

KeyCalendar



Ongoing Events

Give the Gift of Art and All That Glitters Jewelry Show will be held through Jan. 7 at the **Longboat Key Center for the Arts**, 6860 Longboat Dr. Call 383-2345.

Gulf Coast Writers meet at 10:15 a.m. the first Monday of the month at the **Island Branch Library**, 5701 Marina Drive in Holmes Beach. Call 778-3209.

The **Manatee Sailing Association** meets the second Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Dog House, 4601 14th St. in Bradenton. Call Sandee at 729-3573.

Yoga classes on the beach are held every Wednesday and Saturday at 8:30 a.m., Pine Avenue public access on Anna Maria Island. Call 794-6723.

The **Kiwanis Club of Longboat Key** meets every Thursday at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast at the Colony Beach & Tennis Resort. Call Vince DeLisi at 383-0086.

The **Longboat Key Rotary Club** meets at the Hilton Longboat Key Beach Resort Wednesdays at noon. Lunch is \$14. 387-0706.

The **"OutSmart Diabetes" Healthy Lifestyle Education Program** offers updated self-care education classes to the community. Day and evening classes are held in various locations in Bradenton and Ellenton for Diabetes, Pre-Diabetes, or anyone just wanting to live a healthier lifestyle. Classes are taught by Board Certified Diabetes Educators. Pre-registration is required. Call Denise Falsetti, RN, CDE, CPT at 232-3846 to register.

Food donations accepted five days a week. Donate non-perishable food items for All Faiths Food Bank from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday at Longboat Island Chapel.

The **Cancer Support Group** meets 2 p.m. Mondays at All Angels by the Sea Episcopal Church. Call 921-5539.

Urban Way is a contemporary fine furniture showroom (floor samples & custom furnishings), featuring local artists in rotating exhibits. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday to Saturday. 2402 Manatee Ave. East, Bradenton, 714-0428. www.urbanway.biz.

Israeli Folk Dance lessons will be 7:30 to 9 p.m. Mondays at the **Colonial Oaks Park Community Center**, 5300 Colonial Oaks Blvd. in Sarasota. Cost is \$6 per class or four classes for \$20. Call Mary at 727-5109.

The **Sarasota Philatelic Club** has donated subscriptions of Linn's Stamp News to your local library. The Club meets the first Tuesday of the month from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Unitarian Church, 3975 Fruitville Rd. 376-5689.

"The Art of the Historic Asolo Theater" will run through January 7 at the **John & Mable Ringling Museum of Art** located at 5401 Bay Shore Road in Sarasota. For more information call 359-5700.

The **Longboat Key Education Center**, 5370 Gulf of Mexico Drive, Centre Shops is open. More than 150 programs offered through mid-April 2007. Call 383-8811 or visit www.lbkeducationcenter.org.

Tilden, from Page 1B

Tilden, she said, was the exception. She wrote a screenplay, "Without the Law," and soon she was on her way to completing her book.

"Al I wanted to do was write a short screenplay and one thing led to another," Oldaker said. "Tilden was the best lawyer this country ever had. Even today there is a Tilden Democrats party in New York. He was honest and would have made a difference."

It took Oldaker about a year to complete the book, which starts on the eve of the 1876 election. She details the accusations, the possible fraud and the mistrust the voters had with politicians at the time. She goes into Tilden's life after the failed bid and culminates it in his death. Tilden was a decision-maker at a time when politicians were expected to allow party bosses to make the calls, and Oldaker said Tilden wouldn't have allowed that to happen.

"People came to Tilden for decisions, not the other way around," Oldaker said, "He knew how to lead and

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The **Selby Poets** meet the third Thursday of the month at 9:15 a.m. at the Selby Library. Bring five or six copies of one or two poems to be critiqued. Call E. Cavis at 794-0259.

how to manage. He really won that election and would have won in 1880 also."

After Hayes won the backroom door negotiations Tilden could have challenged the election, but, in a country still recovering from the Civil War, Tilden kept his thoughts to himself and became a footnote in the history books.

Oldaker got so involved with the project that she is working on a second volume on Tilden's life. She lives in Clearwater now, but only because the owner of her Longboat Key townhouse told her she couldn't keep her dog. Still, Longboat Key is where she grew up and lived most of her life, working as the night auditor at the Longboat Key Hilton where she met her husband.

"I still know everybody in Longboat Key," Oldaker said. "It was like small town America when I was growing up. I think they still remember me."

They still remember Oldaker in Longboat Key, but how many of them remember the life of the unofficial 17th President of the United States?

Plaid, from Page 1B

with lots of joyful lighting, created by Neil Peter Jampolis and Michael Newton-Brown.

We need this show. It is a happy show. It is a show to be shared with family and friends (without worrying that Aunt Millie will be offended by something). "Plaid Tidings" plays through New Year's Eve. Then the Apple brings in a brand new show on Jan. 3.

Of course, part of the appeal of spending the evening at the Golden Apple is the buffet meal. New executive chef Frank Caldwell is now in charge. He has been executive chef at the Colony Resort, worked at Michael's On East, and owned his own restaurants in Bradenton and Sarasota.

Call the Golden Apple Box Office at 366-5454 for your reservations.

Top to Bottom: Joey Panek as Sparky, Larry Buzzeo as Frankie, L. David Brown as Smudge and Berry Ayers as Jinx.



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