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"I'm happy being on the Ways and Means Committee in the House. I'm happy with that opportunity and it is where my focus is right now."

- Rep. Vern Buchanan, R-Sarasota

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TODAY'S NEWS

[Politics] **Buchanan Settles In With Constituents**

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Rep. Vern Buchanan, R-Sarasota, said he feels confident he has the support of voters in Southwest Florida, but can sense a frustration with the way Washington is conducting business.

"People are very angry out there about how the financial situation has come about," Buchanan said. "Rightfully so." The congressman said constituents seem upset with both major parties and want politicians to work together better.

The remarks to *SRQ Daily* come on the heels of public events in the district including a town hall in North Port and the opening of a new district office in

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Bradenton. The recent debt ceiling debates were a frequent subject of conversation at the events.

Buchanan told constituents he was excited that a balanced budget amendment will come out of the House this year for the first time since his 2007 arrival in Congress, and that he will closely watch the so-called "Super Congress" committee tasked with finding ways to cut more than \$1 trillion out of the federal budget.

"The Super Congress wouldn't be my idea of how we should proceed. I think as members of Congress, we should just find ways to work together and get it done," Buchanan said. "However, it was the process we decided on and I'm hopeful we can work together and get something positive done."

He also expects the subject of health care costs to come up in Washington, and said solutions must be found for those small businesses and employees who are seeing insurance prices rise. The immediate focus when Congress reconvenes will be on creating jobs, he said.

As for his new district office, Buchanan said he is pleased to have a location that is central to Manatee County, and that his staff enjoys being in a new place. Asked if the redistricting process next year could affect his Manatee constituency, Buchanan said he was hopeful Sarasota and Manatee counties will remain mostly in the same congressional district. "It would be a shame to have them split up, but as you know, we have a process that has to be followed," he said.

Speculation has recently been growing about whether Buchanan will still seek to represent the district or if he will pursue a seat in the Senate. But he noted that he has recently filed for re-election to the House. "I think people here feel like I have done a pretty good job," he said. SHARE: [f](#) [in](#) [t](#)

ARTS & CULTURE

[Arts] **The Dog Days of Summer**

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For one day, open your heart to some of the greatest works of art in our local community both painted and living as you meet and greet some of Sarasota's artists and cute four-legged pals. The Muse Galleria and The Humane Society of Sarasota County will collaborate on September 1 in an effort to raise awareness about pet adoption through the encouragement of the Sarasota arts community with The Dog Days of Summer Event. The event will run from 3pm to 8pm at the gallery and provide HSSC's mobile adoption bus on-site to educate and promote pet adoption.

Alongside the bus, visitors can meet some of the local artists featured in the gallery, snack on appetizers and beverages, receive discounts for artwork and participate in the raffle. All proceeds benefit the Humane Society, which shelters almost 4,000 pets every year and offers not just pet adoption but obedience classes, affordable neuter and spay services and programs to benefit seniors and children with special needs. SHARE: [f](#) [in](#) [t](#)

HUNTING & GATHERING

[Daily Shop] **Organic Lip Balm**

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Badger's USDA Organic Lip Balm protects and moisturizes lips, unlike others which either offer only one or the other. Organically made, the balm avoids the usual petroleum base and instead uses extra virgin olive oil, aloe, beeswax, rosemary and other natural ingredients for a light texture that moistens and protects. SHARE: [f](#) [in](#) [t](#)



Beverly A. Smith, "Passover," Oil on Canvas, The Celery Barn, 226 South Links Avenue, 941-504-0792



TODAY'S POLL

[Real Estate] **Home Shopping**

When you last bought a home, did you see it online before talking to a Realtor? Vote in our poll at SRQMag.com.

Last week, we asked how municipal officials should change their behavior in the current political climate. Of those who responded, **43 percent said become more PRO-BUSINESS, 31 percent said become more PRO-NEIGHBORHOOD** and **25 percent said a BALANCE was struck now**. SHARE: [f](#) [in](#) [t](#)

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[Must Read] **Unlock Hot List**

Source: Butterfly Effect, 451 North Orange Avenue, Sarasota, 941-552-6728



[Good Bite] Take-Out Meets DIY

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Local foodies continue to rave about the quality of Vietnamese cuisine in Sarasota, but anyone who's brought home a half-finished tureen of pho knows the next day will mean a murky mess of disintegrated noodles and tepid broth. Amy's Pho provides a clever take-out solution: a generous tub of that famous beef broth comes with a box loaded with your meat of choice and all the savory trappings: rice noodles, bean sprouts, fresh basil sprigs, jalapeño pepper and lime wedges. Bring the broth to a rapid boil, pour over the raw ingredients, and within minutes, you are enjoying a kitchen-fresh bowl of authentic pho. [SHARE: f t e](#)

Amy's Pho, 1303 North Washington Blvd., Sarasota, 941-312-6264

RECIPE

[Recipe from the Chef] Hot Summer Meal

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Hot summer days call for filling yet refreshing meals that don't require much use of that hot oven. The Ensalada De Pato, or duck salad, from Ceviche offers a salad's refreshment but still gratifies thanks to its protein-infused comestible.

Ensalada De Pato

Ingredients: 3 oz. mixed salad, 2 oz. marinated artichoke hearts (any fresh herbs can be used), 4 halved tear drop or grape tomatoes, 2oz. julienne fennels, 3 slices of red pears, 3 slices of green apples, 4 oz. sliced smoked duck breast.

Using a stainless steel bowl, mix the lettuce and dressing. Once united, place the lettuce on the plate and arrange the sliced duck breast atop in the center. Arrange the pears and apples to rotate consecutively and add the artichoke, tomatoes and the fennel. Before adding it on the plate, sauté the fennel on medium heat for one minute with a few drops of olive oil and place it once it has cooled off. [SHARE: f t e](#)

Ceviche Tapas Bar and Restaurant, 1216 1st Street, Sarasota, 941-952-1036

BUSINESS

[Opening] New Spa in Anna Maria

Sea-renity Spa will open August 26. The business is owned by Amanda Escobia, a licensed massage therapist. The Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce will kick off daylong festivities at 11:30am with an official ribbon cutting ceremony. Guests are welcome until 7:00pm that evening for demos, samples and prizes, along with hors d'oeuvres by Chef Craig Chasky.

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Whether you hunger for fresh collard greens or a death match between the Ringling Museum and Ringling College, the staff of SRQ Magazine is ready to feed your appetite. We scouted Southwest Florida in our annual mission to determine the hottest fashions, trends and flavors grabbing the region's attention. Whether in the kitchen of Euphemia Haye, the chambers of Sarasota City Hall or the dress racks at Foxy Lady West, our team sought the answers to most burning questions in life for locals from North Port to Anna Maria Island. Who pulled the political upset of the year? What international connection will create jobs in the near future? What color pumps should you wear to this year's Hot List Party?

The answers are all in the annual Hot List issue of *SRQ*, on stands today. Get your copy now.

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THINGS TO DO

[TODAY] FILM: Contenders Film Series, South Florida Museum, Aug. 26, 5pm

Come out and experience Film Fridays at the South Florida Museum, where they are hosting the Contenders Series to witness the spirit of competition in many forms. The museum will be playing a different film every Friday beginning August 26 and ending on September 30. Doors are open every Friday at 5pm and guests will be able to enjoy a selection of beer, wine, soft drinks and snacks prior to and during each screening. Tickets to each film are \$5 a person for general admission and \$3 a person for museum members. Group rates are also available for parties of 15 or more. For more specific information on the specific films that will be playing, please visit the South Florida Museum website and click "Things To Do." **South Florida Museum, 201 10th Street West, Bradenton, 941-746-4131, ext. 27**

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[TODAY] THEATER: THE SAVANNAH DISPUTATION, Florida Studio Theatre, Aug. 3 -Aug. 28

Florida Studio Theatre presents *The Savannah Disputation*. The Catholic faith of two elderly sisters is rocked after a visit from a young evangelist. To fight back, the women invite the missionary and their unsuspecting parish priest to a truly devilish dinner party, where they stage a theological showdown in this all-out questioning of religious faith and belief. **Florida Studio Theatre, 1241 North Palm Ave., Sarasota, 941-366-9000.**

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[TODAY] FILM: THE TRIP, Burns Court Cinemas, Daily: 2:30, 5, 7:50pm

The Trip is a comedy about a food critic's road trip through the north of England directed by Michael

[Sea-renity Spa](#)



[Exec Moves] **Aymerich Moves to Suncoast**

Jamie Aymerich, most recently vice president and associate publisher of Gulfshore Media, has joined Living On The Suncoast magazine. She will be overseeing new business development and special projects. Aymerich brings more than 20 years of experience in management, sales and marketing at national and local companies. She holds numerous positions in the Sarasota business and non-profit community, including her service on the board of the Women's Resource Center and the St. Armands Circle Association.

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[Honor] **Light Up Your Life Takes Prize**

Light Up Your Life was announced as the winner of the Lighting Showroom of the Year awards in the "Sales Under Two Million" category. The awards were held in Texas and included entries from the United States and Canada. Light Up Your Life is owned by Susan and Moritz Inderbilen. The business has been located in Sarasota for the last 13 years. SHARE: [f](#) [in](#) [t](#)

[Light Up Your Life](#)

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OLD GRAY MAYOR

[Column on City Politics] **Lido Casino Seahorse Love Story**

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Jim Reese was a Lido Beach lifeguard in the 1960s. A young girl named Judy Thompson from Kent State vacationed in Sarasota and met Jim at the pool. They fell in love and were married shortly thereafter. Both became teachers in the Sarasota County Schools for more than 30 years, but their romantic story at the Lido Casino was never to be put on the back burner. When the Casino suddenly was demolished in 1969, Judy's brother Terry told them the beautiful seahorses that were the symbols of the beach had been dumped in a hole by the Summers Landfill Company. Horribly upset that such iconic images were being destroyed, the Reese's paid Summers to

retrieve the horses. They actually climbed into the pit and rescued four of the eight-foot 300-pound originals. Those images have graced the Reese home ever since.

When the bayfront Sarasota Quay was built, owners contracted with Jim and Judy to make a mold of the originals and place the concrete recasts on the developer's site. The agreement, which was never legally recorded, stated: there was to be an acknowledgement the Reeses donated the original to be molded for the Quay, but that the mold was to be destroyed after the models

Winterbottom, and is as it says, a trip. Steve Coogan has been asked by The Observer to tour the country's finest restaurants, which he plans as a romantic vacation with his girlfriend. When she waves him off, he is forced to bring along his best friend, Rob Brydon, an annoying but funny character who serves him much aggravation. The dry English humor and witty conversations range on the random and unexpected. The foodie-comedy will have you planning your next road trip, filled with beautiful landscape, scallops, fine dining, and chocked full of impressions. **Burns Court Cinemas, 506 Burns Ln., Sarasota, 941-955-3456.** SHARE: [f](#) [in](#) [t](#)

[WEEKEND] **TASTE: The Power of the Purse, Every Child Inc., Aug. 27, 12pm**

Enjoy a delicious lunch and savor champagne with Every Child Inc., at a luncheon fundraiser held at Carrabba's on University Parkway. There will be a Cinderella Fashion Show as well as a "Purse" silent auction, where all proceeds benefit Every Child, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving and improving our community's neediest children. By taking part in this enjoyable event you will be helping to raise funds for backpacks, holiday parties, and the weekend feeding program. Tickets are \$45 and can be reserved in advance online at www.everychild Sarasota.org or at the following locations: First Federal (126 S. Osprey), Minuteman Press (110 N. Lime), Lotus (1451 Main St.), Blue Line (301 Central Ave.), Coffee Carrousel (1644 Main St.), Spice Girls (1821 Hillview), or Amber Bridal (1662 Main St.) or by calling Judy Alexander at 376-2663. **Carrabba's Italian Grill, 5425 University Pkwy., Sarasota, 941-376-2663.** SHARE: [f](#) [in](#) [t](#)

[SOON] **ART: Beginner Hand Building Clay Class, Tue.'s Aug. 30–Sep. 20, 5:30–8:30pm**

Carla O'Brien will be teaching Clay- a beginner hand building class at Art Center Sarasota on Tuesdays through September. The class will focus on beginner hand-building techniques such as pinching, extruding, slabbing clay and glazing techniques. The classes are designed to foster creativity and imagination, expressed in clay. The cost is \$150 to ACS members and \$170 to non-members. Contact the art center, or go online at www.carlasclay.com. **Art Center Sarasota, 707 North Tamiami Trl. Sarasota, FL, 34236, 941-365-2032.** SHARE: [f](#) [in](#) [t](#)

[SOON] **FUNDRAISER: Rock and Run for Recovery, Reach Out Recovery, Oct. 21, 5–9pm, Oct. 22, 7am–3pm**

Come out to Lido Beach with your family for Reach Out Recovery's event: Rock and Run for Recovery. This event will bring together local, regional and national agencies to celebrate recovery and offer information and resources. The 2-day festival is FREE and include, live music, artisans, food vendors and a 5K Walk/Run on South Lido beach.

were completed and the Quay seahorses would be given to the Reeses whenever the building was torn down. That didn't happen. According to Jim and Judy, Irish American Partners, which bought the Quay and demolished it, refused to honor the agreement. Instead Irish American accepted a proposal from a group of citizens led by Deborah Dart to save the Quay models from destruction. All of Sarasota breathed a sigh of relief.

Regardless of the bumpy history, Jim, Judy, and Deborah are all committed to preserving the iconic images, both original and recast. "The Casino meant a lot to us and we don't want (the seahorses) to disappear," said the Reese duo. Dart and her friends are equally committed. "Our proposal to Irish American Group was to rescue, restore and return them to the community."

Two of the recasts have already been mounted outside the Mote Marine Aquarium on City Island-Ken Thompson Park. Dart's request for two more to be placed in front of the Chidsey Building in the City's historically designated bayfront civic center is on the next Commission agenda.

Sarasota City Commissioner Shannon Snyder would like to see an effort to restore facets of the original Lido Casino architecture that long time residents loved. Jim, Judy, and Deborah would all love to see those iconic seahorses reappear at their birthplace.

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Local organizations will be on hand offering information resources and education on addiction and recovery services in our community. For more information call or visit www.reachoutrecovery.com. **South Lido Beach Park, 190 Taft Dr. and 2201 Ben Franklin Dr., Lido Key, 941-356-0173.** SHARE: [f](#) [t](#) [e](#)

[SOON] BOOK READING: Poetry Open Mic Night, Aug. 29, Sep. 5, 6pm

Bookstore 1 Sarasota wants to invite you to their event, poetry open mic night. Bring your own poetry to read aloud or bring poetry of a favorite published author. If you don't feel up to reading aloud, come and be a part of the audience. Don't miss out on the words of people across the world. The event is free and open to the public, for more information call or visit www.bookstore1sarasota.com.

Bookstore1Sarasota, 1359 Main Street, Sarasota, 941-365-7900. SHARE: [f](#) [t](#) [e](#)

GALA: HOT LIST: SRQ Hot List Culinarium Tickets on Sale TODAY, Sat., Oct. 1, 2011. 8pm-1am

Tickets are on sale NOW for the 10th annual SRQ Hot List Culinarium taking place the evening of Saturday, October 1 at the historic Sarasota Municipal Auditorium. Embark on a fresh journey into art, food and fashion! Celebrating a decade of hot concepts, people, bites and imbibes, this year's event will feature cutting-edge forays into trendsetting food, sizzling fashion and inventive cocktails. Join us for a night full of fascinating people, live music and performances, interactive art installations, and culinary creations from local chefs. Tickets are \$55 and can be purchased online at SRQMAG.COM/HotList. **Sarasota Municipal Auditorium, 801 North Tamiami Trl., Sarasota,** SHARE: [f](#) [t](#) [e](#)

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