



Lee County Commissioner Tammy Hall leads the ribbon cutting

A Bunche Of Improvements At Local Beach

by Marc DiBenedetto, The River Weekly Intern

If one were to take a trip down to Bunche Beach it would be hard to imagine that 60 years ago it was the only beach in Fort Myers that African Americans were permitted to use without the risk of harassment or arrest.

With a wonderful view and the impressive list of recent renovations, Bunche Beach is now a prime spot for a family day at the beach. But the story of Bunche Beach starts with the origin of its name, coming from Dr. Ralph Bunche who was the first African American to receive the Nobel Peace Prize.

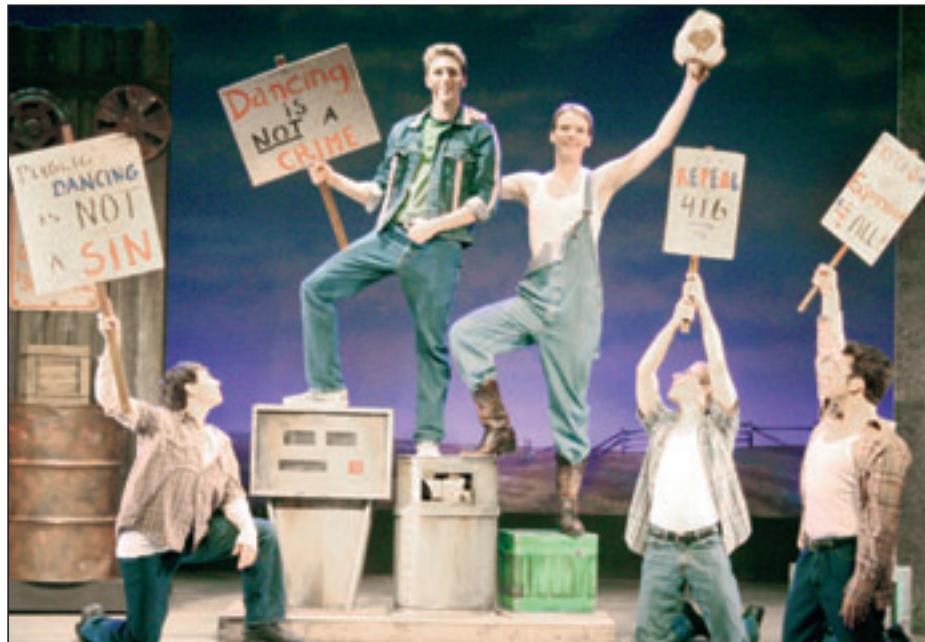
The beach began to boast more attractive features in 2001 when 705 acres were purchased for \$6.4 million through Lee County's Conservation 20/20 program. A couple of other projects and additions since then led to Bunche Beach's most significant project yet.

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Kayak launch at Bunche Beach

Rebels With A Cause At Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre



Rebellion over the ban on dancing

by Di Saggau

It isn't easy being a big city kid thrown into a small town where dancing is considered a sin. Ren McCormack (Darren Bluestone) and his mother Ethel (Jennie Hollander) are forced to leave Chicago to live with relatives in a quiet, Godfearing small town named Bomont. The fear comes from Reverend Shaw Moore (Glenn Wall) who has banned the young people from dancing, believing it could lead to sexual promiscuity.

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Arts For ACT Artists Reception

The opening reception for Arts for ACT's July open-themed group exhibit will feature over 50 professional and emerging artists. The theme was a choice of either Spoked or Take a Walk on the Wild Side. It was left up to the artists to use their own judgment to interpret the themes.

Judging the exhibit was Britney Traucht, a 2009 art history graduate of Florida Atlantic University. Traucht thought the entries were both meaningful and eye-opening. Cash for first, second and third prizes will be awarded at the opening on July 2.



Past Present Paris by Claudia Goode

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

The Fort Myers Chamber Of Commerce, 1926

by Gerri Reaves



In 1984, the Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce celebrated its 64th anniversary. The program notes paid tribute to the founding of the organization and put its birth year in perspective: "The year is 1920... the year that the League of Nations was founded... the Wright Brothers were named to the Hall of Fame... Man-O-War won the Preakness, and radio station KDKA in Pittsburgh signed on with the first commercial radio broadcast."

Walter O. Sheppard, Sr. was the chamber's first president. Fort Myers' population was only 3,678.

The group's origins reach back to 1904, with the formation of the Board of Trade, the first major city-booster organization.

The board's mission was to convince the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad to extend its line to Fort Myers from Punta Gorda. After all, the arrival of the railroad would con-



The Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce office was located at the First Street entrance to Patio de Leon in 1926

courtesy of Southwest Florida Historical Society



Eighty-four years ago, the chamber of commerce boosted Fort Myers from this historic building, little knowing that the boom was about to end. Today the ground floor is occupied by Enjewel, Blake's Barbershop, and Velvet Window Art Studio.

photo by Gerri Reaves

nect Fort Myers with the rest of the nation, usher in growth, and transform the small pioneer settlement into a striving modern young city.

But from the beginning, the board had a history of dissention and factionalizing.

Thus, it wasn't long before other organizations with the same goals formed. One that endured was the chamber of commerce.

For a time after the chamber's founding in 1920, the board and the chamber opposed one another vehemently. Their most intense fight was over the Tamiami Trail, which the chamber supported, versus the Dixie Highway, which the board rallied.

However, the two organizations merged in 1922, united in their purpose of promoting and improving Fort Myers and Lee County.

The chamber of commerce had an itinerant existence during its early years.

In the 1920s alone, it did business in at least two other First Street locations besides the one shown in the historic photo: in the Theatre Arcade between First and Bay Streets and in the Bradford Block.

In the pivotal year of 1926, the chamber's office was in the Mediterranean-style building at the First Street entrance to the Patio de Leon, shown in the historic photo.

Until September 18 of that year, Fort Myers was booming, but once the Hurricane of 1926 blew in, the local economy crashed. The storm effectively brought the Great Depression early to the area.

Nevertheless, the chamber of commerce marshaled its forces and funds. Determined to reinvigorate the economy and restore optimism, it launched a \$22,172 advertising campaign during the 1926 to 1927 winter season.

Among the high-end promotional publications was *What's Doin'*, filled with photos and progressive accounts of the up-and-coming city.

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Fort Myers Chamber

As we know today, the heroic effort didn't work. Historian Karl H. Grismer says of that economic bust, "Fort Myers had undoubtedly overbuilt and years passed before the demand again caught up with the supply."

Of course, both the chamber of commerce and the city it championed survived the intervening decades.

Today the more inclusively renamed Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce makes its home at the former Fort Myers Public Library building at Lee Street and Edwards Drive.

Walk down to the entrance of Patio de Leon on First Street to the spot where a new chamber of commerce worked hard to ensure the economic vitality of its city.

Then walk a few steps to the Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street, where you can learn more about the long history of the chamber of commerce.

Be sure to see the Tutankhamun: Wonderful Things from the Pharaoh's Tomb exhibit, extended to August 15 by popular demand.

For information, call 321-7430 or go to 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.

Be sure to visit another valuable historical resource, the Southwest Florida Historical Society at 10091 McGregor Boulevard, where you can research local or family history.

Do you have copies of *The Caloosahatchian*, the yearbook of Fort Myers High School? The society would appreciate your help in completing their collection. Contact them at 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.*

Fort Myers Camera Club

The next meeting of the Fort Myers Camera Club will be Tuesday, July 6 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Lakes Regional Library off Gladiolus in Fort Myers.

The topic will be Macro Photography. Come and learn about the world of macro photography, or close-up photography. The classical definition is that the image projected on the "film plane" (i.e., film or a digital sensor) is close to the same size as the subject. Macro can be shot with a DSLR or a point and shoot camera. Members will demonstrate techniques. Guests are welcome.*

Tutankhamun: The Pharaoh's Tomb Exhibition At Museum Is Extended



There are two extra months to explore the 18th Dynasty and King Tut at the SWFL Museum of History. Due to popular demand, the museum's traveling exhibit, Tutankhamun: Wonderful Things from the Pharaoh's Tomb, is being extended through August 15.

Visitors will experience the spectacle, tradition, history and religion of ancient Egypt as King Tut is resurrected and the 18th Dynasty comes to life in this astonishing exhibit presenting more than 100 faithfully reproduced replicas of original artifacts that will never be seen outside Egypt.

Egyptologist Professor Adrian Kerr narrates the audio tour. A family-friendly audio tour version for children and students is also available, along with a supplementary education guide distributed at the museum and online.

For more information about the museum call 321-7430 or visit www.swflmuseumofhistory.com.*

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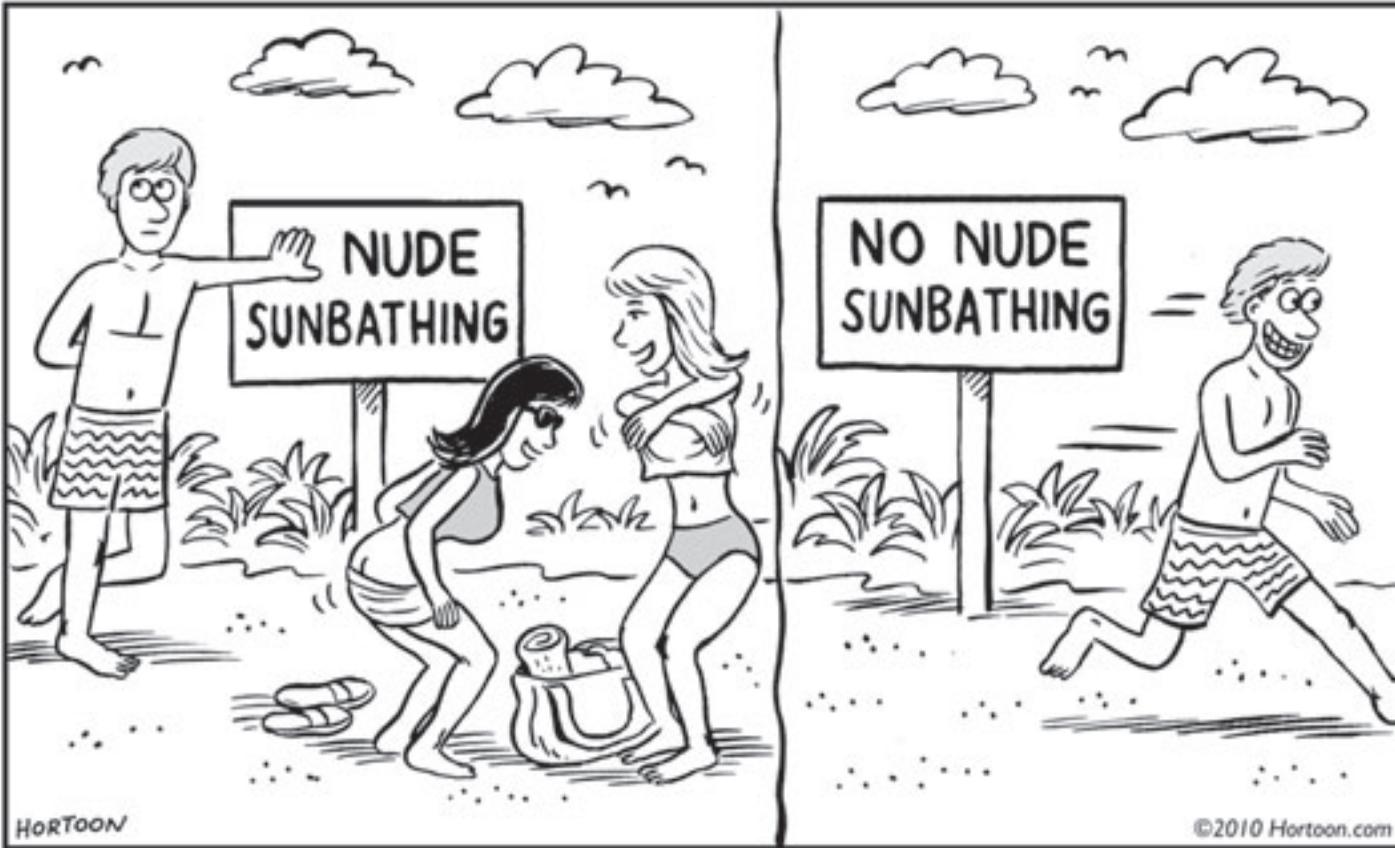
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Summer Camp In North Fort Myers

North Fort Myers Community Park (a division of Lee County Parks & Recreation) reminds parents that summer camp is just around the corner and space is filling up fast. Lee County Parks & Recreation has one of the most affordable deals around for summer camp opportunities for ages six to 16 at the North Fort Myers Community Park. The first week of camp begins June 28 and continues for seven weeks, ending on August 13. Parents may sign up their child(ren) for one week or all seven weeks. In order to guarantee a spot pre-registration and payment is required.

Camp price per week is \$67 per child. Camp hours are 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Lunch and snack (provided by Lee County School Board) are included in this price. Parents are encouraged to register online and save 10 percent per week, a \$6.70 savings per week. To register online visit www.leeparks.org.

At the North Fort Myers Community Park parents may register their child(ren) for the Traditional Camp or the Teen Camp depending upon the child's age. Traditional Camp is for ages six to 13 and Teen Camp is for ages 12 to 16. Parents may view and print weekly camp calendars online at www.leeparks.org. You can also register by calling 533-7440. North Fort Myers Community Park is at 2021 N. Tamiami Trail.✪

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Summer Art Camps In Bonita

The Bonita Springs Center for the Arts is offering a series of summer art camps for children through August. The camps take place at the Center for the Arts, 26100 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs.

WEEK 3

Monday – Friday June 28 to July 2, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. with before and after care available

Cost: \$135 per half day with full and partial scholarships available.

Summer Art Camps run weekly through August 20. Camps are open to students age four and up. Camps vary each week and include painting, digital art, nature art, dance, theater, arts/science and pottery.

Scholarship are available to most students through a confidential form.

For information call 495-8989 or log onto www.artcenterbonita.org.✪

Raku Classes

On Tuesday, June 29, from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., the Center for the Arts, 26100 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs, will offer Raku & You. Cost: \$39

Raku is a centuries old pottery glazing and firing process. The technique produces a lustrous, often metallic, finish.

Attendees choose from a number of bisque fired pots and are introduced to the history of raku while glazing their pot in a simple or extravagant manner.

While the outdoor kiln heats up to the correct temperature, attendees have a picnic-style meal. Then the fun begins as red hot pottery is plunged into metal containers filled with combustible material. The containers are lidded and the pots rest for a few moments before being quickly cooled with water. The results are spectacular and everyone is invited back into the studio to view each piece. Everyone goes home with their very own raku masterpiece.

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Fire District Wins Trailblazer Award

The Center on Government Performance at the National Center for Civic Innovation has chosen the Iona-McGregor Fire District to be included in a select program that encourages governments to involve the public in assessing their performance.



Fire Chief William Elliott

Since 2003, the Government Trailblazer Program has been recognizing local and county governments in the U.S. and Canada that agree to engage the public in performance measurement and reporting processes. To date, 67 Trailblazer governments have demonstrated significant changes in their performance reports and in attitudes to listening to the public as a result of participating in the program.

The Iona-McGregor Fire District is among the most recent 12 governments to take part in the program by incorporating the public's point of view in how government performance is measured and reported.

"We are pleased and grateful for NCCI's support and recognition of the district as a progressive organization," said Fire Chief William Elliott. "This award is especially rewarding as we are the first fire district in the country to receive this grant."

A \$5,000 stipend from the National Center for Civic Innovation is intended to help the fire district by:

- Soliciting public feedback through focus groups, surveys or other professional research about its recent performance reports and set criteria for enhancing the content, format and means of disseminating reports in the future;
- Heeding some or all of the public's suggestions when revising performance measures and reports and reviewing management practices and priorities; and
- Disseminating its performance reports to the public on an ongoing basis.

Stipends are awarded by NCCI as part of its broader, ongoing effort to encourage and support more public-centered government management. NCCI's Center on

Government performance endeavors to help local governments align their work with the public's point of view.

The Iona-McGregor Fire District has five stations and serves more than 38,000 homes and businesses within a 42-square-mile area. For more information, visit www.ionafire.com.

Alva Community Center Summer Day Camp

This camp offer a full day of excitement! This camp is for children ages six to 13 years old. The camp day begins as early as 7:30 a.m. and ends at 6 p.m.. Day camp activities include arts and crafts, sports, organized games, quiet play, educational speakers, water activities, outdoor activities, field trips, skating, swimming, and much more. To ensure your child's safest experience possible, each carefully chosen camp counselor has passed a background check, and has undergone training in CPR/first aid.

- Regular registration \$67.00 per week/child.

- Register online-10 percent off per week \$60 - www.leeparks.org (Registration include: breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack).

- For more information call (239) 728-2882.

- Session I - Art Mania Week June 28 to July 2 - Registration Code 201101-01

- Session II - Hearts 'n Parks Week July 6 to July 9 - Registration Code 201101-02

- Session III- Happy Week July 12 to July 16 - Registration Code 201101-03

- Session IV- Animal Appreciation Week July 19 to July 23 - Registration Code 201101-04

- Session V - Food for Friends Week July 26 to July 30 - Registration Code 201101-05

- Session VI- Party in the USA Week August 2 to August 6 - Registration Code 201101-06

- Session VII - Super Heroes Week August 9 to August 13-Registration Code 201101-07

- Check our calendars online to see the weekly activities or call the center for more information.

The Alva Community Center address is 21471 North River Road, Alva, 33920. Call Sandra W. Bates APRP, Senior Parks & Recreation Program Specialist, Alva Traditional Summer Camp Director at 239-728-2882 or 239-707-0257 for more information.

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Bradley's Jewelers is located at Park Shops at Andrea Lane, 14261 South Tamiami Trail, Suite 3, Fort Myers. It is open Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 12 to 6 p.m. Call 337-2723 or go to www.bradleys-jewelers.com.

Enjoy beautiful visions of Florida landscapes and historic landmarks with limited edition prints of oil paintings at the **William North Gallery**.

North is a distinguished painter of the tropical Florida scene. He carries on the tradition of the great age of impressionism, working from life, painting landscapes in the field and still lifes in the studio. An interest in art and painting, which began in he early teens, led to his assignment as an artist correspondent in the U.S. Army. After leaving the service he obtained a BFA at Pratt Institute and also studied at the New York Art Student's League and the Lyme Academy of Fine art in Connecticut.

In 1990, he left the business world to continue his painting interests full-time. He settled in Florida and soon became



Signed and numbered limited edition prints of original paintings by William North, such as *Thomas Edison Winter Estate*, are available at The William North Gallery

established as a well-known painter of Florida oranges and citrus groves.

In 2004 he was the first Lee County artist to be invited to exhibit in the Governor's Gallery in the Florida State Capitol in Tallahassee. His paintings are in hundreds of collections in the U.S. and abroad, as far away as Moscow and Tokyo.

The William North Gallery is located inside of Gannon's Antiques and Art Mall, 16521 South Tamiami Trail, Fort Myers. Call 489-2211.

In the mood for Chinese and Japanese cuisine? Stop at local favorite **Ichiban** in downtown Fort Myers' River District. The family owned and operated restaurant features an extensive sushi menu, Sake bar and daily Chinese lunch and dinner specials. The restaurant is open seven days per week and offers take-out and delivery.

Ichiban is located at 1520 Broadway in the Post Office Arcade. Call 334-6991.

The fourth annual Purple Martin Festival is on July 9, 10 and 11 at **The Bar Association Bistro** in downtown Fort Myers. It is a celebration to honor the 30,000-plus purple martins that are roosting in the trees across from the restaurant. The birds arrive every evening around 8 p.m and do their dance in the air for approximately 40 minutes before diving into the trees for the night.

"dropped" on each night will win a raffle prize!

Coinciding with the restaurant's festival, the Audubon Society is hosting a bird walk.

The Bar Association Bistro is handing out free bird whistles that weekend to the first 100 people who arrive.

The Bar Association Bistro is located at 1609 Hendry Street, Fort Myers. It is open for lunch Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner Thursday through Saturday from 5 to 9 p.m. Call 334-8080.*



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Dining Discount Books On Sale

The Gateway to the Islands Kiwanis Club is over half way to its goal with its Delicious Dining Discount book fundraiser. The club recruited 47 restaurants from all over Lee County to offer dining discounts for buy-one-get-one-free meals, valid now through November 15. All the profits from the books, which are available for \$20, will go back to help local children and the local community.

Restaurants featured in the book include Big Hickory, Bella Sera, Cantina Captiva, Waterside Seafood Grille, Buon Appetito, Doc Fords on Fort Myers Beach and Coconuts.

"This is our club's major fundraiser for the year. We need these funds to continue to support our programs with the Children's Advocacy Center and the Heights Foundation," said Viki Luster of the Gateway to the Islands Kiwanis Club.

To purchase a discount book, call -494-5086. For the participating restaurants, go to the website www.kiwanisgitti.com and click on the "Events" page.*

Animal Refuge Center Speaks To Kiwanians



Gateway to the Islands Kiwanis President Matt Ponzio with Carlos Navedo of Animal Refuge Center

Carlos Navedo, director of development for Animal Refuge Center was the guest speaker at the Gateway to the Islands Kiwanis Club's meeting on June 15.

Since 1988, Animal Refuge Center (ARC) has operated as Southwest Florida's only no-kill shelter. The agency operates a "cageless" environment on a 22-and-a-half acre sanctuary in North Fort Myers. Currently home to 400 cats and 100 dogs, the ARC houses the animals in 36 dog lodges and 16 feline houses. They also maintain a clinic and operating room on-site.

Read To Montessori Preschoolers

Reading to children increases their vocabulary and helps kids develop into readers. That is why Community Cooperative Ministries Hands and Hearts Montessori Preschool started a new volunteer reading program at the end of each week.

Each Friday between 10:45 a.m. and 2:15 p.m., the preschool invites community volunteers to Drop Everything And Read (DEAR) to children in their school.

"The tracking of academic levels of our students two to five years of age shows that lower economic children are developmentally further behind in areas of social, emotional and academics than that of their middle class peers," said Cindy Venezia, Montessori director. "We work with our children every day but are finding we need additional hands to help us, primarily on letter sounds and numbers."

"For our children that cannot read we are asking the community to visit our students in the classroom and read a short book," said Terri Shippey, Montessori teacher at Hands and Hearts. "The book can be the reader's choice or we have age appropriate books onsite."

Anyone interested can sign up for a designated time and date by calling Cindy Venezia at 332-7687, ext. 2.

Art And Culture Grants Available

The City of Fort Myers has announced that applications for its 2011 Arts and Culture Grant Program are now available on its Web site at www.cityftmyers.com/artsandculturegrants.

A total of \$160,000 is available to the community's non-profit art and cultural organizations and individual artists in the field of visual arts, dance, theater, film, etc. Check the application guidelines for eligibility and further details.

Applications are due on or before July 16.

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ARC's mission is to care for all homeless animals in its possession. In addition to operating the shelter, they provide medical care, screen and match animals for adoption, and educate the community about homeless animals through its outreach programs.

Adoption fees are \$75 for dogs and \$65 for cats. Prior to adoption, all animals undergo a behavioral assessment, and are spayed or neutered, micro-chipped, and vaccinated.

ARC's \$800,000 budget is dependent on fundraisers and individual donors as well as funding from the state's "Animal Friend" special license plate program. In addition to financial contributions, ARC can use volunteers and supplies such as food, litter, collars, toys, etc. To find out more, visit their website at www.animalrefuge.com.

Gateway to the Islands Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at 11:45 a.m. at the Sunshine Seafood Café. Guests are always welcome. For details on joining the Gateway to the Islands Kiwanis Club, or any of the other 16 Kiwanis Clubs in Lee County or LaBelle, please call Viki or Terry Luster at 415-3100, or visit www.kiwanis-gtti.com.

Excelsior College Graduates

Two Fort Myers men have graduated from Excelsior College, Albany, New York.

Steven D. McDonnell has earned an associate degree in Applied Science, Administrative/Management Studies.

Tomas C. Chase graduated with a master of business administration degree in Managing in the Global Economy.

Excelsior College is an accredited, private, nonprofit institution that focuses on the needs of working adults. Its primary mission is to increase access to a college degree for adult learners by removing obstacles to their educational goals.

Students Make The Dean's List

Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, North Carolina announced that the following local students made the Dean's List during spring semester.

They are listed by name, hometown, and major:

Lyndsey E. Roka of Fort Myers, communication studies.

Michael R. Roka of Fort Myers, international business.

Established in 1978, the purpose of the Dean's List is to honor outstanding college students for their academic achievements for having a GPA of 3.7 or above.



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Boys And Girls Clubs Get Hooked On Fishing At Tarpon Bay



Twenty-three children from five Lee County Boys and Girls Clubs visit the J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge to go fishing with the Tarpon Bay Explorers.



Refuge Ranger Toni Westland teaches the children the importance of wearing a properly fitting life vest



Capt. Tom Florence and Capt. Wally Mulka teach the children how to cast their fishing lines



Capt. Steve Maddix watches Javian McCarter, 10, practice throwing a cast net

It was a beautiful sunny day on the calm waters of Tarpon Bay when 23 enthusiastic children invaded for some fishing and fun. On Saturday, June 12th Tarpon Bay Explorers and the J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge hosted the children from five Lee County Boys and Girls Clubs (Stars Complex, Pueblo Bonito, Barrett Park, Sun Coast, and Sabal Palm) for a free day of fishing. Even a slow starting bus couldn't dampen the spirits of the children who were greeted by the eager staff upon arrival.

Supervisory Refuge Ranger Toni Westland and Tarpon Bay Explorers (TBE) co-owner Wendy Schnapp welcomed the group on the waterfront where staff members were waiting to teach the children the skills they would need for a successful fishing adventure.

TBE fishing captains Tom Florence and Wally Mulka gave casting lessons to the children so each would be able to cast their own lines out on the boats. The children also needed to know how to tie hooks onto their fishing lines, so Refuge Ranger Becky Wolff and Joelle Hammes from the Refuge's STAR (Summer Teachers Assisting Refuges) program taught them how to tie knots such as the Palomar. Captains Andy Pollack and Steve Maddix showed the children how to throw cast nets over schools of baitfish. Probably the most critical thing the children learned about being on the water was the importance of wearing properly fitted PDFs, or personal flotation devices. One of the children said PDF could also represent "protection from drowning"!

The children set sail on four pontoon boats into Tarpon Bay to find some fish. The "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society provided ice-cold bottled water. and J&J Bait provided 500 wiggly shrimp.

Captains Tom and Joelle found a grass flat in the bay where their group of children quickly started landing fish. Cameron Allen, 11, from Sun Coast; Elvin Rhodes, 8, Sabal Palm; and Josiah Spada, 9, Barrett Park, each reeled in a jack crevalle. Capt. Wally's group also found a grass flat to drift over and hooked into some trout and



Ranger Becky and Captain Andy Pollack help 9-year-old Janalee Davis reel in a sting ray



Osmara Whiting, 11, celebrates catching a whiting with Ranger Toni Westland, Miss DJ and Lupito Zambrano



Eleven-year-old Cameron Allen smiles as he reels in his first jack crevalle



Ranger Toni Westland (far left) and TBE co-owner Wendy Schnapp (second from right) visit with children from the Boys Clubs as George Schnapp (far right) serves a hot-dog lunch

ladyfish. The kids with Captain Steve and Ranger Toni managed to spot a couple of bottlenose dolphins while searching for a good fishing hole. They found lots of fish, reeling in mangrove snapper, whiting, trout and catfish.

Captain Andy and Ranger Becky had awesome luck fishing at Green Point. The only boy on board, 7-year-old Kevin Rhodes (Sabal Palm) reeled in several sheephead and a mangrove snapper. Elizabeth Haskett, 11, of Sun Coast, caught a beautiful keeper mangrove snapper. After releasing it back into the bay she exclaimed, "I feel so happy! That's my first fish!"

The most interesting catch of the day happened when 9-year-old Janalee Davis (Barrett Park) hooked into a southern stingray. The other children on the boat all forgot about their own fishing rods while they watched the excitement. The ray was so strong that Capt. Andy had to help Janalee reel it close enough to the boat so he could cut it free.

After two hours of fishing – during which every child caught a fish – the captains brought the children back to the Explorers' dock where George Schnapp was waiting to serve a picnic lunch of freshly grilled hotdogs. The hungry group consumed almost 100 dogs.

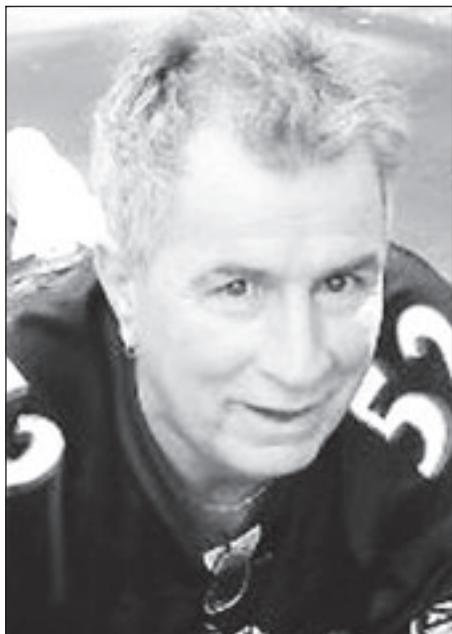
During lunch, the children couldn't stop talking about how much fun they had and how exciting it was to catch so many fish. The group was alive with chatter about all their fish tales. The day ended with each child receiving a packet of information about fishing and the J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge and Tarpon Bay Explorers. Each child also received his or her very own fishing rod from the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society.

The youngsters were so excited. For some it was their first time ever on a boat. Exhausted and elated, 12-year-old Craig Sirmons (Barrett Park) summed up the day best exclaiming with a big sigh, "This is awesome!"**



The youngsters were all smiles after the day of fishing in Tarpon Bay

OBITUARY



GARY FRANKLIN GRAY

Gary Franklin Gray, 54, of Cape Coral, Florida, formerly of Fort Myers Beach, Florida and Baltimore, Maryland died on June 17, 2010 at Hope Hospice, Fort Myers. He was born on April 6, 1956 in Baltimore, a child of Harry and Doris (Knapp) Gray.

Gary worked at various resorts on Fort Myers Beach and was employed for many years as the bartender at Harris's Bar in Baltimore. He loved the beach and the beach life, music, dancing and was a talented amateur photographer.

He is survived by his wife, Katherine L. "Kat" Gray, his children, Jenifer Liles-Burke of Peachtree City, Georgia, Jason Liles of Linthicum, Maryland, Kristen Staylor of Millersville, Maryland and Angie Galvez of Pasadena, Maryland, and his stepdaughter, Lisa Wing, his brothers, Jeffrey Gray and Michael Gray, both of Baltimore, Maryland and seven grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Butch Gray.

A Celebration of Gary's Life will be held on Saturday, June 26 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Lighthouse Tiki Bar on Fort Myers Beach. Friends may sign the guest book at www.horizonfunerals.com.

Public Invited To Meet Local Candidates Running In The Primary

Members of the public are invited to a non-partisan meet and greet of local candidates to kickoff the campaign season leading up to the August 24 primary election and election of school board seats and judgeships.

There will also be a voters' informational booth on topics such as voter registration, ballot by mail and early voting. The event, which is being jointly sponsored by the AFL-CIO - the country's largest federation of unions - and the

Southwest Florida Coalition For Change, will be held on Saturday, June 26 at 2 p.m. at Café Cabaret at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, 1380 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers.

Candidates include those running for Lee County Commission seats and candidates running for school board seats and other offices.

Following the meet and greet with local candidates, and voter information session, there will be a rally for

Congressman Kendrick Meek, running for the U.S. Senate, who will speak to attendees. Congressman Meek is the first candidate to qualify for statewide office by collecting over 140,000 petitions requesting his name be placed on the ballot.

Refreshments and beverages will be served. For more information call Michelle Guerin of the Southwest Florida Coalition for Change at 239-839-6118.



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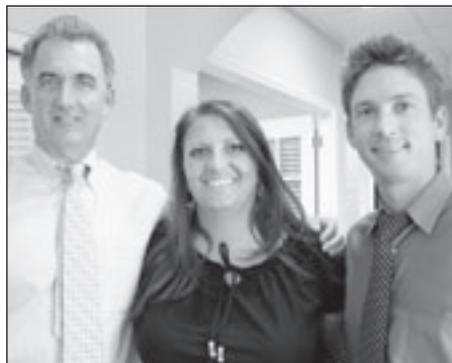
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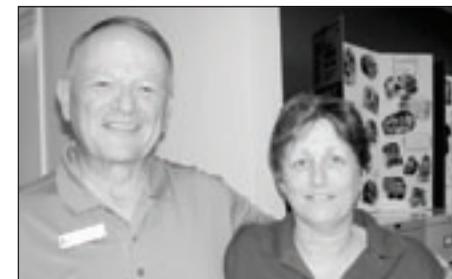
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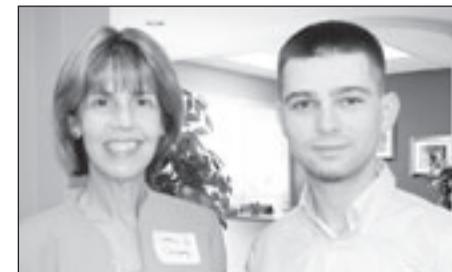
Child Care of Southwest Florida Board Member Shernette Atkinson with CEO Beth Lobdell



Child Care of Southwest Florida Board Member Karen Miller with Lee County Manager Karen Hawes and Southwest Florida Chamber President Steve Tirey



John Kimbell of Alliance Financial Group with Peggy Domer of the P.A. Geraci Child Development Center



Carol Conway and Anthony Buonanoma of CRS Technologies

Child Care of Southwest Florida, Inc., officially opened its new larger office space in South Fort Myers June 10 with a ribbon-cutting and grand opening celebration.

Lee County Commissioner Ray Judah, Lee County Manager Karen Hawes, Lee County United Way President Cliff Smith, and Steve Tirey, president of the Chamber of Commerce of Southwest Florida, were among those attending. The new quarters are located at 6831 Palisades Park Court, Suite 6, in the International Center near Hammond Stadium (Lee County Sports Complex).

"In our new headquarters, we have brought all administrative functions and training facilities under one roof, which will produce a much more efficient operation. And with leases being available at historic lows, we were able to actually get more space for less money than what we were spending previously," said Beth Lobdell, CEO of Child Care of Southwest Florida. The new space, consisting of 5,400 square feet, includes a Professional Development Center for child care professionals to receive training required by the State of Florida to work in family child care homes and child care centers. The non-profit organization provided state mandated training for 3,760 individuals last year.

The headquarters also houses the USDA Food Program, which reimburses participating family child care homes and child care centers for the cost of meals and snacks offered to children in their care. Last year, 67 child care centers and 175 family child care homes in 10 counties participated in the program, which is administered by Child Care of Southwest Florida under a contract with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Services.

Child Care of Southwest Florida, Inc., also provides high quality child care for 700 children from infancy through age 12 at six centers throughout Lee and Hendry counties. For more information, call 278-1002 in Fort Myers or visit www.ccswfl.org.



Former Board Chair Bill Robinson and his wife Sharon



Child Care of Southwest Florida Board Secretary Karen Miller with Lee County Manager Karen Hawes and Betsy Allen of Gaining Results



Audrey Edwards of Advance Communications with Beth Goldberg and Linda McNabb, both of Child Care of Southwest Florida, Inc.



Beth Lobdell, CEO of Child Care of Southwest Florida, Lee County Commissioner Ray Judah, and Nancy Coker, COO of Child Care of Southwest Florida

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11 a.m., Blended Worship
WORD OF LIFE CHURCH:
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A Great Day Of Fishing The Reds



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Last week I had one of the best redfish trips I can remember in the last few months. Fishing with Peter Anderson of Miami, we started out working an

incoming tide on islands in the mouth of the river for snook and reds without too much luck. As the tide slowed and came to an end we had only caught one large jack.

I knew we needed to bend a rod so I switched it up for a while to the sharks in the middle sound. We were just passing time while waiting for the tide to start going out. After we hooked six or more sharks in half an hour, the tide started finally to fall out, so I ran the boat over to

one of the little keys in the middle sound that's been holding some bigger snook.

The little mangrove key we were on is shallow and has a large sandhole that is generally best fished on the first part of the outgoing tide. After about 10 minutes and a few bites from throwing up to the trees, Anderson could not get a fish to stick. I was just about ready to move to another spot when I had him cast a bait out about 20 feet from the trees to the middle back edge of the sandhole just to see if that's where the fish were laid.

Within 30 seconds of the bait hitting the water we had a redfish hooked up. Almost every pinfish cast into the sandhole for more than an hour got hit. Anderson caught his biggest redfish ever, a real stud, measuring 34 inches and weighing 14 pounds. As time ran out on the charter we left the redfish biting. These were all big reds with most of the 10-plus fish caught being over the 27-inch slot. We never did manage a snook but with a redfish bite like that it was a great morning on the water.

Last week I found and fished more tarpon than I have seen in years without a whole lot of success. This really starts

to drive you crazy as a guide after a while. Perfectly presented baits cast to chain after chain of rolling fish with very few hook-ups was the story of my recent tarpon charters.

When it comes right down to it, as a tarpon guide all you can really do is locate fish for your clients. Once your angler's bait is in front of those rolling fish it's out of your hands and up to the fish. Some days no matter how hard you try and how well you present bait after bait to the fish, you just cannot make them eat. Coming off another high tide pattern I only managed to jump three tarpon all week, all within the first few hours after sunrise using small live crabs for bait. Talking with other tarpon guides this week we were all having the same problem, not being able to get these fish to eat.

Shark fishing in the sound remained on fire. There are as many blacktips ranging in size from three to five feet as you want to catch. One morning we caught more than 20 in a one-hour period. We fished with live pinfish under a float and had some great top water strikes. The pinfish would freak out as they swam on the surface as the blacktips circled below before crashing the bait on the surface.



Peter Anderson of Miami with a 34-inch, 14-pound redfish caught last week

Using medium/light spinning rods these sharks are a blast to catch. They make long runs, jump and change direction on a dime. Sure they are not a sought after gamefish but at times it's just nice to have the no-brainer to switch to after a frustrating day of tarpon fishing. Look for these sharks in eight to nine-feet of open water in the sound between Redfish and Captiva passes.

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

Send Us Your Fish Tales

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

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CROW Case Of The Week:

Burrowing Owl

by Brian Johnson



One of the more quirky rescues of the year took place on June 10 in Cape Coral when a burrowing owl was freed from the radiator of a yellow school bus. Somewhere

between Tropicana and Chiquita boulevards the bus driver noticed the little raptor stuck to the front of the vehicle. No one knew just when they picked up the bird along the route.

Jason Howard, a mechanic for the Lee County School District, was summoned for the unusual job.

"I thought the bird was dead when I got the call," said Howard.

One of his wings was lodged under the grill, near the radiator, while his feet were

tangled up in wire. It was a complicated extraction, but Howard managed to get him loose without injuring him.

"He was startled at first and hissing, but after I got him out he was my best friend," said Howard. "I took him back to the shop and put him in the shade. He just looked at me. They said no food or water."

The 120-gram raptor was taken to Kindness East drop off point before making it to CROW.

"It was pretty cool – a once in a lifetime experience to hold an owl in your hand," said Howard.

CROW staff had heard the history so they were amazed by his condition. "No bruising, no wounds, no fractures," said Dr. Amber McNamara. "Not bad for get-



Burrowing owl

ting stuck in the grill of a bus. It was quite astonishing!"

However, the burrowing owl did remain "pretty dull" for the first 48 hours.

Staff gave him fluids, pain meds, the Chinese herb Body Sore, vitamins and minerals.

The owl ate a mouse the second night, and began to "perk up" the following day. Staff added crickets to his diet.

"By Day 6 his mentation was normal, and he was able to stand up tall, bob his head and scream," said Dr. Amber.

They transferred him outdoors, where he flew and landed with ease.

CROW contacted volunteer Ruth Parks, who has maps with the GPS coordinates of all burrowing owl nests in Cape Coral, to assist with the June 21 release. She helped determine a general location based on the finder history.

"She said he looked spectacular and flew off right away," said Dr. Amber.

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 ✪

SCOTUS Backs Florida Beach Nourishment



submitted by Michael Mullins, Chairman, Captiva Erosion Prevention District

On June 17, in a much anticipated decision, the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) upheld a landmark Florida case re beach

nourishment and restoration of Florida's critically eroded beaches. The outcome results in absolutely no change for Captiva's beach nourishment projects, as the high court unanimously backs lower courts' earlier decisions.

The Florida Beach Preservation Act was upheld and constitutionality of beach nourishment validated. The issue was argued orally in December 2009 in the case of Stop the Beach Renourishment v. Florida (08-1151); the June decision supports our Captiva rights to continue the community's beach nourishment practices. For detailed links to case articles, contact Captiva Erosion Prevention District (CEPD).

Florida's Beach and Shore Preservation Act (BSPA) (<http://tr.im/cepdbspa>) empowers the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to set seaward beachfront property lines (Erosion Control Lines or ECL) for nourishment projects. Our ECL was set on Captiva's beach at the old pre-nourishment high water mark (HWM) in the late 1980s, where the mean high tide peaked landward prior to the first island wide renourishment. Sand accreting on

the beach extends the publicly owned beaches seaward, but will continue to have no effect on private property access to the water.

As nourishment projects restore eroding beaches, BSPA legislation reset property lines to fixed ECLs. Historically on Captiva, the public could legally walk only on the wet sand (seaward of HWM) until the 1980s, when the BSPA re-set the property lines of beachfront properties to the afore-mentioned ECL.

The Supreme Court upholds the BSPA and continues to allow the public to walk on dry sand between the high water mark and the fixed erosion control lines or private property lines.

The reason we nourish with beach compatible sand from offshore "borrow areas" is that beaches erode severely during storms, and routinely due to inlets' hydrology and other natural and man-made causes. Erosion has long threatened Captiva's beach and without our beaches and dunes Captiva's survival is also threatened.

Severe erosion confounded Captivans for years and the beach was officially designated as critically eroded. Also for years, Captivans were divided over which approaches to take. However, in the 1980s Captivans reached consensus and for over 25 years the CEPD has repeatedly demonstrated that beach nourishment prevails as the effective solution. Consequently, nourishment is critical to beach survival.

The last project was 2005-06 with augmentation of 90,000 cubic yards in 2008; 1.3 million cubic yards in total replaced eroded sand on Captiva and on northern Sanibel (pursuant to interlocal agreement.) The 2004 CEPD board forecast Captiva property assessments of over \$8 million of an anticipated \$11 million project. However, impacted by Hurricane Charley and other 2004-05 storms, the cost was a record high \$25 million. But an unprecedented \$1 million funded from CEPD reserves plus outside funding

of approximately \$18 million from federal, state and county sources allowed a reduced assessment decided unanimously by the 2007 board. This resulted in a Captiva property owner cost of \$5.6 million. An additional \$3.5 million for the Blind Pass restoration was also funded by CEPD, county and state sources, with no property owner assessment.

Is nourishment cost effective? Erosion is a persistent and growing problem. Albeit controlled, it seems not preventable with current permissible methods. CEPD's first island-wide nourishment of 1988 and two subsequent nourishments in 1996 and 2005 replaced almost four million cubic yards of eroded Captiva beach. To continue being effective, beaches require ongoing maintenance, a process that is admittedly costly. Yet, given the exponential increases in property values concomitant with Captiva's nourishment, arguably increased values far outweigh the costs.

On Captiva, only registered voters can vote in the next CEPD referendum to decide the beach nourishment outcome. Whether or not they own property, registered voters alone decide whether maintaining CEPD's nourishment program should be authorized the anticipated \$15 million investment. Under the CEPD's enabling legislation, only registered Captiva voters determine whether to authorize the CEPD to borrow in anticipation of the next nourishment, likely to be in 2013.

Issues still of concern to Captiva's beaches and shorelines:

Should the CEPD beach nourishments continue?

Will Captiva's beach face an accelerated and critical state of erosion?

How much ancillary government funding for CEPD is achievable in the future?

What will be the effect of the BP oil spill on our beaches? ✪

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Plant Smart:

Common Tickseed

by Gerri Reaves

The common tickseed (*Coreopsis leavenworthii*) dots the landscape with cheerful yellow flowers throughout the year, most profusely in spring and early summer.

This member of the daisy or aster family is one of 15 native coreopsis species designated as Florida's official state wildflower. Also called Leavenworth's tickseed, it is the most common coreopsis species in South Florida.

All species are bright yellow and called tickseed because the small oval seed with two spines or "hooks" on one end resembles a bug or tick. Those hooks allow the seed to attach itself to people or animals and propagate in new territories.

Common tickseed grows in open fields, swales, ditches, pinelands and roadsides, as well as cultivated home gardens.

Our state wildflower is perfect for a home wildflower garden or mass planting in well-drained soil where it gets full sun.

Plant it as a groundcover to reduce the time you spend mowing the grass. You'll have a source for cut flowers – or you can leave the sea of yellow flowers for the butterflies that seek them out for nectar.

The three-lobed yellow rays surround a brown or maroon disk. The flowers of about an inch across top slender stems with oblong leaves.

Common tickseed grows to two to three feet high and will readily reseed unless the spent flowers are removed.



This open field at Page Field is one of many places where the state wildflower blooms profusely

photos by Gerri Reaves

Sources: floridawildflowerfoundation.org and *A Gardener's Guide to Florida's Native Plants* by Rufino Osorio.

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Two Beach Days Added To Shell Museum Camp

Have you ever wondered what a lightning whelk or fighting conch eats for dinner, how they capture their prey or how they chew it up after they catch it?

These are just a few of the questions campers will be able to answer after attending Camp Mollusk at The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum. In order to enjoy first-hand experience, two of the five camp days will be spent exploring the beach. Campers will search for mollusk trails and hunt for shells displaying evidence that a predator has deposited shell-softening spit on the shell before drilling a hole and "slurping-up" the contents. A group of mollusks that use a radular tooth as a venom-carrying harpoon will also be investigated. While at the beach campers will look for clams that filter large amounts of water to obtain their food.

Camp Mollusk will be held July 5 through July 9 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Campers must be seven to 12 years of age. The cost is \$65. Two days will be spent at the beach and the other three days will be held at the shell museum. For more information call Diane Orvis Thomas at 395-2233.*

Local Waters, Charts Class

by Cdr. Ron Terciak

The San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadron, will be offering the popular Local Waters/Local Charts class on Saturday, July 10 from 8:15 a.m. to noon.

The class is directed toward new boaters and boaters new to the area, as well as those wishing to learn chart reading.

It will provide the boater with some of the basics of navigation, oriented to the Fort Myers area. Students will be using chart 11427 and you must bring this chart to the class. Optional on-the-water training will also be offered at a later date. Check with the class instructor for details.

The cost of the class is \$40 and will be taught at the San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron classroom located at 16048 San Carlos Boulevard at the corner of Kelly Road (across from Ace Hardware).

Register online at www.scbps.com or call the office at 466-4040.*

Hydroponics Class Coming To Fort Myers

Caloosa Rare Fruit Exchange (CRFE) in conjunction with Lee County Extension Service/University of Florida/IFAS will present a one-day course in hydroponics. The class will introduce hydroponic growing to homeowners and small farmers. The latest technology in techniques, nutrient solutions, growing media, and demonstration systems will be shown and explained.

The class will be held on Thursday, September 30 at Lee County Extension Services, 3406 Palm Beach Boulevard, Fort Myers. The class has a size limit of 40 people and registration must be done before August 15. Registration closes when the class is full.

The cost is \$150 and includes lunch, breaks with beverages and fruit, CD with photos from the research, CD with technical information to assist in your venture, and source information for everything needed to start your system. There is a \$10 fee for the half-day tour (optional).

To register, send your check made to CRFE for the course and tour (\$160) to CRFE, c/o Ed Wilson, 1698 Lakeview Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33903. Instructor Bill Thompson can be reached at wiliamet@aol.com if you have questions.*

Volunteers Are Trained In Case Oil Spill Beach Cleanup Is Needed

Captiva Erosion Prevention District enrolled over 150 volunteers for post emergency oil spill clean-up. OSHA-certified training was offered at South Seas Island Resort, Captiva on Monday, June 14.

Due to the overwhelming support and response from the public, the CEPD has organized two additional July training sessions to accommodate the 120 people on the waiting list so far. The July sessions are sold out, but volunteers are still needed for Coast Watching and various other related tasks. Interested volunteers may log onto mycepd7@gmail.com to see how they can help.



Sandy Ramseth and Robert Coscia who attended the workshop



Joanne Semmer, OSHA-certified trainer, speaks to the group

Certified OSHA trainer Joanne Semmer of the Ostego Bay Oil Spill Co-Op, covered topics such as environmental hazards, first aid, initial response to oil spills, land spill response, tar balls in the coastal environment and the effective use of volunteers in an oil spill cleanup. Various oil spill cleanup devices such as booms, absorbents, and detergents were demonstrated. Participants were able to tour a typical oil spill response trailer.

Participants will be OSHA-certified for emergency oil spill beach cleanup. They can safely pick up tar balls and oiled debris on the beach if needed.

If Captiva is impacted by the oil spill, however, the community will be ready, said CEPD Chairman Mile Mullins. "It's like CPR for the environment, we hope we never have to use it but, if we do, we have to be ready," he said.

For more information on CEPD, visit our website at mycepd.com or join the email list at: mycepd@gmail.com or call 472-2472.*

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Broadway Palm



Scene from *Footloose*

What he doesn't know is that his teenage daughter Ariel (Bonnie McBride) has a rebellious streak and doesn't condone Daddy's thoughts.

Soon she joins Ren and others to repeal the law that bans dancing.

The musical, based on the 1984 film, opens with lively dancing and disco lights as the cast sings the title song, *Footloose*. It was a great start to a rapid paced musical that keeps the audience entertained throughout. The plot may be unbelievable, but who cares?

The entire cast does an impeccable job portraying their characters, and entertaining the audience.

Bluestone is well cast as the likeable outsider. He has a pleasing voice and terrific dance moves which blend so well in numbers like *Footloose*, and *I Can't Stand Still*. McBride also shines with gusto, especially in *Holding Out for A Hero* and the lovely *Almost Paradise*, sung with Bluestone. Her best friends Rusty (Alicia Kelly), Urleen (Lisa LeCuyer), and Wendy Joe (Lauren Parker) also captivate the audience.

The role of Willard, the gawky teenager who can't dance, is played with exceptional presence by Ryan Mulgrew. When he ends the song *Mamma Says (You Can't Back Down)*, the audience falls in love with him. The scenery, lighting, and costumes also add depth and authenticity to the show. By the time the fabulous finale scene hits the stage the audience is ready to leap to their feet and ask for an encore.

Footloose plays through July 25 at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre.

There is a summer special for children 18 and under, tickets are just

\$18 for dinner and the show. Tickets for adults range from \$27 to \$53 with group discounts available for parties of 20 or more. Reserve your tickets by calling 278-4422, visit www.BroadwayPalm.com, or stop by the box office, 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.*

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Best in Show, *Talk*, by Lia Galletti



22 Dreams By Leo Johnson



Bacchanalian Passion by Katie Gardenia

Alliance Names 2D/3D Award Winners

On June 11, the Lee County Alliance for the Arts announced the 24th annual 2D/3D All Florida Juried Exhibition award recipients. Nearly 300 pieces were entered and 52 were chosen to be included in the Alliance gallery, on display through August 13.

Best in Show is an acrylic abstract painting on canvas titled *Talk* by Lia Galletti. *Talk* is one piece in a series of five paintings, three of which are currently displayed in the Alliance gallery. Galletti describes the inspiration for her series by explaining, "My pieces are abstract representations of human communications, facial expressions, body language, dialogs and movements of the soul." She paints with feelings brought about by everyday occurrences and watches as they take shape at the tip of her brush.

The second place winner, *Bacchanalian Passion*, by Katie Gardenia is a unique fiber sculpture of a woman lying down looking favorably at her glass of wine.

Third place, *22 Dreams*, by Leo Johnson is an acrylic painting on canvas showing intertwined human figures with overlapping body parts.

Lastly, young artist Jane Pierce was awarded Jurors Choice Award for *Nude #4*, a black and white photograph of feet in the air that appear behind another blurred figure.

This year's exhibition was judged by Dana Roes, professor of art at Edison State College. Roes described her judging process by explaining, "I was looking for artwork that was conceptually rich, original, work that took risks, had technical merit and was visual refreshing."

Roes holds 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.

In the members gallery is youth artwork from the Alliance's Open Doors Program participants. Open Doors is the Alliance scholarship program for underprivileged youth with artistic talent. All proceeds from sales go directly to the student artists.

Gallery hours are: Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information call 939-2787.

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Theater Joins Art Of The Olympians For July ArtWalk

Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre will join the Art of the Olympians Museum (AOTO) at the July ArtWalk in the River District of Downtown Fort Myers on Friday, July 2.

AOTO opens its Sport Experience Gallery to Broadway Palm for a special sneak peek at both organizations' sizzling summer shows.

Guests at the July ArtWalk are encouraged to start the night off early and join Broadway Palm at the Art of the Olympians Al Oerter Center for Excellence for a meet and greet with the actors from this summer's upcoming musicals: *Footloose*, *Cinderella* and *Seussical* from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m. Actors will perform a song from each of the summer shows from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m. As a special offer, guests have the opportunity to place their name in a drawing for two tickets to see *Footloose*.

AOTO welcomes two new shows to the museum: The Winter Sports Exhibit and the Skip Cutting Exhibit. The Winter Olympics introduces patrons to the seven main events in the Winter Olympic Games: bobsled/skeleton, skating, curling, hockey, ski, biathlon, and luge. The exhibit provides an interactive Olympic experience as guests are invited to sit in a bobsled, lay on a luge as well as view Olympic uniforms and memorabilia while paying tribute to the Winter Olympics.

Guests are also invited to stroll through the Art Experience Gallery featuring more than 30 multi-medium works by Skip Cutting, a two-time U.S. Olympic Team racing cyclist.

For general museum information, visit the Web site at www.artoftheolympians.com or call 332-5055.*

Fall Registration Opens At Edison State College

Edison State College (ESC) officials encourage anyone interested in taking classes this fall to register as soon as possible because classes will fill up quickly.

"We want to accommodate every student who chooses Edison State College," said Dr. Steve Atkins, vice president for student and academic affairs. "Early enrollment allows us to best prepare our professors and classrooms for the students."

In the past three years enrollment at Edison State College has grown more than 50 percent, bringing total student enrollment to more than 21,000. ESC has been the fastest growing state college in Florida for the past two years.

For more information about how to register for classes visit www.edison.edu/registrar.

To request more information about classes at Edison State College, visit www.edison.edu/requestinfo.*

Gallery Celebrates Two Years With Exhibit



Love at no sight

During July, daas Gallery will showcase their own in celebration of the two-year anniversary of the gallery. The exhibition is appropriately entitled Triumph. The opening reception will be Friday, July 2, in conjunction with the Fort Myers Art Walk.

The art in this collective exhibition has been created by the artists that currently run the gallery. Among these is Joe Lemay, who has been with daas Gallery since its very beginning. Lemay is a graduate from the Savannah College of Art & Design in Savannah, Georgia. His pieces are humorous and storytelling. His work has been featured in daas' Pequeno Formato, Comienzo: The Artists of daas



Self portrait in braille

and Buddha: Images of a Deity exhibitions, among many others. Troy Thomas, Danielle Thomas and Peter Del Gandio are also featured artists in this exhibition. Their works have been featured in the gallery on a permanent basis since they joined the team in 2009. Kristin Northup, the newest member of the team, will also be part of the collective.

"This is a very important exhibition for us. It marks two successful years of hard work, sweat and tears," said David Acevedo who co-owns the gallery and will be featuring new pieces in the show. "We all know how difficult the art business could be and we feel very lucky and thankful for the support." Xavier Brignoni, who also co-owns daas, will be contributing to the exhibition with his own artwork.

The exhibition will be on display until July 31. Gallery hours are Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. More information is available at www.daasgallery.com.

9786 or email japappas@aol.com.

Acrylic Painting for Beginners by Robyn Curran, Thursdays 5 to 7:30 p.m., call 878-3623 or email robyn-sart63@hotmail.com.

Oil Painting for Beginners/Intermediate by Mary Richey, call 939-7738 or email septmary@comcast.net

Call the teachers for additional information or call the Art League of Fort Myers at 275-3970.

Art League of Fort Myers members are asked to start painting now for the annual Miniatures Sale in November. Members can enter up to 10 pieces of oil, watercolor, acrylic, collage, pastel, original prints (etching, lithograph, wood block), fiber works, and photography.

The length plus the width of entries must not exceed 12 inches. More information will be in the Brush Notes online at www.artleagueoffortmyer.org or call 275-3970.

Art League of Fort Myers is located at 1451 Monroe Street, Fort Myers.*

Art League Summer Show

The current Art League of Fort Myers Summer Gallery Show includes two-dimensional work in oil, watercolor, acrylic, collage, pastel, original prints (etching, lithograph, wood block), fiber works, and photography. It is on display through August 28. New gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Summer art classes are still open for July and August in the following:

Watercolor Painting by Susanne Brown, Mondays 1 to 3:30 p.m. Call Susanne at 466-6153 or email susilla@comcast.net

Mixed Media from Painting to Ceramics for Children and Adults by Susan Mills, Monday 5 to 7 p.m., call 689-1787 or email Millsmokit03@aol.com.

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Artist Reception

The exhibit continues through August 2. The gallery is at 2265 First Street in downtown Fort Myers.*

The Great Community Treasure Hunt

The North Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce is celebrating its new Web site – www.nfmchamber.org – with a 30-day Web site treasure hunt. Beginning July 1, Lee County residents can navigate through 10 treasure maps on the Web site and be eligible to win cash and prizes from the North Fort Myers chamber members.

Chamber Executive Director Kim Constantine and Ambassador Dick Collins thought a treasure hunt would be a fun way to learn about the North Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce, and it would be fitting since pirates are a big part of this area's early days. The story goes that there are 10 pirate treasure chests, which were buried in various places throughout the North Fort Myers/Fort Myers region in the 1800s. You can read more of the story on the Web site.

The treasure chest and prizes will be unveiled at The Shell Factory and Nature Park on Saturday, July 31 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a local business expo with give-a-ways, free hotdogs and lemonade for the kids. The first 60 kids arriving to the event will receive a Back to School Backpack from North Fort Myers Honorary Mayor John Gardner and Marco Office Supply. Best Buy will have an experience station set up in Captain Fishbone's Restaurant (Dolphin Room), with fun and play for all ages.

For more details call 239-997-9111.*

Wrestling At Bay Oaks Rec Center



TNA Star Jesse Neal

photos by Golden Eyes Photography



Titan and Sinn

Pro wrestling super stars from all over the world will appear at Bay Oaks Recreation Center, Fort Myers Beach, on Friday June 25 starting at 7:30 p.m. Doors open 6:30 p.m. to meet and greet with the wrestlers.

The main event features a three-way fight between TNA Star Jesse Neal vs Bam Bam Nealy (Former WWE Body Guard) vs CCW Champion Marquis Youngston. Other bouts will involve Sinn Bodhi aka Kizarny formerly of WWE Smackdown vs Sgt Jeremy Myers; New TNA Knockout Rosie Lotta Love vs Lil Leva; Kaotic Romeo & Dirty White Boy vs The HeartBreak Express; Ultra Boy vs Former WWE star Shawn Gavin Spears.

Worldz Largest Love Machine Tweedle Die, 632 pounds, issues a body-slam challenge to the Worldz Giantest Midget, 7' 1" Titan. Also featured will be former WWE Diva Champ Stacy "The Kat" Carter, local legend Coach Charlie Whitehead and Motor Cross Champ Tyler "One Punch" Evans.

There will be prizes, give-aways and concessions and a chance to meet all the wrestlers.

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to charity.

For more information, log onto www.ccwfla.com or call 765-4222.*

Red Sox Have Risen From The Dead To Challenge In American League Eastern Division

by Ed Frank



They were written off. There were cries to trade their big slugger who was mired in an early-season slump. No way, the critics said, could they become a contender in the tough American League Eastern Division.

This was the situation little more than a month ago. But what a difference a month makes!

As the week began, the Boston Red Sox were the hottest team in the Major Leagues. Winners of six straight games after sweeping the Los Angeles Dodgers in inter-league play last weekend to complete a sizzling 8-1 homes stand, the Red Sox, at 43-28, had drawn even with the Tampa Bay Rays and trailed the

New York Yankees by only a single game.

One needs only to look at the American League statistics to understand why the BoSox had climbed near the top of the AL East. In all eight categories – home runs, runs scored, RBIs, batting average, stolen bases, doubles, triples and slugging percentage – there was a Red Sox either leading the league or among the leaders.

And the same is true for the pitching.

Clay Buchholz, who stifled the Dodgers for seven innings Sunday night in a 2-0 victory, improved his season record to 10-4 to tie Phil Hughes of the Yankees and David Price of the Rays for the most wins in the AL. His ERA of 2.47 is second behind Hughes at 2.45.

In his last eight starts, Buchholz is 7-1 with a 1.62 ERA, the kind of sparkling record that should earn the 25-year-old right-hander his first All-Star Game selection.

But there is more than Buchholz when it comes to Red Sox pitching. Jon Lester is 8-2, John Lackey is 8-3 and Jonathan Papelbon has converted 16 of 17 save opportunities.

If you turn the calendar back just six weeks, there were reports abounding that the Red Sox were going to or should dump David Ortiz who was hitting less than .200. This proud hero of Boston's two World Series titles in 2004 and 2007 was just not producing hits, RBIs or home runs.

No longer is that the case and the trade rumors have halted. His 15 home runs are among the tops in the league, he has driven in 46 runs and his batting average had climbed to .260 as the week began.

Here are the other reasons why the Red Sox have emerged as the hottest team in baseball:

Runs Scored – Kevin Youkilis, 58, tops in the league

RBIs – Adrian Beltre, 48, among the league leaders

Batting Average – Beltre, .336, a league leader

Stolen Bases and Doubles – Dustin Pedroia, among the leaders

Triples and Slugging Percentage – Kevin Youkilis, also atop the league

As the 2010 season nears the half-way mark, the long tough days of summer remain and many a team has wilted as the temperatures rise. However, the Red Sox appear to have the fire power to remain in contention during the stretch run.

Miracle Struggles against First-Place Charlotte

The Fort Myers Miracle were swept last weekend by first-place Charlotte extending their season-high losing streak to six games. With a first-half season record of 26-39 beginning this week, the Miracle trailed Charlotte by 15 games in the South Division of the Florida State League.

The Miracle take on Charlotte again this week in a three-game series starting Thursday at Hammond Stadium in the Lee County Sports Complex. The Thursday to Saturday games begin at 7:05 p.m.*

John Madden Football Challenge

Think you have what it takes to win the Super Bowl? Youngsters age six to 18 can challenge their friends on a 10X7-foot big screen on Saturday June 26 at the Tony Rotino Senior Center, Cape Coral, to see who the champion really is.

The event, organized by Cape Coral Parks & Recreation, runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Snacks and refreshments will be served. Trophies will be awarded to the Super Bowl champion and runner-up.

Admission is \$10. Call 574-0807 for more information.*



Mrs. T's Rock Shrimp Salad

2½ pounds rock shrimp, peeled
 1 teaspoon seasoned salt
 1 tablespoon lemon juice
 ½ cup celery, diced
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 ½ cup mayonnaise
 ½ teaspoon celery salt
 ½ teaspoon dill weed
 ½ teaspoon lemon pepper
 paprika
 fresh parsley, chopped

In a large pot, bring 4 quarts of water to a boil; add shrimp, seasoned salt and lemon juice. Cover and cook 3 to 5 minutes until shrimp are firm and pink. Drain shrimp and cool. In a large bowl, combine shrimp, chopped celery, sweet pickle relish and mayonnaise. Flavor mixture with celery salt, dill weed and lemon pepper to taste. Sprinkle parsley and paprika on top if desired.

Nutritional value per serving: calories 435, calories from fat 195, total fat 22g, saturated fat 3g, trans fatty acid 0g, cholesterol 352mg, total carbohydrates 11g, protein 46g, omega 3 fatty acid 1g

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Mrs. T's Rock Shrimp Salad

Book Review

The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo

by Max Friedersdorf



The publishing sensation of the summer is a trilogy of novels from Sweden that are dominating the best seller lists and captivating readers worldwide.

The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo is the first of three books, described by *The Washington Post* as "wildly suspenseful... an intelligent, ingeniously plotted, utterly engrossing thriller."

Not being a big fan of fiction writing, usually preferring biography or history, I plunged into *Tattoo* with some skepticism and doubt, only to emerge hours later bleary-eyed and thoroughly immersed in one of the best summer reads in years.

Tattoo was written by Stieg Larsson, a crusading Swedish journalist who died suddenly at the age of 50 in 2004 after delivering his manuscripts, named the *Millennium Trilogy*, to his publisher. It is the story of the 40-year-old disappearance and possible murder of a young girl from one of Sweden's most powerful industrial families.

The mesmerizing attraction of the book is the intricate plotting, complex

character development, powerful writing, and Larsson's extraordinary gift for story-telling that propels the book along with constant suspense and surprise.

The two leading characters and occasional lovers are Mikael Blomkvist, a middle-age investigative reporter and undoubtedly the alter ego of the deceased Larsson, and Lisbeth Salander, the girl with the dragon tattooed from the nape of her neck to her tail-bone, and an accomplished computer hacker with a photographic memory who doesn't take guff from anybody.

The trilogy should be read in sequential order because the story continues with *The Girl Who Played With Fire* and *The Girl Who Kicked The Hornet's Nest*.

Trust me on this one. To get your mind off the oil spill, the heat and humidity, turn your attention to the *Millennium Trilogy* and enjoy an exciting adventure in cool Sweden.

The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo, by Stieg Larsson. Vintage books, 644 pages, paperback, \$7.99.✪



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Public Is Invited To Shell Point



Residents of Southwest Florida who would like to learn about resort style retirement options and lifecare, are invited to attend an informational meeting at Shell Point Retirement Community. One of Shell Point's experienced retirement counselors will explain the benefits of being a resident.

The meetings will be held at 10 a.m. on the following dates in the Woodlands Commons at Shell Point: July 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, and 28; August 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, and 31.

Included is a tour of the Island community, model units in The Woodlands and Eagles Preserve, as well as the many amenities that are available to residents.

Admission is free; however, seating is limited, so reservations are required and may be made by calling 466-1131 or 1-800-780-1131.*

New Member Joins American Air Campers Association Board

Don Abbott, founder and president of American Air Campers Association (AACA), welcomes Amy Laboda to the AACA advisory board.

AACA is a new association founded by Abbott to promote, protect and preserve the combined freedoms of flying and camping in America.

Laboda took up flying when she was just 15 years old. She holds airline transport pilot, glider and gyroplane ratings, and is a single and multi-engine instrument flight instructor. During her career, she has towed gliders, flown ultra-light aircraft, wrestled with aerobatics and even dabbled in skydiving.

In 2001, Laboda became the editor in chief of *Aviation For Women* magazine. Laboda is a FAA FAAST Team representative on the national level. She also contributes to *FlightlineInternetRadio.com*, as well as extending her creative talents and expertise to *Kitplanes* and *Fly Corporate* magazines and *AvWeb.com*.

Laboda is an aircraft owner who enjoys recreational flying. She resides in an aviation community in Southwest Florida with her husband (a retired airline captain, avid pilot and aircraft builder) and two daughters.

Learn more about AACA at www.americanaircampers.com, email info@americanaircampers.com, call 415-4693 or toll free at 1-877-352-CAMP (2267).*



Amy Laboda

Financial Focus

Financial Moves To Help Stay-At-Home Spouses

by Jennifer Basey



Not all households have two wage earners. By choice or circumstance, either you or your spouse may be out of the work force for an extended period of time. But that doesn't mean

you can't make progress toward your joint financial goals, such as a comfortable retirement. It does mean, however, that you need to carefully review your situation and make the right financial moves.

For starters, consider one of the best retirement savings vehicles you have available: an Individual Retirement Account, or IRA. Even if your spouse isn't earning income, he or she can open a "spousal IRA" to which you, as the income-earning spouse, can contribute. Keep in mind, though, that you must file a joint tax return if you contribute to a spousal IRA.

Depending on your income level, you can designate a spousal IRA as either a traditional IRA, which grows on a tax-advantaged basis, or a Roth IRA, which can grow tax-free, provided your spouse has held the account for at least five years and is at least age 59½ before tak-

ing distributions. And a spousal IRA has the same contribution limits – \$5,000 in 2010, or \$6,000 if your spouse is 50 or older – as a traditional or Roth IRA.

Clearly, if you want to increase the cumulative opportunities for building tax-advantaged resources for both your retirements, a spousal IRA can be an attractive option. Furthermore, if your spouse allocates his or her IRA funds to investments that complement rather than duplicate those investments inside your IRA, the spousal IRA can prove to be a valuable tool for diversifying your overall holdings.

While diversification, by itself, cannot guarantee a profit or protect against loss, it can help reduce the effects of volatility on your portfolio. To help achieve this diversification between your IRA and the spousal IRA, you may want to work with a financial advisor.

Another move you can make to help your stay-at-home spouse is easy to accomplish but also easy to overlook – namely, updating your beneficiary designations on your 401(k), IRA, other investment accounts, life insurance policies and all financial and legal documents. This step is particularly important if you've been divorced or widowed, and you want to be sure your stay-at-home spouse comes into possession of all the assets you had intended for him or her.

Of course, in this day and age, stay-at-home status can change quickly. If your spouse enters or re-enters the work force, you as a couple should consider adjusting your financial plans. Your spouse can continue contributing to the spousal IRA you've established, but he or she may now have other opportunities to save for retirement, such as a 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. And

if your spouse has been out of the work force for a while, it will be important for him or her to contribute as much as possible to a retirement plan.

In any case, whether your spouse stays at home or returns to the work force, you'll want to be proactive in making sure he or she doesn't get left behind on the road to financial security.

Jennifer Basey is a financial advisor in Fort Myers. She can be reached at jennifer.basey@edwardjones.com.*

East Appointed To Speakers Assembly Board

Julia East, president and CEO of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation (SWFLCF), has been appointed to the board of the Speakers Assembly of Southwest Florida. The Speakers Assembly is an active membership organization of local Southwest Florida residents that brings a variety of national and international distinguished speakers to the region to educate and enlighten its membership.

"The Speakers Assembly brings in phenomenal speakers that a person would ordinarily have to pay much to see. They are really providing a great service to Southwest Florida," said East. "Speakers Assembly programs get people thinking and talking, and we need that in our communities more than ever."

For more information about the Speakers Assembly of Southwest Florida, visit <http://www.speakersassembly.com>.*

Lee Schools Rank Ninth In America

Earlier this month, *Education Week* magazine released a study involving the class of 2007 from the nation's 50-largest school districts (in terms of student enrollment) to compare and rank school districts' graduation rate. Lee County Public Schools ranked ninth on the list!

Of the 50 largest schools districts in America, of which, Lee County ranks 40th, Lee County had the ninth-highest graduation rate for the class of 2007 at 72.5 percent. In addition, Lee County Public Schools was the highest ranking Florida district on the list with a graduation rate higher than Brevard, Palm Beach, Hillsborough, Orange, Pinellas, Broward, Polk, Duval and Miami-Dade counties.

Dr. James Browder, superintendent of schools, said, "We've implemented numerous programs, from a standardized K-12 curriculum to our comprehensive high schools, all with the goal of keeping kids in school and on track, and national education research shows it is working."

Education Week studied the class of 2007 and used various criteria when ranking the nation's 50-largest districts. Researchers looked at the progression students made from ninth through 12th grade and, ultimately, graduating on time with a diploma.

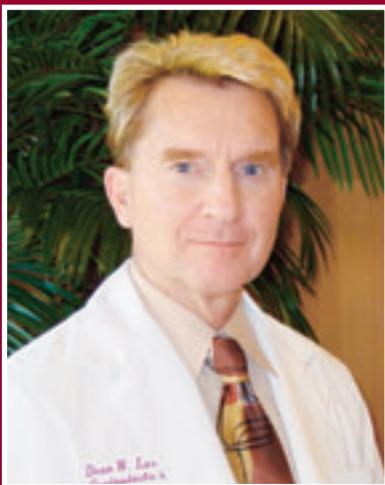
The most recent graduation rate for Lee County public schools increased since the class of 2007 to 77.6 percent.*



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Autism Fund Helps Young Boy

The Autism Fund, Inc., a Sanibel based charity, has made a treatment grant award on behalf of a five-year-old Cape Coral child who is affected with autism. This child, who will be called "Austin," was a normally developing little boy until, at the age of about two, his parents noticed significant changes in his behavior.

First, Austin began to lose his ability to speak, although he had previously had words in both English and Spanish. Then, he began to withdraw, refusing to interact, or even make eye contact, with his parents and sister. Finally, he began having outbursts and engaging in repeated, ritualistic behaviors such as lining up all his toys, but not playing with them.

Austin's parents had him evaluated by an expert in autism spectrum disorders, who determined that he was autistic. He immediately began daily behavioral therapy sessions and his symptoms slowly began to recede. Unfortunately, his father then lost his construction job as the recession deepened and the housing market slumped. In addition, the family lost their home in foreclosure.



"Austin"

With the unfortunate financial situation, his therapist then applied to The Autism Fund on Austin's behalf and the fund's board of directors found his case compelling. The Autism Fund was created to provide financial aid for families

learned that more affordable, practical options were available for home care to avoid nursing homes, we became committed to providing this extremely necessary home care for living assistance."

The company is now developing a Web site to serve as a quick reference source for seniors and their families, with a wide range of useful information and resources that is specifically oriented to the issues facing seniors in Southwest Florida. According to Costello, the Web site will be updated continuously with new information on a wide range of senior living topics, from healthcare to financial, insurance, legal, and real estate matters. "The Web site will be a primary resource for seniors and caregivers in Southwest Florida," said Costello. The Web site address is www.SeniorCompanionCareFlorida.com.

"Although many seniors have difficulty taking care of themselves while alone at home, confinement in a nursing home usually is something they want to avoid at all costs. What we provide is a comprehensive concierge continuum of care in the residential setting to support senior living at home while maintaining a healthy, independent, dignified lifestyle," added Costello.

Operations are directed and managed by a team of dedicated healthcare professionals with extensive experience serving the senior population in the region. All caregivers speak English and are supervised by the firm's registered nurse, with experience in Alzheimer's, respite, palliative, and hospice care.

Senior Companion Care, LLC, is a licensed, bonded, and insured companion care provider based at 5237 Summerlin Commons Boulevard, Suite 339, Fort Myers. Information on the firm's services and credentials is available at 275-2174 or www.SeniorCompanionCareFlorida.com.✽

Senior Companion Care Opens

Senior Companion Care has established operations in Southwest Florida, offering an affordable and practical option for seniors who prefer the comfort and independence of aging in their own homes. Senior Companion Care also provides specialized in-home care services for those dealing with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. The company serves Collier, Lee, Charlotte and Hendry counties and may be contacted at 275-2174.

"Dependable residential living assistance is the key to growing older with dignity in the secure comfort of your own home," said Charles M. Costello, president of Senior Companion Care. "Our Companion Care Team meets with seniors and their families to develop customized care plans to match caregivers to the personalities of the seniors, while assuring that the individual's needs are met for nutrition, medication management, companionship, housekeeping, bill-paying, shopping, and keeping appointments."

Senior Companion Care was founded by long-time Fort Myers businessman Charles M. Costello, who explained "the desire to provide senior companion care stems from the personal struggles my wife and I experienced in caring for her parents, her Godmother, and my parents. Moving any of them to a nursing home was something we all dreaded. We were confronted with a mystifying array of options on the continuum of care, and often became concerned about the potential expense of having licensed practical nurses and registered nurses tending to our loved ones hour after hour. Once we

Give Blood, Get Miracle Tickets

To help combat summer blood shortages, Lee Memorial Blood Center will give away a free Miracle baseball ticket and a baseball autographed by the Miracle players to everyone who donates on Saturday, June 26, from 5 to 8 p.m.

The blood drive will be at Hammond Stadium/Lee County Sports Complex, 14400 Six Mile Cypress Parkway, Fort Myers.

All blood collected remains in the community. Lee Memorial Health System uses 500+ units of blood each week. With both The Children's Hospital and the only trauma center within a five county area, the need for blood locally remains constant, and needs to be replenished daily. All blood types are currently needed.

The requirements to give blood are:

- Age: At least 17 years old (16 with written parental consent) and in good general health. There is no upper age limit.
- Weight: Minimum of 110 pounds.
- Identification: Must provide photo ID with date of birth.
- Food: Eat a good meal before giving and drink plenty of fluids.
- Medications: Many medications such as insulin, blood pressure, thyroid, cholesterol, aspirin, antidepressants, and hormone replacement do not necessarily prevent someone from giving blood.

A pint of blood can be donated every 56 days

For questions about donating, call 334-5333.✽

with children who cannot afford proper treatment. With help from The Autism Fund, Austin is back in four days a week and is continuing with his progress.

"This is just the type of child The Autism Fund was created to help," said Sanibel resident Patrick O'Sullivan, the fund's manager. "His parents have shown dedication to their child's treatment, he has responded well to the behavioral therapy he was receiving, and he is young enough that continued early intervention will pay him the most dividends," O'Sullivan said.

The Autism Fund, Inc. is a 501(c)3 public charity created to provide applied behavior analysis therapy to very needy children on the autism spectrum who reside in Lee or Collier Counties. To learn more about The Autism Fund and its mission, or to make a contribution, go to www.theautismfund.org.✽

Students Get Scholarships For Blood

During the past school year, 14 high schools participated in the Lee Memorial Blood Centers 7th annual High School Blood Drive Challenge. The program has been revamped so that each high school is now eligible to earn scholarship dollars for blood collected.

Over six thousand students age 16 and older and faculty participated during their school's blood drives and 4,319 units of blood were collected for patients in the Lee Memorial Health System. Parents and relatives of students were also invited to take part. Some high schools held as many as four blood drives during the school year. Some students donated a gallon (8 units) of blood by the time they graduated high school. Over \$37,000 in scholarships is being awarded to seniors at these area high schools.

School	Units Collected	Scholarships Awarded
Bishop Verot High School	140	\$1,100
Cape Coral High School	481	\$4,000
Cypress Lake High School	545	\$6,000
Dunbar High School	284	\$2,600
East Lee County High School	476	\$4,000
Estero High School	352	\$2,600
Fort Myers High School	284	\$2,600
Gateway Charter High School	335	\$2,600
Ida Baker High School	423	\$4,000
Mariner High School	193	\$1,600
North Fort Myers High School	105	\$1,100
Richard Milburn Academy	27	\$ 100
Riverdale High School	499	\$4,000
South Fort Myers High School	189	\$1,600

If your school is not listed and you would like to participate during the next school year, call 334-5333 for more information.✽

dearPharmacist

Send Poisons Packing With Natural Supplement



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist:

I have fibromyalgia, uterine fibroids, fibrocystic breasts and endometriosis. I fired my old doctor, because I wasn't getting any better. My new doctor prescribed bio-

identical hormones, iodine tablets, and a strong multi-vitamin. I'm eating ground flax seeds thanks to your recent column. Am I missing something? I'm still uncomfortable.

EW, Sacramento, California

You're doing great and healing is in progress. You have a lot of symptoms tied to "estrogen dominance" (also called progesterone deficiency). I sent you my e-book as a gift for submitting this excellent question which speaks to so many people. There is a dietary supplement called calcium D-glucarate which studies show can help all of your symptoms. Despite the name, it's not used for bone building.

D-glucaric acid is a natural substance found in fruits and veggies. We make small amounts in the body during a process called "glucuronidation," which is how our body scrubs itself clean. Too bad we don't make more. Calcium D-glucarate or "glucarate" is the calcium

salt of D-glucaric acid and this patented supplement helps our body keep toxins "packaged" tightly so the bound-up garbage can go through the digestive tract and get excreted.

Without enough glucarate, our neatly packaged poisons come unravelled and re-enter our circulation, like a thug breaking in twice! Some of you need physician's approval for OTC supplements, in which case explain that "America's Pharmacist Suzy Cohen told you glucarate blocks the enzyme beta-glucuronidase and this supports glucuronic acid conjugation." Glucarate is an affordable way to bolt the door from thugs. Consider it great insurance for a major detoxification pathway in the human body.

Glucarate has no known major side-effects and is safely taken in combination with antioxidants, protein shakes or medications. Dosages vary from 500mg to 3,000mg total per day.

Calcium D-glucarate may also help:

- **Estrogen removal:** Many toxic chemicals in our home and garage increase xenoestrogens which are estrogen-like chemicals. These disrupt hormone balance in men and women. Glucarate facilitates estrogen removal, and improves estrogen by-product formation so it may ease prostate conditions, PMS and other hormonal concerns.

- **Bodybuilders:** Glucarate improves physique by reducing total estrogen load; means it can lessen fluid retention and reverse gynecomastia (aka man boobs).

- **Cholesterol lowering:** Preliminary results in humans show that glucarate can significantly reduce total cholesterol, LDL and triglycerides.

- **Cancer prevention:** Animal studies suggest glucarate not only reduces risk, but may prevent tumor growth in the skin, breast, liver, colon and lung. Women with estrogen-dependent tumors (and

men with prostate cancer) should absolutely ask about taking glucarate since it can reduce total estrogen load and improve estrogen metabolite ratios.

- **Detoxification problems:** For people riddled with heavy metals/plasticizers and those with multiple chemical sensitivity, auto-immune disorders or fibromyalgia, the detoxifying effect of glucarate offers great housekeeping and reduces total toxin burden. Glucarate helps us properly eliminate used up medications.

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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.

Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

Lizzie and Pryce answer your questions and give advice about aging concerns from a two-generational perspective. A mother and daughter team, Lizzie is a retired RN and health educator, and Pryce is a licensed psy-

Dr. Dave

Board Games



by Dr. Dave Hepburn

Got lost once in Boys "R" Us toy store. Wandered about until I found myself in the board games section and it occurred to me how much the game names

resembled my medical practice.

Clue as in you haven't got one therefore I am going to smack you with this candlestick holder until you quit inserting the birth control pill and take it by mouth. (This actually happened to me once).

Risk (aka "We Used to be Friends") was a favourite of my sons and I back in the days when we were speaking. Your 10-year risk of a heart attack or stroke can now be calculated by your doctor along with your risk of being stranded in Kamchatka.

Monopoly. Usually this begins with "Doctor, I know you're extremely busy and I promise I won't be long but..." upon which the list is pulled out while

the wailing room continues to pile up, overflowing into the neighbourhood pub where specialists practice. It is a well-known fact that 20 percent of the population are responsible for 80 percent of the workload.

Cranium. As in those who should go to the store and purchase this gift because they are obviously in need of one. "Give your cranium a shake, Bloggins. What were you thinking when you saw the skull and crossbones on that cigarette package and decided it must be something you ingest deeply into your lungs."

Hungry Hippos leads to hurtin' hips, hefty hams and heart hell.

Backgammon. "OK Bloggins, time for that prostate check." Men should get a prostate check every year after the age of 50.

Trivial Pursuit. Doc I was reading on the Internet about the symptoms of the rare Eastern Moldavian portobello ovarian cysts and I think I might have them." "Well, frankly Burt I'd be more concerned about your prostate. Let's play Backgammon."

Pictionary. "Let me draw it for you Bloggins. The pizza goes into this here gastric area and then little boats like these transport cholesterol and other fats directly to your buttocks which now looks like

this, ohh... I need a blackboard."

Darts. Not really a board game but seeing it reminded me of my mother suggesting a game of darts if I played goalie.

Headbands. "My headache is like a band squeezing around my head," means you have a muscle contraction headache from stress, neck strain or playing goalie at the family dart tournament.

Battleships. "No doctor, I'm not taking that medicine and that's that." "But your blood pressure is 190 and you'll stroke if you..." "My mother never took any medication and she was dancing the can-can at 93 and...whoa... I can't... move my arm." "Whoops, I think you sunk your ship."

Operation, whereby improperly extracting an organ makes the board buzz and the game goes dead. In my OR,

chotherapist in private practice who specializes in the care of elders and people with chronic illnesses.

Dear Mom & Me,

My husband and I were both born and educated in the Midwest. After we married we moved to many parts of the country due to his company's transfers. The final move was to North Carolina. Ten years later we retired and stayed.

We have always talked about going back to our roots and now is the time to get very serious about making the move.

My husband is very eager to go and I am very hesitant. I hate to leave friends, doctors, dentist and a social life to go back to a place we haven't even visited for years. Our old friends are no longer there, they have moved or passed on, and I hate to leave this wonderful climate for ice and snow! Do others have these concerns?

Verna

Dear Verna,

Many people fantasize that going back to their roots that they will find life exactly as they left it.

It just doesn't work that way.

You have matured and changed in ways you don't realize and you may be very disappointed.

My suggestion would be to rent a furnished condo or try and stay for a three-month period in a retirement complex and try to include some winter months in that time. If you still want to make it permanent, move and go for it.

Lizzie

Dear Verna,

Finding a social life and health care in some areas can be very difficult.

I agree with everything Mom has said. She has given you perfect advice. I can't add anything more

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

improperly extracting an organ makes the lawyers buzz and the game goes dead.

Twister. "It started out as an innocent game doc but now I have these, well... lesions." Scrumptox (seen in rugby players) is one of several transmissible skin on skin diseases contracted when men rub their upper cheeks against the lower cheeks of other men.

Dominoes. Pizza paunch leads to metabolic syndrome. Once one thing hits the tipping point the cascade begins and the rest fall soon after. Starts with abdominal fat, then sugars, then blood pressure, then cholesterol... then you.

Balloon Lagoon. Plastic surgery reminds you to take care of your sweat-ers.

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Board Games

Snakes And Bladders. Urology reminds you to take care of your wettlers.

Checkers: This in fact is what we as doctors do all freakin' day. "Doc I think my hornswaggles are affecting my crockinols. Could you check 'er out?"

Chinese Checkers: Hen gao xing ren shi ni hornswaggles.

Sorry. This column is done.

Like the column? You'll love the book *The Doctor is In(sane)*, available at Sanibel Island Bookshop. You can also reach Dr. Hepburn via www.wisequacks.org.

Dr. Dave is co-host of Wisequacks, a national radio show that can be heard every Saturday at 1 p.m. EST – best heard in Florida over the Internet on CKNW. He is also a motivational speaker and travels throughout the U.S. and Canada.✱

Memory Classes In Lee County

Do you rely on lists during shopping trips or sticky notes in your car to remind you to pick up Fido from the groomer?

Have you felt a sense of dread after washing your hands, realizing that an important name or number you'd written on them had also washed down the drain?

If so, Lee Memorial Health System is offering memory classes at several locations during the month of July at varied times.

"Our memory classes are designed to teach participants tools and techniques to retain and remember more information," says program coordinator Sue Maxwell. "They are part of the system's Healthy Brain Initiative, which we started to help residents boost brain power and fight

the onset of memory disorders. Since we started the classes, hundreds of residents have participated and given us rave reviews.

The cost is \$20 per person, plus \$10 for a class workbook. To find out where and when classes will be held, go to <http://www.leememorial.org/healthy-brainfl/classes.asp>.

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Pets Of The Week



Bessie ID #476032

Lee County Domestic Animal Services (LCDAS) is running two adoption promotions during June. Adopt-A-Shelter-Cat Month allows for all adult cats to be adopted free and kittens are \$25 each or two for \$25. Bigger Is Better means all dogs 50 pounds and over are free.

Bessie and Bridget are this week's featured pets.

Name: Bessie

Breed: pointer mix

Sex: female

Age: 10 months

Color: black and white

Comments: Fortunately for me a kind citizen found me running in traffic and brought me to Animal Services before I got hit by a car. Since coming to the shelter I've been working hard on my basic skills and I'm showing lots of progress after only the first week. I'm young and playful enough to be a great companion for a family that likes to stay active but I'll enjoy quiet time with my new family too.



Bridget ID #474599

Adoption fee: free

Name: Bridget

Breed: domestic shorthair

Sex: female

Age: one year

Color: torti (black with orange speckles)

Comments: I was found on a golf course last month and brought to the shelter. My favorite things are to be held and petted and to engage in some serious playing. I especially love feather toys. I would be most content to sit on your lap, however, and just purr.

Adoption Fee: free.

For information about this week's pets, call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS) or log on to www.LeeLostPets.com. When calling, please refer to the animal's ID number.

The shelter is open for adoptions from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The shelter is at 5600 Banner Drive, Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office, off Six Mile Cypress Parkway.*

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TRIVIA TEST

1. LANGUAGE: What kind of activity likely would take place in a natatorium?
2. GEOGRAPHY: What is the highest point in the United States east of the Mississippi River?
3. TIME: When will the next leap year occur?
4. SCIENCE: What is the symbol for the element copper?
5. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of bacteria called?
6. MUSIC: What pop artist had a No. 1 hit with "Escape (The Pi-a Colada Song)"?
7. TELEVISION: What was the name of Jack's restaurant in "Three's Company"?
8. AD SLOGAN: What company's product was featured in ads with the slogan "the ultimate driving machine"?
9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What was the old-time occupation of a wainwright?
10. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: Who once said, "I've failed over and over and over again in my life and that is why I succeed"?

ANSWERS

1. Swimming. A natatorium is an indoor swimming pool. 2. Mount Mitchell in North Carolina. 3. 2012. 4. Cu (Latin: cuprum). 5. A culture. 6. Rupert Holmes. 7. Jack's Bistro. 8. BMW. 9. One who makes or repairs wagons. 10. Michael Jordan.

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who holds the major-league record for most stolen bases in a season without being caught once?
2. In 2009, Mark Buehrle became the second White Sox pitcher to have two no-hitters in his career. Who was the first?
3. True or false: Vince Lombardi never had a losing season in 10 years as an NFL head coach.
4. Name the last Pac-10 team to win the men's college basketball national championship.
5. How many years after Terry Sawchuk set the NHL goaltender record for career shutouts (103) was it that Martin Brodeur broke it?
6. Name the last driver (not counting current driver Brad Keselowski in 2009) to get his only career Cup win at Talladega Superspeedway.
7. Who holds the Wimbledon record for most aces in a men's tennis singles match?

ANSWERS

1. Kevin McReynolds stole 21 bases without being caught for the New York Mets in 1988. 2. Frank Smith tossed no-hitters in 1905 and 1908 for the White Sox. 3. True. 4. The University of Arizona, in 1997. 5. Thirty-nine years (Sawchuk's last season was 1969-70; Brodeur broke the record in 2009). 6. Bobby Hillin Jr., in 1986. 7. Ivo Karlovic had 51 aces in a match in 2005.

My Stars ★★

FOR WEEK OF JUNE 28, 2010

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Making things more complicated than they need to be can be a problem for the typically orderly Lamb. Try to look for a less intricate way to accomplish the same goals.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Avoiding personal involvement in a troubling situation might be advisable at this time, especially since you probably don't have all the facts. The weekend brings a surprise.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A problem with a colleague you thought had been resolved could recur. However, this time you'll be able to rely on your record to get a quick resolution in your favor. Good luck.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Giving your self-esteem a boost could be a good idea for the Moon Child, who might feel a bit daunted by the week's occurrences. Just focus on all your positive accomplishments.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The "mane" attraction for the Lovable Lion this week is -- what else? -- love. New relationships move to new levels, while long-standing partnerships are strengthened.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A recent workplace problem will prove to be one of miscommunication, and once the matter is settled, you should have a better chance of getting your proposals approved.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Good news! After dealing pretty much in the dark with a matter that seemed to be taking forever to resolve, you should soon be seeing the light at the end of the tunnel.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A positive message should help lift that energy-draining sense of anxiety, and you should soon be able to deal with even the peskiest matter, whether at work or personal.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Try to control that heated Sagittarian temperament while dealing with what you believe to be an unfair matter. A cool approach is the best way to handle things.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Nursing hurt feelings could keep you from learning what went wrong. Ask your partner, a family member or a trusted friend to help you reassess your actions in the matter.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Nature is dominant this week. Try to spend

time outdoors with someone special. An act of kindness in the past might be recalled by a person you believed was out of your life.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) An upcoming career decision could be based on how well you might be able to apply your artistic talents. Be sure to use the finest samples of your work to make a strong impression.

BORN THIS WEEK: Doing good things for others comes easily to you. You are considered a good friend, even by those you might hardly know.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On June 29, 1613, the Globe Theater, where most of Shakespeare's plays debuted, burns down. The Globe was built in 1599 from the timbers of London's very first permanent theater, Burbage's Theater, built in 1576.

- On July 4, 1776, in Philadelphia, the Continental Congress adopts the Declaration of Independence, which proclaims the independence of the United States of America from Great Britain and its king. The declaration came 442 days after the first volleys of the American Revolution were fired at Lexington and Concord in Massachusetts. The American War for Independence would last for five more years.

- On June 28, 1928, 26-year-old Louis Armstrong walked into a Chicago recording studio and recorded "West End Blues." Armstrong's 15-second trumpet intro to "West End Blues" and his eight-bar solo near the end make it one of the most influential pieces of recorded music in history.

- On July 3, 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signs the Rivers and Harbors Flood Control Bill, which allocates funds to improve flood-control and water-storage systems across the country. The bill was introduced in the wake of disastrous hurricanes that hit the northeastern United States in August 1955.

- On June 30, 1962, Sandy Koufax strikes out 13 batters and walks five to lead the Brooklyn Dodgers to victory over the New York Mets 5-0 with his first career no-hitter.

- On July 1, 1979, the Sony Walkman goes on sale for the very first time. The initial production run of 30,000 units looked to be too ambitious after one month of lackluster sales (only 3,000 were sold in the first month), but after a massive advertising campaign, available stocks sold out before the end of August.

- On July 2, 1992, the one-millionth Corvette, a white LT1 roadster with a red interior and a black roof -- the same colors as the original 1953 model -- rolls off the assembly line in Bowling Green, Ky. The Corvette went into production in June 1953 with a base sticker price of \$3,760 (around \$30,000 in today's dollars).

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was Swiss journalist and commentator Esther Dyson who made the following sage observation: "The Internet is like alcohol in some sense. It accentuates what you would do anyway. If you want to be a loner, you can be more alone. If you want to connect, it makes it easier to connect."

- The world's largest colony of ants reaches all the way from northern Italy to Spain's Atlantic coast.

- The first U.S. patent was issued in 1790 for a soap-making formula developed by Samuel Hopkins.

- In May of this year, Canadian chef Ted Reader attempted to break the Guinness record for the world's largest hamburger. The patty alone weighed more than 300 pounds, and the bun was 105 pounds. Once the burger was decked out with lettuce, cheese, tomatoes, red onions, pickles and barbecue sauce, the grand total was a whopping 590 pounds. Guinness has not yet certified the giant hamburger, but it seems a shoe-in to beat the current record holder, which is a measly 158.8 pounds.

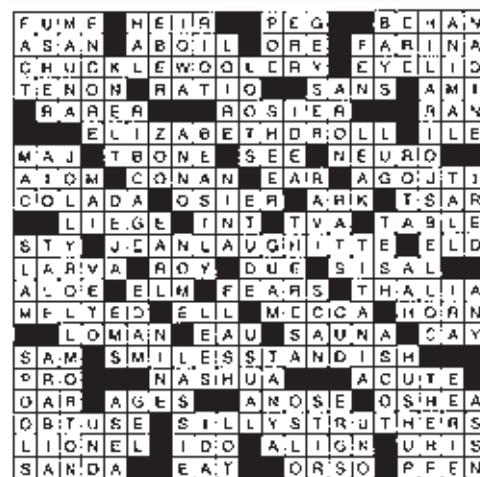
- Hasbro's Easy-Bake oven was so popular when it was released in 1963 that it sold a half million of the toys within the first year.

- If getting out on the road these days is making you nervous, you have good reason: According to the 2010 GMAC Insurance National Drivers Test survey, approximately 38 million American drivers would fail a written drivers test -- that's 20 percent of licensed drivers. The nation's best drivers can be found in Kansas, while the worst drivers -- perhaps unsurprisingly -- are in New York.

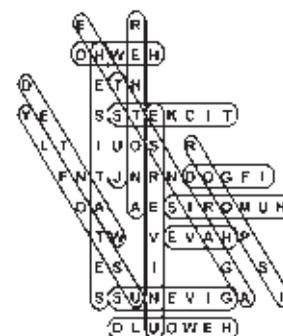
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answer on page 25

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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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
HealthPark Medical Center.....	1-800-936-5321
Ft. Myers Chamber of Commerce.....	332-3624
Foundation for Quality Childcare.....	425-2685
Ft. Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce.....	454-7500
Fort Myers Beach Library.....	463-9691
Lakes Regional Library.....	533-4000
Lee County Chamber of Commerce.....	931-0931
Post Office.....	1-800-275-8777
Visitor & Convention Bureau.....	338-3500

ARTS

Alliance for the Arts.....	939-2787
Arts For ACT Gallery & Studio.....	337-5050
Art League Of Fort Myers.....	275-3970
Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall.....	481-4849
BIG ARTS.....	395-0900
Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre.....	278-4422
Cultural Park Theatre.....	772-5862
Florida Repertory Theatre at the Arcade.....	332-4488
Florida West Arts.....	948-4427
Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers.....	472-0168
Gulf Coast Symphony.....	489-1800
Harmony Chorus, Charles Sutter, Pres.....	481-8059
Naples Philharmonic.....	239-597-1111
The Schoolhouse Theater.....	472-6862
S.W. Florida Symphony.....	418-0996
Theatre Conspiracy.....	936-3239
Young Artists Awards.....	574-9321

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Angel Flight.....	1-877-4AN-ANGEL
Animal Refuge Center.....	731-3535
American Business Women Association.....	357-6755
Audubon of SWFL.....	339-8046
Audubon Society.....	472-3156
Caloosahatchee Folk Society.....	677-9509
Cape Coral Stamp Club.....	542-9153
duPont Company Retirees.....	454-1083
Edison Porcelain Artists.....	415-2484
The Horticulture and Tea Society.....	472-8334
Horticultural Society.....	472-6940
Lee County Genealogical Society.....	549-9625
Lee Trust for Historic Preservation.....	939-7278
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

Kiwanis Clubs:

Fort Myers Beach.....	765-4254 or 454-8090
Fort Myers Edison.....	694-1056
Fort Myers South.....	691-1405
Gateway to the Islands.....	415-3100
Iona-McGregor.....	482-0869

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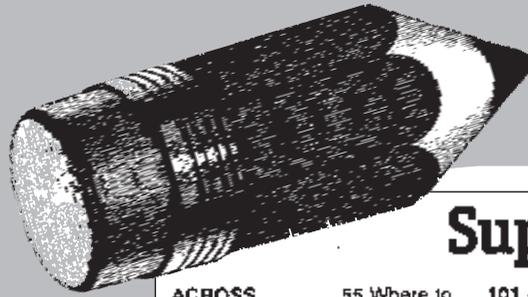
Fort Myers Beach.....	463-9738
Fort Myers High Noon.....	466-4228
Estero/South Fort Myers.....	898-1921
Notre Dame Club of Lee County.....	768-0417
POLO Club of Lee County.....	477-4906
Rotary Club of Fort Myers.....	332-8158
Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society.....	472-6940
United Way of Lee County.....	433-2000
United Way 211 Helpline (24 hour).....	211 or 433-3900

AREA ATTRACTIONS

Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum.....	395-2233
Burrough's Home.....	337-9505
Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium.....	275-3435
Edison & Ford Winter Estates.....	334-3614
Fort Myers Skate Park.....	321-7558
Imaginarium Hands-On Museum & Aquarium.....	321-7420
JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.....	472-1100
Koreshan State Historic Site.....	239-992-0311
Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center.....	765-8101
Skatium.....	321-7510
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BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

Answers page 26

Super Crossword HUMORISTS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Pollutant
 - 5 Next in line
 - 9 Viola part
 - 12 Irish playwright
 - 17 Strong — ox
 - 18 Extremely hot
 - 20 Prospector's prize
 - 21 Breakfast food
 - 22 Humorous TV host?
 - 25 Shadowy site?
 - 26 Half a joint
 - 27 Math relationship
 - 28 Without
 - 30 "— Blue?" ('29 song)
 - 31 Not as common
 - 33 More promising
 - 36 Fled
 - 37 Humorous sonator?
 - 43 — de France
 - 44 Mil. rank
 - 47 Steakhouse order
 - 48 Observe
 - 49 Medical word form
 - 51 Mighty mile
 - 53 Film barbarian
 - 55 Where to find an incus
 - 57 Tropical rodent
 - 60 Pina —
 - 62 Willow tree
 - 64 Genesis vessel
 - 66 Russian ruler
 - 67 Feudal figure
 - 69 Explosive initials
 - 70 Dam org.
 - 71 Defer
 - 72 Hog heaven?
 - 74 Humorous pirate?
 - 78 Antiquity, archaically
 - 79 Bug-to-be
 - 81 Trigger-happy guy?
 - 82 Payable
 - 83 Rope material
 - 85 — vora
 - 86 Shady character?
 - 87 Flock's
 - 89 A Muse
 - 92 Turned soft
 - 94 Architect's add-on
 - 96 Center of attraction
 - 98 It holds plenty!
 - 99 Miller's salesman
 - 101 — de Cologne
 - 103 Hot spot?
 - 105 Coral reef
 - 106 "I Am —" (2001 film)
 - 108 Humorous Pilgrim?
 - 112 In favor of
 - 113 New Hampshire city
 - 114 Intense
 - 117 Item in a lock
 - 118 Seasons firewood
 - 120 Win by —
 - 124 Milo of "Ulysses"
 - 125 Dull
 - 126 Humorous actress?
 - 132 Barrymore or Richie
 - 133 Altar answer
 - 134 Do a mechanic's job
 - 135 "Mila 18" author
 - 136 Actress Dominique
 - 138 Approximately
 - 139 Hammer part
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Fiction's antithesis
 - 2 9 Down character
 - 3 — Loa
 - 4 Repeat performance
 - 5 Producer Prince
 - 6 Celebrity hairstylist
 - 7 Hawkoye State
 - 8 Crowdburst?
 - 9 Eene
 - 10 Bungle
 - 11 Old Faithful, e.g.
 - 12 Certain steeds
 - 13 Before, to Byron
 - 14 Humorous poet?
 - 15 Gorilla or groundhog
 - 16 Novelist Gordimer
 - 19 Chateau valley
 - 21 Marsh
 - 23 Prepared to propose
 - 24 Plunders
 - 29 Graceland name
 - 32 Chest part
 - 34 Like chifon
 - 35 Notion
 - 38 San Diego attraction
 - 39 Part of A.D.
 - 40 Abominable
 - 41 Plumbing problem
 - 42 Oaf
 - 44 Singer Davis
 - 45 From — Z
 - 46 Humorous jazzman?
 - 50 Composer Nino
 - 52 Actress Zetterling
 - 54 Foch or Simone
 - 56 Sitarist Shankar
 - 58 "— Paul" ('59 hit)
 - 59 Enraged
 - 61 — vu peninsula
 - 63 Practice piece
 - 65 "Phooey!"
 - 68 Scruggs or Butz
 - 70 Actress Saldana
 - 71 TV host John
 - 72 Bridge term
 - 73 Biggest part of a fish?
 - 75 Alaskan port
 - 76 Magellan discovery
 - 77 Fairy queen
 - 80 Apt anagram of "voto"
 - 84 Contented sigh
 - 85 Gouda alternative
 - 87 Instant
 - 88 Read quickly
 - 90 Tax shelter
 - 91 Some
 - 93 German spa
 - 95 Tun throwaways
 - 97 Bossy's chew
 - 100 Workday start
 - 102 Routine
 - 104 English course?
 - 106 Bobbins
 - 107 Asian peninsula
 - 109 Oog star?
 - 110 Roberts or Tucker
 - 111 Keep secret
 - 115 Yonder
 - 118 A la King?
 - 118 Sailing
 - 119 Salon supply
 - 121 Christiania, today
 - 122 Tond the sauce
 - 123 Units of work
 - 125 Org.
 - 127 Sturm — Drang
 - 129 — Bell Wells
 - 130 Destiny
 - 131 Kids' card game

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Grounded flock
- 5 Castle protection
- 9 Jazzy style
- 12 Spiraling motion
- 13 Part of a foot?
- 14 Carnival city
- 15 Small embellishment
- 17 New England cape
- 18 Del purchase
- 19 Role for Desi
- 21 "Forget it!"
- 22 Motif
- 24 Everything else
- 27 Street address?
- 28 Charitable donation
- 31 Matterhorn, for one
- 32 Cartesian conclusion
- 33 — de cologne
- 34 Doctor's target
- 36 Expert
- 37 Dance lesson
- 38 Hex
- 40 Greeting
- 41 "— Foolish things"
- 43 Soda shoppe order
- 47 Massage
- 48 Gridiron tactic using a tee
- 51 — Khan
- 52 Lalwa's capital
- 53 Canal zone
- 54 Apiece
- 55 Microwave
- 56 Ohio team
- 6 Lennon's lady
- 7 Performance
- 8 "La-dal"
- 9 It has its charms
- 10 Sty cry
- 11 Shelland, for one
- 16 Comic Philips
- 20 "— Little Icapot"
- 22 Vestige
- 23 Base runner's goal
- 24 U.K. fliers
- 25 Right angle
- 26 Ne gbor of all
- 27 Prejudice
- 29 West of Hollywood
- 30 Dire
- 35 Kramden's transport
- 37 Donut, slangly
- 39 Copy, for short
- 40 Shade
- 41 Snare
- 42 Gincmous
- 43 Read quickly
- 44 Catastrophic
- 45 Litmus reddener
- 46 Supplements, with "out"
- 49 Actress Ullmann
- 50 Epoch

DOWN

- 1 Early birds?
- 2 "— Breckinridge"
- 3 Orsk's river
- 4 Trig measure
- 5 Revealing

MAGIC MAZE • QUOTES FROM MEL BROOKS

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They may run in all directions: forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

He who hesitates is poor	just another (give answer) against the	universe if God wanted us to fly	he would have given us tickets
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Bunche Beach's new outdoor activity center

photo by Ken Mills

From page 1 Beach Improvements

In the past year the San Carlos Bay/Bunche Beach Preserve Outdoor Activities Center Improvements Project was in progress. The \$1.4 million dollar project was funded by grants from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection through the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (\$200,000), Florida Communities Trust (\$500,000), Lee County Tourist Development Council Beach and Shoreline Fund (\$500,000) and development fees from Lee County Department

of Parks and Recreation (\$200,000). The combined funds were used to create rest rooms, two kayak/canoe launches, parking, two wildlife viewing/fishing piers and 310 feet of boardwalk.

Lee County Commissioner Tammy Hall and Roxie Smith, members of the Lee County Tourist Development Council, both spoke to a crowd of nearly 300 who had turned up to watch the ribbon cutting and re-opening of Bunche Beach on Saturday, June 19.

Smith once had an office building across the bay from Bunche Beach and admired its beauty every day she worked, she referred to Bunche Beach as "Lee County's best kept secret," and with its soft sand, clear water, and beautiful view it truly is a hidden gem.

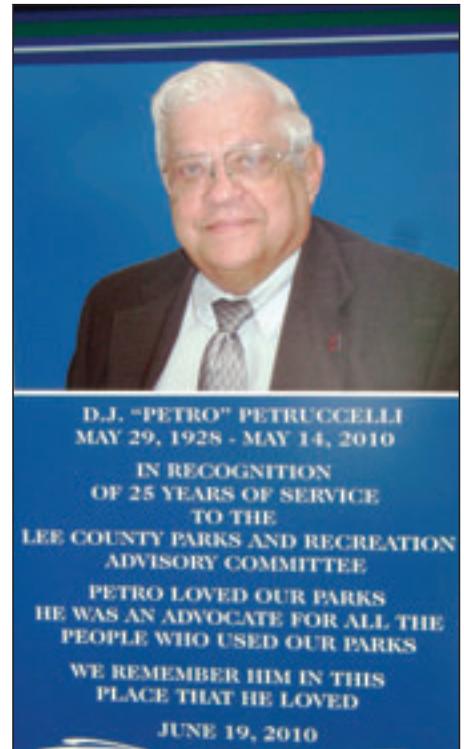
'Green' Features

Green practices employed in the project include:

- Recycled material for the boardwalk and piers, storm water run-off contained in an underground system and retention ponds, use of native plants, construction of composting restrooms, rainwater cistern collection system solar power for the energy source.
- Exotic pest plants including Australian pine, seaside mahoe, lead tree and Brazilian pepper were removed and replaced by native plant vegetation surrounding the amenities.
- Extreme care was taken to protect and preserve the mangroves
- Parking is available at the Outdoor Activity Center a quarter mile north of the beach and on the roadside adjacent to the beach. All other areas must be accessed by foot. *

Hall later spoke about the new benefits of the project. "The new facilities have given the beach a more enjoyable atmosphere, and it really is at its best when it is low tide because you can see the gorgeous flats of the beach and the beautiful wildlife."

Certainly, the new renovations have made this already great location even better. If you are tired of fighting the traffic to Fort Myers Beach, lugging all your



DJ "Petro" Petruccelli memorial

beach equipment to Captiva, or want a different look than the same old Sanibel beaches then try driving down to John Morris Road off of Summerlin to see "Lee County's best kept secret." **

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