Riverwalk in Downtown Fort Pierce?

by John Culverhouse

A new dawn is on the horizon for the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority. The Florida Municipal Power Agency broke ground on the Treasure Coast Energy Center (TCEC) on August 9, 2006. The plant will begin operation in 2008, and hopes are that the Henry D. King Power Plant, located on Indian River Drive in Downtown Fort Pierce, will be decommissioned soon thereafter.

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Think back about 13 years ago to wind-blown, dusty streets, boarded-up storefronts, torn awnings, little or no landscaping (living optional), with inhabitants only coming to work from 8 – 5 daily. Sounds like a ghost town right? Well, it was downtown Fort Pierce believe it or not. Yes, the streets did take on a Freddie Kreuger appearance for those that visited or worked in downtown, but with hard work and determination from City leaders, Main Street business owners and residents, the once lack-luster downtown environment has taken on a new and improved persona.

One of the abandoned ghosts of Fort Pierce’s past is the Sunrise Theatre that reopened in January 2006 and stands as a shining jewel once again. The old McCrorey’s Building served as a five and dime for years and is renovated and provides office space. The Cardin Carpet building, formerly a hotel, was in a deplorable state and now houses numerous businesses and restaurants as Second Street Station. The Fort Pierce Hotel on Indian River Drive drastically improved with a complete renovation and now serves as office space. These are just a few of the “ghosts” from Fort Pierce’s history that have come to life again for our residents, visitors and employees in downtown.

History plays an important part in our community; so does the ghost lore of the numerous old structures in downtown going further back than 13 years. On Wednesday, October 25, Main Street Fort Pierce will have the annual Ghost Walking Tour that affords those that dare to stroll the streets and catch a glimpse of some of the local spirits.

I hope you will come out and visit the “spirits” around town and per chance you will visit me Aleceon Perkins, at the Boston House. I’ll be waiting!
Friday Fest – Friday, Oct. 6; 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Main Street Fort Pierce, 466-3880

2nd Wednesday Walkabout – Wednesday, Sept. 11; 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.; Downtown Business Association, 465-7080

Coffee With the Mayor – Friday, Oct. 20; 8:00 a.m. at Historic City Hall, Main Street Fort Pierce, 466-3880

Ghosts of Fort Pierce Past Walking Tour – Wednesday, Oct. 26; Main Street Fort Pierce, 466-3880

Rick Segel Retail Development Free Half-day workshop – Tuesday, Oct. 3; Main Street Fort Pierce, 466-3880

WEEKLY EVENTS

Ft. Pierce Farmer's Market – Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to Noon; Marina Square on Melody Lane; Market Manager, 940-1145

Arts and Crafts Show & Sale – Saturdays, north of downtown Fort Pierce Library, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Fort Pierce Bike Night – Thursdays, 6:00 to 9:30 p.m.; 2nd Street, Downtown Fort Pierce; Yellowfin Grill & Raw Bar, 468-7071

COMMUNITY CENTER

For more information on the Fort Pierce Community Center activities listed below, please call 462-7071.

Slimmastics – Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Jazzercise – Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10:00 to 11:15 a.m.

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Adult Social Dance Class – Wednesday, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Pilates Class – Monday, 7:00 to 8:15 p.m.

Kozy Crafters – Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Jazz Jam – Thursday, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Country Line Dancing – Monday, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Belly Dancing – Tuesday, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

After School Tutoring – Monday & Wednesday, 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

RESTAURANT ENTERTAINMENT

The Original Tiki Bar, 461-0880 – Music by “Barely Broken” on Sundays, 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Governor's Grill, 466-6900 – “Texas Hold 'Em” on Tuesdays, call for times; “Blues Night at the Grill” on Wednesdays, 8:00 p.m.; “Ladies Night” on Thursdays, 10:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.; Live Music on Friday evenings.

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~EVENT SPOTLIGHT~

WHO: Main Street Fort Pierce

WHAT: Ghosts of Fort Pierce Past Walking Tour

WHEN: Tuesday, October 26

WHERE: Downtown Fort Pierce (call for reservations and tour check in location)

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

COST: $5.00 donation per person; no fee for children under 5

INFO: 772-466-3880

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Did you know that on the second Wednesday of every month you have an opportunity to visit an oasis of charming restaurants, quirky boutiques and a myriad of art galleries and shops ranging from a sophisticated pet emporium to a gourmet coffee house? The oasis I speak of is better known as, Historic Downtown Fort Pierce, where, in mere moments from your home, you can shop, dine or just stroll about enjoying the music played by our local street musicians.

Second Wednesday WalkAbout is an event sponsored by your local Downtown Business Association, better known as the DBA. The members of the DBA are shop owners, bankers, lawyers, restaurateurs and other professionals who all have an investment in providing you with a viable source of dining, shopping and entertainment.

If you have a computer and need more information along with an easy to use locator map for shops and restaurants in Historic Downtown Fort Pierce, visit www.fortpiercedowntown.com. If you don’t have a computer, simply stop by any of the beautiful shops and galleries, most of whom are members of the DBA and would be delighted to steer you in the right direction. In any case, join me and all participating merchants at the next Second Wednesday WalkAbout from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Meet the Band

by Pam Gillette

Lurking quietly in the waters around the Treasure Coast is a fierce tropical fish with a projecting lower jaw with fanglike teeth. Its name is BARRACUDA and will strike fear into all who see them. No wait this story is not about a fish. It’s the name of the Band playing at the November Friday Fest.

Barracuda is a familiar name to locals on the Treasure Coast and to Friday Fest. Al Nawrocki, Dave Skittlethorp, and Keith Holmes have been playing together for 5 years but Barracuda has been playing on the Treasure Coast and around Florida for the last 15.

Al Nawrocki, plays the bass guitar, and sings lead and back up vocals. He is the founder of Barracuda which began performing in April of 1991. Al is a product of the Detroit music scene performing with many R&B, Soul, and Motown style groups before moving to Port St. Lucie in 1986. He also worked on the road for 2 years with a variety band (Bittersweet), on the Hyatt Regency Hotel circuit.

Dave Skittlethorp is the drummer and also sings lead and backup vocals. Dave is the sound man for the band. He is from Virginia Beach, Virginia and has traveled all over the United States on the Marriott Hotel circuit with several groups that he has formed. He also toured with the Box Tops playing many large venues around the country. Dave has been with Barracuda for 12 years.

Keith Holmes is the guitarist, plays keyboard, sings lead and backup vocals. Keith is from South Florida
and has been with Barracuda for 5 years. He recently performed in the United Kingdom for several weeks and is considering returning there in the future. Played with many other bands on the Treasure Coast, Keith (the kid) Holmes is THE MAN when you are talking guitarist.

BARRACUDA is the featured band for the November Friday Fest.

If you are interested in booking Barracuda for your event, call Al Nawrocki at 772-335-0147 for available dates.

Friday Fest is held the first Friday of every month. Friday Fest can be postponed to the following week due to weather. Friday Fest is held at Veteran’s Memorial Park, 600 N. Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce, FL 34950.

Friday Fest is put on by Main Street Fort Pierce, Inc. For more information please call the Main Street office at 772-466-3880.
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And The Gold Hammer Goes To...
East Coast Lumber and Fort Pierce Mayor Bob Benton Join Together to Recognize Local Businesses and Residents for Property Improvements

by Thondra Lanese

A new season of Coffee with the Mayor opened on Friday, September 15 with presentations of the mayor’s semi-annual Gold Hammer awards. The awards, established in 2000 with Mayor Eddie Enns, reward city residents and businesses who have done an exceptional job improving their property.

Winners were:

- Commercial Construction — Victoria Tillman and St. Lucie Outboard Marine
- Commercial Improvement — Nis-Air Conditioning
- Residential Construction — William and Sue Dannahower

Recipients of the reward received a recognition sign to be displayed on their property and a $100 gift certificate to use at award sponsor, East Coast Lumber.

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“Ghost of Fort Pierce Past”
by a Ghost of Fort Pierce Past

I know that it is getting dark and cold, but come over here for a moment. I won’t take much of your time. There’s something I want to show you and someone I’d like you to meet. There are many secrets around here to tell.

Listen to the sound of the train pulling into the depot. Hurry, I can see the railroad worker by the tracks. We missed him.

Oh look! There is Annie Hogg, wife of the man who built the original Cobb building. Can we reach her? No, she is gone too.

Let’s go to the Boston House. Now don’t be scared. I want you to stand quietly and let your eyes adjust to the dark. You’ll see why I brought you here. Can you feel the uneasiness here and the terrible pain? We’d better go now.

The Sunrise Theatre doors are opening before us; I think they want us to come inside. Be very quiet and follow me as we sneak into the theatre. I know they are here, Sally and Tom. Do you see them up on stage?

They all keep disappearing. Maybe it is not the right night to seek spirits from years past.

Folks you will need to revisit on Wednesday, October 26, at 6:00 PM and join all my friends at the Main

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- Each time the oven door is opened, the oven loses about 1/4 of its heat; open only when necessary.
- A clean seal on your oven door provides better heat retention; check the seal for wear.
- Temperatures can be lowered about 25° when you use glass or ceramic pans in the oven and food will still cook in the same amount of time.
- Don’t preheat your oven unless cooking or baking instructions call for it.
- Covered pots and pans heat up faster, and clean range top burners and reflectors save energy.
- Prevent wasted heat by matching the size of your pots and pans to the size of the burner.
- Heating elements stay hot long enough to finish cooking, even if you turn burners or oven off 1 to 2 minutes before completion time.
- Clean dust from refrigerator’s condenser coils (on back or under) every few months to increase efficiency.
- Know what you want before opening the refrigerator door. This keeps the cool air inside where it belongs.
- A full freezer is more efficient; however, your refrigerator should have some room for air circulation.

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Street Ghost of Fort Pierce Past walking tour. For a $5.00 per person donation, children under 5 will be scared for free, my friends and I will show and tell you about the people and legends of Fort Pierce’s past.

Be sure to come back when the night is dark and the moon is out. Join us as we reveal the many haunts and secrets of Fort Pierce. I promise you that the ghostly haunts will arrive and take you back to the days of steamboats, railroads, livery stables, and general stores.

For reservations or more information, call the Main Street office @ 466-3880.
Eric and Gloria Roa Bodin are real estate investors who hope to make a difference in Downtown Fort Pierce. Gloria, a Miami immigration attorney, intends to locate her Fort Pierce office at 215 North Second Street, in a historic house that the Bodins are currently restoring.

“I am excited about ‘hanging my shingles’ in Fort Pierce,” Gloria said from her office in Miami. “I love the city’s history, quaintness and vision for growth. I like it there because, although the area is being developed, it has managed to maintain its small-town charm. In a short time, I have come to know most of the shopkeepers on Second Street — something that would never happen in Miami.”

Gloria is a New York native, born and raised in the Bronx. Her parents moved to New York from Puerto Rico in the 1940s. After studying immigration law at the University of California, Los Angeles, Gloria took a job at a law firm in Miami. Today, she is the president and managing attorney of Gloria Roa Bodin & Associates, P.A., an immigration law firm based in Miami. She has a satellite office in Fort Myers and will open one in Fort Pierce to better serve the firm’s European clients.
Gloria specializes in business visas for corporations, investors, and professionals who seek work in the United States. Her clientele varies from major businesses to acclaimed artists. She is proud to be able to help her clients, who then go on to make a difference by making positive contributions to our society. Gloria’s public appearances include lectures on immigration law and radio appearances worldwide. She has even written books on the subject, including Learn Immigration in 24 Hours and Immigration Law for Paralegals. She also served on the Board of Directors for the South Florida Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA).

“I believe that (personal) experience contributed to my success as an immigration attorney,” Gloria said from her office in Miami. “My practice involves solving visa problems, particularly for businesspeople. I have the best clients because they are non-adversarial for the most part and thankful when I pave the way for them to achieve the American Dream.”

Gloria and Eric have resided in Miami for the last 25 years and have a home on the beautiful Miami River, where development is occurring at a rapid rate. The Bodins are cofounders of the Greater Miami River Foundation, whose mission is to promote, protect, and restore the Miami River.

Eric has written a series of children’s books promoting conservation and the Miami River. The *Mikey the Manatee* series features a friendly manatee that teaches preschool children counting, the ABC’s, and other fundamental skills. More information about the books can be found at www.clementpublishing.com.

The Bodins have accomplished a great deal in their lives. Their determined attitudes will certainly help to bring about great changes Downtown. To learn more about Gloria’s law firm, log on to www.gloriaabodin.com. To learn more about the Greater Miami River Foundation and their efforts to promote conservation and good stewardship of the Miami River, visit www.greatermiamiriverfoundation.org.
Managing Our Growth. The current policy of unmanaged growth has led to the approval of 40,000 new homes with little thought to roads, school sites, public safety, or quality of life. I will do what is best for citizens — not developers.

High Taxes. There is no tax relief in sight. I believe in cost-effective and efficient government.

Traffic Congestion. Residents measure their driving by time, not distance. I will make transportation a priority issue. We must implement a traffic plan that works now.

Economic Development. We must bring meaningful employment with livable wages to the city. Currently, over 40% of out residents leave the city everyday to drive to other areas to support their families. I want you to live and work in Port St. Lucie.

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Florida Main Street, in conjunction with the State Main Street Conference being held in Fort Pierce, is pleased to offer a FREE half-day retail development workshop on October 31, 2006, in Fort Pierce. There are a lot of scary things out-and-about on October 31, but Rick Segel, who is leading the workshop, is not one of them. In fact, Rick Segel is here to take the scare out of retail development.

Rick Segel, who has 25 years experience as a women’s apparel retailer, delivers high-content, on-target presentations filled with innovative ideas to re-energize, re-strategize, and re-think the way you do business. Rick will help uncover the hidden assets in downtown businesses, while helping retailers lure customers to their front doors in ways you never imagined. He will show participants how to position their businesses in the minds of the consumer as the first choice.

To register or find out more information about the workshop contact Main Street Fort Pierce, Inc. at 772-466-3880 or email to mainstreet15@aol.com.
Who is the Florida Municipal Power Agency? FMPA is a wholesale power agency owned by 30 municipal electric utilities in Florida, including Fort Pierce, Vero Beach, Lake Worth, Kissimmee, Jacksonville Beach, and Key West. Though many power companies comprise FMPA, FPUA has a larger stake in the agency because of the size of its customer base.

The property where the H.D. King Plant sits is owned by the City of Fort Pierce, and eventual plans are undetermined. Rumors are floating about the future, and they include a hotel, possibly a convention center, or perhaps a public park for everyone to enjoy.

Officials built the H.D King Plant at its current location so that it could utilize Moore's Creek to cool its generators. Today, FPUA will employ modern technologies, as they plan to break ground on a new Water Reclamation Facility within the next couple of months. The facility will be adjacent to the new power plant. The TCEC will utilize recycled wastewater from the new Water Reclamation Facility for cooling purposes.

“The TCEC is a win-win project for Fort Pierce,” said Camille Yates, Community and Corporate Relations Manager, Fort Pierce Utilities Authority. “Jobs will be created in the area through construction, as well as for our current FPUA employees. In addition to that, new environmental technologies will lessen the negative environmental impact.”

Mark McCain, Assistant General Manager of the Florida Municipal Power Agency agreed. “We will free up prime real estate in Fort Pierce, and we will keep and create good jobs in the community,” McCain said. “There will also be significant economic benefits from this $250 million construction project. Millions of dollars will be spent in the local community, and we anticipate 300 construction jobs at the peak with a total payroll of $22 million.”

The mission of FPUA is to provide its customers with economical and friendly service in a continuous effort to enhance the quality of life in the community. Unlike FPL and similar power companies, FPUA is a non-profit utility company owned by the citizens it serves. Profits do not go to distant shareholders; rather they are reinvested in the community. In 2005, nearly $4.5 million was transferred from FPUA to the City of Fort Pierce’s General Fund. FPUA has extensive involvement with community organizations, community events, and community programs. They manage and operate the Manatee Observation & Education Center, where visitors observe and learn about manatees and other wildlife in their natural habitats. Project Care is an FPUA program that administers emergency funding to help families in need pay past due utility bills. The program also provides educational resources that advocate fiscal responsibility. FPUA employees and staff have been staunch supporters of Fort Pierce Main Street. When the former Director, Bud Boudreaux, retired he agreed to a “retirement roast,” which raised nearly $10,000 to support the restoration of the Beanie Backus House.

FPUA has received many awards, including the 2002 Community Service Award from the American Public Power Association, and the 2004 Community Restoration Award from the Florida Municipal Electrical Association, for its stellar service and response after Hurricanes Frances & Jeanne.

About the Cover: Background photograph of the famous San Antonio RiverWalk in San Antonio, Texas, where residents and visitors are offered a variety leisure activities along the San Antonio River.
Fort Pierce was created in 1887 as a U.S. Army headquarters during the Second Seminole War. It was not until 1901 that the City of Fort Pierce was incorporated, and then Saint Lucie County incorporated just a few years later in 1905. In the city’s infancy, fire illuminated the darkness and furnished the basic means of cooking.

On hot summer days, cooling down meant finding a breeze or taking a dip in the river. A decade later, an election was held, in which $80,000 in bonds was approved, including $15,000 for an “electric light plant.” In 1912, on Thanksgiving Day ironically enough, electricity arrived in Fort Pierce. At the beginning, electric rates would typically run $0.15 per kilowatt hour (kWh).

The power plant, which sits along Moore’s Creek and Indian River Drive, cost the city $14,641 — that figure includes the entire electric light system, from the building of the plant, to the poles, wiring, and street lights. L.T. Forlaw, the first plant manager, earned a monthly salary of $100. It is interesting to consider just how small the town was, along with the rise of inflation over the years.

As the new power plant was getting started, electricity was only on during certain times of the day. As a testament to the times, one of the histories reads, “In the early years, the generator ran from 5:00 – 11:00 p.m., plus two mornings each week so ‘ladies’ could do their ironing in the morning hours.”

The city’s first drinking water supply came in 1917, from an 800-foot deep artesian well, which supplied nearly 275,000 gallons per day.

Various tales of local lore reveal interesting stories of power outages caused by objects interfering with the water intakes, including a “wad of hyacinths” that floated down Moore’s Creek in 1922 causing a blackout. In 1963, a “giant sea bass” was caught near the plant’s water intake chamber. The fish, at four feet long and weighing in at 80 – 100 pounds, began to interfere with the normal flow of water. Assumptions are that the fish entered the chamber during its infancy.

In 1963, the power plant was officially named the Henry D. King Generating Station, after former superintendent Henry D. King. King began his career with the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority in 1923 at age 22, when he relieved a power plant operator of duty for a couple of days. King ended up staying with the company for 43 years.

In days past, the Plant workers would blink the street-lights as an emergency signal to police officers so that they would return to the station. Plant workers would also blow a whistle at noon everyday so that people would have the correct time. As FPUA history states: “Power Plant employees used to blow a whistle at Noon each day so people would have accurate time. It has been said that a Power Plant employee checked a clock outside a jewelers on Second Street each day to assure the correct time. It was also said

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that the same jewelry store owner set his clock by the Power Plant whistle!"

The 1960s ushered FPUA into the modern era with natural gas. The North Gate Station and the South Gate Station were built, and when the Florida Clean Air Act was enacted in the early 1990s, FPUA began using compressed natural gas to power their fleet vehicles.

Today, The Water Treatment Plant on 25th Street is the largest in the four county area, being comprised of 42 shallow aquifer wells, which treats up to 20 million gallons per day. FPUA is tapped into the Floridan Aquifer, which extends more than 800 feet into the earth and supplies our drinking water.

The Water Reclamation Facility on South Beach was completed in 1986. Any given day, 10 million gallons of wastewater is treated, and then released into a Deep Injection Well. Environmental regulations are obeyed, and no discharge occurs in the Indian River Lagoon.

The next phase for FPUA calls for more innovative advances that will set them apart from their competition. The Treasure Coast Energy Center, which will open in 2008, will be a natural gas-fired power plant, which will burn much cleaner than many power plants. Additionally, it will use reclaimed wastewater to cool its system down from a new water reclamation facility, which will be built close to the new power plant.

Special Thanks to the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority; and Camille Yates, Community & Corporate Relations Manager, FPUA, for contributing to this article.
A Land Remembered
September 23 – October 14, 2006. Many people think that if they have been to Disney and the beach they know Florida. “A Land Remembered” will open visitors’ as well as life-long residents’ eyes to the “real” Florida. The show takes its name from the classic book written by Patrick Smith – and like the book – the exhibition provides an amazing record of Florida’s land and wild places. Many of the works in the show are so captivating; they carry viewers back in time to a Florida that was unspoiled. Artists featured in the show include Alto “Bud” Adams, Jr., M.J. Gandee, Keith Martin Johns, Ray Plockelman and Scott Woodward. Sponsored by Seacoast Bank.

Annual Four County Juried Show: The Best of the Treasure Coast
October 18 – November 11, 2006. The “Four County Juried Show” includes work by some of the best artists in Indian River, St. Lucie, Okeechobee and Martin counties. The 25th annual exhibition shows the great diversity and creativity of artists in the region. As we examine the large number of works in this exhibition, we are inspired by the variety of imagery and innovative ways in which artists express themselves. The selection process for this show is a tremendous undertaking, as more than 200 artists submit works of art. Sponsored by SunTrust Bank.

The Vultures for Culture Scavenger Hunt
November 12, 2006. Our first ever “Vultures for Culture Scavenger Hunt” will begin with a day of fun followed by prizes and a party at the museum. Each team’s mission, should they choose to accept it, will be to complete more tasks and gather more items than any of the other competing teams. Teams will be armed with digital cameras, maps, lists of items to gather and tasks to complete, a set of clues and a time limit. Prizes for the winning teams will be awarded at the dinner party.

The Bold and the Beautiful
November 14 – December 2, 2006. “The Bold and the Beautiful” has a number of unique characteristics that sets it apart from other exhibitions. The works in the show are colorful, lively, vivid, and awe-inspiring – classic definitions of things one might expect from the title of the show. Colleen Nash Becht, Ralph Patton, Lora Yakimov, Barbara Dodge Zarrella and Marcelle Zanetti create intensity, boldness and beauty in all of their works featured in the show.

All That Glitters
December 5, 2006 – January 6, 2007. All that glitters is not always gold and in this special holiday exhibition, the sparkling works include brilliant silver and glass jewelry and vibrant paintings in oil and watercolors. Artists featured in the show include Sandy “Sapphire” Freshour, Jeffery Leppard, Marilyn Shepherd, Jean Tyson and Michael Weber.

SEASON’S PREMIERE EXHIBITIONS
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Ansel Adams: The Man Who Captured the Earth’s Beauty
January 9 – February 17, 2007. Ansel Adams created iconic images of the American West, particularly Yosemite National Park, which he photographed every year starting in 1916 when his family first visited. His technical innovations and brilliant vision transformed landscape photography and furthered the cause of conservation. The show features twenty-five works, among them some of Adams’ most famous images: Clearing Winter Storm, Yosemite National Park, California; Moonrise, Hernandez, New Mexico; Sand Dune, Sunrise; Tenaya Creek, Dogwood, Rain; and Moon and Half Dome, Yosemite National Park, California. Organized by the Mint Museum of Art.

Clyde Butcher: Parallels of Black and White
January 9, 2007 – February 17, 2007. In July of 2000, Popular Photography asked the question “Who is the Next Ansel Adams?” Clyde Butcher was honored as being one of four large format photographers from across the nation who was chosen to be featured in this article. Butcher believes the essence of good photography is two-fold: seeing the image with the heart and knowing enough about the mechanics of photography to get a good shot.

Clyde Butcher Slideshow & Lecture
January 13, 2007. Clyde Butcher, honored as being one of four photographers whose work was compared to Ansel Adams by Popular Photography, will present a lecture and slideshow about his work.

Online Art Auction
January 20 – 27, 2007. The Backus Museum will host an online art auction in conjunction with its annual Live Art Auction. This means everyone can participate in the fun. The auction site will feature hundreds of works, priced to fit into everyone’s budget.

Art Auction and Party
Amerigrafitti – Back to Simpler Times
January 27, 2007. While the museum goes high-tech with its online art auction, the live auction travels back in time to “Bean’s Diner” where the waitresses are in roller-skates, the juke box never stops and malts are the drink of the day. The museum’s annual art auction gets a new twist with this early 1960s tribute to a simpler time.

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Tribute to Backus
February 21 – March 17, 2007. The annual “Tribute to Backus” will feature some of the best original painting by A.E. Backus. Many are part of private collections from around the country and are rarely seen by the public. Don’t miss this opportunity to see more than 100 Backus masterpieces on view during this extraordinary event.

Backus Festival Art Festival
March 3 & 4, 2007. The annual Backus Arts Festival takes over Veteran’s Park in Historic Downtown Fort Pierce with an extravaganza for the senses. Over 75 artists, musical performances and tasty food grace the museum’s oak shaded grounds for this two-day extravaganza.

Backus Brunch & Painting Raffle
March 4, 2007. Brunch served from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Tickets sold at the door, no advanced sales. Adults, $15.00, kids, $5.00.

The all you can eat “Backus Brunch” is legendary. Feast on fresh fried mahi-mahi, scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, Sally’s creamy cheese grits, fresh squeezed orange juice and more. Then at 12:30, the ticket will be drawn to reveal the winner of this year’s original Backus painting. Raffle tickets are $20.

The St. Lucie County High School Show
March 21 – March 31, 2007. The best artworks to come from the area’s public and private high schools.

Mixed Up Media
April 3 – 21, 2007. “Mixed Up Media” explores the evolution of the use of art materials that has expanded to include almost anything. Artists include in the show are John Dieckmann, Carole Keller, Witha Lacuesta, Joyce McAdams and Tom Sadler. Various mediums these artists explore include acrylic, oil, bronze and collage.

Calling all Fashion Divas/ Spring Couture Show and Luncheon, Neiman Marcus Palm Beach
April 14, 2007 / 11:00 a.m. Join a select group of 50 fashion divas for a gourmet luncheon and fashion show of the latest spring couture styles. Free makeovers add to the festive mood of a wonderful afternoon. Tickets $100. Need a ride? Call the museum to carpool.

Through The Eye of the Camera: Juried Photography Show
April 25 – May 26, 2007. Open to both amateur and professional photographers, this exhibit is sure to bring fierce competition. Last year’s exhibit brought over 300 entries. Applications are available at the gallery or on our website at www.backusmuseum.com. Entry fee is $25 per piece; three-piece limit per applicant. Sponsored by Jiffy Photo and Canon.

Indian River School of Painters
May 29 – July 14, 2007. Whether formally instructed or merely mentored by Backus, the legions of artists gained in skill and wisdom from the influence of A.E. “Bean” Backus. Exhibiting artists include Don D. Brown, James Hutchinson, Michael G. Enns, Jackie Brice, Jackie Schindehette, Sherrie Johnson, Therese Knowles, Tom Fresh, Julie Enders, Rick Kelly, Dan Holt, Delores Hutcheson and more...

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Main Street Fort Pierce

Membership

As Fort Pierce Main Street begins its 18th successful year, it is undertaking an aggressive Membership Drive. “The Next Big Thing” campaign took off in May, 2006. Please consider becoming a Main Street Member.

Membership in Main Street Fort Pierce is open to anyone interested in helping preserve our unique heritage. Our goal is to encourage and assist in keeping Downtown Fort Pierce a vibrant shopping and business district for future generations.

We invite you to share your expertise and contribute toward making Fort Pierce Main Street a success in historic preservation and revitalization. Donations to Fort Pierce Main Street, a 501(c)3 corporation, are tax deductible.

Complete the form below and join our growing group of committed members. By joining Main Street Fort Pierce, Inc., you are supporting the economic well being of the entire community.

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Main Street Fort Pierce, Inc., a 501©3 not-for-profit corporation, has encouraged and participated in the revitalization efforts of downtown Fort Pierce for the past 18 years. The efforts of many have paid off. Downtown Fort Pierce is now recognized as one of the most desirable locations to live and work on the Treasure Coast, as well as, in the state of Florida.

The Main Street program was created by the National Trust of Historic Preservation in the early 1980s. The program was designed to revitalize the historic commercial districts that were threatened to extinction by urban sprawl. The four-step Main Street approach is used by over 1,600 communities across the United States and its model has been studied internationally.

The success of Main Street Fort Pierce over the past 18 years is due to the faithful commitment of current and past members of the Main Street board of directors, the City of Fort Pierce, local community organizations, local businesses, and general public support. Currently, the program consists of twelve volunteer board members and two full-time employees. During its existence, Main Street Fort Pierce has held approximately twenty-six downtown promotional events each year, educated public school children about the history of the area, won numerous local, state, and national awards, restored historic buildings including the Sunrise Theatre, recruited businesses to the downtown area, held downtown charrettes to encourage the public participation in revitalization efforts, created outdoor art programs, and helped fund an award winning image campaign along with the Downtown Business Association, the Community Redevelopment Agency, and the City of Fort Pierce.

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Terri Ann Palumbo, owner of The Barkery, answers some frequently asked questions:

**QUESTION:** Why should I feed my dog holistic or organic foods?

**ANSWER:** Although I'm not a veterinarian, I do tell customers that basically, if you can buy a food in a supermarket (and often in "big-box" pet chains), it's likely not totally nutritious for your dog or cat. Most commercial dog foods, including the newer products touted as "natural", contain wheat, corn and/or soy — the top three allergens. Also, ingredients such as animal by-product, pork fat, or any protein listed as "meat" (such as "chicken meat") are to be avoided, due to the way pet food ingredients are classified. Look for ingredients such as chicken or chicken meal instead — chicken meal is simply chicken with the water rendered from it. Chicken "meat" can cover too broad a range of "parts" of a chicken — the same goes for other proteins such as lamb, beef, duck, etc.
QUESTION: But aren’t holistic or organic foods a lot more expensive than others?

ANSWER: Not really! In fact, most of the foods we carry at The Barkery are less than a dollar more a bag than commercial foods such as Iams, Eukanuba, Science Diet and others of their quality. Also, once you’ve transitioned your dog or cat to a holistic or organic food, you’ll find you’re actually feeding a smaller amount each day — the reason is that your pet will be satisfied with less volume due to the denser nutrition in holistic and organic foods.

We also offer a “buy 10 bags, get one free” program — but, the bottom line is, just as with humans, the healthier the diet, the smaller the doctor bills!

QUESTION: Why don’t you carry rawhide products?

ANSWER: We don’t carry rawhide because it’s basically indigestible and can create intestinal blockages, etc., especially with dogs who have a tendency to swallow pieces of the rawhide. Instead, we carry “bully sticks”, which soften as the dog chews, and are 100% digestible, because they are essentially tendons rather than hide.

QUESTION: Can people eat the dog treats in your bakery case?

ANSWER: Sure! Our Puppalicious™ dog treats are made with all-natural ingredients such as natural peanut butter, plain yogurt, and carob. We wouldn’t call them sweet, because they don’t contain sugar (or salt), but we actually have some human customers who buy them because of being allergic to chocolate! On that subject, it’s the cocoa in chocolate that’s toxic to dogs, so we use carob, which doesn’t contain cocoa but has a flavor very similar to chocolate.

Our bakery case treats are all baked by Gina’s Bake Shop, one of the most popular vendors at the weekly Farmers’ Market, so you know they’re delicious, even if you don’t taste them yourself!
Pizzoodles is the second stop in my yearlong effort of reviewing downtown restaurants for the “best of the best” culinary delights.

Like hotdogs and apple pie — Italian food is an American staple. At the corner of Depot Drive and Orange Avenue, in historic downtown Fort Pierce, Pizzoodles offers classic Italian dishes reasonable prices. Massachusetts natives JoAnn and Mitchell Weiss are the proprietors of Pizzoodles. They’ve owned this comfortable eatery for a little over 2 years.

Pizzoodles offers a full range of menu items from pizza (voted #1 in town) to pasta and subs to salads. Prices range from $1.75 for a slice of pizza to $12.95 for a dinner portion of Veal Parmesan served with spaghetti.

Savor piping hot pizza with numerous choices of classic topping. And some not so ordinary toppings, which include meatballs, garlic, chicken, pesto, feta cheese, eggplant, and many more. A “must try” is the Margherita style pizza – crisp dough topped slices of vine ripe tomatoes, house-made mozzarella and fresh basil.

Pizzoodles salads are so tempting. Try the famous, not on the menu, “Sue Salad”. Mmmmmmm…who could go wrong with a bed of micro greens topped with house-made goat cheese, fire roasted red pepper, sun dried tomatoes, bacon bits, artichoke hearts, walnuts and garnished with grilled shrimp all for $9.95? Hey, there’s a lot to be said for a restaurant that is flexible enough to create a new dish based on some silly broad’s whim. The salad is served with superb, creamy balsamic vinaigrette. Bon Appetit, you need this recipe! Another gastronomic delight is their Antipasti Salad, which is almost too much to eat at one sitting.

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Summer is waning, Snook season just re-opened and cooler weather is just around the corner. Typically fishing all along the Treasure Coast starts to pick up around this time of year. Hopefully by the time you are reading this we will be well into the start of a great fall and winter fishing season. The past year has been a good one for those who enjoy “wetting a line” despite such problems as lake “O” water dumping into the Indian River Lagoon and rough weather last fall causing the cancellation of several high profile tournaments. Knock on wood we’ll also have made it through hurricane season with only “Ernesto” to complain about.

Offshore fishing has been off and on. The ocean has generally been calm and cooperative for just about anyone who feels confident to venture out. Catch reports have been varied but action is always out there for those who spend a little effort checking around on where to go.

Inshore there are signs that the river is beginning its transition to exciting fall fishing. The fall mullet run is getting started. Large schools of mullet can be seen along the shore in shallow water. Mullet are excellent eating, a long time staple of locals who possess a plethora of “special recipes” for this hometown favorite. Vegetarians, mullet must be cast-netted or “dipped” and are easy to obtain when in large schools as they are now. Also used as a popular bait for larger game fish, mullet from “fingerlings” to several pounds are an excellent bait and attract large numbers of big game fish and even oceanic predators during this time of year. The next several months may allow a typical “river” fisherman to catch large ocean going fish that normally wouldn’t be inshore but are enticed in by the easy prey of large mullet schools.

Snook season recently re-opened. Reports so far are hit and miss. I’ve heard numerous reports of hookups that weren’t landed and Snook that were over the limit and had to be released. Keepers are being caught already in the turning basin and at south jetty. A subtle change in length requirements was introduced this fall. Check with your local tackle shops or the Florida Wildlife Commission to be sure you’re keeping a legal catch.

Good luck fishing and be safe out there.
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