

Mote Marine Laboratory Returns Sea Turtle To Tarpon Bay



Mote's Andrea Bowman readies a Kemp's Ridley sea turtle for release after it was rescued during the January 2010 cold-stunning event

While Monday, July 26 was a typical hot summer afternoon for most of us, it was anything but ordinary for the young sea turtle who was returned to the warm waters of Tarpon Bay in the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel Island.

When the turtle was rescued in January those waters were much colder as a result of the record low temperatures much of Florida experienced this winter. The juvenile Kemp's Ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*) is a member of a critically endangered species of sea turtles and was saved from a chilly fate by the concerned folks at Tarpon Bay Explorers, CROW, and Mote Marine Aquarium Laboratory in Sarasota.

On January 7, the Explorers pulled the lethargic turtle from the icy waters and brought it to CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife). The turtle arrived at Mote Marine Aquarium on January 17 to complete its rehabilitation in Mote's Sea Turtle Rehabilitation Hospital. After over six months of care, the turtle made the long journey back to Sanibel.

Mote's Andrea Bowman gently placed the turtle in the water at Tarpon Bay as the Explorers' staff and guests watched.

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Arabian Nights Is Theme For ACT Gala Auction

The 23rd annual Arts for ACT fine art auction fundraiser titled Arabian Nights will be held on Saturday, August 14 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort in Bonita Springs. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres by NirVana Indian Fusion Cuisine in Bedouin tents. There will be a Middle Eastern Bazaar with over 10 vendors selling spices, exotic foods, teas, oils, jewelry, pottery and art work. Belly dancing, fortune telling and henna tattoos will also be available. There will be over 100 silent auction artworks and memorabilia up for bid.

The live auction and a full course sit-down dinner starts at 7 p.m. There are 59 original pieces of art including an

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Wet Kiss by Terry Spry

Lemonade Wedding Winners

A Cape Coral couple are counting down the days to their September wedding at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates, thanks to winning the Lemonade Wedding giveaway. Amanda Lustig and David Daughterty have been selected as the recipients of an all-expenses-paid wedding.

Nearly 50 couples entered the contest by submitting their "sweet" love story and an explanation of the "sour" times that they've faced. Many had been planning for years to get married but were unable

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David Daughterty and Amanda Lustig

Classical Music Performance By FSU Students

Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center will present An Evening of Classical Music with Stephanie Christiano, mezzo-soprano, and Stephen Salts, baritone, in recital. They will be accompanied at the piano by Dr. Ronald Doiron on Tuesday, August 10.

The reception begins at 7 p.m. and the performance begins at 8 p.m. There is a suggested donation of \$10.

Christiano is a senior at the Florida State University College of Music, currently seeking a degree in vocal performance. She has been singing and acting

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Stephanie Christiano



Ronald Doiron



Stephen Salts

Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

Starnes Arcade, Now Peeples Court

by Gerri Reaves



This small-scale arcade on Hendry Street is one of downtown's most charming spots. The Starnes Arcade, a unique enclave of diminutive storefronts, was built in 1924 by Charles L. "CL" Starnes, during the boom when countless wood-frame structures were replaced with Mediterranean-inspired stucco ones.

Most long-time residents of Fort Myers remember the walk-through business center as the Reynolds Arcade, named for a subsequent owner.

In recent years, it has been known as the Courtyard Shops. However, last November it was rechristened Peeples Court.

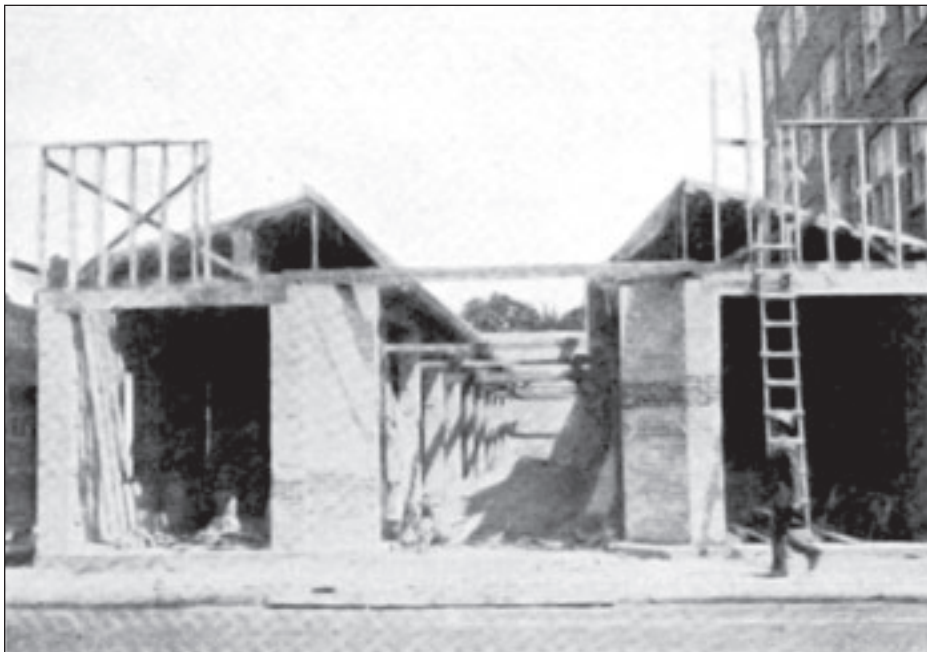
The historic arcade was originally designed as 15 individual cozy storefronts: two one-story buildings facing a central courtyard, with two storefronts opening onto Hendry Street. It always housed an eclectic mix of professional offices, services and retail enterprises.

In the mid-1920s, businesses included CL Starnes' office, the Singer Sewing Machine Company, Seminole Realty Company, and Goolsby and Williams Hemstitching.

Among other business in the arcade's early years were Smith's Kandy Kitchen, until about 1935; and in the 1950s, Clarence O. Courtney Bookkeeping Service; Treasure Shop Gifts; Nick the Tailor; and Henry H. Szonnell's Table Top Novelty Shop.

Jo Ann Peeples bought the historic arcade about 10 years ago, after running Cottage Gifts there in the 1990s. During that period, the Frog and the Fly was located there, and a trophy shop occupied the space where the Bar Association Bistro is now.

"I just fell in love with the building," she says. "I made an offer, they accepted, and that was it. It wasn't even on the market. I hit it lucky that day."



In this 1923 or 1924 photo, we see the Starnes Arcade on Hendry Street under construction. Visible on the right is the four-story Richards Building, originally known as the Pythian Building.

photo courtesy of the Southwest Florida Historical Society



The Starnes Arcade today, now called Peeples Court

photo by Gerri Reaves

She's sure that her positive memories of downtown Fort Myers in the late 1940s and the 1950s have something to do with her impulsive offer to buy the Courtyards.

She grew up in Moore Haven in Hendry County and recalls that her family traveled a bumpy gravel road to come to the big city of Fort Myers to shop.

Downtown had a friendly, neighborly atmosphere then, Peeples says, with many benches for people to sit and talk. (Note: Benches are making a comeback in downtown.)

But still, coming to town was something of an occasion. "You didn't wear shorts or jeans. You had to wear a dress."

Downtown was bustling when her family visited. JC Penney and Sears and Roebuck anchored First Street – just two of the thriving stores in the business district. She well remembers the businesses on Hendry Street block where she would eventually buy property: Mason's Bakery, Robb & Stucky, Coley Westbrook, and antique and gift shops in the arcade she now owns.

Peeples' love of historic Fort Myers extends beyond her business life. She's restoring an historic home south of downtown and just off McGregor Boulevard.

Ron Kopko, co-owner of the Bar Association Bistro, says that since the court was renamed at last November's Heart of Hendry celebration, it has increased in vitality and really has become the "pulse and beat of downtown."

He points out that the court is fully occupied. In addition to the bistro, four other businesses operate there: Snap Lites Wigs & Accessories, Cat's Meow Jewelers, *The River Weekly* newspaper, and Downtown Associates Unlimited.

Walk down Hendry Street and see the courtyard whose design is a formula for success and charm.

Then travel a couple of blocks to the Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street to learn more about the popularity of the arcade during the 1920s building boom.

Don't miss the Tutankhamun: Wonderful Things from the Pharaoh's Tomb exhibit, now in its final days. Opening on August 24 is an exhibit by renowned photographer Clyde Butcher.

For information, call 321-7430 or go to swflmuseumofhistory.com. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

Continue your research at the Southwest Florida Historical Society at 10091 McGregor Boulevard. Call 939-4044 or drop by on Wednesday or Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon.

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Fishing Tournament To Earn Top Angler Free Hobie Kayak



Southwest Florida kayak angler Lynette Brown got this redfish on the Calusa Blueway photo by John Paeno, Calusa Ghost Tours

The annual Calusa Blueway Kayak Fishing Tournament is expected to draw about 75 paddling anglers to the shores of Pine Island this fall as they compete for cash prizes and a chance to win a Hobie Adventure fishing kayak from Hobie and Estero River Outfitters. Kayak fishing paddles from Bending Branches also will be awarded.

Fast becoming the premier kayak fishing tournament in Southwest Florida, the catch-and-release event is scheduled for November 6 as part of the 10-day canoe and kayak festival along the Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail. Get details at www.CalusaBluewayPaddlingFestival.com.

This year's event features a one-day competition for anglers who catch and release snook, redfish, sea trout and other species. All fishing must take place on Lee County waterways. Captains' meeting, weigh-in and awards take place in Matlacha.

The first-place winner will receive the fully rigged Hobie Adventure kayak, which has a retail value exceeding \$2,000. The second-place winner will receive \$500, based on 50 participants. The third-place finisher gets \$300; the fourth-place angler earns \$150; and the fifth-place finisher wins \$50.

"It's significant to have a kayak of this caliber donated as our grand prize this year," said Josh Harvel, tournament committee chairman who also is a Hobie Fishing Team member and Lee County Parks & Recreation volunteer. "The Adventure is one of the best-performing kayaks on the water today. I'm very excited that Hobie and Estero River Outfitters have come together with the Calusa Blueway to help promote the great sport of kayak fishing."



The Calusa Blueway Paddling Festival features events such as guided paddles and a kayak fishing tournament photo courtesy of Lee County Parks & Recreation

The November 5 captains' meeting will include a reception sponsored by Angler's Inn and Bert's Bar. The digital weigh-in, a seminar with Kayak Charters' Dominick Greco and the awards presentation will be November 6 at Matlacha Park with a celebration afterward for anglers and kayakers at The Sun & The Moon Inn, Matlacha.

Tournament proceeds benefit the Great Calusa Blueway and the Society for Ethical Ecotourism, which is hosting the event with assistance from Lee County Parks & Recreation volunteers. Sponsors include Hobie, Bending Branches, Estero River Outfitters, West Marine, Sea Tow, Angler's Inn, Bert's Bar, The Sun & The Moon Inn, Kayak Excursions, Kayak Charters and other local businesses.

Registration form and rules can be obtained online at www.CalusaBluewayPaddlingFestival.com. Call 239-233-0655 or 239-533-7474 for more information or email: yaknitup@embarqmail.com or bclayton@leegov.com.*

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The Board of Lee County Commissioners and the Florida Department of Transportation invite the public to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for LeeTran Transit Shelter Expansion Project on Wednesday, August 11 at 11 a.m. It is located in the East Fort Myers Shopping Center, 4191 Palm Beach Boulevard, Fort Myers.

In keeping with the spirit of the event, attendees are asked to consider riding one of LeeTran's new hybrid buses from downtown Fort Myers to the event site. Buses may be boarded on Broadway between Main and Second streets between 10:30 and 10:45 a.m. The bus will leave the event site 15 minutes after the end of the ceremony.✧

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Candidates for Lee County Commissioner have been invited to participate in a forum of the Fort Myers Republican Women's Club Federated on Tuesday, August 17. The invited candidates are Brian Bigelow, Sonny Haas, Cecil Pendergrass, and Dick Ripp, District 2; and Tammy Hall, District 4. A question-and-answer session will follow their prepared comments during the forum.

The public is invited to attend the monthly luncheon and the candidate forum being held at The Helm Club, The Landings, South Fort Myers. A social hour begins at 11:15 a.m. The noon lunch, business meeting, and candidate forum follow.

Those attending are invited to write a check for their favorite 2010 Republican candidate running for office, with a minimum amount of \$16; the club then pays for the luncheon charge. Reservations are required by Thursday, August 12, and may be made by contacting Tina Laurie at 489-4701.

The Fort Myers Republican Women's Club is affiliated with the Florida Federation of Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women. Additional information about the club may be obtained by contacting the past president, Marilyn Stout, at 549-5629.✧

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A Midsummer Night's Sing sponsor Sam Galloway, Jr. and Pastor Paul deJong of First Presbyterian Church of Fort Myers

Residents who attended the 13th annual A Midsummer Night's Sing at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Fort Myers July 27 opened their hearts and their wallets by contributing approximately one ton of food to benefit The Soup Kitchen, operated by Community Cooperative Ministries (CCMI).

Attendees also contributed \$3,000 to help the charity, which serves more than 1,000 meals per day through The Soup Kitchen, Meals on Wheels and food programs for families in need. In addition, the agency provides transportation for the frail elderly and Montessori pre-school education for children from working poor families.



Soloist Beth Winger and Pianist Barbara Peterson



Sarah Owen of CCMI and Sherry Slaybaugh of the Galloway Family of Dealerships

About 700 people attended the performance, sponsored by the Galloway Family of Dealerships.

The popular event featured performances by The Sun-Sations, Teen Challenge, pianist Barbara Peterson, organist Eddygrace Bernhard, Choral Director Rev. Roger Peterson, soloist Beth Winger, and the First Presbyterian Church Choir and Friends.*



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Stephanie Christiano, mezzo-soprano and Stephen Salts, baritone are in recital, assisted at the piano by Dr. Ronald Doiron.

The reception starts at 7 p.m. with the performances beginning at 8 p.m. The suggested donation is \$10.

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street, Fort Myers. Call 333-1933 for reservations.

If you are a parent looking for a great way to keep your kids busy while teaching them to respect the environment, the Calusa Summer Camp at **Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium** in Fort Myers is the answer you have been looking for.

Running through the middle of August, this special camp for boys and girls teaches them environmental awareness by immersing them in fun community projects. There are plenty of fun games, outdoor activities, stories, live animal viewings, and more to awaken the inner curiosity in your child and encourage them to think for themselves.

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Want to feel as sharp and sexy as the New York gals in *Sex and the City*? Slide on your favorite Jimmy Choo's and head out to **The Bar Association Bistro and Lounge** on Friday, August 13. Dress in your most outrageous, fash-



Calusa summer camp runs through mid-August

ion forward attire and sip Lemon Drop Champagne and Sake-tinis at the popular european-style bistro. The party begin at 4 p.m.

In addition to food and drink specials, Michelle DePalma, owner of **Snap Lites Wigs and Accessories**, is providing modern wigs and hairpieces to help you add instant style to your hair. You can also browse through stylish handbags and jewelry provided by Cat's Meow.

The Bar Association Bistro is located at 1609 Hendry Street, Fort Myers in the historic Peeples Court. Dinner reservations are suggested. Call 334-8080.

The Sandy Butler Restaurant and Gourmet Market is still offering summer specials including a new summer wine series and prix fixe menu through the end of September. Offered daily, the restaurant's prix fixe menu includes a three-course dinner and a glass of wine for \$30 per person.

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Free clothing, backpacks, school supplies, hair cuts, eye exams, lunch boxes, and food were provided.

"The Multicultural Centre of Southwest Florida would like to thank all the 200 plus volunteers, sponsors, contributors, vendors, and media for their support, which made our 11th annual outreach event to support students in need a true success," said event organizer Connie Ramos-Williams of CONRIC PR & Marketing.*

Founder of the Multicultural Centre of Southwest Florida Leonardo Garcia, Fort Myers Mayor Randy Henderson and the organizer and project director for The BIG Backpack Event Connie Ramos-Williams



Brandon Battles, Akhim Dale, Tashim Dale, and Adarius Dale, Jr. spent some time with Ronald McDonald after receiving their free backpacks and school supplies



Angela Ortiz, Michelle Miranda, Ashley Miranda, David Miranda and Jason Miranda wore their new backpacks around Harborside while enjoying all the activities



Anaura Perez, Jr. received a free eye exam from Target Optical



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Darion Williams received a free hair cut for back to school from Sal Lugo, one of the hair stylists at Cre8 Salon & Spa, who donated their time and talents to give free hair cuts to kids. They also did face painting.

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SAINT JOHN THE APOSTLE

New President At Temple Judea



Attorney Keith Grossman

Family Law Attorney Keith Grossman was recently elected president of the board of trustees at Temple Judea in Fort Myers, where he will serve a two-year term. He and his family have served as active members of the synagogue for the past 15 years. He was a member of the board of trustees, has taken an active role with Temple Judea's religious and pre-schools, and helped to create the Junior Congregation, which focuses on the

needs of children between the ages of seven and 12. Grossman has also led and facilitated a focus group process at Temple Judea in an effort to bring about positive ideas for change and growth. He looks to maintain a strong ritual presence and religious education within the standards of Conservative Judaism in his role as president.

Temple Judea is an egalitarian Conservative Synagogue of approximately 200 households, affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. The congregation is considered a "family of families." In addition to prayer services, they provide for the educational needs of the community with a preschool, and after hours religious school. It is Lee County's only Conservative Synagogue.

Temple Judea is located at 14486 A&W Bulb Road, Fort Myers. For more information contact Temple Judea at 433-0201 or visit www.tjswfl.org.

Kids Racing For Life Fundraiser

The 12th annual Kids Racing For Life fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, August 7 at 6 p.m. at Victory Lane Cafe, 4120 Hancock Bridge Parkway, North Fort Myers. The fundraiser will include raffles, an auction, live sports and entertainment.

The goal is to raise money to pay for up to 200 children with cancer and their families to go to Sebring International Raceway on the September 10-12.

For the past 11 years Kids Racing For Life has enabled families that have a child with cancer to go to a race track somewhere in the Southeast for a weekend to meet drivers, crews, officials, get T-shirts and other "goodies" and top it off with a ride in a real road racing car driven by a qualified professional race car driver.

"This may be the only fun these families get all year long because of the cost of medical treatment," said Stephen Zoeller, spokesman for Zoeller Ministries, which organizes the event.

"This not only helps the child with encouragement and hope, but helps the parents knowing they are not alone going through this.

"We are at this time \$20,000 short of our goal," Zoeller added.

To donate or for more information, call 945-3333 or email RaceRev@RaceRev.com.

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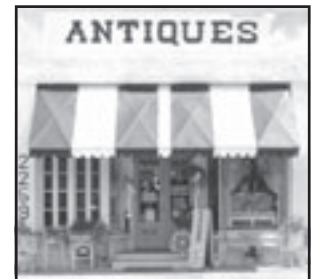
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Cancer Sufferer Receives Much-Needed Air Conditioning



Peter St. Louis, service technician for Modern & Anderson Service for Home & Business, with Cynthia Penna and daughter Lilly Penna, Sarah and John Penna

John Penna, 57, has suffered with colon cancer since the early 1990s. Most recently, he has developed a major bacterial infection caused by the extreme heat within his home. Despite his struggles, Penna maintained his construction business up until a few years ago. His health and mobility continued to worsen and the heat was contributing to his failing health.

The Penna family completed several repair jobs on the air conditioning unit over the past few years. However, two months ago when the unit went out again, the Penna family was in dire straits. With the recent loss of his job and rising medical bills, the family could not afford the \$2,000 in repairs needed to get the air conditioning going again. But with Penna's failing health, they could not afford to go without air conditioning either.

On July 9, volunteers sponsored by Builders Care, the charitable agency of the Lee Building Industry Association (BIA), sent out a call for help to its BIA members. Almost immediately, Jim Glennon, president of Florida operations for Modern & Anderson Service for Home & Business, responded and in less than one week, the Penna residence had air conditioning.

Modern & Anderson Service for Home & Business provided all of the labor and needed materials to make this happen.

"The residents of Southwest Florida have been very supportive of our company since 1965 so it's the least we can do help give back," said Glennon. "We are proud to be part of Lee County BIA and are grateful to be able to help whenever we can. Builders Cares helps us give back to our community, and we felt it was time to give back to them."

"This is a great project for a man that served in the building industry for many years. It is great to see other companies looking out for others in our community," said Heidi Taulman, executive director of Builders Care.

BIA's objective is to provide emergency repairs and construction services to elderly, disabled and economically disadvantaged people who are unable to obtain home repairs through traditional means. Builder's Care enlists the volunteer services of Lee BIA members and leverages grants and donated materials to provide construction and remodeling services to qualified homeowners throughout Lee County.

Donations can be made online at www.LeeBuildersCare.org, or to the Builders Care general fund at BB&T (formerly Colonial Bank) Page Field branch at 4959 South Cleveland Avenue in Fort Myers. More information is available by calling 938-0056.*

Win A Firehouse Dinner Or Birthday Party

Donate to the Harry Chapin Food Bank, and you may win dinner or a birthday party at an Iona-McGregor fire station

The Iona-McGregor Fire District invites the public to donate nonperishable food items August 20 to 22. The first 1,500 elementary and middle school students who donate will receive a pencil pouch with school supplies, compliments of the fire district. Adults who donate can register to win dinner for six, prepared by the firefighters at the fire station, or a children's birthday party for six, celebrated at the fire station.

Both food and monetary donations will be accepted from 1 to 4 p.m. at the district's fire stations located at 16651 McGregor Boulevard, north of John Morris Parkway; 15961 Winkler Road, south of Summerlin Road; 6061 South Pointe Boulevard, just south of College Parkway; and 15660 Pine Ridge Road, south of Gladiolus Drive.

"Harry Chapin Food Bank provides a wonderful service to our community and needs our support year-round," said Fire Chief William Elliott. "We think this is a great way to celebrate back to school and a wonderful opportunity for children and the people we serve to visit our stations and meet our firefighters. We're hoping for a big turnout and a significant donation for the food bank."**

ICAN Needs School Supplies

The Island Coast Aids Network (ICAN) is seeking donations of school supplies to help children whose families are affected by HIV/AIDS. The list of needs includes backpacks, binders, pocket folders, notebook paper, pens, pencils, markers, crayons, rulers, glue and gift cards. All donated school supplies will be distributed by ICAN case managers directly to the network's clients and their children.

Donations can be delivered or mailed to the network's offices at 2231 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, FL 33901 or call 337-2391 ext. 211 to arrange pick-up.

ICAN is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization partially funded by United Way of Lee County, Lee County Human Services and the Florida Department of Health. ICAN is on-line at www.icanswfl.org**

ACT Needs Help Clothing Kids

Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc., (ACT) the domestic violence and sexual assault shelter serving Lee, Hendry and Glades counties, needs help outfitting school age children with uniforms, clothing, shoes, and school supplies. At this time, there are over 20 children in need at the shelter.

The public is asked to donate gift cards from various stores such as Kohls, Wal Mart, Marshalls, Target, T J Maxx, Old Navy and Kmart in lieu of actual items. ACT's children's co-coordinator will personally take the children shopping to pick out their own items.

Gift cards may be dropped off at ACT's thrift store, Second ACT, located at 12591 South Cleveland Avenue; at Arts for ACT Gallery at 2265 First Street in downtown Fort Myers; or at the administrative office located in Fort Myers. Call 939-2553 for the address.

Contact Johnnie Mae Johnson at 939-3112 or e-mail her at jjohnson@actabuse.com if you have questions or need more information by phone.*

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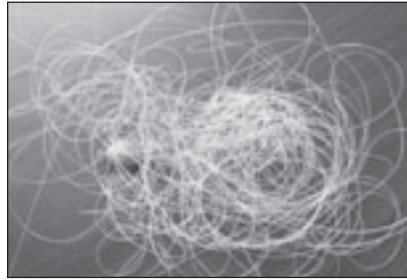
CROW Case Of The Week:

Roseate Spoonbill, Snowy Egret

by Brian Johnson



On the morning of July 14 visitors on the free birding tram winding through the "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge spotted a roseate spoonbill and snowy egret tied together by fishing line, a potentially fatal arrangement.



the monofilament that was wrapped around both birds

They notified "Ding" Darling, and law enforcement officer Jim Mathissen contacted refuge ranger Becky Wolff.

It was near lunchtime and she was able to quickly assemble a group of refuge staff and student interns. They went out to the tower on Wildlife Drive.

"The birds were on the sandbar on the other side of the culvert," said Wolff. "They were pretty well exhausted. As soon as we got there we saw the snowy drag the spoonbill, whose legs were wrapped up in line, under the water. It was go time."

Wolff jumped into the water and got the spoonbill while Traci Gordon handled the egret. Jennessy Toribio cut the line and Simone



Roseate spoonbill and egret connected by the monofilament

Schweizer helped return the birds to Wildlife Drive. They wrapped them in refuge jackets and took them directly across Sanibel-Captiva Road to CROW.

"We worked well as a team, and it was great to have a successful bird save," said Wolff.

"Both birds were stressed and open-mouth breathing," said Dr. PJ Deitschel, who was the admitting veterinarian.

The spoonbill had a hook in her leg, the egret had a hook embedded fairly deeply in her neck. They were given pain medication, then placed in cages in ICU to allow them time to unwind.

Dr. PJ began with the spoonbill. The line had "wrapped quite tightly around the

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From left: Becky Wolff, Simone Schweizer, Traci Gordon and Jennessy Tribio (front) wrapping the birds in jackets



Cat Turner with spoonbill at CROW

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Try Pass Fishing When Bay Water Is Too Warm



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Last week I spent the majority of my time on the water fishing the passes. Blind Pass, Redfish Pass and Captiva Pass all held good numbers of game-fish. The strong

stage of the tide the fish feed. With our water temperature so high the passes have the most waterflow and are generally cooler than the shallow bay. Most of the snook, redfish and trout are caught around the edges of the passes. Sit back and watch how the other boats are drifting and what areas they are working before you jump right in the crowd and mess it up for everyone.

Drop offs and ledges can often be identified by the tide rips. The seawall off South Seas Island Resort has always been, and remains, one of the hottest places to catch snook in our area. After a few drifts you can generally narrow down where the fish are and not have to drift the entire edge of the pass.

Positioning the boat while drifting to keep the lines in the strike zone is the key. When the tide is really screaming through the pass it's best to keep your motor running and have one person operate the boat while others fish. You will have to bump the boat in and out of gear to keep the drift nice and smooth and not get pushed in or out too far. Drifting lets you cover more ground and gives your baits the natural presentation of being swept on the tide. While drifting, keep your baits uptide and let them drag

moving tides made for good action on several species of fish. The main players were snook, redfish and trout.

Learning the techniques to fish the passes takes a little time but pays off big once you have it down. Many local guides make their living in our local passes just about year round. In most of the tournaments I fish, the winning fish come out of these passes.

Like any other type of fishing it's knowing where in the pass and what



Chris Bunting with a big redfish caught drifting a local pass

at the same speed the boat is moving on the tide. If you start fishing down current you will lose a lot of rigs in the bottom.

Live bait fishing is the most effective method. Pinfish and grunts are at the top of the list. Use enough weight so that the bait will bounce the bottom; this will vary depending on how fast the tide is moving. It could be anything from a small split shot up to a 1/2-ounce egg sinker. My usual pass rig consists of a spinning rod rigged with 20# braid, a 30# fluorocarbon leader, a 3/0 hook and a large split

shot crimped on the leader about two feet above the hook. I like to hook the baits in the mouth as they stay down better in the fast moving tide.

Certain areas in the passes are sometimes better to anchor and fish. The docks and stumps on the north side of Redfish Pass and the stumps and rips on the north side of Captiva Pass can be fished either way. When anchored, throw your bait upcurrent and let it drift back in

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the tide. At the end of the drift on a fast moving tide the bait will come up from the bottom and skip on top. Fishing from the anchor does not keep your baits in the water as long but some days can be more effective.

On either an incoming or outgoing tide there are fish to be caught in all our local passes. It's a matter of putting in your time and working out which pass and which drift is better on that stage of the tide. Some days one pass will just be better than the others, Luckily, within 10 miles we have three passes that all hold good numbers of fish.

Pass fishing has paid off for me all week with pretty consistent action and a few really good fish. Within an hour one morning this week we caught a 33-inch redfish and a dozen or so snook up to 30 inches along with losing a snook in the 15- to 20-pound range.

*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.**

Mangrove Gathering

Mangrove Gatherings are for people who care about the Earth, a place to socialize with live music, coffee and tea with delicacies, wireless Internet, informational displays and organizations, and all of the current local information on Southwest Florida environmental happenings.

Meetings are on the third Friday of every third month between 7:30 and 10 p.m. and are free and open to the public.

The upcoming meeting, on August 20, is co-sponsored by the Coccoloba chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society. Live entertainment will be by Suzie Jennings.

At the Mangrove Gathering you can find answers to your questions, express comments and opinions or check the calendar for upcoming environmental meetings and events. Sharing environmental concerns and solutions is the framework of the evening.

Meetings are at the Lee County Parks & Recreation Support Services Facility at Rutenberg Park, 6490 South Pointe Boulevard, between College Parkway and Cypress Lake Boulevard, Fort Myers.

For more information call 432-2163.

Bring a reusable mug for free refreshments and a dessert/snack to share in the community potlatch.*

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Bonsai Society Monthly Meeting

Guests are welcome at the monthly meeting of the Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida on Saturday, August 21, from 9 a.m. to noon. Bring your problem trees to take part in the featured program for the meeting.

Individuals are invited to bring questions or problems they have about their trees or the art of bonsai. Masters will review the problems and offer solutions.

The meeting is held at the Support

Personnel Association of Lee County (SPALC) Building at 6281 Metro Plantation Road, Fort Myers. There is no charge for attending and reservations are not required.

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

Additional information about bonsai, the association, or the meeting may be obtained by contacting Becky Bodnar, 463-4102, or by e-mailing beckybodnar@msn.com.*



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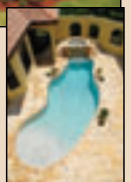
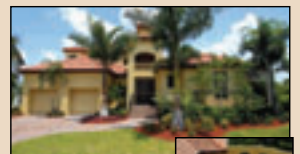
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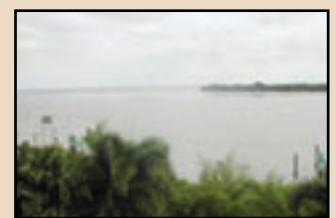
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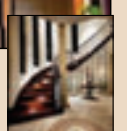
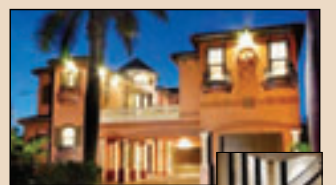
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Varnish leaf, a member of the soapberry family, is also called Florida hopbush

by Gerri Reaves

Varnish leaf's (*Dodonaea viscosa*) most notable feature is its winged fruit, which on first glance resembles shimmery flowers.

The seed pods with three (and occasionally four) rounded papery wings undergo several color transitions that endow the plant with ornamental value. They emerge pale green, turn yellow-green, then shades of pink and red, and eventually turn pale brown.

By comparison, the actual flowers are somewhat inconspicuous and greenish



Varnish leaf's winged fruit is its most distinctive feature

yellow, emerging in terminal clusters.

This fast-growing native shrub or small tree can reach up to 15 feet tall, although usually only six to 10 feet. It is typically multi-trunked but can be trained to a single trunk. The bark is brown.

The three- to six-inch leaves vary from spatula-shaped, to elliptical or oblong, varying in texture and shape according to habitat. They are sticky with under-curved edges.

The common name derives from the shiny coating of resin on the leaves that give them a varnished appearance. The resin also makes this evergreen tree highly drought tolerant.

This hardy plant's natural habitat is dunes, pinelands, and hammocks. It will tolerate sandy or rocky soils, wind, or salt spray and is generally pest resistant.

Plant varnish leaf in full sun. Use it as a background plant, hedge, screen, or specimen plant in the wild garden. It can even be espaliered.

Propagate varnish leaf with cuttings or seeds.

Sources: hort.ufl.edu, *A Gardener's Guide to Florida's Native Plants* by Rufino Osorio, *Native Florida Plants* by Robert G Haehle and Joan Brookwell,

The Shrubs & Woody Vines of Florida by Gil Nelson, and hort.ufl.edu.

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CROW Spoonbill

leg" and there were "superficial abrasions and a fair amount of swelling below the hock," said Dr. PJ.

The line came off with relative ease, and the bird was soon able to stand with only mild lameness.

The egret was a tougher case. Dr. PJ put the white bird under anesthesia in order to accomplish the tricky job of extricating the hook from the neck. It took about 10 minutes to pry the hook forward, cut off the barb, and slide it out. Both birds were given antioxidants and secondary pain medication.

Dr. PJ expected a quick turnaround for both patients, and that's what transpired.

"The next morning I came in at 7 a.m. and the birds were bouncing off the walls, not wanting to be in captivity," said Dr. PJ. "All the swelling had resolved in the roseate's leg. Not wanting them to cause damage to themselves, we notified Becky for an immediate release."

Back at the refuge, the egret darted out of the carrier to freedom while the spoonbill walked about before rejoining other spoonbills in the refuge waters.

*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.**

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The State of Florida recently passed legislation requiring anyone born after January 1, 1988 to have passed a safe boating course and obtain a Boating Safety Education ID card, which is valid for life, in order to operate a boat with more than 10 h.p. Each student will receive a card/certificate from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission upon completion of the class.

The course consists of two sessions on consecutive Saturdays. The second session will be on Saturday, August 28, also from 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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

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

The course is being taught at the San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron classroom 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 466-4040.*



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Fun-Tasy: The Art Of Fernando Soler



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All is color and whimsy at daas Gallery during the month of August as Cuban artist Fernando Soler presents Fun-Tasy, a collection of new works inspired in a life full of fun and adventure. The opening reception is scheduled for Friday, August 6, in conjunction with the Fort Myers Art Walk.

Fernando was born in Havana in 1947. At the age of nine, he and his family migrated to Key West where he went to school and graduated from Key West High School. After a year of junior college, he proudly enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard. After a four-year tour in the North Atlantic and Governor's Island



Strike Up The Band



Where's The Gumbo

New York, he moved to Sarasota where he attended Ringling School of Art in the early seventies and remained working as a graphic artist and sign artisan.

In the late eighties, he moved back to

Key West to help with the family property and became active in the local art scene. In the early nineties, he moved back to Sarasota to do his graphic and fine art again. These days he's semi retired and working to make the transition to be a full time fine artist – his life's dream. Soler has shown his work in-group and solo exhibitions in Staten Island New York, St. Petersburg, Sarasota, and Key West.

"Growing up on the island of Key West in the sixties was truly paradise. We lived a very simple life full of fun and adventure. Everyone knew each other on the island and music and laughter was

commonplace. The ocean and nature was evident everywhere our bicycles would take us. My art is a mixture of family, friends, fun, nature and the ability to see beauty in the simple things that make up every precious day of my life on this beautiful planet," says Soler.

The exhibition will be on display until August 28. Gallery hours are Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. More information is available at www.daasgallery.com.*

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Lemonade Wedding Winners

to because of financial obstacles, job loss, health risks, or other complicated situations.

"We had an incredibly hard time choosing a winner," says Rachael Schoof, design consultant at Studio Six Eleven. "We had heartbreaking stories from couples that were facing hard times, but Amanda's hand-written application really stood out. Amanda and David both lost their jobs because of the economy, and have also lost loved ones recently. But through those sour times, they found each other."

The winning couple will attend the Lemonade Wedding Bridal Social, a bridal show being held by the wedding sponsors on Sunday, August 8 at the Hotel Indigo, 1520 Broadway, Fort Myers, from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is \$3.

The winners will get married on Sunday, September 12 at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates. Their wedding package will also include a reception at the Heitman House, catered by The Flying Pig.

Other sponsors contributing to the bride and groom's prize package include Black Tie Tuxedos, Connie Duglin Specialty Linens & Chair Cover Rental, Duquette Photography, Elegant Affairs, Elle Events, Fort Myers Floral Designs, Fotos-R-Fun, Frey Valet, Hotel Indigo Fort Myers, Kakes By Karen, LLC, Model T Chauffeur Services, Patty's Flower Shop, Provident Jewelry, Shari Brownie Photography and musician Derek Trenholm.

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Classical Music Performance

since she was a young girl at various local and professional theaters.

At 15 she first participated in the Spoleto Vocal Arts Symposium in Spoleto, Italy where she studied with coaches Enza Ferrari and Nico Castel. In 2007 she sang the role of Kate Pinkerton in Opera Naples production of *Madam Butterfly*. At Florida State, Christiano has appeared on both the Ruby Diamond Auditorium Stage (*La Bohème*) and Opperman Music Hall where she played Pitti-Sing in Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Mikado*.

Aside from her mainstage performances, she has appeared at various elementary and middle-schools in Leon County, singing the role of Kate in *The Pirates of Penzance*.

She is an alumna of the Theater Department at Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts.

Salt studies at the Florida State University College of Music and will graduate with a bachelor of music degree in voice performance in May. He hopes to move back to south Florida and obtain a Master of Music degree in voice performance and/or opera studies.

Salt has performed with the Florida State Opera since 2007 in *La Bohème* (Puccini), *The Mikado* (Gilbert & Sullivan), the role of Fiorello in *The Barber of Seville* (Rossini).

He also performs with the Florida State Baroque Ensemble in addition to the Florida State University Singers with whom he traveled Rome, Siena, Florence, Venice, and Milan in March.

Doiron is director of music, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Marco Island. Since July 2003 he has been at the musical helm as artistic director and conductor of The Bach Ensemble. A church and synagogue musician for over 30 years, Dr. Doiron has held positions as both organist and choirmaster in Southern California and Pennsylvania, including director of music at Temple Sinai, director of music ministries at the First Presbyterian Church and Church of the Assumption in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Doiron was named a 2008 Musician and Educator Star in the Arts by the United Arts Council of Collier County.

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Theatre Conspiracy's Upcoming Season Announced; Prices Lowered

Theatre Conspiracy has announce its 2010-11 season of plays at the Foulds Theatre in Fort Myers.

"For this upcoming year we have lowered our ticket prices and moved our matinee performances to Sundays," says Bill Taylor, producing artistic director. "Affordable entertainment has always been important to us. I think this will keep live theatre as an option for people during this economic downturn. I am very excited about what we have coming up.

"Once again we have put together a season that covers a wide range of theatre for our audiences to enjoy. We have a world premiere, one Florida premiere and three Southwest Florida premieres. There will be plenty of laughs and excitement this year."

The line-up includes:

Searching For Eden: The Diaries Of Adam And Eve, a romantic comedy by James Still. August 20 through September 4 at 8 p.m. and August 29 at 2 p.m.

More than a hundred years after Mark Twain wrote his own short stories about Adam and Eve, James Still combines those stories for Act One of *Searching for Eden*, and then imagines Adam and Eve in the present day for Act Two to create this original and contemporary play about the world's first love story.

Cynthia's Lament, a comedy by Paul J. Lawrence, October 8-23 at 8 p.m. and October 17 at 2 p.m.

Winner of the annual New Play Contest, this play tells the story of wildly successful romance novelist, Cynthia Silver, who seems to have it all. In fact, she even has a little extra, namely a penis. The truth is she is the fabrication of Taylor, a talented writer who couldn't get published. As time has passed Taylor has grown tired of restraints Cynthia has put on him artistically and has dreams of making it as a writer without wearing a dress.

Dead Man's Cell Phone, a comedy by Sarah Ruhl, December 3-18 at 8 p.m. and December 5 at 2 p.m.

When Jean answers the cell phone of the corpse at the next table, she unwittingly embarks on a quirky odyssey that takes her from grief to the black market to the after-life. With unfailing empathy, she sets the dead man's bizarre life to rights and on the way resurrects her own.

Frank Lloyd Wright, written and performed by Will Stutts, January 7-22 at 8 p.m. and January 16 at 2 p.m.

Will Stutts, who thrilled audiences last year with his performance as Edgar Allan Poe, returns to Southwest Florida in this intriguing and fascinating one-man show.

Shipwrecked! An Entertainment, The amazing adventures of Louis de Rougemont (as told by himself), by Pulitzer Prize winner Donald Margulies, February 11-26 at 8 p.m. and February 20 at 2 p.m.

This wonderfully entertaining new play explores the seductive power of the tall tale and the desperate need that drives the tale teller. Sail away with us toward a wild escapade that explores the real nature of truth.

Medea, by Euripides, March 18 through April 2 at 8 p.m. and March 20 at 2 p.m. A true classic, the play tells the story of the revenge of a woman betrayed by her husband.

Individual tickets are \$18 per show or all six shows for \$90, five shows for \$80 or four shows for \$68). Dinner show packages are available through several select restaurants. Log onto www.theatreconspiracy.org. for details. For more information or to make a reservation, call the box office at 936-3239.✱

Art Walk Committee Needs Volunteers

It has been almost two years since the first Fort Myers Art Walk premiered in the streets of downtown Fort Myers. The event has attracted multitudes of patrons to the downtown area benefiting not only art galleries but local businesses such as restaurants and bars. With every Art Walk, the popularity of the event grows. The Art Walk committee has decided to seek the help of volunteers to tackle some of the monthly tasks essential for the success of the event.

Help is needed in simple things such as signage management, which includes placement of the directional and promotional parking signs and in more visitor-oriented tasks such as tour guides and information posts. The volunteer program, named the Downtown Fort Myers Street Team or S-Team for short, will help with the flow of the event, which has managed to stay incident-free since October of 2008.

"We are really looking forward to the help," said David Acevedo, who co-owns daas Gallery and is the primary coordinator for the S-Team volunteer project. "The Art Walk/Saturday Art Fair/Music Walk committee members will now have

a helping hand to ensure an even better event every month. As business owners, it is very difficult for us to leave our spaces to assist with other things that are so needed during the events."

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the S-Team is encouraged to email Acevedo at david@fortmyersartwalk.com. Detailed information of the different volunteer positions will be provided upon inquiries. General information about the Fort Myers Art Walk can be found at www.fortmyersartwalk.com.✱

Opportunities To Support The Arts

Members of the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center (SBDAC) are a gathering of individuals dedicated to making a difference in the cultural life of their community. Their contributions are influential in funding the annual operation expenses of the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center. During restoration and rehabilitation, members will receive benefits.

Annual memberships start at \$100 (\$25 for students) and membership levels are designed so that anyone may participate.

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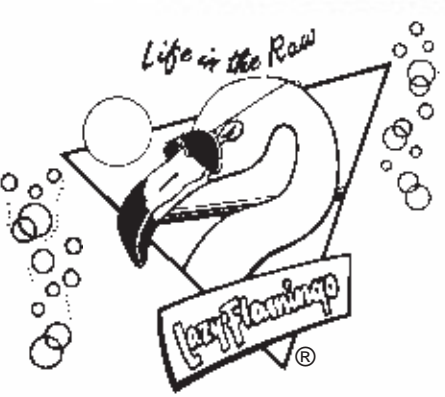
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Tutankhamun Exhibit Ends August 15

The last days of the reign for King Tut are now upon us.

Visitors to the Southwest Florida Museum of History have only until August 15 to explore King Tut and his treasures in the traveling exhibit, Tutankhamun: Wonderful Things from the Pharaoh's Tomb.

This incredibly successful traveling exhibit has welcomed more than 13,000 guests since it debuted January 16 surpassing overall museum attendance since last year.

Visitors still have a chance to 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.

Not to be missed is an outstanding audio tour narrated by Egyptologist Professor Adrian Kerr, who allows guests to immerse themselves in Ancient Egypt. 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.

It's the last chance to journey into King Tut's tomb and discover the unique artifacts and life that were uncovered. The exhibit is presented by the Origins Museum Institute and the SWFL Museum of History Foundation, Inc.

For more information call 321-7430 or visit www.swflmuseumofhistory.com. You may also find us on Facebook under SWFL Museum of History to keep up with exhibit and event happenings.✱



King Tut



Eric Raddatz

A Film Festival Is Coming To Fort Myers

The Fort Myers Film Festival will debut in March at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center.

Eric Raddatz says his plan is to bring forward a festival that will entertain and enlighten as well as be a showcase for the work being produced in Southwest Florida.

"There is a lot of talent here, a lot of things are happening," he says. "There's a lot of potential and it's only getting bigger."

But Raddatz says he knows it will be difficult to reproduce the success of the

Naples festival, especially in the first year. The inaugural festival ended up producing nearly \$1 million in revenues throughout the city, according to its own estimates. A good portion of the buzz surrounding it was the nearly sold-out opening gala at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts, which featured a screening of *The Cove*. That movie ended up winning an Oscar for best documentary.

"I'm not saying this can't be that successful," Raddatz says of his new venture. "But everything fell together perfectly. All the pieces just fit together."

Raddatz says the Fort Myers festival will focus on movies and not money.

"We are going to encourage the edge," he says. "We are focused on great independent films."✱

Alliance Promotes Member Artists In Small Works Exhibition

One foot in any direction is the artistic guideline for the Lee County Alliance of the Arts' upcoming exhibition, Small Works – 2010 Members Salon, showing August 13 through September 4.

The community is invited to a special opening reception sponsored by Leigh Frizzell Hayes, on Friday, August 20 from 5 to 7 pm.

This exhibition is unique in that it represents artists of all levels. Gallery goers will see work by professional artists who have been painting, photographing or sculpting their whole lives next to novice artists who may have only recently discovered their talent.

Hosting this annual exhibition is among many benefits the Alliance offers its members. In addition, members benefit from discounted entry fees in juried shows, inclusion in the LeeCulture.org Artist Directory, the opportunity to display in the Member Gallery, invites to member-only events and more.

Area artists may also take advantage of the Alliance for the Arts Call to Artists directory, on www.ArtInLee.org. Frequently updated, the directory holds a wealth of opportunity for artists at the Alliance and at area arts organizations.

The Alliance For The Arts galleries are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays, located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard just south of Colonial Boulevard.✱



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August Programs At Fort Myers-Lee County Public Library

Next month's roster of activities at Fort Myers-Lee County Public Library offers topics for all ages. The following activities are free to the public:

Adults

Researching Scandinavian-American Ancestors

9:30 a.m. Saturday, August 14

This seminar will focus on Scandinavian research sources and techniques covering the 1800s. Discussion will cover sources both in the Scandinavia region as well as areas in the United States where many immigrants arrived and later settled. Registration is required.

Second Helpings Book Discussion: Sonny Brewer's *A Sound Like Thunder*

12 p.m. Wednesday, August 18

The books to be read this year are the second novels of debut novelists that have not been read in this book discussion group during the past several years. Whether or not you have read the author's first novel or this one, join in for a discussion.

Make a Recycled Box Book

9:30 a.m. Friday, August 20

Make a book from a box. These amazingly elegant, colorful books are made from recycled boxes. Fill them with special memories, recipes or whatever you choose. Basic materials will be supplied. Registration is required.

Small Business Series: How to do Business with Lee County as a Business Vendor

2 p.m. Monday, August 23

In 2006, Lee County spent over \$800,000,000 in procurement dollars. How much did you receive? Learn how to become a vendor and do business with the county. Registration is requested.

Family

Baby-Parent Rhyme Time

10:30 a.m. Thursdays, August 19, 26

Be prepared to tickle, jump and fly with your baby. These rhymes and songs are for infants, up to 24 months, accompanied by an adult. This 20-minute program is filled with songs designed to introduce rhyming and movement to infants. Registration is required.

Children

Kids Read Down Fines

4 to 5 p.m. Mondays, August 16 and 30

Children and teens can earn a \$2 coupon for every 15 minutes of reading dur-

ing the allotted time in the designated area of the library. For ages 18 and younger. Coupons may be applied to cards issued to patrons age 18 and under only. Registration and library card required.

Wacky Wednesday: Back to School Olympics

4:45 p.m. Wednesday, August 18

Play a variety of games, test your skills, win prizes that you can use at school and discover Homework helps. Children in kindergarten through 5th grade are welcome. Registration is requested.

Teens

Twilight Jeopardy - *Eclipse*

2 p.m. Wednesday, August 11

Did you see the movie *Eclipse*? Did you read the book? Come play Twilight Jeopardy and win some cool prizes. There will be Team Edward vs. Team Jacob. Who will win and who will lose? Your knowledge of the book is a must. Sign up today to join your teammates. For grades 6 to 12.

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Children and teens can earn a \$2 coupon for every 15 minutes of reading during the allotted time in the designated area of the library. For ages 18 and under. Coupons may be applied to cards issued to patrons age 18 and under only. Registration and library card required.

The Fort Myers-Lee County Public Library is located at 2050 Central Avenue in Fort Myers. For more information call 533-4600. A sign language interpreter is available with five business days notice to library staff. Assistive listening system available; request at desk.

Check the Lee County Library System's website at <http://library.leegov.com>, or pick up an events calendar on your next visit, to find out about programs at other locations. Call the host library, or Telephone Reference at 479-INFO (4636), for more information about a specific program.*

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Sex Trafficking A Danger To Young Residents Of Lee County



Richard Johnson speaking to students and parents

When Richard Johnson, as a representative of The Sanibel School, attended the Lee County School Board's Citizen Advisory Committee meeting in May, he saw excerpts of a play presented by students at Cypress Lake Center for the Arts. He was impressed by what he learned and realized that the work had been initiated and sponsored by a Sanibel-based non-profit, Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships (HTAP).

He contacted Nola Theiss of Sanibel, executive director of HTAP, and together with BIG ARTS and Zonta, they planned a presentation of excerpts of the play and a showing of artwork produced by local students which was held on July 19.

At the program, Johnson explained his interest and support of this educational work and Theiss reported on the widespread instances of this crime as well as local cases. Nori Ann Reed, co-chair of the Zonta Anti-Trafficking Team, spoke about her experience as a Navy captain visiting foreign ports and seeing young girls involved in sex trafficking. She is now an active member of the Lee County Human Trafficking Task Force and understands that this is a local crime as well. Gari Lewis, a Zonta volunteer and art instructor talked about her experience working with the girls who painted the canvases.



Nola Theiss speaking to the group; artwork by local students is in the background

Two students, Jackie Benetiz and Caroline Farrell from Cypress Lake Center for the Arts, presented monologues of actual victims and a short film was shown of excerpts of the play they wrote and produced. They also discussed what they learned from their involvement in this project. Theiss discussed plans for continuing the Artreach projects and the need for funding for both of these projects.

The US government reports that sex trafficking accounts for 83 percent of this modern form of slavery in the U.S. Thirty-two percent of these victims are American children. Formerly called "child prostitutes" - a misnomer since the law says that no child under the age of 18 can choose to prostitute herself - these children are now identified as "domestic minor sex trafficking victims."

Runaways are the most vulnerable. In Florida, 68 percent of all runaways are 15 or younger and most are female. These children often fall under the influence of older men and women who trick them into sex trafficking. This group of young American citizens has been overlooked or misidentified previously and when discovered, they are treated like criminals or delinquents, rather than victims. Since the average age of entry into the sex trade in this country is between 12 and 14, it is important that young people learn about the dangers of trafficking at an early age.

Until recently, few people realized that sex trafficking affects Sanibel as well as other parts of Southwest Florida. Due to a proactive police team and intense educational and awareness efforts, 28 victims of severe trafficking have been identified since 2007 in Lee County, a 78 percent rise over the previous two years. These cases increasingly involve young American children.

For more information or to make donations toward the continuation of this work, please contact Theiss at 395-2635 or HTAP, PO Box 1113, Sanibel, FL 33957.*



Florida Blue Crab Salad With Avocado

1/3 cup red onion, finely chopped
 3 tablespoons mayonnaise
 2 tablespoons fresh cilantro, finely chopped
 3 teaspoons fresh squeezed lime juice
 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
 1/2 teaspoon lime zest
 8 ounces jumbo lump blue crabmeat, picked over for shells
 1 large ripe avocado, halved, pitted, peeled

Mix together red onion, mayonnaise, cilantro, lime juice, cumin and lime zest in medium sized mixing bowl. Gently mix in crabmeat. Season salad with salt and pepper. Drizzle avocado halves with remaining 1 teaspoon lime juice to prevent discoloration and season with salt and pepper. Arrange avocado halves, cut side up, on plates. Fill tops of avocado with crab salad. Garnish salad with lime wedges.

Yield: 2 servings.

Look for Fresh from Florida ingredients at your grocery store.*



Florida Blue Crab Salad With Avocado

Cosmopolitan Summer Party To Fight Hunger

A group of businesses is putting some fun into summer with a Cosmopolitan Summer Party of Beauty and Charity to support Community Cooperative Ministries Incorporated (CCMI) on Thursday, August 12, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Bistro 41 at the Bell Tower Shops, Fort Myers. As a prelude to CCMI's highly-anticipated fifth annual Becoming Cosmopolitan event this fall, Bistro 41, Opici Wine & Spirits, *Grandeur Magazine* and plastic surgeon Dr. Drew Kreegel will host the event as a kick-off and to raise funds for CCMI's mission to feed the hungry this summer. Guests can enter raffles for prizes such as jewelry, dinners, facials and spa services, and cosmetic surgery procedures including Botox and eyelash lengthener Latisse. In addition, guests can cast a vote for their favorite designer "cosmo" to be the featured drink for the Becoming Cosmopolitan event.

Admission includes hors d'oeuvres and the four competing cosmopolitan tastings on the ballot for \$25. All attendees will receive a free entry in a drawing for two complimentary tickets to the Becoming Cosmopolitan event.

All proceeds will benefit those in hunger through CCMI's programs. For an

additional opportunity to give back, CCMI will sell backpacks for \$100 each, which will feed a child on the weekends during the school year.

Reservations are requested by calling Kreegel Aesthetic Surgery at 343-9777 or Bistro 41 at 466-4141.*

Cooking Class To Benefit Cancer Center

Lee Memorial Health System Foundation is pairing up with Carrabba's Italian Grill on August 12 from noon to 2 p.m., at 12990 Cleveland Avenue, Fort Myers, to teach you how to make one of the restaurant's famous dishes and take a stand against cancer.

Chef Ryan White from Carrabba's will show you first-hand how to prepare and cook one of the restaurant's signature dishes, Penne Pasta Carrabba, at this private luncheon.

The menu includes red or white house wine; bread with herbs, oil and cheese; Caesar salad; Penne Pasta Carrabba; and desserts courtesy of Irresistible Confections.

All proceeds benefit The Regional Cancer Center.

Tickets are \$50 each and seating is limited. To purchase tickets, call the foundation office at 938-5272.*

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Mote Marine Laboratory



Bowman returns the turtle to the waters of Tarpon Bay, where it was rescued in January

It was a happy ending to the cold-stunning event that affected over 4,500 sea turtles throughout the state of Florida. Thirteen turtles were rescued here on Sanibel with the help of Tarpon Bay Explorers, CROW and the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.*

Changes Needed In Dominican Republic; Free-Wheeling 'Buscones' Control Prospects As Young As 12



by Ed Frank

About 10 percent of Major League baseball players hail from the Dominican Republic. But is the system flawed that brought these athletes millions? What are the living conditions and training facilities in this poverty-stricken country? And what is Major League baseball doing about the business of baseball in the DR?

These questions and many more were raised recently in an investigative article by *Time* magazine writer Sean Gregory.

The heart of the prospect system there is dominated by informal business agents known as "buscones." These free-wheeling buscones scour the countryside for promising youngsters, some

as young as 12 years old, and bring them to antiquated training grounds where they are often housed and fed in cramped quarters.

If a Major League scout is interested in signing an athlete – a prospect must be at least 16 years old under Major League rules – he must deal with the buscone who controls the teenager. And often, the buscone garners a large share of the signing bonus.

We talked with Mike Radcliff, vice president of player personnel for the Minnesota Twins, who reiterated that if a team wants to do business in the talent-rich DR, you have to deal with the buscones.

"It's not a controlled, disciplined system. There have been discussions for change for years," Radcliff said.

The annual signing window opened this year on July 2, and already four players from the Dominican Republic have signed contracts in excess of \$1.5 million. Buscones were involved with every one.

While the Twins did sign several prospects this year, they are not involved with these four high-priced athletes.

However, last year, the Twins invested \$3.1 million to sign then 16-year-old Miquel Angel Sano, who was considered the No. 1 baseball prospect in the Dominican Republic. The slick-fielding infielder is now playing here in Fort Myers with the rookie Gulf Coast Twins.

And yes, the Twins did deal with Sano's buscone along with an American agent, Radcliff said.

The *Time* article also was critical of the conditions of some of the Major League baseball academies where players train and are housed and fed. Twenty-nine of the 30 Major League teams operate academies in the DR.

Radcliff said the Twins' academy is a modern facility where dorms, a dining room and several baseball fields are shared with other Major League organizations.

In March of this year, Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig hired Sandy Alderson, former vice-president of baseball operations for Major League baseball, to clean up the player-signing system in the Dominican.

Alderson said in the *Time* article that the system is flawed and that change is coming.

Most likely the change would be in the form of an international draft which would eliminate the buscones. Obviously, the buscones bitterly oppose this idea.

Although the dream of baseball riches is the foundation of baseball in the Dominican, just two percent of Dominican players who signed contracts in the last 10 years have made it to the majors.

"We need to provide educational opportunities for players who have signed contracts, who are in these Major League Baseball academies. We also have to figure out a way to provide similar opportunities to kids before they sign their contracts," Alderson was quoted.

When much-needed improvements are made in the DR, you can be certain the buscones won't like it.

Twins Acquire All-Star Closer Sending Top Prospect to Washington

As the 2010 season moves into the final two months, the Minnesota Twins acquired right-handed closer Matt Capps in exchange for catcher Wilson Ramos and pitcher Joe Testa.

Once again in a tight race in the American League Central Division, the Twins moved to bolster their relief pitching. In 47 appearances with the Nationals this year, Capps converted 26 of 30 save opportunities. He was selected to this year's National League All-Star team.

Ramos is considered one of the top catching prospects in baseball. However, with MVP Joe Mauer signed to an eight-year contract, the Twins could afford to trade Ramos who was batting .241 with Triple A Rochester. He hit .288 in 126 games with the Fort Myers Miracle in 2008.

Miracle Remain Two Games Out of First Place

Despite a sub .500 second-half season record of 16-18 as the week began, the Fort Myers Miracle baseball team remained just two games out of first place in the Florida State League South Division.

The Miracle split a four-game series last week on the road against Dunedin and then lost the first game Saturday in a home series with the Tampa Yankees. Sunday's game was suspended in the 11th inning due to rain.

The local team is on the road this week at Clearwater, returning home to Hammond Stadium Monday for three games hosting Jupiter. The first pitch each game is 7:05 p.m.✪

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Arabian Nights



Faith Love Happeness

original Darryl Pottorf, a piece by the late Steve Kaufman (Andy Warhol's last assistant) and a Jimmy Buffet signed guitar and vinyl record album and a 48-star

USA flag donated by the Southwest Florida Veterans Military Museum and Library. During the live auction there will be a sword balancing performance by Angela Hicks with Jessica Kutluay.

If you purchase a piece of art for over \$2,000 you will become a golden paddle bidder and will receive gift certificates from Mark Loren Design, Robb & Stucky Ltd., LLLP, Space 39 Gallery, ArtFest, Norman Love Confections, Florida Repertory Theater and La-Te-Da Salon & Spa. The certificates will be worth \$700.

The gala benefits Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc., the domestic violence and sexual assault center serving Lee, Hendry and Glades Counties. ACT, Inc. is a non-profit agency with two shelters in Lee County housing adult victims of domestic violence and their children and survivors of sexual assault for the past 32 years. Incidents of domestic violence have increased over the past year while funding has declined due to the economy.

Tickets are \$125 each or \$1,800 for a reserved table for 12, and may be purchased at www.artsforact2010arabian-nights.com or by calling 939-2553. All major credit cards are accepted.✪

Edison College To Train Nearly 450 Workers

The Department of Continuing Education at Edison State College has been selected to provide Train the Trainer sessions to area manufacturing companies.

The courses will ultimately lead to hiring 168 new employees and upgrade skills of 261 existing employees in Lee and Collier County.

The workshops are made possible through a \$383,112 grant from Workforce Florida. Beginning in August Edison State College Department of Continuing Education will host a series of seminars for existing managers in local manufacturing arenas. The seminars will help existing employees become skilled trainers for future new employees at their current company.

Through the Workforce Florida Grant participating manufacturing companies may attend the Train the Trainer seminars at no cost. Additionally, participating manufacturing companies will receive grant funds to hire and train new employees.

"This presents a terrific opportunity for job training and job growth right here in our communities," said Adrian Kerr, director of continuing education at Edison

State College. To date eight manufacturing companies are participating in the grant program. It is open to other interested businesses.

For more information, contact Kerr at 432-5233.✪

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Financial Focus

Think Twice Before Joining The 'Gold Rush'



by Jennifer Basey

In recent months, you may have heard a lot about investing in gold. But is gold the right choice for you? Actually, many factors are involved in this investment decision – and

you'll want to consider these factors before you invest.

Of course, the lure of gold is undeniable. Throughout history, gold has been perceived as having great intrinsic value. And this year, as you may know, gold prices have hit record highs, at well over \$1,200 an ounce, as people have sought "shelter" from the stormy financial markets.

But as an investment possibility, gold has some "scratches" to it. First of all, contrary to what you may believe, gold prices do not always go up; instead, they will fluctuate, sometimes greatly.

Furthermore, there are specific risks with the different ways of investing in gold. If you bought a gold futures contract (an obligation to buy gold at a predetermined future date and price), you could lose money if gold falls, because you'll still be obligated to complete your contract at the higher, agreed-upon price. If you purchased gold in the form of coins, bullion or bars, you'd face storage, security, insurance and liquidity issues. You need

to do a lot of research before investing in gold mining companies, because some of these companies may still be in the gold-exploring stage – and there's no guarantee their explorations will lead to profitable discoveries.

Also, even when its price is considerably lower than it is today, gold is still a fairly expensive investment compared to other choices. It can be costly to go into the gold futures market. And you'll likely have to spend thousands of dollars if you want to buy a bar of gold or even a bunch of coins.

Given these drawbacks to investing in gold, what can you do to fight back against market volatility? One of the best ways is to diversify your holdings among a variety of investments suitable for your financial objectives. Market downturns often affect one type of asset class more than another, so if you can spread your dollars among a variety of asset classes, you can help blunt the effects of volatility. Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, cannot guarantee a profit or protect against loss.

In coping with volatility, you'll also help yourself by taking a long-term view of your investments' performance. If you look at your investment statement for a given month, you might not like what you see. But holding your investments for the long term may help your portfolio better weather the ups and downs you'll encounter in the investment world.

So try to avoid the allure of gold as a quick fix to whatever seems to be ailing the financial markets at a particular time. Other investments may be less glitzy and glamorous than gold, but they can have their own sparkle.

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Pohlman Elected Rotary President

Jack Pohlman, CPA, with Wiltshire, Whitley, Richardson & English, PA, has been elected president of Rotary Club of Fort Myers South for 2010-11.

He has been a member of Rotary for six years, serving both as chair of the All-Star Classic football game and a board member.

Pohlman received a bachelor's degree in accounting from Florida State University. He has been an accountant for 15 years, with the last 10 years as a tax manager with WWRE. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants as well as the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

In addition to the Rotary, Pohlman is treasurer of the Multicultural Centre of Southwest Florida and Saint Michael Lutheran Church.

Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional persons. Rotarians have united to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, build goodwill and promote peace in the world. While Rotarians represent a broad spectrum on the world's religions, cultures and political thought, they share a common bond in Rotary's call to action: Service Above Self.✪



Jack Pohlman

Lemonade Wedding Social To Feature Local Vendors

Brides-to-be from across Southwest Florida are invited to attend the Lemonade Wedding Bridal Social hosted by Studio Six Eleven events and Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida. The wedding show at the Hotel Indigo, 1520 Broadway Avenue, Fort Myers, will feature premier wedding vendors on Sunday, August 8 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Admission is \$3. Proceeds from the event support the Southwest Florida Goodwill Foundation, which provides long-term funding for Goodwill's programs and services in Southwest Florida.

Brides and grooms will have the opportunity to meet local wedding vendors and begin planning their weddings. Attendees will also be able to register for prize packages and gift baskets.

The winners of the Lemonade Wedding giveaway, Amanda Lustig and David Daugherty, will also be introduced at the social. The winning couple was selected out of 50 entries to receive an all-expenses-paid wedding and reception.

"We came up with the concept of the

Lemonade Wedding by experiencing the struggles of starting a new business in this tough economy" says Rachael Schoof, design consultant at Studio Six Eleven.

"We can only imagine what couples are going through right now trying to find a way to plan and pay for weddings."

Lustig and Daugherty will get married on Sunday, September 12 at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates. Their wedding package will also include a reception at the Heitman House, catered by The Flying Pig.

Other sponsors of the Lemonade Wedding include Black Tie Tuxedos, Connie Duglin Specialty Linens & Chair Cover Rental, Duquette Photography, Elegant Affairs, Elle Events, Fort Myers Floral Designs, Fotos-R-Fun, Frey Valet, Hotel Indigo Fort Myers, Kakes By Karen, LLC, Model T Chauffeur Services, Patty's Flower Shop, Provident Jewelry, Shari Brownie Photography, and musician Derek Trenholm.

For more information visit www.lemonadewedding.com or email info@lemonadewedding.com.

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New Exhibits And Play Highlight August Art Walk

The next Fort Myers Art Walk will be Friday, August 6 from 6 to 10 p.m. and will include more than a dozen art stops with new art exhibits, a one-act play, live music, and the traditional after party at 10 p.m. at Spirits of Bacchus on Hendry Street.

Several galleries and businesses will be open for a Saturday reception from noon to 4 p.m. on August 7.

Nearly 40 participants make Art Walk happen and they include: Alliance for the Arts, Art League of Fort Myers, Art of the Olympians, Arts for ACT Gallery and Boutique, Browtopia, Café Matisse, Cigar Bar, Coloring The World, Conch Sweet Corner Café, daas Gallery, Delicious Things, Digital Data Destruction, Downtown House of Pizza, Enjewel, First United Methodist Church, Florida Repertory Theatre, Fort Myers Redevelopment Agency, French

Connection, H2 Downtown Bistro, Hampton Inn & Suites, *Happenings A&E Magazine*, Hideaway Sports Bar, Hotel Indigo, HOWL Gallery/Tattoo, Ichiban Japanese & Chinese Restaurant, IberiaBank, Legacy Harbour Hotel & Suites, Morgan House Restaurant, The Oasis Luxury Condos, Potomac Bead Company, Red Rock Saloon, River District Alliance, Rossy Fashion Inc., Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, Select Transportation, SKS PhotoShoot, Space 39 Gallery, Spirits of Bacchus, The Spot, Starbucks Coffee, The Veranda restaurant, What's Up Dogs, and the Young Artists Awards Program.

Some of the highlights are:

- Art of the Olympians (AOTO): Berne Davis, a long-time supporter of the arts in Southwest Florida and of Art of the Olympians, will lead the dedication of renowned Olympian artist Larry Young's 14-foot *Tango* statue at 7:30 p.m. AOTO collaborated with the Dance Alive National Ballet (DANB) and has introduced works by Olympian artists as backgrounds for *Fused Tutu*, a four-part ballet that presents a journey for excellence.
- Art League of Fort Myers: Summer

art show plus Young Artist Award performer Shelby Ramsey, pianist.

- Arts for ACT Gallery: Opening reception for new exhibit featuring artists Jolene Hardy, Stacey Brown, and William C. Hofer.

- Coloring The World: Opening of new exhibit showcasing photographer Phil Dodd.

- daas Gallery: Opening reception for Fun-Tasy featuring the art of Cuban artist Fernando Soler.

- Enjewel: Featured artist is Lynne Routhier (semi-precious jewelry, cigar handbags).

- Gallery Showcase and Information Center at IberiaBank (Bayview Court at First Street). New Art Walk T-shirts are available at this location as well as buttons and brochures.

- HOWL Gallery: SUGAR NINJAS exhibit featuring the art of over 100 female comic book artists. SUGAR NINJAS is a new graphic novel anthology of women comic artists curated by the founder of Savannah College of Art & Design's Sequential Art program, Bob Pendarvis.
- The Oasis Condos: New exhibit

called *The Wild*, a look at animals through paintings and photography.

- Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center: Opening of *Piece by Piece*, which showcases the stained glass creations of John Coleman. The Laboratory Theatre of Florida will also present the one-act play *Anywhere from Here*.

- Space 39: Opening of a group show featuring artwork of Rauschenberg, Warhol, Icart, Buckner, Vyd, and Roskovensky.

- Friday Night Live, which takes place in the Patio de Leon. Memphis 56 will perform from 6 to 9 p.m.

There is a free shuttle service courtesy of Select Transportation Inc., with stops planned near the art venues. Parking is available at the Harborside Event Center. Shuttle stops include The Oasis, Art of the Olympians, and Enjewel on First Street.

The seasonal Saturday Art Fair will return in the fall.

For more information and links to gallery websites, visit www.fortmyersartwalk.com.

Two To Be In Business Hall Of Fame

Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida will induct Dr. William Figlesthaler, managing partner/shareholder at Specialists in Urology, and Len Zaiser III, president, CEO and founder of Structure Medical, into the 2010 Business Hall of Fame, Collier County, at a dinner and awards ceremony Oct. 27 at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. The prestigious award recognizes prominent business leaders who are outstanding entrepreneurs and serve as role models for youth through their professional accomplishments and commitment to the community.

Figlesthaler and Zaiser will join a distinguished group of individuals who have been inducted into the Business Hall of Fame since it was founded in 1987.

Figlesthaler started the small Naples urology group Specialists in Urology in 1997. Over the past 13 years, the practice has grown considerably to include 15 physicians, more than 250 employees and seven full service facilities from Fort Myers to Marco Island.



Dr. William Figlesthaler



Len Zaiser III

A Supper With Seussical!

Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre and the cast of *Seussical the Musical* will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the popular Dr. Seuss book *Green Eggs And Ham* with a Supper with Seussical on Thursday, August 12 at the evening performance.

The colorful cast of characters, including Horton the Elephant, The Cat in the Hat, Mayzie La Bird and Gertrude McFuzz, will dine and mingle with the audience during dinner.

Seussical the Musical follows the adventures of Horton, the sweet, good-natured elephant, who one day hears voices coming from a speck of dust. When he discovers that on this tiny speck, exists the smallest planet in the universe, he promises to rescue and guard it because "a person's a person, no matter how small." Along the way he runs into Mayzie, Gertrude, JoJo, The Whos, Yertle the Turtle and many other popular Dr. Seuss characters.

Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m., the show begins at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are \$18 for all ages.

Seussical the Musical is playing at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre through August 15. Performances are Thursday through Sunday evenings with matinees on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Tickets can be reserved by calling 278-4422, by visiting www.BroadwayPalm.com, or by stopping by the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.*



The Cat in the Hat

Zaiser is a lifelong entrepreneur who has founded many companies within the medical device and aerospace industries and holds multiple patents for his inventions. He has been recognized for his unique engineering talent and creative ability using state-of-the-art precision machine tools and equipment. Currently, he is founder, president and CEO of Structure Medical LLC, a leading manufacturer of medical implant products that are used by orthopedic surgeons to treat disorders of the musculoskeletal system. Orthopedic surgeons use these medical devices to treat trauma, sports injuries, degenerative diseases, tumor and congenital conditions.*

New Telephone System Helps Patient Care

Lee Memorial Hospital and the adjoining Medical Office Center now have all new telephone numbers thanks to a state-of-the-art telephone system that was installed on August 2. Lee Memorial Health System replaced the facilities' 25-year-old system with a new telephone system by Cisco that will provide more advanced communication capabilities and better patient care, said Mike Smith, chief information officer for the health system.

The new telephone system provides the capability to create an automated patient room directory for those trying to contact patients, meaning nurses and other caregivers will not have to answer the telephone at their units to transfer calls to patients' rooms.

"This new telephone system will help bring Lee Memorial Hospital and the Medical Office Center into the future of health care by streamlining the flow of information throughout the facilities," Smith said. "Keeping nurses at the bedside also falls in line with our SafeLee initiative, which is a cultural transformation throughout our health system to reinforce that patient safety is our number one priority."

The new telephone system also provides the ability for daily reports that will help identify which departments are receiving the highest volumes of calls at what times of the day, so staff can be adjusted during peak call times to decrease wait times and improve customer satisfaction.

The Cisco system also has more advanced features that will be activated over time. All of the new telephone numbers will have a "343" exchange, such as 343-5555.

If a person calls one of the old telephone numbers at Lee Memorial Hospital or the Medical Office Center, one of three things will happen depending on the number called:

- The call will automatically be forwarded to the new telephone number if someone calls the old main line for the hospital or Medical Office Center, or any of the old main department numbers.
- The caller will receive a voicemail message stating the new telephone number for a department or individual.
- The caller will receive a notification that the number is no longer in service. If this occurs, the caller should contact the main department number or the main number for the hospital or Medical Office Center to be transferred. The new numbers are listed at: www.LeeMemorial.org/

phones.

Fax machine numbers have also changed and will automatically be forwarded to the new number. All numbers will be forwarded for at least 90 days during the transition period.

Gulf Coast Medical Center, the Information Systems offices on College Parkway, the Regional Cancer Center, the Outpatient Center at The Sanctuary and Lee Physician Group at College Pointe already have the new Cisco telephone system. HealthPark Medical Center is scheduled to receive the new telephone system by December and Cape Coral Hospital's phones will be updated in 2011.*

School District Wins \$732,000 Tech Grant

The Lee County School District has been granted an Enhancing Education through Technology (EETT) grant in the amount of \$732,000. The district was chosen for full funding by the Department of Education's Title II-D EETT Grant Program, charting a course for the Digital Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) classroom.

The award will support the district's pursuit of ensuring that all students graduate from high school with the necessary science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) skills and competencies.

Teachers will be provided handheld scientific and math technology tools such as graphing calculators and digital "probeware." As a result of this training, teachers aim to engage students in scientific discovery, develop their analytical skills and awaken a love for discovery.

Teachers will concentrate their efforts on developing digital resources aligned to the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards in science, math and engineering courses.*

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Dr. Dave

Third-Hand Smoke



by Dr. Dave Hepburn

Rob could build, fix, fit and retrofit anything. Tree falls on your house knocking out all the electricity in a blizzard on Christmas Eve, Rob could and did trudge through deep drifts

and cheerfully fix it. Be offended if you didn't call him. Hot water tank shorts out, daughter's car shorts out, son's shorts hanging out, Rob was there to fix it.

Rob is real, not another hallucinogenic imagination of my mind like Zortran the Terrible and his endless accordion playing. Rob builds his own Maseratis as a hobby. He could fix anything except a Montreal Canadian's losing streak and that really bothered him given he was a hopeless Hab's fan. I'm sure that if you cut him, he'd bleed red.

True story coming on and these are rare.

I was asked to host, for the better part of a day, Guy Lafleur, who was in town to spice up a doctor's hockey event. "Hey Rob," I called, pleased at a chance to finally give back a little, "how would you like to meet Guy Lafleur?" But Rob was too used to my practical jokes, often involving latex gloves, broccoli and salamanders. So it took a lot of convincing and an affidavit but when he finally believed me, he couldn't sleep for a week.

The day came. Guy came. "Guy," I offered, knowing his love of fast

cars, "how would you like a ride in a Maserati?"

"I would love dat!" he exclaimed, though he probably didn't actually say "dat." What he probably said was more like "dat ting!"

"Well this is Rob and this lovingly waxed and very skookum Maserati is waiting for you and Rob to go for a spin."

"Skookum? What's dat?"

I walked away leaving Guy and Rob in his Hab's heaven as they adoringly inspected the car, Rob all but moved to tears for this sacred moment. As I crossed the parking lot towards my old clunker I heard a desperate "Dave, Dave, stop!" Rob... could not start the car. Rob, who could build another one in 10 minutes normally, couldn't focus on a simple fuse that had blown.

And so we got into my GMC Ruster, scraped the Hubba Bubba and biopsy specimens off the seat and began to tour the town.

"You know when me and the Road Runner were leaning forward on the bench between shifts?" Guy reminisced "We were actually having a smoke! One minute I'd be smoking down the right wing the next I'd be smoking right on the bench."

Considerate to not want to expose me to second-hand cigarette smoke, he never asked to smoke, but whenever he got out of the car to sign autographs or remove gum from his buttocks, he would light up.

But was I in any danger of third-hand smoke?

When you light up, toxic particulate matter from tobacco smoke gets into your hair and clothing. When you come into contact with others, even if you're not smoking at the time, they too will come in contact with those toxins. Tobacco smoke contamination lingers even after a cigarette is extinguished, a phenomenon defined as "third-hand" smoke. Eleven of the many hundred nox-

ious compounds in cigarette smoke that can be transferred are classified as Group 1 carcinogens, the most dangerous. Small children and hockey fans are especially susceptible to third-hand smoke exposure because they can crawl and play on, or touch and mouth contaminated surfaces or Guy Lafleurs.

Similar to low-level lead exposure, low levels of tobacco particulates have been associated with cognitive deficits among children, and the higher the exposure level, the lower the reading score. These findings underscore the possibility that even extremely low levels of these compounds may be neurotoxic and, according to researchers, justify restricting all smoking in indoor areas inhabited by children, including homes, schoolrooms and my Ruster.

dearPharmacist

Candida Yeast Can Hurt You



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist:

I've felt sick for 10 years, and no one has helped me. I read on the Internet about candida, and I have every symptom possible. I've eliminated sugar already, and after two months, I

feel better. I just found your site and hope you can teach me more about this infection.

NH, San Francisco, California

Just amazing, 10 years and YOU had to find out what's wrong with yourself on the Internet? Candida is a fungus and even though most physicians dismiss this organism as harmless, I don't. It's part of the normal flora in the gut, but it can be dangerous for some people. Eat the standard American garbage diet and you will destroy your intestinal microflora and then get yeast overgrowth.

Candida is a highly invasive microorganism that can make you very sick. There are about 80 potential symptoms of systemic yeast overgrowth including: Athletes foot, yellowish-green toenail fungus, vaginal yeast infection, intolerance to perfume, iron-deficiency anemia, hypothyroidism, diarrhea/constipation, gas, cystitis, prostatitis, spots in front of eyes, joint pain, acne, headache, brain fog, memory loss, bad breath, heartburn, belching, allergies, mouth sores, hemorrhoids, painful intercourse, eczema, psoriasis, chronic fatigue, asthma, itchy/burning eyes, depression, gluten or dairy allergy, and inability to gain weight (or wasting) because the candida is "eating"

Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

Three times a week I go to an exercise club because of persistent knee problems. I can only use two of the machines and the limit set by the club is 20 minutes on a machine if someone is waiting.

The other day a woman in her forties who knew I was waiting insisted on stay-

ing on the machine almost three times longer and just ignored the time limit.

I was upset and she knew it, but she seemed to get a thrill making a senior wait.

I didn't report her to the director because I was afraid of their consequences.

It is no fun being old, and discriminated against because of it.

How do you think I should have handled it?

Teresa

Dear Teresa,

There are mean, miserable people of all ages. Who knows what her problems are. All older people suffer in some way with age discrimination, it is just part of living and if this gal lives long enough she will also notice a change in how people treat her.

Lizzie

Dear Teresa,

I am sorry about your experience but please... Ageism? Not everything is related to age. I belonged to a gym in undergraduate, graduate school and thereafter... the same thing was happening then with people in their twenties. Too many egos and too much wait time is the reason I stopped my gym membership.

Pryce

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

And that, sports fans... is dat.
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.

The Best of Africa tour awaits those who have always wanted to stroll on the Serengeti in September. To laugh like a hyena with Dr. Dave and the hyenas and get hip with Hepburn and the hippos call 1-888-432-8344 and/or go to www.wisequacks.org.*

everything you put into your system so you develop malabsorption.

See how confusing this gets? Doctors may overlook or dismiss a systemic candida infection in a person and just begin prescribing medications for one illness after another. There are tests, treatments and dietary changes which I will share in future columns and Facebook posts.

Candida is a fungus which can spread to your organs. The fungus grows like a plant does, spreading "roots" which poke holes in your intestinal wall, then the fungus invades your sinuses, lungs, skin, reproductive organs, pancreas, liver and so forth.

Some health experts believe that candida fuels cancer growth. The problem is not so much the fungus itself, but more the toxic compounds it produces, about 75 in all. One candida by-product is a potent neurotoxin called acetaldehyde. That's the same exact substance you make when you drink alcohol or get drunk. I believe wholeheartedly that this is why candida sufferers experience so much brain fog or hangover feelings.

Candida is a mold so it thrives in heat and in humidity. This explains why many of you feel better in dry or cool climates. A surefire way to kill candida is to eliminate sugar and starches from your diet while taking anti-fungal supplements or teas. I'll outline those in a future column.

Certain medications or lifestyle choices can cause candida overgrowth: Birth control pills, steroids, antibiotics, chemotherapy and many blood pressure pills, alcohol and processed food.

DID YOU KNOW:

Studies suggest that eating 20 tart cherries a day (or drinking the juice equivalent) can provide more arthritis and gout relief than aspirin or ibuprofen.

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.*

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On August 4, an awards ceremony was held in the auditorium at South Fort Myers High School to distribute the grant funds.

This year 180 individuals have been awarded \$215,000 to assist them in meeting their professional goals, while developing the next generation of health-care providers.

These educational grants have been provided through fund raising efforts by Cape Coral Hospital Auxiliary, Lee Memorial Auxiliary, Gulf Coast Medical

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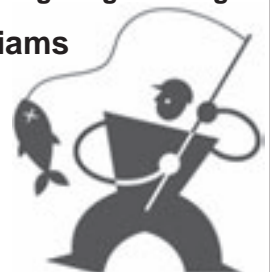
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Sex: Female
Age: 9 months
Color: Tan and white



Tinkerbell #478612

Comments: Even though I'm still a young pup I've already done most of my growing. I love going outside to play with the volunteers at the shelter but having a real home is at the top of my wish list. I would be an ideal companion for someone who likes to go for walks, likes outdoor activities, and who just needs a good ole buddy.

Adoption is free during August.

Pet bio
Name: Berlin
Breed: Domestic short hair
Sex: Female
Age: 4 months
Color: Black and white
Comments: I was a little stray kitten when I arrived at Animal Services back in May. I hope I get a new home



Berlin #474121

soon, especially since kittens are only \$25 this month. My favorite things are playing, napping, playing, eating treats, playing, and being a fun companion. Did I mention that I love to play? If you have any other cats I'd love to play with them too!

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

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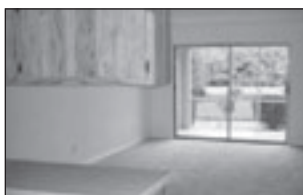
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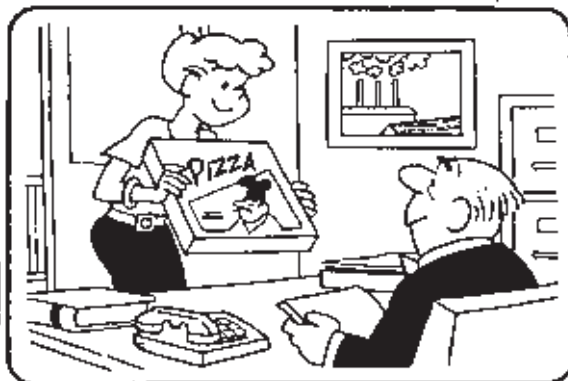
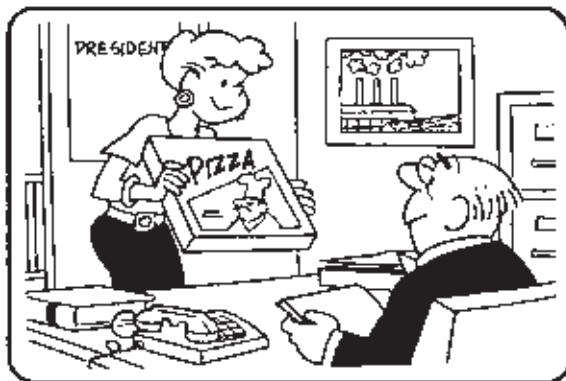
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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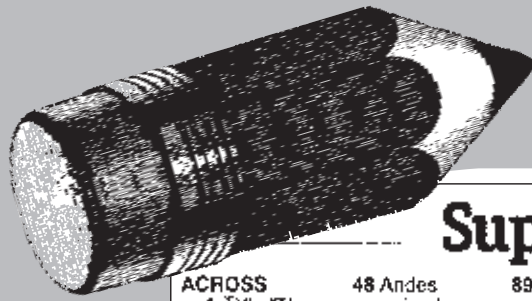
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- Caloosahatchee Folk Society.....677-9509
- Cape Coral Stamp Club.....542-9153
- duPont Company Retirees454-1083
- Edison Porcelain Artists.....415-2484
- The Horticulture and Tea Society.....472-8334
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- Lee County Genealogical Society.....549-9625
- Lee Trust for Historic Preservation939-7278
- 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
- Lions Clubs:**
- Fort Myers Beach.....463-9738
- Fort Myers High Noon.....466-4228
- Esterio/South Fort Myers.....898-1921
- Notre Dame Club of Lee County.....768-0417
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- Rotary Club of Fort Myers.....332-8158
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- 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
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Super Crossword DIS MOUNT

- ACROSS**
- 1 TV's "The of Life"
 - 6 See 23
 - 11 Brit. fliers
 - 14 Canine grp.
 - 17 Shining
 - 18 "Black Magic Woman" rockers
 - 20 Vigoda of "Fish"
 - 21 Mauna —
 - 22 Start of a remark
 - 24 Samara citizen
 - 26 Director Wanamaker
 - 27 Desire deified
 - 28 Cyclone center
 - 30 Word with talk or tennis
 - 31 "— Crazy" ('80 film)
 - 32 Dancer Juliet
 - 36 Ancient epic
 - 37 He had a gift complex
 - 40 New Orleans campus
 - 42 Emulate
 - 43 Arachne
 - 45 Be adjacent to
 - 46 Excellent grade
 - 48 Andes animals
 - 51 Part 2 of remark
 - 55 Art supporter?
 - 57 Create a reservoir
 - 59 Poetic monogram
 - 60 "Jaws" setting
 - 61 Origami supply
 - 62 Saloon competitor
 - 63 Phantom instrument
 - 65 Cosmole purchase
 - 67 Aptitude
 - 69 Crusoe's creator
 - 71 Part 3 of remark
 - 73 Country star Brooks
 - 74 New York native
 - 76 Soporific substance
 - 77 Canvas cover?
 - 79 Perfume bottle
 - 80 Stuck in the mud
 - 82 Polish a rose
 - 84 — Jima
 - 87 Corn portion
 - 88 Doha's country
 - 89 Part 4 of remark
 - 92 It may be subordinate
 - 94 Showy shrub
 - 96 Architect Saarinen
 - 97 Mr. Topper
 - 99 Termination
 - 101 Beneath
 - 102 In progress
 - 105 Ravine
 - 107 Spellbound
 - 109 Rousseau or Malisse
 - 110 Missouri airport abbr.
 - 111 Universal tradesman?
 - 112 Herd word
 - 115 Distinguished
 - 117 End of remark
 - 123 Love, to Livy
 - 124 Dundee dental
 - 125 Unfavorable
 - 126 "— Gay"
 - 127 Snug spot
 - 128 Cable channel
 - 129 Coup —
 - 130 Heathen
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Some are saturated
 - 2 Turkish title
 - 3 Mr. Kaddis-hopper
 - 4 Craggy hill
 - 5 Cake and candy
 - 6 Neighbor of Thailand
 - 7 Panty pest
 - 8 Unrust
 - 9 Musician Winding
 - 10 Richards or Ranking
 - 11 Valuable
 - 12 — Simbel
 - 13 Celebration
 - 14 Excuse
 - 15 Adorable
 - 16 Worked on a chair
 - 18 Stallion sound
 - 19 "It's been —!"
 - 23 With 6 Across, Ceylon, today
 - 25 Hawthorne melieu
 - 29 Evergreen tree
 - 31 Fill to the gills
 - 32 Roman writer
 - 33 Tolled
 - 34 Draft status
 - 35 Moist
 - 37 Beer ingredient
 - 38 Wading bird
 - 39 '62 Gene Chandler smash
 - 41 Component
 - 43 Or — (threat words)
 - 44 On one's toes
 - 47 It makes rye high
 - 49 Called attention to
 - 50 Susan — James
 - 52 Hit the ceiling
 - 53 "— Man" ('67 hit)
 - 54 Hollaballoo
 - 56 Lhasa —
 - 58 Engineering course
 - 61 Limorick or haiku
 - 62 Young of "Mr. Ed"
 - 64 Make murky
 - 65 Crossword puzzle part
 - 66 Baton Rouge colt.
 - 68 Litho
 - 69 Pigeon kin
 - 70 Early computer
 - 71 Israeli dance
 - 72 "fomny" or "Tosca"
 - 75 Pick up
 - 77 Snow —
 - 78 Monte Rosa, for one
 - 81 News bit
 - 82 Group of geese
 - 83 Signify
 - 85 Had on
 - 86 — about (approximately)
 - 88 Division result
 - 89 Lois
 - 90 Ray or Moro
 - 91 Flat rate?
 - 93 — squash
 - 95 Road to enlightenment
 - 98 Caf. page
 - 100 Prepare the Parmesan
 - 101 Scheduled maintenance
 - 102 Winning
 - 103 — fatele
 - 104 Soubise ingredient
 - 106 — Romeo
 - 108 Pretense
 - 110 Manuscript imperative
 - 111 Kid
 - 112 —, synthesizer
 - 113 "Man — Mancha"
 - 114 In the twinkling — eye
 - 116 Palindromic name
 - 118 "Kookie" Byrnes
 - 119 First lady?
 - 120 Allow
 - 121 Undergarment
 - 122 Genetic info

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Trophy room, maybe
- 4 Recede
- 7 Bloke
- 11 Oil cartel
- 13 The Red or the Black
- 14 Inauguration recitation
- 15 "Arrivederci"
- 16 Faux —
- 17 Secondhand
- 18 Wash the pots
- 20 Potter's oven
- 22 Pouch
- 24 Its capital is Riga
- 28 Twisted treat
- 32 Existence
- 33 Ireland
- 34 Talk on and on
- 36 Got up
- 37 Blazing
- 39 Round pegs in square holes
- 41 "Am I my brother's —?"
- 43 Sock part
- 44 Related (to)
- 46 Shrivel
- 50 Unite
- 53 Grice repeatedly
- 55 Frat party garb
- 56 Reed
- Instrument
- 8 Owns
- 9 Noshed suddenly
- 10 Third degree?
- 12 Conger, for one
- 18 Occupation, for short
- 21 Science room
- 23 Mrs. Al Bundy
- 25 Henry
- 26 "Meet Me Lou's"
- 27 Quite some time
- 28 Pinnacle
- 29 Widespread
- 30 Ontario
- 31 Flee from a crime scene
- 35 Morsel
- 36 "A mouse"
- 40 Boar's mate
- 42 Clean the sins of
- 45 Back of the neck
- 47 Region
- 48 "Zounds!"
- 49 Sistas
- 50 Trot
- 51 Japanese
- 52 Charged particle
- 54 8 pts

DOWN

- 1 Medics
- 2 Grand tale
- 3 In the vicinity
- 4 Kreskin's claim
- 5 Duck's prominence
- 6 Pesto ingredient
- 7 Makes

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 W U R R P G E C N D Z A V I W
 R J G H F A G G R A V A T E A
 D E B Z X V A A G E T R D A R
 D Q T O M K B I W U I G H F D
 D B Z F Y W B V T S E A R Q O
 N L K I A H A F A E D C W A Z
 X W V U S R C E R T Q O N M K

Circle the listed words in the diagram. They can be in 4 directions: forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- Aggravate
- Degree
- Steadfast
- Watercress
- Cabbage
- Gazette
- Steward
- Wedge
- Cascade
- Raft
- Swagger
- Zebra
- Database
- Reverse
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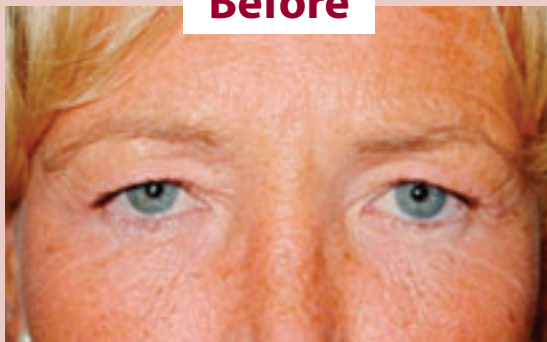


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