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## A Musical Night With Nature



Kat Epple and DL Turner from the group Katalyst

Smooth celestial jazz, contemporary folk, and Mayan music will be featured at the annual concert to benefit CREW (Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed) Land Trust, which is one of Southwest Florida's most successful environmental programs. The concert will begin at 6 p.m. on March 27.

A wide variety of musical styles will float through The Bonita Springs Riverside Park, as four different musical ensembles perform a concert in the bandshell, featuring

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## Fort Myers Beach Shrimp Festival Is This Saturday

The 52nd Fort Myers Beach Shrimp Festival kicks into high gear with the Fort Myers Beach Lions Shrimp Festival Parade at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 13. Matanzas Pass Bridge will close at 9 a.m. and the parade will march north from School Street along Estero Boulevard, about 1.5 miles, to the festival grounds at Lynn Hall Park Beach, in the heart of town.

Other festivities will include more than 100 craft and food vendors, plus live entertainment. As always, Lions Club members will cook up their world famous shrimp dinners for thousands of hungry festival-goers.

At 1 p.m. the final judging and crowning of the Shrimp Festival Queen takes place beach style at the pavilion. Collectible festival T-shirts, tank tops and hats will be on sale.

One hundred percent of the profits from Lions efforts go to local Lions charities including the Florida Lions Camp, local scholarships, local eyesight care and treatment for those in need, guide dog training, and placement. For information about Lions charities and efforts visit [www.fmbliions.com](http://www.fmbliions.com). For festival information visit [www.beachshrimpfestival.com](http://www.beachshrimpfestival.com).✪



## Fantasy & Fairytales In Books And Art

In partnership with the Southwest Florida Reading Festival, the Alliance for the Arts will celebrate Fantasy & Fairytales in Books and Art with a fun-filled day of themed children's activities. Sponsored by Train with Shane, this free family event on March 18 from 4 to 6 p.m. promotes literary arts with storytellers, cartooning, music and hands-on art projects.

This year children will be treated to an expanded line-up of interactive activities and entertainers. Doug McGregor, *The News Press* cartoonist, will work with kids to create their own cartoon through demonstrations

and guided instruction. Jason Edwards, children's author, brings his unique concept of StoryPlay, in which kids don't just watch the show – they join in. Professional storyteller, Mary Lou Williams, is back for the second year to engage the children in her animated adventures of myth and fantasy.

The whole family is invited to discover a magical place where old tales have much to teach about heroism and how one finds the courage to fight and prevail against adversity.

For more information contact the Alliance for the Arts, McGregor and Colonial Boulevards, at 939-ARTS or [www.ArtInLee.org](http://www.ArtInLee.org).✪



Children dress up at Fantasy & Fairytales 2009

## Downtown Merchants Unite For St. Pat's Day

The River District Alliance, a committee of downtown Fort Myers businesses and entertainment centers, has joined with the United Irish of Southwest Florida to host a Downtown St. Pat's Celebration on Wednesday, March 17 beginning at 6 p.m.

Parts of downtown streets including

First, Hendry and Dean will be closed off for a festive block party that will include live bands, drink specials, Irish food, and celebrations at local bars and restaurants throughout the evening.

Party-goers will also have a chance to win round trip airline tickets to Ireland with raffle tickets being sold for \$1 each or six for \$5 for the United Irish of SW Florida. The winner will be chosen that night and need not be present to win.

"This is truly a collaborative effort on the part of all the downtown merchants,"

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## Sanibel/Captiva In Top 10 Markets For Second Homes

by Anne Mitchell

The *Wall Street Journal* reported Monday that there's a revival in the market for luxury real estate – and that Sanibel/Captiva is in the top 10 best locations for second homes.

Ranked No. 1 is Maui and others include The Hamptons, Kiawah Island, South Carolina, Pebble Beach, California, and Aspen Colorado. Sanibel/Captiva is in 8th place.

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### TOP 10

1. Maui
2. Kiawah Island, SC
3. The Hamptons
4. Park City, UT
5. Aspen, CO
6. Pebble Beach, CA
7. Palm Beach, FL
8. Sanibel/Captiva
9. Asheville, NC
10. Gasparilla Island

# Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now: Donuts And Orange Juice On First Street



by Gerri Reaves

In the late 1950s, Anne's Donut Shop served hot donuts, orange juice, and other delights in downtown Fort Myers just west of First and Hendry Streets.

Anne's Donut Shop was located in a building dating to about 1914. Peter Tonnelier, a wealthy developer from Michigan, bought the 1905 Leon Building (Stone Block) on the corner in 1912 from Dr. Benjamin P Matheson.

He proceeded to re-build and renovate the block, expanding and remodeling the Leon Hotel and creating Tonnelier Court (now Patio de Leon) between 1913 and 1915.

The "El Leon Hotel" sign painted on the wall in the historic photo connects the narrow building to its original use as part of

Peter Tonnelier's new hotel annex.

In this circa 1958 photo, other "vintage" items mark the decade when a different aesthetic ruled urban sidewalks.

Notice the bubblegum machine on the left, by Wimberly's Drug Store on the corner at Hendry Street.

Note too the convenient mailbox perched on a post between the donut shop and Brown's photography studio on the right.

And that air-conditioning unit protruding from the window over Wimberly's... well, that isn't something one is likely to see on First Street today.

In fact, this photo of more than a half-century ago illustrates well what everyone seems to be saying lately: Downtown Fort Myers is more beautiful now than it has been in many years – maybe in living memory.



Today, the former donut and orange juice shop is the entrance to the Patio de Leon Condominiums. The historic buildings remain, but downtown redevelopment has much improved the look of more than 50 years ago.

Today, the same buildings have been restored to architectural integrity. Vanished are the hodge-podge of hanging signs, painted signs, and general added-on tacky-tackiness.

The improved look extends right down to the ground, thanks to the newly finished streetscaping.

However, although the look of today's business district might be preferable to that of the late 1950s, who would argue that it would be nice to ratchet-up the business activity a notch or two to rival that of the Fort Myers of 50 years ago?

This section of First Street is certainly doing its part to do just that.

The former Anne's Donuts Shop is now the attractive entrance to the Patio de Leon Condominiums. Café Matisse now occupies the Wimberly's Drug Store spot, and La Trattoria serves up Italian cuisine in the former Brown's Studio.

Walk down to First Street to the site where Anne's Donut Shop served countless customers in a busy downtown decades ago.

Then walk a few block to the Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street. Along the way, you can appreciate downtown's new retro look. And when you get to the museum, you can travel to ancient times by seeing Tutankhamun: Wonderful Things from the Pharaoh's Tomb.

For information, call 321-7430 or go to [swflmuseumofhistory.com](http://swflmuseumofhistory.com). The museum's hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Don't forget to check out the Southwest Florida Historical Society at 10091 McGregor Boulevard. It's an invaluable resource for local history and genealogical research. Call 939-4044 or drop by on Wednesday or Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon.

Sources: *The Story of Fort Myers* by Karl H. Grismer and the archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society.\*



In the late 1950s, Anne's Donut Shop was located on First Street, just west of Hendry. Wimberly's Drug Store was in the corner spot (left) and Brown's Studio occupied the building to Anne's west side (right).

photo courtesy of the Southwest Florida Historical Society



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## Internationally Known Soprano To Sing At Church



Svetlana Strezeva

The fourth of the concerts in the 2009/10 Chapel by the Sea Presbyterian Church Concert Series on Fort Myers Beach will be held on Sunday, March 21. Svetlana Strezeva, soprano, with Michael Melnikov, pianist, will perform at 4 p.m. A free will offering will be taken. No tickets are required.

This concert will feature selections from the classical, sacred, and popular repertoire. Russian classical music and folksongs will be included as will American classical and popular tunes.

Strezeva is a prominent Russian-born American soprano. She is a laureate of the P. Tchaikovsky International Competition in Moscow and M. Glinka Vocal International Competition in Minsk. She did her professional studies at La Scala in Milan, Italy, under the guidance of Opera Diva G. Simionato.

Strezeva was prima donna of the Moldova National Opera Company. She made her debut at the Bolshoi Theater as Shemakha in *Le Coq D'Or* by Rimsky-

Korsakoff under the direction of Maestro Eugene Svetlanov. She also sang at the Mariinsky Theater in St. Petersburg as Violetta in *La Traviata* under the direction of Eugene Colobov. In addition to her very busy schedule at the Moldova Opera she also sang leading roles with touring opera companies and solo recitals in Baltimore, Boston, Brussels, Bucharest, Chicago, Helsinki, Miami, Milan, New York, Rome, St. Petersburg, St. Louis, Tallin, Odessa and many other cities throughout the world.

She has been praised as "the great Russian nightingale" by Russia's St. Petersburg press. Now residing in the

United States with her family, her career is flourishing in recitals, as well as soloist with symphony orchestras.

Michael Melnikov is the music director at Chapel by the Sea Presbyterian Church and a renowned pianist and organist who did his professional studies in choral and orchestra conducting and piano performance at Voronezh Music Academy and later at Moscow Conservatory of Music. He has studied the organ in Riga, Latvia and Vilnius, Lithuania.

He had performed countless concerts as a child and young adult in Russia and then later in the USA. He has been

praised by the Old Colony Memorial News, Massachusetts as "Best Bet" for his Grand Concerts.

Melnikov has performed piano duets on TV shows in Boston with his wife Elena, as well as favorites by Beethoven, Chopin, Liszt, Rachmaninoff and Scriabin. He loves to perform his favorite organ works by Bach and Handel and many others.

Chapel by the Sea Presbyterian Church is in the 2500 Block of Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach, on Sunday, March 21, at 4 p.m. The concert is free, no tickets are required.\*

# Napa

## WINE DINNER

Taste some of Napa's finest wines at The Sandy Butler's March wine dinner on Monday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m. Priced at \$100 per person, the evening includes a four-course gourmet meal and wine tasting.

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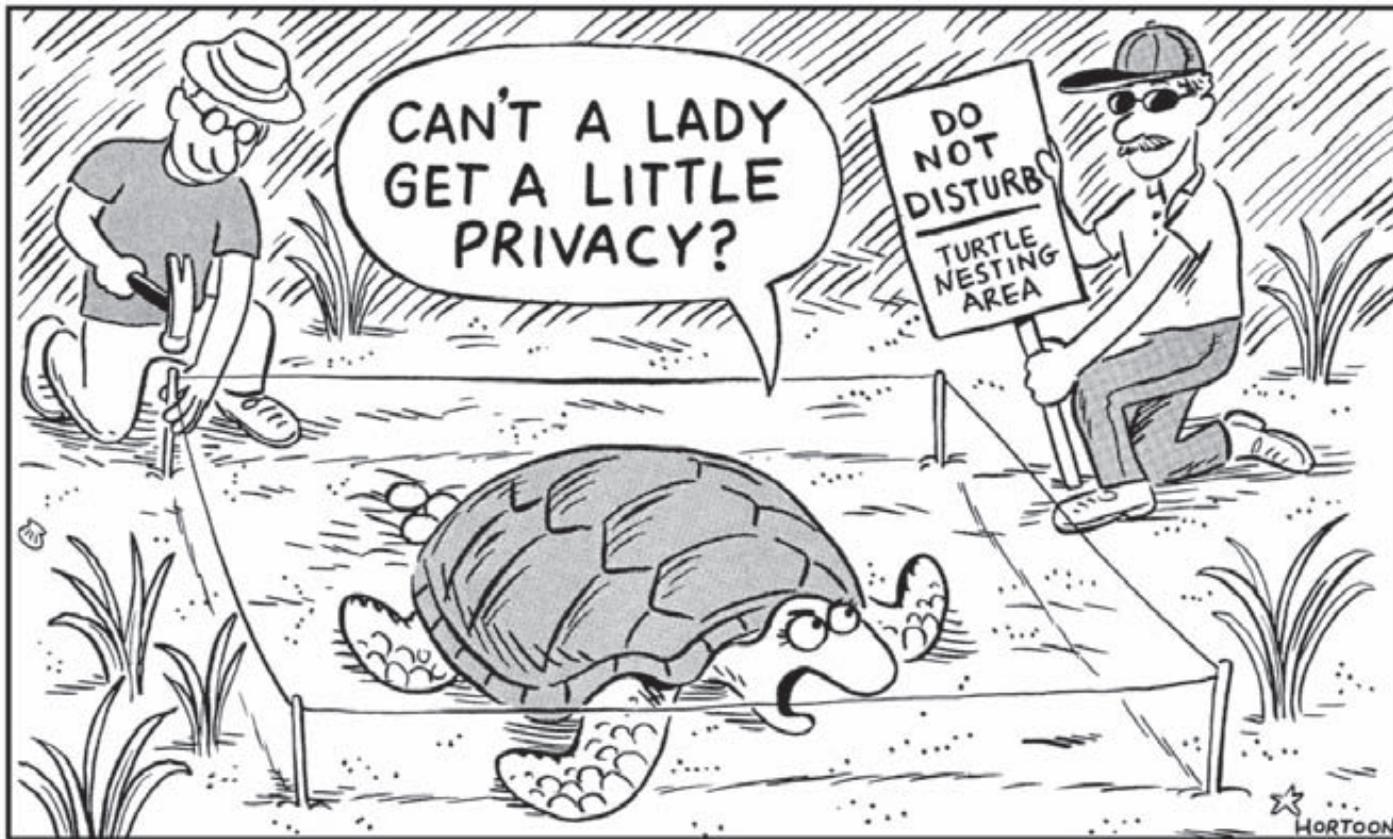
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## Greeters Club

**L**ove orchids? Come to the next meeting of the Greeters Club of Greater Fort Myers to learn about the selection and care of orchids.

Lee Behrhorst from Sundance Orchards will be the guest speaker for the Thursday, April 15 luncheon which begins with registration at 11:30 a.m. The luncheon meetings are held at Crown Colony Country Club, 16021 Winkler Road, Fort Myers.

Cost is \$18 and reservations are required. Contact Patricia Spotts at 432-9498 to reserve a space.\*

## Beach Yacht Club To Meet

**T**he monthly meeting of the Fort Myers Beach Yacht Club will be held Wednesday, March 24 at the American Legion Post 274, 899 Buttonwood Drive, on San Carlos Island.

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 may call Commodore Tom Swanbeck for reservations and additional information at 292-6284.

To learn more about the club log onto [www.FMBYachtClub.org](http://www.FMBYachtClub.org).\*

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## Classic Car Show In Cape Coral

**A** variety of classic cars from the 1950s to present day will be on display at the Cape Coral Yacht Club Community Park on Sunday, March 14 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The show will also feature raffles/prizes for participants and food and music throughout the day.

Admission is free. For those showing cars, the pre-registration fee is \$15 and \$20 for day of show. For more information call 574-0806 or visit [www.capeparks.com](http://www.capeparks.com).

Cape Coral Yacht Club is located at 5819 Driftwood Parkway, Cape Coral.\*

## Antiques And Collectibles Fair

**T**he Tony Rotino Senior Center will hold an Antique and Collectibles Fair on Saturday March 20. Appraisals will be offered on-site for \$5 per item with a limit of three items per person. Items that can be appraised include paper and artwork, toys and furniture, jewelry, dolls, decorator items, glassware, china and crystal, coins, watches, nautical and military. Free coffee and cookies will be provided.

Call 574-0807 for more information. Tony Rotino Center is at 5817 Driftwood Parkway, Cape Coral.\*

## Republican Club Luncheon And Fashion Show Fundraiser

**A**ll Things Green is the theme for the annual fashion show fundraiser being held by the Fort Myers Republican Women's Club Federated on Tuesday, March 16 at The Helm Club at The Landings in South Fort Myers. Fashions by Anthony's will be featured, with club members serving as the models. The event replaces the regular monthly business meeting.

The public is invited to attend. The day's activities include a card party and silent auction beginning at 10 a.m. Donations for door prizes, raffle items, and the silent auction are being accepted. Information on these items may be obtained by contacting the past president, Marilyn Stout, at 549-5629.

A social hour and silent auction begin at 11 a.m. The fashion show and luncheon are at noon. Tickets are \$30. Reservations are required by Thursday, March 11 and may be made by contacting Tina Laurie at 489-4701.\*

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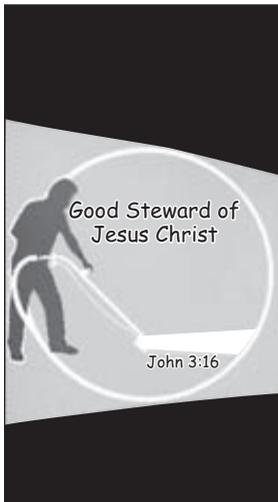
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## A Musical Night With Nature



Las Mayas de Huehuetenango

flute, harp, guitar, mandolin, vocals, and native instruments. Performers include: the sensational new band Katalyst, plus Roy Schneider, Susie Hulcher Jennings, and Las Mayas de Huehuetenango.

Other performers include Wonerwhirl Hoops, and, as usual, the event will also include special surprise guest performers.

Bonita Springs Riverside Park is located on old U.S. 41 Road at 26740 Pine Avenue, Bonita Springs.

Tickets are \$20 (children 12 and under free) and can be purchased at the gate or in advance by calling Brenda Brooks at 239-657-2253 or emailing crewtrust@earthlink.net. To learn more about CREW visit [www.crewtrust.org](http://www.crewtrust.org).

Bring lawn chairs, blankets, no pets. Food, beer and wine will be available.

Katalyst will be performing their own unique blend of original smooth celestial jazz, Celtic, new age, and world music. The innovative sound is rich in colors, rhythms, and timbres, and consists of: Kat Epple on flute, DL Turner on harp, Darrell Nutt on percussion, and David Johnson on bass.

Roy Schneider is a contemporary songwriter with strong roots in folk, delta blues, '60s rock, bluegrass, reggae, gypsy jazz and soul. Performing on guitar, vocals and mandolin, his songs are from the heart, and span the gamut from soulful to silly to bluesy and gritty. Schneider carries over a decade of solid performance experience, is featured on many radio stations, and has three CDs to his credit.

Susie Hulcher Jennings is a versatile vocalist, compelling songwriter, and fine guitarist. Her vast array of sonic influences is especially apparent in her original music. As she interprets other artists' songs, this chanteuse will wrap her vocal cords around jazz,



Roy Schneider

pop, soul, whatever the decade, to serve the song. Hulcher Jennings describes her show as: "A girl... a guitar... and a warped imagination."

The rhythms, chants and dance of Las Mayas de Huehuetenango emerge from the northwestern mountains of Guatemala. The Mayan women and girls wear their villages' traditional blouses (huipiles) and skirts (cortes) while they perform on flutes, vocals, dance, and the bamboo drums (tuns) which they created and painted.\*



Susie Jennings

photo by Darrell Nutt

## Author Lecture At Collier Museum

Author of *The Florida Life of Thomas Edison*, Michele Wehrwein Albion, will be at Collier County Museum on Saturday, March 20 at 1 p.m. for a lecture and book signing of her biography of America's most famous inventor. Books will be sold for \$30 (cash or check only).

Using a wide range of little-known resources, including photographs, manuscripts, maps and newspaper accounts, Albion explores an important facet of Edison's life that is largely unknown. In doing so, she presents the full story of his professional and leisure life in Florida.

Few people realize the extent to which Thomas Edison called Florida home. From 1885 until his death in 1931, Edison wintered in the sleepy gulf coast town of Fort Myers. There he was the pride of the small town, which eagerly watched to see what the wizard would conjure up next.

Edison's presence encouraged Henry Ford to buy the Florida estate next door. Edison's experiments with rubber from local plants intrigued Ford and Harvey Firestone, who funded Edison's research.

Albion was former assistant curator and registrar at the United States Holocaust Museum and curator of the Edison & Ford Winter Estates in Fort Myers. She lives in Dover, New Hampshire.

The museum is located just five minutes east of downtown Naples at 3301 Tamiami Trail East in Naples. The museum's five-acre plot includes a native plant garden, orchid house, two early Naples cottages, a logging locomotive, swamp buggies and a WWII Sherman tank. The main facility is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free and the site is handicapped accessible. For more information, visit [www.colliermuseums.com](http://www.colliermuseums.com) or call 239-252-8476.\*



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## Along The River



Nervous Nellie's Crazy Waterfront Eatery opens March 12 at the former Snug Harbor Restaurant on Fort Myers Beach

The wait is over! **Nervous Nellie's Crazy Waterfront Eatery** on Fort Myers Beach will open on Friday, March 12. Rob DeGennaro and his crew are offering boaters and landlubbers alike a wide variety of overstuffed sandwiches, fresh seafood and casual favorites, all in a family-fun atmosphere. Listen to live music at Ugly's Waterside Bar, the place "where everybody gets prettier," upstairs from the main dining area. Marina dockage is free with dock attendant's assistance.

Nervous Nellie's Crazy Waterfront Eatery is located at 1131 First Street, Fort Myers Beach and is open for Sunday Brunch, lunch, dinner and snacks in between. Call 463-8077 or go to [www.nervousnelliess.net](http://www.nervousnelliess.net).

Put on something green (or you may be pinched!) and head downtown for **The Bar Association Bistro and Lounge's** all-day St. Patrick's Day party. From 11 a.m. to close on Wednesday, March 17, owners Ron Kopko and Mark Solomon are serving up traditional Irish food and Irish music from the jukebox in their beautiful courtyard restaurant.

The Bar Association is located at 1609 Hendry Street in historic downtown Fort Myers. For more information, call 334-8080.

While downtown, stop by **Fancy Flamingo Antiques** and browse through the seemingly endless selection of antiques, vintage clothes, decorative art and one-of-a-kind collectibles. Jesse Williams, owner, has stocked her large shop with unique treasures from the past and present.

Fancy Flamingo Antiques is located at 2259 Widman Way and is open Tuesday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

On Monday, March 29, **The Sandy Butler Restaurant** gives guests the opportunity to taste some of Napa Valley's finest wines. The Napa Wine Dinner starts at 7 p.m. and reservations are required. The price of \$100 per person includes a four-course gourmet meal and wine tasting.

The Sandy Butler Restaurant is located at 17650 San Carlos Boulevard, Fort Myers. For reservations, call 482-6765 ext. 1.

**Artist Greg Biolchini** announces openings for his remaining March workshops. All workshops run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and are held at his spacious, riverfront studio located at 81 West North Shore Avenue, North Fort Myers.

March 15-19: The Classic Portrait From Life - Pastel, Model Fee Included (\$350)

Participants can expect to learn this direct approach to portrait painting from a model with pastel as both a dry and wet

medium. The motivation will be on getting a likeness, color and flesh tone mixing, backgrounds, and composition. Each day will begin with a two to three hour demonstration, focusing on the principles of portrait painting in pastel. Participants are encouraged to ask questions at all times including during the demos. After lunch, participants will paint from the model. During this time, Biolchini will go around to each painter offering suggestions focusing on their individual needs.

March 22- 24, \$180: Painting From Photos You Love - Oil

Each day will start with a stimulating two-hour demonstration. During the demonstrations, Biolchini will share how he paints in oil quickly, wet-into-wet, from photography. Participants are encouraged to ask questions during the demonstrations. After each day's demo, Biolchini will go to each person offering individual instruction during the painting sessions. Size 8" x 12" photo references will be available if you do not have your own photo to work from.

March 27: ew: Are You Stuck? (\$90)

Every artist gets that feeling that there is something wrong with their painting. They stare at it and stare at it, but just cannot figure it out. That is when a fresh perspective can really pay off. This workshop is designed to give intensive help to move past the hurdles to complete (or even start) your painting. Biolchini will come around the room offering suggestions focusing on your individual needs. He will share everything about his highly successful, award winning techniques, in all mediums. Optional open critique starts at 3:30 p.m. At this time, artists wishing to participate will receive an overall critique of their work at whatever stage of completion, from first Biolchini, and then their fellow workshop attendees.

For more information, call 910-6088 or email Biolchini at [biolchinistudio@yahoo.com](mailto:biolchinistudio@yahoo.com).\*\*



Fancy Flamingo Antiques in the historic downtown Fort Myers River District

## Franklin Shops To Accommodate Multiple Retailers

The Franklin Shops on First Street will be opening October 2010 in the River District of Downtown Fort Myers. This business offers retailers the solution to the escalating overhead cost of operating a retail business.

The concept is the answer for boutique-level retail business to survive and once again compete in the mass merchandising retail arena, say the owners.

The expected opening date is October. The Franklin Shops will be located on First Street and Broadway in a building originally known as The Franklin Hardware store. This 9,650-square-foot building offers the opportunity for up to 70 businesses to call the River District their home.

The building will function as an all-inclusive Shop Space management firm. Leasing offers entrepreneurs services that include: facility management; personnel management; customer service management; and daily operation services.

By leasing space to different entrepreneurs with unique visions and ideas, The Franklin Shops on First Street has the ability to offer a wide variety of merchandise to customers and a unique shopping experience. It will provide entrepreneurs the opportunity to start small; identify and modify merchandise being sold; and grow their passion into a real business in the Southwest Florida area.

Its strategy is to provide boutique level

retail stores the ability to recapture their customer base and once again compete in the mass-merchandising retail arena. By joining together, the start-up costs and the daily operating costs is part of the investment The Franklin Shops on First Street provides.

The owners are currently interviewing prospective retailers. For more information contact Rene Miville at 395-1666, and/or Allison Campbell at-595-6256.\*\*



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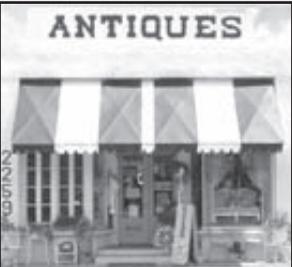
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## Health And Fitness Day For The Kids

The Junior League of Fort Myers announces its fourth annual Kids in the Kitchen event to be held Saturday, March 20, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Heights Community Park. Check-in is from 9:30 to 10 a.m. The event will promote nutrition, healthy eating and fun fitness activities. The first 200 registered children ages five to 10 will receive a gift bag, lunch and be able to participate in scheduled activities. Parents or guardians must stay with their children during the event and activities.

The Junior League's Kids in the Kitchen is a national program designed to help our communities address the urgent issues surrounding childhood obesity and poor nutrition. Since the early 1970s the number of overweight children in our country has increased dramatically, substantially increasing children's risks for health problems such as type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol. Over 200 million people throughout the nation have been reached with messages about the Kids in the Kitchen program and ways to fight the spread of childhood obesity through public service Announcements and media coverage.

The Junior League of Fort Myers has been joining in this national fight against childhood obesity and poor nutrition since



Ryan Scharlau enjoyed the fitness activities at the 2009 Junior League of Fort Myers Kids in the Kitchen event

2006. This year, the event is being held in Harlem Heights, where it will benefit some of Lee County's neediest children. In addition to learning about nutrition and healthy snacks, children will be participating in fitness activities including a rock climbing wall and obstacle course, a bike safety demonstration, Zumba, basketball and tennis. A Family Fun Run, with medals awarded to participants, starts promptly at 10 a.m. Appropriate shoes must be worn to participate in the run.

Heights Community Park is located at 7340 Concourse Drive in Fort Myers. Registration is available online at <http://kidsinthekitchen.eventbrite.com/>. For information call 277-1197.\*

## Lee County Summer Camps

Parents now can sign up their children for Lee County Parks & Recreation Summer Camp, which offers teen camps, specialty camps and traditional camps like those you remember growing up.

Register online at [www.leeparks.org](http://www.leeparks.org) or by calling 533-7440. Camp begins June 28 and runs seven weeks. Prices range from \$57 to \$75 per week. A 10 percent discount is given to those who register online.

Registration for swimming lessons and summer aquatics programs begins April 6.

"We are going to continue to offer all of our programs - they are not going away, despite challenging economic times," said Barbara Manzo, director of Lee County Parks & Recreation.

To ensure campers' safety, each camp counselor has passed a background check and has undergone training in CPR/first aid, behavior management, camp standards and health and safety, Manzo said.

Registration continues until sessions fill. Each year, the spots at Wa-Ke Hatchee Recreation Center, Lakes Regional Park and Estero Recreation

Center fill up before school ends. Wa-Ke Hatchee currently has a waiting list.

If you plan to register for camp at one of the three mega-recreation centers, you need to obtain a family membership first. This applies to the centers at Wa-Ke Hatchee, Estero or Veterans Park in Lehigh Acres. You need to have a household account at [www.leeparks.org](http://www.leeparks.org) if you want to register online.

Call 533-7440 for more details.\*

## Genealogical Society Meetings

There will be two meetings in March of the Lee Genealogical Society. Both are free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Saturday, March 13 is the quarterly meeting at 10 a.m. at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, 4141 Deleon Street, Fort Myers.

The program will be presented by Carl Meier, second vice president, on Health Issues in the Early 20th Century and the Records they Produced.

The monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, March 18 at 1 p.m. at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church. The program will be presented by Professor Emeritus of History David T. Childress, Ph.D. on How Our Ancestors Survived the Great Depression (1929-1946).

For more information, email [President@LCGSFL.org](mailto:President@LCGSFL.org).\*

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## Zonta Foundation Of Southwest Florida Awards Grant To SWFAS



Joanne Mariott (center) shows SWFAS residents Lona Harding (left) and Denise Gonzalez how to apply make-up for everyday living



SWFAS residents Christina Nicotra and Susan Perwerton share tips they have learned



Joanne Mariott and Sandi Hutchings of the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva teach make-up techniques to SWFAS resident Christina Nicotra

The Zonta Foundation of Southwest Florida has awarded a \$10,000 grant to Southwest Florida Addiction Services (SWFAS) to provide educational needs for women recovering from substance abuse at SWFAS' Transitional Living Center on Dixie Parkway in Fort Myers.

The money will be used to help about 20 women pursue an education by providing tuition, educational materials, books and transportation. About \$3,300 of the grant will be used to purchase two new computers and software to enable the women to complete coursework and file job applications.

The overall goal is to help women in recovery obtain the skills they need to earn a living wage and become self-sufficient in the workplace.

"We are so excited about this opportunity for our ladies in recovery," said Transitional Living Center Director Rosemary Boisvert. "Our goal is to remove the barriers that prevent them from being successful. If they need financial assistance for tuition, we can help with that. If they need help with supplies or transportation to get to school or training, we can assist with that as well."

"While at SWFAS' Transitional Living Center, the women work very hard at learning skills for the job of living in sobriety, this grant will help them build on

their newfound skills and give them something more to enhance their chances of maintaining their sobriety and self-sufficiency," Boisvert said.

"We have been very fortunate to have this long lasting relationship with the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva. The Zonta Club gives our women far more than dollars. They also give of themselves," Boisvert said.

For example, last November Zonta members hosted a nurse practitioner to discuss women's health issues and concerns. In December, they organized a visit to the JN "Ding" Darling Refuge Center with a park moderator providing a tour. In January, they hosted an Expressive Art session on the TLC campus. In February,

the Zontans gave a session on make-up application for everyday living.

SWFAS opened the new 16-bed women's halfway house last year. It provides treatment for 40 to 50 women per year who have completed the residential treatment program and moved into the halfway house for extended treatment.

SWFAS serves 6,000 people a year and has outpatient and residential programs for adults and youngsters from five locations in Lee County and two in Hendry County, plus detoxification services for adults. For more information, contact Boisvert at 338-2977 or visit [www.swfas.org](http://www.swfas.org).

## Spring Fashion Show At Shell Point

Tuck that little black dress back into the closet as Shell Point presents Confetti, the Colors of Spring Fashion Show & Tea on Thursday, March 18, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$35 and will benefit the community's skilled nursing facility, which provides services to seniors throughout Southwest Florida.

The show will feature spring and summer fashions from Bell Tower Shops, provided by Talbots, Cache, Draper's & Damon's, White House Black Market, Trader Rick's, Wallaby Trading Co., and Patchington.

More than 30 women of all ages will be modeling the fashions, which will include a variety of spring and summer wear, cruise and resort styles, casual day and evening wear, plus updated looks for the office.

There will be door prizes and each guest will be receiving a free gift.

The fashion show will be held in the Shell Point Auditorium located on The Island at Shell Point. Tickets must be purchased in advance by calling Mary Franklin at 454-2152.



A spring ensemble

## Gospel Concert



Toni Rackard

Tate Music Group Artist Toni Rackard will give a performance on March 13 at 7 p.m. the City Community Church, 940 Tarpon Street, Fort Myers.

Rackard will be performing songs from her contemporary gospel album, *Are You Ready for War?*

For more information, contact Chris Rutherford at 888-361-9473 or [crutherford@tatepublishing.com](mailto:crutherford@tatepublishing.com)

## A Fashion Show For The Thrifty

Come to the Pink Bazaar Fashion Show and see a sample of the delightful styles available to you for as little as \$2. The show is Monday, March 15 at 10 a.m. in Rooms 1A and 1B (in the cafeteria) at HealthPark, 9981 S. HealthPark Drive in Fort Myers.

The show is part of the Spring General Meeting of the Lee Memorial Auxiliary, which will also feature presentations on new technology the auxiliary has purchased. Over 20 outfits from the Pink Bazaar Thrift Shop will be modeled by both women and men who work at the shop as volunteers.

The Pink Bazaar Thrift Shop is part of the Lee Memorial Health System and operated by the Lee Memorial Auxiliary. Proceeds help fund programs and technology to benefit patients and the citizens of Southwest Florida. By shopping at the Pink Bazaar or donating your unwanted furniture, housewares, books, clothing and other items there, you are also uniquely serving the health care needs of your community. Please call 939-0808 if you have items to be picked up.

There is no charge, and refreshments will be served. Reservations are required. Call 334-5307.

## Edison State College Student Recognized For Heroic Service



James Leavor, Edison State College nursing student, is recognized by the Lee County Commissioners Brian Bigelow, Ray Judah, Tammy Hall, Bob Janes and Frank Mann

James Leavor is the kind of guy you'd want to have around in a crisis. He's a true hero. The Board of Lee County Commissioners recently recognized Leavor for meritorious, exemplary and heroic service.

How did he earn such high praise? Leavor was driving home from work one evening when he saw a woman lying in the street. He immediately positioned his car to block oncoming traffic and went to assist her. He assessed the woman's vital signs and stabilized her until emergency personnel arrived. In the meantime he found the woman's identification and contacted her husband to notify him of his wife's accident and condition. Because the man did not have a working car, Leavor drove to the couple's home, picked up the husband and drove him to the hospital to be with his severely injured wife. The patient is recovering from severe trauma injuries, including a broken neck, broken jaw, broken vertebrae, bro-

ken arm, broken leg, broken ribs, and a punctured lung.

"I would like to think that many people would help out if they knew how. I was raised as an Eagle Scout and have always been taught to "be prepared" and to "help other people at all times," explained Leavor.

Leavor is in the Evening Nursing program at Edison State College and will be graduating in May 2010 with an ASN/RN degree. He already holds a BA in biology and a BS in clinical lab science. His quick application of procedures he had recently learned in a nursing class, coupled with a profound sense of compassion and integrity played into his reaction to the situation.

"I am honored that so many people are recognizing me for this," said Leavor. "I hope that others will do the right thing to help someone in need if the situation ever presents itself. It can really make a difference."\*

## Beauty Queens Compete



Miss Teen Sarasota-World Krista Rose, Miss Teen Harborside-World Nicole Tollitson, State Director Suzi Hosfeld, Miss Sun Coast Lorena Placencia, Miss Teen Sun Set-World Shannon Wilson, Miss Teen SW Florida-World Allison Scott and Little Miss Florida Rylie Spicker

It was standing room only as contestants vied for the titles of Miss Sun Coast, Miss Teen Sun Coast-World, Miss Teen SW Florida-World and Miss Teen Harborside-World at the new AmericInn in Fort Myers.

Contestants from Sarasota to Naples competed for the titles and the opportunity to represent the area at the Miss Florida US International or Miss Teen Florida-World pageant.\*

## Senate Candidate

The Lizbeth Benacquisto for State Senate District 27 campaign will hold a fundraiser on Thursday, March 18, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Old Corkscrew Golf Club, 17320 Corkscrew Road, Estero.

For more information, visit [www.VoteLizbeth.com](http://www.VoteLizbeth.com); to RSVP call Richard Friday at 239-560-4535 or email [rfriday@yahoo.com](mailto:rfriday@yahoo.com).

Senate District 27 covers parts of Lee, Charlotte, Glades, Hendry and Palm Beach counties.\*

## Beach Yacht Club To Meet

The monthly meeting of the Fort Myers Beach Yacht Club will be held Wednesday, March 24 at the American Legion Post 274 on San Carlos Island. The club is located at 899 Buttonwood Drive, Fort Myers Beach.

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 Commodore Tom Swanbeck for required reservations and additional information, at 292-6284.

To learn more about the club log onto [www.FMBYachtClub.org](http://www.FMBYachtClub.org).\*

## Flea Market At Estero Park

The Estero Recreation Center and Community Park will be holding a Flea Market on Saturday, March 13.

Vendors parking is \$5 per space and a total of 80 first come first serve spaces are available. The flea market will run from 7 a.m. through noon with set-up starting at 5:30 a.m.

The park is at 9200 Corkscrew Palms Boulevard, behind Estero Urgent Care.

Call Becca at (239)-498-0415 for more information, or go to [www.leeparks.org](http://www.leeparks.org), or stop to register.\*

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## Downtown Merchants Unite For St. Pat's Day

said Suzy Lewis co-chair of the event. "Now that the streets are done and no one has to avoid construction we are ready to celebrate and invite as many people as possible to downtown Fort Myers to see the beautiful job the city has done with the River District."

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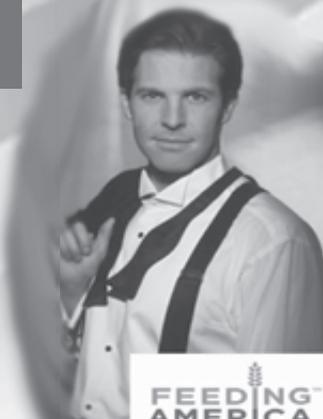
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Minister's cell phone: 218-3918.  
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Email: allfaithsuc@earthlink.net

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Friday Service, 8 p.m.

Saturday Service, 11 a.m.

Shabbat School Saturday Morning

Adult Hebrew Classes

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#### CHURCH OF GOD:

16581 McGregor Boulevard, 267-3166

(Just past the Tanger Outlet Mall)

Pastor: Barry Lentz, 281-3063

Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.

### CHURCH OF THE CROSS:

13500 Freshman Lane; 768-2188

Pastors: Jeff Moran and Michael Bulter;

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Sunday Service: 9 a.m. Contemporary

10:45 a.m. Traditional.

### CHRIST THE KING

1188 Lake McGregor Drive, Fort Myers,

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in English; Sunday Mass at 9:30 a.m.

### COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:

2439 McGregor Boulevard, 334-8937

Rev. Dan Hagmaier, pastor

Traditional Sunday service 10 a.m.

Nursery available

### CYPRESS LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH:

8400 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers,

481-5442

Danny Harvey, pastor

Sunday Services: Bible study, 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

Evening Worship, 7 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.

### CYPRESS LAKE

#### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:

8260 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers, 481-

3233; Clint Cottrell, pastor

Sunday services:

Traditional, 8 and 11 a.m.;

Contemporary, 9:30 a.m.

Children's Church K4J (Kids for Jesus)

9:45 a.m.

### CYPRESS LAKE

#### UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:

8570 Cypress Lake Drive,

Fort Myers, 482-1250

Sunday Traditional Service: 8 and

11 a.m., Praise Service: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School: All times

### FAITH FELLOWSHIP WORLD

#### OUTREACH MINISTRIES:

6111 South Pointe Boulevard, Fort Myers,

278-3638. Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.;

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Thursday Service, 7:30 p.m.

Friday Youth Service, 7:30 p.m.

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Fort Myers, 482-2030

Pastor: David Stauffer.

Traditional services 9:00 a.m.;

Contemporary, 10:30 a.m.

Go south on McGregor Boulevard. The

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Myers, 936-2511

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Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6

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### FORT MYERS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Church School: 9:15 a.m.

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9650 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers,

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Saturday 5 p.m., Eucharist with Healing

Sunday 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite One;

9:30 a.m., Family Eucharist with Healing

and Church School

Tuesday 9:30 a.m., Morning Prayer (in

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with Healing

Child care available at Saturday 5 p.m. and

Sunday 9:30 a.m. services.

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2154 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers,

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Sunday Service, 10:30 a.m.

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istries, calendar, blogs, etc.

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Traditional Worship 9:45 a.m.

Contemporary Worship 11:15 a.m.

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Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m.

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Evening Service 6 p.m.

Wednesday Service 6 p.m.

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Services: Sunday 10 a.m.;  
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### ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH:

7401 Winkler Road, Fort Myers,  
481-4040, Pastor, Steve Hess  
Sunday Services: 8 a.m. traditional;  
9:30 a.m. contemporary; 11 a.m. blendings.  
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.\*

## Seven Last Words Of Christ

A choral Lenten presentation, *The Seven Last Words of Christ* by Theodore Dubois, will be given at Peace Lutheran Church, 15840 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, on March 14 at 3 p.m. with a post-concert reception

The Peace Festival Choir and soloists Michelle Giesel, David Hamblin and Richard Howel will perform under the direction of Director of Music Richard D. Jaeggi

A freewill offering will be collected  
Call Susan at 437-2599 for more information.

About the music: Throughout the Gospel accounts of the crucifixion there are seven words or utterances that are recorded from the lips of Christ as he was hanging on the cross (i.e., Luke 23:34-46, John 19:26-30, Matthew 27:46). These have come to be known as *The Seven Last Words of Christ* from the Cross and have been the inspiration for a number of composers over the years, including Handel and Gounod.

Theodore Dubois (1837-1924) was a French organist and composer who studied at the Paris Conservatory. Following a time of study in Italy, he became choir-master at St. Clotilde Church in Paris. He later taught at the Paris Conservatory and was director for a brief period. Dubois composed his oratorio setting of *The Seven Last Words of Christ* in 1867 for a Good Friday Service at the St. Clotilde Church. In typical oratorio style, the soloists convey the story while the choir comments on the passing events -- first as an angry crowd demanding retribution and later echoing the agonizing words emanating from the cross. As in its first performance, Dubois' setting once again serves as a vehicle to express the suffering and grief of the event we recall today.\*

# New Opportunities at Shell Point

The public is invited and many of these events are FREE!

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NEW EVENTS ADDED!

## Ensemble Galilei Along with Neal Conan

Friday, March 12 • 7:30 p.m. • The Island at Shell Point

First Person: *Stories from the Edge of the World* is a remarkable collaboration between the National Geographic Society, NPR's Neal Conan (host of *Talk of the Nation*), and Ensemble Galilei. Spectacular photographs, Conan's compelling narration, and evocative music, work seamlessly to take the audience along on some of the world's most extraordinary expeditions. Ensemble Galilei performs Irish, Scottish, Early and Original music. Tickets are \$35, call 454-2067.



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## Informational Presentations & Tours

Tuesdays, March 16, 23, and 30 at 9:15 a.m.

Wednesdays, March 17, 24, and 31 at 1:30 p.m.

Join us for one of these group presentations about the Lifestyle and Lifecare available at Shell Point followed by a narrated bus tour of the community.

Light refreshments. Space is limited, so call 466-1131 to reserve your place.

## A Brief History of Ireland NEW!

Wednesday, March 17 • 10 – 11:30 a.m.

To celebrate St Patrick's Day, Professor Adrian Kerr of Edison State College will take us on a whirlwind tour of Ireland's history. Tickets are \$10, call 454-2054.



## Confetti!

Fashion Show & Tea

Thursday, March 18 at 2 p.m. • The Island at Shell Point

Tuck that little black dress back into your closet as we preview the Colors of Spring! Enjoy sweet refreshments and door prizes while previewing fashions from several of your favorite Bell Tower Shops. Proceeds benefit the Larsen Pavilion. Tickets are \$35. Call 489-8415 for information.



## NEW! David Kim with Ron Matthews

Sunday, March 21 • 6:15 p.m.

World-renowned violinist and concertmaster of the Philadelphia Orchestra, David Kim is accompanied by acclaimed pianist, Ron Matthews. Tickets \$10, call 454-2147.



NEW!

## Gubernatorial Candidate Alex Sink Public Forum

Monday, March 22, at 10:00 am. • The Island at Shell Point

Sink was elected as Florida's CFO in 2006, and has led the charge to cut wasteful government spending and stand up for Florida's consumers with programs such as 'Safeguard Our Seniors.' This event is free and open to the public. Follow signs to parking. Call 454-2071 for information.

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## Anglers Asked To Tag Permit In Florida

Permit are often referred to as one of the most elusive game fish in the Atlantic Ocean, captivating salt water flats anglers for years in their quest to catch them. And yet little is known about this mysterious species. What are their spawning and migration patterns? How healthy is the fish population? What regulations are needed to ensure adequate stock for future generations?

Sunglasses maker Costa and the Bonefish Tarpon Trust (BTT), a non-profit organization dedicated to scientific research and policy support to ensure healthy populations of bonefish, tarpon and permit for future generations, have teamed together to launch the first known extensive permit tagging program in Florida.

Working with anglers and conservation partners statewide, the group hopes to tag and monitor data of more than 6,000 permit over the next five years, with hopes to expand Caribbean-wide.

"There's never been a stock assessment of permit in Florida," said Aaron Adams, president of the Bonefish Tarpon Trust. "The research results we receive from this tagging project will allow scientists to uncover never-seen-before data, and help us form policy recommendations with the Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission to ensure we protect permit and allow them to thrive in their natural habitat."

The success of the tagging program relies heavily on angler participation. Currently, it's not known whether permit caught in the Florida Keys are from the same or different populations than those caught as far north as Tampa. And if research findings from tarpon and bonefish are any indication, it's not to be assumed that permit are homebodies; tarpon tagging research has shown migrations as far north as the Chesapeake Bay in the Mid-Atlantic, and bonefish tagged in the Florida Keys have been recaptured 150 miles away in the Bahamas – much farther than ever anticipated.

"Anyone who has permit-fished before can tell you about the art and skill needed to catch them," said Al Perkinson, vice president of marketing for Costa. "It's something we want to make sure future anglers have a chance to try, which is why the data from this tagging program are so important. We want to help form policy that protects and conserves permit for our children and grandchildren to enjoy."

Costa is supporting the program through a grant to the BTT, and is donating



A permit

ing a portion of proceeds of its new sunglasses style Bomba to the permit tagging project.

All recreational and sport anglers may participate in the permit tagging program. The initiative officially kicks off at the March Merkin Permit Tournament in the Florida Keys, March 15-18. There, anglers will be able to pick up tags and learn more about the BTT's initiatives.

Anglers can also request permit tags by e-mailing the Bonefish Tarpon Trust at [bonefish@mote.org](mailto:bonefish@mote.org), or call 283-1622. Learn more about the program at [www.projectpermit.com](http://www.projectpermit.com).

## Power Squadrons At Boat Show

Power Squadrons from the Fort Myers Area will be present at the upcoming Spring Boat Show at the Lee County Civic Center March 11-14. Power Squadron members will be available to answer questions concerning boating safety activities and public boating classes available in the Fort Myers area.

At the show will be:

- Cape Coral Sail and Power Squadron, 549-9754 or [www.ccps.org](http://www.ccps.org)
- Fort Myers Sail and Power Squadron, 334-6650 or [www.fmps.org](http://www.fmps.org)
- San Carlos Bay (serving South Fort Myers and the Beach) 466-4040 or [www.scbps.com](http://www.scbps.com)
- Sanibel-Captiva Sail and Power Squadron, 395-0681 or [www.scsps.net](http://www.scsps.net).

## America's Boating Course

The San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron will be offering America's Boating Course on Saturday, March 20 from 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m..

This course is recognized by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators. The State of Florida recently passed legislation requiring anyone born after January 1, 1988 to have passed a safe boating course and obtain a Boating Safety Education ID card, which

## Fishing Tournament For Make-A-Wish

Tri-Town Construction will hold the second annual Tri-Town Classic Fishing Tournament on Saturday, May 1, with all proceeds to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Florida.

The tournament begins at 7 a.m., with teams competing for recognition and cash prizes of \$1,500, \$2,500, and \$4,000, respectively, which will be awarded to the top three winners. Immediately following the tournament, the Weigh-In Luau Party will begin, featuring live music, a pig roast, games, raffle tickets, and a silent auction. The Weigh-In Luau Party will be at Hickory Bait and Tackle at 23149 Weeks Fish Camp Road in Bonita Springs from 4 to 7 p.m. The party is open to all, including those who did not participate in the tournament, for a \$10 donation.

The captain's meeting will be held on April 30 at 6:30 p.m. at TGI Friday's at Coconut Point. A member of each team must be present.

For more information on participating in or sponsoring this event, contact Tri-Town Construction at 895-2058 or Melissa Tri-TownConstruction.com.

To find out more about volunteering, fundraising, or becoming a wish sponsor for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Florida call 992-9474 or visit the Web site at [www.sfla.wish.org](http://www.sfla.wish.org).

is valid for life, in order to operate a boat with more than 10 hp.

Each student will receive a card/certificate from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission upon completion of the class. The course consists of two sessions on consecutive Saturdays. The second session will be on March 27 also from 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Topics covered include hull design, docking, anchoring, handling boating emergency and reading channel markers to make each boating experience safer and more enjoyable.

The cost of the course is \$40 and \$20 for a second person sharing the instructional materials.

The squadron classroom is at 16048 San Carlos Boulevard at the corner of Kelly Road (across from ACE Hardware). Students can register online at [www.scbps.com](http://www.scbps.com) or call the office 466-4040.



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## Fishing Finally Getting Better



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

**F**ishing this week sure got a lot better than it has been. Warmer afternoon temperatures really had the fish more fired up than they have been in weeks. No trophies

this week but day in day out consistent fishing finally.

Sheepshead and trout were the majority of the fish caught on my boat last week along with a few reds and the first few snook I have caught since the big fish kill. I was not targeting snook but they sure were a welcome surprise.

One mangrove channel I have been fishing in St. James City had hundreds of 18- to 24-inch snook in it along with a few real bruisers too. This is the first

large concentration of snook I have seen in months. With the water still cold at 58 degrees the snook were not moving really fast but it sure is a good sign to see so many after thousands died less than two months ago.

Large schools of ladyfish could also be found in these deep water, sheltered mangrove creeks. They were packed tight and made for some non-stop action on both live shrimp and plastic jigs. This time of year these ladyfish will stay put in these same creeks and canals just waiting for the water to warm up before they move out. They are a great way to start a charter or a day's fishing, getting everyone in on the action often with double and triple hook-ups. Mixed in were also a few trout even though the ratio is about 10 ladyfish to every trout caught.

The sheepshead spawn is really in full swing with the majority of the bigger fish caught being filled with roe. There are plenty of them out there, many over the 15-inch mark. Scouting around before a charter this week I saw thousands of good size sheepshead in the clear water from the tower. The most productive time I have found to catch

these fish is on the higher water with a slow moving tide. One good hole will often produce a dozen or so decent size sheep. Chunks of shrimp double-hooked on a jig head with a sharp hook catch more than live whole shrimp. I also like to sharpen the hook on my jig head after a few fish; keeping it razor sharp will hook these hard-mouthed bait stealers. If you're looking for a fish dinner, sheepshead are hard to beat.

As temperatures slowly warmed, trout could be not only found in mangrove channels but also out on the flats. Drop-offs around Picnic Island were some of the hottest action around for big trout. Shrimp and soft plastic shrimp fished under a popping cork caught trout almost every cast. All of these trout were over the 15-inch minimum along with four or five a trip over the 20-inch max. I did best working the sand holes and drop-offs. With the water so clear, work your baits right on the edge of the flat where it falls off into to five to six feet of water.

Fishing this week with long time client Nick Basilio from Pennsylvania, we had a great day of non-stop action and a cooler full of fish at the end of the day. Nick's son and grandchildren were in town and they just love to fish. Despite a cold windy afternoon and never venturing far from the sheltered warm creeks around St. James city, Molly Basilio,



Molly Basilio with her big sheepshead of the day

Nick's granddaughter, caught everything that swims along with some of the bigger sheepshead of the trip. It's great to see children really enjoy fishing and all the nature out on the water that we start to take for granted.

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](mailto:captmattmitchell@aol.com).✪

## Send Us Your Fish Tales

**T**he *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](mailto:RiverWeeklyNews@aol.com).

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## Plant Smart: Sea Lavender

by Gerri Reaves

Sea lavender (*Argusia gnaphalodes*) is a multi-branched evergreen shrub listed as endangered by the state of Florida.

Other common names include sea rosemary and bay lavender.

Ecologically, this perennial is valuable for preventing beach erosion; however, the rampant development of its native coastal habitat has placed it in peril, despite its hardiness.

That hardiness is partly attributable to dense tiny hairs on the leaves that slow the loss of moisture and protect the plant from intense sun.

Resilience and erosion prevention are not all sea lavender has to offer, however.

It's a strikingly beautiful native plant – and all the more eye-catching because it is seldom seen in the residential landscape.

The silvery leaves look beautiful in a mass planting, as a tall low-maintenance ground cover, or as a border.

Fleshy with a velvety texture, the leaves are shaped like a very narrow spoon. They can be more than five inches long, clumping near the branch ends.

Five-petaled small white flowers with rosy throats appear in the center of the leaf whorls. Flowering occurs throughout the year in South Florida.

The plant prefers well-drained sandy soil and full sun and can grow well in low-nutrient soil. In fact, too much moisture can encourage root rot, so avoid placing it where it will be subjected to regular irrigation.



The velvety, silvery leaves and emerging flowers of sea lavender, listed as endangered by the state of Florida

Once established in the landscape, sea lavender is highly drought tolerant and requires no maintenance.

In South Florida, the species can reach up to six feet in height, taking the form of a small tree with woody limbs.

Usually, though, it takes on a lower, sprawling form, spreading via limbs that develop roots and mounds when they touch the ground and accumulate sand. Therefore, sea lavender is usually wider than it is tall.

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In South Florida, evergreen sea lavender can develop into a small tree with woody branches

The seeds are contained in the small oval fruit that becomes black when mature. The corky nature of the fruit ensures seed dispersal by water.

Sources: *A Gardener's Guide to Florida's Native Plants* by Rufino Osorio and lee.ifas.ufl.edu.

*Plant Smart explores sustainable gardening practices that will help you create a low-maintenance, drought-tolerant, hurricane- and pest-resistant South Florida landscape.\**

## 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,

## Talk On Birding Wraps Up 'Ding' Lecture Series

Rick Bonney, director of program development and evaluation at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology in New York State, will make a special guest appearance to speak about Birds of the Florida Gulf Coast: What Does the Future Hold? on Thursday, March 18, at 1 p.m. in the "Ding" Darling Education Center.

Florida's Gulf Coast is home to many species of birds and is a favored birding location for many birdwatchers. Much of what we know about the distribution of birds in the gulf and throughout the rest of Florida comes from information contributed by birders participating in a variety of citizen science projects.

What can citizen science tell us about the status of Florida's birds, past, present, and future? And how can birdwatchers help us learn more?

Bonney, co-founder of the lab's Citizen Science Program and co-editor of the *Cornell Handbook of Bird Biology*, will explain how ordinary citizens can become involved in research projects such as backyard bird counts, NestWatch, and eBird (<http://ebird.org/content/ebird>). The latter is an online, nationwide bird checklist where birders can enter their sightings.

In addition to offering home computer listing opportunities, Cornell places eBird reporting kiosks in prime birding locations, including JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel. That education center kiosk became operational last year.



A father and son learn about recent refuge bird sightings on the education center's eBird Trail Tracker computer

Admission is free to the event, which is sponsored by the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge, as part of its Thursday Afternoon Lecture Series. Seating is limited and available on a first-come basis.

DDWS is a non-profit, friends-of-the-refuge organization that supports the "Ding" Darling Education Center, "Ding" Darling Days, and other educational programs at the refuge.

For more information on the lecture series, call 472-1100 ext. 241 or log on to [www.dingdarlingsociety.org](http://www.dingdarlingsociety.org).\*

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Red-shouldered hawk

## CROW Case Of The Week: Red-Shouldered Hawk

by Brian Johnson



**Y**oungster Lindsey Mullin, 13, with the help of Tom Allen, rescued a red-shouldered hawk from a retention pond in the Sanctuary Estates in Cape Coral on January 23, saving the bird from a near certain death.

The problem with this bird is that his head was upside down. "I'm not sure I can do justice to this case," said Dr. PJ Deitschel, calling it one of the odder cases she's seen in her 11-plus years as the head veterinarian at CROW. "He was extremely ataxic and uncoordinated. He had a dramatic head tilt to the left and staggered off-balance when stressed."

Staff admitted the bird, and he was given subcutaneous fluids, the Chinese herb Body Sore, homeopathic remedies, and detoxi-

fication herbs.

The bird's symptoms were somewhat enigmatic. Did he have head trauma? A toxicosis? An inner ear infection/disorder? Some combination of the above?

"It was a complex presentation," said Dr. PJ. "The next day his ataxia was worse, and we noticed a head tremor for the first time. He did a flip in the cage when we opened the door. There was a yellow coloration to his mucous membranes."

CROW staff added Vitmain B-complex to his medicines and started a program of supportive care. The treatment strategy was to keep the bird warm, fed and in a non-threatening environment and monitor his condition. "He was hand-fed mice, which he took quite well, which was a blessing," said Dr. PJ. "He was hyper-reactive, which is unusual for a red-shouldered hawk and may have been caused by a toxin."

Most toxicosis cases at the clinic involve a pelican or shorebird who arrives in a state of near paralysis. The hawk was bright, alert and responsive and could stand and walk around; Dr. PJ said if a toxin was the cause of the hawk's problem, it was a type not frequently seen at CROW, though many varieties exist.

The bird was able to perch on Day 3 and was eating on his own by Day 4. Dr. Amber McNamara noted around this time that his ataxia was improving.

But the bird became frantic when touched and so they decided to place him in a double wide cage and cease all handling. "The animal could 'foot' very well," said Dr. PJ, meaning that he was aggressive with his talons.

Staff transferred the hawk to the outdoor burrowing owl complex for more privacy on Day 23, but it turned into a bit of a disaster. "He was flailing all over the cage," said Dr. PJ.

They gave him 48 hours to adjust to the outside, but he didn't calm down.

Staff brought him back inside, and to their astonishment he made immediate and substantial improvement.

Now the hawk started maneuvering smartly around his cage, and his appetite picked up. His neurological symptoms continued to resolve, and by Day 32 he was vocalizing in his cage, asking for another shot at the outdoors.

This time, when they moved him to the burrowing owl complex, they opened up both sides to give him a 20x10-foot enclosure. He flew with a slight head tilt, but that faded over the next few days.

The hawk, with his weight up to 615 grams from 555, was released on March 3 back to Cape Coral.

"The bottom line is that we don't know exactly what happened to him, but we provided him with the time and the healing environment he needed to get better," said Dr. PJ.

*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](http://www.crowclinic.org).*✱

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## Art Bazaar Is A Scholarship Fundraiser

Fort Myers Beach Art Association will hold its annual Art Bazaar on March 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Fort Myers Beach Library on Estero Boulevard. Original unframed artwork will be hung on clotheslines strung on the library site for the public to peruse and purchase. Member artists have gathered up some beautiful pieces, many of them done by the outdoor painters at familiar locations in the Fort Myers area. Funds generated by the sale of these items goes directly to the scholarship program for art students locally.

Each year in April the Fort Myers Beach Art Association awards scholarships to senior art students from local high schools going on to study art at a secondary education level. This show and award is funded in part by a grant from the Town of Fort Myers Beach. Art from high school, middle school and elementary students is hung at the gallery from April 14 to 28 and will be available for viewing during regular gallery hours. Awards will be given on Sunday April 25 from 3 to 5 p.m. and all are welcome to attend the event.

Fort Myers Beach Art Association Gallery will also be open during the sale for visitors to see the Spring Juried Members Show juried by Karlyn Holman. The gallery is on Donora Street at the blinking light off Estero Boulevard. It is open Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday noon to 3 p.m. For more information on any FMBAA activity log onto [www.fortmyersbeachart.com](http://www.fortmyersbeachart.com) or call the gallery at 463-3909.\*

## Theatre Conspiracy Opens *All The Great Books*

Over the past several years Theatre Conspiracy has produced *The Complete Works of Wm Shakespeare* (abridged), and *The Bible: The Complete Word of God* (abridged). Beginning March 12, Theatre Conspiracy will tackle the titans of literature with *All the Great Books* (abridged) at the Foulds Theatre in Fort Myers.

Following the comic format of the other "abridged" plays, *All the Great Books* purports to reduce all of Western literature into a single evening's entertainment performed by three actors. No classic from *Beowulf* to *War and Peace* remains safe from the slings and arrows of outrageous parody.

The *New York Times* calls the play an "intellectual vaudeville." You could call it Great Lit's Greatest Hits. It covers book you should have read in high school, but probably didn't.

A trio of actors will take the audience through 83 great books. *The Iliad* and *The Odyssey* are combined as a joint sketch called *The Oddity*. *Little Women* is explained in terms of football plays on a blackboard. And Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* becomes a steamy episode of the television soap opera, *Port Charles*. Along the way there are arguments about political correctness, censorship, "the literary canon," that are interspersed with lots of props and silly costumes.

*All the Great Books* stars Theatre Conspiracy's original "abridged" actors Jordan Wilson, Jesse St. Louis and Christopher Brent and is directed by Rachael Endrizzi. Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturdays at 8 p.m. with one Saturday matinee on March 20 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$22, \$10 for students. Opening night March 12 is "pay what you will" where you name the ticket price. Thursday performances are buy one get the second half off.

For more information or to make a reservation, call the box office at 936-3239.\*

## Shooting The Blueway Photo Contest

Take a photo along the Calusa Blueway canoe and kayak trail and enter the third annual contest, Shooting the Blueway. Lee County Parks & Recreation is now accepting entries, and prizes will be awarded at the Calusa Blueway Paddling Festival in November in these three categories:

- Paddlers on the trail: people enjoying the trail, waterways and outdoors along the 190-mile Calusa Blueway, which meanders throughout Lee County along the Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel.
- Nature photography: Flora, fauna, landscapes and more.
- Signs on the Blueway: Calusa Blueway markers, access points, fun spots and more.

Prizes for top category winners will come from ABC Framing, a mobile-framing business that is the contest's sponsor. Winners will receive an enlarged, matted and framed version of their photo.

Winning entries might be published in magazines, newspapers and online publications.

Selected entries may be featured on several Web sites, including [www.calusablueway.com](http://www.calusablueway.com), the festival site, [www.calusabluewaypaddlingfestival.com](http://www.calusabluewaypaddlingfestival.com) or Lee County Parks & Recreation's site, [www.leeparks.org](http://www.leeparks.org).

Winners and runners-up will be recognized on the final Saturday of the Calusa Blueway Paddling Festival, which runs October 29 to November 7.

There is no entry fee. Submissions must be photographed along a Lee County waterway and include photographer's name, address, phone number, e-mail address and title and location of photo.

Three entries are permitted per photographer; amateur photographers only. E-mail entries as one high-resolution photo jpg attachment at a time to [bclayton@leegov.com](mailto:bclayton@leegov.com) by October 1.

Winners will be selected by a panel of judges, including Cape Coral artist and kayaker Jeannette Chupack and also Fort Myers native Mark Renz, a photo artist and author. Rounding out the judges' panel will be award-winning newspaper photographer Andrew West of *The News-Press* in Fort Myers.

The Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail is 190 miles long and is marked by easily identifiable trail signs. The trail also is mapped out with Global Positioning System coordinates. The waterways are shallow and stay relatively free from powerboat traffic. Order free maps online at [www.calusablueway.com](http://www.calusablueway.com).

Call 433-3855 with questions or e-mail [bclayton@leegov.com](mailto:bclayton@leegov.com).\*

## Renee Rey's Art On Sanibel

Renée Rey's *Wind Ensemble*

Artist Renee Rey's painting *The Trio* will be featured at the Sanibel-Captiva Art League exhibit and opening reception on Saturday, March 13 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel. It runs through March 28.

The artwork of Rey will also be featured at the SW Florida Symphony's 50th Anniversary: Framing the Past - Inspiring the Future Through Music, a juried competition at the Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers. The exhibition runs through March 26 and will be on display at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Center, Fort Myers on March 27.\*

## Wishmaker's Ball

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Florida's Wishmaker's Ball, Dancing with the Stars, will be held on Saturday, May 15 at 6 p.m. at Hyatt Regency Coconut Point in Estero.

Local celebrities and socialites will perform spectacular dances that showcase famous dance moments in cinematic history. The gala will also feature cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner and many added twists and twirls. In the silent and live auctions there will be items, experiences and packages. Before the event, guests can also perfect their dance skills with lessons from dancers who will also perform later in the evening.

Individual tickets are \$175 and tables of 10 are \$1,600. Opportunities for sponsorships, auction donations and volunteering are also available. For more information or to get tickets, contact Connie Martin at 992-9474 or [cmartin@sflawish.org](mailto:cmartin@sflawish.org).\*

## An Irish Evening At BIG ARTS

**B**IG ARTS is celebrating the luck of the Irish at this season's annual benefit, when Boler Garden will turn into a wee bit of Ireland. Dublin's Traditional Irish Cabaret performs Monday, March 15. Tickets start at \$125 for general admission; call BIG ARTS Marks Box Office at 395-0900 for other ticket offers.

Dublin's Traditional Irish Cabaret is a celebration of Irish ballads, laughter, song, and dance. The evening includes Irish fare before the cabaret, and Irish coffee and desserts after the show.

Known as Ireland's funniest man, Noel V. Ginnity is the star of the show. He has been delighting audiences at his own show in Dublin for 30 years.

Dublin's Traditional Irish Dancers include All Ireland Champions, with several dancers coming directly from such prestigious shows as *Riverdance*, *Lord of the Dance*, and *Gael Force*. The dancers twirl and tap with exuberance to the accompaniment of the accordion, uilleann pipes, guitar, and piano.

Tenor Paul Hennessy, was a member of the original three Irish Tenors with whom he performed at several concerts. Soprano Emer Hartnett's broad training and diverse talents have enabled her to work in all fields of music from opera to rock, musicals to cabaret. They sing old favorites such as *Danny Boy*, *Galway Bay*, *I'll Take you Home again Kathleen* and also some modern day classics.



Dublin's Traditional Irish Cabaret

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## Peace, Love & 70s Dancing

**P**eace, Love & Ballroom, an evening of Dancing Under the Stars, is scheduled for Saturday, March 20, at 5 p.m. at The Edison Restaurant, Fort Myers.

This event will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Florida. It will pay tribute to the 60s and 70s with dance performances that include the fox-trot, rumba, cha-cha, samba, salsa, paso doble and tango.

The show is choreographed by Warren and Babette Brown, 11-time Scottish champions and three time world finalists, and coached by Elena Grinenko, a two-time world champion and star on *Dancing with the Stars* seasons three and four, and Doreen Scheinpflug, a two-time East German champion. The staff and students of Fred Astaire are the stars of the show.

Tickets are \$40 per person and include a gourmet buffet dinner, cocktail and VIP seating. Dinner will be served from 5 to 6:30 p.m. with the performance starting at 7 p.m. Hippie-tinis will be available for \$5, with \$3 going to Make-A-Wish Foundation per drink sold. Guests can bring an item to tie dye at the Tie Dye Station.

The recommended attire is 70s casual. For tickets call 939-1517 or go to Fred Astaire Dance Studio, 12123 South Cleveland Avenue, or at The Edison Restaurant, 3583 McGregor Boulevard.\*

## Friends Of Opera

**A**ll opera lovers are invited to the next Friends of the Opera meeting scheduled for Sunday, April 11, from 2:45 p.m. to approx. 5 p.m. at Gulf Coast Village, 1333 Santa Barbara Boulevard, Cape Coral. The program will be Rossini's *Armida*, which the Met will be performing live in HD on Saturday, May 1.\*

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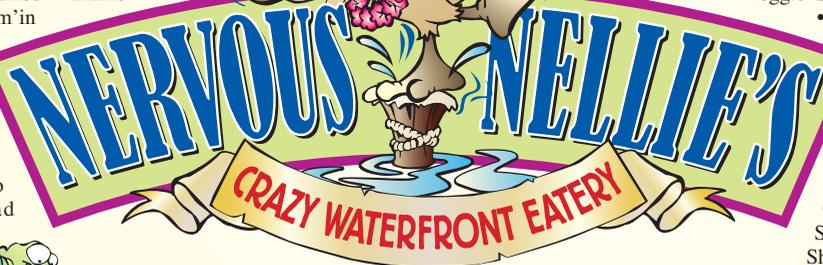
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## One Rare Session Of Jazz You Will Not Want To Miss



Jay Leonhart

Jazz greats Roger Kellaway, Russell Malone and Jay Leonhart will perform at BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall at 8 p.m. Friday, March 26. The three came together in 2006 at the New York club, The Jazz Standard, to record an album that has become a classic. Reunited at BIG ARTS, the trio will recreate that album in a night reminiscent of Ellington and Monk, Peterson, Davis, Rollins, and other bebop greats.



Roger Kellaway

Roger Kellaway has been described as “a musical chameleon” and “the most awesome jazz pianist quite possibly anywhere on earth.” His discography runs to more than 250 albums. He’s performed with everyone from Elvis to Ellington, Dizzy Gillespie to Yo Yo Ma, Joni Mitchell to Mancini and Quincy Jones. Throughout his career, Kellaway has composed a wide variety of music, from his Academy Award-nominated film score for *A Star Is Born* to his best-known tune, *Remembering You* which accompanied the closing credits to '70s sitcom *All in the Family*. He also orchestrated the music for Clint Eastwood’s 2009 Oscar-nominated *Invictus*.



Russell Malone

Guitarist Russell Malone started playing music when he was five and has often toured with Harry Connick, Jr. In the

1990s he became part of the Diana Krall Trio, participating in multiple Grammy-nominated albums. Malone’s influences range from swing to R&B and he has an appealing bop-oriented approach that often pays tribute to earlier styles.

A superior bassist, Jay Leonhart has also had a parallel and sometimes overlapping career as a witty lyricist and occasional singer. He played with Buddy Morrow and Mike Longo and is a busy freelance musician in New York.

Of their album, *Live at The Jazz Standard*, Terry Teachout, culture critic for *The Wall Street Journal*, stated at the time: “Everybody in the band was smoking. Kellaway, though, wa ... well, I really don’t have words to describe the proliferating creativity and rhythmic force of his piano playing.”

Tickets are \$46 loge, \$41 floor, and student \$15. Schein Hall is located at 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel.

The concert is supported by patron sponsors John M. and Mary Jo Boler. For tickets call 395-0900.\*

## Singer-Songwriter Janis Ian To Perform

On Friday, March 19 singer-songwriter Janis Ian will perform at BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall at 8 p.m.

One of the great songwriters in America today, Ian penned *Jesse*, a song recorded by so many others that few remember Ian wrote it; *Stars*, recorded by artists as diverse as Mel Torme and Cher; and the highly original and influential *At Seventeen*, a song that brought her five Grammy nominations in 1975, and which is now reaching its third generation of listeners.

With her *Stars* album in 1973, she went on to cover the decade with number one records worldwide. In 1980s, Ian took a hiatus from the visible music world, studying acting with the legendary Stella Adler. During that period, she married and divorced, suffered two emergency surgeries, lost all her savings and home to an unscrupulous business manager, and moved to Nashville, Tennessee in 1988 “penniless, in debt, and hungry to write.” She returned to the music business with 1992’s *Breaking Silence*, which immediately garnered her ninth Grammy nomination.

She recently released her autobiography, *Society’s Child*, with an accompanying double CD, *The Autobiography Collection*, which contains all Ian’s best-loved songs. She encourages fans to bring their “old vinyl” to the concert for autographs.

After the concert she will be available to sign autographs, and her CDs and autobiography will be available for purchase. Oprah’s *O Magazine* said of the book, “It’s a hugely readable autobiography of an artist who has lived through success and crushing hardship but knows that ‘you can’t sing and cry at the same time.’ Sing on!”

Many people have contacted Ian to tell her how they were touched by her autobiography on a very personal level. “People



Singer-songwriter Janis Ian

relate to what happened to me in my life, and they tell me about their own similar experiences. It is a cathartic experience, when you hear someone else’s story, you can verbalize your own story.”

Ian and her partner Pat love Sanibel and Captiva and are looking forward to returning. “When we were on vacation, we were there during a time that a comet was visible,” she said. “We went outside at 2 a.m. to see the comet and enjoy the many visible stars; it was a lovely time.”

In her recent concerts she performs a mixture of new music and old favorites. Her new music has been compared to Enya and Sarah McLaughlin, two artists who have said that Ian is one of their musical influences. She will also take requests from the audience. She encourages concertgoers to leave a note on stage before the concert with song requests.

Tickets are \$46 loge, \$41 floor, and student \$15. Schein Hall is located at 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel.

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## Cypress Lake Students Present Sweet Charity

Cypress Lake Center for the Arts will present *Sweet Charity*, a story about a girl employed as a hostess at a New York dance hall in the late 1960s, on March 31 at Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers.

The show, which originally ran November 19-22, 2009, is being revived for two special performances. The show has been selected for the Florida State Thespian Festival on April 9. It will play in Morsani Hall at the David A. Straz, Jr., Center for the Performing Arts (formerly the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center) for a full house of 2,600 conference attendees.

In order to raise money to take the show to Tampa and to prepare the cast and crew for working in a large hall, *Sweet Charity* will play this one night only engagement at Barbara B. Mann.

Cypress Lake Center for the Arts is a public Lee County high school. Students have the opportunity to major in vocal music, theatre, dance, band, orchestra, visual arts and media. With over 100 students involved in the production of *Sweet Charity*, it is the largest Cypress Lake Center for the Arts production of the year. The musicals at Cypress Lake



Rhythm of life scene from *Sweet Charity*

have been honored by the Lee County High School Musical Awards. Cypress has been honored with the best overall musical in each year that the High School Musical Awards have been in existence: 2008 for *All Shook Up* and 2009 for *The Producers*.

VIP seating is \$20, general seating \$15. Tickets can be purchased at the Barbara B. Mann box office or at [www.bbmannpah.com](http://www.bbmannpah.com) or call 481-4849.\*

## Performers To Teach Local Students

Visiting dancers and musicians from Broadway and the New York City Ballet (NYCB) will teach local children through lecture demonstrations and master classes. The guest artists are visiting the area to perform in BRAVO! Ballet, the annual fundraiser for Southwest Florida's only nonprofit classical ballet school, Gulfshore Ballet.

Several guest artists from the eighth annual BRAVO! Ballet will visit Edison Park Creative and Expressive Arts Elementary School and PACE Center for Girls to teach students through lecture demonstrations and master classes, March 12 through 17.

Guest dance teachers include:

- Stephen Hanna, principal dancer with NYCB, originated the role of the older Billy in the Tony-award winning musical *Billy Elliot*.
- Amar Ramasar, principal dancer and recipient of the Mae L. Wien Award (2000), has danced in dozens of productions with NYCB.
- Ashley Boudier, principal dancer, has appeared in the nationally televised *Live from Lincoln Center* broadcast *New York City Ballet's Diamond Project: Ten Years of New Choreography* on PBS.
- Chad Schiro choreographs for films and stage and has performed on Broadway, at the Kennedy Center, Carnegie Hall, and Radio City Music Hall. His film and television credits include the

producers, sex and the city, and several episodes of *Saturday Night Live*.

• Jock Soto, faculty of The School of American Ballet (SAB) in Manhattan, is a graduate of SAB and former principal dancer for the NYCB. He received the Casita Maria Award for Hispanics and The First Americans in the Arts Trustee Award.

Joining the dancers is the acclaimed Arturo Delmoni, one of the most celebrated artists of his generation. Yo-Yo Ma describes Delmoni as "an enormously gifted musician and an impeccable violinist. His playing style is unique, and his gorgeous sound is reminiscent of that of great violinists from a bygone era." Delmoni is a violinist in the NYCB orchestra and has played for audiences around the world.

Gulfshore Ballet directors will also participate in the outreach. Melinda Roy, artistic director, is a Tony-nominated Broadway choreographer and former principal dancer with NYCB. Roberto Munoz, executive director, co-founded Saratoga Springs Summer Dance Intensive and is a world-renowned dance instructor.

For more information, contact Audrea Anderson at 334-2905.\*

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## Symphony Bach & More Concert

The Southwest Florida Symphony will perform a concert called Bach & More on Friday, March 19, at 7:30pm as part of the third annual Concert Series hosted by Shell Point Retirement Community.

Rich in soaring strings, this concert features two celebrated Bach works (from father and son), a dazzling oboe solo and Schubert's *Mass in G* with the angelic voices of the Symphony Chamber Chorus. The concert will also feature Dione Chandler, principle oboe.

Tickets are on sale for \$20 by calling 454-2067.

The concerts are held in The Village Church auditorium on the Island at Shell Point.\*

## Estero Festival Premier Family Event



Winning poster

Estero Festival of the Arts will be a fun-filled musical art festival appealing to everyone in the family.

There will be continuous live musical entertainment, art exhibits and demonstrations, arts and crafts sales, raffle prizes, food and drink booths, bounce houses and face painting for the children.

The event runs from noon to 6 p.m. at the Estero Community Park, 9200 Corkscrew Palms Boulevard

Local and regional artists, photographers, wood carvers and crafts people will be showcasing their works. In addition, Lee County Commissioner Ray Judah will present awards to Estero elementary, middle and high school art students for their winning poster art submissions for this year's and next year's event.

The musical entertainment begins at noon with the Estero High School Drummers, followed by the Estero High School Jazz Band. Night Train, featuring '30's through '60's music, will perform throughout the afternoon, along with The Brooks Brothers. The Gulf Coast Symphony will perform a full concert, highlighting Estero High School students, starting at 5 p.m.

Demonstrations will be given by students and representatives of Florida Gulf Coast University, Estero Art League, Alliance for the Arts, Wood Carvers and Estero schools.

The Bookmobile, Classroom on Wheels and bounce houses will be available for education and recreation. A special parking area will be available for those who ride motorcycles to the event for a "show and tell" social gathering.

The Estero Council of Community Leaders (ECCL) is presenting this special event in partnership with the Estero Art League, Estero Historical Society; Friends of South County Regional Library.; Gulf Coast Symphony; Estero Community Improvement Foundation; Estero Community Planning Panel and The Brooks Concerned Citizens.\*

# Art Council Spring Art Show & Sale



Spoonbill painting by Cape Coral artist Clare Candelori

The Art Council of Southwest Florida Spring Art Show and Sale will be held at Coconut Point, Estero from Saturday, March 13 to Sunday, March 21. This juried bi-annual show will include original paintings and photography by the artist members of the 13 art leagues that hug the Southwest Coast of Florida from Punta Gorda to Marco Island.

Watercolors, acrylic, pastel, oil paintings and photography created here, where the natural light and brilliant colors intensify the landscapes, seascapes, wildlife, and flora of this special part of the world, will be on display. This is artwork most appropriate for Florida homes and offices. The gallery is located in the former Zales Jewelry store, between TJ Maxx and Old Navy at Coconut Point from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Art Council of SW Florida member leagues include Alliance of the Arts, Art League of Bonita Springs, Cape Coral Art League, Visual Art Center of Charlotte County in Punta Gorda, Estero Art League, Art League of Fort Myers, Fort Myers Beach Art Association, Lehigh Acres Art League, Art League of Marco Island, Naples Art Association, Pine Island Art Association, Sanibel-Captiva Art League and Southwest Florida Pastel Society. They are independent art leagues with a combined membership of more than 4,200 artists and patrons. For additional information visit [www.ACSWF.org](http://www.ACSWF.org).

## Lunchbox Theatre Series For Families



A scene from *And Then They Came For Me*

Florida Repertory Theatre announces the opening of its popular Lunchbox Theatre Series with *And Then They Came for Me* by James Still, a multimedia journey into the life and world of Anne Frank.

Sponsored by Pamela Templeton and Fort Myers Toyota, the theater series for children and families opens this Saturday, March 13 at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in the Fort Myers River District. *And Then They*

*Came for Me: Remembering the World of Anne Frank* is a drama that combines interview footage with live theater to take audiences into the life of Anne Frank and two Holocaust survivors whose lives she changed forever. This gripping and informative play is a groundbreaking retelling of Anne Frank's famous story, and is designed for students in grades 5 through 12.

Sponsored by Florida Rep's Alliance for Holocaust Studies, the show is one of two exciting and educational offerings in the Lunchbox Theatre Series this season, and plays on March 13, April 3 and April 17. Tickets are \$12. Admission includes the performance, a boxed lunch provided by Jason's Deli and an interactive workshop with the cast. Call the box office at 332-4488.

## Art In The Park

Friday, March 12 and Friday, April 9 are the last two dates for Evening in the Park.

The six artists in each of the six historic cottages at Riverside Park invite the public to an evening under the stars from 5 to 8 p.m. on the plaza behind the historic Liles Hotel, Bonita Springs. As you stroll on the plaza you will meet the artists as they showcase their current original artwork, be entertained by live music and have complimentary wine and refreshments.

For more information, call Kathleen Hede-Bradford, 239-776-6844.

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## March 12-22 at BIG ARTS

**Friday, March 12 • 10:30 AM**

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**Friday, March 12 • 8 PM**

In Concert: **Five By Design**

**Monday, March 15 • 6 PM**

BIG ARTS Annual Benefit: **Dublin's Traditional Irish Cabaret**

**Wednesday, March 17 • 1 PM**

Movie Makers Showcase: **Weaving the Future through Art & The Art of Mary Keogh**

**Saturday, March 18 • 3 PM**

Art Talk: **Stella Farwell**

**Friday, March 19 • 8 PM**

In Concert: **Janis Ian**

**Saturday, March 20 • 9 AM - 1 PM**

Sustainable Living Seminar: **A Practical Guide to Living Green Everyday with Jennifer Languell**

**Sunday, March 21 • 7 PM**

SWFL Symphony: **Bach & More**

**Monday, March 22 • 7 PM**

Monday Film Series: **Paris**

Visit us at [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org) for more information on performances and events, including links to performers' sites.

# Winners Of Art League Juried Show

by Dana Roes, show judge

It was an absolute pleasure to jury this well-skilled, diverse show. I enjoyed the range of mediums and their manipulation. It was difficult to select the winners based on the exceptionally high level of work from all of the artists. My criteria for evaluating the work were based on technical and aesthetic success, and mostly a new or refreshing take on the familiar or potentially the mundane.

First place: *Tropical Sky 3*, graphite drawing by Celeste Borah

Judge's comment: Beautifully executed, consciously simplified, emphasizing the complexity of our existence under the "big" sky. This is evident in the decision to compositionally illustrate the grandeur of the sky relative to the shrinking landscape. One cannot help but be reminded of our insignificance in the greater world.

Second place: *Peaches*, oil painting by Ellie Schneider

Judge's comment: Is much more than seemingly traditional take on a familiar subject. The artist's ability to translate form from color is exquisitely accurate and beautifully recorded. I was particularly impressed with the artist awareness of light and form.

Third place: *Out of Rock Comes Life*, watercolor painting by Susanne Brown

Judge's comment: Is a successful abstraction, though objective in origin it manages to operate on its own terms. A wonderful use of space and texture, creating an intriguing atmosphere.

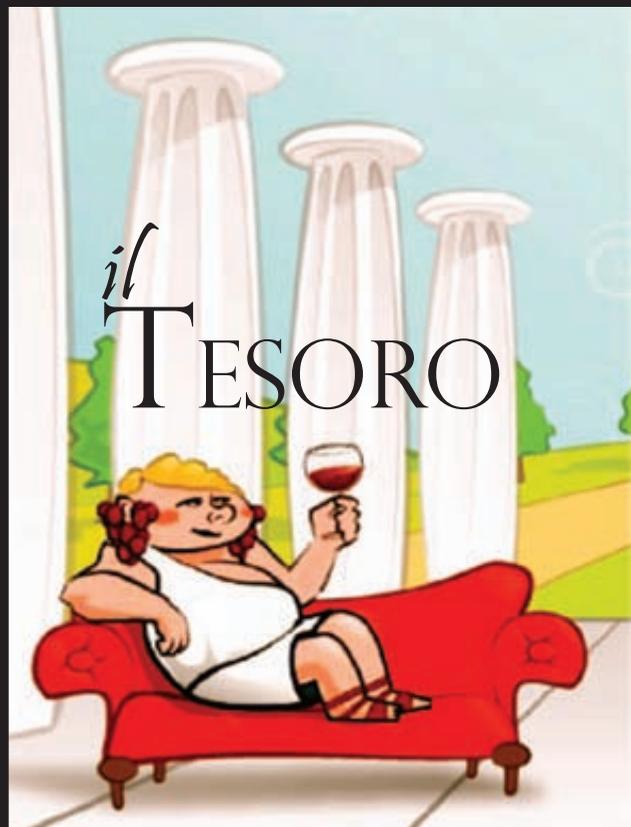
Merit awards: Joan Grathwohl, *Lay Back Spin #1*, pastel; James Leese, *Sanibel Goes Retail IV*, digital collage; Carl Schwartz, *Koi and Water Iris*, acrylic.

Honorable mentions: Maizie Argondizza, *Winter Chill*, mMixed media; Tracy Owen Cullimore, *Piazza San Marco*, mixed media; John Swank, *Diner Shores*, photography

Dana Roes has a Master of Fine Art degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a Bachelors of Fine Arts degree from Moore College of Art. She exhibits nationally and internationally and is the recipient of several awards including a Fulbright Fellowship and New Jersey Council of the Arts Grant. Roes, a professor of art, has taught painting and conceptual art at Savannah College of Art and Design, painting at Carnegie Mellon University and currently teaches painting and drawing at Edison State College.

The Art League of Fort Myers Web site is [www.artleagueoffortmyers.org](http://www.artleagueoffortmyers.org).\*

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## Archaeology Day At Collier County Museum



Inside a 'dig'

Collier County Museum will host Archaeology Day on Saturday, March 20 in conjunction with the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN) and the Southwest Florida Archaeological Society (SWFAS). Attendees will hear from a line-up of speakers and have access to explore the museum's Craighead Archaeology Laboratory.

Scheduled speakers:

- 10 am: Theresa Schober of Mound House at Fort Myers Beach, speaking on Making Mound House, Preserving and interpreting a Shell Mound
- 11 am: John Beriault of the



Sifting through dirt in search of artifacts

Archaeological and Historical Conservancy will discuss early archaeologists and the northern Ten Thousand Islands

• Noon: Steve Archer of the Florida Public Archaeology Network will introduce the new regional FPAN center located in Fort Myers Beach

The museum's Craighead Archaeology Laboratory will be open throughout the day for visitation, and FPAN will have information and activities available. Additional permanent exhibits on Southwest Florida's prehistory and history are also on display at the museum.

For further information on Florida Public Archaeology Network, visit [www.flpublicarchaeology.org](http://www.flpublicarchaeology.org) and visit [www.explorationsinc.com/swfl-archaeology/index.html](http://www.explorationsinc.com/swfl-archaeology/index.html) for more information on the Southwest Florida Archaeological Society

More than 10,000 years of Southwest Florida History is on display at Collier County Museums' four locations – the main museum location in Naples, two additional museum facilities in Everglades City and Immokalee, and the historic Naples Depot, a former train station and local favorite in downtown Naples. For more information, visit [www.colliermuseums.com](http://www.colliermuseums.com) or call (239) 252-8476.✽

## Free Bus Tour Of Immokalee

Those interested in learning more about The Immokalee Foundation are invited to join the TIF bus tour, Monday, March 22. The tour includes a stop at Immokalee High School to meet community members and learn more about the ways the foundation is making a difference.

The bus will depart Bay Colony Golf Club at 9 a.m. after a light breakfast at 8:30 a.m. The morning will include a driving tour of Immokalee including the Immokalee Farm Worker's Village, PACE Center for Girls, Redlands Christian Migrant Academy and Immokalee Housing & Family Services.

TIF program managers for College Success: Take Stock in Children, Direct Scholarships, Vocational Success: Future Builders of America, Out of School Program: The First Tee of Naples/Collier, Immokalee Readers and Community Grants will be on hand to discuss their programs.

During lunch, TIF students will give a brief presentation followed by questions and answers.

The bus will depart Immokalee at approximately 1:30 p.m. returning to Bay Colony Golf Club.

The free tour is open to the public. To register, call 239-430-9122.

For more information visit [www.immokaleefoundation.org](http://www.immokaleefoundation.org).✽

## Rare Shell Found On Sanibel Beach



Harlan Wittkopf with the rare giant tun shell

A rare giant Atlantic tun shell turned up on Sanibel last week while the island was filled with shell enthusiasts and exhibitors.

Noted international shell authors Harlan E. Wittkopf and S. Peter Dance arranged to lead a group of avid shellers and shell show exhibitors on a night beach excursion, complete with flashlights and other gear, at Sandalfoot Condominium last week.

Wittkopf, the only one who waded into the chilly water, was rewarded by the sight of the shell sticking out of the mud. It was a giant Atlantic tun or *Tonna galea*.



The tun shell

Last year a broken portion of a giant Atlantic tun was found on the beach in front of Sandalfoot by a guest, but the one that Wittkopf found is intact.✽

## NARFE Meeting

The NARFE (National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association) South Lee County Chapter #1263 will meet on March 18 at 11:30 a.m. at the International King Buffet, 9061 College Parkway, Fort Myers. For more information, call 482-6713.✽

## Tea By The Sea For Ostego Bay

On Saturday, March 20, Ostego Bay Foundation will host the elegant and fun Tea by the Sea from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event, featuring great food, a fashion show and a Chinese auction, will be held at 700 Fisherman's Wharf, San Carlos Island right next door to Bonita Bill's Restaurant. All proceeds will benefit the Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center.

Tickets are \$20 for one or \$70 for a table of four and can be purchased in advance by calling 765-8101.✽

## Alva Yard Sale

The Alva Community Center is having a community yard sale and invites you to clean out your closets and turn your junk into someone else's treasure.

Tables are available for \$10 each or you can reserve a spot for \$5 if you provide the table. Call 239-728-2882 to reserve a place.

The sale will be held at the tennis court from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 20.

The Alva Community Center is at 21471 N. River Road in Alva.✽

## ECHO Shows How To Grow Food

ECHO (Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization) hosts its annual Farm Day on March 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visitors will be given unique tours, hands-on gardening workshops and various demonstrations as they learn how subsistence farmers live around the world.

Discount admission tickets for this 19th annual event are on sale now at the ECHO bookstore and gift shop at 17391 Durrance Road in North Fort Myers at \$3 per person, free for ages 12 and under. You may also purchase tickets the day of the event for \$5 per person, 12 and under free.

The 50-acre Global Farm and has a tropical rainforest, a 300+ variety seed bank, a bamboo courtyard of over 35 varieties. Visitors can also learn about alternative energies as they are demonstrated in the appropriate technology area.

Stan Doerr, ECHO president/CEO states, "One of the workshops, Food Plants in the Landscape, will demonstrate how you can easily substitute nutritious plants into your porch or backyard. Whether you have a large yard or a small patio, growing your own food is easy, affordable and almost necessary, especially in this economy."

For more information, contact ECHO at 239-543-3246.✽

## Promotional Road Tour To Boost Visitation

For the third consecutive year, the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB), representing The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel on Southwest Florida's Gulf Coast, is conducting a year-long promotional road show to bring the popular vacation destination to prospective visitors in key feeder markets throughout the U.S.

The Island Treasures Tour features a 40-foot-long recreational vehicle (RV) wrapped in dramatic destination images designed to help position the destination as "Florida's authentic island sanctuary." In its first two years, the RV was on the road more than 400 days stopping at more than 200 consumer events and reaching more than 1.5 million consumers. Its 2008 and 2009 tour stops included consumer events, travel agencies, meeting planners' offices and the state's legislative session in Tallahassee – much of which will continue in 2010 with appearances at travel and outdoor-themed consumer shows, art festivals, boat shows, and spring training games throughout Florida and in key feeder markets such as Boston and New York.

The primary objective of the continuing tour is to increase visitation to the destination among targeted consumers with a special emphasis on first-time visitors, but it also is designed to entice increased business from meeting planners, travel agents and tour operators and to help build relationships with key legislators to further the destination's political needs.

"We're very pleased with how the tour performed for us these past two years, so we're taking our show on the road again this year," said Tamara Pigott, VCB executive director. "Consumers are so bombarded with advertising messages that it takes something way out of the ordinary like this to capture their attention and entice their interest. Dramatically positioning our destination front and center at a variety of special events throughout our key in-state and out-of-state feeder markets gives consumers a unique opportunity to experience the magic of our destination in a non-intrusive, customer friendly environment."

This year, the VCB is adding co-op partners to the tour and will distribute promotional literature from six program participants during its 2010 tour stops, in addition to the destination literature and premiums that already are popular with RV guests. Coming on board with the co-op program are: Royal Shell Vacations, Sanibel; Tween Waters Inn Beach Resort, Captiva; Pointe Estero Beach Resort, DiamondHead Beach Resort, The Resort At MarinaVillage, and GullWing Beach Resort, Fort Myers Beach.

The Island Treasures Tour RV is fully equipped with a patio sales/display area, meeting area, VIP reception area, large flat-screen television monitors and surround sound. In addition, the RV has a solar charger for its battery, and the crew

uses eco-friendly cleaning supplies and recycles as much as possible. Plus they promote recycling to consumers at all events by providing bins.

Similarly, in keeping with its mission of preserving the destination for future visitors, The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel has offset the carbon footprint of its energy use and travel for the RV tour by donating funds to Go Zero, a program to combat global warming launched by The Conservation Fund. Go Zero has helped the destination measure its carbon dioxide emissions, including those for the RV tour; and The Conservation Fund has

offset that impact by planting native trees that absorb carbon dioxide as they grow.

The Island Treasures Tour RV is driven by Gordon and Elaine Waeckerle, who have traveled throughout Florida providing a wide array of services for trade shows and conventions. Originally from St. Louis, Missouri, Gordon spent 36 years working for Ralston Purina and then Ameren UE before retiring to Florida to work in the hospitality and convention business. Also from St. Louis, Elaine worked for Maritz Motivation Company for 17 years before retiring to Florida.

The two are supervised by EventStrategic Senior Vice President Gary McCann, who helped start the company that is managing the Island Treasures Tour for the destination. EventStrategic is a 27-year-old marketing company based in Indialantic, Florida that specializes in experiential marketing at special events.✪

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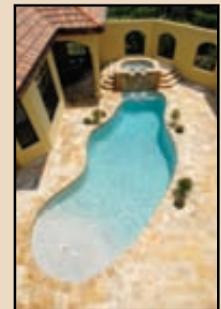


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- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/2 cup orange or tangerine juice
- 8 hearts of palm, fresh or canned
- 1/4 cup red onions, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup red bell peppers, roasted, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup yellow bell peppers, roasted, thinly sliced
- 2 medium oranges or tangerines, peeled and sectioned
- 1/4 cup fresh tarragon leaves, chopped
- 2 cups fresh spinach, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1/4 cup rice wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoon fresh parsley, finely chopped

Crack claws; remove shell and movable pincer, leaving the meat attached to the remaining pincer. Set aside. In a small saucepan, combine the sugar, vinegar, honey and orange or tangerine juice. Bring to a boil and cook until thickened to syrup. Remove from heat, cool and set aside. Slice hearts of palm into thin strips. In a bowl, combine the hearts of palm, onions, peppers, orange or tangerine



**Honey Citrus Stone Crab Claws with Hearts of Palm Salad**

segments, tarragon and spinach. Dress salad with olive oil and vinegar; toss until moistened. Serve salad in the center of each plate with stone crab claws arranged around. Drizzle the honey citrus sauce over all and garnish with chopped parsley. Serve extra honey citrus sauce on the side.

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ECHO (Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization) hosts its annual Farm Day on March 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visitors will be given unique tours, hands-on gardening workshops and various demonstrations as they learn how subsistence farmers live around the world.

Discount admission tickets for this 19th annual event are on sale now at the ECHO bookstore and gift shop at 17391 Durrance Road in North Fort Myers at \$3 per person, free for ages 12 and under. You may also purchase tickets the day of the event for \$5 per person, 12 and under free.

The 50-acre Global Farm and has a tropical rainforest, a 300+ variety seed bank, a bamboo courtyard of over 35 varieties. Visitors can also learn about alternative energies as they are demonstrated in the appropriate technology area.

Stan Doerr, ECHO president/CEO states, "One of the workshops, Food Plants in the Landscape, will demonstrate how you can easily substitute nutritious plants into your porch or backyard. Whether you have a large yard or a small patio, growing your own food is easy, affordable and almost necessary, especially in this economy."

For more information, contact ECHO at 239-543-3246.\*

**Southwest Florida Herb Day 2010**

Learn how to grow herbs in Southwest Florida from the experts and from your neighbors on Saturday, April 10 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. at the Lee County Extension Service.

For many herbs there is a season while others prefer year-round exposure. Popular and lesser-known herbs will be for sale.

Schedule:

8:15 a.m. Registration and shopping

9 a.m. Session opening, Bobbi Robertson, Lee County Master Gardener

9:10a.m. Growing & Using Herbs in Florida, Dennis Gretton

10 a.m. Prize Giveaway

10:10 a.m. Break and Tasting Table - sample food made from fresh herbs from the garden.

10:45 a.m. Herbs for Florida Gardeners, Monica Brandies

Q&A will follow each presentation

The Lee County Extension Services office is at 3406 Palm Beach Boulevard, Fort Myers. Cost is \$8 per person in advance, \$10 at the door.

For more information contact Claudia Piotrowicz at 533-7514 or email: cpiotrowicz@leegov.com.\*

## Ladies Win Pinewood Derby



The winners: Leslie Davidson, Grace Lawson and Heather Doll

Knotts Plastering, Inc. teamed up with a local Cub Scout Troop for the fourth annual Knotts Pinewood Derby on Friday, February 12. Once again, the event was a sellout and raised hundreds of dollars for the troop. Part of the success can also be attributed to this year's sponsor, Bubba Burger, whose head chef Patrick Patti served up dinner with a smile and a hardy "You will never bite a burger better than a Bubba!" The outcome was feminine dominance as the top three winners were all of the female persuasion, squashing all thoughts of this being a male sport.

Feelings of joy and anticipation swept over the crowd that consisted of presidents, project managers and crew alike, as they began to get caught up in re-living their childhood. The lineup was impressive with all types of cars, trucks and even animals made from the Pinewood Derby kits. One could see a battleship, a dog, a hammer, a fire truck and even a watermelon slice complete with seeds. This event allows for the participants' fun, creative and competitive sides to come together to do some good for

## Apollo 13 Crew Reunites For 40th Anniversary Event

Apollo 13... you've seen Hollywood's version on the big screen, now hear the story straight from the astronauts during an exclusive insider's event at launch headquarters, Kennedy Space Center. On April 9, Apollo 13 astronauts Fred Haise, James Lovell and famed NASA Flight Director Gene Kranz will join an elite line-up of astronauts and space icons to commemorate this legendary voyage's 40th anniversary during a special celebration hosted by the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation (ASF). Event-goers will re-live the adventure of NASA's most "successful failure" mission with a behind-the-scenes journey through the venue where only the crew and few others have been.

The event promises guests a drive-by of the actual launch pad where the Apollo 13 crew took flight, a look into a mock Firing Room for a private briefing by Kranz, and a fun-flared dinner under a restored, massive Saturn V rocket – the same vehicle used on this mission – alongside the crew, Kranz and key mission contributors. The evening will conclude with a panel discussion, as the team shares their stories of what it took to safely return the ill-fated mission to earth.

"Everyone has read the *Apollo 13* book or seen the film, but very few people have had the opportunity to see where it all started," said Linn LeBlanc, executive director of Astronaut Scholarship Foundation for which the event will benefit. "This event offers guests a rare glimpse of the mission through the eyes of the men who lived it, and in the place where it all began."

Tickets are \$250 each; VIP tickets are \$500 (limited number available), which includes an exclusive Apollo 13 crew photo-op and more.

Tickets may be secured at [www.AstronautScholarship.org/Apollo13](http://www.AstronautScholarship.org/Apollo13) or by calling 321-455-7014 and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Ticket price, over fair-market value, should be considered a tax-deductible donation. Sponsorships are also available.

The Astronaut Scholarship Foundation (ASF), a 501(c)3, non-profit organization established by the Mercury Astronauts. Its goal is to aid the United States in retaining its world leadership in science and technology by providing scholarships for exceptional college students pursuing degrees in these fields. ASF funds 19 \$10,000 scholarships annually and has awarded over \$2.8 million to students nationwide. For more information, call 321-455-7015 or log on to [www.AstronautScholarship.org](http://www.AstronautScholarship.org).

the local community. This year first place went to Heather Doll, second place to Leslie Davidson and third place was Grace Lawson. The ladies attributed their success to attention to detail. The men vow revenge next year. One of the cars that caught attention was the tribute to Carl Edwards' NASCAR made by AFLAC agent Allison Collins. The cry of "AFLAC!" could be heard from every corner of the building as she stepped up to the starting line with her car boasting not only a picture of Edwards but also the famous AFLAC duck.✪

## Alex Sink Forum At Shell Point

The public is invited to a forum with Democratic Florida Gubernatorial Candidate Alex Sink on Monday, March 22, at 10 a.m. at Shell Point Retirement Community inside the Shell Point Church Auditorium on the Island.

Sink was elected as Florida's CFO in 2006 and has led the charge to cut wasteful government spending and stand up for Florida's consumers. She has created programs such as Safeguard Our Seniors, aimed at protecting Florida's seniors from financial fraud. Her Safeguard our Seniors workshops have helped Florida seniors recover nearly \$9 million and put senior scammers behind bars.

This event is free and open to the public. Visitors must follow the directional parking signs to the proper parking lots where a bus will be waiting to transport them to the auditorium. For more information call 454-2071.✪



Alex Sink

## Open House At FGCU

Florida Gulf Coast University invites prospective students to attend the Graduate Studies Spring Expo Open House to learn about post-baccalaureate study opportunities at FGCU. The open house will run from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31 in the Student Union ballroom.

Throughout the evening, faculty, staff and students will discuss FGCU's 32 graduate degree programs in business, counseling, criminal forensic studies, criminal

justice, education, English, history, environmental science, health professions, public administration and social work.

Representatives are available from FGCU's testing center, financial aid and scholarship office and campus recreation. The Office of Graduate Studies provides admission requirements.

Prospective students are encouraged to RSVP to the Graduate Studies Spring Expo by email at [graduate@fgcu.edu](mailto:graduate@fgcu.edu) or call 590-7988.✪

## Jewish Federation's SAT Prep Class

The Jewish Federation of Lee & Charlotte Counties is offering a special prep class series to help get local students ready for upcoming 2010 SAT tests. The SAT test, a critical measure of scholarship, is the benchmark used by most colleges and universities for admission decisions. As such, they are crucial to a student's success in higher education – and a long-term focus of learning for high-school students.

Small class sizes and affordable tuition make the federation's classes stand out. According to Naomi Rubin, the federation's programming director, "We are a nonprofit organization, not a business. We provide the SAT classes in a professional manner, affordable to the whole community. Your child will enjoy the course as well as benefit from it."

The classes are led by local residents Professor Joan Lewin and Connie Kelley, two professional educators with years of experience in SAT preparation.

Class fee is \$355 and includes all course materials. A minimum of six students is necessary for this class to be held, and a maximum of 12 students will be accepted.

The 14-session classes will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays starting March 17 for the June 5 SAT test. Classes will be held on March 17, 24, April 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28, May 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 26.

Math classes are held Mondays, and classes for the verbal section are held Wednesdays. Sessions, which begin promptly at 6:30 and conclude by 9 p.m., are held at the Federation office at 9701 Commerce Center Court, Fort Myers (off Bass Road and Summerlin Road opposite Lexington County Club).

Call 481-4449 or log onot [www.JewishFederationLCC.org](http://www.JewishFederationLCC.org).✪

# The 17-Year-Old Son Of Two Professional Ballet Dancers Is Prized Rookie Of The Minnesota Twins

by Ed Frank



The "United Nations" arrived this week at the Lee County Sports Complex in Fort Myers – 150 Minor League ballplayers from 18 countries in the farm system of the Minnesota Twins.

Behind nearly every one – from 16-year-olds to veteran minor leaguers – is a story of its own, all chasing the same dream of making it to the Big Leagues.

One most interesting is that of Maximilian Kepler-Rozycki, a strapping 17-year-old outfielder from Berlin, Germany, who goes simply by the name of Max Kepler.

Standing six-foot-four and weighing 180 pounds, the youngster speaks three languages (perfect English) and already has been tagged as the 10th best prospect in the vast Twins organization by *Baseball America*. That is the reason why the Twins gave him an \$800,000 signing bonus last July.

This was a stunning sum for a teenager out of Europe and a record for an amateur position player outside the U.S. and Latin America. Officials from a dozen Major League teams, including the New York Yankees and Chicago Cubs, came to Berlin to check out the versatile outfielder. They compare his compact, graceful swing to that of Shawn Green, who retired in 2007 with 328 home runs. Scouts say he possesses baseball's five "tools" – speed, arm strength, glove work and the ability to hit for both power and average.

He came to the United States last summer with his mother, played in the Instructional League and also enrolled in Fort Myers South High School where he has already received his GED.

"He was just 16 when he came over here and he sure held his own in the Instructional League," said Jim Rantz, the long-time senior director of the Twins Minor Leagues.

Kepler's family background provides strong clues to the teenager's talent and prized athleticism.

His mother, born in Texas, and his father of Polish descent, are both professional ballet dancers. Although his mother has retired from ballet, his father still teaches at a ballet school in Germany.

Baseball is not as popular in Germany as soccer, but young Max started playing baseball at the age of seven. He later competed in several public leagues until signed by Twins scout Mike Ratcliff.

## Super Bowl Coach To Speak

The Southwest Florida Christian Couples Club will hold its annual dinner on March 13 at Pelican Preserve at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$35 and may be purchased by phone at 242-7238 or email, [helpline4teens@mind-spring.com](mailto:helpline4teens@mind-spring.com).

The event honors The Lifeline Family Center which since 1996 has been providing young women in crisis pregnancy a safe home and learning environment along with educational training, job training, professional counseling, parenting classes and spiritual direction during this important time in their lives.

Lifeline will be the recipient of donations taken at the event.

The motivational keynote speaker will be renowned Head Coach Bobby Ross, discussing life's many victories. After graduating from Benedictine High School, Ross attended the Virginia Military Institute, where he started at quarterback and defensive back for two seasons and was captain of the football team as a senior.

Following a tour of duty in the U.S. Army as a first lieutenant, Ross coached football at Colonial Heights High School and at his own alma mater of Benedictine. He then moved on to

coaching at the college level, starting with assistant coaching stints at William & Mary, Rice, and Maryland before accepting his first head coaching position at The Citadel. After five seasons his coaching record was 24 wins, 31 losses, and 0 ties, ranking him seventh at The Citadel in total wins and 16th in winning percentage.

Ross then spent four years as an assistant coach with the Kansas City Chiefs before returning to the collegiate arena as head coach at Maryland. He won three Atlantic Coast Conference Championships while at Maryland. After four years, he left to coach Georgia Tech where as head coach he led the Jackets to an 11-0-1 record and the ACC championship – the school's first conference title since 1952. They also won the national championship by finishing first in the final Coaches' Poll. Ross won the Paul "Bear" Bryant Award and the Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year Award.

He went on to become the head coach of the San Diego Chargers, winning an AFC Championship and San Diego's first trip to the Super Bowl. In his five seasons with the Chargers, they won two division titles and made the playoffs three times.

In 1996 Ross left the Chargers to become the head coach of the Detroit Lions, a position he held until the middle of the 2000 season when he resigned due to a medical condition.✪

Not surprising, when he enrolled in South Fort Myers High School he was recruited to play baseball. Already under contract with the Twins, he was told he could not. But the high school is directly across from the Lee County Sports Complex so Max would cross the street after school to work out in the Twins training rooms.

Rantz has been with the Twins organization for 50 years, 24 as head of their farm system, so he knows talent when he sees it. There is a gleam in his eyes when he talks about this German-American youngster who both bats and throws left handed.

Rantz said that it is likely that Kepler will start his professional career right here with the rookie Gulf Coast League Twins who begin their season in June at the Lee County Sports Complex.

Asked whether he has other athletic siblings, Max said his 14-year-old sister plays golf to a 13 handicap.

With poise and talent far beyond his years, Max Kepler is a name no doubt you will hear more about in the years to come.

The Minnesota Twins through the years have built their success by the development of young players in their farm system. Don't be surprised if Kepler becomes part of that lore.

### Spring Training Home Schedules

#### Minnesota Twins – Hammond Stadium

Thursday, March 11 – Baltimore; 1:05 p.m.  
Friday, March 12 – New York Mets; 1:05 p.m.  
Sunday, March 14 – Boston Red Sox; 1:05 p.m.  
Tuesday, March 16 – Baltimore; 1:05 p.m.  
Thursday, March 18 – Pittsburgh; 1:05 p.m.

#### Boston Red Sox – City of Palms Park

Saturday, March 13 – Pittsburgh; 1:05 p.m.  
Monday, March 15 – Baltimore; 1:05 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 17 – New York Mets; 1:05 p.m.✪



Jim Rantz, left, senior director of the Minor Leagues for the Minnesota Twins, with promising rookie Max Kepler from Germany

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## Bay Oaks Annual Tennis Tournament

Bay Oaks Recreation Campus on Fort Myers Beach will be hosting its 17th annual tennis tournament beginning March 19 and continuing through March 21. This year there will be five different classifications; Men's 3.5 Doubles, Men's 3.0 Doubles, Mixed Open, Women's 3.5 Doubles, and Women's 3.0 Doubles. The tournaments will be held on the courts at Bay Oaks Recreation Campus. The cost to enter is \$20 per team. Call Ed Frazier at 765-4222.✪

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The cost is \$150 for the 12-week session.

Southwest Florida Fencing Academy is located at 4210 Fowler Street, Unit 9, Fort Myers. For more information call 939-1338. For private lessons call to set up an appointment. Log on to [www.swfloridafencing.org](http://www.swfloridafencing.org) to see what's happening at the academy.\*

The Southwest Florida Fencing Academy is offering beginner's fencing classes. There are two 12-week sessions with one beginning

## Nominations Sought For New Business Awards

The Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB) and the Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce are seeking nominations for the first annual Chrysalis Awards to honor businesses and individuals who have positively impacted the local community.

Award nominations are due on March 12 and are open to any member of the local business community, regardless of whether or not they are directly a part of the tourism industry. Award recipients will be announced at a jointly hosted Celebration of Business & Tourism Awards Luncheon and Trade Show on May 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Harborside Event Center in downtown Fort Myers.

The event celebrates the value of tourism and the community teamwork involved in maintaining and enhancing tourism as a major economic engine for the county. It is part of the VCB's year-round Team Tourism informational program to strengthen destination teamwork.

The categories: Business Development, Eco-Innovation, Cultural Achievement, Education, Sports and Sales and Marketing. A seventh award category is the VCB's long-standing Junonia Award, created to recognize those individuals who have positively impacted the local tourism community by demonstrating unique capabilities, leadership, commitment, and dedication.

A panel of local business community leaders will judge nominations and select one award recipient in each of the six categories; and, as in past years, the Junonia will be awarded at the sole discretion of the VCB.

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## Volunteers Creates 13,000 Hearts



Susan Crowe, director, Volunteer Resources & Auxiliary Development for Gulf Coast Medical Center; Nancy Stanfield, volunteer president, Gulf Coast Medical Center Auxiliary; Judy Bolton, Shell Point resident, and June Schneider, nursing director, Gulf Coast Medical Center

The Huggie Hearts volunteer group of Shell Point residents who hand-sew pillows for cardiac patients in Southwest Florida, recently, created their 13,000th pillow which will be on display in the Gulf Coast Medical Center to honor the many years and pillows that have been given to cardiac patients.

The pillows allow patients to have something to hug as they recuperate from heart surgery. Coughing to expel fluid is very important and hugging the pillow to the chest is very helpful. The fact that the pillow displays the shape of a heart is a bonus as the volunteers send loving wishes on to patients with each pillow.

"The patients who receive pillows are so excited to know that volunteers work diligently to give them a thoughtful gift to help them through a tough ordeal," said Judy Bolton, Shell Point resident and current Huggie Hearts Group leader. "I recently met a resident at Shell Point who still has her Huggie Heart pillow from 20 years ago. It has meant so much to her, and she still remembers the great feeling she had in receiving that gift."



Shell Point resident Hebe Henderson started Huggie Hearts at Shell Point in 1989. Reaching the 13,000th heart pillow has been a very rewarding process for the resident volunteers as well as the heart patients of Lee County. Shell Point residents Janet Plume, Martha Ryckman, Winona Whitehead, Virginia Brown and Betty Muench assisted Judy Bolton with the stuffing of this memorable pillow. Resident Peg Glosser also participates regularly with the group, but was not available when this group met to create the 13,000th pillow.

"Volunteering is a gift to the community, and the rewards are profound," said Susan Crowe, director of Volunteer Resources & Auxiliary Development for Gulf Coast Medical Center.✱

Huggie Heart pillow

## March For Babies Coming To Lee, Collier And Charlotte Counties

The March for Babies, coordinated by the March of Dimes, is the biggest fundraiser and combines corporate sponsorship, walker fundraising, vendor campaigns and personal commitments to raise money for March of Dimes research and community programs. Their work helps moms have full-term pregnancies and babies begin healthy lives. This will be a tri-county event taking place in Lee, Charlotte, and Collier counties.

The Lee County walk will be held on Saturday, April 24. The evening walk will be held at Centennial Park, with registration at 6 p.m. and the march beginning at 7. Lee County is estimated to have 1,500 walkers with hopes of raising \$270,000 to support the March of Dimes efforts. Centennial Park is located at 2100 Edwards Drive in Fort Myers.

Charlotte County's walk will also be held on Saturday, April 24. This walk will be held at Bayshore Live Oak Park, with registration at 8 a.m. and the march beginning at 9. Charlotte County is estimated to have 350 participants and has a fundraising goal of \$65,000. Bayshore Live Oak Park is located at 23157 Bayshore Road in Port Charlotte.

The Collier County walk is scheduled for May 1 and will be held at Cambier Park. Another evening walk, registration will begin at 6 p.m. and the march will start at 7 p.m. Collier County estimates having 500 walkers and hopes to raise \$120,000. Cambier Park is located at 755 8th Avenue South in Naples.

To register as a walker or to create a team visit [www.marchforbabies.org](http://www.marchforbabies.org). For details on the tri-county events visit the

event listing page. Visit the Facebook pages for updated information and details on contests, sponsors, etc.

A concert in the park will follow the Lee and Collier county walks. The Charlotte County walk will include a picnic in the park after the walk. Following all three walks, awards and celebration ceremonies will take place.

John J. Iacuone, MD, executive director for The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida/Lee Memorial Health System, is the chair for March for Babies in Fort Myers and Naples. He is board certified in pediatrics and pediatric hematology/oncology and is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Sponsors for the Lee County march include Presenting Sponsor Wells Fargo/Wachovia, Family Sponsor The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, ABC-7, 93.3 WOLZ, Florida Weekly and MetroPCS. Charlotte County's Presenting Sponsor is Peace River Regional Medical Center and sponsors for Collier include Presenting Sponsor Physicians Regional Medical Center and other sponsor Wells Fargo/Wachovia.

The most urgent infant health problem in the United States today is premature birth. It affects more than half a million babies each year, with the number growing every day. The March of Dimes is committed to reducing this toll by funding research to find the answers to premature birth and providing comfort and information to families who are affected.

For the latest resources and information, visit [www.marchofdimes.com](http://www.marchofdimes.com) or [www.nacersano.org](http://www.nacersano.org).✱



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## dearRPharmacist

by Suzy Cohen, RPH



**D**I read in your recent column that huperzine improves memory? When I did an Internet search, I learned that the herb has been used for centuries to relieve colds/fever, inflammation, pain and

menstrual cycles. My question today is about my mother, who doesn't even recognize me. Can it help her?

FA, Santa Barbara, California

I do believe in miracles, but I can't promise that huperzine A (pronounced HOOP-ur-zeen A) will help your mother because she may be too far along. The column I wrote discussing nine powerful memory boosters is now posted at my Web site and your mom would likely benefit from the combination of several supplements, rather than huperzine all by itself.

There are approximately five million people in the United States who have Alzheimer's disease and even more that have some degree of cognitive decline so I'll delve deeper into huperzine, which does not require prescription. It's a natural plant extract that comes from Chinese club moss, *Huperzia serrata*. The data conflicts, but I feel there is enough evidence to support huperzine and its ability to improve learning and memory, both short-term and long-term dementia.

Over the past few years, there has been a flurry of interest surrounding huperzine for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease because it works like prescription drugs and temporarily blocks an enzyme called acetylcholinesterase. This action slows down the breakdown of acetylcholine, which in turn, preserves our memory. Not to get terribly scientific on you, but I'm impressed that huperzine acts a bit like an NMDA receptor antagonist, which in my world means it can bring calm to overexcited nerve pathways and increase plasticity, which boosts learning, mental clarity and memory function. Huperzine contains some antioxidants, so it neutralizes free radical 'bombs' that seek to destroy your brain cells. All those benefits and very few side-effects as compared to prescribed memory medications.

One study in 1995 found that almost 60 percent of participants improved while taking huperzine. In 2008, researchers did a general review of six randomized controlled trials and concluded that huperzine had some beneficial effects. An ongoing study in the U.S. is being conducted by the National Institute on Aging to determine the best dosage for huperzine, and how it improves our activities of daily living.

Huperzine is sold at health food stores nationwide and online. If you take too much, you may experience side-effects such as sweating, nausea, dizziness or abdominal upset. Do not combine huperzine with either cholinergic or anticholinergic medications until you ask your pharmacist and physician.

## Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

**L**izzie 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,**

My mother and father continued to live in our family home after their family left. My father developed diabetes and my mother lovingly cared for him and made his health her major interest.

After a number of years he died and she wanted to continue to live in her home. We help her and she also has paid help to come in to assist her with major care. She is now isolated, very lonely and has lost her enthusiasm and interest. She no longer has friends who drop in

or phone because they are also having health or adjustment problems or both.

We are at a loss to know what to do because she certainly continues to go downhill. Could you please help us?

Lesley

**Dear Lesley,**

Please take your mother to her physician and have her evaluated to rule out any medical problems.

Discuss with your mother what you see and think about her situation. She may feel isolated and want a change as well. If she does not want to move into an independent living or assisted living community, there are senior centers and other community programs providing companionship and activities. If your mother's private duty staff cannot take her, other transportation services should be available in your area.

Many folks I know choose to stay in their homes and socialize in senior centers.

Pryce

**Dear Lesley,**

Your mother may be still grieving for her husband and her lost lifestyle.

Loneliness is a dreadful condition that unfortunately can be life-threatening if not treated. We all need to be in contact with others, some more than others, to meet our social needs.

Pryce has given you some great suggestions, and a place to start.

Lizzie

Lizzie and Pryce's email address is momandmeaging@hotmail.com.\*

### DID YOU KNOW:

Drinking green tea may have a beneficial effect on women who suffer with uterine fibroids, according to a new animal study in the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*.

*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.\**

Form a team of friends, co-workers, family or just yourself and get moving for the health of it. Registration begins at 9 a.m. From aerobics to Zumba, there will be plenty of activities in the Family Fitness Zone, Baby Boot Camp or marked routes to run, walk, bike and rollerblade through the park.

There will be a farmers market on the Caloosahatchee River, free health care information booths and door prizes. Trophies will be awarded for best team T-shirt and team with the most participants.

Centennial Park is located in downtown Fort Myers along the Caloosahatchee River. For more information call the Fort Myers Recreation Division at 321-7530.\*

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The show is open to all vehicle types; cars, trucks, motorcycles. Entrant's fee is \$20 and includes a commemorative T-shirt, goodie bag and the chance to enter the 50/50 raffle. Proceeds will benefit PURRE (People United to Restore our Rivers & Estuaries).

The R+L Carriers Racing hauler and show car will be there. There are numerous raffle and silent auction items, food and beverages available.

A best of show trophy will be awarded.

Call 472-2783 or e-mail [barb.harrington@RLRLLC.com](mailto:barb.harrington@RLRLLC.com) for additional information.✪



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Furniture, clothing, jewelry, linens, sporting goods, books, housewares, home décor, and children's items in saleable condition are always needed. By donating, you are also connecting to your community. Your merchandise is needed to help fund health care technology and programs to benefit the patients and citizens of Southwest Florida.

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Call 939-0808 for more information. Donations can be dropped off at the shop: 12135 Cleveland Avenue in Sherwin Williams Plaza, near Crystal Drive or call for pick-up. The thrift shop is open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers are also needed for only four hours a week.✪

## Foster A Pet, Save A Life

Lee County Domestic Animal Services (LCDAS) is seeking foster homes for many of its shelter pets. Foster homes for cats and dogs are needed year-round but more are needed as kitten season and warmer weather nears.

"The foster program is absolutely essential in saving lives when shelter overcrowding reaches critical levels," said Ria Brown, spkkeswoman. In 2009

## March Pet Adoption Special

All month long adopters will receive \$20 off the regular adoption fee for all pets plus a complimentary green T-shirt. The reduced adoption fee will still include the complete package of services.

For information about this week's pets, call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS) or log on to Animal Services' Web site at [www.LeeLostPets.com](http://www.LeeLostPets.com). When calling, refer to the animal's ID number. The shelter is open for adoptions from 11:30 am to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday at 5600 Banner Drive, Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office, off Six Mile Cypress Pkwy.



Diesel ID #465819

Name: Diesel  
Breed: Boxer  
Sex: Neutered male  
Age: Two years  
Color: White and brindle

Comments: I'm a special dog looking for a special owner. The staff and volunteers at Animal Services say I am

gentle and sweet. And by the way, did you notice how handsome I am? That's just superficial though, it's personality that counts. The reason I need a special owner is because I am deaf. Do you have some patience and a home without other dogs or small children? Because of my special needs I would do well in an adult home with someone who needs to be needed.



Cinderella ID# 466338

Name: Cinderella  
Breed: Domestic short hair  
Sex: Female  
Age: One year  
Color: Gray tiger

Comments: If I were human my dream job would be a super model. After all I'm beautiful, sophisticated and love to strike a pose. I'm also quite affectionate and friendly, in other words, a real charmer. So if you want to find your lucky charm come on over to Animal Services and let's get acquainted.✪

cat intake increased by 72 percent and dog intake by 40 percent during peak months.

LCDAS provides all necessary supplies including food, medications and veterinary care. In addition to alleviating shelter overcrowding, foster families provide a temporary home and whatever type of care is needed. Fostering can last from one to eight weeks depending on the animal's needs. Foster families are needed for nursing mother cats with kittens, kittens and puppies not old enough for adoption, and adult dogs that need socialization or recovery time from a treatable illness.

"Please open your heart and your home to these animals and assist us in saving lives," said Donna Ward, LCDAS director. "The rewards of fostering are tremendous," she adds.

Jennifer Galloway of Fort Myers has fostered pets for several years and completely agrees. "I love being part of a process that helps save the lives of abandoned pets. The Animal Services staff is

always available to answer any question and I enjoy seeing them as happy as I am when a pet goes to its new home."

Galloway also enjoys the friendships she has made with some of the families that adopted her foster pets. "I love seeing their pictures and hearing stories about their new lives."

Anyone interested may download a foster application online at [www.LeeLostPets.com](http://www.LeeLostPets.com) or call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS) for more information. To view a gallery of photos of foster pets that have been saved through the program go to [www.LeeLostPets.com](http://www.LeeLostPets.com) and click on Pet Updates.✪

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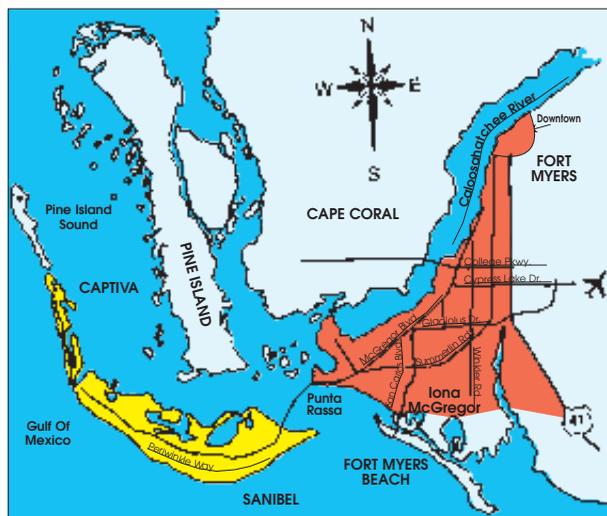
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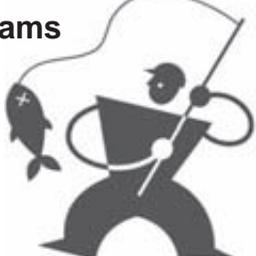
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## Business Awards

Business and individual nominees for the six Chrysalis Awards will be judged on their innovation in their respective category, how they have distinguished themselves in the community, the results of their efforts to promote the destination, their contributions to business and tourism partnerships for the overall benefit of the county, and their work to foster growth and sustainability.

“Destination visitors often spark future leisure visits, conventions, relocations and other business opportunities. The Chrysalis Awards signify an ongoing partnership between the business and tourism communities to ensure that continues to happen,” said Tamara Pigott, VCB director.

While the VCB has always pooled its resources with those of local chambers for the common good of the destination, this is the first such alliance between the VCB and a local chamber. In addition, all local chambers are involved with the new program.

The Celebration of Business & Tourism event will feature a trade show from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., and the awards luncheon from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Costs are \$25 for a single admission and \$250 for a reserved table for eight. Trade show exhibitors will pay \$120 for a booth, which includes two admission tickets. The event is projected to attract about 300 attendees.

To nominate a business or individual visit the Upcoming Events section of [www.LeeVCB.com](http://www.LeeVCB.com), where you can also register to attend the event and participate in the trade show through a link to the Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce Web site at [www.fortmyers.org](http://www.fortmyers.org).

For further details, contact Christine Davlin at the VCB at [cdavlin@leegov.com](mailto:cdavlin@leegov.com) or 338-3500; Glee Ann Agius at the Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce at [GleeAnn@fortmyers.org](mailto:GleeAnn@fortmyers.org) or 332-2930, ext. 211; or Colleen DePasquale, event chairperson, at [Colleen.DePasquale@hilton.com](mailto:Colleen.DePasquale@hilton.com) or 790-3500.✱

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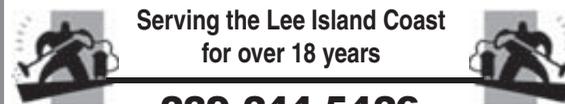
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## TRIVIA TEST

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2. U.S. STATES: What state's motto is "North to the Future"?
3. MATH: Who is known as the father of geometry?
4. ASTRONOMY: What are Saturn's giant rings made of?
5. MOVIES: What was the first Pixar film to receive a PG rating?
6. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the Isle of Wight in relation to England?
7. MEDICINE: What is the more common name for the ailment officially known as "tinea pedis"?
8. AD SLOGANS: What 1960s and '70s product warned consumers to "be careful how you use it"?
9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the fastest known bird in the world?
10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the birthstone for April?

## ANSWERS

1. "Where Everybody Knows Your Name" 2. Alaska 3. The Greek mathematician Euclid 4. Dust and ice 5. "The Incredibles" 6. It lies off England's southern coast 7. Athlete's foot 8. Hai Karate after-shave 9. Peregrin falcon (recorded at speeds of 200 mph) 10. Diamond

## SPORTS QUIZ

1. In 1965, Boston's Tony Conigliaro became the youngest home-run champion in American League history. How young was he?
2. Adam Dunn hit 40-plus home runs in five consecutive major-league seasons (2004-'08). Who is the only player to do it in seven consecutive seasons?
3. Who is the career passing-yards leader at Auburn University?
4. Name the first NBA coach to win 1,000 games with the same team.
5. Who was the first European player to be taken No. 1 overall in the NHL Draft?
6. Dale Earnhardt and Darrell Waltrip combined to win six of the 10 NASCAR Cup Series championships during the 1980s. Which drivers won the other four?
7. The Roger Federer-Andy Roddick fifth set at Wimbledon in 2009 set a Grand Slam final men's tennis record of 30 games. What had been the mark?

## ANSWERS

1. He was 20. 2. Babe Ruth (1926-32). 3. Sam White, with 8,016 yards (1990-'93). 4. Jerry Sloan of the Jazz, who reached the 1,000-win mark with Utah in 2008. 5. Mats Sundin, by Quebec in 1989. 6. Bobby Alton -- Rene Lacombe beat Bill Tilden, 11-9.)

## My Stars ★★

FOR WEEK OF MARCH 15, 2010

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19)

Disappointed about something that didn't go your way? Cheer up. Look at the reasons it happened, and you could find a valuable lesson about what to do (or not do!) the next time.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) It's a good time to do some reassessing of plans and goals -- even how you considered redoing your bathroom. The point is to be open to change if change can improve things.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Take some time to learn who is the right person (or persons) to approach and discuss your ideas with for your new project. Also, reserve time to prepare for an upcoming family event.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Dealing with a demanding situation, as you recently did, could drain much of your own emotional reserves. Take time to relax and indulge yourself in some well-earned pampering.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) The regal Lion might feel that she or he is above emotional displays. But showing your feelings can be liberating for you, and reassuring for someone who has been waiting for you to do so.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) An emotionally needy person might make more demands than you can cope with. Best to ask for some breathing space NOW, before resentment sets in and makes communication difficult.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) An unexpected spate of mixed signals could cause serious schedule setbacks. Best to focus on straightening everything out as soon as possible and get everyone back on track.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Be aware that someone in the workplace could try to use a disagreement with a colleague against you. If so, be prepared to offer your side of the story with the facts to back you up.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) An unexpected challenge to a previous decision can be unsettling. But your reservoir of self-confidence -- plus your loyal supporters -- should help carry the day for you. Good luck.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) While the idea of making some sort of major move in the near future continues to interest you, don't overlook a new possibility that could be emerging closer to home.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Be careful not to base an upcoming decision on gossip or anything you might hear if it can't meet provable standards. That's true regardless of whom the source might be.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You might still need to do some solid reassessing early in the week before you can close that sensitive situation. A new job-related opportunity could present itself later in the week.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You are extraordinarily sensitive to people's feelings, and you're always ready to offer comfort if necessary.

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On March 17, 461 A.D., Saint Patrick -- Christian missionary, bishop and apostle of Ireland -- dies in Saul, Downpatrick, Ireland. The first St. Patrick's Day parade, though, took place not in Ireland, but the United States, when Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched through New York City in 1762.

- On March 19, 1842, French writer Honore de Balzac's play "Les Ressources de Quinola" opens to an empty house thanks to a failed publicity stunt. Hoping to create a buzz for the play, the writer circulated a rumor that tickets were sold out. Unfortunately, most of his fans stayed home.

- On March 20, 1920, French automaker Bugatti delivers its first 16-valve car, to a customer in Switzerland. A symbol of wealth and status, Bugatti automobiles were equipped with massive racing engines. The renowned American dancer Isadora Duncan was driving in a 16-valve Bugatti when her trademark long scarf caught in the rear wheel of the vehicle, and she was instantly strangled to death.

- On March 18, 1937, nearly 300 students in the east Texas town of New London are killed when a natural gas explosion levels their school. The school sat in the middle of a large oil and natural gas field dominated by 10,000 oil derricks.

- On March 15, 1954, the Chords record "Sh-Boom" and kick off a new era of "doo-wop" music. Doo-wop hits included "Earth Angel" by the Penguins, "In the Still of the Night" by the Five Satins and "Book of Love" by the Monotones.

- On March 21, 1963, Alcatraz Prison in San Francisco Bay closes down and transfers its last prisoners. At its peak in 1950s, "The Rock" housed more than 200 inmates at the maximum-security facility. Alcatraz remains an icon of American prisons for its harsh

conditions and record for being inescapable.

- On March 16, 1977, author Alex Haley files suit against Doubleday, publisher of "Roots," for not promoting the book and failing to land a competitive paperback contract. "Roots" was made into a television miniseries, which attracted some 100 million viewers when it aired in January 1977.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was longtime U.S. Congressman from Minnesota Eugene J. McCarthy who made the following sage observation: "It is dangerous for a national candidate to say things that people might remember."

- You may not be surprised to learn that the portions offered in fast-food restaurants have increased in size during the past few decades, but you may find the amount of the increase to be shocking: Portions are now anywhere from two to five times as large as they were in 1980.

- Because fortunetelling is considered to be a form of witchcraft in Australia, psychic readings are illegal Down Under.

- Talk about a serious typo: In 2008, the Chilean mint issued thousands of copies of a coin with the country's name spelled "Chiie" instead of "Chile."

- Tibet is the only country in the world whose national flag is not in the shape of a rectangle.

- In December of 1811, parts of the Mississippi River flowed backward due to an earthquake in the region.

- A survey of elementary-school kids reveals that 66 percent of youngsters think that glasses make a person look smarter, while 57 percent think people who wear glasses look more honest.

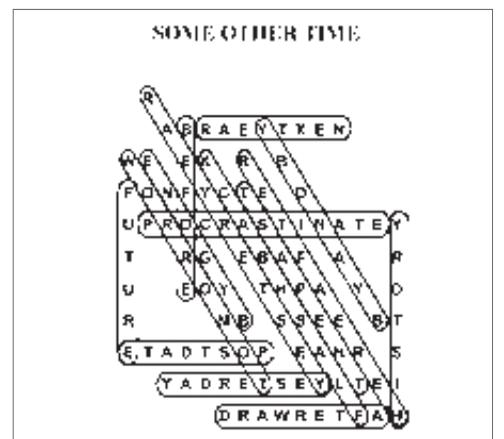
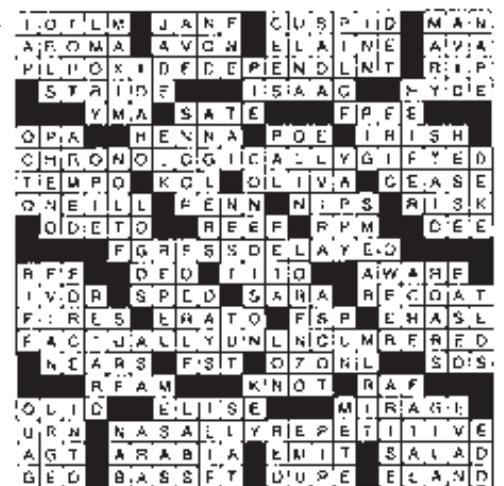
- The world's longest-lasting light bulb, which can be found in a fire station in Livermore, Calif., has been in use for 107 years. Experts say that the bulb's extremely low wattage and the fact that it is rarely turned on and off have contributed to its longevity.

- The world's most filmed story is "Cinderella," followed by "Hamlet."

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"The reason that fiction is more interesting than any other form of literature, to those who really like to study people, is that in fiction the author can really tell the truth without humiliating himself." -- Jim Rohn

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# Sanibel/Captiva In Top 10

This is the description given for Sanibel/Captiva: "Sitting off the coast of Fort Myers, a nerve center of America's foreclosure crisis, the barrier islands of Captiva and Sanibel are the very picture of laid-back living. Linked by a bridge at Sanibel's northern point, the islands are renowned for their pristine beaches and abundant seashells. Then there are the hiking trails; half the island is a nature preserve. The late Robert Rauschenberg is, even in death, one of the largest landowners. His 35-acre spread, complete with studio, is intact on Captiva's northern end."

The article states that newsman Ted Koppel makes his home here.

Also making the list at No. 10 is Gasparilla Island, to the north of Sanibel/Captiva, where actor Harrison Ford is said to be a frequent visitor.

WSJ writer Steven M. Sears noted, "We scouted out dozens of deluxe enclaves across the country, speaking with brokers, homeowners and others." He said prices are down 40 percent off the peak in some locations, adding, "There's nothing like a stabilized economy and a huge rebound in stocks to send folks looking for the perfect manse. The return of hefty Wall Street bonuses hasn't hurt, either."\*

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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 33



"Write what you \_\_\_\_\_, honey.  
That will keep me completely out of it."

## SCRAMBLERS

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

Set

GREWA

Dough strip

DELONO

Tan cloth

HIKAK

Cooking room

CHINKET

TODAY'S WORD

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- Emergency.....911
- Lee County Sheriff's Office.....477-1200
- Florida Marine Patrol.....332-6966
- Florida Highway Patrol.....278-7100
- Poison Control.....1-800-282-3171
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- Lakes Regional Library.....533-4000
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- Audubon Society.....472-3156
- Caloosahatchee Folk Society.....677-9509
- duPont Company Retirees .....454-1083
- Edison Porcelain Artists.....415-2484
- The Horticulture and Tea Society.....472-8334
- Horticultural Society.....472-6940
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- NARFE (National Active & Retired Federal Employees).....482-6713
- 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 Beach.....765-4254 or 454-8090
- Fort Myers Edison.....694-1056
- Fort Myers South.....691-1405
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- Iona-McGregor.....482-0869
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- Estero/South Fort Myers.....898-1921
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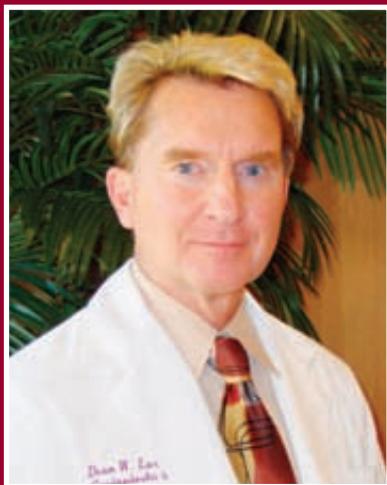




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