUY SHOWED UP WEARING A CLOWN COSTUME, SO I GAVE HIM THE OLD HEAVE-HO!

OH NO! THAT WAS THE CLOWN I HIRED TO ENTERTAIN AT A BIRTHDAY PARTY I'M CATERING ON OUR BLOCK!
A PARTY CLOWN?

LOOK, JUST JUGGLE SOMETHING AND DO A FUNNY LITTLE DANCE... THEN YOU CAN PROBABLY GO

ONE BIG HAPPY
BY RICK DETORIE

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YEOW!

AUGGH!

OW! PIFF! ERG!

YOU KIDS STOP FIGHTING, OR I'LL NOTIFY THE AUTHORITIES!

WHAT'S HER PROBLEM?
I DUNNO. LET'S DO IT AGAIN, ONLY THIS TIME I SWING IN!

SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS
BY BOB WEBER JR.

Slick Smitty is charged with stealing from Buford Bull's china shop. But Smitty insists he has a receipt that lists every item he is accused of taking that day. A lie detector indicated he's telling the truth, but Slylock Fox knows that Slick Smitty could still be guilty. How?

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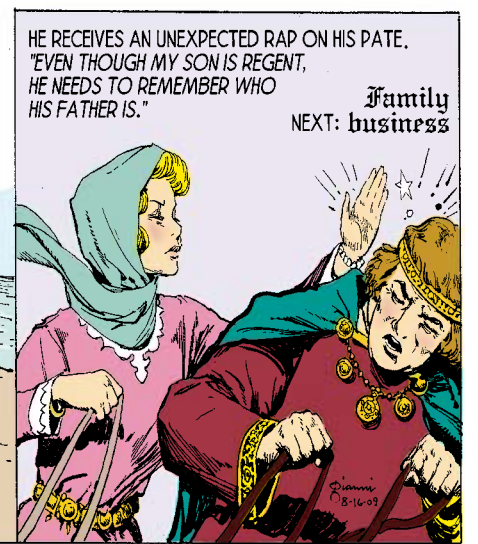
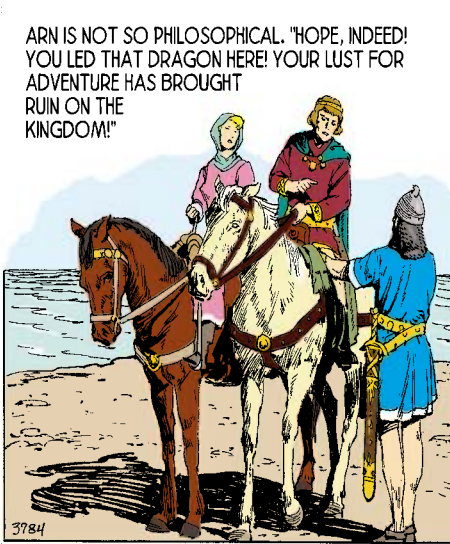
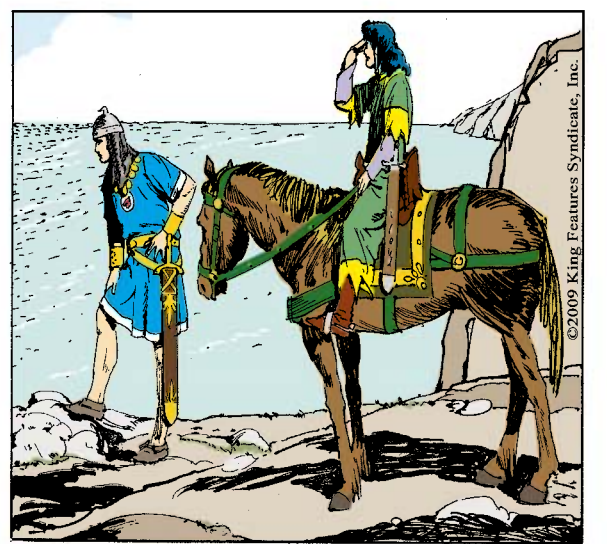
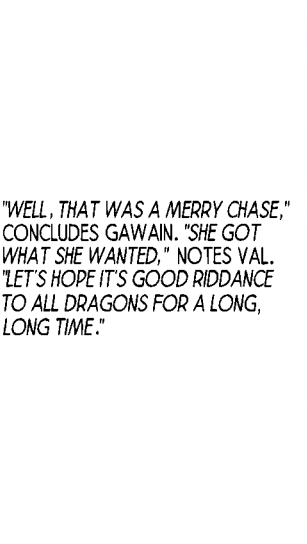
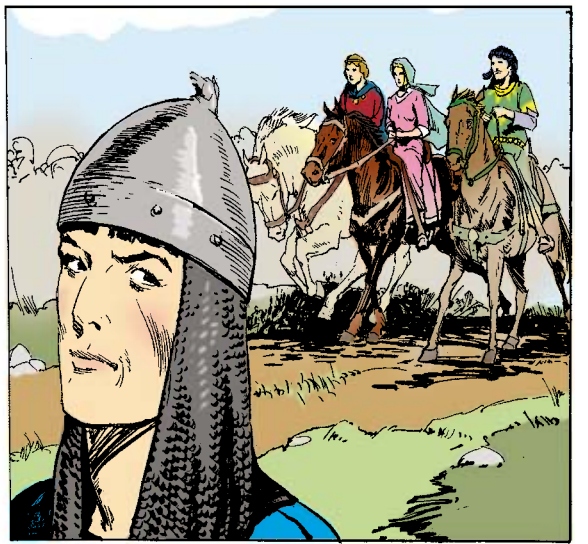
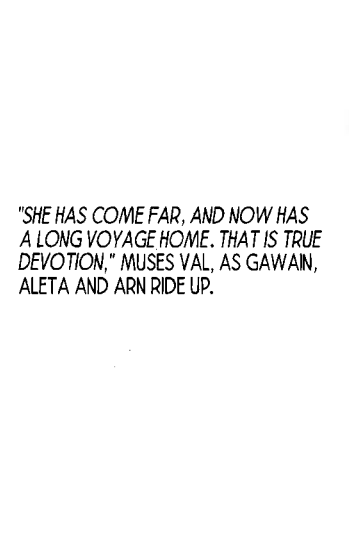
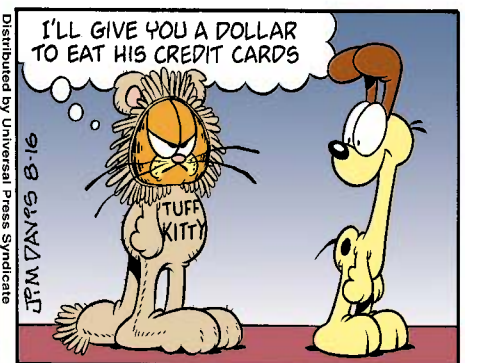
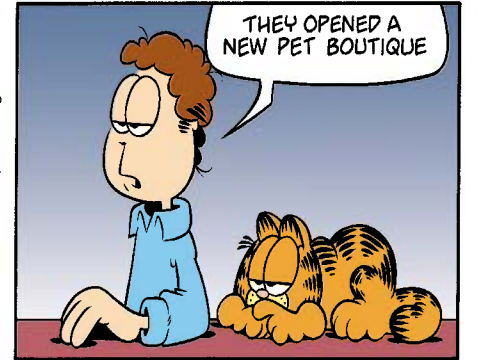
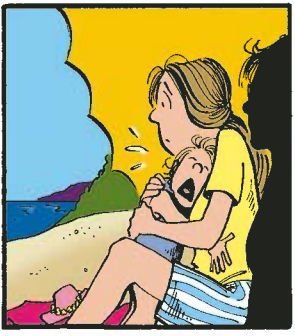
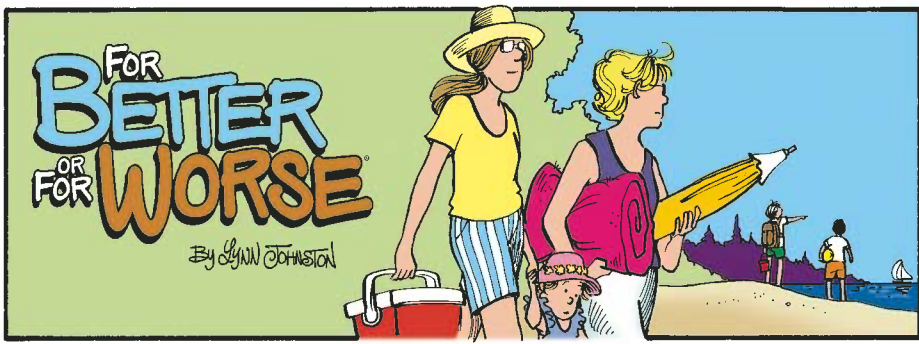
Which food do 3-11 year olds prefer over all other foods for lunch and dinner?

a) Hot dogs
b) Pizza
c) Hamburgers

Answer -- b) According to a Gallup poll.

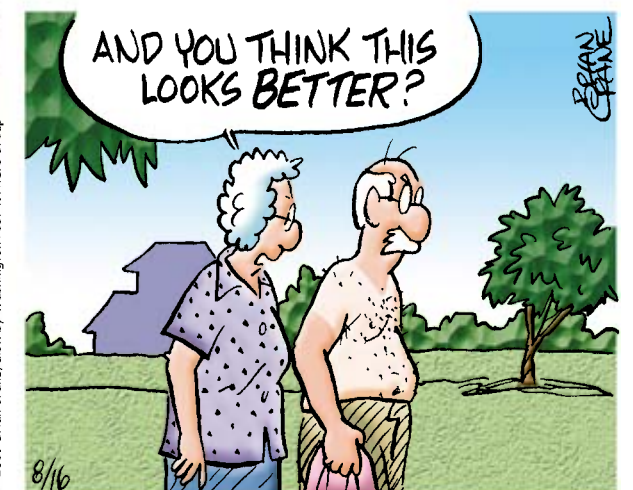
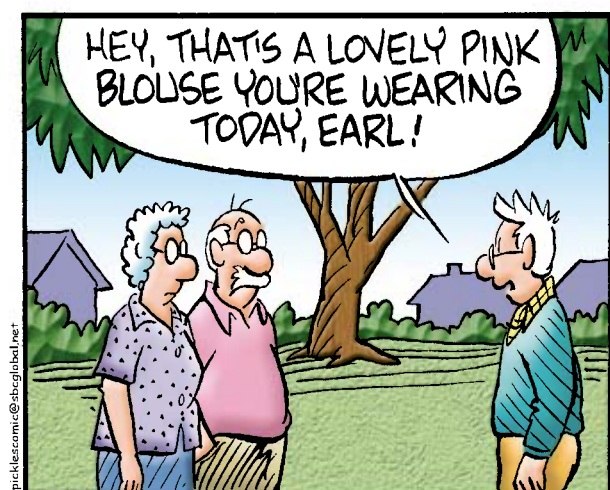
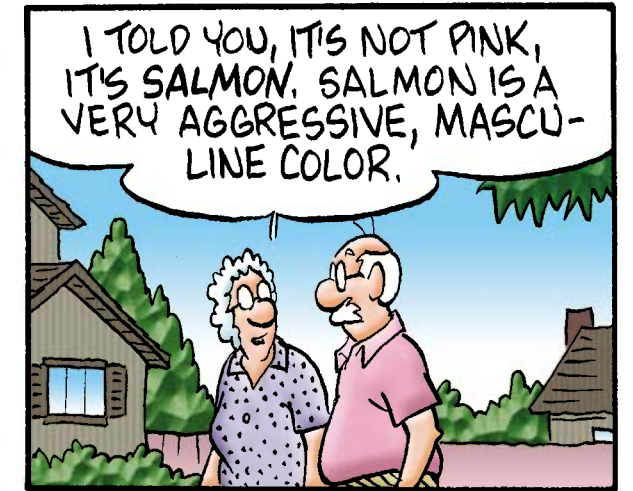
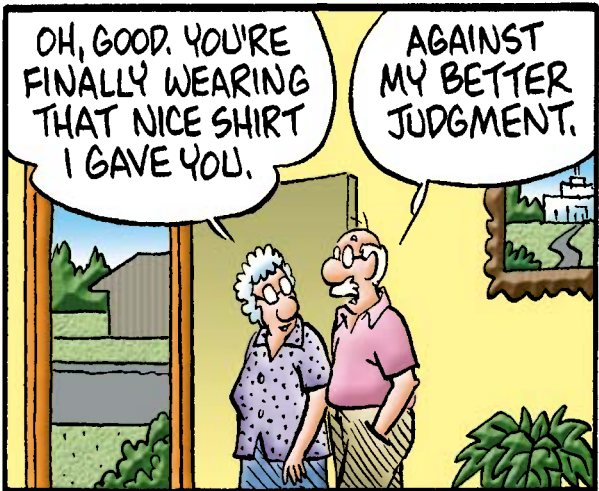
Answer -- Apron string, steam, tongue, pepperoni, boy's hair and chef's hat.

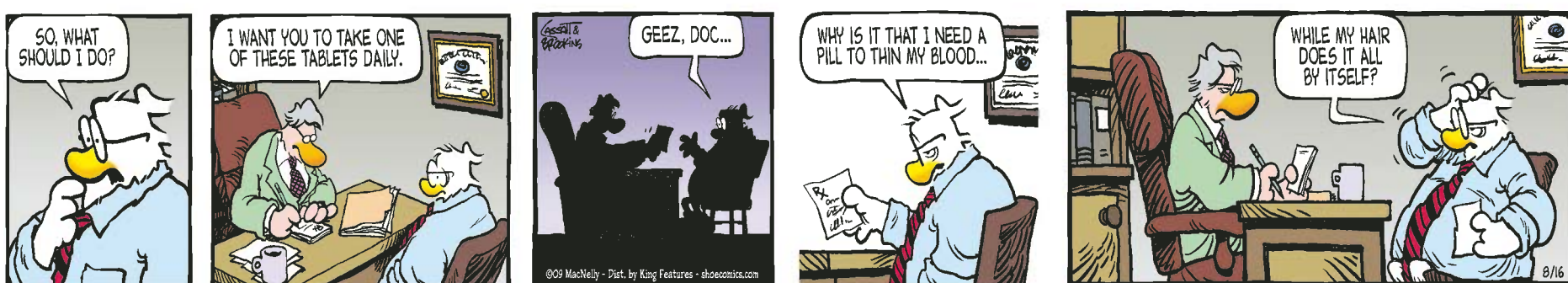
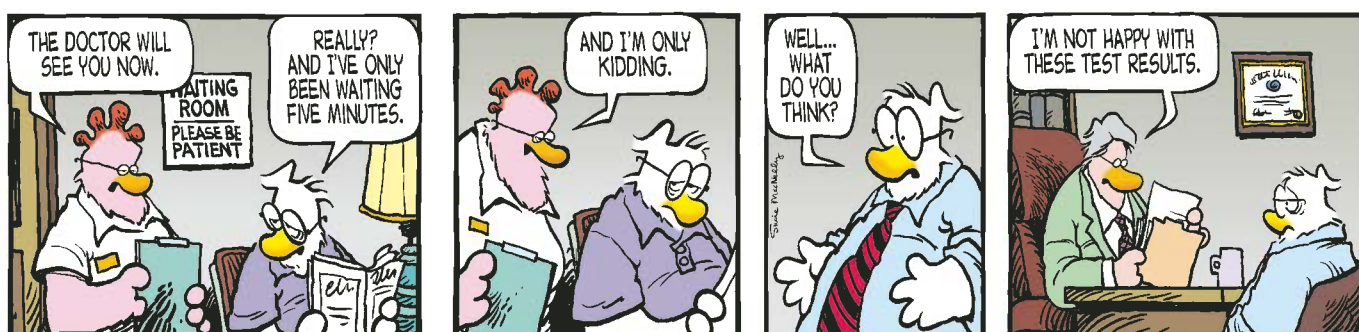
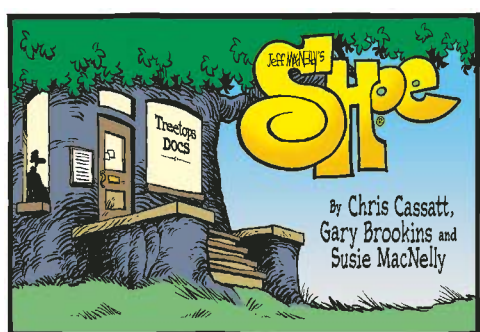
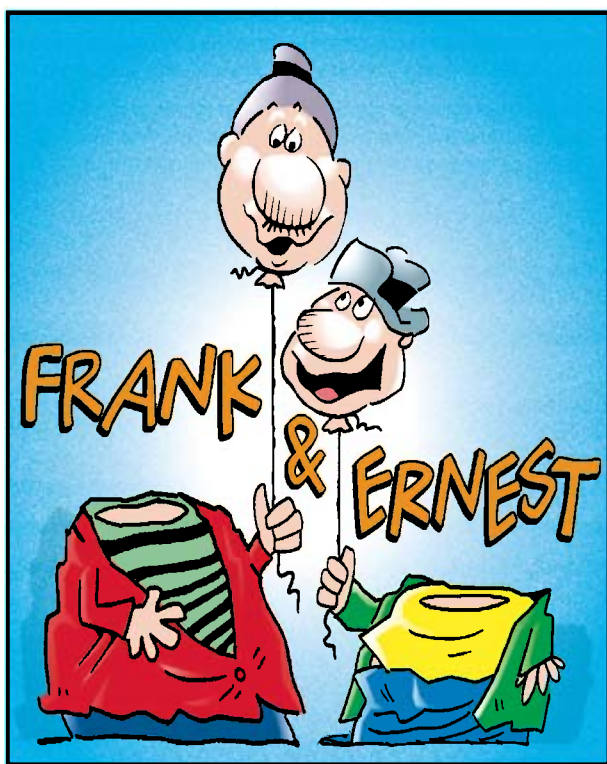
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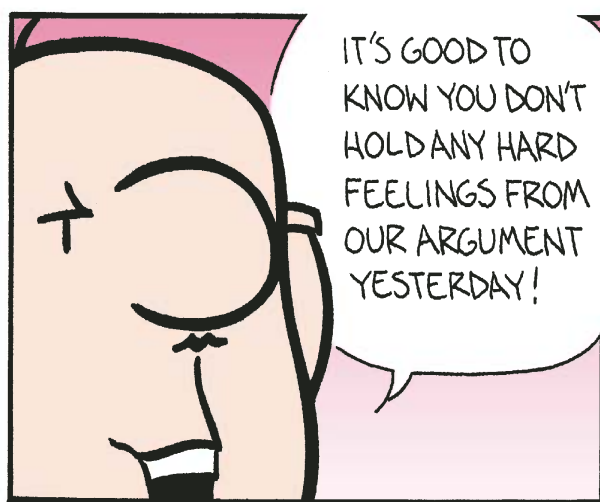
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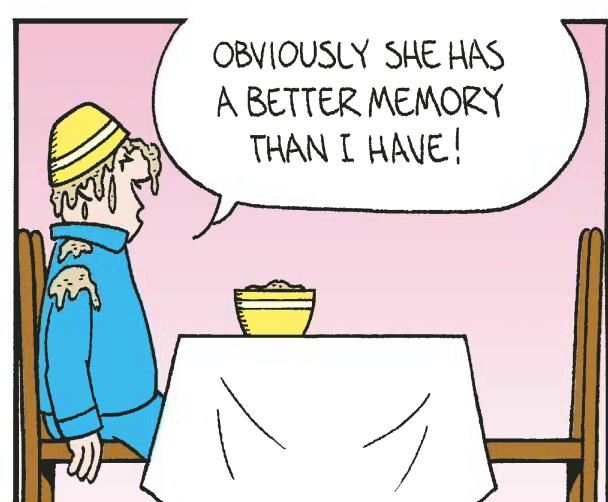
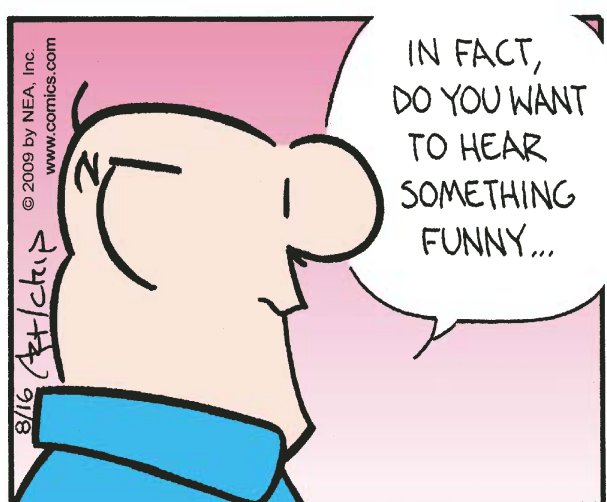




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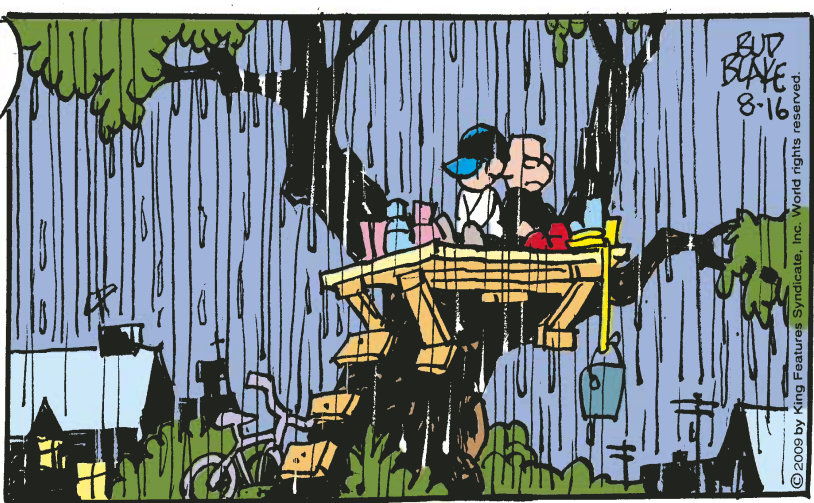
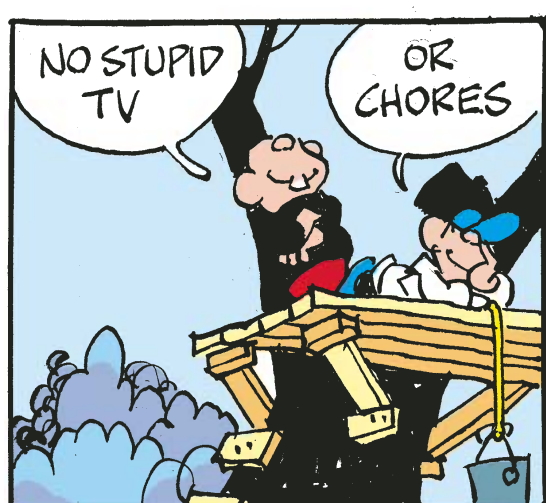
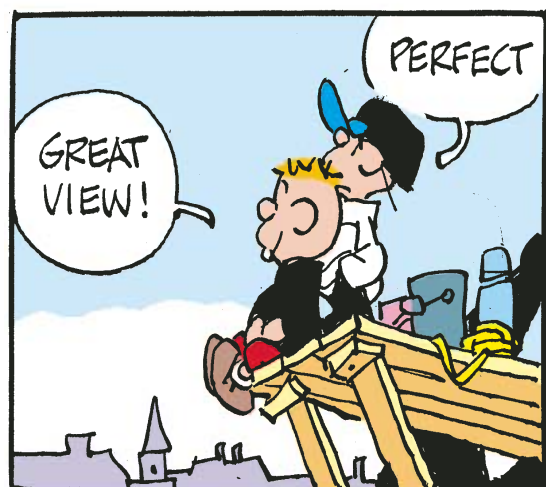


BY ART & CHIP SANSOM



TIGER

BY BUD BLAKE



BABY BLUES

RICK HIRKMAN / BY JERRY SCOTT

I'VE DECIDED SOMETHING ABOUT MYSELF.

I'VE DECIDED THAT I'M A PEOPLE PERSON.

TRIP!

MIANG!

GIRL PEOPLE, THAT IS,

The PHANTOM

by LEE TILK

ASSASSINS! SET TO MURDER REX AND ALICIA!

!!

THE SHARANAN ARMY GENERAL! HE'S A TRAITOR!

BLAM!

GET BACK, DOG!

EVEN THE LOWEST DOG IS LOYAL TO THE DEATH, GENERAL!

HOW LOW DOES THAT MAKE YOU?

GET HIM, DAD!

WHACK!

DePaul & Ryan 8/16

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Color by TOM SMITH

BARNEY GOOGLE and SNUSEMYTH

BY JOHN ROSE

MY FEET'RE GITTIN' ITCHY !!

ATHLETE'S FOOT ?

URGE TO RAMBLE !!

BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE WENT HUNTIN' IN TH' BACK O' BEYOND WOODS, LUKEY !!

THAT'S 'CUZ IT'S DARK AN' SPOOKY !!

WE ALWAYS GIT LOST AN' WANDER 'ROUN' FER DAYS !!

HUNTIN' AN' COOKIN' OVER AN OPEN FIRE AN'...

I'LL GIT MY GUN AN' PACK A LONCH !!

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Zits

BY JERRY SCOTT and JIM BORGSMAN

BLINKER ON...

...CHECK YOUR MIRRORS...

...START MERGING...

...BLINKER OFF...

...RESUME BREATHING...

DON'T RUSH ME.

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SALLY FORTH

by Francesco Marciulliano

I CAN'T BELIEVE SUMMER'S ALMOST OVER.

DON'T SAY THAT! DON'T EVER, EVER SAY THAT!

THERE'S SOMETHING MELANCHOLY ABOUT LATE SUMMER...

THE DAYS SEEM LAZIER THAN EVER, BUT THERE'S ALSO A GROWING SENSE OF HASTE...

AS IF WE NEED TO START SQUEEZING OUT EVERY LAST DROP OF THE SEASON BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE...

AS IF AT EVERY MOMENT WE SHOULD BE GRILLING OUTSIDE, HITTING THE BEACH, TAKING WALKS, ENJOYING ICE CREAM, DOING ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING OUTSIDE BEFORE FALL UNFORTUNATELY ARRIVES.

WAIT, I THOUGHT FALL WAS YOUR FAVORITE SEASON.

IT WAS. BUT THEN I REALIZED IT'S JUST A QUICK BAIT-AND-SWITCH FOR WINTER.

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Cathy
by Cathy Guisewite

UVA, UVB & UVR* BLOCK

ULTRA-VISIBLE REALITY

WHAT THE NEW **SUPERSIZED SUNGLASSES** SAY ABOUT YOU.

HOT.

HIP.

MYSTERIOUS.

POWERFUL.

SEDUCTIVE.

CUTE!! YOU FOUND SUNGLASSES BIG ENOUGH TO COVER UP YOUR READING GLASSES!!

SHHH! HEY!! PUT THOSE BACK!!

MISUNDERSTOOD.

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B.C.

BY HART

GOODBYE, CRUEL WORLD!

JUST WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING THERE?

I'M GONNA JUMP.

NOT BEFORE I DO, BUSTER!

SO WHAT IF YOU HAVE TINY ARMS, AT LEAST YOU HAVE ARMS! YOU GOT PLENTY MORE REASON TO LIVE THAN ME, PAL!

NAME ONE GOOD THING I GOT GOIN' FOR ME.

HOW 'BOUT YOUR SENSE OF SMELL?

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I DO HAVE THE LARGEST OLFACTORY CAVITIES OF ANY CREATURE ON EARTH.

THAT'S THE SPIRIT!

RACE YA TO THE BOTTOM?

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DOONESBURY

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

SO WHAT'S IT GOING TO TAKE TO PUT YOU IN THIS FINE GM VEHICLE, SIR?

DEPENDS. CAN I GET GPS WITH THE SALE PACKAGE?

WELL, THAT'S A BIT UNUSUAL, SO I'LL HAVE TO CHECK. BUT I'M SURE WE CAN MAKE THAT HAPPEN, SIR!

GREAT.

AL? GOT A VALUED CUSTOMER HERE WHO'D LIKE TO CUSTOMIZE A PACKAGE...

UH-HUH... SO WHO WOULD AUTHORIZE IT THERE?...OKAY...

YEAH, THIS IS MILES AT TRI-STATE. I NEED A CHANGE ORDER FOR... WHAT? WHICH DEPARTMENT?...GOT IT.

YES, I'M LOOKING FOR AN APPROVAL ON... NO? WELL, WHO DO I...REALLY? SURE, I CAN HOLD...

MR. PRESIDENT! SORRY TO BOTHER YOU, BUT... YES, I TRIED YOUR TASK FORCE...

NEVER MIND.

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MARK TRAIL
DODD AND ELROD

SMOKEY BEAR HAS TAUGHT US A LOT ABOUT FIRE PREVENTION, BUT UNFORTUNATELY, MANY OF US HAVEN'T PRACTICED WHAT WE LEARNED...IN 2008 MORE THAN 70,000 FOREST FIRES WERE CAUSED BY ARSON AND THE CARELESSNESS OF HUMANS

ALL FOREST FIRES START SMALL, AND THE KEY TO SUCCESS IN CONTROLLING THEM IS EARLY DETECTION

LOOK, MARK! THAT'S A STATE FIRE PATROL PLANE...THE PILOT PROBABLY SAW THE SMOKE FROM OUR CAMPFIRE AND WANTS TO BE SURE IT'S SAFE!

IN REMOTE AREAS, A FIRE WILL USUALLY GET LARGE BEFORE SOMEONE SEES AND REPORTS IT

MOST FIRE TOWERS ARE NO LONGER STAFFED, SO MOST FIRES ARE REPORTED BY TELEPHONE

HAVING SOMEONE IN THE AIR WHO CAN SEE THE BIG PICTURE AND RELAY THE INFORMATION TO FOREST RANGERS GIVES A REAL ADVANTAGE TO STOPPING A TRAGEDY

IF YOU SEE A ROADSIDE OR WILDERNESS FIRE THAT IS NOT UNDER CONTROL, BE SURE TO REPORT IT

WE SALUTE THE MANY PEOPLE WHO WORK HARD TO KEEP OUR FOREST AREAS FREE FROM DESTRUCTION

JACK & JAG

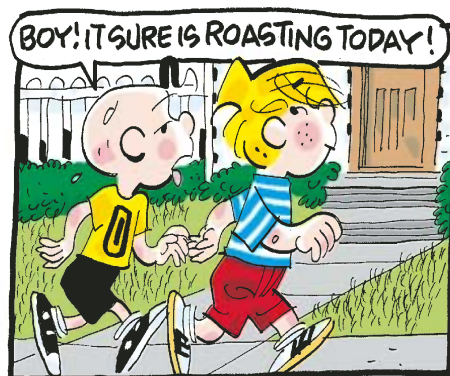
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Dennis the Menace

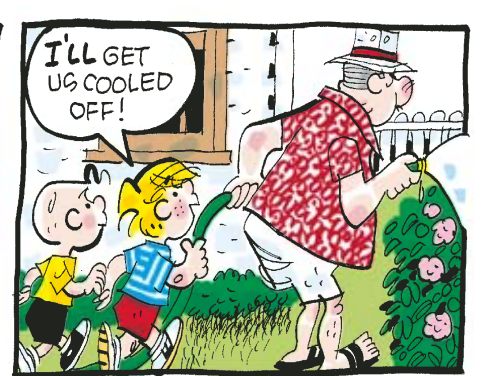
The Joke's On Me!



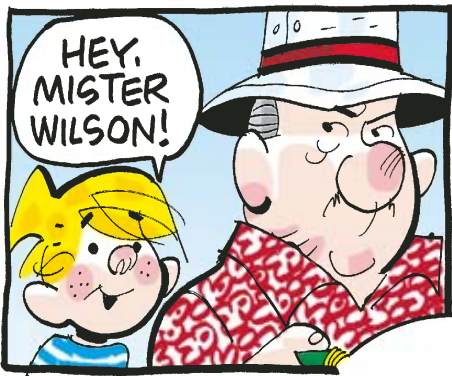
I DON'T KNOW WHY THEY CALL THESE THE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER



BOY! IT SURE IS ROASTING TODAY!



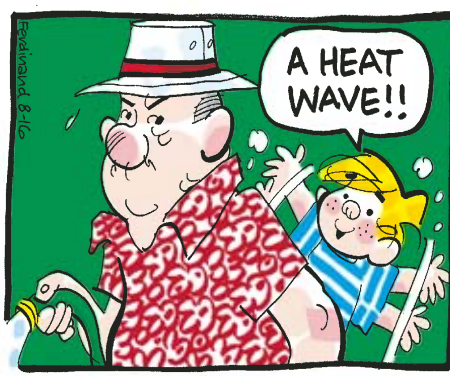
I'LL GET US COOLED OFF!



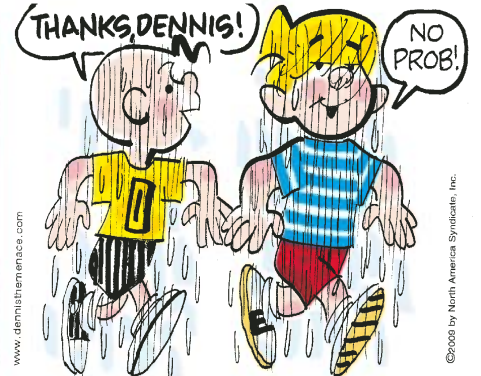
HEY, MISTER WILSON!



YA KNOW WHAT THIS IS CALLED?



A HEAT WAVE!!



THANKS DENNIS!

NO PROB!

FUNKY WINKERBEAN

HE WAS MY FIRST LOVE.

MY MOM ALWAYS SAID HE WAS BAD FOR ME, AND MAYBE SHE WAS RIGHT... BUT THAT'S WHAT MADE HIM SO INTERESTING.

HE WAS MY FIRST DRINK... MY FIRST FRENCH KISS... AND HE TAUGHT ME HOW TO SHIFT WHILE HE DROVE... FAST.

ONCE UPON A TIME HE WAS MY FUTURE... WORLDS AGO...

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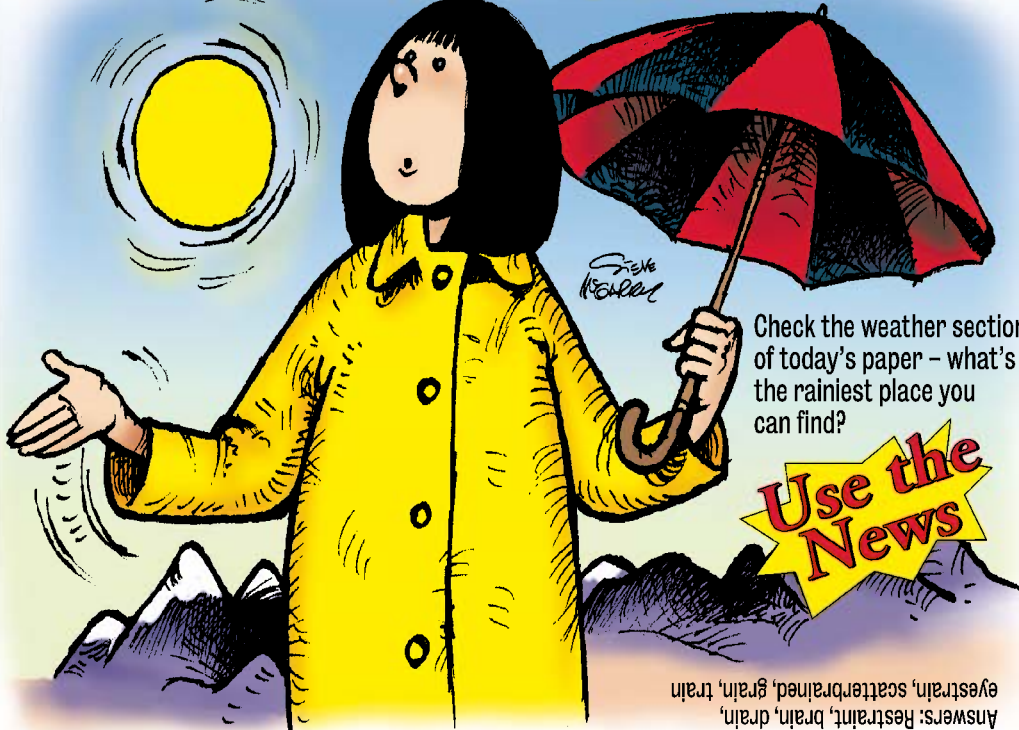
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Identify the following words, each of which contains "RAIN."

- RAIN It holds you back
- RAIN You use it to think
- RAIN Water goes down it
- RAIN Read in the dark, and you'll get it
- RAIN Careless, forgetful
- RAIN Wheat, rice or corn
- RAIN It runs on railroad tracks

Cherrapunji in India is one of the wettest places on earth. 450 inches of rain fall there each year!



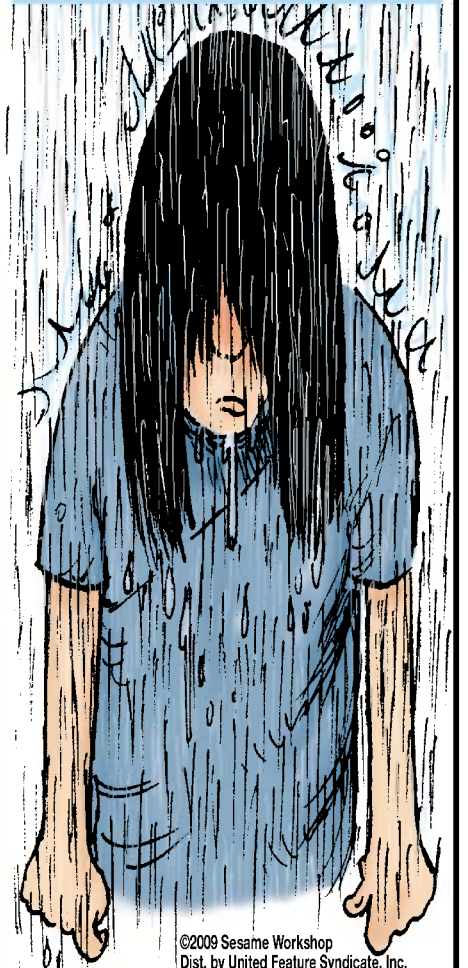
Check the weather section of today's paper - what's the rainiest place you can find?

Use the News

Throughout history, there have been reports of frogs raining down from the sky. It is thought that strong winds lift them into the air from ponds and streams.



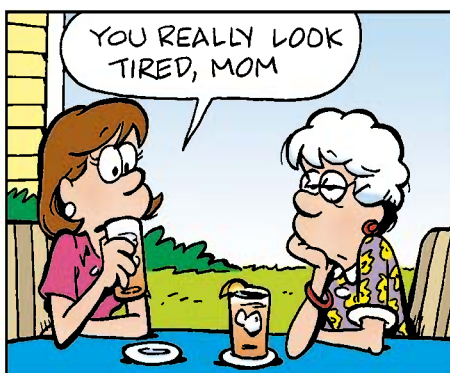
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MARVIN & Family



YOU REALLY LOOK TIRED, MOM



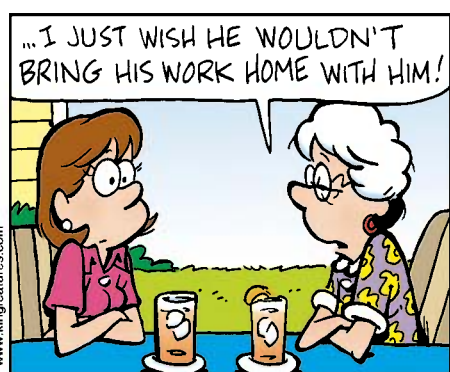
I HAVEN'T HAD A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP



...SINCE YOUR FATHER GOT HIS JOB AS A GREETER AT THE ALLMART STORE



I'M REALLY GLAD HE LIKES IT THERE



...I JUST WISH HE WOULDN'T BRING HIS WORK HOME WITH HIM!



...WELCOME TO ALLMART, MA'AM! WOULD YOU LIKE A SHOPPING CART? ...WELCOME TO ALLMART, SIR!...