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## Willson files ethics charge on Moore

BY GREG GILES  
NEWS EDITOR



Willson



Moore

A former Venice City Council member has filed an ethics complaint against a sitting member over the settlement of the Venice Sunshine lawsuit.

Bill Willson, who lost to Ernie Zavodnyk in his bid for re-election in 2007, said he filed the complaint with the Florida Commission on Ethics on Monday, and acknowledged there could be more to come.

"Essentially, the city accepted all responsibility for the individuals responsible for vio-

lations based on the notion the city had not adequately trained these council members on the requirements of the Sunshine law," Willson said in a telephone interview on Tuesday.

"So it boils down to a retired judge pleading he has no responsibility due to his igno-

rance of the law. I was always led to believe ignorance of the law is no excuse. Can any right-thinking person believe an educated attorney who was elevated to the status and responsibility of a judge was incapable of understanding a relatively simple law?"

If the ethics complaint is successful, Willson said, he may file others.

"I believe John Moore to have the most egregious violation due to his status as a retired judge and thus earned the first submission," Willson said, "not that there aren't many dirty hands involved in what I consider a scam perpe-



trated against the taxpayers of Venice."

Moore said Tuesday he just returned from vacation and had not yet heard about the complaint. The Florida Ethics Commission does not acknowledge receipt of complaints, although the person filing it and the subject of the

complaint are free to disclose the information.

"I hate to comment on something I haven't seen," said Moore. "I guess in this litigious age anybody can litigate anything."

### The complaint

The complaint "questions the motives of the council members involved and their three-stage manipulative methodology to circumvent the spirit and intent of the law" for the sole purpose of personal gain, Willson said.

Moore, Council Member

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### Manatees in love



SUN PHOTO BY BOB MUDGE

Beachgoers point to a pair of manatees swimming past Venice Beach Monday morning. A number of manatees congregated near the beach and were thought to be in distress, but officials with Mote Marine Laboratory said they were exhibiting normal mating behavior.

## SCF trustees eye more openness

BY SARA KENNEDY  
BRADENTON HERALD

Still smarting from complaints about a sudden name change, State College of Florida trustees have asked the administration for workshops in an effort to make their deliberations more understandable and transparent to the public.

On July 1, the college formally changed its name from Manatee Community College, a controversial move that has drawn criticism for both its complexity and the hasty fashion nearly devoid of public comment in which it was adopted.

Trustee Beverly Beall has asked for a workshop on "process and communication," saying that she is continuing to hear comments from members of the "Old Bradenton" establishment that identified with the name "Manatee Community College" in a way they apparently don't with the new name, abbreviated SCF.

Saying she felt they need to reach out to that group, Beall noted there "ought to be more transparency."

Communicating the board's process is what it needs to work on, she said during the meeting June 24 at the

Bradenton campus. "I feel I need to apologize," she said, adding she did not want to be in that position again.

Fellow trustee Susan Miller Kelly said she also had heard complaints and concerns.

The board discussed the necessity of speed when the

community colleges did change their names, most dropping the word "community" from their titles.

### Sunshine issues

During the spring session of the Florida Legislature, lawmakers approved the college's new name, enabling it to award baccalaureate degrees to students completing the new nursing program slated to begin next year. The college also has campuses in Venice and Lakewood Ranch.

SCF President Lars A. Hafner contends that part of the problem is that the public does not seem to understand the requirements imposed by the state's strict Sunshine Law, which prohibits board members from discussing public issues in private among themselves. He said that when he discusses items with the board during its meetings, it's the first time anyone has heard anything about the subject.

He listed as possible workshop topics a charter school proposed for the Bradenton campus, the budget, and future objectives and legislative priorities. The workshops probably would start in the fall,

Please see SCF, 7A



renaming was under consideration, a process that the school said began March 25 and ended with a favorable 6-1 vote April 15. The college also changed its mascot and nickname from "Lancers" to "Manatees."

The college needed to hurry because it had won approval from the state Board of Education to offer a four-year nursing degree. Legislation passed last year allowed community colleges to offer four-year programs, allowing them to change their names in order to do so. Many of the state's

## Teen arrested on sexual battery

BY BROOKY BROWN  
PROJECTS EDITOR

A guardian of a child under 12 years of age notified the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office that the child had reported being molested.

As a result, Gerald David Coleman, 18, 100 block North Jessica St., Nokomis, was arrested and charged with four counts of sexual battery by a person over 18 upon a child under 12, two counts of lewd or lascivious molestation by a person over 18 upon a child and two counts of lewd or lascivious exhibition.

The incidents took place at

two locations in Nokomis on the same day within hours of each other.

A SCSO detective took the report and told the guardian that because of the child's age, a forensic interview would be conducted by Child Protection Center Case Coordinator Danielle Shetler.

During the interview the child indicated that Coleman had performed oral sex on the child and forced the child to

Please see TEEN, 7A



Coleman

## Laurel residents cold to jail site

BY CAROL SAKOWITZ  
STAFF WRITER

A standing-room-only group of Laurel-area residents came to the most recent Criminal Justice Commission Community Partners Work Group to deliver a message: Don't put the new Sarasota County jail here.

The work group is charged with ranking sites for the proposed correctional facility and forwarding the results to the CJC, which then will send its top three choices to county commissioners. The jail is expected to house 300 beds,

with the possibility of an intake center included. The preliminary cost for construction is estimated at \$44 million.

For most of the year, work group meetings at the Laurel Community Center involved only group members, county staff and about four or five members of the public. On July 1, the parking lot overflow of cars onto street side areas or across the street into a grass lot indicated a wider interest in meeting goings-on.

Inside, a meeting that usually took up half of a divided

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### Watching and waiting



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Boats anchored in the Intercoastal Waterway and on Snake Island provide a real front-row seat for the Fourth of July fireworks Saturday. For more pictures of the show sponsored by the city of Venice and the Sertoma Club of Venice see page 11.

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### ABC-7 ALMANAC

Temperature	High	Low
Yesterday	90	81
Normal	91	72
Record	98 (1995)	66 (1948)
Rainfall	0.00"	
Yesterday	Actual	Average
Month	2.63"	1.12"
Year	14.97"	22.17"

### MARINE

**Cape Sable to Tarpon Springs:** (Sarasota and Charlotte counties)  
S winds at 4 to 8 knots.  
Seas 1 to 2 feet, light chop.

**Tarpon Springs to Apalachicola:**  
WSW winds at 10 to 20 knots.  
Seas 3 to 6 feet, moderate chop.

### VENICE TIDES

EASTERN STANDARD TIME				
DATE	HIGH P.M.	HIGH A.M.	LOW P.M.	LOW A.M.
WED 8	12:33	3:18	8:53	6:14
THU 9	1:12	3:24	9:20	7:06
FRI 10	1:53	3:34	9:47	8:00
SAT 11	2:38	3:49	10:14	8:57
SUN 12	3:27	4:11	10:42	9:58

\*STRONG TIDE  
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## Florida Lottery

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CASH 3	PLAY 4	FANTASY 5
July 6N .....749	July 6N .....7978	July 6 .....6-14-16-26-30
July 6D .....460	July 6D .....4292	July 5 .....11-17-18-23-29
July 5N .....759	July 5N .....2515	July 4 .....3-14-25-30-31
July 5D .....608	July 5D .....1415	July 3 .....3-7-11-13-25
July 4N .....033	July 4N .....9007	July 2 .....1-12-29-34-35
July 4D .....405	July 4D .....9238	<b>Payoff for July 6</b>
July 3N .....311	July 3N .....9646	2 5-digit winners:.....\$98,046.64
July 3D .....193	July 3D .....3634	301 4-digit winners:.....\$105
D-Day; N-Night	D-Day; N-Night	9,201 3-digit winners:.....\$9.50
		2-digit winners:.....Quick Pick ticket

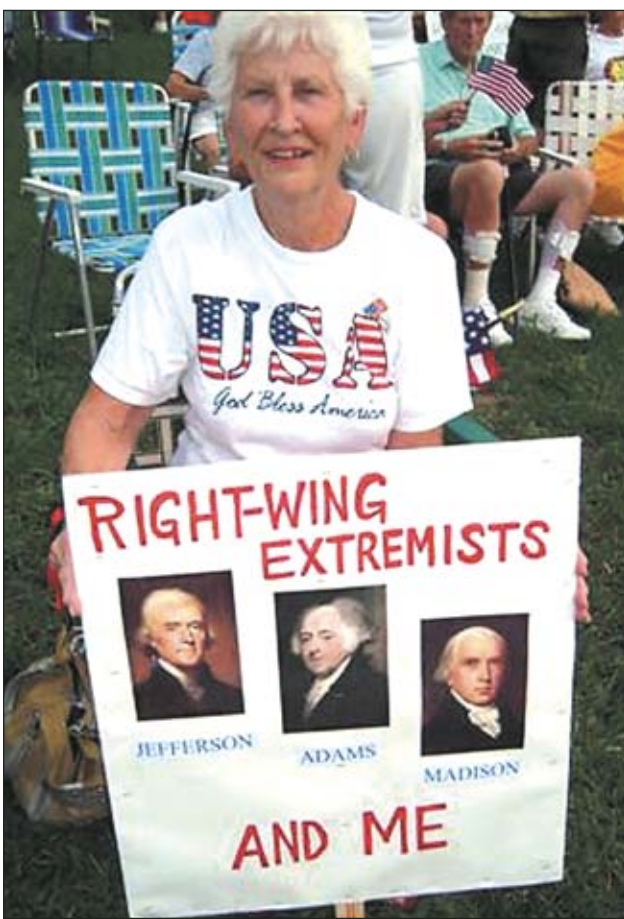
### MEGA MONEY

July 3 .....1-7-24-39	July 4 .....2-5-6-18-37-42
MegaBall .....6	July 1 .....13-23-30-38-40-53
June 30 .....2-19-20-34	June 27 .....6-9-11-14-29-36
MegaBall .....15	<b>Payoff for July 4</b>
Drawings occur Tuesday, Friday evenings	0 6-digit winners:.....\$—
<b>Payoff for July 3</b>	79 5-digit winners:.....\$3,340.50
0 4 of 4 + MB .....\$—	3,266 4-digit winners:.....\$65.50
8 4 of 4 .....\$2,333	69,655 3-digit winners:.....\$4
54 3 of 4 + MB .....\$755.50	Drawings occur Wednesdays, Saturdays
1,092 3 of 4 .....\$111.50	<b>Estimated jackpot: \$11 million</b>
1,578 2 of 4 + MB .....\$54	

### LOTTO

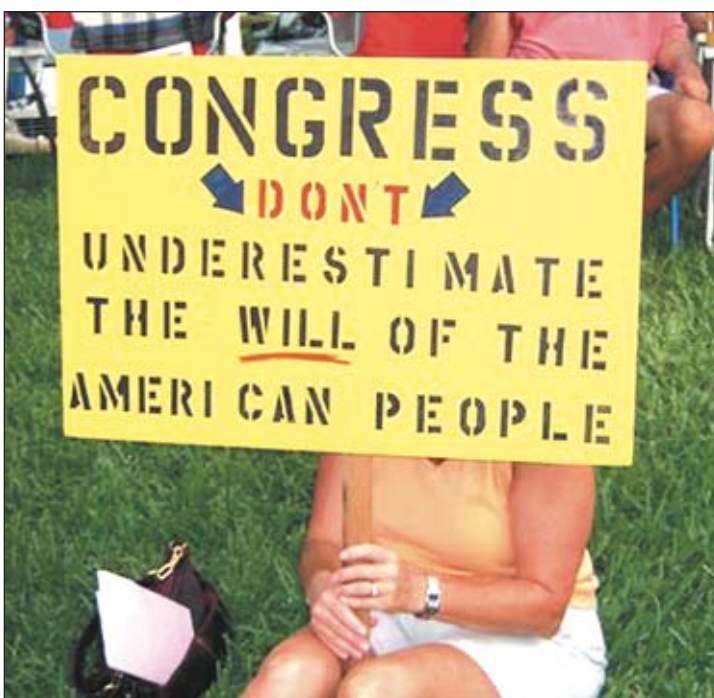
POWERBALL	LOTTO
July 4 .....4-9-22-41-44	July 1 .....9-32-38-52-53
Powerball .....14	Powerball .....15
Power play .....x3	Power play .....x2
Drawings occur Wednesdays and Saturdays	
<b>Estimated jackpot: \$30 million (\$15.3 million cash value)</b>	

## Signs of the times



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An estimated 500 people attended the Fourth of July Tea Party in downtown Venice, listening to speakers, enjoying music, making donations for the troops — and displaying their sentiments in the fine American tradition.



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# Delays could jeopardize park purchases

BY GREG GILES  
NEWS EDITOR

The city of Venice Parks and Recreation Advisory Board has agreed again to delay its ranking of five proposed park land acquisition candidates until a July 20 meeting.

To expedite the process, county officials earlier asked the city not to re-rank last year's candidates for the county-run Parks and Environmentally Sensitive Lands Acquisition Program.

The Cemex property near the Venice Train Depot was on the top of the previous list. Since it was purchased by the city to create Legacy Park, the Wen Chung property (Curry Creek), located east along U.S. 41 adjoining Roberts Bay, moves up to No. 1.

A parcel off East Venice Avenue known as Blue Haven was ranked the lowest priority of the original three nominations, but the owner has since entered confidential negotiations to sell the property, according to City Manager Isaac Turner. And county officials

were unable to reach a mutually agreeable purchase price.

Dawn Stoddart, who serves double duty on the county and city parks boards, said two weeks ago that delaying the city's input any longer could put Venice's nominated properties at risk.

She said there's only \$16 million left in the program and the county is already looking closely at two properties, one in North County and Warm Mineral Springs in South County.

"It's a great program (yet) I have a serious concern that over the past two years nothing has been spent in Venice," she said.

She said the county keeps waiting for Venice to come through with its updated list. Another delay could kill the city's chance of participating this year in the program, she warned.

"In the meantime, money will be spent North and South County with Venice getting nothing in the middle," she said.

"Even if it is not our property," said Jacqueline Ring, who nominated property she owns, "if

you are serious about trying to obtain part of that funding," you should expedite the process.

"Two months have passed. Nothing has transpired. I'm disappointed to see everything has changed," Ring said, referring to a new draft city policy on nominations.

"All nominees would like to know ... are (we) in the running?"

## The holdup

The current holdup is the city's response to a county request to formalize its review process. Staff recently asked the city parks board to review new nomination criteria and rules.

The new procedure allows the county to gather formal comments on each property from the city. The city's new procedure includes what might be described as a partial end-run around the parks board. When it comes to considering environmentally sensitive lands nominated for the program, the Environmental Task Force will forward its comments to city council for

its consideration. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will handle the others.

From there, a recommendation is made by city council and forwarded to the county parks board and eventually to the county commission.

Individuals may still nominate park properties.

## This year's nominees

Five Venice properties were nominated this year.

Caithness Construction nominated 105 acres of land that includes trees, scrub jays and wetlands near the Myakka River, with a 5-acre parcel jutting out eastward at the north-east corner connecting to the river for boat and kayak access.

Paul Hamilton nominated a parcel on Tarpon Road with 216 feet of seawalled waterfront property that includes docks for 15 wet slips with electric and water hookup and overhead lighting and a small building currently leased to a real estate company. According to a nomination form submitted by Hamilton, the site could potentially be used as a tempo-

rary mooring location for the public, since the city is currently studying short term mooring near Higel Marine Park.

Mike Pachota of Osprey Courtyard LLC nominated property along the east side of Osprey Street between Laguna Drive and Apalachicola Road on the island as a potential large stormwater retention pond and neighborhood park.

Nearby, Jacqueline Ring nominated 1.73 acres close to the beach near Tarpon Center. The property runs east and west from behind Casa Seville condominiums to Osprey Street, and north and south between Pillitteri Place and Higel Drive on the island. According to Ring's nomination form, the parcel includes the second oldest existing house in Venice (built in 1898).

Michael and Pamela Shelter nominated what was formerly restaurant property at the corner of U.S. 41 Bypass North and U.S. 41 Business as a park and additional parking for Legacy Trail.

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## Signed, sealed and delivered

PHOTO COURTESY OF BOB BRY

David Macrae, left, of Friends of Casey Key, presents state Rep. Doug Holder with 243 individually signed petitions opposing the incorporation of Casey Key. Holder, who has sponsored a bill that would allow the incorporation, and County Commission Chair Jon Thaxton attended a meeting of the group Monday.

## Corrections

A story in the July 1 edition misspelled the name of former Smitty's restaurant.

A June 27 story on the future Maxine Barritt Park incorrectly stated the number of planned pavilions was reduced from three to one at the direction of the Environmental Protection Agency. According to city staff, two of the planned 60-foot-diameter shelters that were going to be built over the pads or "footprint of the former sewage tanks" were removed from the plan in August 2008. The third pad will have a shelter built over its footprint. There are still two smaller, 20-foot by 20-foot shelters in the plan.

The \$80,000 budget item adopted by city council for dune restoration at Maxine Barritt Park was required by the Department of Environmental Protection, not the Environmental Protection Agency.

An incorrect address for Gabriel Ordonevalenzuela was listed in the July 4 edition of Police Beat. The correct address is the 1200 block Laurel Ave., Venice.

The *Gondolier Sun* regrets the errors.

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## POLICE BEAT

### Driver license checkpoint

The Florida Highway Patrol will be conducting a driver license checkpoint on Wednesday, July 22, from 3 to 5 p.m. on Vamo Road in Sarasota County. Attention will be directed to drivers who violate the driver license laws of Florida.

### Venice Police Department arrests

- Keri Catherine Pope, 25, 600 block Suffolk, Nokomis. Charge: petit theft (\$100-\$300). Bond: \$120.
- Kristine Virginia Seredick, 26, 500 block Pinewood Ave., Nokomis. Charge: petit theft (\$100-\$300). Bond: \$120.
- Alex Michael Donaldson, 20, 500 block Substation Road, Venice. Charge: battery (touch or strike). Bond: \$750.
- James Benson Rhodes, 21, homeless, Venice. Charge: burglary of conveyance. Bond: \$10,000.
- Aron P. May, 25, 1200 block Queen Road, Venice. Charges: robbery by sudden snatching without firearm or weapon, possession of a controlled substance (roxy-codone), obstructing or opposing an officer without violence, possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond: none on the robbery charge, \$1,870 on remaining charges.

### Sarasota County Sheriff's Office arrests

- Arthur John Noll, 69, 2965 Arrowhead Road, Venice. Charge: contempt (failure to register

as a sexual offender). Bond: none.

- Jamaine Thomas Outing, 29, 100 block Avenida de la Isla, Nokomis. Charge: driving while license suspended (habitual traffic offender). Bond: \$500.
- Ian Norbert Johnson, 29, 200 block East Colonial Lane, Nokomis. Charge: driving while license suspended, canceled or revoked. Bond: \$500.
- Elizabeth Marie Ohara, 56, 500 block Casa Bonitas Place, Nokomis. Charges: DUI fourth or subsequent violation, obstructing or opposing an officer without violence, violation of driver license restrictions. Bond: \$5,870.
- Ronnie L. Neace, 24, 100 block North River Blvd., Nokomis. Charge: contempt (narcotic equipment possession or use). Bond: \$2,000.
- Michael James Smith, 28, 200 block Sierra St., Nokomis. Charge: contempt (non-payment of child support). Bond: \$1,070.
- Kendra Letesha Neace, 25, 100 block North River Blvd., Nokomis. Charges: possession of a controlled substance (roxy-codone), possession of cannabis less than 20 grams, possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond: \$1,240.
- Timothy E. Cromwell, 45, 400 block Shady Lawn Ave., Nokomis. Charge: battery (touch or strike). Bond: \$750.
- Paul Damano, 18, 100 block North Lane, Osprey. Charge: battery (touch or strike). Bond: \$1,500.
- Samantha Boone, 23,

100 block North River Blvd., Nokomis. Charge: driving while license suspended, canceled or revoked. Bond: \$250.

- Robert Goodin, 28, 5400 block Golf Pointe Drive, Osprey. Charges: trafficking (oxycodone), possession of a controlled substance (xanax), possession of drug paraphernalia, driving while license suspended, canceled or revoked. Bond: \$51,620.
- Becky Louise Boyce, 54, 400 block Scott St., Laurel. Charge: violation of probation (resisting officer by obstructing without violence). Bond: \$1,000.
- Justin Ross Scott, 20, 400 block Bayshore Drive, Venice. Charges: escape from police custody, bribery of a public servant, obstructing or opposing an officer without violence, DUI .15 or higher or having a passenger under 18 years of age. Bond: \$19,250.
- Ronald Robert Mustari, 45, 4600 block Alligator Drive, Venice. Charge: burglary of a structure with assault or battery. Bond: \$10,000.
- Matthew Robert Plumlee, 25, 100 block Coral Road, Venice. Charges: possession of a controlled substance (three counts), possession of cannabis less than 20 grams. Bond: \$3,120.
- Joseph Alexander Medlin, 51, 1 block Plaza Mayor, Venice. Charge: petit theft. Bond: \$120.
- Kyle Thomas Collins, 38, 1000 block Myrtle Ave., Venice. Charge: contempt (nonpayment of child support). Bond: \$1,070.

• Jason C. Ostheim, 29, 600 block North Michigan Drive, Venice. Charge: aggravated assault. Bond: none.

- Jason Owen Salter, 44, Banyan Drive, Venice. Charge: violation of driver license restrictions. Bond: \$120.
- Jamie Lee Sesquin, 28, 4000 block Nautilus Road, Venice. Charge: no valid driver license. Bond: \$500.
- Joshua Dale Murphy, 26, 300 block Peppertree Road, Venice. Charge: domestic battery. Bond: none.
- William F. Doyle, 46, 9000 block South Tamiami Trail, Venice. Charge: driving while license suspended, canceled or revoked. Bond: \$100.
- Michael Patrick Sullivan, 46, 1300 block Capri Isles Blvd., Venice. Charge: DUI. Bond: \$500.
- Lloyd Michael Stemple, 67, 100 block East Nippino Trail, Nokomis. Charge: violation of probation (aggravated assault). Bond: none.
- Dushun Devon Robinson, 36, 1000 block Kimball Road, Venice. Charges: possession of cocaine, possession of cannabis less than 20 grams, possession of a controlled substance. Bond: \$2,120.
- Ross Edward Pero, 25, 400 block East Shade Drive, Venice. Charge: possession of controlled substance without prescription. Bond: none.
- Melissa Stout, 35, 100 block South Emerald Ave., Nokomis. Charge: third-degree felony grand theft (\$300-\$5,000). Bond: \$1,000.

## OBITUARIES

### Hazel S. Witherspoon

Hazel Louise Simcox Witherspoon, 88, of Venice, Fla., died Saturday, July 4, 2009.

Born in Peru, Ill., on July 6, 1920, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Pearl (Cherry) Simcox. She lived in Illinois during much of her life and graduated from Hall Township High School, Spring Valley, Ill. As an adult, she attended Northern Iowa University in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

She lived in Venice from 1957 to 1963. During that time she was an active member of the Venice Parent Teacher Association, serving many years as the PTA president. She was honored as Venice's first life member in the Florida PTA. She was also active in Venice Presbyterian Church, where she served as a deacon and was the first church secretary. In the 1960s she was named the Venice Woman Driver of the Year.

From 1964 to 1998 she

lived in Morton, Ill., and was the secretary at the United Church of Christ. She and her husband, John, permanently moved back to Venice in 1998. Hazel married John Witherspoon on March 14, 1943, in Seatonville, Ill.

Hazel was predeceased by her husband, John, and sister Julia Kenney. She is survived by her two children, Eric Witherspoon (Cynthia) and Jane Jungst (David); five grandchildren, Brian, Andrew (Abbi) and Dana Witherspoon, and Eric (Danielle) Jungst and Elizabeth (Eric) Jungst-Dick; and four great-grandchildren, Tatumn Vernon, Hadley and Imogen Jungst and Morgan Witherspoon.

**Services:** A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, July 11, at Venice Presbyterian Church, 111 Firenze Ave., Venice, Fla.

**Contributions:** In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Hazel Witherspoon Memorial Fund at Venice Presbyterian Church.

## Give blood

Florida's Blood Centers, the local blood bank, needs all types of blood for cancer patients in need of daily treatment, burn and trauma victims, and for patients undergoing routine surgeries. Donors can be as young as 16 and should weight at least 102

pounds.

Donating blood takes about an hour. Every donor receives a mini-physical and a screening with each donation. In Venice, donations are taken at Florida's Blood Center, 333 South Tamiami Trail, Tandem Center, phone 492-9202.

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# LEGAL NOTICES

## 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:

ONE 2003 GMC ENVOY VIN: 1GKET16S736137390 AND \$ 9,519.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office seized the described property on MAY 8, 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-9731-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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## NOTICE OF AUCTION 19

### NOTICE OF AUCTION

Heelaee Properties, LLP gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell this vehicle on 07/29/2009, 10:00 AM at 209 S. Jackson Road, Venice, FL 34292. Pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes, Heelaee Properties, LLP reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

1996 Mack SN #: 1M2AM08C2M003269 PUBLISH: July 8, 2009

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Johnson's Towing of Venice gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 08/05/2009, 9:00 a.m. at 604 Tamiami Trail N, Nokomis, FL 34275-2137, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. Johnson's Towing of Venice reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

- 2000 FORD 1FAFP4443YF209063 - 1988 CHEVROLET 1G1JE5119J1166368 - 2005 JEEP 1J4FA39S6P330103

## NOTICE OF AUCTION 19

- 1994 DODGE 2B7HB21Y5RK580953 - 2006 TOYOTA 4T1BK36B56U132018 - 2004 LEXUS JTHBA30G245049633 - 2007 TOYOTA JTNBB46K573012863 PUBLISH: JULY 8, 2009

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- 1992 FORD 2FAPP36X0NB132915 PUBLISH: JULY 8, 2009

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF RONALD F. MOTIFF Deceased

File No. 2009-CP-007606-SC Division: Probate

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of RONALD F. MOTIFF, deceased, whose date of death was FEBRUARY 26, 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.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2)

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20

YEARS OF MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IS JULY 1, 2009.

Personal Representative: IDA T. MOTIFF 805 HARRINGTON LAKE DRIVE NORTH Venice, Florida 34293

Attorney for Personal Representative: Skip Berg, Esq. Attorney for IDA T. MOTIFF Florida Bar No. 0135988 SKIP BERG, P.A. 1872 Tamiami Trail S, Ste D Venice, FL 34293 Telephone: (941) 493-0871 Fax: (941) 497-6617

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## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 22

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

Case No. 2009-CA-005038-NC

CHARLOTTE STATE BANK, a Florida Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,

vs. ANDY L. VALDES, and his unknown spouses, if any; and all unknown parties claiming by, through, under and against the herein named individual defendants who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said unknown parties may claim an interest as spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees or other claimants. Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF ACTION CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE - PROPERTY

TO: ANDY L. VALDES, and his unknown spouses, if any; and all unknown parties claiming by, through, under and against the herein named individual defendants who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said unknown parties may claim an interest as spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees or other claimants: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real property in Sarasota County, Florida:

Lot 4, Block 1675, 33rd Addition to Port Charlotte Subdivision, a Subdivision according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 15, Page 17, of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida,

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on W. Kevin Russell, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is W. Kevin Russell, P.A.,

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 22

14295 South Tamiami Trail, North Port, Florida 34287, on or before July 31, 2009, (or thirty (30) days after the first date of publication, whichever is later) and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on June 22, 2009.

KAREN E. RUSHING Clerk of Circuit and County Courts By: C. Brandenburg Deputy Clerk

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

Case No 2007-CA-15853-SC

BANK OF VENICE, Plaintiff,

vs.

PRECISION CUSTOM HOMES, INC., a Florida Corporation, and JOHN OLLIVER, and KATHRYN OLLIVER, and KELLY OLLIVER, and TIFFANY OLLIVER, and AMERICAN DRILLING OF SARASOTA, INC., and GARY W. CURRY, INC., and AMBERJACK SANITATION, INC., and JOHN DOE & JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION OF SUBJECT PROPERTY Defendants.

\* FORECLOSURE SALES CONDUCTED VIA INTERNET: www.sarasota.realforeclose.com

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned, KAREN E. RUSHING, Clerk of the Circuit and County Courts of Sarasota County, Florida, will on July 16, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at \* offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Sarasota County, Florida. . The highest bidder shall immediately post with the Clerk, a deposit equal to 5% of the final bid. The deposit must be cash or cashier's check payable to Sarasota County Clerk of Court.

Lot 2, Block 104, 7th Addition to Port Charlotte Subdivision, According to the Plat thereof Recorded in Plat Book 12, Page 19 of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida.

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

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 22

WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this 22nd day of June, 2009.

KAREN E. RUSHING Clerk of Circuit and County Courts By: Suzanne M. Pomerleau Deputy Clerk

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

Case No 2007-CA-15860-SC

BANK OF VENICE, Plaintiff,

vs.

PRECISION CUSTOM HOMES, INC., a Florida Corporation, JOHN OLLIVER, KATHRYN OLLIVER, KELLY OLLIVER, TIFFANY OLLIVER and AMERICAN DRILLING OF SARASOTA, INC., AMBERJACK SANITATION, INC., JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, as unknown tenants in possession of subject property, Defendants.

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## NOTICE OF SALE 30

### ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under the Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801-83.809). The undersigned will sell at Public Sale by competitive bidding on the 16th Day of JULY, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at Value Self Storage, 3000 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice, County of Sarasota, State of Florida.

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### NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given to the following person for rent not paid:

PO83 Roy Richardson Boat and Trailer

The above unit will be auctioned July 31, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

Terms: Cash.

Storage Depot 247 James St Venice, FL 34285

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## OTHER NOTICES 38

Arthur G. Raggio, D. C. announces the closing of his chiropractic practice located at 1435 E. Venice Ave. Suite 107, effective June 05, 2009. Patients of Arthur G. Raggio, D.C., desiring their records, may obtain them from Dr. Raggio, by e-mailing him at raggiospincare@gmail.com or calling 941-321-4262 and leaving a message. Records will be mailed to you free of cost or to the doctor of your choice. PUBLISH: JULY 8, 11, 2009

TO PLACE YOUR LEGAL NOTICE, CALL KATHI (941)-207-1011 kwals@venicegondolier.com (at the Venice Office) fax (941)-485-3036

# Millions cut from Orioles package

## State money only good for Reds deal

BY CAROL SAKOWITZ  
STAFF WRITER

A \$7.5 million grant from the state Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development is not available for Sarasota County's proposed spring training deal with the Baltimore Orioles, county commissioners learned last week.

Deputy County Administrator Dave Bullock informed commissioners at the Robert L. Anderson Administration Center that OTTED money is designated only for the now-defunct deal with the Cincinnati Reds. Bullock has been the county's point man in the negotiations and just recently announced that talks had resumed between the two groups.

Throughout the county's dealings with Major League Baseball organizations — first the Cincinnati Reds, then the Boston Red Sox and now the Baltimore Orioles — the OTTED grant was included as a funding source. The grant was created by the state as an incentive for MLB teams to remain in



Bullock



Patterson



Barbetta



Staub

the state for spring training.

Bullock said he learned of the funding glitch when he was told by OTTED, through Larry Pendleton, president and CEO of Florida Sports Foundation Inc., that there is "no leeway in the state statute to change the original certification." OTTED had been contacted regarding the availability of the grant, Bullock said, when negotiations with Baltimore and the county resumed.

"We were surprised," Bullock said of the notification.

He called the grant "a huge part of the deal," and the OTTED ruling "the most significant issue" in the negotiations. He said he doesn't know what part of the current deal could affect the grant.

The offer proposed to the Orioles for use of Ed Smith Stadium for spring training is \$28.2 million, with \$7.5 million originally coming from the OTTED

grant and the rest from the county. Including another \$3 million in the deal has been part of the discussion.

Bullock said he has informed Baltimore and the city of Sarasota about the OTTED opinion. There is no plan of action currently, he said, and neither he nor county staff has fully discussed the situation with the city.

"Our plan is to still have the city bond the money, and the city contribute the grant money," Bullock said. "We never asked the city not to be a recipient (of the grant)."

As commissioners discussed this new turn of events, Bullock told them that the opinion had not been delivered in writing. Later, he said, that in his experience, the fact it was not written down might sometimes signal an opportunity.

County Commissioner Nora Patterson questioned Bullock during the meeting as to how negotiations could have proceeded only to get the money pulled.

Both Bullock and Commissioner Joe Barbetta, the board's liaison to Major League Baseball, said there always was

**"We had reason to believe the grant would be able to work with a different team."**

— Dave Bullock,  
Sarasota County deputy  
county administrator

the impression that the funds would be available.

During negotiations with the Red Sox, the county had asked for a similar opinion from OTTED regarding that deal.

"We had reason to believe the grant would be able to work with a different team," Bullock said.

Commissioner Shannon Staub, who has been trying to find a spring training tenant for the stadium, said it is strange that the problem has surfaced now and not when the county was courting the Red Sox.

The Orioles have also had discussions with Lee County about a possible spring training complex there.

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# Budget task force asks hard questions

BY CAROL SAKOWITZ  
STAFF WRITER

Like a family of unsatisfied diners picking at a chicken carcass, the Sarasota County Budget Task Force is delving into the line items of the proposed county budget served up by County Administrator Jim Ley and his senior staff.

The task force, meeting July 1 in the same third-floor think tank that was the site of June county budget workshops, heard much of the same information that was presented to the county commissioners. However, the task

force members also asked questions and offered advice to senior administrators.

County commissioners are scheduled to hold a second series of budget workshops on Sept. 3 and 4 on the proposed \$981,381,854 budget for fiscal year 2010.

The task force, chaired by former county commissioner Robert L. Anderson, is expected to make its presentation to the commission on Sept. 8. In preparation, the task force has scheduled meetings on core service budgets this month and into August.

### Phone call

The task force session took about three hours as members heard from Larry Arnold, executive director of community services; Carolyn Gregov, general manager of the Cooperative Extension; Sarabeth Kalajian, general manager of county libraries; Dave Cash, executive director of operations and maintenance; and John F. McCarthy, general manager of parks and recreation, and of the history center.

However, throughout the meeting, Robert Hanson, county chief information officer, was brought to the micro-

phone to answer questions about IT service. "Voice communications" figured in many of the questions directed to him, especially by Anderson.

After Gregov spoke about Cooperative Extension programs, Anderson went straight into line-item budgeting, saying, "I have difficulty understanding 'Voice and Communications,'" and questioning \$21,000 for extensions.

Gregov replied that the money is for a telephone system used by everyone, prompting Hanson to weigh in. Hanson compared the budgeting of the county's communications sys-

tem with a utility, saying that the total voice communications expense is broken down by department, with higher usage being charged more.

Hanson told the task force that communications includes wireless phones, computer costs and other technological equipment.

Follow-up comments to Hanson included questions about the amount of personal calls made on cell phones by staff, and suggestions that technological equipment be kept in service longer.

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## Addington's gets national press



**ROGER BUTTON**  
BUSINESS  
COLUMNIST

Top honors went to **Addington's Florist**, recognized by Teleflora as one of only six member companies for a profile in the 2009 company magazine.

With more than 45 years' flower industry experience, **Brenda Addington Smith** and her nine employees are based in the big red barn at 1836 South Tamiami Trail.

"I am very selective, selling only good quality flowers," she said.

Known for her attention to detail, she fills the role of the wedding planner, attending to every detail for the bridal party. Addington's staff consults in detail with all parties in providing special services to Venice funeral homes.

Born on Andrews Air Force Base, she grew up in Maryland assisting in the family floral business when only 12 years old. Moving to Bristol, Va., she worked in The Flower Shop owned by her aunt. Sixteen years ago with her husband, **Pete**, she moved to Venice and, after working in a local flower shop for a few months, opened Java Florist. Four years later, having outgrown it, she opened Addington's in the red barn.

Active in the community, Smith and her husband provide red roses for those participating in the visit to the Sarasota veteran's cemetery and assist in the annual Shop with a Cop project, providing school supplies for underprivileged children.

Addington's summer hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays and Saturday mornings. Call 492-6630.

### Best Weddings

Notary public **Jenifer Baehr** has started **Best Weddings on the Beach**. Her special, customized service is performing inexpensive wedding ceremonies with very fast arrangements, if required. Most couples prefer traditional-style weddings fitting their needs or family situation, said Baehr.

Popular locations are Nokomis, Venice, Boca Grande, Siesta Key beaches and the local jetties. She performs indoor weddings in the home, local restaurants, halls, backyards, lanais and at Selby Gardens with religious services by preference.

Baehr, a Washingtonian with 30 years of paralegal experience, has worked in law firms and credit unions in the capitol. In 2005 she came to Venice looking for a new opportunity, starting in the loan closing industry, and then came up with the idea to do weddings on the beaches.

Currently she uses other providers, but her plans are to grow into her own services, providing chairs, a gazebo, photography, catering and more. Call 421-9949.

### Lawyer moves downtown

Business law, probate, litigation, will and trust disputes are the specialized legal matters handled by **Charles Hines**, attorney at law, who recently opened an office at 355 W. Venice Ave. across from the post office. With 19 years experience in Venice, he also works in business formation, contracts, mergers and litigation issues.

Born and raised in Venice, he graduated from Venice High School and attended the University of Florida and its

law school. In the community he coaches Little League and the VHS varsity football team with his old coach, **Jim Powell**.

He is married to **Susan Hines**, who is a vice president and wealth strategist at **Northern Trust Bank**. Call 504-1714.

### TJ's continuing

**Tom Carney** will continue operating his existing restaurant, **TJ Carney's**, 231 W. Venice Ave., when he opens the new Miami-style **South Beach Restaurant and Nightclub** in the former Landmark restaurant, 133 South Tamiami Trail.

"Our regular entertainers will continue at TJ Carney's, and I am bringing in new entertainers at the South Beach Club," said Carney.

South Beach construction is planned to commence in September with a scheduled opening in December. Call 480-9244.

### Encouraging news

Potential good news for business people comes from **Dr. Sean Snaith**, director of the Institute for Economic Competitiveness at the University of Central Florida, who sees signs continuing to point to a recovery expected to arrive in the third quarter of this year after the worst recession in decades.

Unemployment will reach double digits, peaking at 10.1 percent in 2010 with the shedding of 7.1 million payroll jobs, but Snaith sees buoyed confidence with the improving economic climate and replacement needs of consumers, which will help retail and automobile sales rise through 2012.

*Editor's Note: Service and product information in this column should not be taken as an endorsement of the business.*

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SUN PHOTO BY ROGER BUTTON

**Rick Kelly**, general manager of **Blue Sky Medical Transportation** demonstrates the company's new ambulatory vehicle, which joins the fleet of **Blue Sky Airport Limousine Services**.

## Blue Sky's the limit in transport

BY ROGER BUTTON  
BUSINESS  
COLUMNIST

Twenty years ago a mom-and-pop local airport transport service was founded. **Blue Sky Airport Limousines**, 137-A Seaboard Ave., has grown with strong customer support and now has launched **Blue Sky Medical Transportation** to assist customers who are nonambulatory or handicapped.

General Manager **Rick Kelly** feels that this is a niche service the company can fill, particularly helping folks in this predominantly retirement community who are confined to wheelchairs.

"People with special transportation needs will call the office as they do for our airport services, telling us which service they need," he said. "Where customers are ambulatory, they will be offered the facility of using a beautiful Lincoln town car.

Providing non-emergency transportation in compliance with the

American with Disabilities Act, drivers are fully trained in wheelchair lift operation and qualified in CPR. Vehicles are similar to the existing fleet but custom-built to take four wheelchairs and four passengers. They are fitted with a safe, smooth side-load wheelchair lift providing 56 inches of headroom. Each wheelchair is securely anchored. Comfort is provided with dual air-conditioning systems.

Transportation is available to a doctor, therapy, to and from local hospitals, with a nurse's aide — anything associated with medical needs.

"Depending upon needs," Kelly said, "we can wait for the customer. Because we are using a special custom converted standard passenger van, they can even take groups for outings."

Fully licensed and insured, the company recently received vehicle and business service permits. Kelly is hoping to

get into the medical community as a local CTC service provider. The long-term plan is to be working with the local Medicare provider dispatcher assigned to the individual counties.

The objective is to effectively provide a service everybody is comfortable with, in a timely fashion, combining it with 24/7 **Blue Sky Airport Limo** services. Communication is by cell phone, with computer dispatch and operators monitoring traffic conditions.

A former Marine and California police officer, Kelly, a business efficiency troubleshooter, joined **Blue Sky Airport Limousines** a year and a half ago. The drivers are mostly retired, mature, responsible and refined.

Services operate from 8 a.m. daily with an answering service to cover the three county area of Manatee, Sarasota and Charlotte. Call 207-2583.

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## Real estate as I see it



**TIM PARADISO**  
REAL ESTATE  
COLUMNIST

Take a peek at a real estate "money tree" program.

On July 1, the state of Florida set aside more than \$30 million to help home buyers with a down payment. The program is designed to function in conjunction with the existing \$8,000 federal IRS tax credit for the same buyers.

The idea is to turn the \$8,000 federal tax credit into real cash to be used for the down payment or, in some instances, other potential closing costs. The state would advance the funds to the buyer for use up front at closing on the real estate purchase. The buyer would return the money to the state upon receipt of the \$8,000 IRS refund.

This could be a win-win situation for everyone. The feds get to stimulate

the economy, in particular the housing market. The state of Florida advances money to the consumer and then receives it back, via the IRS rebate, and Mr. John Q. Public in Venice gets a sweetheart home buyer deal.

It is OK to applaud here for the astute job that our Legislature has done to enhance the federal initiative.

The IRS tax credit program ends on Dec. 1 (you must close on a new home) while the state advanced funds portion began on July 1, creating the windfall and yet another buying window of opportunity to realize your Venice homeownership dream. That purchase window may also be narrowed somewhat by the recent creep-up in mortgage interest rates. As rates increase (a likely scenario), so will the monthly mortgage payment, making it more difficult to qualify for the home loan.

Restrictions to the program are few, and include:

1. The purchaser must be a "first-time home buyer," defined as a buyer or spouse that has not owned a home in the previous three years.
2. The federal tax cred-

it and advanced state funding will be 10 percent of the house purchase price not to exceed \$8,000.

3. The IRS tax credit could be claimed on either the 2008 or 2009 tax return.

4. The state cash advance may also be used for Federal Housing Administration mortgage loan costs, but it is still unclear whether it can be applied to the mandatory FHA 3.5-percent down payment.

Very soon, business groups, trade organizations, and government agencies will be publishing educational and public service material for the consumer as these different stimulus options ramp up. Keep a sharp eye and a sharper pencil on hand to map your best fit to invest in our sunshine community. It will certainly be well worth the time and effort spent.

The federal government has planted a money tree. The state government has added fertilizer. Are you a first-time home buyer who will pick the fruit?

*Tim Paradiso has held a real estate license since 1964 and has been a Venice resident since 1972.*

## Buyer lined up for Axxess MRI

BY ROGER BUTTON  
BUSINESS  
COLUMNIST

It is business as usual at the nine centers of **Axxess Medical Imaging Corporation** following the company's Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing last week.

"There is already a buyer lined up, whom I cannot name at this stage, as we work through the bankruptcy proceedings," said **Douglas Badertscher**, chief restructuring officer.

The business will be acquired by a national medical company, then emerge from bankruptcy as a stronger company, said **Badertscher**, who has in-depth health-care management and turnaround expertise. Patients and referring physicians can expect to receive the same high level of service and quality during the transition, he said.

In a statement, **Dr. Steven Miley**, **Axxess**' chief executive officer, said the company's problems stem from the continuing economic downturn, reductions in reimbursement for services rendered, significant long-term debt and the company's rapid expansion.

A major local business success story, **Axxess** was launched in Venice in 2001 by **Miley**. Following 24 years in medicine, mostly as an emergency-room doctor at **Bon Secours Venice Hospital** (now **Venice Regional Medical Center**), he founded the new company. **Axxess** opened its first major imaging center at **Sunset Lakes Boulevard** in March 2004. The project cost \$10 million. A fast-growth period for the company began

with the opening of a second center, in **Bradenton**, and, two years, later a third, in **Sarasota**.

In May this year, the company acquired seven **Medical Resources Inc.** diagnostic centers for \$200,000 cash and \$3.8 million in financing. Those locations are in **Port Charlotte**, **Naples**, **Jacksonville**, **Titusville**, **Pinellas Park**, **Clearwater** and **Bradenton**, which was then closed.

**Axxess** has 129 employees who remain employed with no anticipated changes, according to **Badertscher**. In the bankruptcy filing, the debt of the company was estimated as \$16.1 million and company assets at \$4.4 million. Revenues last year were \$11 million and this year are budgeted at \$22 million-\$24 million.

A fast-growth period for the company began

with the opening of a second center, in **Bradenton**, and, two years, later a third, in **Sarasota**.

In May this year, the company acquired seven **Medical Resources Inc.** diagnostic centers for \$200,000 cash and \$3.8 million in financing. Those locations are in **Port Charlotte**, **Naples**, **Jacksonville**, **Titusville**, **Pinellas Park**, **Clearwater** and **Bradenton**, which was then closed.

**Axxess** has 129 employees who remain employed with no anticipated changes, according to **Badertscher**. In the bankruptcy filing, the debt of the company was estimated as \$16.1 million and company assets at \$4.4 million. Revenues last year were \$11 million and this year are budgeted at \$22 million-\$24 million.

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## BIZ BRIEFS

### Chamber calendar

- Wake Up! Venice, Wednesday, July 15, 7:45 a.m., HarborChase of Venice, with co-host **TideWell Hospice**, 950 Pinebrook Road.
- Business After Five, Thursday, July 23, 5:30 p.m., Senior Friendship Center, 2350 Scenic Drive; \$5 members, \$10 non-members.
- Network Lunch, Monday, July 27, 11:45 a.m., Venetian Golf & River Club, 105 Pesaro Drive.

- Panel discussion, "Positioning your business for the turnaround," moderated by State Sen. **Nancy Detert**, Thursday, July 30. Registration is 7 a.m., breakfast 7:30 a.m. and the program 8-10 a.m., **Holiday House**, 455 North U.S. 41 Bypass.; \$15 sponsoring chambers and organization Members, Young Professional members governmental officials, \$25 nonmembers. RSVP to **Charleen Myers** at 488-2236 or **cmymers@venicechamber.com**.

### New IPC team member

**IPC**, Venice, recently hired **Randy Johnson** as its National Sales Director. **IPC** is a major distributor of promotional products for companies and associations. **Johnson** will focus on driving **IPC's** core business as well as generate local advertising support for the company's nationally acclaimed "Kidsville" newspaper, a teaching medium now being used in **Sarasota County** elementary schools. **IPC** can be reached at 484-3622."

**ETHICS** from Page 1A

John Simmonds, Mayor Ed Martin and a former airport board member — all named defendants — submitted nearly \$300,000 in bills from private attorneys related to the Sunshine suit, which council later agreed to pay. Moore's bill totaled \$126,000.

Council Member Sue Lang, also a defendant, previously said she incurred approximately \$2,000 in private attorney fees but didn't seek reimbursement.

Willson said that was no coincidence. The "manipulative methodology" required Moore be dropped from the lawsuit, followed by Lang agreeing in writing not to seek reimbursement for her private attorney fees in order to vote on whether the city should pay the attorney fees of her fellow council members. The final act of manipulation, according

to Willson, was council's vote to use city funds to pay private attorney fees related to the Sunshine lawsuit.

In return for acknowledging city violations of the Florida in the Sunshine Law and Public Records Law, plaintiff Anthony Lorenzo agreed to drop the individually named defendants from the suit.

Willson said he regretted being the person to initiate the ethics complaint.

"Following the election of 2007, I by design removed myself from the limelight of our local political scene. I did so knowing any negative comments or actions I took would be dismissed as sour grapes having lost the election," he said. "I am very cognizant that view will still surface with certain members of our community today. Despite that reality, I cannot sit back and idly watch as some of our elected offi-

cial misuses their authority to maneuver a settlement relieving the misdeeds of all involved and paying the bills of most.

"A settlement that only benefited these elected officials, and whose cost is in the millions of dollars, will likely be borne by the innocent taxpayers of our city. Somebody has to step up to the plate."

An ethics complaint was filed by Venice resident Winston Wilmore against Council Member Sue Lang on Oct. 9, 2008. The commission dismissed it on Dec. 5, for "lack of legal sufficiency," but it has refused to consider Sunshine suit-related charges because they were the subject of litigation.

All that remains is a judge's order in September stipulating how much the city will pay the plaintiff for attorneys' fees and costs.

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**JAIL** from Page 1A

conference room expanded into the second half, with about 75 spectators either sitting in chairs or ringing the walls of the room.

Five potential sites in central Sarasota County were scheduled to be ranked during the two-and-a-half-hour session, but a public comment portion left only 30 minutes for reviews. Only one area, a privately owned parcel on Knights Trail Road, was able to be ranked according to its size, location, access, ownership/development/construction costs, operational costs and environmental impact.

Knights Trail Rowco, a 40-acre parcel, received 69 points by the work group. In previous work

group considerations, the highest score given so far — 89.5 points — went to Fruitville Park of Commerce, located off Fruitville Road in North County.

With one lone exception, Patrick McCarthy of Nokomis, residents who spoke to the work group detailed reasons why a correctional facility should not be placed in the Laurel area.

Jim Bowers, president of the Venetian Golf & River Club Community Association, requested that the Knights Trail sites be eliminated by the work group. Among the reasons he cited for their removal were the limited access from Laurel Road East, the amount of county-owned property that can be used instead, the approximately 1,000

existing single-family homes in the area, an increased burden on local infrastructure and the availability of communities that would welcome a detention center.

Speaker Lucy Koitsch asked work group members to travel to the sites and view them before making a decision.

The Community Partners Work Group is expected to review and rank potential sites by late summer to send to the CJC.

The top three sites will be submitted to the county commissioners, who are expected to direct technical staff to evaluate the sites. A decision on a final site is not expected until early 2010.

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# New law makes it easier for police to hand out tickets

BY ELAINE ALLEN-EMRICH  
STAFF WRITER

A. J. Lamantia's last memory of his girlfriend Katie Marchetti, 16, was her being ejected from his car and run over by another vehicle.

The 19-year-old was driving home to Valrico, Fla., from a family reunion in Sarasota. Marchetti was in the passenger seat reclined back to take a nap. She wasn't wearing her seat belt.

It was about 10:30 p.m., on March 3, 2006, when Lamantia reportedly nodded off for a split second. He lost control of the car and careened into a guard rail and then a concrete wall.

Marchetti was ejected from the car into the path of oncoming traffic. Lamantia, who was wearing a seat belt, regained consciousness, only to watch as Marchetti was run over by another vehicle. She died the next day at Tampa General Hospital.

According to a Web site created in Katie's memory, her mother, Laura Marchetti, said the simple truth is that her daughter died "because she wasn't wearing her seat belt."

Starting Wednesday, police will have a stronger role in making sure everyone wears a seat belt.

The new Dori Slosberg and Katie Marchetti Safety Belt Law — named for Marchetti and another crash victim not wearing her seat belt — was signed into law on May 6 by Gov. Charlie Crist. It means police can pull a car over and ticket anyone not wearing a belt. Previously, police had to

have another reason — such as speeding or expired tags — to check for seat belt violations.

Police expect the law to make an impact.

"The police department is predicting that seat belt usage in the city will increase by the end of next year as a result of this new law," said Tony Siriani of the North Port Traffic Enforcement Unit, adding the fine is \$99.

In Charlotte County, sheriff's deputies will not automatically ticket drivers at first. However, in time, residents are expected to know the new law.

"It's education — education at first and then it will be no excuse for not knowing the law over time," said CCSO spokesman Michael Maschmeier.

Florida's new seat belt law will not only save lives, it will also entitle the state to \$35.5 million from a soon-to-expire federal incentive plan that rewards states for increasing safety belt use, according to AAA Auto Club.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates the new law will lower seat-belt-related fatalities by about 125 a year.

Laura Marchetti, who established a foundation in her daughter's name, was instrumental in getting the new law passed. She arranged two buses with more than 100 adults and teens to lobby in Tallahassee in favor of tough seat belt legislation.

Another Florida father who was touched by tragedy after losing his 15-year-old daughter

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was Irving Slosberg, a former state representative. His daughter, Dori, who was not wearing a seat belt, died in a car crash in 1996 on Palmetto Park Road west of Boca Raton.

Slosberg began lobbying Tallahassee for a mandatory seat belt law. Slosberg, who is a millionaire, started a traffic safety foundation.

Nowadays when Laura Marchetti speaks to students she ends with this statement, "Every time you fasten your seat belt, it crosses over your heart."

She says she wants auto manufacturers to design vehicles that "will not start" until the seat belt is fastened or will not stop buzzing unless the belt is buckled.

"Passage of this life-saving bill has been a long time coming, but the lives that will be saved and the injuries prevented make it all worthwhile," said AAA spokesman Kevin Bakewell in a statement.

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**SCF** from Page 1A

he said. Trustee Kelvin Lumpkin said flatly, "I reject the notion we're not transparent." Still, he said later that he thought the workshops were a good idea.

Trustee Christine Robinson of Venice, who cast the only "no" vote in

April on the name change, stressed the value of the Sunshine Law.

"What I wanted to focus on is what a lot of folks don't understand, is the fact we have to operate in the sunshine, which means anything that's talked about be-

tween the board members has to be talked about during a publicly noticed meeting," she said.

Robinson said she still feels the same about the name change, but added, "I certainly defend the reasons we made the decision."

**TEEN** from Page 1A

perform it on Coleman. The child also indicated that Coleman had used his hand to touch the child in a lewd and lascivious manner and

that Coleman masturbated in front of the child.

The same events occurred at the second location, according to

the child. Coleman received no bond on the four counts of sexual battery and \$15,000 on the remaining counts.



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## OUR VIEW

# Don't let opportunity go up in smoke

Cigarette smokers got another good reason to quit last week when Florida's tobacco tax jumped by \$1 per pack.

As if the constant drum beat of bad news about the killer health effects of smoking weren't enough, they now feel the pain in their wallets.

On April 1, federal taxes rose 62 cents, to \$1.01 per pack. Florida's tax rose from 34 cents to \$1.34 on July 1, so a carton of cigarettes will now include \$23.50 in combined taxes. Yikes.

We're for it. Florida's tax, last raised in 1990, had been ridiculously low. Florida now vaults from fourth-lowest state tax to the middle, 22nd in the country. (Rhode Island's tax is highest, at \$3.46.) In the midst of a severe budget crunch, the new tax is expected to bring in revenues of more than \$900 million a year.

But the greater impacts will be on

the other side of the ledger. The Centers for Disease Control figures that illnesses related to smoking cost citizens \$75 billion a year. Florida sells more cigarettes than any other state, and by some estimates, medical costs for smoking-related diseases are some \$6 billion a year here.

The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids cites studies that show that every 10-percent increase in cigarette prices cuts smoking rates by 4 percent, 7 percent among young people. The higher tax will save lives, especially in the long term because it will stop youngsters from getting hooked in the first place. The Campaign estimates some 79,000 lives will be saved in the long run because of the higher tax.

We can't vouch for the specific figures — statistics are fluid, to say the least — but there is absolutely no doubt that the tax hike will stop more

people from picking up the habit, will prompt more people to quit and will save us all from higher health-care costs. Bottom line, it will prevent diseases from developing and save many lives.

But tobacco smoking is a nasty, addictive habit, and the additional tax costs will be a real burden for many tobacco addicts. They may want to quit — for financial, family or health reasons — but it's rarely easy.

If you've never gone through it, you may not know how agonizing it can be. So for those who don't smoke, it's important to encourage friends to quit now. Be supportive. Be a help.

And for those who want to quit, don't feel a need to go solo. There is a lot of support out there. Use it.

We suggest starting with on the Internet. Google "stop smoking" and go from there. You'll find plenty of

good advice.

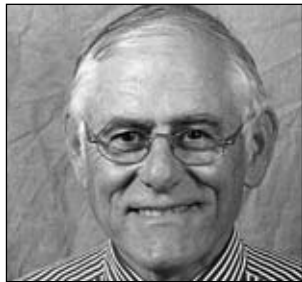
Smokefree.gov suggests using the START plan. Set a quitting date. Tell everyone you are planning to quit. Anticipate the challenges. Remove tobacco from your life. Talk to a doctor.

A doctor may help steer you to one of the prescription drugs now available. We've seen a number of people use the prescription Chantix successfully. It's not cheap, but the cost is far less than continued smoking. Nicotine gum and patches also help many people.

You also have to understand your own behavioral triggers and the psychological impulses that contribute to the habit. Smokers need help to overcome their addiction, but there is plenty of it available.

The higher tax will push more people toward a healthier, smoke-free life. That's the ultimate benefit.

## Oh no, more litigation?



BOB VEDDER  
PUBLISHER

A great display has opened at the Venice Art Center on the Arts of Asia and with it many presentations and classes that should be interesting, from raku to calligraphy to bonsai and ikebana. While you are at it, you might wander in and meet the new director, **Mary Morris**.

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You should put July 24 and 25 on your calendar, as there is going to be a huge Christmas in July promotion downtown. **Sandy McGowan**, event chair, said more than 40 businesses will be involved and more than \$1,000 in merchandise and services will be given away.

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I have been asked "why do you put that little annoying flap of white paper in the middle of the paper sometimes?" When we changed the width of our paper, we were left with quite a bit of newsprint that was a little too wide. None of our other customers uses that size, so this seemed the best way to use it up.

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Today's Ism: Why do banks charge a fee on insufficient funds when they know there isn't enough money in the account to begin with?

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It was great seeing all of the Venice elementary schools getting an "A" grade with many improving their scores. Garden Elementary third-graders were near the top in the county and all the schools did well, including our middle schools.

It was sad to see Venice High drop to a "C" when it had an "A" only two years ago. The way scores are computed for the high schools, special defined groups, or lower-end groups, must improve even by only 1 percent or the school's grade goes down. VHS stayed the same in those groups yet students in the regular student population improved. So while the school improved overall, its grade went down.

Doesn't quite seem right, but you can appreciate what is trying to be accomplished.

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At five minutes and six seconds after 4 a.m. today, Wednesday, July 8, the time and date were 04:05:06 07/08/09. The next time this will happen will be in 1,000 years. **Darlene Wilwant** shared

Please see VEDDER, 9A



## LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

# What else would you charge for?

Editor:

The very vocal extremist fringe of the 20 percent or so of Americans who continue to consider themselves Republican takes pride in preventing our government from joining the rest of the western world in the provision of health care as a civil right. Had it been equally successful in other areas of public responsibility, the following scenarios might be common:

1. "I'm sorry, Mrs. Smith, Billy was sent home today because he became upset when he learned that he would no longer go to science class because his father's employer changed education providers and they do not cover science."

2. "9-1-1 operator."  
"A man is trying to break into my house."  
"Yes, I understand — and how will you be paying for our service?"

3. "May I see your voting fee receipt please? I'm sorry, you are behind in your payments and will not be able to vote in this election."

The rich, the old, the disabled, politicians, union members and some other employees of some companies all have some kind of health insurance. Nearly 50 million members of working families — almost 16 percent of all Americans — have no coverage, either because they cannot afford it or because it is not available at any price.

Illness is second only to job loss as a cause of home foreclosure causing families to become homeless. Thank you, very vocal minority.

John Halvorsen  
Englewood

### What about the credit bureaus?

Editor:

For a long time you, the media, talked about who caused this dilemma that drastically affects each and everyone of us.

First, it was Wall Street, and then came the real estate hustlers, followed by the real culprits, the lying, cheating, thieving banks in all of their glory. A considerable amount of time afterward, the lying, cheating, thieving credit card companies, and the fact that they and the banks are as one.

Guess who they rely upon to support their greedy, lying, cheating

consumer has no alternative but to close the account and begin paying it off with those inflated charges.

Incidentally, the myth that paying your bills on time reflects good credit is hogwash. According to them, I had bad credit because I was overextended, even though I always paid my bills on time. How could I have always paid my bills on time and still be overextended? Go figure.

As I said, sloppy, unregulated and unreasonable.

Jack Aland  
Sarasota

### Money could have been better used

Editor:

I am surprised that there has not been more outrage voiced by Venice residents about the \$133 cost per person in this city for the legal costs caused by our elected officials.

The self interest of a few is costing money that could well be spent on the people who need help because of all the other problems that face us today.

David Benton  
Venice

### And the check's in the mail

Editor:

There is an old saying: "Liars figure and figures lie." Anyone who believes that a 31-percent rate hike will actually lower electric rates, I have a bridge to sell them. FPL got a 35-percent

rate hike three years ago and a 7-percent hike last year. Give me a break. Let it tighten its belt like everyone else has to do.

Frank Bianco  
Venice

### Just take it to trial

Editor:

I have one simple question for Mayor Ed Martin, Sue Lang and John Moore, and Marshall Happer and their other apologists: If you are so convinced that Martin, Lang, Moore, et al., are so innocent, why didn't they, and why doesn't their small band of zealot supporters, insist that the Sunshine lawsuit go to trial so they can prove their innocence and have the judge compel the plaintiffs to pay all court costs?

Instead, these council members, supposedly elected to serve our best interests, choose to blame: the city attorney, the former city manager, unscrupulous plaintiffs, greedy attorneys, unknown boogymen out to get them and, finally and most absurdly, the city of Venice itself.

They are playing all of us for fools and, I suspect, loving every minute of it.

Greg Shanika  
Venice

### Sand color is a hot issue

Editor:

The photograph of the dark gray sands of Venice

Please see LETTERS, 9A

**By's Crack:** This summer one-third of the nation is ill-housed, ill-nourished and ill-clad. They call it vacation.



## Seen on the roadside out West



**JERRY WOELFEL**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

Most of you know that I have been a political junkie for some 30 years. Well, on this trip I have not been keeping up with local politics, but I have noticed some very interesting items along the way in other states.

In New Mexico, there are signs everywhere warning people of DUI penalties. "Don't Drink and Drive" billboards are the norm, but there are other huge billboards too: "Women drive drunk too and will end up in jail," "DUI is illegal — checkpoints are everywhere," "Drunks are not your friends when they drive," and (I think my favorite) "Fines for DUI? Sure — jail too."

There are billboards telling you where to get help if you are an alco-

holic — AA numbers to call and state government Web sites to search for help. No politics involved with this issue, only concern for the death and destruction that may be caused by drinking and driving.

In Tucson, Ariz., I noticed that no one talks on the cell phone while driving. I heard on the news that it is now illegal in "some counties," so I am not sure if it is statewide. Local news commentators were having a heyday with lists of people who were cited and fined. Some must have been local celebrities to get so much news coverage. I never did hear what the fine was but can imagine it would be a huge income generator in Florida if we had the same law.

I have always heard the Texas motto, seen it on their license plates and bumper stickers, was "Don't mess with Texas." But in state on the road signs and billboards you see: "Don't mess with Texas, our flag or our troops." You see the American flag flying everywhere and "Support our troops" signs

on buildings, houses, road signs, billboards, barns, restaurant windows, school marquees — everywhere. What a magnificent statement Texans put out to the public.

They take great pride in supporting the military without any concern as to the politics that may be involved. "Don't mess with Texas, our flag or our troops" makes a statement all its own.

They take great pride in being the state that President George Bush is from. The thought that anyone would say anything derogatory about the president of the United States is grounds for trouble. It is the president of the United States and the fact that our troops defend our liberty and freedom from oppression that the Texan mindset seems to put first and foremost.

We are now on our way to California and look forward to their ideas, as usual.

*Jerry and Bob Woelfel are on an extended RV trip through the West and Southwest.*

**LET 'EM HAVE IT: HOW HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR VACATION PLANS BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMY? CALL 207-1111.**

## Beware the condo commandos

**Fear factor.** If you are contemplating buying a condominium, be afraid, very, very afraid. If the board elected by the owners gets power-hungry or acts irresponsibly, you could end up like the owners where the association gave them a 30-day notice to pay \$5,000 for a new roof or face foreclosure and eviction — even 80-year-old ladies with a small Social Security check and no access to additional funds. You have now been warned. Be careful who you vote for.

**Inside job.** When one department in city hall found out it was being charged by the records department \$360,000 a year for record storage, it contacted outside storage companies that other government agencies use and was quoted prices well below \$10,000 a year. When this suggestion was made, it was told flat out, no, it can't be done. As far as Mr. Vedder's suggestion that employees take an across the board 10-percent pay cut to pay for council's lawsuits, how can the mayor and council in good conscience expect employees' families to suffer for their actions? And one other thing: Once-a-week garbage pick-up is good enough for county residents, why isn't it good enough for the city of Venice residents?

**How well?** This year Pine View celebrated its 40th anniversary. Pine View normally outperforms all other local schools in intellectual contests. But that's only expected where students are selected on the basis of high IQ, get special educational treatment and have above-average parental support. But how do Pine View students perform during their school years compared with students of the same IQ in our regular schools? More important, how have these bright students at Pine View and regular schools performed in their careers after 20 to 40 years? The general public, and more important, parents who send their kids to Pine View really should know.

**Drill bits.** I have a wish list for visiting the dentist. First, I would really love a calm atmosphere, not people rushing around in complete chaos. Second, I really would like a dentist to begin working and keep on working without constant interruptions, which frequently seems to happen. I'd like to know what's happening, too. I'd like the procedure explained to

me, whatever the dentist is doing. And, I do have a question. It seems to me that every time I have a tooth capped, the latest thing is that the tooth needs a root canal. I've had a lot of caps in my lifetime and not every one required a root canal; in fact, very, very few. I'm wondering if this isn't a very expensive gimmick. A lot of people tell me they're afraid to go to the dentist. I think if these rules were adhered to, the atmosphere and the feeling would change. I hope somebody out there is listening.

**Incomplete.** It seems like the antique lighting through Nokomis on U.S. 41 that was put in this past year doesn't work. I think the antique lights were supposed to go on Albee Road and that was never completed. Also, at Albee Road and U.S. 41, the sidewalk was never completed. At Laurel Road, there's no sign that says turn and go east on Laurel Road to I-75; there's no I-75 sign either northbound or southbound for the Laurel Road interchange. Also, all county fire stations have a yellow sign on the building stating that they are a safe place for children to go to or you could drop off a baby. The Nokomis fire department doesn't have a sign. This is probably one more reason Nokomis should be absorbed by the county because it's not treating the citizens the same as throughout the county. They're not with the program.

**Blessing.** Mary Kay Ruppel is the best. I'm very happy she's in the paper since probably 90 percent of newspaper publications today are entirely liberal. Also, there are more Democrat millionaires and multi-millionaires in the U.S. Congress and Senate than there are wealthy Republicans. God bless Mary Kay Ruppel.

**Boring.** Almost every week there are one or two attacks on one of your best

writers, Mary Kay Ruppel. This past week one of her detractors stated that we're not all rich Republicans. Well, the fact of the matter is, it is the most wealthy people who voted for the Democrats in the past election. Did you ever hear of limousine liberals? They overwhelmingly vote Democrat. Mary Kay Ruppel is entertaining and talented. Maybe they don't agree with her opinion but that's no reason to attack her. If they can write so well and they want to give the left-leaning side, why don't they write guest columns? I'm sure your paper would print them. Maybe they're just not talented enough or they can't come up with any ideas for a column, but it's getting very boring reading week after week after week, another attack on Mary Kay Ruppel.

**"Enough."** Is it sheer stubbornness or are these city council people really as dumb as they appear? The Venice Jet Center is now in the hands of the official receiver, who wants to sell the property with the approval to build four hangars on it, but Martin, Lang, Moore, Zavodnyik and McKeon won't give him approval. They come up with excuse after excuse but the bottom line is they just don't like the airport being close to their homes. So the taxpayers of the city have to suffer by paying the legal bills on this fight as well as on the Lorenzo Sunshine case, Sharky's, Milo — and the list goes on. Meanwhile, we get platitudes from the mayor and "bring it on challenges" from Lang and we can't get rid of them for another 18 months, when the city will be destitute. In the meanwhile, they surround themselves with purveyors of bad advice and the circle perpetuates itself. Who is running this city? Who is it that these politicians constantly look to for direction? How long will it be before some brave council member finally stands up and yells, "Enough. I've been wrong, sorry, time to start acting my age and stop acting like a spoiled brat"? You were elected to city council by people to look after their best interests. Why don't you remember your oath of office and start doing just that.

## LETTERS from Page 8A

Beach meeting blue Gulf waters on the front page of the *Gondolier Sun* is unlikely to excite many beachgoers to visit our town. Comments on the Web page of our former beach motel, the Best Western Sandbar, that the motel was close to sugar-white Siesta Beach may have been inspired by the decision in the 1990s to renourish Venice Beach with dark sand.

Comments that dark sand gets hotter than light-colored sands are true. I checked the temperature of Venice Beach

and Siesta Beach sands with a surface thermometer on a clear June day. The sands were both 76 degrees at sunrise. By 9 a.m., the Venice Beach sand was 106 degrees and the Siesta beach sand 94 degrees. By noon, the Venice Beach sand was 124 degrees and the Siesta Beach sand 105 degrees. By comparison, clean concrete and recently black-topped roadway rose from 80 degrees to 113 and 133 degrees at noon.

It has been reported that beach temperatures affect plant and animal life as well as the sexual

ratio in turtle nests. I have previously noted that the dark material in beach sands often has a high phosphorus content that could promote red tide.

Why aren't environmental groups, especially Mote Marine, plus the general public helping direct the renourishment programs?

Mote Marine still has not defined the cause of red tide and expresses disinterest in Bob Rigby's method for controlling red tide outbreaks.

**Dick Windgassen**  
Venice

## VEDDER from Page 8A

this with me.

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**Charlotte Kuropatwa** brought in a slew of papers from Canada. They were of all kinds.

One or two were the real wide papers — you remember those, don't you? Maybe the most fun was a tabloid called *The Low Down* that had the bad joke of the day on the front page, a big picture of a truck that turned over because the driver sneezed and the story of a horse breed, gypsy vaneer.

In the *Globe*, there was an interesting story on cancer tests and how men are more likely to Twitter other men than women.

Charlotte left me a note on one section ask-

ing me to save it for her travel friends; Charlotte, you can come and pick it up.

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The Venice Planning Commission wanted to study in depth a proposed ordinance that was sent to it. The members knew it was sensitive as it involved short-term rental properties, over which the city had been sued before. Council and a lot of citizens were eager to get a new ordinance to stop rentals of property for short durations.

The last time the planning commission studied something on such rentals, it said the city did not have the authority to ban them. Council did anyway and lost a lawsuit.

Unfortunately, the

directive from council was to accept it or reject the proposed ordinance, but not to take more time to study it. The commission looked at it and almost to a person thought it was fraught with all kinds of problems, possibly leading to lawsuits.

One concern was the ordinance was directed at the island — places like Golden Beach (no surprise there) — but did not address many other areas.

This is one more case of not letting an advisory board do its work.

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*Robert A. Vedder writes a weekly column in this paper.*

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## More childhood fishing stories

Does one person e-mailing for me to write more about childhood fishing stories qualify as popular demand? Maybe.

When I was 14 years old fishing for carp at Gwynn Oak Amusement Park back in old "Balamer" (Baltimore), I was very shy (although people who know me will dispute that). I noticed another kid about my age fishing. I recognized him from school and, believe it or not, he was fishing for carp with a fly rod.

We quickly became best friends. That was 56 years ago.

As young adults, we would go to the Susquehanna River to fish for the spring run of shad. We would do our Clark Kent quick-change routine from suits to wading boots at a restroom on the way to the river.

In our 30s and 40s, we went on several fishing trips all over the world with and without our spouses. A bunch of great memories. Our best couple trip was to Ecuador. But, that's a story for another day. Our best buddy trip was to Vancouver Island in British Columbia. Another story for another day. Good memories are great.

Unfortunately, the inshore fishing is still very slow. Not much happening at the jetties or the pier.

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

*Mr. Sheepshead is Dave Hack. Contact him at 486-1998, 321-8849 or mrsheepshead@verizon.net.*

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Pythons 10U looking for players

The Venice Pythons 10-U AAU baseball team is looking for players for the upcoming fall season.

Tryouts will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 26, at the Chuck Reiter Complex in Venice.

For more information, call coach Joe Buncik at 323-7845.

### Venice seeks volunteer freshman coaches

The Venice High football program is seeking volunteer freshman football coaches for the upcoming season.

Last year's freshman squad went 8-0, outscoring opponents 296-41.

For more information, call Venice High varsity head coach John Peacock at 488-6726, ext. 65598.

### YMCA offering summer basketball camps

The South County Family YMCA in Venice is holding summer basketball shooting camp for girls from July 13-17.

The camp is held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

Register at the South County Family YMCA. For more information, call coach Joe Whelton at 492-9622.

## 11-12 LITTLE LEAGUE — DISTRICT 16 TOURNAMENT

# HRs power American to win

BY PERRY D. PENTZ  
SPORTS EDITOR

Venice American pounded out 16 hits including two of four home runs by Noah McClannahan to remain alive in the 11-12-year-old District 16 Little League Tournament with a 13-3 win over Venice National on Tuesday at Twin Lakes Park in Sarasota.

American (2-1) will play either West or East Sarasota at 6 p.m., Wednesday in an elimination game.

On Monday, American only had five hits in a 13-3 loss to Sarasota Florida but against their city rival they came out swinging the bats.

It took two innings to get on the scoreboard but then the scoring floodgates opened. American scored five runs in the top of the third inning on five hits. Garrett Gager reached on an infield single. Colin Cristello followed with a two-run home run over the left-center field fence. Tyler Rickert singled. With one out, McClannahan slugged his first home run over the right field fence. American's final run scored on a sacrifice fly by Grattan Phillips.

"Last night we kind of gave up because of they kept scoring and long innings," said McClannahan, who has never hit two home runs in a game. "We all came in (today) knowing we were never going to give up so we just kept hitting even if we were down."

"I just said relax and have fun," Venice American manager Russ Dinka said. "It's no different than any other game they have ever played."

Venice National got a run back in the third inning with an one-out home run by Mark Arnold over the left-center field fence.

American added two runs in the fourth inning on a RBI triple by Jay Paolillo and RBI single by McClannahan, who went 3-for-4 with five RBI.

National got within four runs by scoring two runs in the fourth inning on a RBI groundout by Chris Rice to score Preston Hines, who led off with a single. The other run scored on an error.

Phillips got the win for American by allowing three hits in 3 1/3 innings with six strikeouts. Dinka only gave up one hit in 1 2/3 innings of relief.

American closed out the scoring with six runs on five hits in the fifth inning. Ryan Dinka led off with a single. A RBI double by Phillips scored one run then Misho Cemovich reached on an infield single. With one out, Phillips scored on a sacrifice fly by Cristello. Tyler Rickert then hit a two-run home run over the right-center field fence. After an error, McClannahan pounded his second home run over the



SUN PHOTOS BY PERRY D. PENTZ

Venice American's Jay Paolillo slugs a solo home run in the first inning against Sarasota Florida in the 11-12-year-old District 16 Little League Tournament on Monday at Twin Lakes Park in Sarasota.



Venice American's Tyler Rickert throws a pitch against Sarasota Florida on Monday in the 11-12-year-old District 16 Little League Tournament at Twin Lakes Park.



Venice American's Misho Cemovich gets ready to hit the ball against Sarasota Florida in the 11-12-year-old District 16 Little League Tournament on Monday at Twin Lakes Park.

right-center field fence.

"It was pretty awesome," McClannahan said about the two home runs.

Dinka went 3-for-4. Cristello, Rickert, Paolillo and Brent Killam had two hits each for American. Cristello had three RBI while Rickert and Phillips knocked in two runs.

"That's more (hits) than both our first two games put together," the manager said. "I hope we didn't use them all up for tomorrow night."

### Sarasota Florida 13, Venice American 3

Walks, hit batters, errors were costly as Venice American lost to Sarasota Florida, 13-3, in the winner's bracket of the 11-12-year-old District 16 Little League Tournament on Monday at Twin Lakes Park.

Venice American pitchers had four hit batters, four walks and three errors as Sarasota Florida scored runs in every inning.

American grabbed a 2-0 lead

in the first inning. With two outs, Jay Paolillo slugged a solo home run over the right-center field fence. Noah McClannahan singled and Tyler Rickert walked. McClannahan scored the second run on an error by the shortstop.

Sarasota Florida came back with five runs in the first inning thanks to a walk, two hit batters, three hits and an error.

Sarasota added three runs in the second and third innings on five hits, two errors and a hit batter.

American scored its final run in the fourth inning as Rickert smashed a solo home run over the center-field fence.

Sarasota ended the game in four innings with two runs in the bottom of the fourth inning on a hit, hit batter and three walks.

### JUNIOR LITTLE LEAGUE

#### North Port 5, Venice 4 (11 ins.)

In the opening game of the

District 16 Junior Little League Tournament at North Port High, North Port scored four runs in the bottom of the seventh inning then added a run in the 11th inning to pull out a 5-4 come-from-behind victory.

Venice plays either Sarasota or Englewood at 6 p.m. Wednesday at North Port High in an elimination game.

The first four innings was a pitching dual. Venice scored three runs in the fifth inning to break the scoreless tie. Venice's Charlie Jerla shut down North Port with six scoreless innings of pitching.

Venice led 4-0 entering the seventh inning. After getting the first out, North Port eventually tied it on a sacrifice fly.

"It was a good game," Venice coach Rich Carroll Jr. said. "I can't complain about it."

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## SPORTS SHORTS

### BASEBALL

#### VENICE NO-VEL POST 159 WINS 3 OF 4:

Venice No-Vel Post 159 placed third in the Veterans 4th of July Tournament at Braden River Park.

Post 159 won three of four games in the three-day tournament but missed the championship game because of runs allowed.

On Friday, Palmetto scored 10 runs in the seventh inning to rally for a 13-4 win in the first game.

Venice led 4-3 but allowed 10 runs on seven hits, three walks and two hit batsmen.

Post 159 scored a run in the third on an RBI single by Kevin Guthrie and added another run in the fourth on an RBI single by Aaron Rhodes. Venice scored two runs in the sixth inning as James Browning and Rhodes had RBI singles.

Pitching for Venice was Brent Krauss, who allowed only three hits in four innings with five strikeouts. Tommy Hanks and Austin Smith closed it out for Venice.

Browning and Rhodes went 2-for-3 for Post 159.

In the second game on Friday, Venice defeated Braden River Pirates, 7-3.

Venice scored a run in the first inning on an

RBI double by Browning.

Braden River scored three in the first inning but Venice tied it with two in the fifth inning. Stefano Cavallaro doubled and stole third base. Donnie Pedigo singled. Cavallaro scored an error by the catcher.

Post 159 escaped in the fifth inning, only giving up a run. With runners on base, Michael Knott relieved Rhodes and struck out the side to end the scoring threat. Venice scored two runs in the sixth and a run in the seventh inning.

Knott got the win by pitching three innings of no-hit relief with five strikeouts.

Joe Iorio and Browning went 2-for-4 at the plate. Browning had two doubles and an RBI. Rhodes and Karlwin also had RBI.

On Saturday, Venice's Iorio struck out eight in four innings as Post 159 defeated the Pirates, 6-1.

Iorio allowed just three hits and one run in four innings. Ryan Golembeski closed out the game with no hits in three innings.

Ortiz, who singled, scored on a passed ball. Alec Stiver knocked in a run with a single. Post 159 scored in the fifth inning as Knott led off with a triple and scored on a sacrifice fly by Guthrie. Venice added three runs in the sixth inning on an RBI single by Stiver to score Bret Swikle, who singled and a two-run single by Brent

Krauss.

Ortiz had two hits while Stiver had two hits and two RBI. Krauss also had two RBI for Post 159.

Pitchers:

In their final game, Venice scored two runs in the sixth and one in the seventh to pull out a 8-7 victory over North Port.

Venice scored two runs in the first on a two-run double by Ortiz and added three runs in the third inning. Zach Brower singled and Bucky Maler walked. Knott's sacrifice fly scored Brower and Ortiz's double scored Iorio.

North Port took a 7-5 lead with three runs in the fourth inning before Post 159 tied it at 7-7 with two runs in the sixth inning. Maler led off with a single. After a force out at second base, Knott singled. Rhodes' RBI single brought in one run then Knott stole home with the tying run.

In the sixth inning, Venice scored the winning run. Alex Rodriguez walked, stole second and moved to third on a passed ball. A groundout by Josh Boyle scored the winning run.

Boyle, Rodriguez and Swikle pitched for Post 159. Swikle got the win by allowing no hits in the final two innings with two strikeouts.

Ortiz went 2-for-2 with two doubles and three RBI. Knott and Rhodes also had RBI.



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## Lions club gives \$30,000 in grants and scholarships

BY AUDREY BLACKWELL  
STAFF WRITER

On June 4, representatives from many local nonprofit organizations and a Venice High School student received monetary awards totaling \$30,000 from the Venice Lions Club. The awards were handed out during a dinner party and evening of "Lionism" at Venice Regional Medical Center.

Awards went to Bear Ladies, Friends of Jacaranda Library, Lions Conklin Center, Florida Council of the Blind, Florida Lions Camp, Lions Eye Institute, Friends of Venice Public Library, Project Graduation, Warehouse of Venice, Southeastern Guide Dogs, Our Mother's House in Venice and InStride Therapy. Venice High School student Aaron Turner received a scholarship. Present for the event was Corki, a retired seeing-eye dog from Southeastern Guide Dogs.

"The Lions Clubs of Venice-Nokomis-Englewood has a large footprint in the area it serves," said Barbara McGillicuddy, president. It reaches from Blackburn Point Road to the north, Boca Grande to the south, Myakka River to the east and the Gulf of Mexico to the west.

### History

The Venice Lions Club began in 1947 with 29 members, and the VLC Foundation started in 1985. In 1994, the Lions Club Vision Center opened at the Venice Regional Medical Center HealthPark at Jacaranda Boulevard and Center Road.

The Vision Center helps about 40 patients a month, based on income guidelines established by the Alfred G. and Ingeborg Keerl fund, which is designed to help those within the boundaries outlined. Those seen for vision screenings are also eligible to undergo hearing tests and assistance.

The Lions Club started in the United States when Melvin Jones, a Chicago business leader, and his group wanted to do more than they were doing in 1917 and formed the Association of Lions Clubs. It soon went international. Then, in 1925, Helen Keller spoke

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SUN PHOTOS BY AUDREY BLACKWELL

Above right, Barbara McGillicuddy, president of Venice Lions Club, sits at the Aladdin Classic Telesensory Company's magnification system at Venice Public Library, a tool to help those with impaired vision be able to read. This equipment and other CCTV readers can be taken out of the library on loan for up to three weeks at a time.

Above, Venice Public Library service representative Pat Barco demonstrates how the Video Eye, a small box that can be hooked up to any television, can help those who are visually impaired read documents, books and even music scores. Since this one is hooked up to a TV at the library, it can't be loaned out, but people can use it at the library. Left, Pat Barco, customer service representative at Venice Public Library, displays a pair of magnifying glasses that can help people with low vision watch TV. The glasses cost about \$300 to \$400 to purchase but can be borrowed free of charge from the library.

PHOTO BY DR. RIC NAMIKAS, COURTESY OF VENICE LIONS CLUB

Top, Members of the Venice Lions Club recently distributed over \$30,000 in grants to local nonprofit organizations and a scholarship to a Venice High School senior. Pictured are Charlotte Behn, Mary Kalp (Bear Ladies), Tamar Wolfe (Friends of Jacaranda Library), Jane Forbush (Friends of Jacaranda Library), Denise Harlow (Lions Conklin Center), Aaron Turner (VHS), Gloria Kelleher (Florida Council of the Blind), Barbara Cage (Florida Lions Camp), Terri Goldstein (Lions Eye Institute), Jessica Valazquez (Florida Lions Camp), Ann Hall and Lynn Thierry (Friends of Venice Library), Denise Freeman (Project Graduation), Sarah Bannister (Warehouse of Venice), Patsy French (Southeastern Guide Dogs) and Debbie Eaton (Warehouse of Venice). Seated in front is Paula Best with retired seeing-eye dog Corki (Southeastern Guide Dogs). Not pictured are representatives from Our Mother's House in Venice and InStride Therapy, which also received grants.



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### Venice Women's Sailing Squadron

**Time:** 9 a.m.  
**Where:** Venice Yacht Club, 1330 Tarpon Center Drive, Venice  
**Call:** Penny Washburn, 966-3100  
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### Kayaking safety

**Time:** 8:30-11 a.m.  
**Where:** North Jetty/Snake Island  
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### 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.  
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**Call:** 485-9724  
**Link:** www.thewomensresourcecenter.org

### Kiwanis Club meets

**Time:** 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m.  
**Where:** American Legion, 1770 E. Venice Ave., Venice  
**Cost:** \$10  
**Call:** Beverly Miller, 484-7394

### Watercolors with Walter

**Time:** 10 a.m.-noon  
**Where:** Woodmere Park, 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice  
**Cost:** \$20  
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### Evening book club

**Time:** 6 p.m.  
**Where:** Jacaranda Library, 4143 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice  
**Call:** 861-5000

### Venice Archives

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

### Club food

**Time:** 11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
**Where:** Venice-Nokomis Elks Lodge, 1021 Discovery Way, Nokomis  
**Notes:** Menu varies weekly. Drive-up available.  
**Call:** 486-1854

### DAV dinner

**Time:** 4-8 p.m.  
**Where:** Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 101, 600 East Colonia Lane, Nokomis  
**Cost:** \$5  
**Call:** 488-4500

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

## FRIDAY, JULY 17

### Dine out for Habitat for Humanity

**Where:** Cafe Venice, 116 W. Venice Ave., Venice  
**Notes:** Enjoy lunch or dinner at Cafe Venice on July 17 and 10 percent of your total bill will go to Habitat for Humanity South Sarasota County.  
**Call:** Ronnie Meurs, 493-6606  
**Link:** www.cafeveniceontheisland.com

## SATURDAY, JULY 18

### Sunset sip and stroll

**Time:** 6-8:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Nokomis Beach, 100 Casey Key Road, Nokomis

## BEST BET UNDER THE SUN

### Hollywood Divas Cabaret takes the stage



PHOTO COURTESY OF VENICE THEATRE

Renee Cordonnier, left, and MaryBeth Antoinette were in the original Hollywood Divas Cabaret at Venice Theatre and are returning for the cabaret's return this month. Joining them onstage will be Cara Herman, Laurie Colton, Gianna Campo and Caitlin Longstreet.

Performances of the 2009 Hollywood Divas Cabaret will be at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, July 9-11 and July 16-18, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 12 and July 19, in the Yvonne T. Pinkerton Theatre at Venice Theatre, 140 W. Tampa Ave., Venice. Audiences will be treated to music, a trivia contest, prizes and fun. Tickets are \$19 and are available by calling the box office, 488-1115, or at www.venicestage.com.

**Call:** 488-3023

### Karaoke

**Time:** 7-10 p.m.  
**Where:** VFW Post No. 8118, 832 E. Venice Ave., Venice  
**Call:** 486-8551

### Guitar class for beginners

**Time:** 4-5 p.m.  
**Where:** Nokomis Community Center, 234 East Nippino Trail, Nokomis  
**Notes:** Bring an acoustic guitar and notebook.  
**Cost:** \$15 for five weeks or \$3 per class  
**Call:** 861-5000

### Tappercise

**Time:** 10-11:30 a.m.  
**Where:** Starz Choice Dance Academy, 348 S. Seaboard Ave., Venice  
**Call:** 408-0019

### Club food

**Time:** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 4-7:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Venice-Nokomis Elks Lodge, 1021 Discovery Way, Nokomis  
**Call:** 486-1854

**Time:** 5-8 p.m.

**Where:** American Legion, 1770 E. Venice Ave., Venice

**Time:** 5-8 p.m.

**Where:** Eagles Aerie 3482, 621 East Colonia Lane, Nokomis  
**Call:** 484-4470

### Poetry open reading

**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Where:** Sanddollar Bookstore, 272 Miami Ave., Venice  
**Call:** 480-1030  
**Link:** www.poetsrule.com

### Jewelry classes

**Time:** 6-8 p.m.  
**Where:** Erlenbach Studio, 207 Nokomis Ave., Venice  
**Call:** 227-4335

### Venice-Nokomis Rotary Club

**Time:** noon-1 p.m.  
**Where:** Grace United Methodist Church, 400 E. Field Ave., Venice  
**Call:** 493-0390  
**Link:** www.venicenokomisrotary.org

### Aerobic Walking Club

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

### Coastal Ventures Cruise Club

**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Where:** Crossroads American Grille, 385 U.S. 41 Bypass North, Venice  
**Notes:** The club's mission is for members to cruise their boats to fun destinations.  
**Call:** 386-0983

### Tin Can Sailors meet

**Time:** 11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
**Where:** American Legion Post 159, 1770 E. Venice Ave., Venice  
**Call:** Bob Schwartz, 497-1050

## FRIDAY, JULY 10

### VHS class of 1989 20-year reunion

Please see VENUE, 4B

### Bingo

**Time:** 6-8:30 p.m.  
**Where:** American Legion, 1770 E. Venice Ave., Venice  
**Call:** 488-1157

### Game day

**Time:** 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Venice Art Center, 390 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice  
**Call:** 485-7136  
**Link:** veniceartcenter.com

### Euchre, bridge

**Time:** 6-7:45 p.m.  
**Where:** Jacaranda Library, 4143 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice  
**Call:** 861-5000

### Karaoke

**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Where:** Eagles Aerie No. 3482, 621 East Colonia Lane, Nokomis  
**Call:** 484-4470

### Seniors beach walks

**Time:** 8:30-10:30 a.m.  
**Where:** Nokomis Beach Pavilion, 100 South Casey Key Road, Nokomis  
**Notes:** This self-guided beach walk starts at the plaza.  
**Cost:** \$1 one-time fee for a one-mile walk  
**Call:** 861-5000

### Shuffleboard

**Time:** 7 p.m. Wednesday; 9 a.m. Monday and Friday  
**Where:** Hecksher Park, 450 W. Venice Ave., Venice  
**Call:** Bill, 586-5889

### Venice Sailing Squadron

**Time:** 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Venice Community Center, 326 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice  
**Call:** 412-3222

### VFW Ladies Auxiliary dinner

**Time:** 5-7 p.m.  
**Where:** VFW Post 8118, 832 E. Venice Ave., Venice  
**Cost:** \$7  
**Call:** 484-8118

### Republican Club of South Sarasota County

**Time:** 11:30 a.m.  
**Where:** Venice Area Chamber of Commerce, 597 South Tamiami Trail, Venice  
**Notes:** There is a social, a speaker on a current topic of interest and a light lunch. On July 8, state Rep. Bill Galvano will speak about the latest leg-

islative session in Tallahassee.  
**E-mail:** filipkowski4law@aol.com

### Friends of Shamrock Park

**Time:** 10 a.m.  
**Where:** Shamrock Park Nature Center, Venice  
**Notes:** A talk on the Florida Scrub Habitat will be at 11 a.m.  
**Call:** 375-3846

## THURSDAY, JULY 9

### Let's dance

**Time:** 7-10 p.m.  
**Where:** Venice Community Center, 326 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice  
**Notes:** Vito and Marilyn Carcioppolo will provide a free dance lesson at 6:30 p.m. BYOB. Music will be by Jay Smith. Singles are welcome. No shorts or T-shirts. Sponsored by the Friends of the Venice Community Center.  
**Cost:** \$5  
**Call:** 497-3227

### Photography classes

**Dates:** Thursdays, July 9-30  
**Time:** 9 a.m.-noon  
**Where:** Englewood Art Center, 350 S. McCall Road, Englewood  
**Notes:** Learn about the digital camera, photographic principles and composition.  
**Cost:** \$65, members; \$85 non-members  
**Call:** 474-5548

### Free golf clinic for interested mentors

**RSVP:** July 9  
**Date:** July 12  
**Time:** 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Capri Isles Golf Club, 849 Capri Isles Blvd., Venice  
**Notes:** Anyone interested in becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister is invited to attend "Big Fore A Day," a free golf mini-clinic that will match a child and an adult for the play day.  
**Call:** 488-4009  
**Link:** bbbssun.org

### Gardening answers

**Time:** 9:30 a.m.-noon  
**Where:** Venice Public Library, 300 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice  
**Call:** 861-1350

### Zumba dance classes

**Time:** 6:15 p.m.  
**Where:** Venice Community

Center, 326 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice  
**Call:** 408-8205  
**E-mail:** mlszerbin@aol.com

### 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

### Tap dance classes

**Time:** 9-11 a.m.  
**Where:** Nokomis Community Center, 234 East Nippino Trail, Nokomis  
**Notes:** Beginner class 9-10 a.m.; intermediate class 10-11 a.m.  
**Cost:** \$10 per class  
**Call:** 861-5000

### Line dance classes

**Time:** 11 a.m.-noon  
**Where:** Nokomis Community Center, 234 East Nippino Trail, Nokomis  
**Cost:** \$5 per class  
**Call:** 861-5000

### Hula class

**Time:** 10-11 a.m.  
**Where:** Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 800 South Tamiami Trail, Venice  
**Call:** 488-3009



### Dance classes

**Time:** 6-8 p.m.  
**Where:** Nokomis Community Center, 234 East Nippino Trail, Nokomis  
**Notes:** adult beginner and advanced levels jazz/tap and ballet  
**Cost:** \$30 per month per class; both classes \$50  
**Call:** 861-5000

### Banjo music

**Time:** 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Snook Haven, 5000 E. Venice Ave., Venice

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## FRIDAY, JULY 17

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**Call:** Ronnie Meurs, 493-6606  
**Link:** www.cafeveniceontheisland.com

## SATURDAY, JULY 18

### Sunset sip and stroll

**Time:** 6-8:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Nokomis Beach, 100 Casey Key Road, Nokomis

**Notes:** Venice Community Center hosts this event that asks participants to put their toes in the sand and stroll the beach and to bring a blanket or chair. Steel Pan Dan will entertain. Beer, wine, and a \$5 cheese, cracker and fruit buffet will be on sale.  
**Cost:** \$5  
**Call:** 861-1380

### Sarasota Chorus of the Keys

**Dates and times:** July 18, 8 p.m.; July 19, 2:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Glenridge Performing Arts Center, 7333 Scotland Way, Sarasota  
**Notes:** This award-winning chorus will perform as the 2009 Sunshine District Championship Barbershop Chorus under the direction of Don Clause and George Gipp. The theme is The Music

of Yesteryear.  
**Cost:** \$15  
**Call:** 552-5325  
**Link:** www.chorusofthekeys.org

## MONDAY, JULY 20

### Venice Summer Music Camp

**Dates:** July 20-31, Monday-Friday  
**Time:** 1-4 p.m.  
**Where:** Venice-Nokomis United Methodist Church, Nokomis  
**Notes:** Students entering grades four-12 will be offered instrumental instruction, music games, music theory and history, an introduction to conducting and a concert for parents and friends. Beginning and intermediate instruction will be given. Students must bring an instrument. The Venice Symphony

is sponsoring this event.  
**Cost:** \$75  
**Call:** Mrs. Heskett, 716-3313, or Venice Symphony, 488-1010

## SATURDAY, AUG. 1

### Barbecue fundraiser

**Time:** 11 a.m.-3 p.m.  
**Where:** Venice-Nokomis Elks Lodge, 1021 Discovery Way, North Venice  
**Notes:** Event will help raise money for the Elks charities and Nokomis Volunteer Fire Department's Rescue Equipment Fund. The public is welcome.  
**Cost:** \$10 at Elks Lodge or fire department  
**Call:** 485-8807

**VENUE** from Page 3B

**Dates:** July 10-12  
**Time:** Friday 8 p.m.; Saturday 6:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Friday, Cafe Venice; Saturday, Pelican Pointe Golf & Country Club; and Sunday, North Jetty Beach  
**Notes:** Mingling and cocktails on Friday; dinner, music and dancing on Saturday; relax on the beach on Sunday.  
**Cost:** \$60 each in advance for both nights; beach is free  
**Call:** Michelle Ross Litzler, 416-2218

**Employment success class**

**Time:** 10:30 a.m.-noon  
**Where:** Women's Resource Center, 701 Center Road, Venice  
**Cost:** \$5 member; \$8 nonmember  
**Call:** 485-9724  
**Link:** www.thewomensresourcecenter.org

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

**Peer counseling**

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

**French Club to meet**

**Time:** 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
**Where:** Venice Public Library, 300 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice  
**Notes:** Basic knowledge of French is required.  
**Call:** 485-3985

**Food distribution**

**Time:** 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
**Where:** Habitat ReStore,

1400 Ogden Road, Venice

**Computer questions**

**Time:** 1:30-2:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Jacaranda Public Library, 4143 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice  
**Call:** 861-1270

**Club food**

**Time:** 11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
**Where:** Venice-Nokomis Elks Lodge, 1021 Discovery Way, Nokomis  
**Notes:** Menu varies weekly. Drive-up available.  
**Call:** 486-1854

**Time:** 5-8 p.m.  
**Where:** Eagles Aerie No. 3482, 621 East Colonia Lane, Nokomis  
**Call:** 484-4470

**Time:** 4:30-6:45 p.m.  
**Where:** VFW Post No. 8118, 832 Venice Ave., Venice  
**Call:** 484-8118

**American Legion dinner-dance planned**

**Time:** 5-8 p.m.  
**Where:** American

Legion, 1770 E. Venice Ave., Venice  
**Call:** 488-1157

**Friday & Saturday night 'Jazz Project'**

**Time:** 7-9 p.m.  
**Where:** Bonnell's Boutique & Winery, 317 W. Venice Ave., Venice  
**Notes:** Wine, beer and food will be served. Band located inside; no cover charge. No minimum sidewalk, inside bars or garden. Reservations recommended.  
**Cost:** \$20 minimum per person inside tables  
**Call:** 480-0011

**Elks Friday night fish fry and dance**

**Time:** 5-7:30 p.m. dinner

followed by dancing  
**Where:** Venice Nokomis Elks, 1021 Discovery Way, Nokomis  
**Notes:** Restaurant is operated by Buffalo Bill's Catering. Lounge is restricted to members and guests.  
**Cost:** \$8  
**Call:** 485-8807 or 486-1854

**Tappercise class**

**Time:** 3-4:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Starz Choice Dance Academy, 348 S. Seaboard Ave., Venice  
**Notes:** intermediate tap  
**Call:** 408-0019

**Sunset sing-along**

**Time:** One hour before sunset  
**Where:** Venice Beach, near lifeguard station  
**Notes:** Bring a chair  
**Call:** 493-0775  
**Link:** www.newlifevenicefl.org

**Teen beginning guitar class**

**Time:** 4-5 p.m.  
**Where:** Nokomis Community Center, 234 East Nippino Trail, Nokomis

**Notes:** Bring an acoustic guitar, pencil and spiral notebook.

**Cost:** \$3 per class; \$15 for five weeks  
**Call:** 861-5000

**Shuffleboard**

**Time:** 9 a.m. Friday and Monday; 7 p.m. Wednesday  
**Where:** Hecksher Park, 450 W. Venice Ave., Venice  
**Call:** Bill, 586-5889

**Sign language coffee chat**

**Time:** 7-9 p.m.  
**Where:** Books-A-Million, 4230 South Tamiami Trail, Venice

## Pets and owners find creature comforts away from home

FROM NAPSA

There's good news for pet owners who want to travel with their furry friends. It turns out they are part of a growing trend.

According to the Travel Industry Association, "more than 29 million Americans have traveled with a pet on a trip of 50 miles or more, one way, in the past three years." Millions of Americans are pet lovers, but it can sometimes be a challenge to find appropriate accommodations while away from home.

Fortunately, some ho-

tels are throwing travelers a bone. For instance, Hilton Hotels & Resorts' new Hilton Pet Friendly program makes traveling with cats and dogs easier.

From information on local pet parks and veterinary offices to food bowls and pet beds, the hotel chain is dedicated to making a pet's stay as comfortable as its owner's.

Here are a few tips for making your trip more enjoyable when traveling with your pet:

- **Trim before travel:** Clip your pet's nails before you leave. Pets with freshly trimmed

nails are less likely to damage items in strange surroundings and, if necessary, are easier to restrain.

- **Heal your hound:** When traveling by car, pack a simple pet first-aid kit. Be sure to include assorted bandages, anti-septic cream, an anti-diarrhea medication that is safe for pets (ask your veterinarian to suggest a product), gauze squares, and the phone numbers of your veterinarian, a national poison control hotline and a 24-hour emergency veterinary hospital.

- **Forgo feeding:** Air

travel on an almost empty stomach is usually recommended for your pet's comfort. However, always ask your veterinarian for specific feeding instructions. The age and size of your pet, time and distance of the flight, and your pet's regular dietary routine will be considered when feeding recommendations are made.

- **Research the road:** If planning to travel by bus or train, research and consult your local transportation in advance for information. Most states prohibit animals from riding on buses and sim-

ilar regulations restrict travel on trains, with exceptions for guide and service dogs accompanying blind and disabled persons.

- **Pamper your pet:** Vacations are not just for owners. Before traveling, check the area for dog-walking routes, pet shops and groomers to indulge your furry friend. If you don't have the time to research, take advantage of your hotel's pet services. They can provide information on all the services above, as well as additional information on veterinarians, doggy day care and kennels in

the area.

- **Don't let your pet stray:** Unfortunately, pets can get separated while away from home. So, in addition to their standard identification tag, your pet's collar should include a travel tag with information on where you are staying while traveling. In case your pet becomes lost, you can be contacted locally.

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**LIBRARY BRIEFS**

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

**Libraries and Sarasota Reds are promoting more 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."

**Birds of Florida**

On Wednesday, July 8, 10-11 a.m., in the Meeting Room, learn about our flying natives

and how you can spot them.

**Video Lecture Series**

On Thursday, July 9, 2-3 p.m., in the Meeting Room, the video lecture series will focus on Shakespeare's tragedy "Romeo and Juliet."

**Toddler Tale Time**

On Friday, July 10, 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. and 10:45 to 11:30 a.m., toddlers ages 1-3 and their parent, grandparent or caregiver, are invited to enjoy stories, rhymes, songs and playtime.

**Ask Jack**

On Friday, July 10, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., bring your computer questions and trade them for computer answers.

**Chess at the Library**

Novice to master, everybody plays chess at the library Sunday, July 12, 1 to 4:30 p.m.

**Preschool Storytime**

On Monday, July 13, 10 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-relat-

ed crafts.

**Baby Rhyme and Sign Time**

On July 14, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m., this program is geared toward babies ages 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.

**Book Club**

On July 14, 9:30-11:30 a.m., in the Meeting Room, "Mister Pip" by Lloyd Jones is the topic. A young girl escapes the reality of a war-torn island by reading "Great Expectations."

**Tuesday Movie Matinee**

On Tuesday, July 14, 2009, 2-5 p.m., a free film follows the flights of bird migrations over seven continents.

**Balloon Twisting Workshop**

On July 11, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., participants will learn the secrets of balloon art as professional entertainer Sherry Jenkins of ACE (Amazing Character Entertainers) teaches the basics of twisting balloons into simple animals and objects. Registration is required for children ages 8-10. Event is limited to 10 participants. Call 861-5000.

## Do You Suffer From Ringing In Your Ears?



Beltone is pleased to announce that Mr. J.C. Jackson BC-HIS, a renown Tinnitus Consultant who has helped countless individuals with their Tinnitus, will be available for Free Consultations in our Port Charlotte, Englewood, and South Venice offices for 1 week only. He will be introducing a new Beltone product specifically engineered to help Tinnitus sufferers. Limited Appointments available. Please call to schedule yours today.

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# Pausing to clean shower puts wife in hot water with husband



**DEAR ABBY**  
COLUMNIST

shower so we could "get close" before the house got too warm. She agreed.

I waited and waited. She seemed to be taking a very long time. When I peeked in I found her scrubbing the shower floor and walls. I was mighty unhappy that my wife would rather scrub the shower than join me in bed.

She says she did nothing wrong and claims I'm making a mountain out of a molehill. What say you? — **STILL HOT AND BOTHERED IN GEORGIA**

**DEAR STILL H AND B:** Has your mind never wandered? Perhaps your wife saw a speck or two of soap scum as she was finishing her shower — after all, two people had just used it. Rather than

becoming upset, you should have gone into the shower to help her get the job done. If you had, things might have worked out differently.

**DEAR ABBY:** If someone is in an "unhappy" marriage with kids, is it a good idea or bad thing to wait until the kids are adults before considering divorce? The parents of almost everyone I know divorced while they were young. Mine did when I was about 20. But I know many couples who are staying together only for their kids, and I wonder if that's best for everyone. Your thoughts, please. — **"WENDY" IN WASHINGTON**

**DEAR "WENDY":** You have asked a question for which there is no one-size-fits-all answer. It depends on the condi-

tion of the marriage and how well both partners can sublimate their frustrations. While staying together for the sake of the kids may seem like an idyllic solution, I have heard from children of dysfunctional couples saying that although their parents didn't fight openly, they could feel the tension between their parents and would have grown up emotionally healthier if their parents had separated.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have recently started a great new job at a place I love. One day a week I'm unable to be there, so the woman I replaced works that day.

We now share a desk — which I would not normally mind, but she has left all her belongings on the desk and around

the workspace. I'm talking about photos, mementoes, hand creams, shoes, books, etc.

As the primary holder of the position, I think I should be able to keep my personal items in the area and put my own photos on the desk. After all, she is there one day a week only.

I wouldn't be opposed to her having a drawer to herself, or a designated area where she can keep her stuff. I don't want to create animosity between us, so how should I go about this? — **DOESN'T DO MONDAYS**

**DEAR DOESN'T:** Because the woman works on the day that you are off, ask your supervisor or office manager to speak to her. Your request seems reasonable and sensible to me, and

frankly, I'm surprised that she hasn't realized it and removed most of her things without having to be prompted.

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

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# Honoring women in the military

FROM NAPSA

The female experience is a vital part of America's military experience, and the Veterans History Project created a new initiative to honor their contributions.

Women make up 15 percent of those in active military service and by 2010 will comprise 10 percent of all living American veterans. They have one-of-a-kind experiences to share, and the Library of Congress is one place their stories can be told.

### Congress created it

The Veterans History Project at the Library of Congress American Folklife Center was created by the U.S. Congress in 2000 to collect, safeguard and make accessible the personal accounts of American war veterans.

The Veterans History Project has grown to be

the largest oral history program in American history, having collected nearly 60,000 firsthand recollections — approximately 3,500 of them from female war veterans.

### Web site

Visitors to the project's Web site, [www.loc.gov/vets](http://www.loc.gov/vets), can see and hear from women like Violet Hill Gordon, a young African American who, at the height of segregation, joined the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps and went on to become a commanding officer in the Central Postal Directory during World War II.

### Vietnam war nurse

Rhona Marie Prescott, a chief nurse in a remote hospital in An Khe during the height of the war in Vietnam, tells another compelling story. With Army doctors in short

### VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT

The Veterans History Project is a rich and growing collection of close to 60,000 individual personal accounts of wartime experience.

supply, Prescott was called to perform surgeries in makeshift tents in nonsterile environments and decide who might be saved.

### Dive school

Another military history maker was Darlene Iskra, who enlisted in the Navy in 1979 and went on to become one of the first females to graduate from dive school.

Her tenacity and talent won her a loyal following in the higher echelons of the Navy, and

in December 1990 she became the first woman to take command of a U.S. Navy ship, aptly named the Opportune.

### Become a historian

Almost anyone can become a volunteer historian and record stories for this important program. Go to the VHP Web site and learn step by step how to get involved.

There is a timely need for interviews from veterans of World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

In addition, VHP seeks interviews from female veterans from all conflicts, veterans representing all minority communities, as well as Merchant Marine, Coast Guard, National Guard and Reserve veterans.

For more information, visit VHP at [www.loc.gov/vets](http://www.loc.gov/vets), send an e-mail to [vhpp@loc.gov](mailto:vhpp@loc.gov) or call (888) 371-5848.

# Singer gives advice to those with diabetes

FROM NAPSA

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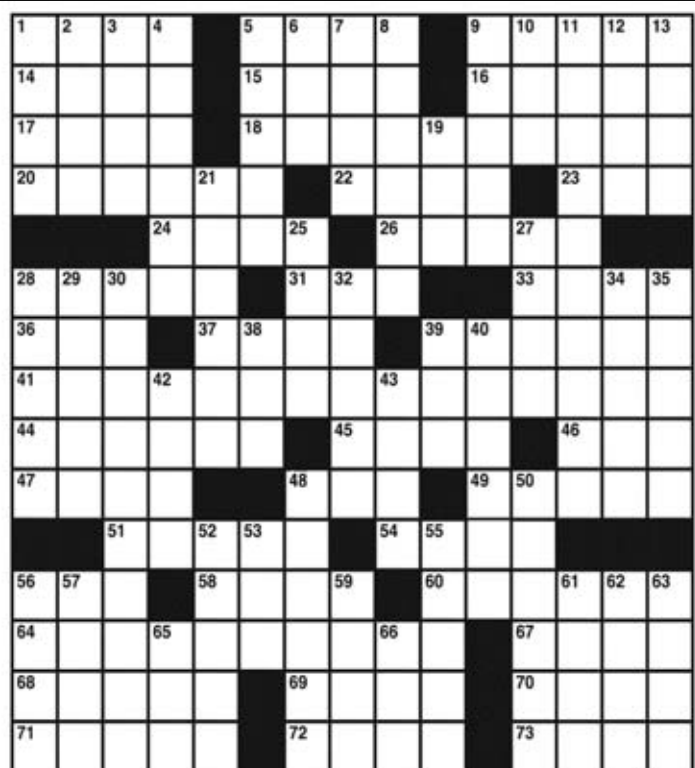
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  - 9 Bad-mouth
  - 14 Cancún green
  - 15 Browser drop-down list, briefly
  - 16 Film that involves a lot of taking off
  - 17 Stem-to-branch angle
  - 18 Good
  - 20 Peak in Jap.
  - 22 "The Clan of the Cave Bear" writer
  - 23 7-5, e.g., in tennis
  - 24 Truck name
  - 26 Where to find heros
  - 28 Organ numbers
  - 31 UN workers' group
  - 33 Vena \_\_: heart vessel
  - 36 Pencil game winner
  - 37 Cell: Suffix
  - 39 Favor
  - 41 Secret get-together, or what occurs literally in each of this puzzle's shaded squares
  - 44 Bony
  - 45 Srs.' lobbying gp.
  - 46 Gehrig of baseball
  - 47 Actress Ward
  - 48 Like Letterman lines
  - 49 1972 Bill Withers hit
  - 51 Not as healthy
  - 54 Omen
  - 56 Tablets holder
  - 58 Country where Baha'i was founded
  - 60 "CSI" workplace
  - 64 Like a question that isn't a question
  - 67 Accolade
  - 68 Fruit in balls
  - 69 Like pets
  - 70 Jack of "Rio Lobo"
  - 71 Toys on strings
  - 72 '60s musical
  - 73 Oversimplify, with "down"



By Donagliardo Please see CROSS, 10B

- DOWN**
- 1 User's in-box junk
  - 2 Send a high-tech message to
  - 3 "Don't you wish!"
  - 4 Newspaper feature
  - 5 Part of cc
  - 6 Tram contents
  - 7 Forearm bone
  - 8 Prefix with science
  - 9 Hillock
  - 10 Nada, to Noël
  - 11 With "The," 1972 Frederick Forsyth novel
  - 12 Film
  - 13 Etta of old comics
  - 19 Sign from Churchill
  - 21 Violinist Heifetz
  - 25 First-aid aids
  - 27 Gangsta rap pioneer
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- 34 Fang output, at times
- 35 Get contentious
- 38 Brynner who played a king
- 39 For each
- 40 Oppose
- 42 Get well
- 43 Giant Willie
- 48 Eerie apparition
- 50 Unclogged, as a pipe
- 52 Motor City team
- 53 Go awry
- 55 Lazy type
- 56 It "marches on its stomach": Napoleon
- 57 Prefix with stat
- 59 Sweet Sixteen initials
- 61 Blockbuster
- 62 Cain raiser
- 63 Blockbuster, e.g.
- 65 Excessively
- 66 French friend

# GOREN BRIDGE

**Q 1 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:**  
 ♠ K J 5 ♥ 8 4 ♦ K 10 9 5 3 2 ♣ 8 3

Partner opens the bidding with one no trump. What do you respond?

**A -** With 7 points and a reasonable six-card suit, your hand is too good to simply bid diamonds by whatever method you employ. Bid two no trump. If partner has a reasonable diamond fit, your hand could be worth a good few tricks.

**Q 2 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:**  
 ♠ 10 6 ♥ 9 7 6 ♦ A Q J 9 6 4 ♣ 9 3

Partner opens the bidding with one no trump. What do you respond?

**A -** This is no time to count points. You could easily be bringing five or six tricks to the partnership – more than many 10-12 point hands. Bid three no trump.

**Q 3 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:**  
 ♠ K Q 3 ♥ 8 5 ♦ A J 9 5 3 ♣ 7 5 4

Partner opens the bidding with one spade. What do you respond?

**A -** That depends on your methods. If you play two-over-one and one no trump forcing, you can respond one no trump, then jump in spades at your next turn to show an invitational raise with only three trumps. If you play two-over-one is invitational, bid two diamonds and then raise spades next. If you play two-over-one forcing but not one-no-trump forcing, make the slight underbid of two spades.

**Q 4 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:**  
 ♠ 8 ♥ K 7 6 ♦ A Q 9 8 ♣ A K 10 7 6

The bidding has proceeded:  
**SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST**  
 1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass  
 ?  
 What do you bid now?

**A -** You have a good hand, which has been improved by your fit for partner's suit. Make a reverse bid of two diamonds, which is forcing, then support partner on the third round of the auction.

**Q 5 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:**  
 ♠ K 9 4 ♥ K 8 7 6 ♦ Q 10 5 ♣ 9 3 2

The bidding has proceeded:  
**NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST**  
 1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass  
 1♠ Pass ?  
 What action do you take?

**A -** A close decision. However, your flat hand and good intermediates suggest that no trump should play better than a Moysian 4-3 fit in a major. Bid one no trump.

**Q 6 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:**  
 ♠ A J 10 8 7 4 3 ♥ 9 4 ♦ 5 2 ♣ 7 6

Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one diamond. What action do you take?

**A -** This is the perfect hand for a preempt and, usually, with a seven-card suit we would suggest a leap to the three-level. However, here you have the death holding in all three side suits – a low doubleton. We recommend a jump to two spades.

*(Tannah Hirsch welcomes readers' responses sent in care of this newspaper or to Tribune Media Services Inc., 2225 Kenmore Ave., Suite 114, Buffalo, NY, 14207. E-mail responses may be sent to gorenbridge@aol.com.)*

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# SUDOKU

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**SUZY COHEN, R.PH.**  
DEAR PHARMACIST

**Q:** I take medications for blood pressure, diabetes and arthritis, five drugs in all. My doctor is happy with my progress but my wife is urging me to take fish oils to lower my blood pressure. I am not a vitamin type of person, but I don't like some of the side effects I'm experiencing on the medications. What should I do? —G.S. Tampa, Fla.

**A:** Stay on your medications until your physician tells you otherwise and listen to

your wife. When you supplement with fish oils (or cod liver oil), over time, your body should start behaving more efficiently. Undertake this with your physician's blessings and supervision, because at some point, the combination of your fish oil supplements with your medications might cause dizziness or light-headedness. This could mean an unusual drop in blood pressure or blood sugar has taken place. It's your cue that a drug dosage needs to be reduced or a drug eliminated by your physician.

Omega 3 fatty acids are one of the most well-researched dietary supplements in the world. It's the EPA (eicosapentaenoic acid) and DHA (docosahexaenoic acid) in fish oils that improve

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The American Heart Association hasn't advocated that people buy fish oil supplements yet, but they do concede that eating certain types of seafood which contain essential fatty acids can reduce your risk of developing heart dis-

ease. And speaking of food, if you eat a lot of fried goodies, meats or vegetable oils, you will need bigger doses of omega 3 fish oils to compensate for the bad fats in your diet. So how do you get more of these beneficial omega 3s?

**1.** Eat wild-caught seafood such as mackerel, herring, tuna, Arctic char, cod or salmon. Farm-raised seafood does not contain the same amount of healthy omega 3s that wild-caught does.  
**2.** Buy natural fish oil supplements over-the-counter. Krill or Cod liver oil are two other incredible sources of omega 3s. Always take these with food to enhance absorption. I know of two companies that assure their products are free of ocean contaminants: Udo's Choice and Nordic

Naturals brand.

**3.** You can also take a prescription drug called Lovaza, but this is last on my list because it's just an expensive, patented version of regular natural fish oils; this drug form may have more side effects than regular fish oils sold without prescription.

### Did you know?

Acetaminophen is found in many cold remedies, sleep aids and pain medications. Be careful not to combine those because it could damage your liver.

*This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Suzy Cohen is the author of "The 24-Hour Pharmacist" and "Drug Muggers." For more information, visit [www.DearPharmacist.com](http://www.DearPharmacist.com).*

## WELL-BEING BRIEFS

### COPD group

COPD education and support group, 3 p.m., second Thursday of the month (July 9) in the cafeteria at Englewood Community Hospital, 700 Medical Blvd. Call 473-3119.

### Bereavement group

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### Sign language coffee

**Time:** 7-9 p.m., second Friday of the month  
**Where:** Books-A-Million, 4230 South Tamiami Trail, Venice  
**Notes:** Open to all those who are learning or wish to practice their sign language skills.

### Alzheimer's group

Monthly Alzheimer's Support Group, 1 p.m., second Monday of the month (July 13), Sterling House of Venice, 1200 Avenida del Circo. Call 485-8885.

### Osteoporosis

Osteoporosis Support Group, noon, second Monday of the month (July 13) in Englewood Community Hospital's Suncoast Auditorium, 700 Medical Blvd. RSVP

to 475-3558.

### PAST

Parents of Addicts Sharing Time is a support and advocacy group that meets at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in the conference room at Jacaranda Public Library, 4143 Woodmere Park Blvd. Call Maria Ludlam at 492-3424 or e-mail [past.venice.fl@gmail.com](mailto:past.venice.fl@gmail.com).

### National Therapeutic Recreation Week celebration

**Date:** Wednesday, July 15  
**Time:** 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Venice Community Center,

326 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice

**Notes:** Join the T-REC Coalition of Sarasota County for its annual National Therapeutic Recreation Week celebration, an indoor event open to all teens and adults with disabilities. Families and caregivers are also welcome to attend. There will be activities, music and dancing provided by Wired for Sound, light refreshments, and a few surprises too — all together for a day of fun. This is a free event, however an RSVP is requested by Monday, July 13. You may also register online.  
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### Crohn's support

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P.S. With increasing childhood obesity and inactivity rates in mind, parents may want to schedule a consultation with the chiropractor, which may prove instructive for kids who need motivation to lose weight.

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## American Legion installs new officers



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## Legionnaire of the Year



Stan Rand, left, was awarded a glass trophy honoring him as Legionnaire of the Year for American Legion NO-VEL Post 159 by Commander Norman MacLellan. Rand was recognized for his hard work as 1st Vice Commander and for recruiting more than 234 new members or transfers to the post.

# Doctor helps homeless man heal his life

BY JUDITH GRAHAM  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Three years ago, Everett Atkinson was a medical disaster waiting to happen.

The 6-foot-7 homeless man couldn't stand up long without his legs swelling dangerously. His heart was bad, his circulatory system was damaged and his body was giving out after years of alcoholism, drug abuse and neglect.

Help came his way, unexpectedly, from a doctor who had bought StreetWise newspapers from Atkinson for years. When Dr. Allen Goldberg learned Atkinson had been thrown out of a flop house because he couldn't pay the bill, the doctor offered him a chance to live in his building for a while and rebuild his health.

It was an act of compassion that reverberates to this day. The retired pediatrician has become a mentor to a man who lost his way and wanted a fresh start. Each man, in coming to know the other, has opened his eyes to another way of life.

"I had never met a person who had nothing before," said Goldberg, 66, a past president of the American College of Chest Physicians who devoted his professional life to working with severely disabled children. "I guess I found out what poverty really meant."

### Insights

Now Goldberg uses insights from Atkinson—for example, how African-Americans in poor communities can distrust white doctors—in his volunteer work in tough city neighborhoods. "He helps me understand a lot because who knows better about being disadvantaged?" Goldberg said.

In a way, Atkinson has found in the bearded,

**"I had never met a person who had nothing before."**

— Dr. Allen Goldberg

take-charge doctor the attentive father figure he didn't have as a child.

"There's nothing I haven't tried to do where he and Evi (the doctor's wife) haven't helped me," said Atkinson, 57. "That gives me insight—that if they can help me like this, I can help others."

A talkative man, Atkinson traces his downward slide to a defining event of his youth: finding out at 18 his parents had adopted him as an infant. His father had died eight years before; as an only child he was extremely attached to his mother, who passed away in 1973.

"(She) used to tell me: Whatever you do, Everett, tell the truth. And then I found out, she never told me the truth about who I was," he said, sighing. Atkinson said his drinking and drug use started after he found his biological family—a father who was abusive, a mother who got hurt, and a dozen frightened brothers and sisters.

### Together

For a while, Atkinson said, he pulled himself together and became a salesman for a men's retail chain. Then he worked as a bouncer in clubs, high on cocaine and liquor. The addiction broke up his marriage and drove away his son, who Atkinson says has disappeared. On several occasions in the 1970s and 1980s, he said, he spent time in Chicago's Cook County Jail on charges of burglary and

weapons possession. In 2003 he pleaded guilty to a charge of misdemeanor battery and was sentenced to probation.

Goldberg and his wife, a retired anesthesiologist, also have known hardship. The doctor's father, a New York City firefighter, was badly injured in the course of duty and the family had little to live on when he retired on disability. Evi grew up in Germany after World War II, and her family was among the many displaced in the wreckage of that conflict.

"So many homes were bombed, people would take you in," she said, remembering living on another family's farm. "So it didn't seem strange to think about doing that for someone here."

The couple had come to know Atkinson as he sold StreetWise at a Walgreen's store for more than a dozen years. Unfailingly polite, he would talk with customers about his dreams of changing his own circumstances as well as helping others. "I realized he was unusual," Goldberg said.

Five years ago, the Chicago Tribune wrote about Atkinson when he persuaded two universities to offer writing workshops to StreetWise vendors. That effort fizzled after a relatively short time, but it impressed Goldberg. "He didn't get depressed by his lack of success and he didn't give up," the doctor said.

Needing a new direction, Atkinson decided to become a soul food chef, using recipes his mother taught him. He began cooking occasionally at bars, but there wasn't enough money to start a business or even pay for a place to sleep at night.

When Atkinson told Goldberg about being forced out of a flophouse, Evi insisted the couple had to intervene. "He

needs some place to get back on his feet," she recalls saying. "We have an apartment and it's empty right now."

"That's why we became doctors—to help people," she said. In November 2006 Atkinson moved in, and the doctor established ground rules. No smoking. No other people staying overnight regularly. No using the kitchen for commercial cooking. Atkinson signed a lease and agreed to pay an amount of his choosing in rent. He was and is still selling StreetWise.

"I didn't want him to feel like he was a charity case," Goldberg said. "The whole point was help him become independent."

### Building independence

Then the doctor sprang into action, trying to find ways to make that possible. When Atkinson said he didn't qualify for any government benefits, Goldberg found a social worker who discovered he was eligible for Social Security Disability and the state's Medicaid health care program. When applications for aid stalled, Goldberg enlisted help from the office of then-U.S. Rep. Rahm Emanuel.

Atkinson's habit is to "back away when someone says no" and not push his case, Goldberg noted. "Either people are going to help out or they're not," Atkinson explained. "I don't want people to be thinking: Everett's always asking, he's always nagging."

Before checks from the government arrived, Goldberg took Atkinson to his bank and used his own money to open an account. Worried about the tall man's feet, Goldberg persuaded a local shoe store to donate a pair of size 14 New Balance sneakers. For the winter, the doctor and his wife made a gift of a pair

of sturdy, fur-lined boots.

If you want to work in this neighborhood you have to get connected, the doctor told Atkinson. With an introduction from Goldberg, Atkinson became part of a neighborhood organization in 2007 and "everyone knows him," said Diann Marsalak, president of the organization.

Now, the two men meet about twice a week to go over what Atkinson needs to do to get a catering business established. On a recent afternoon, the doctor emphasized the importance of securing liability insurance quickly, before the city's street fairs began.

Through their interactions, Goldberg said he has come to understand how much he assumed other people thought just like he did. But Atkinson has his own way of understanding the world, rooted in very different experiences.

The doctor said he has learned the need to listen to other people deeply, carefully and without judgment—a lesson he's using in volunteer work with the Chicago Asthma Consortium. The group plans to hold "listening sessions" with residents of poor neighborhoods later this year about ways to reduce asthma's burden.

"Overcoming inequalities in health care has to be done in the community, with the community, by the community," the doctor said. The same could be said of the

former homeless man; though Goldberg can provide support, the ability to change his life has to come from within.

Both men understand their arrangement isn't permanent. "I want to see him succeed and become self-sufficient," the doctor said. "I want to be like everybody else and pay my rent, have my own place, pay my taxes," Atkinson said.

The formerly homeless man's health has improved. For the first time in decades, Atkinson has a personal physician who helps him manage his high blood pressure, congestive heart disease and peripheral vascular disease. In September, he had a procedure to open a blocked artery. Finally, he's stopped drinking. (Atkinson gave up a long-time cocaine and crack addiction in the early 1990s.)

Having a place to call home made all the difference, along with constant support from Goldberg and his wife.

"It lifts your health to have a place to rest and get some peace and quiet and it helps with your mental condition," said Atkinson, a man with a ready smile. "When you're homeless, you're a disposable person. When you've got an address and a phone number, you're coming back into society again."

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

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# Too many fail to follow hand-washing guidelines

BY WILLIAM HAGEMAN  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Everyone knows how to wash their hands. Warm water, lots of soap, a vigorous and thorough scrubbing, a good drying. Moms pound it into us from the time we're toddlers.

Why, then, don't people follow the rules?

"In many studies, people are able to score very well on their hand-washing knowledge," according to Dr. Anna Bowen, a medical epidemiologist for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the National Center for Zoonotic, Vectorborne and Enteric Diseases in Atlanta. "But (when) these same people are observed, they don't perform the proper hand-washing behaviors completely or consistently."

So what are we to do? Post large "Remember what Mom said" signs over bathroom sinks? Use stimulus money to hire bathroom police for public restrooms? A good start would be to remind folks of the CDC's hand-washing guidelines (available at [cdc.gov/cleanhands](http://cdc.gov/cleanhands)):

Wet your hands with clean running water and apply soap. Use warm water if it is available.

Rub hands together to make a lather and scrub all surfaces.

Continue rubbing hands for 20 seconds. Need a timer? Imagine singing "Happy Birthday" twice to a friend.

Rinse hands well under running water.

Dry your hands using a paper towel or air dryer. If possible, use your paper towel to turn off the faucet.

Bowen notes that even all the publicity about washing your hands to avoid swine flu isn't enough to change behaviors.

"Research has repeatedly shown that health claims do not necessarily motivate people to wash hands, and that in many cultures, a desire to look clean, to be a good parent or disgust at the thought of dirt/germs, are more important motivators."

We decided to try a test of our own. Lurking in a corner of a men's room at a train station, an observer noted how 50 visitors washed their hands. It wasn't pretty.

Only five followed hand-washing guidelines offered by the CDC; 33 washed their hands for less than 20 seconds. Charmingly, two of those just got their hands wet so they could run them through their hair. Maybe worse, 12 avoided hand-washing altogether.

Then there was the guy who spit in the sink. Someone should tell his mother.

# How to treat a sunburn

BY ALISON JOHNSON  
DAILY PRESS (NEWPORT NEWS, VA.)

While the best way to deal with sunburn is not to get one — think sunscreen, limited midday exposure and hats — here's what to do if you get baked:

Cool it down. Soak a cloth with cool water and rest it on burns for about 20 minutes. Then apply a balm such as aloe vera. You also can use a mild lotion — aim for one without perfume or dye — to help keep skin moisturized.

Bathe with cool water. Don't take hot showers or baths and avoid cleaning burned areas with soap, which can be an irritant. Pat your skin dry with a towel instead of rubbing.

Wear comfortable clothes. Choose loose-fitting cotton; wool and man-made materials such as polyester may chafe against a burn. You also can lie down a soft cotton blanket on couches, chairs and beds.

Don't peel your skin. Picking at a burned spot will irritate it and slow healing.

Stay out of the sun. Some people think that if they're already burned, it can't get worse. Not true. Wait until your skin has healed or cover up as much as possible.

Drink lots of water. You can dehydrate more quickly if you are sunburned.

Take painkillers. If your burns both-

er you, get an over-the-counter medicine with acetaminophen or ibuprofen, such as Tylenol, Advil or Motrin.

Try natural remedies. Some people have had luck with putting cold, wet teabags on burns or adding a half cup of baking soda or oatmeal to a cool bath.

See a doctor if needed. Call if your skin blisters or peels severely. You could be at risk for an infection and may need medication.



## LIONS CLUB from Page 1B

at a Lions Clubs conference and challenged the members to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." Ever since then, the club has been working to aid the blind and visually impaired, according to McGillicuddy and the club's Web site.

### Helping the visually impaired

In keeping with its mission, the Lions Club donates monies to local libraries to help them keep up to date on the latest technology for the visually impaired.

Both Jacaranda and Venice Public Libraries offer talking book software and equipment that allows customers to scan print and have that text converted to speech.

"The Lions Club has been a consistent champion of the library customers with print disabilities," said Greg Carlson, manager of Jacaranda Library.

Pat Barco, customer service representative at Venice Public Library, said they are very appreciative of the Lion's Club contributions to the Low Vision Center. There is equipment at both libraries for in-library use and for loan. Barco demonstrated a Video Eye portable magnifier that is used with a TV monitor. The equipment, which must stay in the library because it is hooked up to a television, can scan and display books, documents and even musical scores in large print on the screen.

### Other services

"Every year, the Lions Club sends out grant applications to 501(c)(3) organizations in the

area," McGillicuddy said. The Lions Club champions youth and other organizations, as follows.

- Project Graduation provides a safe, fun-filled, all night, drug and alcohol-free party for graduating seniors of Venice High School.
- The Conklin Center's mission is to empower children and adults who are blind and have an additional disabilities to be able to obtain competitive employment and fully participate in community life. The center desires to reduce dependence on institutional or homebound care.
- The Florida Lions Camp is a private, non-profit camp established and dedicated to serving the needs of youth and adults with visual impairments and other challenging disabilities.
- Our Mother's House is a non-profit, non-denominational residential housing program offered by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice Inc. It provides single mothers and their children a safe and secure environment in which to achieve self-sufficiency through education, vocational training and personal growth.
- The Warehouse of Venice is a community-based, not-for-profit organization promoting and providing events, activities and community involvement for middle school, high school and college age young people in the Venice area.
- The Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind Inc. was founded in 1958 to provide sight care to the needy through the Lions of Florida (Multiple District-35).
- Southeastern Guide Dogs is a premier, internationally accredited guide dog school headquar-

tered in Palmetto, Fla., and the only guide dog school in the Southeastern U.S.

- Florida Council of the Blind Venice Chapter's mission is to conduct a program of public education that promotes understanding among blind people, employers, state and local officials, and the community at large.
  - The Friends of the Venice Public Library is a non-profit organization in Venice, Fla., dedicated to enhancing the services offered by the community library since 1962.
  - The Friends of the Jacaranda Public Library Inc. was formed in 1992. The sole purpose of the organization is to provide support and enhance the quality of library services to the public at the Frances T. Bourne Jacaranda Public Library.
  - Blinded Veterans Association — Florida Regional Group Inc. promotes welfare of blinded veterans so they may work with their fellow citizens toward the creation of a peaceful world.
  - InStride Therapy provides therapeutic riding to qualified children and adults with various disabilities.
- Funds to support Lions Club programs are received from various fundraising activities, individual donations and bequests to the foundation, and 100 percent of all monies raised goes to support the programs. All administrative costs are covered by Lions Club members. For more information or to make a donation, call 486-6065.

The Venice Lions Club contributed to this story.

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# Holistic: A hot pet food trend

FROM NAPSA

Flaxseed, probiotics and bone-building supplements for cats and dogs?

You bet! Pets are now on board the holistic health food trend.

Just like people, pets can benefit from a holistic approach to overall wellness. That means taking the animal's whole health into consideration, from diet to fitness and lifestyle.

"Feeding your dog or cat holistically means considering what goes into the diet just as much as what doesn't," says Dr. Edward Moser, a veterinary nutritionist for Wellness pet food, which creates nutrient-rich whole food recipes for dogs and cats. "Look at the ingredient label. You'll want to see lean meats, whole grains, fruits and vegetables and avoid fillers like wheat, wheat gluten, corn or soy."

### How to help your pet's health

Moser recommends



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Three-year-old Marnie was adopted two years ago, and is the living embodiment of the benefits of a healthy, holistic pet food.

pet owners read the label for the following:

- The first ingredients listed should be quality lean meat proteins;
- Wholesome grains and fruits and vegetables should also be found at the top of the ingredient list;
- Look for the designation "natural" diet to ensure the absence of artificial colors, flavors and preservatives.

Don't assume the food you choose is delivering the best results. After your pet has adjusted to his new diet, check to see if he seems healthy, happy and energetic.

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are overwhelmingly male and will typically hone in on younger, inexperienced victims, male or female. Children need to know that unless an adult is pre-approved by their parents or officially sanctioned by school, Scouts, Little League, etc., they have no business hanging around children. Adults who hang out at parks and playgrounds who have no children of their own may be looking for trouble if they are approaching unsupervised children or teens.

"Unfortunately, sometimes the predators are the pre-approved relatives, friends or coaches, so teens need to be aware to be on guard against anyone making an inappropriate sexual advance, regardless of who it is. Once again, the importance of keeping no secret pacts with

other adults needs to be emphasized. The safe bond hopefully established between parents and children in earlier stages of development will pay dividends during the teen years, when children feel safe enough to discuss sexual issues with them.

"Normalizing their desires, urges and conflicts rather than sham-

ing, dismissing or belittling will contribute to keeping the communication lines open between parents and teens. Finally, strong loving relationships between parents and children seem to discourage inappropriate sexual behavior and promiscuity.

"There are many age appropriate books that

children and parents can read to explore these topics in a more concrete manner."

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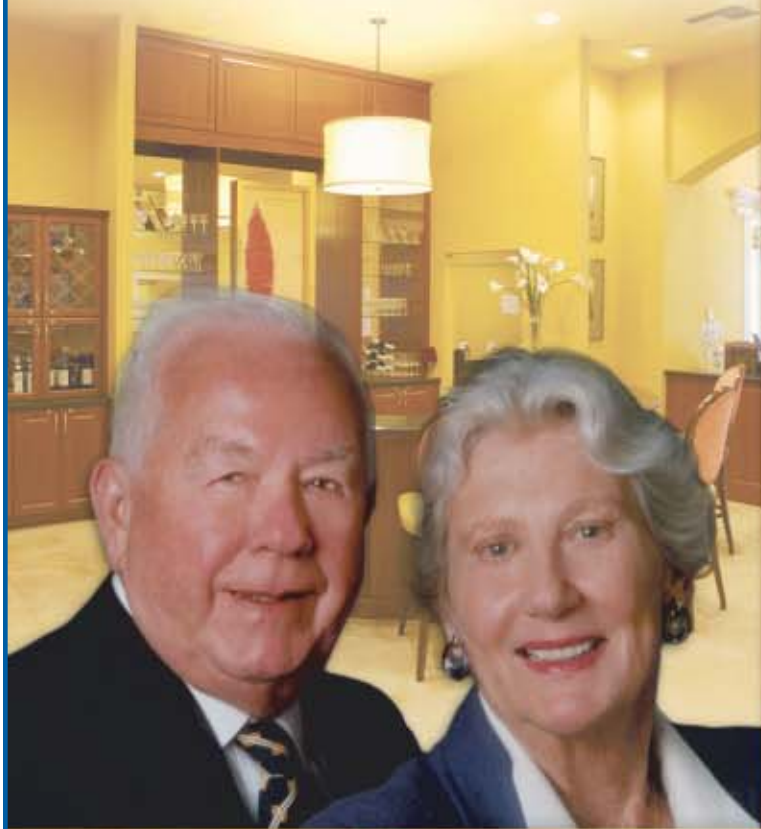
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*A Conversation with Steve Roskamp and Greg Patterson*

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**You say flexibility is a key?**

**Steve:** It's one of our core values. We recognize that everyone has their own set of needs, concerns and desires. We accommodate them.

**Greg:** Most of our competitors have a single plan or two that a potential resident has to buy into. We believe in giving our residents additional options.

**Steve:** Choices. From the purchase process to lifestyle arrangements, we individualize plans so they're win-win. We've done early move-ins with delayed closings.

**Greg:** Delayed move-ins with early closings, as well. Along with these delayed closings and move-ins are varying incentives and services, depending on the particular needs of the resident. I will personally sit down with a resident to figure out a way for them to be able to move to Jacaranda Trace.

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**Is it true that with this new Freedom Purchase Program you will actually help purchasers sell their existing home?**

**Steve:** That is correct. We have established relationships with preferred realtors, personal move-in coordinators, financial advisors, and home staging professionals. We will assist you with whatever it takes to sell your home and make your move as seamless, easy, and pleasant as possible.



Steve Roskamp and Greg Patterson are the principals of Roskamp/Patterson, the Management Company behind Venice's Jacaranda Trace Senior Living Community.

**You said that an important core value is quality. Could you comment?**

**Greg:** You see it everywhere. From the design and finishes of the individual residences, our Club facilities, and the manner in which the grounds are maintained. It's providing that high level of service while maintaining a competitive pricing structure that makes Jacaranda Trace an incredible value for those looking for a senior living community.

**Steve:** And the people who live here recognize that. Our residents are people who could live anywhere. They choose to live here. That speaks volumes about what we do. We have twenty-five years and two generations of experience in full-service senior living communities that goes back to my father Bob Roskamp, and we've always been fiscally responsible. Always.

**Greg:** We want to make the time spent with us to be the most joyous of our residents' lives. That means treating each resident as an individual and meeting their specific special needs; honoring the promises we've made to them.

**Steve:** It's about creating an atmosphere of love, respect, support, and security that allows every resident to make their years with us the best of their lives. Ultimately it's about being a family.

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Four Rotary Club directors who attended the installation banquet are, Lee Thacker, left, Jane Mendola, Joe Pokorney and Penny Corell, with Area Assistant Gov. Jerry Zweirs and Past District Gov. Dick Dodderidge.



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Dick Dodderidge, right, installs three Venice-Nokomis Rotary Club officers: Grady Hough, left, treasurer; Doug Laudenslager, vice president; and Lat Farr, president.



Along with bamboo wind chimes, Bob Mudge, left, receives a bamboo pencil holder and Grady Hough, right, red pencils for their service as Rotary Club past president and treasurer, respectively.

## Rotary Club rotates its officers



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There was a changing of the guard at the Venice-Nokomis Rotary Club installation dinner June 25 at the Venice Yacht Club.

Outgoing President **Joe Pokorney** expressed thanks for the members' dedication and presented outgoing officers and directors with a set of bamboo windchimes. Of the 400 Rotary Clubs in Florida, he said, Venice was one of the few that had an increase in membership this year.

Incoming President **Lat Farr** praised his fellow mem-

bers for their extraordinary fundraising achievements, topping many larger Florida Rotary clubs, with \$70,000 raised in the past fiscal year. The principal beneficiary of the club is the Rotary Futures program at Venice High School, which receives \$20,000 each year.

Assistant District Gov. **Ken Lund** summed it up when he said the Venice club "demonstrates a balance between 'Service Above Self' and having a good time doing it!"

Is there something in the water here that makes Venetians so kind, hard-working, generous and fun-loving?

### Asia comes to Venice

"SummerFest '09: Arts of Asia" arrived at Venice Art Center June 26 with an opening reception that elicited "ooohs" and "aaahs" from the attendees.

The bright streamers outside the center only hint at the colorful display inside, featuring a variety of Asian art works by more than 10

artists. According to **Pam Haney**, whose husband, **Bob**, was the exhibit chair and hot dog cook, "237 people participated in bringing this exhibit to you," including artists and volunteers.

**Dana Moe**, director of sales at Jacaranda Trace, the sponsor of the exhibit, expressed his appreciation for everyone's hard work, as did **Mary Morris**, the new executive director of VAC.

The festivities continued the next day with Family Fun Day, at which families participated in free demonstrations of pottery, sumi-e painting, origami and face-painting, enjoyed lunch and more. This exhibit is a feast for the eyes as well as an opportunity to learn about Asian culture.

Demonstrations and special workshops in the Arts of Asia will be available to the public during the exhibition, which ends Aug. 14. You can find the schedule of events on the Web at [veniceartcenter.org](http://veniceartcenter.org) or call 485-7136 to sign up.



Dana Moe, director of sales for Jacaranda Trace, and Mary Morris, executive director of Venice Art Center, pose in front of a kimono displayed at the Art of Asia exhibit at VAC.



Keiko Romerstein poses with her sumi-e painting "Jizo Family II," which represents buddhas, one of her entries in the VAC Arts of Asia exhibition.



After giving a demonstration of laido, Japanese swordsmanship, sensei Joel Fein said, "A sword fight in Japan between masters would be over in about three seconds."



Sumi-e and calligraphy artist Aiko Anderson is flanked by John Wagner, left, and her husband, Andy, at the VAC reception for Arts of Asia.



Grace Stanish, 7, taught children to make toy-pet clothes from old socks at the VAC Family Day.



Sisters Aruzhan Aoki, 3, and Saule Aoki, 6 1/2, smile with painted faces at the VAC Family Day. Face painter Frances Smith gave Aruzhan two ladybugs, while Saule, whose name means "sun," got a smiley-face sun.



Bob Haney, committee chair for the VAC Arts of Asia exhibit, was also chief hot dog chef for the Family Day lunch.



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Across

- 1. Reserve of money 5. Western blue flag, e.g. 9. Awry 14. Again 15. Corner piece 16. Slow, musically 17. Day for exchange of tokens of affection 20. Layers 21. Repetition of a word at the beginning of successive clauses 22. State of a serf 25. National Institutes of Health 26. Shade of green 28. "Ha'i" 32. Gangster who terrorized Chicago during prohibition 37. Suffix with sect 38. Moral codes applying more strictly to one group than another 41. Convent ruled by an abbess 42. Set close together 43. Converse 44. Aromatic solvent 46. "\_\_\_ to Billie Joe" 47. Tiny or scarcely detectable amount 53. Make steeper 58. Actress Shearer 59. Lock that can be opened only by turning dials in a special sequence 62. Betelgeuse's constellation 63. Black, as la nuit 64. Fencing sword similar to a foil but with a heavier blade 65. Used to coat sheet steel to inhibit corrosion 66. Blockhead 67. Lentil, e.g.

Down

- 1. Abstain from food 2. Loosen, as laces 3. "Well, I \_\_\_!" 4. "The Lord of the Rings" figure 5. Anger 6. Howard of "Happy Days" 7. Bit 8. Dope 9. Beth's preceder 10. Coordinate 11. \_\_\_-European 12. Antares, for one 13. \_\_\_ bean 18. "Acid" 19. Catch 23. "O" in old radio lingo 24. Department store department 27. Be sick 28. Highlands hillside 29. Affection 30. Put on board, as cargo 31. Acad. 32. Sandler of "Big Daddy"

33. Brain area

- 34. 27, to 3 35. "Not on \_\_\_!" ("No way!") 36. Carry on 37. Infomercials, e.g. 39. Brews 40. "Cheers" regular 44. "Our Time in \_\_\_" (10,000 Maniacs album) 45. Letter 46. Express a thought 48. Setting for TV's "Newhart" 49. Handouts 50. Feel blindly 51. Host 52. Exposed 53. Sean Connery, for one 54. Bolted 55. Arab chieftain 56. Black, in poetry 57. House 60. "Rocky \_\_\_" 61. Crumb

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## Kim Cool

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### Arts in trouble

This area's oldest performing arts organization — The 80-year-old Players Theatre in Sarasota — has a serious money problem. It is a sign of the times but, for this area, it could have dire consequences for many others.

This area is a mecca for people interested in the arts. Arts money drives the local economy but also brings more big-spending visitors to the area than the beaches. When those people return as permanent residents, everyone wins. They support the arts, demand and pay for better schools and add their money to the local economy. That money has led to the creation of New College, the University of South Florida, and supported Rotary, Sertoma, Kiwanis and a plethora of other clubs and organizations enriching the area. When one is in danger, all are in danger. The current weak economy has forced belt tightening, including staff layoffs most everywhere.

The Players, like many organizations, is now at that point where pay and staff cutting is not enough. Unless it finds \$35,000 (\$5,000 for each of seven shows), the Players will have to stop giving preview-night tickets to local non-profit charities for distribution to people who might otherwise never be able to see and be inspired by live theater.

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The game, against the Oakland Athletics, begins at 1:38 p.m.

Tickets are available at the Chamber office located at 52 W. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda or by calling 941-639-3720.

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The Hearing Impaired Persons group is offering a trip the Seminole Hard Rock Casino in Tampa on Tuesday. The trip leaves at 8 a.m. at the Taylor Street entrance of Walmart in Punta Gorda and at 8:30 a.m. from Cracker Barrel, 800 Kings Highway in Port Charlotte. For reservations, call 941-743-8347.

Tickets are \$30 and includes transportation, \$25 in free play and a \$5 meal voucher. Proceeds benefit the Hearing Impaired Persons.

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# Techie turns troubador

Ed Loder in  
"Live at the Opry"  
with special guest  
Terry McKinney

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He doesn't drive a pickup, take the train or have a dog. He's happily married.

But that doesn't mean Ed Loder can't relate to the country music he'll bring Charlotte County music-lovers Saturday at the Cultural Center Theatre in Port Charlotte.

"Live at the Opry" will feature Loder, co-founder and co-producer of Turning Leaf Productions, along with country singer Terry McKinney and a country band out of Northern Florida.

Loder, who made his name in the entertainment business first as a sound designer and technician, had a tough start in life. He was born in Pennsylvania's Pocono Mountains and spent years in foster homes before being adopted at age six. His father died when he was 13, and he wound up attending four high schools in four years.

It was his own near-death experience that set Loder on the road to music.

"I was hit by a car while I was on bicycle at age 12, went through the windshield and landed in the front seat resulting in two broken legs,

**What:** "Live at the Opry" starring Ed Loder

**When:** 7 p.m. Saturday

**Where:** Cultural Center Theatre, 2280 Aaron St., Port Charlotte.

**Tickets:** \$16.

Group rates are available.

**Info:** 941-206-5323 or [www.turningleafproductions.net](http://www.turningleafproductions.net).

two broken arms, broken ribs, a punctured lung, bruised kidney, and 186 stitches to the face," Loder said. "They had the technology. They rebuilt me — I am the Six Million Dollar Man."

It was during the long recovery, nearly a year in the hospital and another year and a half of physical therapy, when he began to teach himself to play the guitar.

"This began to shape my music: Harry Chapin, James Taylor, Jimmy Buffet and Bruce Springsteen," he explained.

Loder's love of music lured him to the business, but behind the scenes, where he eventually wound up working on world tours with several country music artists including Jeff Carson, Chely Wright and Sara Evans. The more country shows he worked, the more he began to appreciate the genre.

Along the way, Loder wound up stopping in Port Charlotte, where he went to work at the

## K-9 demo/fundraiser

For the final show of the 08/09 season - TLP along with Ray Hubbert, President of the Retired Law Association, will be raising funds for a much needed kevlar vest for North Port Police Department's Officer Mike Dietz's K-9 Gino.

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Cultural Center Theatre.

That led to his meeting performer-producer Valerie Sneade, who was making plenty of noise on the local entertainment scene.

Soon, Turning Leaf Productions was born, and Sneade and Loder became man and wife.

It was Sneade who got him to move out into the spotlight, and their "Johnny and June: Married in a Fever" show was one of TLP's most talked-about shows to date.

"My interest in Johnny Cash grew when I realized the parallels between his and June Carter's life and mine and my wife's," he says. "It was eye opening to realize that a man can be tough and tender at the same time, that he can possess great strength and yet be totally vulnerable. And that the right woman at the right time can stand her ground and keep

him from the abyss."

Other influences include George Jones, Waylon Jennings, Alan Jackson, and Joe Nichols, along with Alison Krauss, Kathy Mattea, Bonnie Raitt and Susan Werner.

Loder will sing songs by some of those artists, plus Hank Williams, Willie Nelson, George Jones and others, in "Live at the Opry."

But don't expect him to simply mimic the originals. "My style when singing the music of other popular artists is not to imitate but rather to interpret," he said. He also plans to do some original material.

"Live at the Opry will be presented at 7 p.m. July 11 at the Cultural Center Theatre, 2280 Aaron St., Port Charlotte.

Tickets are \$16. Group rates are available.

For tickets, call 941-206-5323 or order online at [www.turningleafproductions.net](http://www.turningleafproductions.net).



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Ed Loder in 'Live at the Opry' at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Cultural Center Theatre in Port Charlotte.

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## Lemon Bay Playhouse ends one season while preparing for another

By **KIM COOL**

FEATURES EDITOR

Englewood's Lemon Bay Playhouse is wrapping its current season with the former Broadway hit, "Butterflies are Free" by Leonard Gershe.

The production was directed by Michelle Strauss who earned praise from local reviewer Ron Bupp.

"Her experience and theatrical sensitivity are apparent in every aspect of this play," he said.

Bupp also praised her casting and staging. The production features Ryan

Dowd Urch as Don Baker, Molly Healy as Jill Tanner, and Michelle Neitzel as Mrs. Baker.

"Butterflies Are Free" continues through Sunday at Lemon Bay Playhouse, 96 W. Dearborn St., Englewood. For tickets to this or season tickets for 2009-2010, visit [www.lemonbayplayhouse.com](http://www.lemonbayplayhouse.com) or call the box office weekdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 941-475-6756.

### Coming season

Six productions are planned for the 2009-2010

season, which opens Sept. 2 with "Murder by Misadventure," by Edward Taylor. The mystery/comedy plays through Sept. 20.

Oct. 28-Nov. 15, the theater will present the Jean Kerr comedy "Mary, Mary."

Jan 6-24, the Kathleen Clark comedy "Southern Comforts" will take over the diminutive stage.

The mystery, "The Mousetrap," by Agatha Christie will play from March 3 through March 21.

"Enchanted April," a



PHOTO BY ROB DAVIS COURTESY OF LEMON BAY PLAYHOUSE

Michelle Neitzel, left, as the mother, questions the relationship between her son, played by Ryan Dowd Urch, and the next door neighbor, played by Molly Healy, in the current Lemon Bay Playhouse production of "Butterflies Are Free."

romantic comedy by Matthew Barber is planned as Lemon Bay's spring production. It is

scheduled to run April 28 through May 16.

Ending the 2009-2010 season, June 23-July 11, is

"Painting Churches," a comedy by Tina Howe.

The six-play package is \$86 per person.

## Lemon Bay Playhouse closes out current season with 'Butterflies Are Free'

By **RON BUYP**

SPECIAL TO THE SUN

Lemon Bay Playhouse closes out their current season with a strong comedy by playwright and screenwriter Leonard Gershe. "Butterflies Are Free" was a hit when it opened on Broadway in October, 1969, and was made into a movie in 1972 starring Goldie Hawn, Edward Albert and Eileen Heckart, who won an Oscar as best supporting actress.

The Playhouse production is directed by Michelle Strauss who directed the dramatically gripping "Wait Until Dark" earlier this season. Her experience and theatrical sensitivity are apparent in every aspect of this play. Her casting of the acting roles, their character

development and the way she utilizes the small stage are masterful.

The Playhouse production brings two new young actors to the roles created by the film stars. Ryan Dowd Urch plays Don Baker, a 19-year-old blind boy who is trying his wings and escaping from his over-protective mother by living alone in a one-bedroom apartment. Paper thin walls and a connecting door permit him to meet his next door neighbor, Jill Tanner, played by Molly Healy. The minute these two meet you can sense the chemistry doing its work. Mr. Urch has the portrayal of a blind person down pat. A tall handsome young man with a beautiful stage voice, he speaks with poetic

preciousness, at the same time playing the character as crisp and self-reliant.

Miss Healy as Jill, the girl next door, is the freest of free spirits. A recent 20 year old divorcée, (she was married for six whole days) she wrings laughs from the audience with clever one liners and marvelous timing. Her seduction of the blind boy is accomplished with saucy eccentricity and tantalizing sexiness. Just when it looks like the couple will live happily ever after.....the boy's mother shows up.

Played with steely reserve by veteran Playhouse actress, Michelle Neitzel, she meets and immediately hates the young girl, who happens to be in a state of delicious

undress. Miss Neitzel's acting experience is on display as she jumps nimbly from shrewishness to emotional understanding. It's a pleasure to watch this fine actress.

Charlie Tyler appears competently and briefly as the boy's rival.

The production manager of the show is Bob LaSalle, who also did the lighting and set décor. Jim Suchomel and his crew built the set from a design created by Jim and director Strauss.

"Butterflies Are Free" runs through Sunday at Lemon Bay Playhouse, 96 West Dearborn St., Englewood.

Tickets are available at the box office from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays, and at [www.lemonbayplayhouse.com](http://www.lemonbayplayhouse.com).



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# 'Wit' follows Shakespeare

By **KIM COOL**  
FEATURES EDITOR

The evolution of The Players Theatre into a true community theater that reflects the intelligence and interest level of its readers continues with offering number two of the theater's Summer Sizzler series — "Wit," which earned a Pulitzer Prize for its author, Margaret Edson.

The story concerns the manner in which college teacher Vivian Bearing comes to terms with the diagnosis of cancer. There is witty dialog but

so much more in this thought-provoking piece.

William Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew" was the first sizzler and despite a few minor problems was a creditable first effort into that genre. The theater's artistic director, Jeffrey Kin, was a Shakespeare major at college and it is only a matter of time and more exposure of the Bard to Players actors and audiences, that the bar will be raised yet again.

Meanwhile, "Wit"

promises to be a strong offering in the sizzler series which offers short runs of shows not normally associated with the mostly musical production list for which the Players has become known. The series allows actors and members of the production team to stretch and try new things. It also allows the audience to stretch and experience new things at discount prices — \$18 for adults rather than \$23.

The Players Costume Manager Kaylene

McCaw portrays Vivian with Tom Asposporos as Dr. Kelekian. Also appearing are Bobbie Burrell, April Barnwell, Mike Foster, April Glos, Melinda Judy, William Little, Kelly Walker, and Regan Walker.

The third production in the series will be "Hay Day," which won last year's annual play writing competition. It was written by Jenny Beres and is scheduled for July 23-26.

"Wit" will be performed Thursday - Saturday at 8 p.m. and



PHOTOBY TED MASE COURTESY OF THE PLAYERS.

**Kaylene McCaw and Tom Aposporos perform in Margaret Edson's "Wit" at The Players in Sarasota from July 9-11.**

Sunday at 2 p.m. at The Players, 838 North Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$12 for students. For tickets, visit [www.theplayers.org](http://www.theplayers.org), or call 941-365-2494.

## Championship Wrestling invades Punta Gorda with WWE World Heavyweight Champion CM Punk

PROVIDED BY FLORIDA CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING Florida Championship Wrestling is bringing its Summer Heat Tour on July 15 to the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center in Punta Gorda.

The highlight of the show will be a rare meet and greet autograph session with WWE World Heavyweight Champion CM Punk and WWE Divas Maria and Layla from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The action packed wrestling card is headlined by a 20 man over the Top Battle Royal, plus an additional eight matches including a Florida Heavyweight Title Match, a Tag Team Title Match and Divas in Action.

Among the many Superstars scheduled to appear in action are WWE Superstars from RAW,

Divas Rosa Mendes and Alicia Fox, Smackdown's Tyson Kidd, Natalya, and Ricky Ortiz, and from ECW, Tyler Reks, Abraham Washington and Yoshitatsu.

Tickets in advance, are only \$10 for kids and \$15 for adults. A limited number of Gold Circle Ringside tickets are available for \$30 and include, reserved ringside seat in rows 1-2, VIP reception with WWE Superstar CM Punk and WWE Divas Maria and Layla, and a free personalized picture. The VIP reception in the Gold Room runs from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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## Banyan Theater Company opens season with McDonagh hit

By **KIM COOL**  
FEATURES EDITOR

Banyan Theater Company's production of "The Beauty Queen of Lenane" is Irish tragic-comedy at its best. There are moments that are horrific and other moments that elicit loud laughter.

The tragedy seems to be that Maureen Folan (Jessica K. Peterson), 40 something, is stuck as the lone caregiver for her 70-year-old mother, Mag Folan (Kim Crow). Mag gives new meaning to the term "hypochondriac" and also to the term "princess" or, given her age, "Queen." Unable to leave her mother for very long, the daughter is like a prisoner in her home — virginal for lack of opportunity rather than

by design.

On the other hand, the tragedy may be connected with the mental status of the daughter who has spent time in an asylum. That her mother likes to throw that in her face does not help.

Nor does it help that two married sisters seem to have washed their hands of these two mental misfits.

Into the mix steps Pato Dooley (Derry Woodhouse) and his brother Ray (Gordon Myles Woods). Pato seems to offer a way out for Maureen but, this is first and foremost a tragedy, so playwright Martin McDonough tossed in plenty of road blocks along the way. That Ray is not the brightest star in the sky and also ham-

pered by an inability to get rid of some long-held grudges, are signs of not only his intelligence but of what he might do or not do in certain situations.

Directed by Gil Lazier, the actors do a fine job of maintaining their Irish accents while also staying in character no matter what is going on or being said by fellow actors.

Woodhouse delivers a fine and lengthy soliloquy of a letter he is writing to Maureen from England, finally, after bating around the bush for a long time, getting around to what might be construed as a proposal. When he sends this and some other notes off to his brother Ray for delivery, the future becomes fraught with

possibilities.

Performed in the Cook Theater within the Florida State University Center for the Performing Arts in Sarasota, the set was designed by Jeffrey W. Dean with costumes by Jaye Annette Sheldon, lighting by Michael Pasquini and sound by Steve Lemke. Shane Streght was the technical director and Jon Merlyn is the production stage manager.

The Cook is at 5555 North Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. "The Beauty Queen of Lenane" plays through July 12 and will be followed by "Old Wicked Songs" from July 16 to Aug. 2 and "Fat Pig," Aug. 6-23. For tickets, including two and three-show deals, visit [www.banyantheater.com](http://www.banyantheater.com)



PHOTO BY GARY SWEETMAN COURTESY BANYAN THEATER COMPANY

**Derry Woodhouse as Pato and Jessica K. Peterson as Maureen in the Banyan Theater Company's production of "The Beauty Queen of Lenane."**

pany.com or call the box office at 941-552-1032 during the summer season Tuesday-Friday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and 7-8 p.m., on Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. and

7-8 p.m. and on Sunday from noon-2 p.m.

For information on the newly formed Banyan Theater Company Guild, call its president, Anne Howard, at 941-358-6789.

### CALENDAR EXTRAS

#### Summer art exhibit

The Visual Arts Center will present "Summer Sizzler Art Exhibit" from **July 13 through Aug. 14** at 210 Maude St., Punta Gorda. This will be a multi-media show featuring original works by local artists. \$245 in prizes will be awarded and most of the works will be for sale. The Awards Reception will be held at 7 p.m. July 16. The VAC's summer hours are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily, Monday to Friday. For more information, call 941-639-8810 or visit [www.visualartcenter.org](http://www.visualartcenter.org).

#### Book signing

Sally Simon will have a book signing from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. **July 17** at The Gifted Gator Boutique, 2001 Shreve St., Punta Gorda. The author will sign her book, "Punta Gorda Storms," the third in a series. The Gifted Gator Boutique still has tables available for the Nov. 7 Arts & Crafts show at the Punta Gorda Isles Civic Center. Summer hours for the Boutique are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily, Monday to Friday. For more information, call 941-637-1655.

#### Christmas in July

The Cultural Center of

Charlotte County will offer a Christmas in July event held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **July 17, 18, and 19** at 2280 Aaron St., Port Charlotte. The public is invited to enjoy an array of events including a bake sale, cookout and BBQ, Strawberry Festival, free pictures, cookies and punch with Santa, and games including quarter bingo. Santa will be present from noon to 2 p.m. Many vendors will offer handmade crafts, holiday decorations as well as gifts for all seasons. There will be fun, prizes and raffles throughout the day. Vendor tables are available for \$60 for all three days. For more informa-

tion, call 941-625-4175, ext. 253.

#### Plant and garden expo

The Charlotte County Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources department will hold the first "Florida in Full Bloom," Plant & Garden Expo from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. **July 18** at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center, 75 Taylor St., Punta Gorda. This extravaganza showcases a variety of vendors offering beautiful and unusual plants, flowers, herbs, other gardening accessories and much more. Admission is free. 941-639-5833.

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# Butte Folk Festival readies for second year

By **KAHRIN DEINES**

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

HELENA, Mont. — The lineup for the second National Folk Festival taking place in "Butte, America" July 10-12 stars about 250 singers, dancers and other artists, along with hooped performers from all over Montana.

The three-day multicultural event, which is riding with a theme of Western horse culture, is expected to bring about 150,000 visitors — double the number visiting last year — to the old mining center nestled near the mountains of the Continental Divide. Plateau, Appaloosa and other Montana-bred horses will also be in attendance to prance in a parade and participate in arena demonstrations, from trick roping to draft-team driving.

The festival is in its second year of a three-year engagement with Butte, which was chosen over 22 other cities to host the event by the National

Council for the Traditional Arts. Since 1934, the council has chosen 26 communities across the nation to present artwork and performances that celebrate American folk culture.

"This will be the only time the festival will be out West perhaps in our lifetime," said Barbara Miller, director of fundraising for the event.

Denver was the last Western city visited by the gala in 1966.

For its return to the West last year, thousands of dollars were spent reinforcing a headframe at a former mine yard turned 10,000-seat amphitheater that serves as the event's main stage. A marketplace was organized to showcase the work of Montana's Native American artists

## NATIONAL FOLK FESTIVAL: In Butte, Mont. Friday - Sunday

<http://www.nationalfolkfestival.com/2009/>. Admission is free. Performances include mariachi, bluegrass, Chicago blues, Cajun and Acadian, New Orleans jazz, breakdancing, Irish, Zimbabwean chimurenga, master fiddlers, Northern Plains drum, gospel, square dancing, yodeling, and cowboy songs and poetry.

To showcase the festival theme of Western horse culture, schedule includes rodeo, trick roping, horse training and outfitting, tribal horse traditions and mule-packing.

and other regional craftspeople. And the arrival of an estimated 75,000 people revived the copper mining town's heyday as a major destination on the vaudeville circuit, when it attracted such marquee names as Charlie Chaplin, W.C. Fields and Clark Gable.

"Butte used to be called the Las Vegas of Montana. There were five train routes coming from all directions," said George Everett, the festival's director.

For this year's festival, 21

separate acts will be performing on six separate stages.

Although special attention falls to Western culture during its Butte incarnation, visiting artists will roll in from all over the country, bringing everything from the sounds of bluegrass and gospel, to Mariachi music, a Finnish kantele harp musician, and the traditional sounds of Balkan tambaritza as played by Eastern European immigrants in the Midwest.

Last year the festival cost an estimated \$1.4 million, but a survey completed by the University of Montana found it generated about \$8 million in revenues for businesses in the region, Miller said.

Organizers estimate they must raise about another \$200,000, of a total \$1.2 million, to stage the festival for the second time this year.

"This is the year of the great recession, so of course it's been a great challenge, but there's way more folks coming forward with smaller amounts this year," Miller said.

The fundraising crunch also eased a bit when the Montana Legislature approved spending \$200,000 in state money on the event over the next two years. And The Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation, which is funded by a group of companies headquartered throughout Montana, recently made a grant of \$100,000, which is 10 times what it contributed last year.

The event also requires an army of close to 1,000 volunteers. Many of them contribute a four-hour shift and then set off to explore the festival.

"It's a great opportunity to have a great time in your own backyard and

we're hoping people in the area will stop by on their way to Yellowstone and Glacier," Everett said.

## CALENDAR EXTRAS

### Elks join Day with the Rays event

The Punta Gorda Elks are offering special tickets to join with Charlotte County Community Day with the Rays on Sunday at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg. The Elks will sell tickets for \$42 each and will include motor coach bus transportation, a ticket to the game, and a hot dog, snack and drink provided at the game. The game will start at 1:38 p.m. and will be against the Oakland Athletics. Seats on the bus only will be available for \$25 each.

This opportunity is open to the general public. To sign up or for more information, call Joe Tuhill at 941-637-2606, ext. 11.

### Comedy show to benefit youth

Visani's Restaurant and Comedy Zone will present a benefit show for Restoration Roads Ministry Inc. at 8 p.m. Thursday. Restoration Roads serves and supports the youth of Charlotte County by helping them to get into a stable, safe and supportive living environment.

Your support will help the ministry assist homeless youths under age 18, as well as young adults aging out of foster care.

The show will include comedians, Mutzie and Chris Shaw. Tickets cost \$10 each and there is a two-item minimum menu purchase per person. Tickets may be purchased at [www.restorationroads.org](http://www.restorationroads.org). Reservations must be made at Visani's as well (941-629-9191; 2400 Kings Highway, Port Charlotte). For more information, call Bonnie Waldrop at 941-204-4180.

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## How likely are you to do the following within the next six weeks? (circle one)

Watch a movie at a theater	[definitely]	[probably]	[possibly]	[probably not]	[definitely not]
Watch a movie on DVD	[definitely]	[probably]	[possibly]	[probably not]	[definitely not]
Watch TV (other than news)	[definitely]	[probably]	[possibly]	[probably not]	[definitely not]
Watch TV shows on DVD	[definitely]	[probably]	[possibly]	[probably not]	[definitely not]
Play video games	[definitely]	[probably]	[possibly]	[probably not]	[definitely not]
Use the Internet	[definitely]	[probably]	[possibly]	[probably not]	[definitely not]
Download a podcast	[definitely]	[probably]	[possibly]	[probably not]	[definitely not]
Go to a play	[definitely]	[probably]	[possibly]	[probably not]	[definitely not]
Go to a music concert in town	[definitely]	[probably]	[possibly]	[probably not]	[definitely not]
Go to a music concert out of town	[definitely]	[probably]	[possibly]	[probably not]	[definitely not]
Go to a comedy show	[definitely]	[probably]	[possibly]	[probably not]	[definitely not]
Dine out (other than fast food)	[definitely]	[probably]	[possibly]	[probably not]	[definitely not]
Entertain guests at home	[definitely]	[probably]	[possibly]	[probably not]	[definitely not]
Try preparing a new recipe	[definitely]	[probably]	[possibly]	[probably not]	[definitely not]
Patronize a bar	[definitely]	[probably]	[possibly]	[probably not]	[definitely not]
Go golfing	[definitely]	[probably]	[possibly]	[probably not]	[definitely not]
Go bowling	[definitely]	[probably]	[possibly]	[probably not]	[definitely not]
Read a book for pleasure	[definitely]	[probably]	[possibly]	[probably not]	[definitely not]
Visit a library	[definitely]	[probably]	[possibly]	[probably not]	[definitely not]
Go powerboating	[definitely]	[probably]	[possibly]	[probably not]	[definitely not]
Go sailing	[definitely]	[probably]	[possibly]	[probably not]	[definitely not]
Go boating	[definitely]	[probably]	[possibly]	[probably not]	[definitely not]
Go kayaking/canoeing	[definitely]	[probably]	[possibly]	[probably not]	[definitely not]
Go hiking	[definitely]	[probably]	[possibly]	[probably not]	[definitely not]
Go bicycling for pleasure	[definitely]	[probably]	[possibly]	[probably not]	[definitely not]
Visit an art gallery	[definitely]	[probably]	[possibly]	[probably not]	[definitely not]
Attend a local fair or festival	[definitely]	[probably]	[possibly]	[probably not]	[definitely not]
Visit a museum	[definitely]	[probably]	[possibly]	[probably not]	[definitely not]
Go on a trip in the state	[definitely]	[probably]	[possibly]	[probably not]	[definitely not]
Go on a trip elsewhere in the USA	[definitely]	[probably]	[possibly]	[probably not]	[definitely not]
Go on a trip to another country	[definitely]	[probably]	[possibly]	[probably not]	[definitely not]
Bring young children to an event	[definitely]	[probably]	[possibly]	[probably not]	[definitely not]
Bring teenagers to an event	[definitely]	[probably]	[possibly]	[probably not]	[definitely not]
Visit an area beach	[definitely]	[probably]	[possibly]	[probably not]	[definitely not]
Go to a yard sale/rummage sale	[definitely]	[probably]	[possibly]	[probably not]	[definitely not]

If we missed one of your favorite activities, send us a note with your completed survey and tell us!

## How far in advance do you plan your recreational or weekend activities?

[same day] [a few days] [a week] [two weeks] [more than two weeks]

## Which of the following do you own or use? (circle all that apply)

[iPod] [any video gaming system] [MySpace] [Facebook] [Twitter] [other online social network]

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[Wednesday] [Saturday] [no preference]

## Would you like to see the following in Let's Go?

Listings of upcoming events	[Yes]	[No]
Reviews of new movies in the theater	[Yes]	[No]
Reviews of new movies on DVD	[Yes]	[No]
Reviews of TV shows	[Yes]	[No]
Music reviews	[Yes]	[No]
Articles on local bands/musicians	[Yes]	[No]
Live theater reviews	[Yes]	[No]
Reviews of local restaurants	[Yes]	[No]
Articles on traveling in Florida/day trips	[Yes]	[No]
Articles on traveling elsewhere in the USA	[Yes]	[No]
Articles on traveling to other countries	[Yes]	[No]
Video game reviews	[Yes]	[No]
New technology reviews	[Yes]	[No]
Articles on Internet downloads/Web sites	[Yes]	[No]
Health and fitness articles	[Yes]	[No]
Automotive articles	[Yes]	[No]
Real estate articles	[Yes]	[No]
Crossword puzzles	[Yes]	[No]
Celebrity news	[Yes]	[No]
Spectator sports articles	[Yes]	[No]
Schedules of local sports teams/events	[Yes]	[No]
Boating/fishing articles	[Yes]	[No]
Personals	[Yes]	[No]
Things to do for families with young children	[Yes]	[No]
Things to do for families with teenagers	[Yes]	[No]
Book reviews	[Yes]	[No]
Recipes	[Yes]	[No]

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## Sacha Baron Cohen's 'Bruno' is an equal opportunity offender

By **JOHN ANDERSON**  
NEWSDAY

Among the narrowly focused special-interest groups poised to get lathered up over "Bruno" — comic-critic Sacha Baron Cohen's new exercise in carefully calibrated bad taste — are Gays. Jews. Blacks. Wrestling fans. Austrians. Hamas. Ron Paul. People who watch daytime talk shows. People born south of New Jersey.

In his follow-up to the wildly successful and outrageous "Borat," Cohen has again made a movie whose notoriety precedes it. And which has the homosexual community feeling particularly anxious: "Bruno" title character, first seen on "Da Ali G Show," is a flamboyantly homosexual fashionista and seeker-after-celebrity who wants to be "the biggest Austrian

superstar since Adolf Hitler." His sexual proclivities are extreme.

Arguably, it's Bruno's insatiable desire to maneuver his Teutonic self into the public eye that's really the heart of the film and its social criticism. And the release of the film, so close to Michael Jackson's death, is one of those weird convergences of fact and fiction. Jackson never had to seek out

fame, but judging by "Bruno," his brand of eccentric celebrity still serves as tropes for the attention-hungry — including Jackson's sister LaToya, who was removed from a scene "out of respect for the Jackson family," according to a Universal representative.

In a way, the humor of "Bruno" is in a tradition of American humor that stretches back decades

and decades, to the Lower East Side in the North, to the Chittlin' Circuit of the South, and points in between. "I think it's important in life when you're dealing with the daily struggles of inequality that you take a second to sit back and laugh," said David Kilmnick, CEO of Long Island Gay and Lesbian Youth. "That's always been the medicine for those who've been oppressed."

### FILMS AT A GLANCE

Movie	Rating	Grade
Away We Go	(R)	B-
Bruno	(R)	NEW
Easy Virtue	(R)	B-
The Hangover	(R)	B
Ice Age	(PG)	B-
I Love You, Beth Cooper	(PG-13)	NEW
Imagine That	(PG)	B
Land of the Lost	(PG-13)	C
My Sister's Keeper	(PG-13)	B+
Night at the Museum	(PG)	B
The Proposal	(PG)	B+
Public Enemies	(R)	A-
Star Trek	(PG-13)	A
The Taking of Pelham	(R)	B+
Terminator Salvation	(PG-13)	B
Transformers	(PG-13)	A-
Up	(PG)	A
Year One	(PG-13)	B-

### Away We Go (R) B-

The movie follows the journey of an expectant couple (John Krasinski of "The Office" and Maya Rudolph of Saturday Night Live), as they travel the U.S. in search of a place to put down roots and raise a family. Rounding out the cast are Jeff Daniels, Carmen Ejogo, Jim Gaffigan, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Josh Hamilton, Allison Janney, Melanie Lynskey, Chris Messina, Catherine O'Hara, and Paul Schneider. "Away We Go" is produced and co-financed with Focus by Big Beach.

### The Hangover (R) B

Two days before his wedding, Doug and three friends drive to Las Vegas for a wild and memorable stag party. In fact, when the three groomsmen wake up the next morning, they can't remember a thing; nor can they find Doug. With little time to spare, the three hazy pals try to re-trace their steps and find Doug so they can get him back to Los Angeles in time to walk down the aisle.

### Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG) B-

Scrat is still on the hunt to hold onto his beloved acorn, while finding a possible romance in a female sabre-toothed squirrel named Scratte. Manny and Ellie, having since become an item, are expecting a baby. Diego is fed up with being treated like a house-cat and ponders the notion that he is becoming too laid-back. Sid begins to wish for a family of his own, and so steals some dinosaur eggs which leads to Sid ending up in a strange underground world where his herd must rescue him, while dodging dinosaurs and facing danger left and right, and meeting up with a one-eyed weasel known as Buck who hunts dinosaurs intently.

### I Love You, Beth Cooper (PG-13) NEW

Nerdy teenager Denis Cooverman (Paul Rust) harbors a secret crush on Beth Cooper (Hayden Panettiere),

the hottest girl in high school. During his graduation speech, Denis lets the cat out of the bag and declares his love for Beth, who, instead of disingenuous, shows up at his house later that day and promises to show him the time of his life.

### Imagine That (PG) B

Like many busy professionals, Evan Danielson (Eddie Murphy) is so focused on his career that quality time with his young daughter, Olivia (Yara Shahidi), has fallen by the wayside. When an important promotion is suddenly within reach, stressed-out Evan starts to fall apart while trying to fend off his company rival (Thomas Haden Church). But when little Olivia introduces him to the inhabitants of her imaginary land, Evan rediscovers his inner child and finds the answers to all his problems.

### Land of the Lost (PG-13) C

Has-been scientist Dr. Rick Marshall, sucked into one and spat back through time. Way back. Now, Marshall has no weapons, few skills and questionable smarts to survive in an alternate universe full of marauding dinosaurs and fantastic creatures from beyond our world—a place of spectacular sights and super-scaled comedy known as the Land of the Lost.

### My Sister's Keeper (PG-13) B+

Conceived as a marrow donor for her gravely ill sister, Anna Fitzgerald

(Abigail Breslin) has undergone countless surgeries and medical procedures in her short life. Though their older daughter's life has no doubt been prolonged, the unorthodox decision of Anna's parents has cracked the entire family's foundation. When Anna sues her parents for emancipation, it sets off a court case that threatens to destroy the family for good. 1 hr. 46 mins.

### Night at the Museum (PG) B

When the Museum of Natural History is closed for upgrades and renovations, the museum pieces are moved into federal storage at the famous Washington Museums. Security guard Larry Daley (Ben Stiller) infiltrates the Smithsonian Institute in order to rescue Jedediah (Owen Wilson) and Octavius (Steve Coogan), who have been shipped to the museum by mistake. The centerpiece of the film will be bringing to life the Smithsonian Institution.

### The Proposal (PG) B+

A book editor is forced to marry her male assistant in order to stay in the country. When they travel to Alaska to meet his family, the new couple has to fake their way through a surprise wedding thrown by his parents.

### Public Enemies (R) A-

No one could stop Dillinger and his gang. No jail could hold him. His

charm and audacious jailbreaks endeared him to almost everyone—from his girlfriend Billie Frechette (Cotillard) to an American public who had no sympathy for the banks that had plunged the country into the Depression. But while the adventures of Dillinger's gang—later including the sociopathic Baby Face Nelson (Stephen Graham) and Alvin Karpis (Giovanni Ribisi)—thrilled many, Hoover (Billy Crudup) hit on the idea of exploiting the outlaw's capture as a way to elevate his Bureau of Investigation into the national police force that became the FBI. 2 hrs. 23 mins.

### Star Trek (PG-13) A

From director J.J. Abrams ("Mission: Impossible III," "Lost" and "Alias"), producers Damon Lindelof and Bryan Burk and screenwriters Roberto Orci & Alex Kurtzman ("Transformers," "MI: III") comes a new vision of the greatest space adventure of all time, "Star Trek," featuring a young, new crew venturing boldly where no one has gone before. 2 hrs. 6 mins.

### The Taking of Pelham 123 (R) B+

A group of hijackers take a subway train and its passengers hostage, threatening to kill them if their ransom is not paid of 1 million dollars. 1 hr. 44 mins.

### Terminator Salvation (PG-13) B

In the fourth installment of the Terminator series, Christian Bale

stars as John Connor, the eventual leader of mankind's fight against the machines. The setting is 2018, focusing on the war between the humans and the computer network Skynet. Anton Yelchin co-stars as soldier Kyle Reese, and Sam Worthington appears as new terminator Marcus Wright. 2 hrs.

### Transformers (PG-13) A-

The battle for Earth has ended but the battle for the universe has just begun. After returning to Cybertron, Starscream assumes command of the Decepticons, and has decided to return to Earth with force.

### Up (PG) A

Carl Fredricksen, a 78-year-old balloon salesman, finally fulfills his lifelong dream of a great adventure when he ties thousands of balloons to his house and flies away to the wilds of South America. But he discovers all too late that his biggest nightmare has stowed away on the trip: an overly optimistic 8-year-old Wilderness Explorer named Russell. "Up" invites you on a hilarious journey into a lost world, with the least likely duo on Earth. 1 hr. 36 mins.

### Year One (PG-13) B-

When a couple of lazy hunter-gatherers (Black and Cera) are banished from their primitive village, they set off on an epic journey through the ancient world.

Check out the classified section daily in the Sun or Saturday's Venice Gondolier for a complete list of movie theaters and times.

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MERCHANTS CROSSING, U.S. 41, N. Fort Myers. 888-262-4386.  
AMC SARASOTA 12, 8201 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. 941-922-3130.  
HOLLYWOOD 20, 1993 Main St., Sarasota. 941-954-5768.

#### Grade:

A: Excellent B: Good  
C: Average D: Fair  
— Synopses and grades provided by Sun wire services.

#### Ratings:

• G - Movie suitable for all ages.  
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• PG-13 - Parents strongly cautioned - May not be suitable for children under 13.  
• R - Restricted - Contains mature themes. Children under 17 not admitted without an adult.  
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## Demeulenaere appointed at G.Wiz

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Naples native Molly Demeulenaere was recently appointed as museum director for GWIZ - The Science Museum in Sarasota.

Demeulenaere was associated with the Sarasota County Arts Council from 2001-2007, serving from 2002-2007 as its direc-

tor of development. During her association with the council she produced Arts Day, which drew some 30,000 people annually for six years and produced the council's first Arts Night and a scavenger hunt known as the Amazing Arts Race.

In 2007, she and

Keren Shani-Lifrak formed Rambunctious Productions, a Sarasota event production company that would create fund-raising events for non-profit organizations. One of their clients was G.WIZ.

"the board is proud to appoint Ms. Demeulenaere to museum director." G.WIZ Board

President Chris Menzies said. "She is an outstanding and energetic young professional who is the ideal choice to carry out our mission; to be the gateway for lifelong adventures in science."

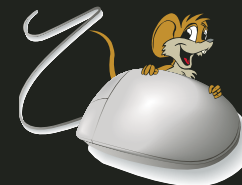
For information about G.WIZ, visit [www.gwiz.org](http://www.gwiz.org) or call 941-309-4949.



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**Molly Demeulenaere is the new director of G.WIZ, the science museum, in Sarasota.**

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### CALENDAR EXTRAS

#### Punta Gorda's makeover party

Punta Gorda will be celebrating the five-year anniversary of revitalization since Hurricane Charley devastated the city on Aug. 13, 2004. The public is invited to join the citizens, businesses and local government in the "Extreme Makeover Celebration" held at 1 p.m. **Aug. 15** at Laishley Park, 100 E. Retta Esplanade. Among the festivities will be live music, art displays, kids activities, guest speakers, shopping, and a beer garden as well as food and drinks will be available. Topping off the day's celebration will be fireworks. The celebration is also a big "Thank You!" to all those who helped rebuild the city. Sponsorship opportunities are available along with more information at [www.pgmakeover.com](http://www.pgmakeover.com). or call 941-639-3720.

#### Charlotte Harbor Parrot Head Club to Celebrate Second Birthday Party

Charlotte Harbor will metamorphose into "Margaritaville" on Labor

Day Weekend when hundreds of Parrot Heads flock to the coastal community to celebrate the Charlotte Harbor Parrot Head Club's (CHPHC) Second Birthday Party.

Kicking off on **Sept. 4** and concluding on **Sept. 7**, the weekend-long Birthday Party includes beach bashes, pool parties and island-beach music reminiscent of Jimmy Buffett. The Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites in Port Charlotte will serve as the host hotel and events will take place throughout Charlotte Harbor.

A free trolley will transport Parrot Heads between locations so there's no need to drink and drive. Reservations need to be secured by **Aug. 1**. The event is limited to the first 350 people who register.

The cost to participate in the Birthday Party festivities is \$35 for Charlotte Harbor Parrot Head Club members until July 15, then it will be \$40. Non-members are \$45. Hotel room rates at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites, 24480 Sandhill Blvd., Port Charlotte, begin at \$69 per night, plus taxes. To register for the

CHPHC First Birthday Party and to view the current list of events, visit the club's Web site at [www.chphc.com](http://www.chphc.com). Hotel reservations can be made directly with the Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites at 941-764-0056 and refer to the "CHPHC Birthday Party" for the discounted rates.

Parrot Heads arriving into Charlotte Harbor and the Gulf Islands a day early will be in for a musical treat. Jim Morris, recognized for playing island-beach music similar to Jimmy Buffett's style, will be performing at Nav-A-Gator from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. **Sept. 3**. The concert is free

and open to the public.

The Charlotte Harbor Parrot Head Club was established on Aug. 31, 2007. To date, the club is 350 members strong. The stereotypical image of a Parrot Head is a Jimmy Buffett fan wearing a Hawaiian shirt, parrot hat and flip-flops while drinking margaritas. The organization has the philosophy to "Party with a Purpose" and supports environmental and humanitarian causes and celebrates living the laidback Florida lifestyle.

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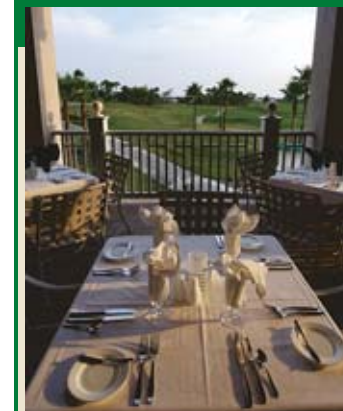
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## King of Pop completed video piece before death

By **MICHAEL R. BLOOD**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

LOS ANGELES — Two weeks before he died, Michael Jackson wrapped up work on an elaborate production dubbed the "Dome Project" that could be the final finished video piece overseen by the King of Pop, The Associated Press has learned.

Jackson was apparently preparing to dazzle concert audiences in London with a high-tech show in which 3D images — some inspired by his "Thriller" era — would flash behind him as he performed on stage.

"It was a groundbreaking effort," said Vince Pace, whose company provided cameras for the shoot, a 3D system he created with filmmaker James Cameron.

"To think that Michael's gone now, that's probably the last documented footage of him to be shot in that manner," Pace said.

Two people with knowledge of the secre-

tive project confirmed its existence Monday to the AP on condition they not be identified because they signed confidentiality agreements.

They said it was a five-week project filmed at Culver Studios, which 70 years ago was the set for the classic film "Gone With the Wind." Four sets were constructed for Jackson's production, including a cemetery recalling his 1983 "Thriller" video.

With 3D technology "the audience would have felt like they were visiting the 'Thriller' experience, like they were there," Pace said.

Shooting for the project lasted from June 1-9, with Jackson on the set most days. The project was in post-production, at the time of Jackson's death, and had been expected to be completed next month. It was not immediately clear what would be made of the video footage now.

Producer Robb Wagner, founder of music-video

company Stimulated Inc., did not immediately return a message seeking comment on the project.

Michael Roth, a spokesman for Jackson's Los Angeles-based promoter AEG Live, said he hadn't heard about the production but did not rule that it could be part of the company's contract with the entertainer.

According to one of the people with knowledge of the project, a willow-thin, pallid Jackson left a memorable impression on the crew, arriving in a caravan of SUVs with hulking security guards in tow. The person said Jackson introduced himself to workers on the set and walked with a spring in his step but at one point needed assistance as he descended steps off a stage.

Besides the cemetery, one set was draped in black with an oversized portrait of Jackson in his "Thriller" werewolf costume. Another set was designed to simulate a lush jungle, and a fourth

was built to replicate a construction site, with a screen in the back to allow projection of different backgrounds.

Taping took place in marathon sessions ending early in the morning. One scene filmed on the construction site set included scantily clad male dancers wearing carpenter's belts.

According to Stimulated's Web site, the company was hired to produce screen content for Jackson's planned comeback concerts in London. Stimulated has worked with Def Leppard and the Pussycat Dolls, and produced content for the Academy Awards and the Emmys.

Last year, U2 released the concert film "U2 3D," a film of the band's 2005-06 Vertigo tour, shot at several shows in South America with 3-D technology.

At the time, guitarist The Edge told The Associated Press the 3-D technology allowed "the songs to shine through."



AP PHOTO/KEVIN MAZUR, AEG/GETTY IMAGES

In this handout photo provided by AEG, pop star Michael Jackson rehearses at the Staples Center in Los Angeles on June 23.

### CALENDAR EXTRAS

#### A day with the Rays

The Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce and the Tampa Bay Rays baseball team will partner to celebrate the third annual Charlotte County Community Day with the Rays on **July 12** at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg. The game will start at 1:38 p.m. and will be against the Oakland Athletics. The chamber is offering three specially priced ticket levels: \$18 Lower Level Outfield

(includes Pepsi, hot dog and a snack); \$30 Lower Box ticket (includes a Rays hat); and \$100 Whitney Bank Club ticket (all-inclusive upscale buffet with beer, wine and soda). Prices are per ticket. To purchase tickets, call 941-639-3720 or stop by the Chamber office at 252 W. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda. Free parking is offered for cars of four or more.

#### Jazz music

The public is invited to enjoy live jazz music from

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. each Sunday night starting **July 13** at Cresset Banquet and Social Center, 17353 Geddes Ave., Port Charlotte. Leslie Dacosta Quintet will present the music. Bar service will be available.

For more information, call 941-235-1400.

#### Christmas in July

EJ's Frosted Mug, working with the United States Marine Corps Reserve "Toys For Tots"

are holding a "Christmas in July" from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. **July 25**.

Planning is underway to provide games, raffles, live music and other entertainment.

Owner/manager of EJ's, Sue Lussenden and Jennifer Richmond an employee and a former U. S. Marine have been working hard to make this event a success.

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Bandana.  
Wednesday, EZ Street.

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7:30 p.m. Friday, EZ Street.

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5 p.m. - 9 p.m. Sunday,  
Les Pearsall.

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North Port.  
941-429-9722.

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c.u. Later Gator.

• **Riverside Lounge at Budget Inn**  
14000 Tamiami Trail, North Port.  
941-429-1534.

9 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday,  
karaoke with J.R. & Janet.  
Sunday, poker.

7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Tuesday, poker.  
9 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. Wednesday,  
ladies night/karaoke with J  
.R. & Janet.

• **VFW Post 8203**  
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941-426-6865.  
7 p.m. - 11 p.m. Friday, Saturday,  
karaoke.

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• **Bowland**  
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12:30 p.m. Sunday,  
Texas Hold 'em.  
5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday,  
Texas Hold'em.  
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941-764-6825.

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1:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday, Bingo.  
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open mike with Philly Billy.  
9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Wednesday,  
Thursday, ladies night with  
DJ Philly Billy.  
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karaoke with Breeze.

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8:30 p.m. Thursday, The Rick  
Rehnberg Group.  
9 p.m. Saturday, '80s Night with  
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9 p.m. Tuesday, Ladies  
night with DJ T.

• **Q's Sports Bar and Grill**  
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8 p.m. Thursday, Texas Hold 'em  
Poker, APA 8 Ball Pool League  
10:30 p.m. Thursday, \$100 First  
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8 p.m. Friday, Texas Hold 'em Poker,  
9 Ball Pool Tournament.  
4 p.m., 8 p.m. Saturday, Texas Hold  
'em Poker, 8 Ball Pool Tournament.

1 p.m., 8 p.m. Sunday,  
Texas Hold 'em Poker.  
8 p.m. Monday, Texas Hold 'em  
Poker, APA 9 Ball League.  
8 p.m. Tuesday, Texas Hold 'em  
Poker, Q's In-House 9 Ball  
Pool League.  
1 p.m., 8 p.m. Wednesday, Texas  
Hold 'em Poker, 8 APA  
8 Ball Pool League.

• **Sports City**  
4660 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte.  
941-627-6264.

7:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. Thursday,  
Fakahatchee.

8 p.m. - midnight Friday,  
The Boca Band.  
8 p.m. - midnight Saturday,  
Blue Fish.

5 p.m. Sunday, Sammy J  
and The Guys.  
6 p.m. - 10 p.m. Tuesday,  
The Parrotheads.  
7 p.m. - 11 p.m. Wednesday,  
Riding High.

• **Sun Flea Market & Kidstar**  
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Noon - 3 p.m. Friday, Karl.  
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6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Tuesday, Al Holland.  
8 p.m. Wednesday,  
live comedy with Kier and Big B.

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941-624-2245.  
7 p.m. Saturday, Wednesday,  
Texas Hold 'em.  
1 p.m. Sunday, Texas Hold 'em.  
10 p.m. Tuesday, Beer Pong.

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Saturday, Free ride program.  
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9 p.m. Thursday, Ladies Wii  
bowling tournament.  
Noon - midnight, Friday - Saturday,  
Danny's Power Poker.  
9 p.m. Friday, Wii Bowling  
Master's Tournament.  
9 p.m., 10 p.m. Saturday, Wii  
Dutch Bowling Tournament.  
10 p.m. Saturday, Watch 'n Fight  
UFC Challenge.  
5 p.m. Sunday, Wii bowling  
lessons.  
Noon - 10 p.m. Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday,  
Danny's Power Poker.

9 p.m. Monday, Free Tab  
Tournament.

8 p.m. Tuesday, Wii Bowling  
Mixed Doubles Tournament.  
9 p.m. Wednesday, Wii Bowling,  
Free Men's Tournament.

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Saturday, Certified.  
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Dance music with DJ Franco.

• **Jack's Cafe**  
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9 p.m. - midnight, Thursday, ladies  
night with dance music  
by DJ Mo Ron.

• **Fishermen's Village**  
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6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Thursday,  
Reconnections Band.  
5 p.m. - 9 p.m. Friday,  
Stephen Foster.

5 p.m. - 9 p.m. Saturday,  
Sean & Ramsi. Montage.  
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Open Mic  
Night presented by the  
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8 p.m. Thursday, open mic night.  
9 p.m. Friday - Saturday, live music.  
7:30 p.m. Wednesday,  
Texas Hold 'em Poker.

• **The Perfect Caper**  
121 E. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda.  
941-505-9009.

7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Thursday -  
Saturday, live classic jazz  
in the lounge by Trio "Taste."

• **Ryan's Subs and Sports Grill**  
5268 Duncan Road, Punta Gorda.  
941-505-7827.

4 p.m. Monday, Free pool.  
7:30 p.m. Friday, live music.  
• **Slip-Not Lounge**  
1601 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda.  
941-639-7677.

7 p.m. - 11 p.m. Thursday,  
Two Can Jam.  
8 p.m. - midnight Friday,  
Ladies night with Tucci.

8 p.m. - midnight Saturday,  
The Chicago Mob.  
4 p.m. - 7 p.m. Sunday, DJ Mick.  
7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Tuesday,  
karaoke inside with M&M.

6 p.m. - 10 p.m. Wednesday,  
Tim & Rosanne.  
8 p.m. Wednesday,  
pool tournament.

• **The Tavern Bar and Grill**  
126 W. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda.  
941-639-7655.  
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Party.

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DJ Ron Dance Party.

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941-483-3553.

7 p.m. Friday, Alternator Blues  
Band.  
7 p.m. Saturday, Bud Buckley.

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Venice.  
941-445-5973.

9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Wednesday,  
karaoke with Michelle & Rich.  
8 p.m. Friday, 8-Ball  
pool tournament.

2 p.m. Saturday, Wii Bowling.  
9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Saturday,  
karaoke with Jim & Deb.  
1 p.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday,  
Texas Hold 'Em Poker.  
2 p.m. Sunday, Wii Golf.

7 p.m. - midnight Monday, Tuesday,  
Texas Hold 'Em Poker.

9 p.m. - midnight Monday,  
Free pool.  
7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Tuesday,  
bar bingo.

• **Saltwater Cafe**  
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941-488-3775.

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nightwith G.B. and  
his sound machine.  
7 p.m. - 11 p.m. Friday,  
Tony Florentino.

7 p.m. - 11 p.m. Saturday,  
Gary Leshner.  
11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Sunday  
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6 p.m. Sunday, Gary Leshner.  
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# Allman Bros Band's 'Big House' to open as museum

By **DORIE TURNER**

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

MACON, Ga. — It's the place where the Allman Brothers Band founded their Southern rock sound, the place where the song "Ramblin' Man" was penned and the last place Duane Allman visited before dying in a motorcycle crash in 1971.

The Big House in Macon, where the band lived when its fame took flight in the early 1970s, has been the place music lovers flocked during pilgrimages to the South over the last few decades looking to experience a small piece of the Allman Brothers Band. Now, the three-story Tudor house where the band got its start is set to become a museum with the help of dedicated fans who have spent years collecting memorabilia and doing renovations.

The museum is scheduled to open in December with a fanfare expected to draw thousands from across the globe to this Georgia town to honor the band.

"We're just a big family," said Greg Potter, president of the Georgia Allman Brothers Band Association and one of the museum's organizers, as he stood in the Big House on a recent muggy afternoon. "This band has touched so many people, not just here in the U.S., but all over the world. This band started a whole

## IF YOU GO

Renovations ongoing with museum to open in December in house where Allman Brothers band members lived from 1971-73 at 2321 Vineville Ave., Macon; [www.thebighousemuseum.org](http://www.thebighousemuseum.org).

new outlook on music."

The museum will feature more than 300,000 pieces of memorabilia collected by Kirk West, the band's longtime photographer and tour manager — everything from Duane Allman's jacket, which was draped over a guitar case next to his coffin during his funeral, to one of the Hammond Organs played by Gregg Allman. It will include posters, photographs and live recordings of the band with interactive computer terminals where guests can flip through digital photos and scan concert footage.

Duane Allman's bedroom will be decorated the way he had it when he lived in the house. On the top floor, the museum will hold music classes for school children, and outside will be a bandstand where musicians can put on shows, said West's wife, Kirsten West, the managing director of the Big House Foundation.

"It was never meant to

be just a house with a number of things hanging on the walls but to be active in promoting music in the community," she said.

For now, renovations are going, but a big sign in the front yard declares what it will be: "Allman Brothers Band Museum."

The project is a labor of love by a group of fans who wanted to commemorate the band's early days when communal living — and sometimes bathing, based on the large seven-head shower on the second floor of the house — made them not just a musical group, but a family. The majority of the renovations to the house have been donated — free windows, free roof, free paint, free landscaping — by companies from across the country who employ Allman Brothers Band fans.

The 6,000-square-foot house, built in the early 1900s, became the band's home in 1970 after bassist Berry Oakley and his wife, Linda, rented it for the musicians and their families. They called it the Big House because it was larger than any other place any of them lived.

And it quickly became the center of the band's world — where they practiced, wrote songs and met before going out on tour. It's where the wives, girlfriends and children remained when the band

was on the road.

Some of the band's most famous songs were penned there, including "Blue Sky" and "Midnight Rider." It's where the band planned the famed 1971 show at the Fillmore East concert hall in New York City, a live recording that was later released as a double album — now considered one of the most influential records in rock history and one of the best live recordings of its time.

The band had moved to Macon in the late 1960s at the request of Phil Walden, former manager for soul singer Otis Redding and the brains behind the Macon-based Capricorn Records, the core of the Southern rock movement. They lived at the Big House until 1973 when they were evicted, another blow after the deaths of Duane Allman and Berry Oakley, who both died in motorcycle crashes a year apart in the same Macon neighborhood.

The group split up in 1976 after personality conflicts and drug abuse damaged the family-like atmosphere they'd developed at the Big House. The band eventually reunited in 1989 with some new members and has been touring and recording ever since.

"It was right after we left the Big House that everything kind of started drifting away from music

and we started focusing more on being rock stars," said drummer Butch Trucks, who never lived in the house but spent enough time there to call it home. "Little by little, it led to 1976 when we finally said, 'This is silly. It's time to stop.' I think leaving the Big House was part of that."

The house changed hands over the years — from a beauty parlor to a lawyer's home — and eventually fell into disrepair until it was bought in 1990 by the Wests, who dreamed of creating a shrine to the band. The couple lived there 15 years, entertaining more than 20,000 fans from Japan, Germany and Finland who wandered by to get a

glimpse of Duane's bedroom or sit where the band held jam sessions.

Members of the Allman Brothers Band would stop by, too, when they were in town, looking for a jaunt down memory lane or to jam one more time in the place that provided so much inspiration.

"There were several places we made our base, but nothing was like the Big House," Trucks said. "A lot of incredible things happened there. I remember walking around one morning and (band member) Dickey (Betts) was sitting there at the kitchen table. I could hear him humming this sound, and it turned out to be 'Ramblin' Man.'"

## CALENDAR EXTRA

### Garage, Arts & Crafts sale

The Sun Flea Market & Kidstar hold a Garage and Arts & Crafts sale every second Saturday and

Sunday of each month at 18505 Paulson Drive (behind Walmart), Port Charlotte. This event is open for anyone who wants to sell their wares. Table and booth rentals

cost \$10 each per day.

For reservations, call 941-255-3532.

Market proceeds from these events will go to the community food drive for St. Vincent de Paul and the

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## Gatorz is a popular place for long and 'happy' hours

**G**atorz is, as its name suggests, essentially a bar and grill, with a friendly and good-looking wait staff.

The interior is dominated by a large center bar with low lighting, bar stools, some tables, and the usual neon beer ads as the primary décor.

Outside on the pleasant porch there are more tables, some bar-high with bar stools and several with regular chairs, and the corner bar is smaller, but just as busy.

Here are gatorz (spelled with a "z") everywhere: in a fountain, in pictures, in statues, and carved on benches outside in the garden. The "z" also shows up in the menu to remind you where you are.

There is a long list of appetizers, or "Gaterizerz," ranging in price from \$2.50 for a taco to \$9.99 for crab cakes. Since their buffalo wings are a popular choice, we decided to share an order



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Hours of operation and pricing are subject to change.

of 10 "naked" (not breaded) going for the extra 95 cents to get drums only (\$7.94). We thought Pot Stickers (\$5.99) would be a good contrast but, like the wings, they were deep fried. They had a rich filling and an Asian sauce. The wings were hot and crispy. We tried two sauces (\$.50 extra), an interesting Teriyaki and the Hot, which was not as hot as he likes, but good.

There are a half-dozen other sauces and, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, the wings are 25 cents each when ordered with a drink.

A monthly menu lists daily lunch and dinner specials. He decided to try the special Angus Beef Cheeseburger (\$6.99, normally \$7.99), and she

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..... Entertainment: .....Daily

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was intrigued by the house salad (\$6.69) served in a garlic tortilla shell and garnished with fruit and "nutz."

The burger was served on an onion roll, a good touch, with a mild cheese, sliced tomato and onion, lettuce, a tiny bit of coleslaw, and pickle. It was large and meaty and cooked medium as he prefers even though he was not asked. He also got an order of sweet potato "friez" (\$2.29). Her salad was covered with shredded cheese and black olives, and the fruit and nuts turned out to be

a trail mix including chocolate chips.

Since the desserts are not made here, we decided against them although "Fried Cheese-cake" (\$3.99) may have been interesting.

Although we would have thought that most customers come for the drinks and company more than for the food, there was clearly a soft drink/iced tea crowd enjoying lunch.

Later on in the evening, with daily entertainment and drink specials, Gatorz is a very popular place for long and "happy" hours.

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### CALENDAR EXTRAS

#### Calendar accepting art submissions

The deadline is approaching for artwork submissions for the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program 2010 calendar. The deadline is 5 p.m. **Tuesday**. The images in the calendar are to depict the beauty of the natural environment in Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, Lee, Hardee, DeSoto and Polk counties.

Up to three images in any medium are accepted. The images are posted on the Internet during the month of August so the public can help select the ones that will be used. The calendar is distributed free to everyone who signs up for a free quarterly newsletter, Harbor Happenings, and a small quantity are available at libraries, centers and at events. There is no entry fee. Images must be received as digital files saved on a compact disk

and accompanied by a signed entry form. For more information, e-mail Maran at mhilgendorf@swflpc.org or call 866-835-5785. The form and additional guidance are available at www.CHNEP.org.

#### Fishermen's Village celebrates Marina Day

Fishermen's Village will observe National Marina Day on **Aug. 8** with

displays and promotions by marine-related organizations and various environmental groups involved with Charlotte Harbor. Fishermen's Village Yacht Basin is a Florida state-designated "Clean Marina," and participating boaters will be asked to sign a "Clean Boater" pledge card during the event.

For more information, call Jim Branch at 941-575-3000.

# Recession adds to challenges for suburban arts

By JIM FITZGERALD

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER  
WHITE PLAINS, N.Y.

— When he hired Itzhak Perlman as artistic director of the Westchester Philharmonic in 2007, Joshua Worby thought he'd hit a grand slam.

He figured that Perlman, a popular, world-famous violinist, would attract new subscribers, raise the reputation of a suburban orchestra just outside New York City and spur fundraising by 40 percent.

"That's the way we projected it," said Worby, the Philharmonic's executive director, "and most of it came true."

Sure enough, attendance doubled. Perlman said he was "extremely happy." Even one category of fundraising, donations from individuals, went up 25 percent.

Then the economy tanked, corporate giving dried up and the orchestra ended the 2008-09 season with a deficit instead of a surplus.

Orchestras, theaters, museums and other arts organizations in the nation's suburbs face the challenge to attract customers — and donors — from the same population going to the Chicago Symphony, the Smithsonian or Broadway plays.

With the recession cutting into corporate and government funding and making Americans cautious about their spending, the groups are working harder to promote their small-town advantages — especially an easier commute and cheaper ticket prices.

"You can see a show at

our theater for what you would pay for parking downtown," says Terry James, executive director of the Marriott Theater in Lincolnshire, Ill., 35 miles outside Chicago. "Our average price is \$30, our top ticket is \$45. Our parking is free." And attendance is booming.

Producers warn, however, that convenience and low prices in the suburbs won't be a draw unless quality at least approaches what's available in the city.

"The appeal of the Westchester Philharmonic — and this is probably true of suburban orchestras throughout the country — includes the ease with which you can get to us, afford the tickets, park, get in and out," Worby said. "But it's a slippery slope because you can't fool audiences if your product is substandard. Manhattan is just 20 miles down the road."

Perlman agrees. "Convenience is just icing on the cake," he said. "Nobody is going to say, 'I don't care what I listen to as long as it's close.'"

Outside San Francisco, the Berkeley Symphony also stresses convenience.

"We do play that up, that you don't have to drive across the Bay Bridge and pay your \$4 toll or whatever or take a BART train," says spokesman Kevin Shuck. "But part of our message to the Berkeley audience is that you don't have to go to the San Francisco Symphony to get high quality."

The Berkeley has also built a reputation as a champion of 20th century

music under Kent Nagano, who has just stepped down after 30 years as music director. Shuck said attendance was up 6 percent in Nagano's final season and the orchestra is hoping that excitement over new music director Joana Carneiro will keep attendance, corporate support and donations from dropping.

In Chicago's suburbs, musical theater is a major enterprise, with full-time professional theaters north, south and west of the city, all selling convenience unashamedly and all heavily subscribed and apparently recession-proof.

The 900-seat Marriott Theater, which is part of a resort and turns a profit, has almost 40,000 subscribers who see five musicals a year.

"We have not seen a dip in recent years, even after 9/11," James says. "But we know it's discretionary income and we know we can't just throw junk out there for people to see. I think our reputation stands up to downtown."

He says there's plenty of room for the suburban theaters, even when city theater is flourishing.

"If 'Wicked' is playing downtown, that's going to be competition," he says. But a show like that would also draw thousands of new theater customers, "and a lot of these new customers live in the suburbs," he said.

Kyle DeSantis, who runs the for-profit Drury Lane theater in Oakbrook Terrace, Ill., says convenience plays a role in the theater's success, where he says attendance is up.

"People like the idea of

not hassling with the driving and paying for the parking," he says. "But I'd like to hope the quality of the productions also brings people in."

He said it's possible the lower-priced suburban theaters could even benefit from the recession, but added: "If there's a hit, a show people want to see, people tend to pay whatever it costs."

At the nonprofit Theater at the Center, 35 minutes from downtown Chicago in Munster, Ind., artistic director William Pullinsi says sales have been going up for three years.

The theater's only bow to the recession is to lower prices for next season, Pullinsi said.

"We haven't been as dependent as most nonprofits are on contributions," he said. "I've been hearing from other people in the nonprofit sector that that money has taken a hit."

That was certainly true for the White Plains Performing Arts Center, which established a nonprofit musical theater 22 miles from Manhattan in 2007 and nearly got through two seasons before it had to cancel "Hello, Dolly!" this spring.

The theater had 1,100 subscribers and seven productions "and then the economic sky seemed to fall in all around us," board Chairman John Ioris said. "We lost a lot of our corporate and municipal support."

He has retrenched, however, and expects to announce a new season shortly, confident that musicals can sell in the

New York suburbs.

"Our tickets are less expensive than Broadway and we're attached to a building with a parking garage in it," he said. "I

think parking is \$3. A big part of our audience has said they'd rather come to us than go to New York if they have a valid reason to do that."

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## No petting allowed

By **KIM COOL**  
FEATURES EDITOR

Petting the cats at Big Cat Rescue in Tampa is not allowed. It matters not if you are a visitor, a volunteer or the founder of what is considered the world's largest sanctuary for big cats.

Within its fenced and gated site are lions and tigers and panthers and some smaller cats such as servals and bobcats but none so small as domestic housecats. Many of the felines at Big Cat Rescue are retired circus performers. The tigers that once belonged to the world's great animal trainer, the late Gunther Gebel-Williams of Venice are there, living in their own separate but equal cages. Their upkeep is paid for by the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, in which Gebel-Williams starred. As tigers are generally one-man animals, when illness forced the retirement of Gebel-Williams, the circus arranged to send his cats to Carole Lewis, Big Cat Rescue's founder.

It was there that those tigers, who had been born in captivity, finally learned to swim. Lewis arranged to have a small pool in each of their caged areas and, despite the doubts of the circus experts, each of the former circus performers has since learned to swim.

But not all of the cats at Big Cat lived such happy and interesting

### DIRECTIONS

Take Interstate 75 north to Exit 228 (I-275 North). Take I-275 north to Busch Boulevard (Exit 50). Travel west 9 miles (away from Busch Gardens). Busch Boulevard will become Gunn Highway. As soon as you pass beneath the big green overpass of the Veterans Expressway, watch for the McDonald's on the left. Easy Street (the location of Big Cat Rescue) is immediately past the restaurant on the South side of the road. Easy Street is a narrow dirt road. You will have to pass the entrance and make a U-turn at the first opportunity to get to the entrance from the divided roadway. At the end of Easy Street you will come to a big electric gate.

lives. That has been found to be a key to their longevity in contrast to cats raised in the wild, which have the shortest lives and even to those in zoos, which live longer than animals in the wild but still not as long as those in the better circuses such as the Ringling show, Lewis told me when I first met her years ago. Sadly, animals are not treated so well in every circus.

The remaining animals at Big Cat came from people who tried to keep them as pets, abandoned animals and a few that were confiscated from drug dealers.

Cute as young lions and tigers and leopards may be, when they grow up, they are likely to do

far more than simply scratch the furniture.

The best thing to do is simply sponsor a cat at Big Cat. Whether you donate \$25 or \$5,000, you will be money ahead on saved furniture alone and you will know you have helped sustain the life of one of these magnificent creatures. Consider that it takes \$100 to feed a tiger for one week.

Food is not all they get. From toys to neutering of the males and lifelong medical care, their needs are met. Most even have their own pools and enjoy spinning their exercise balls in them.

Volunteers handle nearly all the work at Big Cats, which helps to hold costs down. The volunteers lead tours, clean cages and feed the animals.

All these workers must be doing something right for the animals there do seem to be living longer. Shatia, a female Canada lynx that died recently, arrived at Big Cat with a heart condition yet still managed to live until the age of 16, dying peacefully in its sleep in its private area.

A serval named Esmerelda has been thriving at Big Cat Rescue 1995 when it was 3.

Big Cat also has done well with its Bobcat rehabilitation program. Several of these Florida natives have been released back



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**This lynx enjoys its private sanctuary at Big Cat Rescue in Tampa.**

into the wild.

There are five ways to tour Big Cat Rescue. Children under 10, accompanied by an adult guardian, may come only at 9 a.m. Saturday mornings, the price is \$15 per child 9 and under and \$25 per person for those 10 and older.

Daily, there are 90 minute tours for those 10 and older beginning at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, the tours begin at 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person. Call 813-426-5948 for reservations.

Friday and Saturday, there is a feeding tour at dusk, by reservation only. The cost is \$50 per person. Limited to those 10 and older, visitors accompany volunteers on their feeding rounds.

For \$100 per person,



**A tiger that taught itself to swim as a resident of Big Cat Rescue prepares to take a dip in its private pond.**

those 10 and above will go behind the scenes to see the keepers hand out enrichment treats and food puzzles and do some training. This tour is offered Saturday at 2 p.m. and also on the last Friday of the month at 2 p.m.

A special night tour for those 10 and older is offered at \$50 per person and only by reservation. Call the number above.

For information, visit [www.bigcatrescue.org](http://www.bigcatrescue.org) or call 813-920-4130.