

ArtFest Fort Myers Is February 6 and 7



Watercolor by Lyse Anthony

Every year, Fort Myers' waterfront and green spaces are transformed into a beautiful, stress free, open air art gallery overflowing with exceptional artwork, great entertainment and children's art activities.

Over 200 artists will gather from across the country and around the world for ArtFest Fort Myers on Saturday and Sunday, February 6 and 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Edwards Drive between Heitman and Lee streets amid majestic palms and with continuous background music. Parking is abundant in adjacent city streets, parking lots and multi-story garages.

The juried festival will feature 200 national artists, a high school art competition, interactive arts, children's crafts, food and entertainment. Admission is free.

A preview party is planned for February 5 from 5 to 9 p.m. This is a ticketed event. Go to artfestfortmyers.com for tickets.

ArtFest includes:

- Art Under 20, the largest Lee County high school art competition and exhibition. Cash prizes totaling \$6,000 are awarded.

- Kids@Art, a collaborative effort of ArtFest Fort Myers and the Alliance for the Arts, helps eager "weekend artists" of all ages to tap into their best creative selves. Supplies and supervision will be provided.

- The Young Art Collectors Gallery is a place for children six to 12 to buy artwork for \$5, items donated by festival artists.

- The Youth Stage will have free performances throughout the weekend. Among others, Florida Repertory Theatre, Hot Flashz, Southwest Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra, and Celtic Arts dancers will be showcasing their talent.

- The Southwest Florida Symphony will be on hand with a petting zoo. A variety of musical instruments will be available for all to play, with expert instruction on hand, courtesy of the Youth Symphony members. ✨



Crowd at last year's ArtFest

Sanibel's Only Crocodile Is Found Dead

by Anne Mitchell

Sanibel's famous crocodile – the northernmost of its species – has died.

The female croc, who was a sensation every time she showed up in the JN "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge, was found dead Tuesday following a prolonged period of extreme cold.

For many years, visitors from around the world would frequently head to the refuge to see if she was basking in the sun along Wildlife Drive, often with her mouth wide open to cool off.

Her long snout and protruding teeth distinguished her from Sanibel's alligators.

The American crocodile, a rarity north of the Florida Keys, is an endangered species.

For several years she laid eggs on Wild Lime Drive on Sanibel's west end, and would rest under Janie Howland's piling home. Howland "adopted" the crocodile, which favored her secluded driveway until a few years ago when she nested in Gulf Shores and other places.

Howland said Tuesday that she was saddened by the croc's demise.

"She was my girl," said Howland, who recalled one summer night setting her alarm clock for three-hour intervals to check whether the croc's eggs had hatched and to see her carry the young to the water behind her home.



The crocodile was about 11 feet long

photo by Janie Howland

Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now: Bayview Court In Progress



by Gerri Reaves

Bayview Court was created in the mid 1920s, as Fort Myers “urbanized” and redefined itself as an up and coming city, no longer just a town. Cities across the nation began to refashion themselves according to the tenants of what we now call “New Urbanism.”

Among those tenants are pedestrian friendliness, walkability, mixed-use, and quality architecture and urban design.

All these years later, Bayview Court, which joins First and Bay Streets just west of Hendry, provides pedestrians a pleasant diversion.

Today one can still catch a glimpse of the river from First by looking north through Bayview Court.

Meander down the court and you’ll see more tasteful architectural evidence of the city’s plunge into its urban, more sophisticated look as the boom flourished and the city grew rapidly.

In this circa 1925 photo, we see the rise of the distinctive narrow three-story building that still stands on the east side of the First Street entrance to the court.

The Mediterranean-style building, completed in 1925 or 1926, features several lovely iron balconies and other decorative touches. Fortunately, this gem of a building, which today is Salon Nicholas, was saved in the 1960s.



This section of First Street actually looks much better than it did more than 80 years ago. Today, Salon Nicholas is located in the attractive building at Bayview Court’s First Street entrance, and the new streetscaping evokes the boom-time that created the court.



In this circa 1925 photo, Bayview Court is in the midst of creation

courtesy of the Southwest Florida Historical Society

Downtown’s new streetscaping, benches, and light posts take us back to those economically upbeat 1920s and recreate the Bayview Court entrance as one of the most enticing spots on First.

Just two or three years before this photo was taken, that section of the street had a very different look, however. While the Heitman-Evans Hardware Store on the northwest corner at Hendry was already a mainstay (today’s Fowler, White, Boggs), a private resident occupied the area that would soon be transformed into an urban walkway leading to the Caloosahatchee River.

The historic eastward view is notable for what is not present – the magnificent 1933 post office that became today’s Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center.

Instead, we look over and beyond the property of the recently deceased Harvie E. Heitman at Jackson Street and discern the monumental Royal Palm Hotel (demolished in 1948).

Walk down to the First Street entrance to Bayview Court and appreciate the beauty and civilizing nature of downtown’s historic walkways to the river.

Then visit the Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street to see the exhibit Tutankhamun: Wonderful Things from the Pharaoh’s Tomb. Ask about their Escorted Day Trips.

For information, call 321-7430 or go to swflmuseumofhistory.com. The museum’s hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Continue your historical research at the Southwest Florida Historical Society at 10091 McGregor Boulevard, where you can explore family and local history and buy tickets for the February 15 annual Cracker Dinner.

Call 939-4044 or drop by on Wednesday or Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon.

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Winter Estates Programs For February



Movie Summer Camp 2009

February at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates is highlighted with Thomas Edison's Birthday Celebration, Estates Antique Car Show, Brunch with Mina Edison and the continuation of Sneak Peek Tours as well as a variety of other special programs throughout the month. The schedule includes:

Sneak Peek Tours February 4, 11, 18 and 25 at 10:30 a.m. features new behind-the-scenes tours inside the Edison and Ford homes. These tours are offered free to members and \$40 for non-members. In addition, lunch will be served riverside following the tour for \$15 per person. Due to the intimate nature of Sneak Peek Tours, space is limited and registration is required.

Home Schoolers: Movie Making Secrets, February 5, 1-3 lets home schooled students act, direct, operate a camera and build a set while learning about Edison's contributions to the movie industry.

The programs follow the Lee County mandated program and addresses environmental science, history and reading SOLs. Pre-visit curriculum materials will be mailed



Antique Car Show 2009

to registered families. Registration is required. Cost: members \$5; non-members \$15 (one adult, one child) with an additional \$5 per child.

Antique Car Show, February 6 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. will feature nearly 100 antique car collectors displaying their vehicles throughout the Ford Estate. Other activities during the day include live music, food available for purchase on the Ford Cottage Terrace, Mr. and Mrs. Ford leading informal tours. Free for members and \$5 for non-members.

Antique Car Show Model T Tour and Lecture, February 6, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Learn the history of Henry Ford and his automobiles through the estates collection. Participants will tour the Ford Estate and meet antique car owners who will provide information specific to their Ford vehicle. Members free; non-members \$5, lecture included in the price of admission.

Naples Historical Society Presentation, February 6, 2 p.m. will be in the estates museum. Elaine Reed and John Mayer of the Naples Historical Society will present Tales from the Past, a history of the City of Naples. They will discuss the pioneers

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Estates Winter Programs

and other colorful characters who put Naples on the map. Members free, non-members \$12 adults, \$6 children ages six to 12; includes admission to the lab and museum.

Etiquette at the Estates, February 6, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for ages six to 12, teaches proper introduction, handshakes and dining etiquette during a three-course meal. The classes will be taught by etiquette expert Suzanne Willis who has been teaching similar classes throughout the nation. Registration is required. Cost \$40 for members, \$50 for non-members.

New Volunteer Orientation, February 9, 10 a.m. will offer a chance to learn about volunteer opportunities, policies and general museum information. This is a mandatory training for all new volunteers but potential volunteers are welcome.

Edison 163rd Birthday Celebration and Book Signing, February 11, 10 a.m. will be a celebration of Edison's birthday with the staff, distinguished guests and Edison Park Elementary School students who will perform music from the Edison era. Performance begins at 10 a.m. with cake to follow. The event is free to the public. In addition, Tom Smoot, Jr. author of *The Edisons in Fort Myers*; John Sheppard, author of *One Man's Family in Early Fort Myers*; and Alan S. Maltz, author of *Visions of Beauty Fort Myers, Sanibel & Beyond*, will be available to sign their books throughout the morning in the Heritage Gardens.

Brunch with Mrs. Edison on February 12 and 13 at 11 a.m. will have storyteller, writer, playwright and professional actress Nan Colton bringing to life the remarkable and charitable tales of "living with a genius." Brunch will be served in the gardens. Hats are encouraged. Reservations are required and seating is limited. Members \$50; non-members \$60; group rates available.

Docent Training, February 18, 9 a.m. is mandatory for new volunteers who are interested in becoming porch, lab and museum docents or group tour docents.

Art in the Gardens, Butterflies at the Estates exhibit is February 28 through June. Students create an environmentally interactive artwork exhibit using recycled materials to make lifelike garden art. The exhibit is sponsored by The Foundation of Lee County Public Schools, ArtFest, and Truly Nolen. The exhibit is free to the public.

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PACE Center To Honor Three Local Women At Grande Dames Tea

The Lee County PACE Center for Girls has selected three more women to be honored at the second annual Grande Dames Tea, an event that recognizes some of the community's most revered women.

This year's honorees are:

Jeanne Bochette – award-winning dancer who performed at Radio City Music Hall in New York City and Ballet Royal before founding Studio Bochette in Fort Myers, where she has taught the art of dance to thousands of youngsters for nearly 60 years;

Helen Hendry – one of Florida's top nurserywomen and manager of the former Everglades Nursery in Fort Myers for more than 30 years, which supplied tropical plants and flowering trees to DisneyWorld, Cypress Gardens and the New York's World's Fair, among others; and

Veronica Shoemaker – former Fort Myers City Councilwoman who was the first minority ever elected to office in Lee County. Shoemaker's political career spanned 25 years and included replacing dilapidated housing in Dunbar, winning a federal desegregation lawsuit, and founding Source of Light & Hope Development Center to house abused or neglected children.

The Grande Dames Tea will take place Tuesday, March 23 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.

"We are delighted that these three women have agreed to join us for an afternoon of sharing their experiences with the audience and the girls of the PACE Center," said Grande Dames Tea Chair Dena Geraghty, who also is a member of the Lee PACE Center Board of Directors.

Invitations to the Grande Dames Tea will be mailed in late January. Cost is \$50 per person. Table sponsorships are also available.

This is the second year of the popular Grande Dames Tea, which last year honored philanthropists Berne Davis, Eleanore Kleist and Barbara B. Mann. The Grande Dames Tea was started by the Lee PACE Center for Girls last year to honor women who have played major roles in Lee County history through decades of service, philanthropy and helping others.

The theme of this year's event is The Wisdom of Age – Honoring the Female Spirit. "This is the perfect opportunity for our community and the PACE girls to honor these women, and to learn of the challenges and success of their life experiences," Geraghty said.

The agenda for the tea will include interaction between the PACE girls and the three grande dames in a question and answer format that Geraghty said "is sure to be thought-provoking and poignant."

Co-chair of the event is Andrea Prather of the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, who also is a board member of the PACE Center for Girls, Lee County.



Jeanne Bochette



Helen Hendry



Veronica Shoemaker

The PACE Center for Girls, Inc., is a non-residential delinquency prevention program targeting the unique needs of girls 12 to 18 years old who are faced with challenges such as foster care, domestic violence, and declining grades. Many girls also experience abuse and neglect, death of a parent, substance abuse, and/or a family history of incarceration.

PACE is a Florida-based, not for profit organization, and the only statewide prevention program for adolescent at-risk girls in the nation. Its mission is to provide girls and young women an opportunity for a better future through education, counseling, training and advocacy. Since the Lee County program opened its doors in 2007, more than 250 girls have been served, helping them on the journey to begin lives of dignity and success. PACE accepts referrals from the juvenile justice system, the Department of Children & Families, school personnel, community services agencies, parents, family members, friends and self-referrals. PACE Center goals are to intervene and prevent school withdrawal, juvenile delinquency, teen pregnancy, substance abuse and welfare dependency, in a safe and nurturing environment.

For information about the Grande Dames Tea or to become a sponsor contact PACE Development Director Melissa Simontis at 425-2366, ext. 25, Dena Geraghty at 851-1028 or visit www.pacecenter.org.

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Hotel Indigo is located at 1520 Broadway, Fort Myers. For reservations, call 337-3446.

The Sandy Butler Restaurant and Market is providing a variety of choices for Valentine's Day dining and shopping.

On Valentine's Day, Chef Michael Ragusa is serving a special four-course brunch for \$22 per person. The first course is a mixed berry parfait with mascarpone mousse. For the second course, guests may choose either a chocolate waffle with strawberry syrup or Bananas Foster pancake. The three choices for the third course are quiche Lorraine, eggs Benedict and spinach Florentine omelet with Gruyère cream sauce. The fourth course is a chocolate fudge brownie with raspberry sauce and vanilla ice cream. Brunch is available from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For a four-course Valentine's Day dinner, Chef Ragusa will offer a chilled strawberry soup with mascarpone cream and chocolate shavings or potato cheddar ale soup topped with crispy pancetta for the first course. The second course includes a choice of a wedge salad or baby field greens with roasted red beets and pecan encrusted goat cheese tossed in raspberry vinaigrette. Course three features three choices: a surf and turf entrée which includes Maine lobster tail and filet mignon with peppercorn or béarnaise sauce; lobster ravioli in lobster



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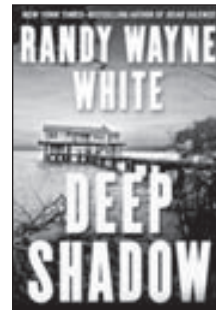
sherry cream sauce; or bouillabaisse with lobster, shrimp, scallops, clams, mussels and grouper in tomato broth. For the fourth course, guests will be served a flourless chocolate cake with vanilla bean ice cream. The cost is \$50 per person. Dinner is available from 5 to 9 p.m.

For reservations, call The Sandy Butler Restaurant at 482-6765, ext. 1.

Doc Ford's Fort Myers Beach has live music every weekend. On Fridays through the month of January, Geo is playing at 3 p.m. followed by Soul Machine at 7 p.m. On Saturday, January 30, Overthrowing Amy takes the stage at 3 p.m. with Groove Kings at 7 p.m. On Sundays through January, it is Tom Foolery at 3 p.m. and the Steve Farst Trio at 7 p.m.

On Monday, March 8, *New York Times* best selling author Randy Wayne

White will be signing copies of *Deep Shadow*, the 17th novel in the Doc Ford series. White is scheduled for two appearances from noon to 2 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m.



Doc Ford's Fort Myers Beach offers lunch and dinner in its indoor dining room and on the dockside patio. The restaurant is located at 708 Fisherman's Wharf. Call 765-9660 or go to www.docfords.com for more information.

On Tuesday, February 16, the **Bar Association Bistro and Lounge** is having an all day Mardi Gras party. Owners Ron Kopko and Mark Solomon have scheduled two stilt walkers who will be throwing beads from the courtyard. They are also giving away hats, masks and wigs and are serving Cajun food and speciality drinks from 11 a.m. to close.

The Bar Association Bistro and Lounge is located at 1609 Hendry Street in historic downtown Fort Myers. Call 334-8080.

Fancy Flamingo Antiques in historic downtown Fort Myers is gearing up for another busy winter season. Jesse Williams, owner, has a large stock of



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Shell Point Open House



The Market Place at Shell Point

Shell Point Retirement Community will offer visitors a glimpse into the daily life of a Shell Point resident during the Shell Point Showcase Open House on Thursday, February 11, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

According to Lynn Schneider, assistant vice president of marketing, "The 'Shell Point Showcase' was chosen to provide visitors the opportunity to explore the community, to visit with Shell Point residents, and discover the groups, activities, and clubs that provide such a diverse lifestyle for more than 2,200 residents who live here."

There will be light refreshments, door prizes, a health fair, tours of the community and several decorated models, as well

as presentations offering detailed information about lifecare and how to become a resident of Shell Point. Guests will also be able to tour the Shell Point Train Room, which will be running throughout the event. There will also be opportunities for shopping at a Farmer's Marketplace, craft sale, used book sale hosted by the Shell Point Library, and the resident Gift Shop will be open for business as well.

For more information, call 466-1131.✪

Lakes Park Outdoor Market Opens Friday

The Lakes Park Enrichment Foundation in cooperation with the Lee County Parks and Recreation and market managers Jean Baer and Betsy Ventura announce the opening of a new community market at Lakes Park. This open-air market will feature vendors to include baked goods, live plants, honey, pasta, cheese, fresh seafood, local produce, organic vegetables, nuts, soaps, and area arts and crafts.

The market will open Friday, January 29 and run each Friday through May from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. On opening day, the award winning country band One Night Rodeo will provide entertainment. There are no pets allowed in the park. If you are interested in being a vendor or a volunteer, or if you have questions contact one the market managers by email at: jmbaer@comcast.net or jennings@sim.com. Lakes Park is at 7330 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers.✪



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Winners in each division will receive a plaque recognizing their accomplishment, plus free entry into the Masters division race for the 2011 Florida Wiener Dog Derby. The overall or Masters Champion will receive a cash prize, plaque, free entry into the Masters division race for the 2011 derby and the coveted Wien Jacket signifying them as the champion in an awards ceremony immediately following racing action.

Racing is open to all dachshunds four months of age and show records indicating they are of a dachshund breed. A copy of current shot records will be required prior to entry or the dog will not be eligible. All dogs must be leashed when not racing.



An entry fee of \$10 will be charged per entrant per race. Dogs may race in two divisions - the dog's age division plus the Masters division. Dogs that are pre-registered by March 10 can enter two divisions for \$15. Owners who have four or more dogs within their immediate family will receive one free entry fee for every three entered.

Registration begins at noon with races starting at 1:30 p.m. All dog breeds are invited to attend with owners but must be leashed at all times. No coolers will be allowed but food and drinks are available at The Shell Factory. Bleacher seating will be available but attendees can also bring blankets and lawn chairs.

Florida Wiener Dog Derby Inc. is a State of Florida registered non-profit organization. Proceeds will be donated to the Pets are Working Saints Ministry (PAWS) and the Lee County Animal Refuge Center (ARC) for the care and support of animals in need. Race sponsors include Doug Dailey Investigations and Wyndham Hotels

The Shell Factory is open year round and admission is free.

For more information, visit <http://floridawienerdogderby.com> or to register call Florida Wiener Dog Derby Inc. at (239) 839-7760 or e-mail Floridawienerdogderby@yahoo.com.✪

Free Wood Carving Exhibit At Indian Creek

Wood carvers from around the United States will be exhibiting their wood carvings and demonstrating their various carving techniques at the annual Woodcarving Exhibit on Saturday, February 6 at Indian Creek Mobile Home Park, two blocks south of Summerlin Road in South Fort Myers. The exhibit will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There is no charge for admission or parking. The public is invited to attend the exhibit, presented by the Indian Creek Carvers. Attendees will be able to view prize winning carvings from recent competitions as well as completed projects and carvings in progress. Wood carving supplies and equipment will be available for purchase.

Indian Creek Carvers meet weekly throughout the year on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon and on Fridays between January and April. Instruction is available for beginners and advanced carvers enhance their skills during the regular club sessions.

Additional information about the exhibit or Indian Creek Carvers may be obtained by contacting Chet Frye at 826-5388.✪

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Preview Reception Of Art Of The Olympians At Oerter Center



The opening reception for Art of the Olympians Al Oerter Center of Excellence opens to the public on Saturday, January 30

The board of directors and staff of the Art of the Olympians Al Oerter Center of Excellence invites the community to a preview reception and ribbon cutting at the center in downtown Fort Myers on Friday, January 29 from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

The Art of the Olympians Al Oerter Center of Excellence is located in the former City Pier building directly on the Caloosahatchee at the north end of Hendry Street next to the Fort Myers Yacht Basin. The preview event is free to the public. A grand opening celebration with related international events and activities is being planned for the spring of 2010, when further exhibits and programming will be in place.

The preview reception will be catered by Hotel Indigo's VINO de Notte restaurant and will include cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. There will be dancing by Olympian

Queen Kyoma and the National Ballet's Dance Alive. Olympian javelin thrower Roald Bradstock (also known as the Olympic Picasso for his sports and art accomplishments) will bring coolers filled with snowballs (made by him and his daughters in Atlanta) to attempt to break the world record in snowball throwing. Local dignitaries including Fort Myers Mayor Randy Henderson, Florida Gulf Coast University President Dr. Wilson Bradshaw, and Lee County Commissioner Tammy Hall will also be in attendance. Legendary Olympic ice skater Peggy Fleming will send a filmed message to be presented at the reception as guests tour the center. Fellow Olympians Cameron Miler and Pat McCormack will also join the celebration.

The opening of Art of the Olympians marks the fulfillment of both Olympians and Olympic enthusiasts who, along with the late four-time consecutive Gold Medalist Al Oerter, sought to use their passion for both art and sport to create and establish an arena that promoted and celebrated excellence. Following his passing in 2007, Oerter's wife Cathy, locally based Olympian and artist Liston Bochette, and a variety of friends and community leaders continued the vision through to completion.

Art of the Olympians will feature the art of worldwide Olympic medalists, educational programs for children and adults, and events that inspire creativity and motivate individuals to achieve individual excellence.

On Saturday, January 30, the center will be open to the public free of charge. Regular entrance fees will be \$8 for adults, \$4 for students with ID, and no charge for seniors over 65 and children under three. Art of the Olympians Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization.✪

Gala To Benefit Local Non-Profits

Four Lee County non-profit organizations will benefit from the proceeds of the inaugural Gifts of Grace Gala being held at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort on Saturday, March 6.

The casino night event will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. Agencies benefiting from the event are the Harry Chapin Food Bank, Abuse Counseling & Treatment (ACT), Children's Home Society of Florida (Southwest Florida division), and PACE Center for Girls (Lee County).

The Gifts of Grace Gala is being sponsored by the Berry and King Wealth Management Group and Kelly L. Fayer, PA in memory of Fayer's grandmother, with the desire to assist women and children hardest hit by the current recession. Committees of local volunteers are assisting with sponsorships and tickets sales to raise funds for the non-profit organizations.

For more information about the gala, sponsorships, or purchasing tickets, call Shannon Jackson at 277-3651.✪

Food For Flowers To Benefit Needy

Messmer Florist is offering an opportunity to provide help to the needy as well as a loved one. Through its Food for Flowers program, the florist will give a discount on Valentine's Day flower orders to those who donate non-perishable food items. The food will go to the Harry Chapin Food Bank in Fort Myers.

Food items must be brought to either Messmer Florist's 3366 Cleveland Avenue or 8695 College Parkway location by Wednesday, February 10 to qualify for the discount. A \$1 discount per food item up to \$10 will be given to those who donate. The offer is for carry-out purchase or local delivery on February 12, 13, or 14.

For more information call Messmer Florist, at 936-2131.✪

Free Workshops For Nonprofits

The Southwest Florida Community Foundation (SWFLCF) is offering its annual grant workshops to area nonprofits at five locations this year. Attendees will learn about upcoming grant opportunities and changes to current Community Foundation grant programs.

There is no cost to attend the workshops. The dates, times, and locations include:

- Sanibel/Captiva
Monday, February 8 from 1 to 3 p.m., Big Arts, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel;
- Fort Myers
Monday, February 8 from 9 to 11 a.m., Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers.

To attend one of the workshops, RSVP by February 1 to rsvp@floridacomunity.com and specify which session will be attended. For more information, contact Anne Douglas at 274-5900.

The Southwest Florida Community Foundation has been supporting the communities of Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Glades and Hendry counties through endowed funds for over 33 years and has provided more than \$44 million in grants and scholarships.✪

Ostego Bay Fundraiser

Bring the whole family to the second annual mid-winter luau to benefit the Ostego Bay Foundation on Sunday, January 31. The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Yucatan Beach Stand, 250 San Carlos Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach, at the base of the Sky Bridge.

The family friendly luau will have food, drinks, live music, a fire artist, 25 vendors, prizes and giveaways. Admission is free.

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Who's Volunteering? JoAnne Holt

by Gerri Reaves

When asked about her motivation for volunteering for Voices for Kids of Southwest Florida (VFK), JoAnne Holt recalls reading about cases "that ripped my heart out."

Once the younger of two children completed high school, she saw it as a time she could begin to "give back" and fulfill her passion for children.

"If you're blessed, you give back. It's simple."

She had wanted to be a Guardian ad Litem (GAL) for a long time. While going through the GAL training two years ago, she was approached by Monica Monahan, executive director of VFK.

Monahan asked Holt to consider being on the VFK board – so she volunteered for both organizations.

She is now the new president of the VFK board of directors, a position that gives her a unique perspective on how the symbiotic non-profits work together. She knows that being a GAL enables her to be a more effective VFK board member.

VFK's sole mission is to support the GAL program, which is an independent voice for children who have been removed from their homes for their own protection and are living with relatives



JoAnne Holt, new president of the board of directors of Voices for Kids of Southwest Florida photo by Gerri Reaves

or a licensed foster parent. It is best described as GAL's fundraising arm.

When GAL identifies a child's need, be it for tutoring, eyeglasses, or funds for a school activity, the guardian goes to VFK for resources. If a resource isn't available, the organization does its best to find it.

Many types of donations play a role in VFK's work.

Tickets to a sports event, for example, can provide a child's family with a special

outing they couldn't otherwise afford. A donation of dance or gymnastic classes allows a student to develop talents that would otherwise be ignored. Bedroom furniture enables grandparents to make a new home for a grandchild.

Some children experience their first birthday party ever thanks to VFK's Happier Birthdays program.

Holt is very clear about what's great about the work she does, and her enthusiasm and motivation seem boundless. She's especially excited about new "energy-driven" board members who share her goal of making things happen.

"If I can be a part of raising the money for the program that helps the kids, that's rewarding."

Her attitude is not "We can't" but "Why not?"

It's really hard work, especially in the current economy, she adds. The key is creating affordable, enjoyable fundraising opportunities that encourage people to give.

To that end, on February 24, VFK is holding its first annual Humanitarian Dinner and Charity Auction to honor the 2010 Humanitarian of the Year. Tickets are \$50.

Holt envisions a time when VFK will be so successful that it will not always have to rely on the children's programs provided by the State of Florida. That option will ensure that children get the highest quality psychological and psychiatric care or drug counseling available.

When a child has been uprooted from his home and had his "whole world

ripped out from underneath him," as Holt puts it, what he needs is "tender loving care and a lot of help." He's adjusting to an entirely new environment and understandably feels displaced.

If VFK doesn't have the funds or in-kind donation for that kind of service, the child goes without.

However, successful fundraising means that children can be involved in programs and receive the tutoring they need. The result will be children with self-confidence and self-worth. As they grow into independent adults, they are less likely to cycle again into the state system or courts.

How can individuals and businesses help VFK? By donating printing services; advertising, website design; specialized attorney services; mental-health therapy; lessons in music, karate, or dance; sports scholarships to pay for uniforms and equipment; medical and dental care; and general office assistance.

VFK also hopes to hear from volunteers who like organizing parties, golf tournaments, and other functions.

Contact Monica Monahan at Monica@voicesforkids.org or 533-1434 to learn how you can support Voices for Kids in its vital work for the 20th Judicial Circuit. Or go to www.voicesforkids.org for more information.

The office is located at 2075 W. First Street in Fort Myers.

*Each week, Who's Volunteering? honors people who make Southwest Florida a better place to live.**

Democratic Women's Club

The Democratic Women's Club will hold its monthly meeting Saturday, February 13, at the Royal Palm Yacht Club, 2360 West First Street, Fort Myers.

The speakers will be Florence and Richard Nogaj. Richard Nogaj has written a book, *Don't Retire, Get Inspired*, of which the proceeds will go to Harvest For Humanity.

They will tell of the joys and challenges they have faced in their give-back work. The luncheon meeting is 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The luncheon price is \$18. Guests are welcome.

To make a reservation call 466-8381. More information about the DWC is available at www.dwc-lee.com.

Chamber Concert Series

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Myers announces the start of its 11th annual Signature Chamber Concert season.

The Doug Cameron Quartet will perform the season's first concert on Sunday, January 31. Cameron is an internationally known master of the violin. His repertoire includes jazz and easy listening as well as classics. Concerts begin at 3 p.m. at the Unitarian-Universalist Church of Fort Myers, 13411 Shire Lane, off Daniels Parkway.

Tickets in advance are \$17 or \$20 at the door. One \$8 student ticket covers

all siblings in a family when accompanied by at least one adult. Season tickets (four concerts) are \$55. Tickets are now on sale at the Unitarian-Universalist Church or by calling 303-9165. Further information is available at www.signatureconcertsite.com.

Church Yard Sale

Each United Methodist Church's annual Yard Sale will take place on Saturday, January 30 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be hot dogs, ice cream, and pie. All proceeds will benefit the church's Missions Outreach program.

Beach United Methodist Church is located at 155 Bay Road, behind the library on Fort Myers Beach. For more information, call the church office at 463-9656.

Heaven Study At United Methodist

Each United Methodist Church will host lunch and a Heaven Study on Sundays, February 7, 14, 21 and 28 starting at noon in the Fellowship Hall, based on Randy Alcorn's book, *Heaven*.

Pastor Jeanne Davis, Susie Bloom and Judy Billings will guide the group through the promises concerning Heaven that are found in the Bible. There is no cost, and all are welcome.

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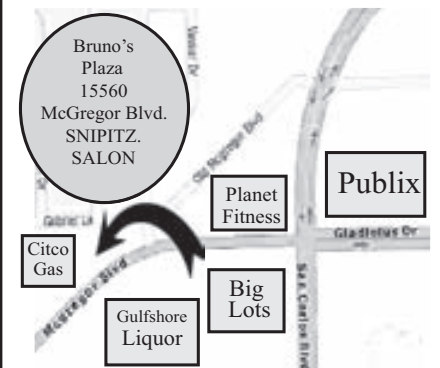


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Church Presents Chamber Concert

On Monday February 8, Beach United Methodist Church will present the third concert in The Hibiscus Series in the sanctuary beginning at 7 p.m. The program will feature a chamber orchestra comprised of principal players from the SWFL Symphony and the church's Chancel Choir.

There is no admission charge and the concert is open to the public

Under the direction of Dr. Douglas Renfroe, director of music and fine arts at the church, the featured work will be Haydn's *Little Organ Mass*. In addition, the Chamber Orchestra will play the haunting Barber *Adagio for Strings*.

The guest organist for this concert is Neil Page from Exeter, England. Page began playing professionally at the age of 13. He has served as guest organist at Exeter Cathedral and is considered a leading expert in treble and adult choirs throughout the United Kingdom. In 2009, Page was appointed special associate organist at St. Boniface Episcopal Church on Siesta Key, Florida and has developed a small professional vocal ensemble that performs throughout the Sarasota-Tampa area.

Featured soprano soloist is Johanna Fincher, who has sung with the Sarasota Opera and has danced with the Sarasota Ballet. Known equally for her lyric coloratura voice as well as her choreographing ability, she will also be singing Mozart's *Laudate Dominum*, Andrew Lloyd-Webber's *Pie Jesu* and Gershwin's *Summertime*. Fincher has toured as a soloist in Scotland, Bulgaria, Austria, Romania and Slovakia, as well as with several symphonies throughout Florida.



Johanna Fincher

Salvation Army Sending Help To Quake Victims

The Fort Myers Salvation Army office receives daily updates on the relief efforts in place to help rebuild Haiti after the devastating earthquake. One day last week, The Salvation Army gave a five-day supply of food to nearly 7,000 people. Hundreds of others, including infants at an orphanage, received medical care from Salvation Army doctors who are responding to the earthquake. In the U.S., more personnel and supplies are being sent to the country to join the 700 Salvation Army workers who are permanently stationed in Haiti.

The Salvation Army has had a presence in Haiti since 1950 and operates schools, clinics, a hospital, feeding programs, children's homes and church-related activities through some 60 Corps community centers across Haiti.

In times of disaster, monetary donations and prayers are the two most critical needs as supplies and personnel are mobilized. One hundred percent of all disaster donations go directly toward relief efforts. Funds are used for immediate response services as The Salvation Army works collaboratively with fellow service agencies to provide food, medical care and shelter to those in need. The Army also incorporates a long-term response to help people rebuild their homes and lives.

Donors may contribute \$10 via their phone bill by text messaging the word "HAITI" to 52000, and confirming the donation with the word "Yes." Donors can also give via www.SalvationArmyUSA.org, 1-800-SAL-ARMY and through the mail at: The Salvation Army, 10291 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33919. To date, more than \$4.79 million has been donated to The Salvation Army's relief efforts in Haiti.*

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She will be returning in June 2010 as soloist for the Varna International Music Festival and the International Choral Festival, joining bass baritone Douglas Renfroe on several additional concerts as well.

There will be a free will offering to help offset expenses, and sponsorship opportunities are available to support the continuation of this concert series. After the concert, there will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall to allow time to meet the artists and to learn of the opportunity to travel to Europe and Israel in June. Non-musicians are invited, although there will be a performance in seven cities, featuring the Mozart *Requiem* and concerts featuring Douglas Renfroe.

Beach United Methodist Church is located at 155 Bay Road, directly behind the Library, on Fort Myers Beach. For more information, call the church office at 463-9656. ✨

Rotary Club Of Fort Myers Donates 10 Shelter Boxes To Haiti Relief

The Rotary Club of Fort Myers has donated \$10,000 to provide 10 Shelter Boxes that will assist up to 100 individuals impacted by the earthquake in Haiti.

ShelterBox is an international disaster relief charity that delivers emergency shelter, warmth and dignity to people affected by disaster worldwide

At the heart of every ShelterBox is a 10-person tent. Every box contains a children's pack containing drawing books, crayons and pens. For children who have lost most, if not all of their possessions, these small gifts are treasured.

The boxes also contain a life-saving means of water purification and a basic tool kit containing a hammer, axe, saw, trenching shovel, hoe head, pliers and wire cutters. As well as a host of other essential items, the ShelterBox contains a multi-fueled cook stove and eating utensils.

The ShelterBox team has already established three operation centers in Haiti to facilitate and manage the distribution of these vital supplies.

For years, Rotary International has supported ShelterBox and been a vocal advocate to provide these most basic supplies at various disasters around the world.

The Rotary Club of Fort Myers is Southwest Florida's oldest and largest Rotary Club, chartered in 1922 and presently has 183 members.

For more information about the ShelterBox program visit www.shelterboxusa.org. ✨

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Following Fish Kill; Plenty Of Trout Remain



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

The extent of the cold water fish kill has been much worse than expected, with thousands of dead fish floating in canals and all over the bay this past week. I do not ever remember seeing so many large snook dead from any one single event. The water temperature in the canal I fish from one day was a chilly 43 degrees, which is way too cold for some of our subtropical fish to live through.

Talk about depressing. One deep water mangrove canal I fish during the winter months was lined with hundreds of floating dead snook of 30 inches and larger. Snook take years to grow to that size so it could take a few years for our snook fishery to bounce back to what it just was just a month ago. Nature works

in cycles and this kind of kill-off has happened before and will happen again. For whatever reason this was the year to thin out the snook population and only the strongest survived.

The Florida Wildlife Commission did take emergency action on January 15 by closing spring season on snook which is now not planned to open until at least September 1. This should help out the snook and should buy some more time for research and to give scientists a better idea of the damage done to the stock. If needed the FWC could close snook season for even longer. Whatever it takes to bring back the numbers of this premier gamefish should be done in my opinion. As most people have known for a long time, snook are a much more valuable resource than just a food fish.

Sea trout fishing has really picked up this week with lots of slot-sized fish caught all over the sound. Working edges and drop-offs of deeper channels that run through or up to grass flats has been the pattern to get on these fish. One of my favorite winter time trout channels is the deep channel that runs on the east side of Chino Island. Either drift fishing or sitting on the anchor have both been productive ways to fish it.

When drift fishing I have been using soft plastic shrimp on a 1/4 oz. or bigger jig head depending on the speed of the tide. The faster the tide the larger the jig head you will need to bounce the bottom. When anchored, live handpicked shrimp fished on the bottom have worked best. The trout have been hanging near or close to the bottom. There have been some real big ones in the mix with a 26-inch "gator" being the trout of the week on my boat.

The traditional way of drift fishing trout on the flats using a live shrimp under a popping cork has also been a good way to go. Generally live shrimp fished on the flats get stolen quickly by pinfish and catfish but with most of the bait stealers killed off by the cold all you're going to catch is trout and ladyfish. For kids and not-so-experienced anglers this is easy fishing with hits almost every cast once you find the trout.

The Cajun Thunder popping cork rigs, which came out the last few years, are also an awesome method for catching trout. The rig consists of a popping cork with a soft plastic shrimp/Berkley Gulp shrimp rigged about three feet under it on a jig head. This rig produces almost as many fish as the traditional live shrimp/popping cork rig and you don't go through a ton of live bait. Loudly popping the bobber draws the trout in close.

Trout are without a doubt one of the more angler-friendly fish and popular gamefish in the state of Florida. They can be targeted year-round but winter time fishing



Joel Baughman from Michigan with a trout. Fish up to 20 inches will be common all winter.

produces some of the biggest ones of the year. Cold clear water and bright sunny skies make for an ideal time to trout fish.

Another joy of the seatrout is that they can be caught by fishing so many different ways from top water to live bait and just about any way in between. What trout lack in fight they make up for in sheer numbers and they have a very aggressive strike. They are a great species for learning how to fish with artificial baits or even a fly rod. Soft plastics are at the top of the list for me when I target trout. Even if you have never fished soft plastic baits, without too much effort you can catch trout.

Regulations on seatrout are four per angler between 15 to 20 inches and one of the four can be over 20 inches.

Capt. Matt Mitchell moved to Sanibel in 1980 and has fished local waters for more than 25 years. He now lives in St. James City and has worked as a back country fishing guide for more than 10 years. If you have comments or questions email captmattmitchell@aol.com.

Send Us Your Fish Tales

The River Weekly would like to hear from anglers about their catches. Send us details including tackle, bait and weather conditions, date of catch, species and weight, and include photographs with identification. Drop them at the River Weekly, 16450 San Carlos Boulevard, Suite 2, Fort Myers, Florida 33908, or email to RiverWeeklyNews@aol.com.

Artificial Lures Seminar

On Saturday, January 30 from 9 a.m. to noon, Capt. George Howell will hold a seminar about the use of artificial lures. Every style will be covered from hard plastics, soft plastics, spoons, top water and trolling. He will also explain in detail how to rig them all for fishing.

Hands on practice will follow informational discussion, with Capt. Howell demonstrating retrieves and casting from the Cape Coral Yacht Club shoreline. Equipment will be provided to allow attendees to try these methods.

For more information and cost of the seminar, call Mark Hunter at 574 0806.

Local Waters And Charts Class

The popular Local Waters/Local Charts class will be held on Saturday, February 6 from 8:15 a.m. to noon. at the San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron classroom.

The class is directed towards new boaters and boaters new to the area, as well as those wishing to learn chart reading. It will provide some of the basics of navigation, oriented to the Fort Myers area. Students will be using chart 11427 and must bring this chart to class. Optional on-the-water training is also offered at a later date.

The cost of the class is \$40. The classroom is at 16048 San Carlos Boulevard at the corner of Kelly Road (across from ACE Hardware). Register at www.scbps.com or call 466-4040.

GPS Operation

The San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, will be offering a class in basic GPS operation on Saturday, February 6, from 1:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. This is the last time this class is offered until the fall.

The class is designed to introduce new users to GPS. The class will include discussions of marine navigation, how a GPS works and its limitations. There will be an extensive presentation on what a GPS can do and what a boater can do with GPS. For those interested in purchasing a GPS, you will learn some of the key features to look for.

The cost of the class is \$40. The squadron cClassroom is at 16048 San Carlos Boulevard, at the corner of Kelly Road (across from ACE Hardware). Students can register online at www.scbps.com or call 466-4040.



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CROW Case Of The Week: White Ibis



by Brian Johnson

On January 11 Coby Pawlowski, an 8th grader at Lexington Middle School, came across a white ibis in trouble in the yard of his San Carlos Park home in Fort Myers.

"He acted like he was drunk," said Coby. "He couldn't walk or fly and was trying to get through a fence."

Coby scooped him up and drove to CROW with his mother, Cathy. The bird was quiet on the trip to Sanibel, and they were happy to transport him to the clinic, which undoubtedly saved his life. "It was pretty cool," said Coby. "I learned a lot, it was a neat experience."

"It was an unusual case," said Dr. Amber McNamara. "We don't get many ibis, but the ones that do arrive are most often victims of vehicle collisions or entanglement in fishing line and fishing hooks. We were not sure what happened to this particular bird, probably some type of trauma as he had a little bit of dried blood on his right shoulder."

The bird stumbled as staff examined him. He seemed to suffer from ataxia, defined by Wikipedia as a "non-specific clinical manifestation implying dysfunction of parts of the nervous system that coordinate movement, such as the cerebellum." In other words, he may have banged his head and was feeling dizzy.

"He was even more wobbly the next day, often falling over," said Dr. Amber.

Staff gave him pain medication, vitamins, and the herbs Body Sore and St. John's Wort. Over the next couple of days they offered him an assortment of kitten chow, scrambled eggs, super worms, crickets and fish. "He nibbled here and there," said Dr. Amber.

On Day 4 she put him a tub with two inches of water. "He seemed to enjoy his time in the bathtub, he may have felt more at home," she said.



White ibis being given pain medication and vitamins

As he was not eating sufficient amounts on his own, staff began tubing him a fish slurry along with his medications.

It concerned Dr. Amber that on Day 8 the ibis was "still quite wobbly." She decided to turn to a potent tool in her medical kit: the Chinese herb Stasis in the Mansion of the Mind. "There was stagnant Qi in his brain, and this herb helps to move the stagnation and restore balance" said Dr. Amber.

Over the next few days the bird finally emerged from his dazed condition. He is now much more stable on his feet, living in a double-wide in ICU, but will soon be ready to go to an outdoor cage.

"He's eating crickets mostly," said Dr. Amber. "I don't know how many bugs he's eaten, probably over 100 per day. I see him looking at his mirror for much of the day, he is anxious to get back with the flock."

The ibis is expected to be returned to the wild sometime in February.

CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, Inc.) is a non-profit wildlife hospital providing veterinary care for native and migratory wildlife from the Gulf Coast of Florida. The hospital accepts patients seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mail donations to PO Box 150, Sanibel, FL 33957. Call 472-3644 or visit: www.crowclinic.org.



White ibis standing in one inch of water in the bathtub



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Water Quality Issues Update

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released its proposed numeric nutrient standards for Florida's freshwaters on January 14. Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) policy staff will be reviewing the proposed limits. You can access the information at <http://www.epa.gov/waterscience/standards/rules/florida/>.

Public participation and input are encouraged at one of three public hearings in February on these proposed pollution limits. Public hearings are scheduled as follows:

- Tallahassee on February 16, 1 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 10 p.m., Holiday Inn Capitol East, 1355 Apalachee Parkway
- Orlando on February 17, 1 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 10 p.m., Crowne Plaza Orlando Universal, 7800 Universal Boulevard

- West Palm Beach on February 18, 1 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 10 p.m., Holiday Inn Palm Beach Airport, 1301 Belvedere Road.

The new limits to curb sewage and fertilizer pollution proposed by U.S. EPA represent a historic first step toward cleaning up Florida's waters.

"These standards aren't as stringent as we would like, but they are a huge improvement," said David Guest, attorney for the public interest law firm Earthjustice. "All you have to do is look at the green slime covering lakes, rivers, and shorelines during our warm months to know it is worth the investment to reduce

fertilizer runoff, control animal waste better, and improve filtration of sewage."

"The most cost-effective way to handle this problem," Guest added, "is to deal with it at its source."

While nitrogen fertilizer costs well under \$5 per pound at the hardware store, it costs communities \$235 to clean each pound of nitrogen out of lakes and streams once it is deposited there by stormwater. And the economic damage caused by toxic algae outbreaks can reach into the hundreds of millions of dollars.

"More effective sewage treatment and more conservative use of fertilizer saves a fortune in the long run," said Florida Wildlife Federation President Manley Fuller.

This is the first time anywhere in the U.S. where the EPA has been forced to impose such standards on a state.

The change in federal policy comes more than a year after Earthjustice, representing four environmental groups, filed a major lawsuit to compel the EPA to set strict limits on nutrient poisoning in public waters.

Every time it rains, phosphorous and nitrogen run off agricultural operations, fertilized landscapes, and septic systems. The poison runoff triggers slimy algae outbreaks which foul Florida's beaches, lakes, rivers, and springs more each year, threatening public health and closing swimming areas.

A 2008 DEP report concluded that fully half of the state's rivers and more than half of its lakes had poor water quality – a dangerous reality for a state with an economy based on tourism and water-based recreation.

The pollution is clearly damaging

Florida's economy. Last summer, people who wanted to fish and boat on the St. Johns River were blocked by a disgusting blanket of bright green slime triggered by sewage and fertilizer contamination. The river was placed under a public health advisory due to a toxic algae outbreak. In 2005, public health authorities shut down all boat traffic on the river because they were concerned about dangers to human health.

Property values along the St. Lucie estuary dropped by a half-billion dollars when a toxic algae outbreak covered the entire estuary. In 2009, Tampa Bay suffered a brown algae outbreak which polluted waters around San Marco Island. Thousands of dead fish washed ashore, fouling beaches.

Exposure to these algae toxins – when people drink the water, touch it, or inhale vapors from it – can cause rashes, skin and eye irritation, allergic reactions, gastrointestinal upset, serious illness, and even death. The problem is compounded when nutrient-poisoned waters are used as drinking water sources. Disinfectants like chlorine and chloramine can react with the dissolved organic compounds, contaminating drinking water with harmful chemical byproducts. In June 2008, a water treatment plant serving 30,000 Florida residents was shut down after a toxic blue-green algae bloom on the Caloosahatchee River threatened the plant's water supply.

Earthjustice filed the suit in the Northern District of Florida on behalf

of the Florida Wildlife Federation, the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, the Environmental Confederation of Southwest Florida, St. John's Riverkeeper, and the Sierra Club in July 2008. The suit challenged the unacceptable decade-long delay by the state and federal governments in setting limits for nutrient pollution.

The EPA originally gave Florida a 2004 deadline to set limits for nutrient pollution, which the state failed to meet. The EPA was then supposed to set limits itself, but failed to do so. Under the administration of President George W. Bush, the EPA let the states off the hook by allowing them to formulate plans without deadlines for action.

"Our community has been waiting for the Florida DEP to establish meaningful nitrogen reduction programs for over 11 years. They have failed; the St. Johns River is on the brink. We are glad the EPA has stepped into this vacuum and proposed real, understandable standards. This is a historic day," said St. Johns Riverkeeper Neil Armingeon. "The only people who oppose these regulations are the polluters who continue to discharge the tons of nutrients that are destroying the health of the St. Johns River."

For more information contact Rae Ann Wessel, SCCF's natural resource policy director at 731-7559 or email rawessel@sccf.org.

Free Seasonal Shoreline Walks

Matanzas Pass Preserve

When was the last time you walked through a maritime hammock or a mangrove forest with the bay lapping at your feet? Learn about the diverse plant communities including the maritime oak hammock, transitional wetlands and mangrove forest during the weekly Thursday walks in Matanzas Pass Preserve.

Walks begin at 9:30 a.m. and last approximately 1½ hours. This is a free walk with limited free parking.

Exploring Ethnobotany is new this season. Learn how indigenous plants can be used for such things as food, shelter, medicine and clothing and the historical importance of some of Florida's plants to humans. Walkers meet the last Wednesday of every month November through March. The next walk is scheduled for February 24. Meet at the entrance to Matanzas Pass Preserve. These walks begin at 9:30 a.m. and last approximately 1½ hours. This is a free walk and there is no fee for parking. Matanzas Pass preserve is located at 199 Bay Road, Fort Myers Beach.

Barrier Islands Guided Walk at Bowditch

Do gopher tortoises like to swim, why are plants important to the beach and what is a barrier island? Learn the answers to these questions and more while exploring the beach front tropical communities and all their inhabitants! Walkers meet every Tuesday, November through March, at Bowditch Point

Preserve. Walks begin at 9:30 a.m. and last approximately 1½ hours. This walk is free but a fee for parking is required. Bowditch Point Park is at 50 Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach.

Bunche Beach Preserve

Low Tide Loafing at Sunset is new this season. Join a volunteer naturalist and leisurely explore the mud flats to see what mysteries the low tide uncovers while viewing a beautiful Florida sunset. Wear shoes that can get wet, don't forget your camera, water and bug spray. Days and times will vary depending on the tides. The next walk is scheduled for January 29 at 4:30 p.m. and should last about an hour. Bunche Beach is at 18201 John Morris Road, Fort Myers.

For more information on any of these walks, visit www.leeparks.org or call 463-3764.

Group guided tours for any of the shoreline walks are available upon request by calling 229-7356.*



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Bird and wildflower enthusiasts in Florida have a convenient new tool to help them identify bird and flower species. Based on updated and expanded versions of the best-selling series of National Audubon Society field guides, *Audubon Birds Florida* and *Audubon Wildflowers Florida* put the most authoritative and comprehensive information about the state's natural world at the fingertips of iPhone and iPod Touch users.

Now available in the reference section of the applications store in iTunes along with other apps in the Audubon Guides series, the Audubon Birds Florida and Audubon Wildflowers Florida apps each provide a wealth of interactive information in a mobile package, giving the state's nature lovers a fun and exciting experience that makes outings richer, more informed and instantly sharable.

The applications cover 403 species of birds and 624 species of flowers. Each species in the two apps are described with rich and detailed information updated from National Audubon Society field guide books, including appearance, shape, range, and flowering (flowers), habitat, behavior, diet, nesting, mating, migration, and endangered status (birds). All of this is accessed wirelessly and in real time through interactive and intuitive search features with parameters such as

common and scientific names, family, shape, range, habitat, color, and size.

Audubon Birds Florida is available in the iTunes store for \$6.99 and Audubon Wildflowers Florida is on sale for \$4.99.*

Discover Lee County Preserves

Visit Harns Marsh with a bird patrol guide on Saturday, February 6, beginning at 8 a.m.

The marsh is a 578-acre preserve that is part of the East County Water Control District and one of the area's major stormwater retention/detention facilities. The Water District and Lee County has slated Harns Marsh as a regional park. The variety and quantity of birds is amazing. So far, 132 species have been recorded, snail kites and limpkin being a couple of the standout species found there year-round.

From I-75, take Exit 136 (Lee Boulevard) east to Sunshine Boulevard in Lehigh Acres. Turn left on Sunshine Boulevard and drive north past the Able Canal. Just beyond the canal, the road curves and 31st Street is on the left. Turn left on 31st and make an immediate right onto Ruth Avenue. Drive north on Ruth Avenue to 38th Street. Turn left on 38th and drive to the parking area at the end of the road.

The tour is provided in cooperation with Lee County Parks and Recreation. It is free and open to the public. There are no restrooms. For more information call 482-6250.*

Explore Sanibel's Interior Wetlands



Observation tower

Sanibel is unique for a barrier island because it has fresh water wetlands where the otters and bobcats roam. Take a guided walk on the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) trails to climb the tower on the Sanibel River and explore this Everglades-like ecosystem. Maybe you will see the screech owl roosting on the trails. Learn about the SCCF history



Kids waving from high atop the tower

of land preservation, pause at the touch tank in the nature center to learn about the SCCF Marine Lab and efforts to protect local water quality. Trail Walks are Monday through Friday at 11 a.m. and Monday and Wednesday at 2 p.m. Cost is \$5 per adult with kids. SCCF members are free. SCCF is located at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Call 472-2329 for more information. Come early and visit the butterfly house or attend a 10 a.m. program.*

Commercial Fishing Fleet Tour

Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center is offering commercial fishing fleet tours on San Carlos Island.

The three-hour tour, which is held every Wednesday morning, includes a one-and-one-half-hour tour of the Marine Science Center and a one-and-one-half-hour guided tour of the \$100 million commercial fishing industry, which includes Erickson & Jensen Supply House, Trico Shrimp Company and Beach Seafood.

See how the boats are unloaded, the trawl doors are built, the shrimp nets are hand-sewn, the seafood is processed and other important aspects of this unique industry. The cost is a donation of \$15 per adult, \$10 per child and free for children under the age of five.

Reservations are required by calling 765-8101.*

Beach Yacht Club Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Fort Myers Beach Yacht Club will be on Wednesday, January 27 at the American Legion Post 274 on San Carlos Island, 899 Buttonwood Drive.

Dinner will be catered and is available for \$14 per person. Social hour begins at

6 p.m., dinner at 7, and the membership meeting is from 8 to 9 p.m.

Potential new members wishing to attend any or all portions of the meeting are invited to call membership committee member Tom Swanbeck for required reservations and additional information, 292-6284. To learn more about the club visit the Web site at www.FMBYachtClub.org.*

Sailing Singles

Sailing Singles of Southwest Florida is looking for single sailors from Punta Gorda to Naples who want to have fun on the Gulf waters - 'wannabes' or experienced sailors - boat not necessary.

SSSWF starts its 15th season with a meeting at Bonita Bill's Restaurant, Fort Myers Beach, planning sailing activities for 2010 including guest speakers on topics relevant to sailors and life in Florida.

The regular meetings are on the third Thursday each month at Bonita Bill's under the Matanzas Pass bridge at 7 p.m. First Friday Happy Hours are at a local venue at 5 p.m. Call Diane at 463-0993 or log onto www.sailing-singles.net for location. Everyone is welcome.*

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Modern Dancers At The Alliance

Dance returns to the Alliance for the Arts with the revival of Dance Alliance, the organization's resident dance company. Composed of six area dancers, the company is scheduled to host two concerts this year in the Foulds Theatre.

On January 30 at 8 p.m. and January 31 at 2 p.m., Valarie Green/Dance Entropy, a New York-based modern dance company, will share the stage with the Dance Alliance to present a program designed to encourage and showcase creative movement. Their performance was described by the *Village Voice* as, "Articulate, fearless, intelligent dancing." Afterwards, audiences will get a sneak peek of Dance Alliance's Season Concert.

On April 17 at 8 p.m. and April 18 at 2 p.m., Dance Alliance will perform its first annual Season Concert displaying new works created by local movement artists. Featured pieces will celebrate choreographer and dance teacher Cynthia Arenillas of Merce Cunningham and Paul Taylor Dance Companies. Dance Alliance's mission is to inspire our community through the art of dance. As a collaborative group, all members contribute to the repertoire and bring their unique backgrounds to each piece.

Tickets for both concerts are \$20 for adults, \$12 for students, \$30 for both concerts. Call 939-2787 or log onto www.artinlee.org.



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Winter Show Opens At Beach Art Gallery

The annual Winter Juried Show sponsored by Red Coconut RV Resort opened on January 24 and will run until February 25 at the Fort Myers Beach Art Association (FMBAA) gallery on Donora Street. This show was open to all members of the Southwest Florida Art Council and is always one of the best shows of the season. Many of the local artists you have come to recognize have works hanging for viewing and sale. John Salminen has judged the artwork and the winners will be announced at the reception on January 31 from 2 to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Whether you're interested in taking classes, workshops, joining painting groups or just viewing fine art, the beach art association has something for you this winter. Patty Kane continues with her watercolor classes on Monday of each week. Teaching both beginners and more advanced students, Kane can show you new techniques to get you started or help you achieve your best. For an unstructured group of painters you will find that the Experimentalists, the Portrait and Figure group, and the Indoor or Outdoor painters can give you encouragement and share their love of the craft.

Karlyn Holman will be teaching her Watercolor Fun and Free workshop at the gallery March 1 through 5. This is the last famous artist of the winter season for FMBAA but local member artists will be teaching once again in the short work-

shops offered on the beach. All are award winning artists and excellent teachers.

Danica Walker will be teaching watercolor February 4 and 5,

Mary Ann Devos instructs in PMC silver clay February 11 and 12,

Fred Dingler teaches his fine watercolor technique March 9, 11 and 12.

Neil Walling will be teaching all media painting classes March 18, 19 and 20.

For more information on any of these classes or activities, call the gallery at 463-3909 or see the Web site at www.fortmyersbeachart.com.

The gallery is on Donora Street at the blinking light off Estero Boulevard. It is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday, 12 to 3 p.m. Visitors and new members are always welcome.*

Bonsai Society Monthly Meeting

Are you interested in learning the art of bonsai? The public is invited to attend the monthly meeting of the Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida on Saturday, February 20, from 9 a.m. to noon. The meeting is held at the Support Personnel Association of Lee County (SPALC) Building at 6281 Metro Plantation Road, Fort Myers.

Reservations are not required and there is no charge for attending. Kathi Maisano, a national expert in suisecki, will be the guest speaker. Her topic will be viewing stones (suisecki). A question and answer period will follow her formal presentation.

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Pulitzer Prize Winning Comedy Coming To Florida Rep

Florida Repertory Theatre will open Kaufman & Hart's Pulitzer Prize Winning comedy, *You Can't Take It With You* on February 5. The show is a timeless, light-hearted comedy with a touching message about love, acceptance, individuality and one lovable family's wacky pursuit of the American Dream. "I have directed this play three times, and so obviously it is very special to me,"

said Florida Rep Producing Artistic Director and the play's director, Robert Cacioppo, "because, at its heart it's a play about family and remembering what is important in life. But it's also brilliantly funny, heartwarming and has a very poignant message – especially in hard times."

You Can't Take It With You is a riotously funny classic that chronicles the unlikely pairing of Tony Kirby and Alice Sycamore. Tony is the son of a Wall Street banker, while Alice comes from a flock of very odd ducks. The Sycamores spend their days contentedly doing what pleases them, whether it's writing plays, playing the xylophone, raising snakes or dabbling in homemade pyrotechnics. And when the uptight Kirbys arrive for dinner on the wrong night, the stage is set for a wildly funny clash of family values featuring the zaniest cast of characters ever assembled in the Historic Arcade Theatre.



Carrie Lund, David S. Howard, Jackie Schram and Chris Clavelli in *You Can't Take it With You*

The production stars Broadway and screen veteran David S. Howard as the family's patriarch, Martin Vanderhof.

Carrie Lund, Chris Clavelli and Lisa Morgan are at their absolute wackiest. Lund is showcased as Alice's mother, the freethinking painter who dabbles in playwriting because one day a typewriter was left on the doorstep. Clavelli is one of the many colorful family friends, and Morgan doubles as Tony's repressed mother, and as Olga Katrina, a deposed Russian royal now working as a New York waitress. New to Florida Rep are Avi Hoffman, John West and Christine Perez.

Also featured in the ensemble cast are Florida actors Bruce Somerville, Christine Peete, Dick Westlake and John Archie. The cast also showcases acting interns Daniel Benzing, Adam Jones, Emily Ryan and Jackie Schram, as well as local actors Alex Perez and Michael Burnette.

Cacioppo directs the production and is joined by set designer Richard Crowell, lighting designer A. Nelson Ruger, IV, costume designer Roberta Malcolm, and stage manager Linda Harris).

You Can't Take It With You plays February 5 to 26, with discounted previews on February 2 at 8 p.m., February 3 at 2 p.m. and February 4 at 8 p.m. Performances are Tuesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. with 2 p.m. matinees on Wednesday, Sunday and selected Saturdays with a twilight performance at 7 p.m. on February 7.

The show is sponsored by John and Marjorie Madden and Madeleine Taeni. Subscriptions and single tickets are now on sale through the box office at 332-4488 – ask about the 4 Show Flex Pass for just \$141. Single tickets are priced at \$42 and \$38, and \$25 and \$20 for previews.*

Benning Exhibit At Burroughs Home

Florida artist Veronica Benning will display her art work at the Burroughs Home, 2505 First Street, Fort Myers, between Friday, February 5, and Friday, February 19. All her art work will be available for sale and partial proceeds from this showing will benefit the Uncommon Friends Foundation to further the work of the foundation in its effort to teach ethics in a program designed for school children.

An artist reception will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on February 5. The opening is part of the February Art Walk in the River District. Shuttle buses will stop at the Burroughs Home.

Benning's art features many colorful and lively studies done directly from still life. Both representational and abstract works are in oil, acrylic, oil pastel, ink, graphite and gouache. Much of her work is done directly from nature.*



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Danny And The Juniors In Town

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The audience will hear songs such as *At The Hop*, *Sometimes, Rock and Roll is Here To Stay*, *Twistin' USA*, *Do You Love Me?*

Danny and the Juniors will be appearing for one night only. Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$52 for dinner and the show and \$32 for the performance only. Call 278-4422 or log onto www.BroadwayPalm.com for reservations, or by stop at the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers. ✨



Kevin T. Murphy, Anne Freres, Scott Moreau and Erin Dickerson

A Family Musical Comedy At Off Broadway Palm Theatre

by Di Saggau

The new show at the Off Broadway Palm Theatre, *Are We There Yet?*, takes the audience on a fun ride that looks at the trials and tribulations of what it means to be a family. There are at least 25 scenarios that focus on everything from marriage, to babies, first prom, growing old, and just about everything in between. The cast consists of Erin Dickerson, Anne Freres, Scott Moreau and Kevin T. Murphy. Together they provide a great evening of upbeat, musical entertainment, playing numerous parts and different ages.

Here are a few of my favorite scenes: *Baby Rap*, featuring Murphy dressed up like a baby, in diapers, using a rattle microphone; *Batting Zero* with Dickerson and Freres as little league moms cheering on their sons; *Waiting for Jennie*, a dance recital with Moreau as the proud father and Freres at the dance instructor. My favorite is 'Cause *I'm a Mommy*, about the juggling skills of a supermom, sung with great enthusiasm by Freres.

Are We There Yet? sends a strong message that life is a journey and we need to enjoy the ride. The musical covers nearly all the possible family plights, including the overprotective dad, the acceptance of a gay couple, a daughter looking for her birth mother and a man confronting the early stages of dementia. Direction is by Paul Bernier and choreography by Amy Marie McCleary.

For tickets call 278-4422, or log onto www.broadwaypalm.com. The show runs through March 7 at the Off Broadway Palm Theatre, 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. ✨



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Farce Extended At The Schoolhouse



Kay Francis

The Herb Strauss Schoolhouse Theater has extended the run of its current hit *Unnecessary Farce*. Due to popular demand and sold-out houses, *Unnecessary Farce* will now play through Saturday, February 13. The show was originally scheduled to close a week earlier.

"The response from audiences has been fantastic," said Madison Mitchell, marketing director. "It's a great show and it's really wonderful to see the community coming out like this."

The cast of seven makes up a company of zany, colorful characters. Jennifer Smith and James Lane play Billie Dwyer and Eric Sheridan, two inexperienced (and clumsy) cops. They are sent to a motel by their chief to catch Mayor Meekly (Dave Yudowitz) in an embezzlement scandal. Too bad Sheridan can't think about anything except the



Mindy Montavon, Marcus Kiehl and Janes Lane

cute accountant, Karen Brown, (Mindy Montavon) in the next room. Things turn crazy when Agent Frank (Marcus Kiehl) appears to warn Ms. Brown of the Highland Hitman (played by the hysterical Matthew Edwards). Add in the comedic talents of Kay Francis as Mrs. Meekly and you have two hours of high quality entertainment.

Artistic Producer Victor Legarreta said, "I'm glad the audiences have thought the script's as funny as I do! It's been a great season and this show highlights that."

Unnecessary Farce is one show that shouldn't be missed so take advantage of this extended run. All shows are at 8 p.m., sponsored by Tween Waters Inn. The Herb Strauss Schoolhouse Theater is at 2200 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. For more information call the box office at 472-6862 or visit the Web site at www.TheSchoolhouseTheater.com.✧

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Florida Rep To Hold Reception For Playwright

Florida Repertory Theatre will hold an exclusive, catered reception featuring the Tony-nominated playwright, Joanna McClelland Glass, at the Sanibel Harbour home of Gholi and Georgia Darehshori on Monday, January 25 at 5:30 p.m.

Author of Florida Rep's April production, *Trying*, Glass is an award-winning author and novelist, and was recipient of the Rockefeller Grant, NEA Grant and the Guggenheim Fellowship.

Her autobiographical play, *Trying*, chronicles the year she spent as secretary to Judge Francis Biddle, the former Attorney General under FDR and judge at the Nuremberg Trials. The gripping and life-affirming drama is set against the backdrop of 1960s political unrest in Washington, D.C., and finds two very different generations struggling to find common ground in the midst of very uncertain times.

Glass will talk about her play, her life and her career. She will be joined by Florida Rep Producing Artistic Director Robert Cacioppo, Chris Clavelli, the play's director, and Florida Rep regular Rachel Burtram, who will portray Glass' fictional counterpart, Sarah.

While this event is open to the public, space is limited. For more information on how to attend call 332-4665 ext. 36.✧



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Arcadia Resident's Artwork On View

Arcadia resident John Watkins will display his acrylic originals in Commissioner Tammy Hall's downtown Fort Myers office until February 19.

Watkins paints with acrylics and builds many of his custom frames from old barn wood. He is a local artist residing in Arcadia, Florida. Originally from the coastal town of Poquoson, Virginia, Watson grew up along the marshes of the eastern coast. His early love of this area is reflected in his work featuring wildlife and marsh scenes reminiscent of his lifetime near rivers. Watkins is a self taught artist and has never taken an art class or lesson. His passion for painting is equal to his love of the oral history of Poquoson, where he grew up and learned to spin a yarn from local story tellers. Many of these historical events and landmarks are captured on canvas. Depictions of a ducks, geese, herons, owls and a variety of birds grace many of the canvases.

When Watkins finds a subject that strikes him he puts it into a painting. His body of work is varied but his attention to fine detail is prevalent. Sometimes he painstakingly creates detail so tiny you have to squint your eyes to capture the image. This attention to detail is what makes viewers take a second and third look at his work.



Old Mill by John Watkins

Watkins also builds large wooden models of work boats. Many of the work boats have long since retired from duty on the waterways in Virginia. A precious few are in restoration. Future plans include building more model boats from the Chesapeake Bay waterways.

His art studio includes a woodworking area where he builds the model boats, custom painted rod racks and other fine wood crafts. Tours of the studio are available daily upon appointment and Watkins accepts private commissions.

Other local artists will be featured every four to six weeks. Hall's office is on the first floor of the Old County Courthouse, 2120 Main Street.

The public is welcome to view the artwork and learn more about the artist. Call 533-2226 to confirm office hours for viewing.✱

Symphony Monthly Luncheon

The Southwest Florida Symphony Society will hold its monthly luncheon meeting at Olde Hickory Country Club off Fiddlesticks Boulevard, on February 5. Doors open at 11:30 a.m.; luncheon is served at noon. Cost is \$17.

Reiko Niiya, violin, and Elizabeth Lilly, harp, will provide the entertainment. Cans of soup and beans in plastic bags are requested for the Harry Chapin Food Bank.

Make reservations by calling 731-0426, #1, by Monday, February 1.✱

Mardi Gras Event For Symphony

The Southwest Florida Symphony Society invites is having a Mardi Gras Celebration on Tuesday, February 16. Festivities will be from 7 to 10 p.m. at Cape Coral Yacht Club, 5819 Driftwood Parkway, Cape Coral.

Entertainment will be by Herb Bruce & The Herbicide Jazz Band playing Dixieland music for dancing and listening. BYOB and hors d'oeuvres. Set ups will be available.

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The New Christy Minstrels

Sunday, February 7 • 3:30 PM

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Monday Night Film Series: Little Ashes

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Live Theater: Golda's Balcony

Photography, Kids' Art And Quilts On Display



YAA artwork by Kids with Cancer

On Friday, February 5 from 6 to 10 p.m., Arts for ACT will have an opening reception and ArtWalk for the February featured artists: Art Quilters Unlimited, Edward Tobin and the Cancer Kids Art. to benefit the Young Artists Awards.

Art Quilters Unlimited is a group from Southwest Florida based at the Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers. Members



Red River quilt by Connie DeYoung

range from Tallahassee to Miami to Naples to Sarasota.

They use fiber and fabric as their medium. Their work is fused, pieced, collaged, painted, embellished, embroidered, machine or hand stitched, stamped and dyed. Their work has been in local, national and international art quilt and fiber juried exhibits as well as represented in various art galleries.

Edwin Tobin is a predominantly self-taught photographer. As a child, he could often be seen on family vacations sketching the world around him. He enrolled in weekend art classes at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston where he focused on subject matters similar to what he

is drawn to today in his photography. Tobin's photography is all about painting light, capturing rich colors, textures and shadows, at times incorporating the camera movement for an impressionist feeling. While some of his work has a main subject matter, most are composed when someone walks into the composition.

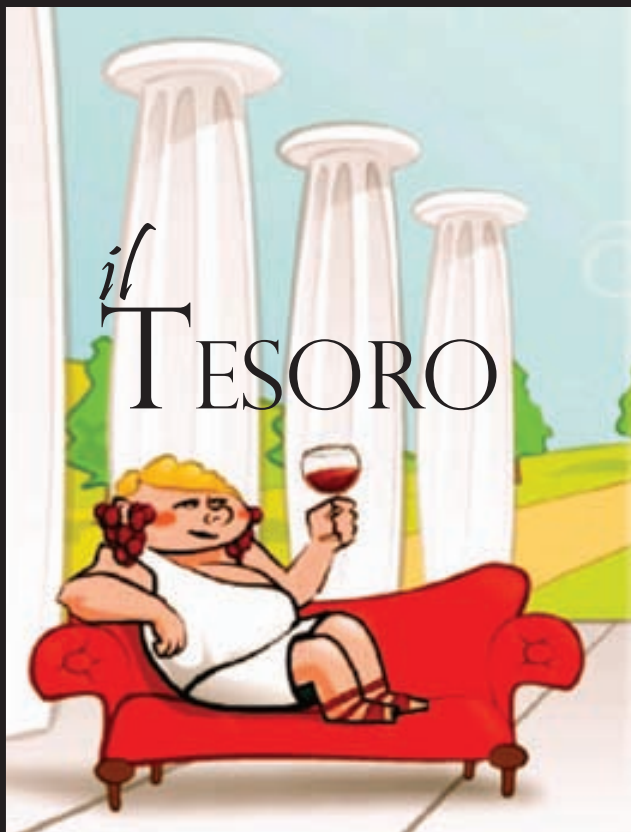
The Cancer Kids Art exhibition benefiting the Young Artists Award program is showing for the fourth consecutive year. The not-for-profit organization benefits local performing arts students and works in conjunction with the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology program at the Children's Hospital. The Young Artists Awards program delivers art



Ed Tobin photograph

supplies to the hospital and then mats, frames, exhibits and sells selected examples of the children's work. A yearlong show of 30 pieces is on display at the Southwest Florida International Airport on Concourses B and D. All the proceeds go to families facing the financial challenges of childhood cancer through the hospital's Family Emergency Fund.

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In 1962, their debut album, *Presenting the New Christy Minstrels*, earned a Grammy for Best Performance by a Chorus. With weekly appearances on the debut season of *The Andy Williams Show*, they soon attracted a legion of fans across the country. Their *Ramblin'* album went gold and featured their first major hit single, *Green, Green*. The group enjoyed other chart successes with *This Land is Your Land*, *Denver*, and *Chim Chim Cher-ee*, which the group performed on The Academy Awards ceremony the evening the song won Best Song of 1964.



The New Christy Minstrels

With Randy Sparks at the helm, the group continues performing with the refreshing Christy sound that has left an enduring legacy on the music world.

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Art Walk And Art Fair Set For February 5 And 6

The monthly Art Walk in downtown Fort Myers will be Friday, February 5 from 6 to 10 p.m. It will be followed by the new Saturday Art Fair on Saturday February 6 in the Patio de Leon.

The Art Walk will include more than a dozen art stops and will feature new art exhibitions, live music and the traditional after party.

Another highlight of the extremely popular evening will be the weekly Friday Night Live, which takes place in the Patio de Leon. John Mooney (slide guitar/blues) will perform from 6 to 9 pm.

Also that night, ArtFest Fort Myers will host its opening night party called Palettes & Plates on Edwards Drive.

The evening culminates with an after party at 10 p.m., this month at Spirits of Bacchus on Hendry Street.

A free shuttle service, with stops planned near the art venues, and parking at the Harborside Event Center will be available for Art Walk patrons.

The Saturday Art Fair will run from noon to 4 p.m. Local vendors and artists will be selling their works in the Patio de Leon. Galleries will be open and some will be hosting Make-It & Take-It art projects for children. Admission is free. The fairs will continue through May.

Art Walk was started by a group of art galleries and art enthusiasts and debuted in October of 2008. Held the first Friday of every month from 6 to 10 p.m., it features local and national artwork in the downtown art galleries and several art stops in the Fort Myers River District.

Art Walk is a rain or shine event. For more information visit www.fortmyersartwalk.com.*

FGCU Lecture On Music Of George Crumb

Steven M. Bruns, associate professor of music theory and associate dean for graduate studies at the University of Colorado at Boulder College of Music, will present a lecture on the music of distinguished American composer George Crumb at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 2 in the Student Union ballroom at Florida Gulf Coast University. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Crumb, who recently celebrated his 81st birthday, is the composer of *Black Angels* and *Ancient Voices of Children*. His music is known for its colorful effects and theatrical elements, in addition to its innovative use of harmony, rhythm and notation.

In his lecture, Bruns explores excerpts from several works by Crumb and discusses its significant musical and historical aspects.

Bruns holds a Ph.D. in music theory from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and has numerous publications and papers on a wide variety of topics including the music of Crumb, Schubert and Mahler.*

Coconut Point Art Festival

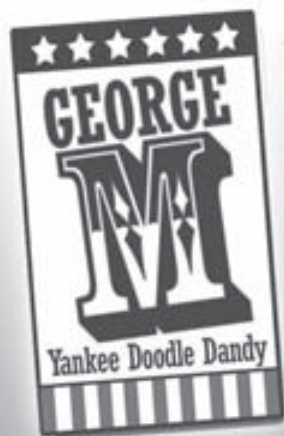
The 4th annual Coconut Point Art Festival will take place on Saturday and Sunday, February 13 and 14 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public

The festival returns to Estero with an eclectic mix of the country's top established artists as well as new and emerging talent. The artistic media represented include paintings, life size sculptures, photography, glass, wood, jewelry, collage and ceramics.

A wine festival will also be featured allowing festival goers to sample a variety of fine wines and food with the proceeds benefiting the Rotary Club of Estero, which helps fund a variety of community programs and charities.

The festival gives artists an opportunity to exhibit their work and make their businesses grow; many have given up professional careers, trading in their dress shoes for sandals, said AnaBelle Dweck, spokeswoman. The artists, local merchants, restaurants and hotels all benefit from the festival, which drives additional guests and dollars to the community, she said.

The artists were juried by an independent panel of experts and selected from hundreds of applicants based on quality and diversity. All of the artwork is original and handmade in America. Prices range from \$25 earrings to \$20,000 metal sculptures. For additional information visit www.artfestival.com.*



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A Plethora Of Emotions At Gulfshore Playhouse



Heidi-Marie Ferren, Allen Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth Hess and Jessica Rothert

by Di Saggau

Gulf Shore Playhouse in Naples has launched its fourth season with a very dramatic and exceptionally well acted play, *Honour* by Joanna Murray-Smith. The play has been performed around the world and contains excellent dialogue in a fast-paced hour and 40-minute performance. An intermission would serve no good in this emotional roller-coaster ride.

The story is mostly about Honour (Elizabeth Hess), a woman who puts her career as a poet on hold for 32 years helping her husband Gus (Allen Fitzpatrick) reach the top of the journalistic success ladder.

As the play opens, Gus is being interviewed by a young sexy woman half his age, Claudia, played by Heidi-Marie Ferren. Claudia ends up being a home wrecker who would never give up her career aspirations to be a helpmate style wife such as Honour. She is focused, bright, and tenacious, yet she needs someone to love her, even if he is twice her age.

Jessica Rothert plays daughter Sophie, who feels strong about the love that she perceived existed in her parents. She displays her rage and despair when this love no longer exists. She's disappointed that Honour will not fight for Gus. Honour's advice to her daughter is "Don't become me."

It's Honour who most people bond with due to the emotion displayed by Hess. After 32 years of devotion, Honour is devastated when her husband comes home one night and says, "I love you, but I don't want this any more. I don't want a wife." Hess shows raw pain and furious anger that grabs ahold of you. There are also some comic moments, like when Gus says, "I feel like I'm dying and I'm not ready to die yet."

Honour responds, "What a shame."

The play is an intimate look into the lives of four people. The set allows scenes to take place in several locations, from office, to evening cocktails, living room and bed room. Kristen Coury's direction keeps the audience focused on the neatly strung-together scenes.

Honour plays through January 31 at the Norris Center, 755 8th Avenue South in Naples. For tickets call 1-866-811-4111. Next up from Gulfshore Playhouse is the charming family comedy *Beau Jest*, opening February 19.*

Cancer Center To Benefit From Fashion Show

Lee Memorial Health System Foundation has once again partnered with Tanger Outlets to raise awareness of those members of the community who are battling cancer. The event, which includes a fashion show, auction and luncheon, takes place on Thursday, February 4 at 11 a.m. at Sanibel Harbour Resort and Spa, 17260 Harbour Point Drive, Fort Myers.

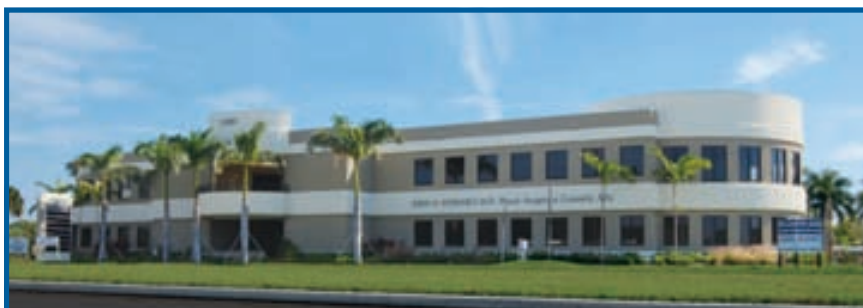
Fashions will be provided by Tanger Outlet Stores, which include such favorites as Nike, Liz Claiborne, Jones New

York and Coach. Southwest Florida Modeling Agency will present the fashions with agency models and cancer survivors.

Individual tickets, which include lunch, are only \$40 each. Tables of eight and 10 are available for groups. For tickets stop by the Tanger Management Office in Suite 4145 in the Tanger Outlet Center on Summerlin Road or call 454-1974.

Tickets are also available through the Lee Memorial Health System Foundation office at 985-3550.

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February At Lakes Regional Library

The February roster of activities at Lakes Regional Library offers topics for all ages. The following activities are free to the public:

Adults

English Café, 6 p.m. Mondays, February 1, 8, 15, 22.

Practice English with a free, conversation session for adult ESOL and ESL students. Each 90-minute session provides an opportunity to practice speaking English with native speakers. Participants may start at any time. Advanced registration is not necessary.

Book Discussion: Timothy Egan's *The Big Burn*, 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 16

Read and discuss Egan's book which describes the largest wildfire in American history and how the firefighting effort helped galvanize opinion to preserve Teddy Roosevelt's legacy of public land. Registration is required.

Gardening in Southwest Florida, 2 p.m. Thursday, February 18.

Master gardener Donna Cressman will present a program on palm trees. Registration is required.

Wii Bowling for Adults, 10 a.m. Wednesday, February 24.

Have fun bowling on the big screen with the Wii gaming system. No heavy balls to lift. Sponsored by the Friends of Lakes Regional Library. Registration is required.

How to Not Kill Your Personal Computer, 10 a.m. Thursday, February 25.

Viruses and malfunctions are some of the biggest fears of owning a computer. Did you know most computer problems and failures are avoidable? To prevent these occurrences, users just need to know the appropriate procedures and decisions to make about their PCs.

This is a free, one hour, non-technical, novice-friendly seminar by David Keller, founder of Compu-Doctor, a Cape Coral-based personal computer service firm. Registration is required.

Family

Baby-Parent Rhyme Time, crawlers: 9:30 a.m. Mondays, February 1, 8, 15, 22; walkers: 10:30 a.m. Mondays, February 1, 8, 15, 22

Be prepared to tickle, jump and flynt. Registration is required.

Toddler Storytime, 10 a.m. Tuesday, February 2, 9, 16, 23; 10 a.m.

Wednesdays, February 3, 10, 17, 24.

Registration is required.

Family Storytime, 11 a.m.

Wednesdays, February 3, 10, 17, 24. This program is for the whole family and lasts about 30 minutes. Registration is required.

Doll House Day at the Library, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, February 13.

Mini Delights of Fort Myers, a doll house and miniatures group, will bring their doll houses. Create a make-and-take doll house piece from 10 a.m. to noon. The houses will be on display throughout

the day in Meeting Room A.

Children

Preschool Storytime, 11 a.m. Tuesdays, February 2, 9, 16, 23.

Preschoolers (ages three to five) attend this storytime independently while parents or caregivers wait nearby in the library building. Registration is required.

Valentine's Day Cards, 4 p.m. Thursday, February 11.

Make Valentine's Day cards for your friends and family. For grades three to five. Registration is required.

Fairy Craft, 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 16.

A woodland flower fairy craft session for grades K-5, sponsored by the Friends of Lakes Regional Library. Registration is required.

Tall Tale Heroes, 2 p.m. Saturday, February 20.

Before Spiderman and Batman, tall tale heroes were the original superheroes! Celebrate them with crafts, games and stories. Registration is required.

Kids Read Down Fines, 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, February 27.

Earn a \$2 coupon for every 15 minutes of reading during the allotted time in the designated area of the library.

Teens

Kids Read Down Fines, 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, February 27.

The library is at 15290 Bass Road, Fort Myers. For more information call 533-4000.*

International Airport Reports December Traffic

During December, 676,078 passengers traveled through Southwest Florida International Airport, a decrease of 2.2 percent compared to December 2008. Passenger traffic for 2009 was down 2.5 percent compared to 2008.

The traffic leader in December was AirTran with 124,542 passengers traveling to and from Fort Myers. Rounding out the top five airlines were JetBlue (93,660), Delta (82,970), Southwest (61,518) and Northwest (60,646).

Southwest Florida International Airport had 8,030 aircraft movements (takeoffs and landings), a decrease of 5.4 percent compared to December 2008. Page Field General Aviation Airport saw 6,563 movements, a 1.3 percent increase from December 2008. In addition, more than 3.5 million pounds of air freight moved through Southwest Florida International Airport in December 2009.

For more information, log onto www.flylcpa.com.*

Porter Goss To Speak At BIG ARTS FORUM

The FORUM at BIG ARTS lecture series welcomes Porter J. Goss, Wednesday, February 3 to Schein Performance Hall.

Goss became director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in April 2005 and served in that position until May 2006. Prior he served as the 19th Director of Central Intelligence (DCI), was a U.S. army intelligence officer and served as a clandestine service officer with the CIA where he completed assignments in Latin America, the Caribbean, and Europe. After leaving the CIA, Goss and his family settled in Sanibel, where he was a small business owner and founded a newspaper. He was elected to the Sanibel City Council in 1974 and served there until 1983, including three years as mayor. From 1983 until 1988, Goss was a member of the Lee County (Florida) Commission, where he served as its chairman from 1985 to 1986.

Goss served as the congressman from Southwest Florida for almost 16 years. His congressional career focused on the environment, House ethics, senior issues, and Rules Committee. He was chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence from 1997 until his nomination as DCI in August 2004. This committee oversees the intelligence community and authorizes its annual budget. During the 107th Congress, Goss co-chaired the joint con-



Porter J. Goss

gressional inquiry into the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. He is only the second director of Central Intelligence to have served in Congress.

All speakers in The FORUM program are sold out, however, interested patrons can come the night of the lecture to see if tickets are turned back in. Although BIG ARTS cannot guarantee ticket availability, historically tickets have become available the night of a lecture. The FORUM lectures begin at 7:30 p.m.

The FORUM Grand Patron Series sponsors are Northern Trust and Sue and Tom Pick.

BIG ARTS is at 900 Dunlop Road. Phone 395-0900.✱

Edison College Partners With Rookery Bay

Edison State College Collier Campus and the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve have been neighbors and informal partners for nearly a decade. Edison's recent transformation from a community college to a four-year state college helped pave the way for an official partnership as of January 1.

Through the partnership, 10 established Rookery Bay biologists, educators and administrative staff have become Collier campus staff. Their areas of focus include monitoring environmental conditions, restoring native habitats, raising awareness of estuaries and training coastal decision-makers.

The proximity of the reserve, with its 110,000 acres of pristine mangrove forest, uplands and protected waters, to the Collier campus provides new opportunities for students to conduct research projects, in an array of environmental fields, under the guidance of Edison faculty and the new Edison/Rookery Bay team.

The partnership provides for the creation of a pilot undergraduate research center at Rookery Bay; use of the Rookery Bay research vessels, boat captains, and access to one of the nation's most pristine mangrove estuaries to provide oceanography students required field experience; internships for students of marine science, biology, ecology, interdisciplinary humanities

and molecular, tidal and weather-related research; expanded laboratory and classroom space; enhanced opportunities for the Environmental Studies Club and its solar-powered boat project; potential for partnership on grant opportunities; use of the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center including the auditorium, classrooms, laboratories and dormitory space; and use of two field-based research sites, one of which is located on a pristine barrier island.

To learn more log onto www.rookery

Study Abroad Fair At FGCU

Florida Gulf Coast University will present a Study Abroad Fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, February 3 in the Student Plaza breezeway.

Information on international education and other opportunities for students, faculty and staff will be available, including:

- Resources for faculty and staff – study and research abroad, international exchange, service abroad, professional development, Fulbright program, developing a study abroad program and other topics
- Resources for students – study, research, service, work and intern abroad
- Visit with FGCU departments and study abroad agency representatives
- Visit with students, faculty and staff members with previous experience abroad

Contact Timothy Gjini, assistant director, International Services Office, at 590-7925.✱

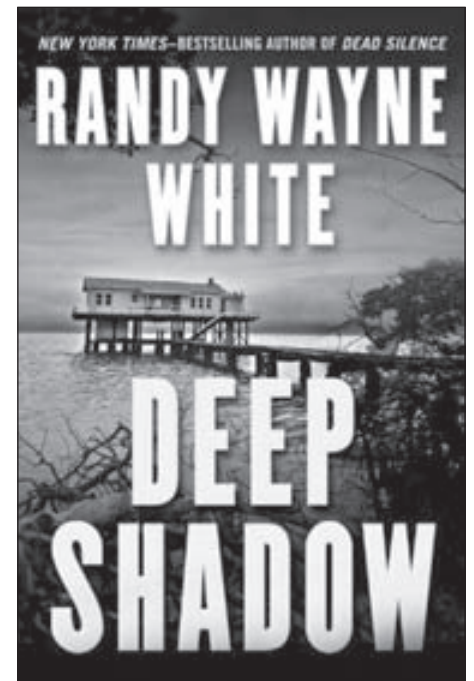
Book Signing With Randy Wayne White

Doc Ford's enthusiasts will be happy to hear that *The New York Times* best selling author Randy Wayne White will be signing copies of *Deep Shadow*, his latest novel in the Doc Ford's series. Booksignings will be held at Doc Ford's Sanibel Rum Bar & Grille on Sunday, March 7 and Monday, March 8, and at the Fort Myers Beach location on Saturday, March 27. There will be two appearances each day, from noon to 2 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m.

Signings on March 7 and 8 will take place in the Dinkins Bay bungalow (named for one of the locales in White's writings), just off the porch and patio of Doc Ford's on Sanibel, 975 Rabbit Road. The affable author will be on break between signings and, if history repeats itself, fans will be taking that time to relax and enjoy the great food and rum drinks for which the establishment is known, while waiting for the next book signing.


Deep Shadow is the 17th in the series and if you listen to the devotees of the Doc Ford's series, they are looking forward to being hooked from the first page to the last.

The March 27 signing will be held at the Doc Ford's Fort Myers location, 708 Fisherman's Wharf, where it all began for White. In fact, the author reminisced about his first book signing right near the



Fort Myers Beach site, and he prayed that people would show up. His prayers have certainly been answered and the throngs of fans are still lining up for a signature.


Call 472-8311 or go to www.docfords.com for additional information about this event or upcoming events at Doc Ford's Bar & Grill at the corner of Rabbit Road and San-Cap Road on Sanibel.✱



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Financial Focus Financial Moves For The Newly Single



by Jennifer Basey

We can't always escape the sad events in our lives – but we still need to carry on. Obviously, for a married person, a divorce or the death of a spouse is a traumatic

event. But if either event happens to you, you'll need to make some financial moves to keep your life on track.

One step you'll need to take is to examine your income stream. Will you be able to collect alimony or life insurance proceeds? If so, you'll want to factor these proceeds into your overall financial strategy. And if you're employed, and you don't have disability income insurance, you may want to consider it, because if you should become sick or injured and cannot work, you could face difficult times. Your employer may offer a short-term disability policy as an employee benefit, but it might not be sufficient, so you may need to consider adding additional disability coverage on your own.

Of course, even as you consider your cash flow needs for the present, you'll still have to plan for your future – including

your retirement. When you were married, you may not have been contributing as much as you could afford to your 401(k), particularly if your spouse was fully funding his or her retirement plan. And if your spouse had an IRA, you might not have felt the need for one, too. But now that you're solely in charge of your own financial destiny, you'll need to consider putting as much as you can possibly afford into your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, along with your IRA. Because a 401(k) and an IRA offer significant tax benefits, they are great vehicles in which to save for retirement, so you should consider taking full advantage of them.

And speaking of your 401(k), IRA and other investment accounts, you may now need to change the beneficiary designations. These designations may even supersede the instructions on your will, so it's important to keep them current.

Apart from taking these steps, what else should you do to make sure you position yourself to meet your own goals? For one thing, you may need to review your overall investment mix, both inside and outside your retirement accounts. When you were married, you and your spouse may have established a portfolio based on a combination of your risk tolerances and time horizons. But now you'll need to determine if your existing asset allocation truly reflects your needs, preferences and aspirations. A professional financial advisor can help, so if you don't already work with one, now might be a good time to start.

One final suggestion: If you have chil-

dren at home, make sure your life insurance coverage is sufficient. You'll want to help make sure your children will be provided for, should anything happen to you.

There's no sugarcoating the pain and difficulties that can accompany the loss of a spouse through death or divorce. But by making the right financial moves, you can help make life a little easier for yourself and your loved ones.

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VCB To Host Tourism Workshop

As part of its year-round Team Tourism program, the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB) is hosting a one-half day workshop titled Lessons from Dolphins on February 3, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Harborside Event Center in downtown Fort Myers.

Lessons from Dolphins is an exciting and innovative experience that helps companies improve productivity, retention and bottom-line results based on proven dolphin training techniques used at Dolphin Quest, a world-renowned international dolphin interaction company. The workshop, led by a veteran professional dolphin trainer, will help participants communicate effectively, reward

good behavior, train new behaviors, demonstrate sincerity and have fun.

"Our latest Team Tourism program will reinvigorate managers and line-employees who attend, and it will give them insights and tools to make immediate improvements in their everyday work performance," said Tamara Pigott, interim VCB deputy director. "We had such an overwhelmingly positive industry response to our 2009 annual meeting that we decided to partner once again with Master Connection Associates for this upcoming workshop; and, with our area's abundance of Atlantic bottlenose dolphins, this program is perfect for our destination."

At the workshop, participants will take part in an interactive atmosphere in which they will explore each dolphin lesson through stories and videos about dolphin training and by playing interactive training games both individually and in groups. The dolphin training techniques can be applied to any department in any company and will even positively influence personal relationships with friends and family.

There is no charge for the Lessons from Dolphins workshop, but registration is requested. To attend, sign up by visiting www.LeeVCB.com, or to learn more details contact Christine Davlin at the VCB at cdavlin@leevcb.com or 338-3500.✪

Dealership Joins With High Tech To Train Technicians

The Automotive Youth Educational Systems (AYES) training program has recognized dealer Wilfred Templeton and service director Gary Meyer of Fort Myers Toyota for their outstanding support and named them the January 2010 AYES Dealership of the Month.

In 2001, Lee County High Tech Center Central became AYES-affiliated, and

Meyer began working with instructor Marc Michaud. The dealership has been employing AYES interns since 2001 and has worked with almost 20 students in that time, usually several each year. Three of the students that have since graduated high school are still working at the dealership full-time.

Zach McClure, an AYES intern in 2003, is now a well-integrated team member and an expert-level technician. Gerardo Marines and Jayson Obando, interns in 2007, are working on their Toyota certifications and have moved up to mid-level technician status.

Meyer believes he has had a good success rate with the program, and says he is looking for more interns as soon as this month.

Since becoming involved in AYES, Meyer says the dealership does virtually no outside hiring. "I do much less hiring off the street since I don't know their training or background. I get pretty much all our entry-level techs through the program. With the AYES students, though, I know the quality of training they receive with Marc. Safety training, how to operate a lift... Marc does an awesome job pre-screening the applicants, then we give them the opportunity to see what the progression of the career is like and the opportunity to improve their proficiency."



Zach McClure, Gerardo Marines and Jayson Obando

On top of the benefits of creating a pipeline of new technicians, the dealership has seen other positive results from its work with the local school and AYES. "The attitude of the group leaders is very positive," says Meyer.

"They have a personal satisfaction in helping these students and enjoy sharing their experiences, which carries through the shop. All of my technicians like to see the students succeed. I think all dealerships should take advantage of AYES," he says.

For more information about the AYES program offered at High Tech Central, call 334-4544 or visit www.hightechcentral.org.✪

National Leadership Honor Society Establishes Circle At FGCU

Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) National Leadership Honor Society will establish a circle at Florida Gulf Coast University with a chartering ceremony at 3 p.m. Friday, February 5 in Student Union 214. FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw will offer remarks and welcome Omicron Delta Kappa Executive Director Thomas Goodale.

Founded on December 3, 1914 at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia, ODK was the first college honor society of a national scope to give recognition for leadership. It recognizes achievement in scholarship; athletics; campus or community service, social and religious activities, and campus government; journalism, speech and the mass media; and the creative and performing arts. Emphasis is placed on the development of the whole person, both as a member of the college community and as a contributor to a better society. The ODK "mark of distinction" is well recognized by leaders in both the academic and business arena.

At FGCU, a prospective student member must rank in the upper 35 percent in scholarship and must show leadership in at least one of the five phases of campus life described above. Students selected as the first initiation class for the FGCU circle are: Ginnie Anderson (alumni), Luke Benfield (alumni), Steven Binninger, Megan Brewbaker (alumni), Justin Carter, Brittany Detweiler, Kali Fain, Ana Felipe, Julie Gleason (staff member), Tiffany Hilliard, Stephanie Johnson, Anastasia Kostrubala, Laura Layton, Leslie Mehl, Blake Neumann, Casey Plastek, Marie Scarpantonio, Camilla Williams, and Heather Zimmerman.

For more information call 590-1086.✪

Cubs Play Age-Old Game To Get New Spring Training Facility - But It Won't Be In Florida



by Ed Frank

Chances are that the Chicago Cubs are just using Collier County as a ploy and a bargaining chip to force Mesa, Arizona, to build them a new spring training complex. "No," that's not true, the Cubs brass says. And Florida Governor Charlie Crist says a decision has not been made.

Don't believe it.

Once the dust has settled in the Arizona desert, Mesa will spend about \$84 million to build the Cubs a new 15,000-seat stadium, practice fields and training facilities, and the Cubs will remain there

as they have for the last 50 years.

The Mesa City Council voted unanimously Monday night to approve a preliminary agreement to finance the project via a bond issue. The matter will then be subject to voter approval in November.

Yes, it's possible, but not likely, that the voters could reject the bond issue. Spring training baseball is a major economic force in Arizona, just as it is here.

Earlier this week, Governor Crist said he and several Florida legislators are sponsoring legislation to provide \$15 million in state sales tax revenue to lure the Cubs to Southwest Florida with a new training complex.

"I had the opportunity to chat with the owner," the Governor said last weekend, "and he told me no decision has been made."

But, as the *Chicago Tribune* reported last week, the Mesa proposal will be considered by the Cubs' board of directors this week.

Let's face it. The give-and-take exercise by the Cubs is an old, old game in professional sports. Every franchise in every sport that has sought a new stadium or arena threatened to move out of town if they didn't get their wish.

We need only go back to last year when the Boston Red Sox made overtures to Sarasota for a new spring training complex. Within months, Lee County agreed to build the Red Sox a new facility in order to keep them here.

That's just the way the game is played. It always has been and it always will be.

Everblades Win Five Straight; Improve Season Record to 22-15-6

It has been an up down year for the Florida Everblades, but the local hockey team is suddenly on fire having won five straight as the week began.

The Everblades swept the Gwinnett Gladiators 5-1 and 3-2 last weekend at Germain Arena to grab second place in the ECHL South Division with a 22-15-6 season record.

The local hockey team is home again this week hosting the Trenton Devils at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

Through 19 home games this season, the Everblades have drawn 98,190 fans averaging 5,168, seventh best in the 20-team hockey league

Player and Trevino Commit to Ace Group Classic

Two of the most popular golfers ever to play the game - Gary Player and Lee Trevino - will compete in the February 8-14 Ace Group Classic at The Quarry in north Naples.

"Gary Player and Lee Trevino are two of the most recognized and entertaining golf icons that the sport has ever known," said Tournament Director Jason Camp. "They rarely compete on the Champions Tour any more, and to see both of them together in Naples is something that golf fans will not want to miss," he added.

Player, 74, was the inaugural winner of this tournament in 1988. In a six-decade career, he won an amazing 163 tournaments throughout the world, including nine majors.

Trevino, 70, won back-to-back titles in Naples in 1990-91. He totaled 29 PGA victories, including six majors and 29 Champions Tour wins.

Both are members of the Golf Hall of Fame.*

Dinner And Auction With The Red Sox

The Crowne Plaza hotel will be hosting the fifth annual Evening with the Red Sox dinner and auction, with all proceeds benefiting the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County. The event will be held on Monday, March 1 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Fort Myers.

Heidi Watney of NESN broadcasting will again be the emcee for this year's event.

To date, confirmed former Red Sox players attending include Dwight Evans, Luis Tiant and Bernie Carbo. Several Red Sox players from this year's team will be on hand for autograph signing during the reception. Specific player attendees will be determined after players report, but recent past player attendees have included Justin Masterson, Lars Anderson, Manny Delcarmen, coach Terry Francona and others. Wally the Green Monster team mascot will also be on hand for photographs.

The event is open to the public and will include a live and silent auction with Red Sox memorabilia, an ultimate Red Sox versus Yankees game experience in Boston with on-field experience and VIP tour of Fenway Park to include accommodations for four people, Patriots versus Dolphins VIP experience at Foxboro stadium, an 8,000-square-foot vacation home for a week in Beaver Creek, Colorado, cooking and wine tasting at Cru for 10 hosted by Chef Shannon Yates, Red Sox versus White Sox trip for two to Chicago including air and accommodations, and a Masters trip for two to Augusta National for the final two rounds in 2010.

Last year's event was sold out so interested guests are encouraged to purchase tickets early. Call 334-1886 or visit www.bgclc.com.*



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Lee Memorial Lecture Takes A Look At Arthroscopic Joint Surgery

Southwest Florida's sunny, warm climate makes nearly every day a great day for a ball game, tennis match, round on the links or jaunt on the water, but not if you're suffering from painful injuries like torn ligaments and tendons to worn cartilage and bone spurs. John Kagan, MD, will discuss ways to treat these ailments at Lee Memorial Health System's Well Informed Lecture on Tuesday, February 2 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Place Coconut Point, 23120 Via Villagio in Estero.

"Though it was introduced several decades ago, arthroscopy is still one of the best ways to treat these injuries," said Kagan, a Fort Myers orthopedic surgeon. Arthroscopy is a minimally-invasive surgical technique. Doctors insert a small camera, called an arthroscope, into a joint to see what's causing trouble and pain. Then, they can use other small instruments to repair, reconstruct, cut or shave bones, cartilage or muscles to correct the problem.

Because the surgeon can see the joint and only use tools at the point they are needed, incisions can be very small and take less time to heal.

"In addition to less scarring, patients who have arthroscopic procedures often have fewer complications and less pain than those whose surgeries are done using traditional methods," Kagan said. "These procedures are very safe, so patients should definitely consider having arthroscopic surgery when the option is available."

Aside from injuries common among athletes, arthroscopic procedures can also be used to treat ailments like carpal tunnel syndrome.

For reservations call 433-8505 or visit www.HealthyBonitaEstero.org.*



John Kagan, MD

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Bonsai Society

Bonsai is a horticultural art of growing trees in pots. It had its origins in China and Japan. Information about bonsai and the association will be available at the meeting.

For more information contact Becky Bodnar at 463-4102 or email beckybodnar@msn.com.*

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Caregivers Support Meetings

Monthly support group meetings for caregivers throughout Lee County are offered by the Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center. The meetings include an opportunity to meet others with similar challenges and to learn more about Alzheimer's disease and effective coping strategies. Select meeting locations feature a guest speaker as well as an informal time for sharing.

Sanibel

Wednesday, February 24, 1:30 p.m.

Sanibel Congregational United, Church of Christ, 2050 Periwinkle Way, 437-3007

Fort Myers

Tuesday, February 9, 2 p.m.

Senior Friendship Centers, 3600 Evans Ave (Carroll Corners), 437-3007

Wednesday, February 10, 9:45 a.m.

Westminster Presbyterian Church, 9065 Ligon Court, 437-3007

Wednesday, February 24, 9:45 a.m.

Westminster Presbyterian Church, 9065 Ligon Court

Overview of Medicaid Waiver Programs; apeaker: Gail Holton, director of programs, 437-3007

Wednesday, February 17, 10 a.m.

Fort Myers Congregational Church, 8210 College Parkway, 437-3007

Wednesday, February 17, 2:30 p.m.

Dunbar United Way House, 3511-B Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, 437-3007

North Fort Myers

Thursday, February 25, 2 p.m.

Pine Lakes Country Club, 10200 Pine Lakes Boulevard, 3.5 miles north of Shell Factory on U.S. 41, 437-3007

East Fort Myers/Alva

Thursday, February 11, 1 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Community, 3031 Palm Beach Boulevard, 437-3007

Cape Coral

Thursday, February 4, 2 p.m.

Gulf Coast Village, 1333 Santa Barbara Boulevard, 437-3007

Thursday, February 18, 2 p.m.

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Pine Island

Thursday, February 4, 10:30 a.m.

Pine Island United Methodist Church, 5701 Pine Island Road, Bokeelia, 437-3007

Lehigh Acres

Monday, February 15, 2 p.m.

The Community Health Association Building, 9 Beth Stacey Road, 437-3007

Bonita Springs

Monday, February 22, 10:30 a.m.

Hope Lutheran Church, 25999 Old 41, 437-3007.*

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Alzheimer's Safety Program

The Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center is offering a safety program for Alzheimer's caregivers in Lee County. The program was created to provide caregivers tools to implement an emergency plan to prevent crises. Each program packet includes an emergency plan kit and an identification bracelet for the memory-impaired person.

The emergency plan kit is intended to help eliminate the possibility of a crisis if the caregiver of a loved one with Alzheimer's disease requires emergency care. The emergency workers who come to rescue the caregiver may not know a memory impaired adult resides in the home, and therefore, may leave the person with Alzheimer's alone when they take the caregiver to the hospital.

Bracelets are provided at no charge by Walgreens.

The Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center's office is at 10051 McGregor Boulevard, Ste. 101 in Fort Myers, phone 437-3007.*

dearPharmacist



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist:

Last week, you gave a “Dumb” Award to “anti-depressant drugs and the doctors who prescribe them for every woman who is tired or tearful.” I struggle with depression, and my medications don’t help. Can you elaborate?

DD, Tacoma, Washington

You and millions of other people will get shuffled from one psychiatrist to another, and one drug to another, and you will remain on the “medication merry-go-round” until you feed your brain what it’s hungry for. Last week I said, “Research shows that depression may be caused by elevated stress hormones, low vitamin D levels, diabetes or insulin-resistance (diagnosed or not), low progesterone hormone, niacin or folate deficiency or exposure to plastics.... doctors should be conducting lab tests to determine the cause for emotional instability before prescribing pills and dismissing you.” My column left many readers curious about what they could be doing to improve their emotional health and ability to cope with stress.

Anti-depressants do help some people, but as a class, these medications are incapable of correcting underlying nutritional deficiencies or hormonal imbalances. Medications artificially – and temporar-

ily – lift brain chemicals, and they have serious side effects. Never suddenly stop prescribed medications. With your physician’s approval, you can try one or two of the dietary supplements below, or you can buy a combination formula for enhanced effects. I have limited space here, so if this information is important to you, or someone you love is feeling particularly hopeless, read the expanded version of this article posted at my Web site, www.DearPharmacist.com. I have more recommendations, dosages and testing options that can build a brighter future. Now, here are a few choices to consider:

Vitamin C – You need vitamin C to make two important “happy” brain chemicals, norepinephrine and serotonin.

5-MTHF – This B vitamin is the biologically active form of folic acid and 5-MTHF is worth hunting down. It helps make happy brain chemicals. Why not just take folic acid? Because many people have a genetic problem turning folic acid into 5-MTHF and so they become deficient.

GABA – A brain neurotransmitter that helps us relax. Deficiencies of GABA could lead to trouble coping, feeling anxious, stressed out or depressed.

Tyrosine and Iodine – These substances help you make thyroid hormone and low thyroid is a common overlooked cause for depression.

Eleuthero Extract – This adaptogenic herb helps the body cope with stress, while improving concentration and feelings of well-being.

Progeseterone – Natural cream versions (sold OTC) may lift depression if it’s related to estrogen dominance (pro-

gesterone deficiency). Apply only if you have been tested and found to have a deficiency.

Vitamin D – People with depression or SAD (seasonal affective disorder) are usually deficient in vitamin D.

5-HTP – Your body converts this to serotonin, a happy brain chemical.

DID YOU KNOW?

A new injectable prescription drug, Actemra has just been approved for rheumatoid arthritis.

This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Suzy Cohen is the author of The 24-Hour Pharmacist and is a registered pharmacist. To contact her, visit www.dearpharmacist.com.

Cancer Prevention And Survival Cooking

The Cancer Project, a national non-profit dedicated to advancing cancer prevention through education and research, is offering a four-session cooking course designed to help Naples residents prevent and survive cancer through proper diet and nutrition.

“The single easiest and best thing most of us can do to prevent cancer or its recurrence is to eat right,” said Jennifer Reilly, RD, a senior nutritionist for The Cancer Project. “More than a third of all cancer deaths in this country are due to

poor diet.”

The Rx for better health? It’s a low-fat vegetarian diet. Load up on fruits, vegetables, and whole grains, Reilly says; they’re naturally low in fat, chock-full of fiber, and filled with cancer-fighting antioxidants and phytochemicals. Cut down on fatty foods and added fats and oils, particularly saturated fats, which have been linked to an increased risk of breast, colon, and prostate cancer. Likewise, look for healthy substitutes for dairy products such as milk, cheese, and yogurt, which have been implicated in the occurrence of breast and colorectal cancers.

The challenge, Reilly acknowledges, is not only to teach people which foods are good for them, but also to show them how to make the foods taste good. Each class centers on important cancer-nutrition topics as local cooking instructor Joanne Irwin, MEd, guides students through the preparation of tasty and easy-to-prepare recipes.

The class lineup is as follows:

February 19, 6 to 8 p.m., Introduction to How Foods Fight Cancer

February 26, 6 to 8 p.m., Discovering Dairy and Meat Alternatives

March 12, 6 to 8 p.m., Fueling Up on Low-Fat, High-Fiber Foods

March 19, 6 to 8 p.m., Cancer-Fighting Compounds and Immune-Boosting Foods

For more information visit www.CancerProject.org or call 202-244-5038.

Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

Lizzie and Pryce answer your questions and give advice about aging concerns from a two-generational perspective. A mother and daughter team, Lizzie is a retired RN and health educator, and Pryce is a licensed psychotherapist in private practice who specializes in the care of elders and people with chronic illnesses.

Dear Mom & Me,

Sunday was always a fun day for us. We enjoyed going to church services and then going out for a nice brunch.

All this has changed and it is irritating to go to service and you feel that you are sitting in the middle of a day care. The young parents allowing their children to scream and holler, with no regard for the others all around them. They wear

their jeans, cutoffs and look as if they are ready to clean their basements.

Do others complain about these problems, or is it just us?

Dora

Dear Dora,

Most people it seems who go to church are no longer dressed in their “Sunday best.” That was a long and distant era. What you wear is no longer important and most of the clergy do not seem to care either. The churches are so happy to see people in the congregation that they would never say a word of criticism. This all seems to be a part of modern times.

Lizzie

Dear Dora,

My generation enjoys casual, comfortable clothing. There is nothing wrong with children being in church with their parents as they probably spend so much time in day care, that this is an opportunity to be together. But if things get out of hand I think that one parent should take the child out in respect of the others in the congregation and the clergy involved.

Pryce

Lizzie and Pryce’s email address is momandmeaging@hotmail.com.



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For more information, please contact Lynne Lampila, Chapter President, 466-1167, or M. Jean Gavin, Publicity Coordinator, 472-9758

Cattle Barons' Ball 2010

Approximately 450 people had a rip-roarin' good time at the 2010 Cattle Barons' Ball at Bell Tower Shops, Fort Myers last weekend.

Since 2004, the annual event by the American Cancer Society of Lee County has raised more than \$2.7 million.*



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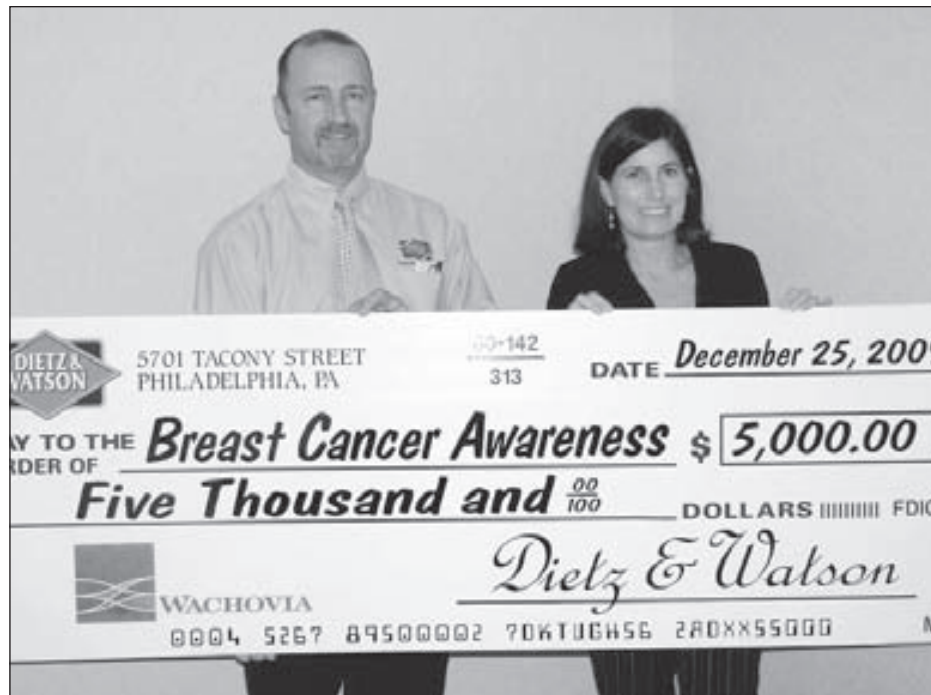


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Deli Firm Donates To Komen For Cure



Philadelphia-based Dietz & Watson, a deli meat and cheese company, donated \$5,000 to Susan G. Komen for the Cure of Southwest Florida for breast cancer research last week. Above, Mike Griffin, representing Dietz & Watson's distributor in Southwest Florida, presents a check to Miriam Ross, regional executive director of Komen. Dietz & Watson president and CEO Louis Eni has more than doubled the amount that was raised at the five charity events through sales of the company's gourmet franks. Bailey's General Store and Jerry's Market on Sanibel and the Sandy Butler on Fort Myers Beach were among the locations holding the charity events.*



Elaine Bachman, supervisor of headquarters operations, and Kevin Anderson, senior manager of headquarters operations at Chico's

Chico's Receives United Way Kudos

Chico's FAS received an award from the United Way Volunteer Center for its continuing volunteer support of United Way partner agencies. For the month of December 2009, Chico's employees collected over 240 toys which were distributed to children through the Suncoast Community Resource Center, a United Way Community House. Chico's employees also organized a clothing drive for Goodwill, had food drives for a variety of local non-profits, and gave cash donations to CCMI, Harry Chapin Food Bank, and the Salvation Army. Cliff Smith, President of the United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades presented the award to Kevin Anderson, senior manager for headquarters operations at Chico's. "Chico's and its employees are excellent corporate citizens of our community. Their generous efforts in December are good examples of how they support children and families in our area," said Smith.*

County Hires New Animal Services Vet

Lee County has a new veterinarian for its Animal Services Department. Peter Davis, DVM, assumed the position in late December. A plus for Lee County will be the extensive shelter medicine experience and proficiency in high volume spay/neuter surgeries that Davis brings to this position.

After receiving his veterinary degree from Tuskegee University, School of Veterinary Medicine, in 1985, Davis practiced in Guyana where he ran his own small animal clinic as well as serving as a regional veterinarian for the Ministry of Agriculture. Since 2001 he has worked in the state of Florida as a staff, contract, or relief veterinarian for West Palm Beach Animal Care and Control, the Peggy Adams Humane Society, SPCA of North Brevard, Weston Animal Hospital in Sunrise, and Safe Harbor Animal Clinic in Jupiter. Davis holds memberships in the American Veterinary Medical Association and the Association of Shelter Veterinarians.

As staff veterinarian for Lee County Domestic Animal Services, Davis is the primary veterinarian for the department's sterilization programs for shelter pets and pets of low-income owners. In addition, he oversees the vaccination, examination, and treatment of all pets entering the



Peter Davis, DVM

shelter, particularly sick and injured, and provides staff training related to animal handling, disease control, injury, illness detection, and treatment. Davis will also provide expert witness testimony in cases related to animal neglect and abuse and act as the liaison for the veterinary community and government agencies.

Lee County and the Animal Services' staff welcome Davis and look forward to the innovative ideas that he will bring to the agency in providing greater care for the community's pets and expanding sterilization programs to reduce pet overpopulation and euthanasia.*

Pets Of The Week



Pluto ID 460379

Pets of the week for January 25 at Lee County Domestic Animal Services are:

Name: Pluto
Breed: pit bull mix
Sex: male
Age: two years
Color: brindle and white

Comments: Hi, my name is Pluto and I'm known around the shelter as a "great dog." I am very calm and well-behaved. I'm a good listener too, so if you tell me something I'm going to listen, especially if it is followed by a treat. My owners have given me up because of allergies but it shouldn't be a problem for most people; so why don't you come on down to the shelter and meet me in the play yard?
Adoption fee: \$20.



Skeezi ID 462196

Name: Skeezi
Breed: domestic medium hair
Sex: neutered male
Age: four years
Color: orange

Comments: My name sounds like a sneeze but the only noise you'll hear from me is purring - which I do a lot. I guess it's because I'm such a happy cat. I love to be petted and brushed. When I'm not being groomed I like to spend my time playing and sleeping. I'd be an even happier cat if I could go home with you.

Adoption fee: \$50

For information about these and other animals available for adoption, call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS), log onto www.LeeLostPets.com or visit the center at 5600 Banner Drive, Fort Myers.*

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Crocodile Found Dead

They never did hatch, probably because she was infertile, but she nested every May 1 on a regular basis. Howland photographed the crocodile and even videotaped its movements along her driveway from the safety of her Jeep.

Her neighbors formed a vigilante group to protect the endangered creature. Howland would place barricades across Wild Lime Drive at night so vehicles wouldn't run into the croc if she rested her approximately 11-foot length in the road.

Howland recalled one occasion when her Sunday newspaper was "delivered" to the bottom of her stairs with teeth marks through it. She surmised that the croc, having no offspring to carry, had instinctively picked up her paper instead.

The croc sometimes appeared to have been in fights with alligators. It's not known why she ventured so far from others of her kind.

She is believed to be at least 50 years old. Average life span in the wild is up to 70 years. The only other crocodylian that gained as much notoriety - because of his large size of about 13 feet - was an alligator known as Marshall. He was found

dead in a canal off Venus Drive, probably from old age, in the early '80s.

Howland went to say a last goodbye to "momacroc" Wednesday, walking along the East River Trail on Conservation Foundation land. With her was Mark "Bird" Westall, a local naturalist and her former husband, and Tara Wertz, of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Refuge staff followed shortly after, led by Manager Paul Tritaik, to salvage the croc's remains for study. Tritaik said he wants the croc's entire skeleton returned to the refuge as a memorial.*

PugFest V: Toga Party

PugFest V: Toga Party is a dog-friendly fundraiser presented by the Lee County Library System. Proceeds support the library system's annual Southwest Florida Reading Festival. Activities include a pug fashion show, My Cup Runneth Over relay race, costume contest, pet paraphernalia, and drawings for prizes.

There is no admission fee but a \$5 donation per family is suggested. Nominal entry fees are charged for PugFest contests.

The pug festivities will be held from 12 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, January 31 at the



Bell Tower Shops. Bell Tower is located on the corner of U.S. 41 and Daniels Parkway, Fort Myers.

The Lee County PugFest started when author and illustrator Dan Yaccarino was scheduled to attend the Southwest Florida Reading Festival in 2005. Festival coordinators asked Yaccarino to stay an extra day for PugFest which would be modeled after the original PugFest event in Cincinnati, Ohio. Since 2005 the event has taken off and attracts about 1,200 people and 500 dogs and has raised more than \$11,000.

The program is a celebration of pugs,

but all breeds of dogs are welcome. Lee County PugFest is presented by the Lee County Library System with support from Bell Tower Shops, LITE 93.7, MC John Hulbert III, and Bark Avenue. For more information visit <http://readfest.org>.*

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TRIVIA TEST

1. **PSYCHOLOGY:** What is the excessive fear represented in "hippophobia"?
2. **BIBLE:** What Bible verse begins with the words: "The Lord is my shepherd ... "?
3. **PERSONALITIES:** What is Tiger Woods' real first name?
4. **MEASUREMENTS:** How many square inches are in a square foot?
5. **GEOGRAPHY:** What was the ancient Roman name for Ireland?
6. **HISTORY:** The Battle of Agincourt took place in which major war?
7. **INVENTIONS:** Who is credited with inventing potato chips?
8. **LANGUAGE:** What kind of animal does the adjective "porcine" refer to?
9. **MEDICINE:** What causes chilblains?
10. **MATH:** What is the Arabic equivalent of the Roman numerals LXX?

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Only one major-league player in the 1940s had 100 or more extra-base hits in a season. Name him.
2. Name three of the five major-league players tied for most career walk-off home runs (12).
3. How many national championships did head coach Barry Switzer win at Oklahoma?
4. Which team drafted Kobe Bryant in the 1996 NBA Draft?
5. Who was the longest-serving European captain in NHL history?
6. Entering 2010, how many Formula One season titles had driver Michael Schumacher won?
7. To whom, other than her sister Serena, has Venus Williams lost in a Grand Slam singles final?

ANSWERS

1. Fear of horses 2. Psalm 23 3. Eldrick 4. 144 5. Hibernia 6. Hundred Years War 7. George Crum 8. Pigs 9. Exposure to cold causing red, swollen skin 10. 70.

ANSWERS

1. Stan Musial of the St. Louis Cardinals in 1948 (46 doubles, 18 triples, 39 home runs). 2. Jimmie Foxx, Mickey Vernon, Stan Musial, Frank Robinson and Babe Ruth. 3. Three -- 1974, '75, '85. 4. The Charlotte Hornets. 5. Mats Wilander of Toronto (11 seasons). 6. Seven. 7. To Martina Hingis, in the 1997 U.S. Open.

My Stars ★★★

FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1, 2010

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You need to be certain that all the right conditions are in place before you take that first step. It can't hurt to listen to good advice from those who have your best interests at heart.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Be careful not to get involved in other people's disputes unless you know the facts behind the disagreements. That's the best way to be assured of making wise and honest decisions.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You still need to be careful about how you're going to spend those energy reserves you finally got around to restoring. Best advice: Avoid overdoing it. Let things take their course.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your aspect continues to favor travel -- alone or with that special person. So if you've been putting off making those getaway plans, it's still a good time to get started on them.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Those so-called golden opportunities that continue to dazzle the Lion still need to be carefully checked out. Be suspicious about anything that looks like the "perfect" prospect.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Changes at the workplace could make it more difficult to do things the way you prefer. But the wise Virgo who shows some flexibility could find it paying off in a big way.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might want to check out the explanation you were given for a sudden shift in your duties. There's a possibility that you haven't been told all the facts that you deserve to know.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Having confidence in your abilities is important, especially when you could be facing a new challenge, whether it's in the workplace or in a personal relationship. Good luck.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A new work-related opportunity might not be all that it seems. Before making any decisions, you might want to check with others who have had some experience in that area.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A situation involving someone close could benefit from your timely intervention. Avoid being judgmental. There'll be plenty of time later for those "little talks" you like to have.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Travel could be a surprise element in that new project. Be prepared for other previously undisclosed aspects that also might come to light as you proceed with the work.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Try to balance your work-related responsibilities with the time you're spending on your recently revived social life. An old friend might be planning to return after a long absence.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your sensitivity makes you aware of the needs of others. Have you considered a career as a counselor?

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On Feb. 2, 1847, the first woman of a group of pioneers commonly known as the Donner Party dies after they become snowbound while crossing the Sierra Nevada mountains. The disastrous trip west ended up killing 42 people and turned many of the survivors into cannibals.

- On Feb. 1, 1884, the first portion of the Oxford English Dictionary is published. Plans for the dictionary began in 1857 when it was estimated the project would take 10 years to finish. In fact, it took more than 70 years before the 125th and final portion was published in 1928.

- On Feb. 6, 1911, Rolls-Royce adopted the "Spirit of Ecstasy" mascot, the silver-winged hood ornament that has become the company's symbol.

- On Feb. 3, 1944, American forces invade and take control of the Marshall Islands, long occupied by the Japanese and used by them as a base for military operations. The Marshalls, east of the Caroline Islands in the western Pacific Ocean, had been in Japanese hands since World War I.

- On Feb. 4, 1959, Lawrence Taylor, one of the greatest defensive players in NFL history, is born in Williamsburg, Va. Taylor went on to play his entire 13-season professional career with the New York Giants and is credited with redefining the position of outside linebacker and terrorizing a generation of NFL quarterbacks.

- On Feb. 7, 1964, "Beatlemania" arrives at New York's Kennedy Airport. It was the first visit to the United States by the Beatles, a British rock-and-roll quartet that had just scored its first No. 1 U.S. hit six days before with "I Want to Hold Your Hand." The "Fab Four" were greeted by 3,000 screaming fans, who caused a near riot when The Beatles

stepped off the plane and onto American soil.

- On Feb. 5, 1989, the last Russian troops withdraw from the capital city of Kabul. Soviet armed forces entered Afghanistan in December 1979 to support that nation's pro-Soviet communist government in its battles with Muslim rebels. By the time the Soviets started to withdraw in early 1989, more than 13,000 Russian soldiers were dead and another 22,000 had been wounded.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was American political scientist, economist, psychologist and professor Herbert Simon who made the following sage observation: "What information consumes is rather obvious: It consumes the attention of its recipients. Hence a wealth of information creates a poverty of attention, and a need to allocate that attention efficiently among the overabundance of information sources that might consume it."

- Those who study such things claim that the act of licking a stamp burns one-tenth of a calorie.

- The shortest song in the world is "You Suffer," recorded in 1986 by the British band Napalm Death. It lasts precisely 1.316 seconds.

- Stanley Mason was an inventor who really got around, in a manner of speaking. In addition to coming with the idea for the granola bar, he also created the squeezable ketchup bottle, the disposable diaper, heated pizza boxes and the dental floss dispenser.

- There are more Polish people living in Chicago than in any city on Earth except for Warsaw, Poland's capital.

- Studiers of statistics say that in any random group of 23 people, the chances that at least two of them share a birthday is more than 50 percent.

- In the Commonwealth of Virginia, a statute contained within what's known as the Code of 1930 prohibits bribery or corruption by anyone other than a political candidate.

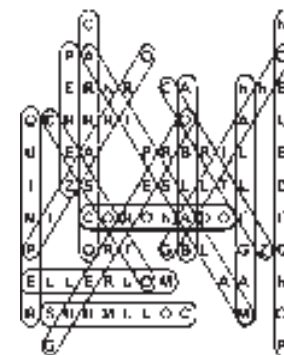
THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"I think the biggest mistake most people make when they pick their first job is they don't worry enough about whether they'll love the work, and they worry more about whether it's good experience." -- Steve Ballmer

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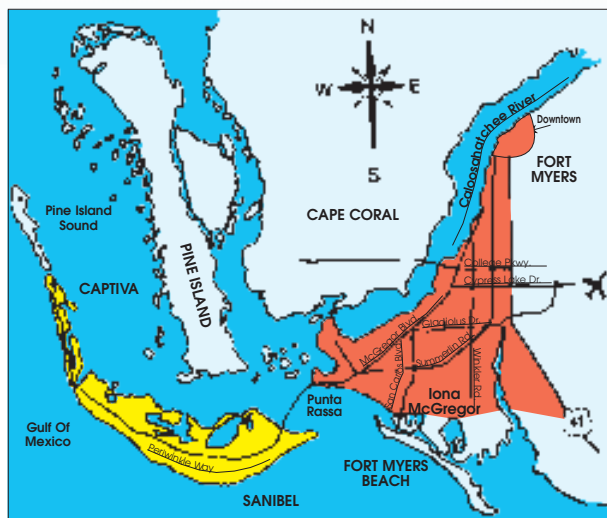
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Businesses looking to locate or expand in Lee County now have a new low interest financing option to consider in the form of tax-exempt Economic Recovery Zone Facility Bonds (RZFBs). The federal government has made \$56.1 million in tax-exempt financing available to Lee County businesses through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Applications will only be accepted for the next nine months and will be processed on a first come, first served basis until the allocation has been exhausted or through September 30, whichever happens first.

The purpose of these bonds is to provide tax-exempt, low interest financing to businesses that would normally not qualify for tax-exempt debt. This conduit financing program has been implemented by the Lee County Industrial Development Authority (IDA) to promote growth and economic development in the County.

If a business qualifies for regular bank financing, there is a good chance it will qualify for a tax-exempt bond under this program. Typical projects might include (but not limited to): commercial build/lease project (medical office building/strip mall); for profit healthcare project (doctor-owned surgery/diagnostic center); profit/non-profit new businesses (bank/pharmacy/gas station/big-box retail); expansion of existing business (new warehouse/showroom/office space), according to a release from the Lee County Economic Development Office.

Applications are currently being accepted for projects requesting at least \$3,000,000 in financing. Completed applications will be reviewed and analyzed by the IDA, which will present feasible recommendations to the Board of Lee County Commissioners for ultimate approval.

A non-refundable application fee of \$1,500 for bond applications up to \$5 million and \$2,500 for applications over \$5 million is required at time of submission.

Questions about the program, including inquiries about what types of projects are eligible can be submitted to EDO@Leegov.com or call 800-330-3161 or 338-3161.✱

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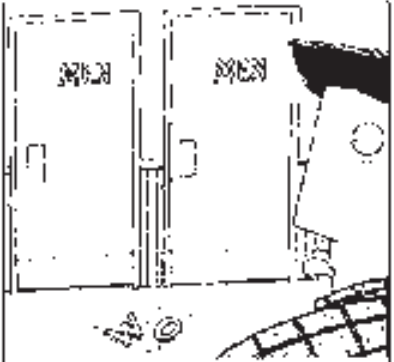
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SUDOKU

To play Sudoku: Complete the grid so that every row, column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 (the same number cannot appear more than once in a row, column or 3x3 box.) There is no guessing and no math involved, just logic.

answer on page 35



Bobby decides to
until he gets home.

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the board letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag.

Detective
TALUFY

Chuckie
HALGU

Slope
CELINNI

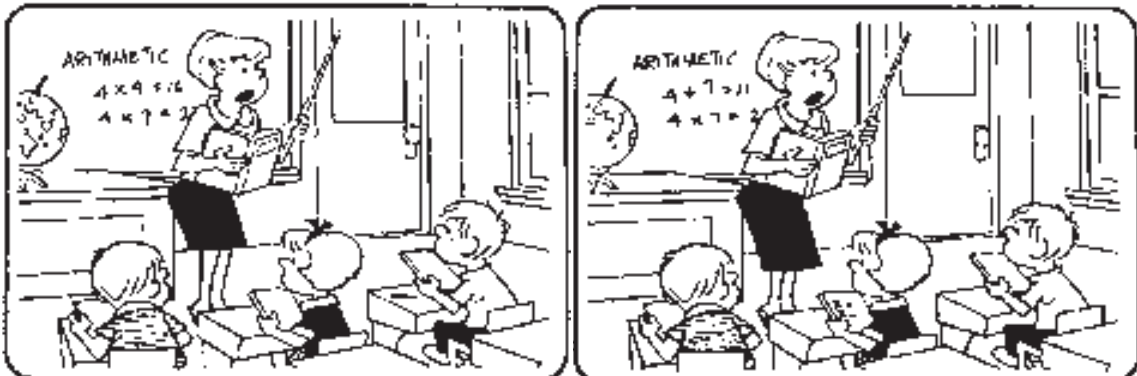
Heat
THRAWM

TODAY'S WORD

answer on page 35

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Math problems in different 2. Pencil missing 3. Girl's book has writing 4. Country missing on globe 5. Shirt's longer 6. Door window is shorter

THE RIVER

WEEKLY NEWS

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- Florida Marine Patrol.....332-6966
- Florida Highway Patrol.....278-7100
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- Foundation for Quality Childcare.....425-2685
- Ft. Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce.....454-7500
- Fort Myers Beach Library.....463-9691
- Lakes Regional Library.....533-4000
- Lee County Chamber of Commerce.....931-0931
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- Alliance for the Arts.....939-2787
- Arts For ACT Gallery & Studio.....337-5050
- Art League Of Fort Myers.....275-3970
- Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall.....481-4849
- BIG ARTS.....395-0900
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- Cultural Park Theatre.....772-5862
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- Florida West Arts.....948-4427
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- Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers.....472-0168
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- Harmony Chorus, Charles Sutter, Pres.....481-8059
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- Theatre Conspiracy.....936-3239
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- Edison Porcelain Artists.....415-2484
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- Horticultural Society.....472-6940
- Lee County Genealogical Society.....549-9625
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- Navy Seabees Veterans of America.....731-1901
- Paradise Iowa Club of SWFL.....667-1354
- Southwest Florida Fencing Academy.....939-1338
- Southwest Florida Music Association.....561-2118

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- Fort Myers Edison.....694-1056
- Fort Myers South.....691-1405
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- Iona-McGregor.....482-0869

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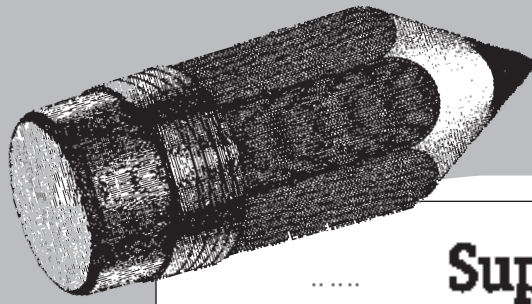
- Fort Myers Beach.....463-9738
- Fort Myers High Noon.....466-4228
- Estero/South Fort Myers.....898-1921
- Notre Dame Club of Lee County.....768-0417
- POLO Club of Lee County.....477-4906
- Rotary Club of Fort Myers.....332-8158
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BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

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Super Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Exercise target
 - 5 Acluate
 - 10 Boston
 - 14 Denize Washington film
 - 19 Kansas city
 - 20 — cognita
 - 21 Confon
 - 22 "Madder-march" author
 - 23 Butcher-shop buy
 - 25 Modern Mesopotamia
 - 26 Numerical word form
 - 27 Theater collection
 - 28 Director Michael
 - 30 Satyrical 32 Vm
 - 33 Bond rating
 - 35 Neapolitan song
 - 38 Work over?
 - 39 Tarnish
 - 44 PBS benefactor
 - 45 M's Nick Charles
 - 47 ABA member
 - 48 Shapshape
 - 50 Standard
 - 52 Dour cry
 - 56 Start of a Nash verse
 - 60 Maesko Anturo
 - 63 Opening remark?
 - 64 To and —
 - 65 Rang
 - 66 Rapier
 - 70 Kruger of "High Noon"
 - 72 — vous plat?
 - 73 To boot
 - 74 Bach lavande
 - 78 Hostage
 - 81 New Deal agency
 - 82 — May Driver
 - 83 Most enthusiastic
 - 87 Diminutive suffix
 - 88 Make miasinone
 - 90 Say please
 - 92 Actress Zefwagner
 - 93 Connecticut county
 - 95 It's a guy thing
 - 96 Perplexed
 - 99 Whil ste
 - 101 Kenwood compellor
 - 102 Glowing
 - 103 No to Nureyev
 - 106 Asian soldier
 - 107 Haphazard
 - 110 C snay dog
 - 113 George Peppard series
 - 117 Karl or Sara
 - 118 What a feller needs
 - 119 Keeping
 - 120 Give in to gravity
 - 123 Walked
 - 126 Diacritical mark
 - 128 Author Ambig'
 - 131 Famed disc jockey
 - 134 Irving's "The — New Hampshire"
 - 135 Ammens' riva
 - 136 Messy Madison
 - 137 European country
 - 138 High-tech missives
 - 139 Expensive
 - 140 Uses a tripan
 - 141 TV's "Ding — School"
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Tam
 - 2 Samaras strokes
 - 3 Soap additive
 - 4 Chicken idios
 - 5 — been ages?
 - 6 "Simple Simon —"
 - 7 Type of sch.
 - 8 Thaka's sister
 - 9 Aileen and Victoria
 - 10 Mike High Center architect
 - 11 Boathouse item
 - 12 Sacred song
 - 13 Costume spallier
 - 14 Kid
 - 15 Castilian cry
 - 16 Holly herbivore
 - 17 Short messages
 - 18 Sick 'em in your ear
 - 24 Actor Morales
 - 29 Singer: Summer
 - 31 — Canals
 - 34 Composer: Thomas
 - 36 August one?
 - 37 Big revolver?
 - 38 Holsten's home
 - 39 Rome's — of Caracalla
 - 40 Lucy's lullaby
 - 41 Marker
 - 42 "Aladdin" frame
 - 43 Grapefruit serving
 - 46 Way
 - 48 Deck of cepty
 - 51 Dewy
 - 53 Pickling herb
 - 54 Baseball's Slaughter
 - 55 Puerto —
 - 57 City on the Atrephony
 - 58 Reply to the Little Red Hen
 - 59 One who no's best?
 - 110 Woodworking tool
 - 111 Postulate
 - 112 A le feature
 - 114 Mysterious
 - 115 iron clothes?
 - 118 Animal that roared?
 - 119 Convent cube
 - 121 Namu or Willy
 - 122 Broomsbury boggy
 - 124 Roy Rogers' birthplace
 - 125 Bruce of Laura
 - 127 "Agnus —"
 - 129 Journalist Tarball
 - 130 Apilar-coaster unit
 - 132 — longa, via brevis?
 - 133 Brew barrel

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Pingpong tactic
- 4 Vacationing
- 7 Whirled
- 11 help a noodle in
- 13 Apocoe
- 14 Skin opening
- 15 Ark-ject
- 16 Earl Grey, for one
- 17 Egress
- 18 Plan
- 20 Burnhamton event
- 22 Present
- 24 River mountains
- 28 Convertible alternative
- 32 Type of cotton thread
- 33 Lotion additive
- 34 Japanese sword cap
- 36 Volting (Sp.)
- 37 Beatles drummer
- 39 Telecast
- 41 Girl who ment "grry"
- 43 Recede
- 44 Conception
- 46 Old photo ink
- 50 Snow's male
- 51 Upper limb
- 55 Consumes
- 56 Reptilelike
- 57 Old Oldhamble
- 58 Staircase component
- 59 Jewels
- 60 Tree linn
- 61 Type squares
- DOWN**
- 1 Auld "Sire"
- 2 Bond instrument
- 3 Throb
- 4 Croquet
- 5 Nourish
- 6 Chastity
- 7 Events for Avee ah
- 8 Plague
- 9 Swiss canteen
- 10 Profit
- 12 USAF air show group
- 19 Caution in the air
- 21 Meray or conge?
- 23 Sotifry pan
- 25 Deput
- 26 "Things I Overlearn"
- 27 Line of "lashen?"
- 28 Possesses old style
- 29 Vocal range
- 30 Wander
- 31 Burst
- 35 Hair
- 38 Scopic
- 40 Out of use in the air
- 42 Century dividers
- 45 Viny
- 47 Top of the head
- 48 Particular
- 49 Venomous vipers
- 50 Saicho
- 51 How rock
- 52 "rest on
- 54 Swabber's tool

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