

Paradise On Stage At Theatre Conspiracy

by Di Saggau

If you think Adam and Eve had a love at first sight kind of relationship, think again. *Searching For Eden: The Diaries of Adam and Eve* by playwright James Still portrays the couple during two different time periods. It's an interesting juxtaposition. Theatre Conspiracy's presentation, wonderfully directed by Jamie Carmichael, gives new insight into this famous tale. More than a hundred years after Mark Twain wrote his own short stories about Adam and Eve, Still has combined those stories with how he imagines they would be in present day.

The first act deals with the battle of the sexes, a Garden of Eden where Adam is enjoying life to the fullest, or so he thinks, with peace and quiet. The appearance of Eve totally disrupts his life. He wonders, who is she and why is she here? Eve is obsessed with naming everything and is constantly uttering a litany of words, something Adam just can't understand. Jenny Smith as Eve and Bill Taylor as Adam infuse a vulnerability into their characters that is absolutely charming and humorous. There is warmth, wit and laughter throughout the play.

The second act finds the couple dealing with middle age, chatting on their cell phones as they return to the garden for a nostalgic anniversary getaway. A lot has changed in both their characters and the garden. No longer vulnerable, they both have high power careers.



Jenny Smith and Bill Taylor

Eve is in the movie script business and Adam is a marriage counselor.

They talk about their son Cain and the loss of their son Abel.

Smith has challenging dialogue, especially in the first act where she is inventing words for everything. She handles it masterfully. Taylor, who is well known for his acting prowess, shines as the young naive Adam. Both actors deliver stalwart performances recreating the world's first love story.

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Exhibit Opening And Reception For Clive King At Rauschenberg Gallery

There will be an exhibit opening and reception at the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery on Saturday, August 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. featuring artist Clive King. King will give a gallery talk at 7 p.m.

King has been professor of fine art in the Department of Art and Art History at Florida International University since 1992. A native of Wales, U.K., King has had over 20 one-person exhibitions including the FIU Art Museum, Museum of Modern Art, Wales, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, University of Alabama and the Jacksonville Museum of Modern Art. He has contributed to over 100 group shows during his career.

King has been an artist in residence at the Kansas City Art Institute, Missouri, the University of Wisconsin and the University of Minnesota among others. His work is held in numerous private and public collections in Britain, the United States and Europe.

The Bob Rauschenberg Gallery is located at Edison State College, Summerlin Road and College Parkway, Fort Myers. Hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit www.BobRauschenbergGallery.com.*



Work by Clive King



T-Rex skull on display at the new Dino Discovery exhibit

Imaginarium Birthday Bash And Re-Opening

Imaginarium Hands-On Museum & Aquarium is having its 15th Birthday Bash and Grand Re-opening on Saturday, August 28 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There are special activities planned between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Children will be admitted free with each paid adult admission. Museum members and children under three are always free.

There will be special activities throughout the day, including live animal demonstrations, hands-on fun shows, face painting, make-and-take activities, and giveaways from Cat Country Radio.

Joey Evans performs his comedy magic at 12:15 and 1:15 p.m. Hands-On Fun Shows will be performed at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and the feature 3-D movie, *SOS Planet*, will be shown at 10:30 a.m., noon, 1, 3 and 4 p.m.

Explore 60 interactive exhibits, get blown away in the Hurricane Experience, forecast the weather for W-IMG TV, have a ball exploring the Science of Motion.

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Getting blown away at the Hurricane Experience

Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now

The Fort Myers Country Club

by Gerri Reaves



The terms “golf” and “country club” might be synonymous with Southwest Florida today. But motorists, bicyclists, and joggers cruising by the Fort Myers Country Club on McGregor Boulevard might be surprised to learn just how difficult it was to establish the first golf course and country club in the area – an effort that began more than a century ago.

The very earliest country club initiative in Fort Myers was in 1897, when Ambrose M. McGregor donated a riverfront acre of land in east Fort Myers. That club failed miserably, never really getting started.

Then in 1906, Mrs. “Tootie” MO McGregor Terry, Ambrose McGregor’s widow, donated 40 acres in East Fort Myers to organize the Fort Myers Yacht and Country Club.

Memberships cost \$100 each, and by 1907 supporters had raised sufficient funds to begin work on a clubhouse and golf course. The grand opening took place on February 21, 1908, and a special train transported members and guests to the site.

The opening flopped, a sign of things to come. For a variety of reasons, including inaccessibility and waning interest, the golf course was never completed. (In one respect, however, the venture was successful: Dr. MO Terry later gave the land to the county and it evolved into Terry Park.)



The Fort Myers Country Club on McGregor Boulevard in 1992. In the foreground is the Tootie McGregor Memorial Fountain. courtesy of the Southwest Florida Historical Society



Lois Alexander on horse Don Pedro at the entrance to the Fort Myers Country Club in 1929. The shell path leads to the first clubhouse, which was demolished for the construction of a new clubhouse in the early 1990s.

courtesy of the Southwest Florida Historical Society

These inauspicious first efforts merely set the stage for the birth of the Fort Myers Country Club at the present site a mile south of downtown on McGregor Boulevard.

During the Florida boom of the 19-teens, citizens organized to establish a tourist-attracting country club and golf course. A membership drive ensued, land was purchased, and a clubhouse was built.

Famed golf-course designer Donald Ross was engaged to design the course, and it opened in 1917.

When the boom ended, the club fell on hard times; however, in August 1927, the City of Fort Myers acquired the financially troubled club to ensure its continued existence. After all, area boosters reasoned, how could a city aspire to resort status without a golf course?

This 1929 photo gives a glimpse of the rather rustic ambience of the country club in its early years. Lois Alexander (later Lois Cogdon) sits astride horse Don Pedro at the unpaved entrance leading to the original one-story clubhouse.

Today, that same drive is paved and leads “uphill” to the modern Edison Restaurant.

None of the original buildings at the club remain now. Instead, there are the impressive facility constructed on the same site during a renovation project in 1991 and a 6,000-square-foot maintenance complex built in July 1992.

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Fort Myers Country Club



Today, the entrance drive that Don Pedro once trod leads to the Edison Restaurant at the historic country club photo by Gerri Reaves

The famous Tootie McGregor Fountain, relocated from downtown's Five Points intersection in 1985, greets visitors, golfers, and diners, and sets the "historic" tone so appropriate to the Edison Restaurant – and to the golf course that will soon be a century old.

Take a trip down McGregor Boulevard to the historic country club that has endured. Then visit the Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street to learn more about the area's golf history.



Views of the club house from the golf course

photos by Michael Heider

While there, ask about volunteer opportunities and be sure to see the 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, 10091 McGregor Boulevard. Call 939-4044 or drop by on Wednesday or Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon.

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

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The party is open to the public.

The Veterans Club beach party is at 2440 Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach. For more information, call 466-3177.*

Museum Of History Resumes Seasonal Hours

The Southwest Florida Museum of History seasonal hours started August 24. The museum is now open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and closed Sunday and Monday.

Clyde Butcher's striking new exhibit featuring 26 portraits titled Big Cypress Swamp and the Western Everglades is on view through October 2. A bilingual audio tour and parking are offered at no extra charge.

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New Young Inventors Tour At Estates



Children on the Estates Young Inventors Tour watch a light bulb demonstration

Beginning August 21, the Edison & Ford Winter Estates will be offering a new year-round program, Edison & Ford Young Inventors Tour.

The new tour will be offered at 1 p.m. every Saturday and will focus on hands-on discovery of four primary inventions of Thomas Edison and Henry Ford. Children and their families will learn how the inventions work and have the opportunity to operate the historic education artifacts. The inventions and hands-on exploration will include:

- The Incandescent Light Bulb

The family tour begins in the estates museum and explores the progression of the light bulb from thread to bamboo as well as Edison's scientific process.



Children on the mock assembly line building a Ford Model T

- Recorded Sound
Children will learn the history of sound from the first recorded sound "machine," Edison's phonograph, to the MP3 player.
- The Ford Assembly Line
Children will participate in building a Ford Model T working on a mock assembly line and learn first-hand about the engine parts of an early Ford car.
- Rubber Research
Children will make synthetic rubber as well as learn about the Edison Botanic Research Lab where Edison explored and discovered a source of natural rubber which could be grown in Southwest Florida.

Children will receive quiz sheets to complete and receive a prize. The tour will be on a first come, first served basis and includes admission to the lab and museum. Estates members are admitted free, non-members \$12, children ages 6-12 \$5, and children five and under free. Tickets will be available at an additional cost to upgrade to a complete Home and Gardens Estates Tour.

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Halie Bolling, a finalist at the 2010 and 2008 Young Artists Awards competitions, will perform at the Arts for ACT Gallery in downtown Fort Myers on Friday, September 3 as part of the monthly Art Walk.

The Young Artists Awards, now in its eighth year, is a not for profit performing arts education, performance, audition and scholarship program for area students ages eight to 21 which provides professional feedback, exposure, and performance opportunities for talented young people in the community.

Halie, 14, is a talented vocalist and actress who is a freshman at Cypress Lake Center for the Arts. She will perform at the gallery, which is located at 2265 First Street, from 7-8:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

The Young Artists Awards program is a monthly partner with Fort Myers Art Walk. More information about the organization can be found at www.youngartistsawards.org.



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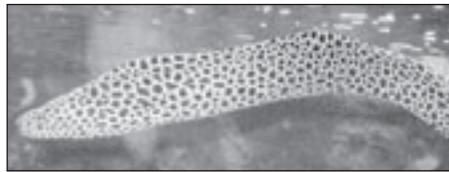
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On Friday, September 3, stop by Nellie's and Ugly's between 6 and 10 p.m. for the reunion of local favorites The Juice. The popular blues and R&B band disbanded after the death of founding member and architect Bruce Gora in 2008. Dr. Larry Hobbs, the medical director at Southwest Florida Regional Medical Center, is still a member.

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For tickets call 936-3239.*

Fort Myers Beach Chamber Members Cruise The Gulf



Captain Gene Becker welcoming guests aboard the *Fort Myers Princess*



The *Fort Myers Princess* departs from Nervous Nellie's Snug Harbor Marina

On Thursday, August 19, Fort Myers Beach Chamber members took a sunset party cruise aboard the 75-foot *Fort Myers Princess*. The boat departed from Nervous Nellie's Snug Harbor Marina for a two-hour cruise in the Gulf of Mexico.

Crew members provided the group with hors d'oeuvres, cold beverages and island music as members socialized and networked.

For more information about tours aboard the *Fort Myers Princess*, call 765-8500 or go to www.fortmyersprincess.com.

The Fort Myers Beach Chamber is located at 17200 San Carlos Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach. For more information, call 454-7500 or go to www.fortmyersbeach.org.*



Adrian Kerr

Seminar Series On The Story Of India

The public is invited to attend a seminar series titled *The Story of India* presented by Professor Adrian Kerr and sponsored by The Academy at Shell Point. The series will take place on Tuesdays, September 7, 14, 21 and 28, 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Grand Cypress Room located in The Woodlands neighborhood in Shell Point Retirement Community.

The series will offer an historical perspective of India from the origins of its native people, to the re-taking of its position on the world stage. India is the second largest country by population, and is the leading country in the technical service industry. Tickets for each seminar are \$10, for a total cost of \$40 for the entire series. If you would like to sign up for the seminars, or for more information, call 454-2054 as seating is limited.

"India's history, religious, and cultural impact are much more widespread than many people realize," said Teri Kollath, manager of Academy and Volunteer Services. "It is an honor to have Adrian Kerr back at Shell Point again discussing this country's history and its impact on the world."

Kerr is regularly invited to give talks on various topics internationally, and has participated in TV and radio programs relating to topics in which he is considered an expert. This series is for those interested in the history of India with each lecture focusing on a different stage of *The Story of India*.

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New Senior Pastor Announced

Pastor Robert Brunson has joined Westminster Presbyterian Church as its new senior pastor. He and his wife Karen are from Jackson, Mississippi where he served at Highlands Presbyterian Church as associate pastor since 2005.



Pastor Robert Brunson

Brunson's first sermon series is entitled Together... We Are One.

Also, Summit Christian School has announced the arrival of its new head of school, John DeMaster. He and his wife Ruth Ann came from Summit



John DeMaster

Christian School in Rochester, New York, where he was headmaster of Rochester Christian School for the past three years.

Pre-K through 8th-grade classes began on August 25.

Westminster Presbyterian Church and the Summit Christian School are located at 9065 Ligon Court, Fort Myers.*

Church Job Fair Grows To 27 Firms

The number of firms seeking employees at Estero United Methodist Church's job fair continues to grow, with 27 now on board. The date is September 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Titled Hands Full of Hope, the fair is offering positions ranging from entry level to professional, full-time and part-time. Everyone is invited to attend. There is no admission charge. And there's free parking.

The church is at 8088 Lords Way on Tamiami Trail (Route 41) and Broadway Avenue, just north of Corkscrew Road.

Participating companies: Alliance Financial Group, AmState Advantage Realty, Avon, Beasley Broadcasting, Borders, Career Center of Southwest Florida, Chick-fil-A, Costco, Cracker Barrel, Florida Highway Patrol, Hair Cuttery, Home Instead Senior Care, J.C. Penney, Lee County Elections Center, Lowe's, MaidPro, Mary Kay, Party Lite, National Guard, Primerica, Sears Edison Mall, Securitas, Source Interlink, State Farm, Tee Off Temps, Inc., TLT Residential Cleaning, and Visiting Home Companions.

Fair attendees will have an opportunity to register for free resume writing classes to be given in the near future. There will also be an onsite team from the Edison State College School of Nursing conducting free blood pressure tests. And the Elections Office of Lee County will be on hand to provide onsite voter registration services.

For more information about the fair, call the church at 992-5516, or go to www.esteroumc.com.*

Day Of Prayer For Peace

A service of prayer for peace in our world will be held Tuesday, September 21 at 7 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, Fort Myers.

In 2007 the church began holding a service on September 21, the UN Day of Peace, a day on which armed conflict is meant to be stilled, a day for combatants to observe cease-fires, a day on which all people are invited to commit or reaffirm their commitment to non-violence and the peaceful resolution of disputes.

The World Council of Churches has linked an International Day of Prayer for Peace with the UN date. There is a growing movement to organize vigils and programs for peace. The World Council of Churches has asked that the peace observances on September 21 focus on the longing for peace in Africa.

The speaker for the service on September 21 will be Bob Hargrave, coordinator, Agricultural Consulting Services at ECHO. During 1985 and 2003 he served in Kenya doing agriculture and community development ministry. Hargrave will focus on the country of Sudan in Africa since he has a daughter and son-in-law serving there until December. He will also share stories of two colleagues through the ECHO network who have been working for peace and reconciliation in that country. Hargrave is a native of Florida and earned a bachelor's and master's degree from the University of Florida. His wife Ellen is a Missionary Kid education specialist.

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Roaming Schools Of Big Redfish



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Every year around this time mature redfish begin to school up in Pine Island Sound and Charlotte Harbor before they head offshore to continue their adult

lives. Although mid-September through October is usually the best time for this seasonal fishery, it is already kicking off. I have had several reports this week of schools of a hundred or more redfish located on flats at the northern end of the sound along with big numbers of reds on docks at the passes.

Keep your eyes open while on the water as these big reds can be located just about anywhere at anytime. Oyster bars, sandbars, flats, docks and the passes are all places that can hold these huge

schools of hungry redfish. The deep hole off the Sanibel Pier will get crazy too with these over-the-slot reds in the next month or so.

Shallow water sightfishing for these roaming schools of big reds is some of my favorite fishing of the year. Though sometimes hard to locate, once found these schools will eat just about anything pitched to them from cut bait and live bait to topwater plugs. Their large numbers seem to make them competitive when a bait is presented in front of them with often a dozen or more fish charging the bait.

Shoals and oyster bars can often hold these schools of reds for weeks. They generally show up at the same stage of the tide. Watching a big school of hundreds of redfish working around an oyster bar or out on a flat is possibly one of the coolest things you will ever see.

Calm conditions make locating these schools a little easier. Often a big shake, push or simply nervous water will be the only clue that gives up their location. Schools can be spotted from a hundred yards or more away when the conditions are right. Getting up close enough to catch redfish can be another

thing though, as it often takes stealth and patience. One hundred-plus sets of eyes makes these schools very spooky and wary of fisherman and boats.

Shallow, clear flats located from the middle to northeast end of the sound seem to be about the most perfect waters to sight-fish for these reds. This water stays nice and clear and is shallow enough to see the fish pushing water on almost any stage of the tide. There are plenty of small mangrove islands too which block the wind, giving you calm conditions while fishing the lee sides. I do lots of redfish fishing up close and around these same islands on high tides most of the year but now these schools are out in wide open water.

Oyster bars south of Useppa, the many oyster bars around Bokeelia and the flats at Foster's Point on North Captiva were a few of the more productive places I got on these redfish schools the past few years. The Burnt Store bar



Big reds like this are schooling in Pine Island Sound and Charlotte Harbor

and the Jug Creek shoals are also places that these fish show up on in huge numbers. I like to scout out the schools while moving fast on the trolling motor until I spot them and then switch over to the push pole to approach them quietly.

If you have never sight-fished for redfish this is the time.

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

Send Us Your Fish Tales

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

Fishing Tournament Raises \$30,000

More than \$30,000 was raised July 31 at the eighth annual David Lee Root, Jr. Memorial Fishing Tournament, more than double the amount raised the previous year.

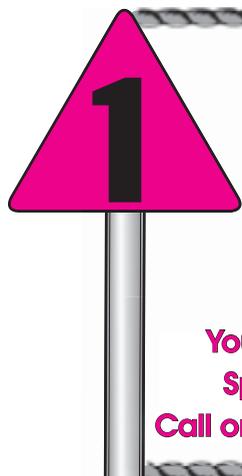
Proceeds from the catch-photo-and-release fishing tournament will benefit the Trauma Center at Lee Memorial Hospital in Fort Myers. The Root Family lost their son, David, to an automobile accident. But thanks to the trauma unit their son Dustin was saved.

Sponsors of the event included Golden Hour sponsor Sam Galloway Auto, as well as Trauma sponsors Home-Tech, Private Client Services, Inc and Gulf Coast Transcriptions of Florida.*



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Dream Of Restored Everglades, Safety For Estuaries, Will Have To Wait

submitted by Michael Valiquette,
Chairman of PURRE Water Coalition Foundation, Inc.

When Florida Gov. Crist announced two years ago the extraordinary purchase by the state of 187,000 acres of U.S. Sugar land to restore the Everglades and the natural flow of water south, he called it "the holy grail" of restoration. Today that holy grail has turned into no more than a shot glass after the South Florida Management District on August 12 approved a dramatically smaller land purchase with few benefits, if any, and none at all for the Caloosahatchee and its estuary.

The governor called it "miraculous" and "as monumental as the creation of the nation's first national park, Yellowstone."

The state was going to purchase the land shown in red from U.S. Sugar Corp. It is easy to see how a flow way could be created, as well as the possibilities for the promised million acre-feet of water storage.

Crist said, "I can envision no better gift to the Everglades, the people of Florida and the people of America, as well as our planet, than to place in public ownership this missing link that represents the key to true restoration."

The state took back that gift last week, and the people of Florida and the people of America are going to have to fight hard to get it back.

In the land purchase that was approved last week, the two pieces that are dark blue on the map are far apart from one another and one is not even south of Lake Okeechobee. They are all that is left of the once "miraculous" deal.

Gov. Crist isn't calling it the "holy grail" any more; instead he's quoting Lao Tzu: "The longest journey begins with a single step," said the governor.

Members of the South Florida Water Management District governing board said, "It's a very strong signal that we're heading in the right direction" (Shannon Estenoz) and, "This is what we can afford to bite off" (Eric Buermann, chair).

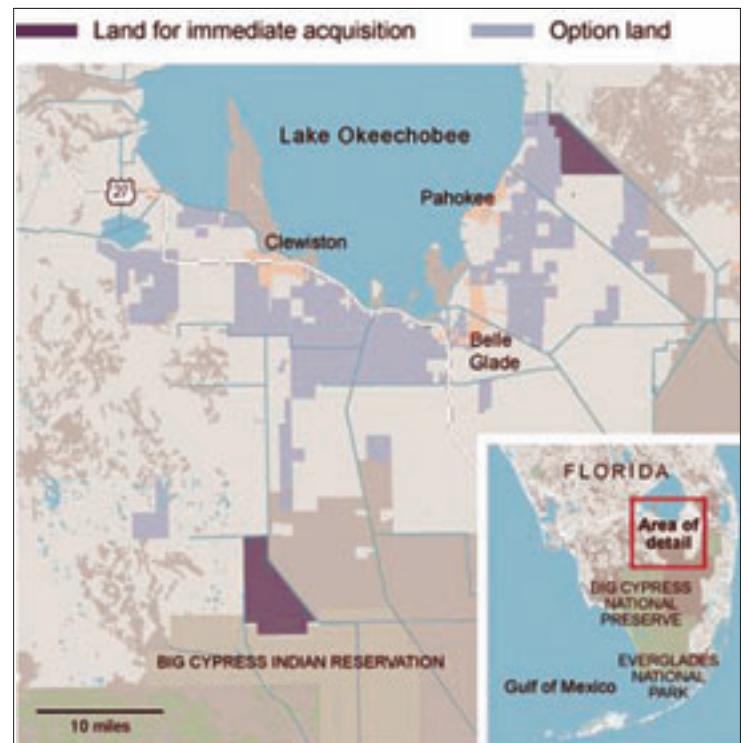
As our members know, PURRE was devastated to see the dwindling of this once promising land purchase. We voiced our extreme displeasure – loudly – but did not officially oppose the deal. It has always been PURRE's philosophy not to insist on getting a perfect deal and as a result ending up with no deal at all. And if the district had not approved this purchase, we believe there would have been no deal at all. The two parcels being purchased can increase water storage and treatment, which is never a bad thing.

This deal also comes with a three-year exclusive option for the district to purchase either 46,800 specified acres (for a total of 73,590 acres including this week's announced deal) or the entire 153,000 acres (for a total of 179,790 acres, close to Gov. Crist's original proposal).

The PURRE Water Coalition will fight hard to make sure this option is exercised. We will do everything we can to pressure the South Florida Water Management District, the state, legislators and all decision makers involved to exercise those options and purchase the maximum amount of land possible. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that is slipping through the state of Florida's fingers. The purchase of U.S. Sugar land south of Lake Okeechobee remains the greatest – the only – opportunity to save the Everglades, restore South Florida's more natural water flows and improve the water quality in the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie rivers and estuaries.

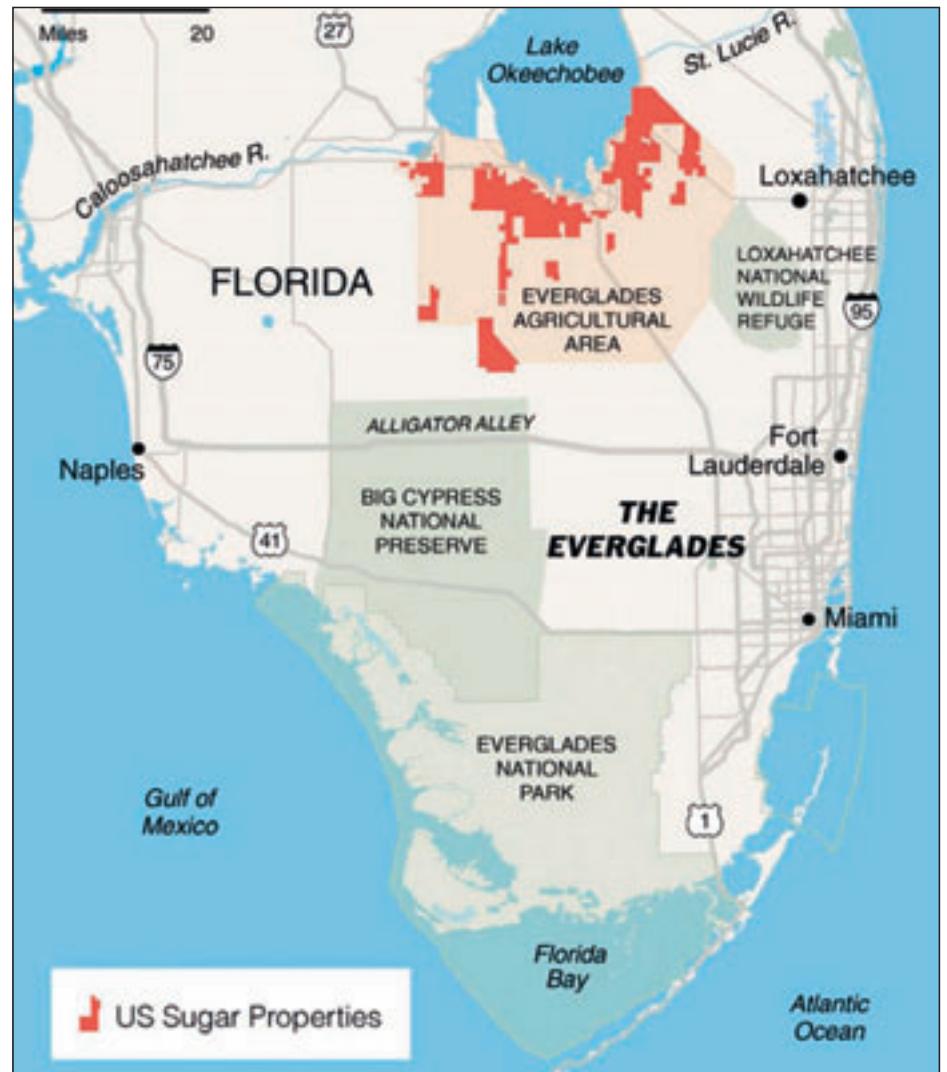
We hope you will join us in this long-term effort. We are not going to sit by and pretend we're happy that a mere 26,790 acres were purchased, if indeed this deal closes in October. We will continue to fight for South Florida, for the west coast estuaries, and join with our east coast friends in their quest to save their precious water resources as well. If our leaders have seen fit to take back what our governor in 2008 called "the greatest gift to the Everglades, the people of Florida and the people of America, as well as our planet," we can do nothing less than fight to get it back.

For more information, go to www.purre.org. The complete terms of the deal and all the documents are available at www.sfwmd.gov/riverofgrass.✧



Scaled back after numerous revisions, a plan was approved to purchase these 26,790 acres of land

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Sunset Celebration On The Pier

Come celebrate the sunsets Florida style on Wednesday, September 3, 5 to 8 p.m., at the Cape Coral Yacht Club. There will be live music with Joseph, aka Two Hands One Man Band, plus food and drink specials at KC's Riverstop.

Over 30 vendors will be selling their arts and crafts, jewelry, and gift items. This is a fantastic evening for friends and family. This sunset celebration is free and open to the public. Space is still available for vendors.

Cape Coral Yacht Club is at 5819 Driftwood Parkway. Call 574-0806 for more information.✪✪

Learn To Kayak Fish

Join Dominick Greco for a seminar on kayak fishing (ages 16 and older) on Saturday, August 8 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cape Coral Yacht Club. Learn the safety of kayaking, the different parts of the kayak, rigging, proper strokes and fishing procedures from the kayak. There will also be a women's portion presented by Cheryl Greco. The first part of the class will be indoors followed by hands-on instruction outside. Cost is \$35 for adults, \$15 for children. Door prizes will be given to all participants. Dominick Greco was featured on Fox4 News and the *Morning Blend*. Cape Coral Yacht Club is at 5819 Driftwood Parkway. Call 574-0806 to register.✪✪

Plant Smart

Cocoplum

by Gerri Reaves

Cocoplum (*Chrysobalanus icaco*) blooms and fruits intermittently throughout the year in South Florida, producing clusters of small white bell-shaped flowers and deep purple plum-like fruit of one to two inches long.

The juicy fruit is edible and can be used to make jam. It is also a good food source for wildlife such as the gopher tortoise. Even the kernel is edible.

Cocoplum is prized as a honey plant.

Although the most common specimens produce reddish new growth and purple fruit, some specimens produce greenish-white new growth and yellowish-white fruit.

Cocoplum's natural habitat is hammock

edges, beaches, cypress heads, and other wet areas. It is valuable as a dune stabilizer in coastal landscapes.

This native takes the form of a spreading evergreen shrub or a small tree with dense foliage that provides cover for wildlife. It will reach up to about 16 feet in height as a tree or wild shrub.

Usually used as hedge, buffer, or screen, cocoplum can be attractively espaliered too. The almost round dark-green shiny leaves make it popular as a landscape plant, especially the "red tip" variety.

Drought-tolerant, fast-growing, and relatively pest-free, it will grow in a variety of moisture and light conditions.

In a natural garden, cocoplum requires no maintenance and will self-sow. A more formal effect requires only light pruning and shaping.

Propagate cocoplum with the single seed in the fruit or with cuttings.

The Seminoles used the wood ashes for love medicine and the branches for arrows. Sources: *National Audubon Society Field Guide to Florida*, *The Shrubs and Woody Vines of Florida* by Gil Nelson, *A Gardener's Guide to Florida's Native Plants* by Rufino Osorio, and *Wild Plants for Survival in South Florida* by Julia F. Morton.

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



Cocoplums can be used to make jams or jellies or left on the plant for wildlife

photos by Gerri Reaves

Buster's Sports Tavern and Family Eatery

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CROW Case Of The Week:

Roseate Spoonbill

by Brian Johnson



CROW staff do not often receive roseate spoonbills, but when they do they are thankful for the new hospital's spacious walk-in cage and multiple bathtubs, which empower them to give excellent service to large birds.

On August 15 Artie Monroe, who works in the maintenance department at Estero Beach & Tennis Club, rescued a roseate spoonbill. He noticed her hopping along with blood on her feathers. Monroe wrapped her up with a towel, put her in a basket and contacted CROW.

"She had a hook embedded in her right wing – stuck in the muscle near the elbow – and bruising and swelling all along the radius and ulna," said CROW Veterinarian Dr. Amber McNamara. "There was fishing line wrapped around her right leg, though not tight, and a second hook in her left foot. Nikki Talianko, who admitted her, noted bruising on her right hip and lower back as well. She was a mess."

After a dose of pain medications, they took her into surgery that afternoon and were able to remove the hooks pretty quickly with the bird under anesthesia. Talianko then cleaned her wounds and gave her fluids and antibiotics.

The spoonbill had been surviving in the wild for several days, perhaps as many as five, estimated Dr. Amber.

The next morning the pink bird was moving very gingerly on her bad leg, and her wing drooped to her side. Though skinny, she demurred when offered shrimp and smelt. Staff tube-fed her a fish slurry to help her at least maintain her weight, and continued pain medications.

Early on the spoonbill exhibited a fondness for the bathtub. "We left her in the bathtub all day, she just loved the shallow water and the heat lamp," said Dr. Amber. "It's a good thing we have so many bathtubs in this building."

On Day 4 she made a breakthrough. "She gobbled up six live shrimp," said Dr. Amber. "We pitched them into the bathtub with her, and it jump-started her eating. Later she ate dead shrimp, then smelt."

The log for August 21 at the clinic recorded a total of 40 shrimp and 70 smelt, an impressive tally by the bird in her bathtub/relaxing lounge/cafeteria.

This past Monday she got her last dose of the antibiotic Fortaz, and her wounds have healed over nicely. "You can see she is getting strong," said Dr. Amber. "When she gives us the sign that she's ready for a change of scenery, we'll take her outside for a test flight."

CROW expects to release the spoonbill by September, if not sooner. 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.



Roseate spoonbill expressed an interest for being in the bathtub. She spent most of her time recuperating in the tub.

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Environmental Education Programs

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The tour runs from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, August 27 and will depart from the Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort & Spa at Punta Rassa. The cost is \$35 for adults and \$20 for children.

River Meets The Sea: The Cradle of Life

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) and Captiva Cruises are offering this hands-on cruise to explore the mouth of the Caloosahatchee and its estuary. Passengers will be conducting their own water sampling while traveling through the extraordinary back bay waters. Several of SCCF's River Estuary Coastal Observing Network (RECON) sensors are located nearby. RECON tracks key water quality parameters from Lake Okeechobee to the Gulf of Mexico. Guides will discuss the linkage to the greater Everglades ecosystem which includes the entire watershed from Orlando to Florida Bay and everything in between. Proceeds from this cruise will help

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Annual McFlat's Invitational To Benefit Ronald McDonald House

Redfish, beware. The McFlat's Invitational Redfish Challenge, which benefits the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of Southwest Florida, is coming back for its sixth year on September 3 and 4.

The event kicks off at 6 p.m. on Friday, September 3 at Tarpon Point Marina in Cape Coral with dinner, an open bar, live music, raffle and Texas hold em' poker tournament. The fishing tournament begins at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 4 and continues through 4 p.m. Dinner, an awards banquet, live music from Strange Arrangement and a raffle wrap up the event that evening. Raffle participants will have the chance to win a Harley Davidson motorcycle.

A children's fishing tournament from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday will highlight the event. Ronald McDonald will be on hand to cheer the children on, and the first

100 children to pre-register will receive lunch with Ronald, a fishing rod, T-shirt and trophy.

All net proceeds from the event will benefit RMHC of Southwest Florida. Since 1996, more than 2,000 families from Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Glades and Hendry counties, as well as other states and countries, have found a home away from home at The Ronald McDonald House in Fort Myers while their children are undergoing medical treatment. Additional thousands are served by The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile and by grants and scholarships awarded to



deserving individuals and organizations in the five-county region.

The event's co-chairpersons are Tim Frederic, a second-generation owner-operator of six McDonald's restaurants in Cape Coral and Fort Myers and RMHC advisory council member; Jeff Miloff, a partner of Miloff Aubuchon Realty and RMHC board member; and Mitch Williamson, owner of Screenprint Plus, who once stayed at The Ronald McDonald House when his son was born premature.

"The McFlat's Invitational is sure to be a great time for families and anyone interested in fishing," said Frederic. "Better, yet, it supports families in need at The Ronald McDonald House of Southwest Florida."

In its first five years, the McFlat's Invitational raised \$150,000 for RMHC of Southwest Florida. The organizers' goal is to raise \$40,000 this year.

"We are so grateful to Tim, Jeff and Mitch for coordinating the McFlat's Invitational, the event's sponsors and everyone who plans to come out and participate," said Laura Ragain, executive director of RMHC of Southwest Florida. "Funds raised from this event will be used to continue our mission to find, create and support programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children in our five-county region."

Registration is \$275 per angler prior to August 28, and \$325 per angler thereafter. To register, visit www.mcflatsinvitational.com. For more information, contact Tim Frederic at 822-2728 or Mitch Williamson at 549-3322, ext. 105.

The event is presented by Sandbill Realty/Sandbill Homes and hosted by The Resort at Marina Village.*



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Arts For ACT Artists Reception

Arts for ACTS' September featured artist is Scott Guelcher with *People, Places & Things*. This exhibit opens September 3 with a reception from 6 to 10 p.m. and runs through September 28.

Guelcher's recent artistic achievements have included winning the 2008 Angels of the Arts Award for Best New Artist, being selected as one of ten artists from the State of Florida to attend the Mac: Model for Artists Career Development Workshop in St. Petersburg, and an invitation to a marketing and promotion workshop in Tequesta, Florida funded by a National Endowment of the arts grant through the Florida Department of Cultural Affairs and run by the Creative Capitol Foundation of New York City (a subsidiary of the Andy Warhol Foundation that supports individual artists).

He also won the 2010 Soaring Eagles Award from the Florida Gulf Coast Alumni Association. He has also received an Arts and Culture Grant from the City of Fort Myers in 2008 and 2009. In addition to being an artist, Guelcher was the artist chair for Art Royale 2008, the signature fundraiser for the Lee County Alliance of the Arts in Fort Myers.

He has promoted some global subjects during his span as an artist, specifically a solo exhibition titled *Bikinis and Bombs*. This show was about the testing of the hydrogen bomb by the United States government conducted in the Marshall Islands on Bikini Atoll. The show gained local and international recognition.

His current work is three series of paintings, *People, Places, and Things*. This series of works takes on a few different movements in art including both pop art and surrealism.

Arts for ACT Gallery is at 2265 First Street, Fort Myers, phone 337-5050.*

FGCU Art Gallery Opens New Season Exhibit

Florida Gulf Coast University's art gallery has opened its first exhibition of the 2010-2011 Season of the Arts. The exhibit, titled *Nature, Revisions, and Dreams*, features works by Troy Abbott, Adam Chapman, Catherin Chauvin, Enrique Gomez de Molina, Mia Mulvey and James Prosek; and is curated by gallery Interim Director Anica Sturdivant. The exhibition runs through September 30.

Rooted in scientific and wildlife art probing the space between knowing, not knowing and imagining, these artists have been chosen for their surrealistic edge and their exploration of the physical, emotional and spiritual relationships between humans, nature and machines. Gomez de Molina, Mulvey and Prosek explore these junctions and fantasies through the more traditional methods of painting and sculpture, weaving together impossible but beautiful hybrids and installations that inspire wonder and delight. Chapman, Chauvin and Abbott take on the fleeting, euphoric moments when the mechanics of the world flash briefly into focus. Together, these artists merge the dynamic possibilities of nature, revisions, and dreams.

The exhibition is supported by WFCU Public Media.

The arts complex is located on FGCU's main campus, east of I-75 between exits 123 and 128. Free parking is available in Lot 7 for arts complex visitors. Parking passes are available at the parking booth located along the university's entrance.

For more information, visit the Art Gallery's website, artgallery.fgcu.edu or call 590-7199.*

Art League Workshops

The Art League of Fort Myers is offering one-day workshops from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost for members is \$60, and \$75 for non members, unless otherwise indicated.

Thursday, September 9 Lois Johnston will teach *Artistic Creations in Fused Glass*.

Tuesday, October 19 Pauline Healey will be giving a one-day watercolor workshop teaching how to create exciting paintings with clean, fresh colors and strong values using gesso and gel on watercolor paper.

Friday, November 5 Charles Greeholdt will teach *watercolor portraiture*

Saturday, November 13 Lynne Pittard will hold an oil paint-along (\$60 for members and non-members). This workshop includes all but brushes and canvas.

The Friday after Thanksgiving, November 26, as part of the River District holiday festivities, a Holiday Stroll Street & Tree Lighting Opening Ceremony will be held.

To take advantage of the pedestrian traffic that night, the art league will hold its one-day Miniature Sale on the sidewalk in front of the gallery.

The art league is calling for artists to show and sell two dimensional works in the following media: oil, watercolor, acrylic, collage, pastel, prints (from artists' original artwork), fiber works, and photography. For more information call 275-3970.

The Art League of Fort Myers is at 1451 Monroe Street. Visit artleagueoffortmyers.org.*

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Fourth Annual Kids' Talent Show

Southwest Florida Addiction Services (SWFAS) is looking for some talented elementary, middle, and high school students to participate in the Every Child Is a Star Talent Show in November. Registration deadline is Friday, October 1.

It's the fourth year SWFAS has coordinated the talent show, which will be held Saturday, November 6, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at First Christian Church, 2061 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers. There are no entry fees and cash prizes of \$100 will be awarded for first place each in elementary, middle, and high school categories.

"We are looking for singers, dancers, painters, acrobats, all talented youth," said Martha del Valle, SWFAS talent show coordinator. "We always hear about the negative doings involving our youth in the community. It's important for us to promote events that are beneficial to our youth and provide a safe alternative to drugs and violence."

To be eligible for the talent show, participants must:

- Be between the ages of six and 19;
- Limit performances to three minutes with no bands allowed;
- Have no more than three people per act; and
- Have permission from a parent or guardian to participate.

Registration for auditions must be sent to SWFAS, 3763 Evans Ave., Fort Myers, FL 33901. Forms and releases can be found on at www.swfasprevention.org.



Last year's winners: Callie Atkinson (elementary winner); SWFAS Prevention Director Sheree Beau-Wells; Halie Boling (middle school winner); and Keana Jordan (high school winner)

org. Print the form and return by the deadline.

SWFAS is a substance abuse treatment and prevention program serving 6,000 people per year, offering outpatient and residential programs for adults and youngsters from seven locations in Lee County and two in Hendry County. In addition, SWFAS provides detoxification services for adults, prevention programming, and an Employee Assistance Program for about 60 Southwest Florida businesses.

Fees are charged on a sliding scale, based on family income. In many cases,

private insurance is accepted. SWFAS is a United Way agency.

For more information about the talent show, contact del Valle at 244-4221, or visit www.swfasprevention.org.*

International Airport July Traffic

During July, 490,227 passengers traveled through Southwest Florida International Airport, a decrease of 0.4 percent compared to July 2009. Year-to-date, passenger traffic is down 0.8 percent from the same period last year.

The traffic leader in July was Delta with 106,268 passengers traveling to and from Fort Myers. Rounding out the top five airlines were AirTran (81,804), Southwest (68,300), JetBlue (53,956) and US Airways (46,737).

Southwest Florida International Airport had 5,624 aircraft movements (takeoffs and landings), an increase of 2.8 percent compared to July 2009. Page Field General Aviation Airport saw 4,862 movements, a decrease of 18.3 percent from July 2009. In addition, more than 2.6 million pounds of air freight moved through Southwest Florida International Airport in July 2010.

Southwest Florida International Airport served more than 7.4 million passengers in 2009 and is one of the top 50 U.S. airports for passenger traffic. No ad valorem (property) taxes are used for airport operation or construction. For more information, log onto www.flylcpa.com.*

Local Hair And Fashion Students To Showcase Their Talents

Students and alumni from Sunstate Academy have created a fashion and hair showcase unlike any other as a means to present their talent specifically to the industry professionals they hope to join as graduates. Directed by the promotion team of Heather Arledge and Praveen Singh, several hairstylists, makeup artists, fashion designers, models and live performers will come together to showcase their talent and skills under pressure.

The event will take place at the Clarion Hotel, 12635 South Cleveland Avenue, Fort Myers, on Thursday, September 16. The theme of the evening is The Rock Star Lifestyle. Taking the experience from design to execution, participants will be creating looks based on the Rock theme. Theme range will include Classic Rock, 70s, 80s and 90s, British Invasion, Reggae, Modern Rock, and others like Bohemian, Jungle, Oriental, and Gothic. Stylists will work in teams of five with an entrance model, an exit model, and three models who embody the focal point of their showcase.

MC for the evening will be DJ Lowkey from Tampa. The official photographer for the event is Antonio Martez, of West Palm Beach and Miami. Event prep and on-set photos will be available at the photographers' website prior to event.

After August 20, official event information can be found on-line at allForCreativity.com. Also, the website will feature participant information such as: a biography on each stylist, their chosen theme, execution plans and thoughts about showcasing their work.

Dancer Tariq Malcom from West Palm Beach, will be performing a Michael Jackson tribute to open the VIP showcase. Plus, the music group Lowlight, of Naples, will be playing an all original set list during the intermission and will play once again as the opening act during the public showcase.

There will be two showcases that evening. The VIP showcase is from 6 to 8 p.m., geared toward industry professionals and special invitees. The public showcase is from 9 to 11 p.m.. A donation of \$15 from the general public and \$7.50 for Sunstate students will be collected upon entry. Guests will have access to the buffet, and a chance to win any of the raffles for free haircuts, make-up consultations, etc..

A portion of the proceeds will be going to The American Cancer Society and Operation Call Home for the troops.*

School Supply Drive For United Way



Cliff Smith with CNLBank's Heather Davis, Michele Gray and Marty Mahan at the presentation of the school supplies to the United Way

The United Way of Lee, Hendry, and Glades recently accepted donated school supplies from CNLBank to help local children in need. In addition to monetary donations and four computers, CNLBank associates and clients contributed backpacks, paper, pencils, crayons, calculators and dozens of other items during their two week school supply drive called Surf's Up.

Marty Mahan, president of CNLBank's Southwest Florida market, said "Our associates had a lot of fun with our Surf's Up theme and truly went above and beyond to help the youth in our community."

CNLBank's supply drive was organized through United Way's Volunteer Center as a Days of Caring project. The United Way Volunteer Center connects individuals and companies to nonprofit agencies throughout the community in need of assistance. For volunteer opportunities in your area, call United Way 2-1-1 and ask for the Volunteer Center.*



Florida Zucchini And Parmesan Skillet Cake

1 pound zucchini
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 clove garlic, minced
2 tablespoons fresh basil, chopped
½ cup grated Parmesan cheese

Very thinly slice zucchini crosswise with a mandoline or other manual slicer. Heat 1 tablespoon butter in a 12-inch nonstick skillet over moderately high heat until foam subsides, then sauté zucchini and garlic, stirring, until zucchini is just beginning to soften, about 8 minutes. Transfer to a bowl and cool 10 minutes. Add basil and salt and pepper to taste.

Melt remaining tablespoon butter in an 8-inch nonstick skillet and remove from heat. Arrange one fourth of zucchini mixture in a layer in skillet and sprinkle with one fourth of parmesan. Repeat layering 3 times. Cook skillet cake over moderate heat until bottom of cake is well browned, 5 to 7 minutes. Slide cake onto a large paper plate, then place skillet over cake and, holding plate firmly, invert cake back into skillet. Cook cake, shaking skillet frequently to prevent sticking, until underside is browned, 4 to 5 minutes more. Slide cake onto a platter. Cut like a pizza.

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



Florida Zucchini And Parmesan Skillet Cake

Call To Artists For Saturday Art Fair

Art Walk Fort Myers is looking for vibrant, accomplished artists to set up in the Patio de Leon in downtown Fort Myers to sell their works for the Saturday Art Fair. Art will fill the patio and downtown Fort Myers will be brimming with art lovers looking for affordable fine art, jewelry, ceramics, designer wear and unique gifts. The fair is free and open to the public. Downtown galleries will be open Saturday, many with Make and Take art projects for the children and adults.

Art Walk Fort Myers Saturday Art Fair is the day following the first Friday Art Walk Fort Myers. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday Art Walk will be a seasonal event starting in October and will continue during season, ending in April. The First Saturday Art Walk will be on Saturday, October 2.

Artist fees are:

One month – \$50

Two months – \$80

Three months – \$100

Full season (October through April) – \$175 (\$25 each month)

Applying artists must:

1. Agree to abide by the Fort Myers Art Walk Agreement contained in the entry forms.

2. Submit three digital images of their artwork completed in the past two years. If applying by mail, send images on CD

to: ACT Gallery, c/o Claudia Goode, 2265 First Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901. If applying on-line, images can be sent by email to: cgoode@actabuse.com.

All images must be clearly identified with the title of the artwork and the artist's name and must correspond to the information listed on the application form.

3. Artists are required to purchase their spaces in advance. When you pay the application/registration fee, half of this fee will be nonrefundable if artist breaks the agreement before October 2. There will be no refunds once the fair starts.

4. If the event is cancelled due to weather conditions, it will be rescheduled for the third Saturday of the month.

5. Artist will be given a 10'x10' space in the Patio de Leon. Artists must supply their own art tents or tables. Electricity will not be offered.

6. Complete the attached application form to apply and return no later than September 3. Half of the fee is due with application and the remainder must be paid before the first fair. All proceeds from sales will be retained by the artist. Artists will be assigned a designated spot in the Patio de Leon. Set up time will be 8:30 to 10:45 a.m.

There are 20 vendor spots available.

The full Art Walk Saturday Art Fair Schedule is October 2, November 6, December 4, January 8, February 5, March 5, and April 2. Email cgoode@actabuse.com with any questions.

Mail-in entry deadline is August 31.✪



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SATURDAY ART FAIR

Vendor Registration Form

Yes, I want to be a vendor of "Art Walk Fort Myers ~ Saturday Art Fair"

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Artist Agreement

I have read the entire prospectus for "Art Walk Fort Myers – Saturday Art Fair" and agree to all terms outlined. If I am accepted, I understand that I am expected to participate in all of the Saturday events I signed up for. All sales will be handled by me the artist. I further understand that I am responsible for reporting and paying any applicable FL sales tax on such sales. All images of work submitted may be used for "Art Walk – Saturday" publicity purposes.

Signature _____ Date _____

All applicants must complete this entry form, sign the Artists Agreement and submit 3 images along with monies due. There is a non-refundable amount of \$40.00, if you drop your spot in the Patio. Return this form and CD with Checks made out to the River District Alliance to: Arts for ACT Gallery 2265 First Street Fort Myers, FL 33901

Tearful Goodbye From 'Sweet' Lou As He Departs To Help Ailing Mother



by Ed Frank

It was a sad ending to a sad story with the final chapter closing here in Florida.

A baseball legend bowed out last Sunday after nearly a half-century on the diamond – 23 as a manager – as his lowly Chicago Cubs were battered 16-5 by the Atlanta Braves.

“Sweet” Lou Piniella wore a baseball uniform for the last time on Sunday, announcing before the game that he needed to be with his mother, Margaret, 90, who is in failing health in Tampa.

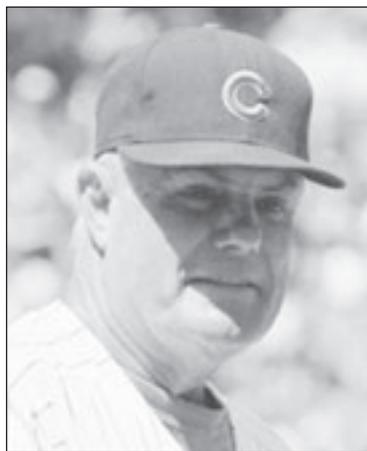
“My mom needs me at home; she hasn’t gotten any better since I’ve been here. In fact, she’s had other complications,” the once fiery manager said.

Piniella came to Chicago four years ago hoping high that he could reverse the fortunes of the beleaguered franchise that now has gone 102 years without a World Series title – the longest drought in professional sports.

He had played on a World Series winner with the New York Yankees and had managed the Cincinnati Reds to the World Series championship in 1990. And he also had successful managerial stints with the Yankees, Seattle Mariners and Tampa Bay Rays.

His first two years in the Windy City he won division titles only to be swept in the first rounds of the playoffs. His 2009 Cubs failed to make the playoffs, and then the bottom fell out this year despite having the highest payroll in the National League and the third highest in baseball.

When Piniella said goodbye Sunday, his Cubs were 51-74 for the season, a whopping 20 games out of first place. Despite the misery of this year, he leaves with a career record of 1,835-1713.



Lou Piniella

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Scholarship Recipients

North Fort Myers High School; Willyne Sainteme and Maika Toussaint, Island Coast High School; Brandi Schulte, Mariner High School; and Kelly Toms, Cape Coral High School.

In addition, Eagle Scout Scholarships were awarded to Nathan Lee Kersten, Dunbar High School; and Derek Pieter, Oak Meadows High School.

The Uncommon Friends Foundation, established in 1993, is a character education foundation whose mission is to instill ethics, moral values and a sense of purpose in tomorrow’s leaders. For more information visit the website at www.uncommonfriends.org.

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Environmental Programs

support SCCF’s Education Fund. Join in for this opportunity to explore, discover, and enjoy our environment.

Tours will depart from the Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort & Spa at Punta Rassa Friday, September 3 and Friday, October 15 at 10 a.m. and return at noon. The cost is \$35 for adults and \$20 for children.

The Sanibel Region BC – Before the Causeway

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Tours will depart from the Sanibel Harbour Marriott at 9:30 a.m. on October 22, 29 and November 5, and return at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$35 for adults and \$20 for children.

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Although he couldn’t find success in Chicago, Piniella should be a future Hall of Famer. He was the fabric of baseball for so many years and his colorful antics will long be remembered.

Arguing face to face with an umpire, throwing bases, shouting from the dugout – that was the Lou Piniella we will remember.

But he was smart and respected by his players and nearly everyone in the game. He was emotional and tearful in his post-game comments Sunday. Lou Piniella won’t put on a baseball uniform again, but he will always be part of our national pastime.

We wish him well as he returns to Tampa to help an ailing mother – a far more important responsibility than filling out a lineup card.

Wimmers Impressive in First Start for the Miracle

Alex Wimmers, the 2010 first-round draft pick of the Minnesota Twins, was impressive in his professional debut last week pitching 2 2/3 of scoreless innings for the Fort Myers Miracle in a 5-2 victory over Bradenton.

The BigTen Pitcher of the Year in both 2009 and 2010 retired the first six batters in a row and recorded four strikeouts in his first outing since signing with the Twins.

He used his fastball, curve and change-up successfully before being removed by manager Jake Mauer when he reached the 40-pitch-mark. He had been told that he would be limited to 40-45 pitches in his first start.

Miracle Season Winds Down; Final Home Stand Starts this Weekend

The Fort Myers Miracle could finish the 2010 second-half season above .500 as they begin their final home stand this weekend hosting the St. Lucie Mets.

The Miracle started the week with a 27-29 second-half record having won seven of their last nine games.

With just nine games remaining in the season, six at home, the Miracle face St. Lucie tonight, Friday, and Saturday at 7:05 p.m. and Sunday at 1:05 p.m. Palm Beach comes in Tuesday for the final three home games, all with 7:05 p.m. starts.

A big fireworks show follows tomorrow night’s game.

An online voucher at www.miraclebaseball.com offers a free ticket with every purchased ticket for the final games except Saturday.

The Miracle finish the 2010 season on the road next weekend for three games at St. Lucie.*

Tampa Bay Rays Hold Fort Myers Day Event

The Tampa Bay Rays will be attending the fourth annual Fort Myers Community Day at Tropicana Field, St. Petersburg on Sunday, August 29, at the new time of 8 p.m. when the Rays take on the Boston Red Sox on ESPN’s Sunday Night Baseball.

The Rays are celebrating 13 years of major league baseball in Tampa Bay and wish to salute the Fort Myers area and its fans for their continued support. Fort Myers Mayor Randall P. Henderson Jr. will be throwing out the first pitch.

The first 10,000 children 14 and under will receive a Raymond Pool Tube.

Tickets are \$25 and there are several options to get them:

- At the Fort Myers Skatium, 2250 Broadway call 239-321-7510.
- Visit www.raysbaseball.com/fortmyers and enter FTMYERS as the passcode.
- If you don’t want to drive to St. Petersburg, ride in a chartered bus and get a ticket to the game for \$60. For tickets, visit the Hideaway Sports Bar in the Historic River District at 1418 Dean Street, Fort Myers, or call 337-9966.
- Groups of 20 or more get a special discount plus a welcome on the scoreboard.

Call Dan Newhart at 727-825-3293 or email dnewhart@raysbaseball.com to get group tickets.*

Builders Care To Host Building Product Blow-Out Event

Builders Care, the nonprofit arm of the Lee Building Industry Association (BIA), will host its second semi-annual building product garage sale to raise funds to help local homeowners in need. Local suppliers and building industry related companies are providing great deals on all kinds of items including appliances, lighting, plumbing fixtures, kitchen cabinets and paint. All proceeds will help provide emergency construction services to elderly and disabled Lee County homeowners.

The sale will take place August 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cape Coral Plumbing, 5812 Enterprise Parkway. in the Billy Creek Commerce Center off Luckett Road, just west of I-75. Admission is free, but a \$5 donation is suggested per adult. Beverages and snacks will be available.

“This is a remodeler’s dream sale,” said Heidi Taulman, Builders Care executive director. “This is a perfect opportunity to take advantage of great deals that will ultimately help a local neighbor in need.”

Builders Care is the nonprofit charitable arm of the Lee Building Industry Association (BIA). It enlists the volunteer services of members and leverages grants and donated materials to provide construction and remodeling services to qualified homeowners throughout Lee County.

Donations can be made 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.*

Financial Focus

How To Generate Income During Retirement



by Jennifer Basey

Like most people, you probably save and invest throughout your working years so that you'll be able to afford a comfortable retirement. Once you retire, you'll want to focus on strategies

to help you make the most of your retirement income – and you might want to become familiar with these ideas well before you retire.

Basically, you'll have some "must do" moves and some "think about doing" moves. Let's take a look at the "must do" ones first:

- Take the right amount of distributions from retirement plans. Once you turn 59½, you may be able to take penalty-free withdrawals, or distributions, from some of your retirement accounts, such as your traditional IRA and 401(k). But once you turn 70½, you generally must start taking distributions from these accounts. Your required minimum distribution, or RMD, is based on the previous year's balance in your retirement plan

and life expectancy tables. You can take more than the minimum, but you'll want to make sure you don't take so much that you outlive your savings.

- Maximize your Social Security benefits. You can start collecting Social Security as early as 62, but if you wait until your "full" retirement age, which will probably be around 66, your monthly checks will be larger. And if you wait until after your full retirement age before you start collecting benefits, your checks can be even larger, though they'll "top off" when you turn 70. What should you do? Start taking the money as early as possible or delay payments, waiting for bigger paydays? There's no one right answer for everyone. To get the maximum benefits from Social Security, you'll need to factor in your health status, family history of longevity and other sources of retirement income.

Now let's consider two moves that you may think about doing during your retirement years:

- Purchase income-producing investments. Outside your IRA and 401(k), you may have other investment accounts, and inside these accounts, you'll need a portfolio that can produce income for your retirement years. You may choose to own some investment-grade bonds and certificates of deposit (CDs), both of which can help provide you with regular interest payments at relatively low risk to your principal. However, these investments may not help you stay ahead of inflation, which, over a long retirement, can seriously erode your purchasing

power. Consequently, you also may want to consider dividend-producing stocks. Some of these stocks have paid, and even increased, their dividends for many years in a row, giving you a chance to obtain rising income. (Keep in mind, though, that stocks may lower or discontinue dividends at any time, and an investment in stocks will fluctuate with changes in market conditions and may be worth more or less than the original investment when sold.)

- Go back to work. In your retirement years, you may decide to work part time, do some consulting or even open your own business. Of course, the more earned income you take in, the less money you'll probably need to withdraw from your investments and retirement accounts. However, if you've started collecting Social Security, any earned income you receive before your "full" retirement age will likely cause you to lose some of your benefits. Once you reach full retirement age, you can keep all your benefits, no matter how much you earn.

Keep these strategies in mind as you near retirement. They may well come in handy.

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

Financial Wellness Free Workshop

CredAbility, the new name for Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Central Florida & The Florida Gulf Coast, provides free, bilingual counseling services including foreclosure prevention, confidential budget and bankruptcy counseling and debt management programs.

In addition, CredAbility hosts regular free, open-to-the-public workshops, offering local residents the opportunity to gain understanding of a variety of financial wellness topics and issues.

Free workshops include:

First-Time Home Buyers Workshops, Saturday, September 25, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 2295 Victoria Avenue, Fort Myers. To RSVP call 800-251-2227.

Learn the ins and outs and helpful tips for buying your first home. Have important questions answered about securing a loan, available tax credits and more.✱

Open Session For Portrait And Figure Painters



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The Portrait and Figure Painters Society of Southwest Florida is sponsoring a portrait session on Saturday, August 28, from 10:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Robb & Stucky Interiors in Fort Myers. There will be a costumed model, and the session is open to the public.

Attendees should arrive at 10 a.m. Robb & Stucky is at 13170 S. Cleveland Avenue (U.S. 41), opposite Bell Tower Shops. Artists should bring their own supplies and easel.

Call Renate at 481-2081 with any questions.✱

Lemke On Florida Airports Board

Debra A. Lemke, director of government affairs and grants for the Lee County Port Authority, was elected as the secretary/treasurer of the Florida Airports Council (FAC) board of directors at the 41st annual FAC Conference held recently in Tampa.

Lemke was appointed to the board of directors of FAC in April and has been a member since 1993. She serves on the FAC State Affairs Committee and has served as the chair of the FAC Federal Affairs Committee. She is a certified member of the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) and is a member of the Southeast Chapter of AAAE.

Lemke joined the Lee County Port Authority in 1985. She has worked in the government affairs department since 1994 and was promoted to director in 2004. She directs funding strategies, coordinates with governmental agencies and deals with grant-related issues for Southwest Florida International Airport and Page Field General Aviation Airport. Lemke resides in North Fort Myers.✱



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Dr. Dave

Reflected Glory Is Good For Fans



by Dr. Dave Hepburn

I am not a big curling fan. Not that I don't like it, I just don't spend many hours in front of the Toshiba hanging on every "Hurry hard!" But when the Olympics come and Canada

is curling, get out of my way. "Sorry Bloggins but we'll resume those cardiac compressions after this ends because we are all tied up with Slovenia."

Yes, every four years I become a hog line hog.

I have also been a Maple Leafs fan forever even though I don't live in Toronto, never have, don't want to and dislike the town. But my dad used to sit me on his knee when he wasn't bending me over it, and we would cheer on Norm Ullman, Dave Keon and Red Kelly. He would yell things like "Shoot it Armstrong!" or "Get up Bower" or "Get off my knee David, you're 17 years old!"

There are plenty of us jingoistic curling fans and plenty of us wallowing in Leaf Nation. Believe it or not this is

actually good for our health. Scientists have shown that fans who feel personally invested in a team or, better yet, who attend games and cheer along with like-minded fans, reap the mental health benefits that come from a feeling of social connectedness. This phenomena is known as "reflected glory." In the case of the Leafs, this phenomena is known amongst scientists as "friggin' misery loves company."

Sharing a common allegiance with others, be it the Cubs, Communists or Catholics, bonds people together in a special way. We can relate to others who share fandom or churchship and feel a camaraderie with these fellow hooligans. Friends pick a bar or a chapel to meet up in, have a beer and celebrate friendships made because of the sport or doctrine itself.

And being a fanatic fan feels even better when the team wins. Now we're really reveling in reflected glory. Whether your Penguins lay a licking on the Panthers or your Methodists lay a licking on the Moonies, your reward system is flooded.

The "basking in reflected glory" notion states that people can elevate their self-esteem in the eyes of themselves and others by their association with successful others. Because the team's success reflects positively on its fans, sports fans feel better about themselves when their team does well.

In one study ardent fans of Indiana University's basketball team were shown pictures of attractive members of the opposite sex and asked them to rate their ability to get a date with them. After their team won, both men and women who were devoted fans, even if they looked like Larry Bird, were more optimistic about their likelihood of scoring a date. They also had a higher opinion of their ability to do well at tasks such as throwing darts, shooting free throws, solving word games and even rolling dice.

Another study found testosterone levels in men rise after a victory and fall after a defeat. Researchers took saliva samples from Italian and Brazilian fans in sports bars before and after the two teams played one another in the 1994 World Cup. After the Brazilians won, the testosterone levels of their fans rose more than 20 percent, while the Italian fans' levels dropped more than 20 percent and their mustaches thinned right out. Same was true of the men.

Fans have a strong sense of personal investment in teams they're following. Sometimes that investment is rewarded and other times it acts like my stock portfolio. After a big loss, don't approach your man looking for a little lovin' as not only may his libido drop but so too can his manhood. Defeat may lead to ED. (If he yells "Hurry hard!" only every four years, please have him see a doctor.) Though reflected glory explains why

the stands are full for winning teams, it doesn't explain diehard fandom, or people who stick by their team even after lengthy losing streaks aka The Leaf Experience. Fans take a pride in their loyalty and see suffering through failure as a badge of honor. Doing so makes the euphoria of a win even more dopamine rewarding. For many fans, whether it is of the Pirates or the Presbyterians, being a fan is also part of a family's identity, a tradition passed down from generation to generation. Your great-great grandparents may in fact choose your church, foster your fandom and even brainwash your ballot.

So root root root for the home team and flood flood flood your synapses with dopamine, your blood stream with testosterone and your skin with goosebumps. Live and relive those reflected glory days, even if it was a half century ago... Leaf Nation.

Like the column? You'll LOVE the book the Doctor is In(sane) available at Sanibel Island Bookshop. You can also reach Dr. Hepburn via www.wisequacks.org. Dr. Dave is co-host of Wisequacks, a national radio show that can be heard every Saturday at 1 p.m. EST - best heard in Florida over the Internet on CKNW. He is also a motivational speaker and travels throughout the U.S. and Canada speaking on the exciting new revelations in the world of health and wellness.✧

New Fort Myers School Opens For Autistic Children

Eden Autism Services Florida, a division of New Jersey non-profit Eden Autism Services, is opening a school for children with autism in Fort Myers this 2010-11 school year. Eden accepts the McKay scholarship offered through the state of Florida and the deadline to apply is September 1, for enrollment in October.

Eden is readying the Fort Myers school to begin instruction in several weeks. In the interim, students will be transported to the Eden Naples school campus.

The Naples school is for children ages pre-K through 2 and also offers programs for adults with autism through facilities and group homes in Naples, Fort Myers and Cape Coral.

"We're very excited to have expanded our school to Fort Myers and have worked hard getting ready for the school year," says Susan Suarez, Eden Florida's executive director. "While we've signed up several students, we also want parents of children with autism to know that our schools are approved for the McKay Scholarship, which helps cover tuition costs. We don't want financial concerns to hold students back."

Eden offers a low student to teacher ratio and teachers trained the nationally-renowned Eden curriculum which is based on the principals of Applied Behavior Analysis.

Parents interested in getting information about the new school or enrolling children should contact Suarez at 992-4680, ext. 201. Information on the McKay scholarship can be found at www.floridaschoolchoice.org. McKay Scholarship applications are due by September 1.✧

Check To Be Presented At Safe Pool Party In Bonita Springs

Kohl's will be presenting a check for \$63,654 to The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida during a Safe Pool Party event on Saturday, August 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bonita Springs Community Pool. The gift supports the Kohl's Center for Safety Program, which helps educate families and children on the importance of child passenger safety and drowning prevention. Activities will include children's hands-on water safety demonstrations in the pool with certified lifeguards, vendors providing drowning prevention strategies and tips for keeping children safe in and around the water, and check presentation at 1 p.m.

Over 80 percent of car seats are improperly installed in vehicles. Drowning is the leading cause of death for children under five years old in Florida. In the past four years, Kohl's has donated \$146,767 to The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida through Kohl's Cares.

Bonita Springs Community Pool is located at 26890 Pine Avenue in Bonita Springs. For more information visit www.kohls.com.✧

Hope Healthcare Hosts Series On Strengthening The Family

The loss of a loved one can weaken the bond of the family. It is a time when parents and their children must find ways to pull together in order to fully heal.

At a special informational series hosted by Hope HealthCare Services, family members will learn how to better understand each other's feelings as well as help themselves through their grief.

"Even through the tears, family communication and support can improve and expedite the healing process," according to Hope President and CEO Samira K. Beckwith. She pointed out that Hope has helped families and individuals cope with loss for more than 30 years.

Strengthening the Family, a five-part informational event, focuses on activities that help with communication, family rules, coping and self-understanding.

Sessions will be led by Hope's professional counselors. The program is open to grieving parents, grandparents, guardians and children six through 16. There is no cost to attend the series. Registration is required.

Sessions are held on Mondays on the following dates: September 27, October 4, October 11, October 18 and October 25.

Participants should plan to attend all sessions. The location is Hope HealthCare Services, 9470 HealthPark Circle, Fort Myers.

Each session will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. A snack will be provided.

To register call Kay Kelly at 800-835-1673, or e-mail kay.kelly@hopehcs.org.✧

BEACH CONDITIONS REPORT

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dearPharmacist

Bitter Orange Weight Loss



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist: I have been taking a dietary supplement to lose weight and it works great. I've lost 34 pounds and feel good! I heard on *The Today Show* that one of the ingredients in my formula

(bitter orange) was harmful. Should I stop taking my supplement?

JP, Orange Park, Florida

People who use bitter orange-containing supplements often notice reduced hunger, faster weight loss and more energy. Bitter orange (*Citrus aurantium*) is commonly used in American dietary supplements as a fat-burner, especially those that are labeled "ephedra-free." Since you feel great, I'd continue taking your supplement while exercising and eating healthy meals.

I watched *The Today Show* episode and was shocked to see bitter orange named as an ingredient to avoid. The fruit extract comes from unripe oranges and it's enjoyed thousands of years of safe usage, especially in Chinese medicine, where it is known as Zhi Shi. It made headlines on the heels of an article published in the September 2010 issue of

Consumer Reports which stated, "Bitter orange may be associated with fainting, heart-rhythm disorders, heart attack, stroke and death."

Seriously?! People are picking on oranges now? Prescribed anti-microbial medications kill more than 75,000 people a year, and anti-inflammatory drugs land more than 100,000 people in the hospital each year with internal bleeding? You don't hear hysteria about that! But oranges can kill you?

Health officials here may want to scare Americans but you should know that overseas, a well-respected governmental agency called the German Commission E approves of bitter orange for appetite suppression, dyspepsia and other stomach complaints. I believe the problem occurs when people misuse or overuse weight loss formulas, or combine them with prescribed meds or caffeinated beverages. Some people self-treat when they unknowingly have a weak heart. A handful of adverse events trickle in. Enter the media, with both barrels aimed at frightening you.

Obesity causes tremendous struggling, both physically and emotionally. Do you realize that in 2005, approximately 365,000 deaths were tied to "poor diet and physical activity" according to a 2005 JAMA report? Allowing the orange marmalade extract to be sold as a thermogenic ingredient and dietary supplement makes common sense, especially when compared to certain weight loss drugs which produce amphetamine jolts to your heart.

A clinical trial concluded that bitter orange was "the best thermogenic substi-

tute for ephedra" (*Journal of Medicine*, 2002). Take a combination formula because it contains lower dosages of bitter orange that work synergistically with other ingredients; this should be safer than taking a stand-alone supplement of bitter orange with a very high dosage.

Join a weight loss center that will supervise your metabolic program and offer assistance from a professional weight loss consultant; this way your vitamin regimen and health status will be constantly monitored. Buy supplements from reputable sources who guaran-

tee quality and contain only approved extracts such as the orange's fruit and peel, versus the flower.

DID YOU KNOW?

Benadryl is useful for allergies and insomnia because it dries you up and helps put you to sleep.

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.

Local Company Is Pitching In To Help With Projects At CCMI



Lydia Lesser, Sheryl Pierson and Tammy Stroedecke

During August, volunteers from BB&T-Oswald Trippie and Company are joining with Community Cooperative Ministries Inc. (CCMI) to help work at the Soup Kitchen and Everyday Marketplace, as well as packing student backpacks and improving the aesthetics at a school. The month-long activities join the Lighthouse Project with United Way's Day of Caring in working to assist those in the community at a time when they need it most.

"We wanted to work with CCMI because of the outstanding work they do in our community," said Dilman Thomas, director of client relations at BB&T-OTC. "We hope our efforts encourage others to volunteer their time to support organizations such as CCMI."

BB&T-OTC team members will stock food at the Everyday Marketplace, prepare meals for the Soup Kitchen, pack containers for Meals on Wheels, as well as wash dishes and assist clients at the Everyday Marketplace, and lend a hand painting at the CCMI-supported Community Montessori Preschool. In addition, BB&T-OTC has donated \$8,600 to CCMI, of which, \$8,000 will be used to purchase and fill backpacks for Orange River Elementary School students each weekend during the school year. Later in the month, employees from the Fort Myers-based insurance agency will assist in preparing and loading the backpacks. By the end of August, Thomas estimates that 46 employees from their Fort Myers and Cape Coral offices will have donated more than 100 hours toward CCMI projects.

"CCMI really values the partnerships we have with companies in our community. These partnerships allow us to connect with the business community in a value-added way," said Sarah Owen, CEO of CCMI. "It's a win for us because we get their time, treasure and talent and it's a win for them because their employees receive a sense of giving back to their community in need. Corporate giving comes in all different forms and we at CCMI are happy to have whatever our community can give."

"It doesn't have to be monetary. Simply allowing and encouraging employees to give their time is just as valuable to us as financial contributions. Corporate initiatives spearheaded by community business leaders like BB&T-OTC help us provide services that get people back on their feet and empower individuals and families to live self-sustaining lives," said Owen.✱

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,

My husband and I, after much research, decided we would leave our four-bedroom house and semi-retired to a beautiful gated community with others who were semi-retired and retired.

Our home and community was beautiful, but the strong home owners association made it like a police state. You hardly could leave your home without their permission, plant a flower or hang a flag on the outside on the Fourth of July.

We also realized the strict regulations only applied to those not "in the control

group." We observed that they could do whatever they wanted, add a porch, raise a roof, party and gossip within their group and leave the rest of us hostage.

We couldn't tolerate the conditions so we now live in a community not so pretty. Our house is not as nice but we feel free from all their imposed regulations and our neighbors are all nice.

Have others had this problem?

Steve

Dear Steve,

I know exactly what you have experienced, because I have also been victimized.

Home owners associations are very good to regulate some homeowners who would paint their homes, e.g. purple or lime green, but many are overbearing, dictatorial groups of people who want to control and be dictatorial. They are the "In Group" and do exactly as you described, making life miserable for those they choose to exclude.

You have taken the right course, take your profit or loss and move away and go to a more desirable location.

Lizzie

Dear Steve,

I have not experienced the "control" of a homeowners association, but have heard both good and bad... good when they protect your investment and bad when they stand in the way of what people want. It sounds like you did make a good choice to move away. If you are living in an unhappy situation with little control to improve the situation, extracting yourself is a good option.

Pryce

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

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Pet Bio
 Name: Gloria
 Breed: Hound mix
 Sex: Female
 Age: 4 months
 Color: Black and white

Comments: I was found roaming alone and an officer brought me to the shelter. I was very glad to be rescued but I was hoping one of the many nice families visiting the shelter would want to take me home. Maybe they just don't see how cute and playful I am or how hard I'm working on my house manners and commands. Don't miss a great opportunity to adopt an awesome dog!

Pet Bio
 Name: Kylie
 Breed: German shepherd mix
 Sex: Female
 Age: 8 months
 Color: Brown
 Comments: I sure wish someone would notice me too. The problem is I'm a little shy and timid and sometimes I hide under my bed so adopters just walk right

by my kennel. The behavior consultant who volunteers at Animal Services has been working with me so I'll have more confidence. I know it would make me feel lots better if I could go to a good home where I feel secure and know my family loves me.
Pet Bio
 Name: Theo
 Breed: Domestic short hair

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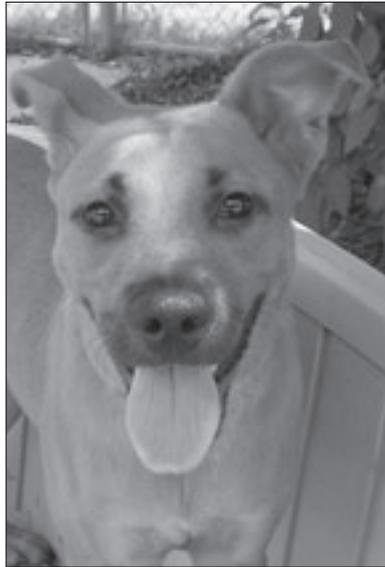
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Color: Brown tiger

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For information about this week's pets, call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS) or log on to www.LeeLostPets.com. The shelter is open for adoptions from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm Monday through Saturday.

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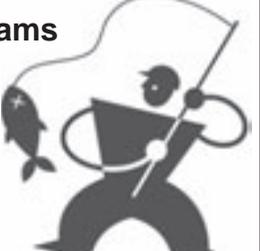

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1. U.S. STATES: What time zone is the state of Alabama in?
2. LANGUAGE: What does the Greek prefix "crypto" mean?
3. SCIENCE: What does an ichthyologist study?
4. MOVIES: What was the name of the spaceship in the film "Alien"?
5. ABBREVIATIONS: What was the abbreviation D.A.R. stand for?
6. MUSIC: Who wrote the Beatles' song "Here Comes the Sun"?
7. MEASUREMENTS: The word "octennial" refers to a period of how many years?
8. MATH: What is an improper fraction?
9. GEOGRAPHY: What did the African nation of Burkina Faso used to be called?
10. RELIGION: What was Pope John Paul II's real name?

ANSWERS

1. Central 2. Hidden 3. Fish 4. Nostromo 5. Daughters of the American Revolution 6. George Harrison 7. Eight years 8. A fraction where the numerator is greater than or equal to its denominator 9. Upper Volta 10. Karol Wojtyla

SPORTS QUIZ

1. When Jacoby Ellsbury became the Red Sox's stolen base leader for a single season with 70 in 2009, whose mark did he break?
2. True or false: The Los Angeles Dodgers' Sandy Koufax compiled the most strikeouts by a pitcher for the decade of the 1960s.
3. Who was the last true freshman before Terrelle Pryor in 2008 to start at quarterback for Ohio State?
4. In 2009, Portland's Steve Blake tied the NBA record for most assists in a quarter (14). Who else holds the record.
5. Who is the all-time leading scorer in men's Olympic hockey?
6. Entering 2010, how many times had Dale Earnhardt Jr. made the Chase for the Cup, and what was his highest finish?
7. When was the last time before the French Open in 2010 that tennis' Williams sisters were the top two seeds in a Grand Slam tournament?

ANSWERS

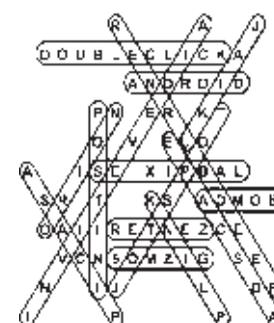
1. Tommy Harper had 54 stolen bases in 1973. 2. False. He was tied for third with teammate Don Drysdale assists in a quarter for San Antonio in 1984. 3. Finland's Teemu Selanne, with 37 points, 17 assists. 4. John Lucas had 14 assists in a quarter for San Antonio in 1984. 5. Finland's Teemu Selanne, with 37 points, 17 assists. 6. Three times, with a fifth-place finish in 2004 and 2006. 7. The Australian Open in 2003.

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let that matter move to another level? Don't be rushed into a decision unless and until you feel it's the right thing to do. **PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Pace yourself as you prepare to take on that more demanding project. Be careful not to let your energy reserves drain away. Take time to relax with people close to you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have the ability to see both sides of a situation. You would do well as a counselor or a judge.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On Aug. 30, 31 B.C., Cleopatra, queen of Egypt and lover of Julius Caesar and Mark Antony, takes her life following the defeat of her forces against Octavian, the future first emperor of Rome. Although Cleopatra had no Egyptian blood, she alone in her ruling house learned Egyptian.

- On Aug. 31, 1888, Mary Ann Nichols, the first victim of London serial killer "Jack the Ripper," is found murdered in Whitechapel's Buck's Row. On Nov. 7, after a month of silence, Jack took his fifth and final victim, Mary Kelly. In 1892, with no leads found and no more murders recorded, the Jack the Ripper file was closed.

- On Sept. 1, 1983, Soviet jet fighters intercept a Korean Airlines passenger flight in Russian airspace and shoot the plane down, killing 269 passengers and crew members. The KAL flight had veered onto a course that was close to one being simultaneously flown by a U.S. spy plane.

- On Sept. 2, 1996, Michael Jackson earns his 12th and final solo No. 1 with the R&B ballad "You Are Not Alone," written by R. Kelly. A court in Belgium ruled in 2007 that Kelly had plagiarized "You Are Not Alone" from a Belgian song called "If We Can Start All Over."

- On Sept. 3, 1777, the American flag is flown in battle for the first time, during a Revolutionary War skirmish at Cooch's Bridge, Maryland. The national flag, which became known as the "Stars and Stripes," was based on the "Grand Union" flag, a banner carried by the Continental Army in 1776.

- On Sept. 4, 1951, President Harry Truman's opening speech before a conference in San Francisco is broadcast across the nation, marking the first time a television program was broadcast from coast to coast. • On Sept. 5, 1972, at the Summer Olympics in Munich, Germany, a group of Palestinian terrorists storms the Olympic Village apartment of the

Israeli athletes, killing two and taking nine others hostage. The terrorists, known as Black September, demanded that Israel release more than 230 Arab prisoners being held in Israeli jails. In an ensuing shootout at the Munich airport, the nine Israeli hostages were killed.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- Conservative author and commentator William F. Buckley Jr., a graduate of Yale University, once made the following controversial remark: "I'd rather entrust the government of the United States to the first 400 people listed in the Boston telephone directory than to the faculty of Harvard University."

- The first auctions in recorded history were held in 450 B.C. in Babylon. Sadly, and perhaps unsurprisingly, the items up for sale were humans.

- The Goodyear company, known today for its automobile tires, was originally founded to produce rubber clothing and, oddly, musical instruments.

- Ellen Axson Wilson is reported to have exchanged approximately 1,400 love letters with her husband, President Woodrow Wilson, during their marriage.

- You might be surprised to learn that in 1952, the CIA conducted a study of UFO sightings, and concluded that the objects were a threat to national security. The report stated, "the reports of [sightings] convince us that there is something going on that must have immediate attention."

- If you're family is like one-third of families across the country, you have a Scrabble game in your home.

- It's been reported that the world's oldest piece of chewing gum is more than 9,000 years old. After that long, though, I wonder how they could tell what its original use was.

- Experienced boot makers reportedly can get three pairs of the footwear out of a single ostrich hide.

- When Ruth and Fred Midler were naming their newborn daughter in 1945, the were inspired by classic film actress Bette Davis. But they changed the pronunciation.***

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"I thoroughly disapprove of duels. If a man should challenge me, I would take him kindly and forgivingly by the hand and lead him to a quiet place and kill him." -- Mark Twain

My Stars ★★

FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2010

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) This could be the time to try soothing whatever bad feelings might be lingering 'twixt and among colleagues, friends or family members. But be sure you do so without favoring any side.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) An idea is only an idea until you put that clever Bovine mind to work to develop it from concept to substance. This could lead to something rewarding, both emotionally and monetarily.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The early part of the week could have some disconcerting moments, but approaching them with a calm, unruffled attitude goes a long way toward helping to get things nicely settled down.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Getting used to change continues to mark much of the week. But accepting what you have to do makes adapting that much easier. A welcome visitor could turn up sooner than expected.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Learning how to live with a decision is a challenge, but one you Leos and Leonas could really enjoy. You'll also be pleased to see your social life take that upsurge you've been hoping for.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Use your perceptive Virgo instinct to help you see the positive aspects of what, at first, appears to be a disappointment. You could find that it proves to be quite the contrary.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your ability to maintain a balance between sense and sentiment once again helps you sort through apparently conflicting choices and ultimately arrive at the right decision.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Before you seek the advice of colleagues about a potential career move, you might be better off getting counsel from someone who won't be affected by the choices you make.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) It can be a challenging week for some relationships if the normal give-and-take flow changes with one side doing most of the giving and the other the taking.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A new opportunity could bring with it much anticipation along with some anxiety. Take time to sort out your options as well as your emotional considerations.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Are you sure you have all the facts you need to

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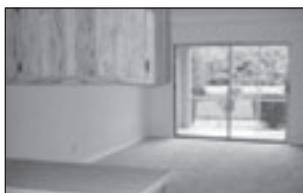
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Volunteers from BB&T and Define Spaces, LLC worked side by side Saturday, August 14, to start construction on a Natural Playscape at the Joseph H. Messina Children's Center on Fowler Street in Fort Myers.

When completed in about nine weeks it will enable children at the child care center to learn about nature and wildlife while exercising their bodies and planting gardens that will provide food for their families.

Natural Playscape is a new concept in playgrounds and BB&T is the sponsor for the first phase of construction. The bank is providing volunteers every Saturday for seven weeks, along with a \$7,000 gift to pay for materials and supplies. Additional volunteers are being recruited.

The landscape design was created by Tomas Riedl of Define Spaces, LLC, in Cape Coral, a home stager and redesigner who is donating his services. Others who are donating materials and plants are All Native Garden Center, Riverland Nursery, Pine Island Growers, Palms Away Nursery, All Star Equipment Rentals and Forestry Resources.

"We are so thankful to the many people and businesses who have come together to help with this innovative project," said center Director Tammy Aronson. "We have several more weeks of work to accomplish on Saturdays and could use even more helpful hands."

Natural Playscape will include hills to roll down and climb, rocks to climb, a pond and brook for children to explore, butterfly and sunflower gardens and pathways of different textures including brick, pavers, mulch and stone.

This first phase also will include a musical fence based on the "guiro," a percussion instrument made from a gourd with parallel notches cut in one side that, when rubbed with a stick, makes a ratchet-like sound commonly heard in the rhythm section of Latin-American music.

To volunteer for the project, call Aronson at 278-1148.

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SUDOKU

To play Sudoku:

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

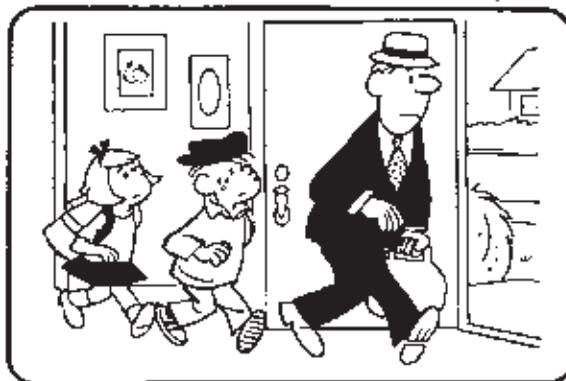
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. The s dotted. 2. Window on door is gone. 3. Pic-ture on wall has been changed. 4. Man's briefcase is different. 5. Boy's books are gone. 6. Backpack strap is black.



"Mint, jelly, semi-sweet chocolate ... adults sure know how to ruin good food!"

SCRAMBLERS

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

- Put off
FEDER
- Keep Count
RESCO
- To clear up
FARLIC Y
- Surpass
CELEX

TODAY'S WORD

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Emergency.....	911
Lee County Sheriff's Office.....	477-1200
Florida Marine Patrol.....	332-6966
Florida Highway Patrol.....	278-7100
Poison Control.....	1-800-282-3171
HealthPark Medical Center.....	1-800-936-5321
Ft. Myers Chamber of Commerce.....	332-3624
Foundation for Quality Childcare.....	425-2685
Ft. Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce.....	454-7500
Fort Myers Beach Library.....	463-9691
Lakes Regional Library.....	533-4000
Lee County Chamber of Commerce.....	931-0931
Post Office.....	1-800-275-8777
Visitor & Convention Bureau.....	338-3500
ARTS	
Alliance for the Arts.....	939-2787
Arts For ACT Gallery & Studio.....	337-5050
Art League Of Fort Myers.....	275-3970
Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall.....	481-4849
BIG ARTS.....	395-0900
Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre.....	278-4422
Cultural Park Theatre.....	772-5862
Edison Festival of Light.....	334-2999
Florida Repertory Theatre at the Arcade.....	332-4488
Florida West Arts.....	948-4427
Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers.....	472-0168
Gulf Coast Symphony.....	489-1800
Harmony Chorus, Charles Sutter, Pres.....	481-8059
Naples Philharmonic.....	239-597-1111
The Schoolhouse Theater.....	472-6862
S.W. Florida Symphony.....	418-0996
Theatre Conspiracy.....	936-3239
Young Artists Awards.....	574-9321
CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS	
Angel Flight.....	1-877-4AN-ANGEL
Animal Refuge Center.....	731-3535
American Business Women Association.....	357-6755
Audubon of SWFL.....	339-8046
Audubon Society.....	472-3156
Caloosahatchee Folk Society.....	677-9509
Cape Coral Stamp Club.....	542-9153
duPont Company Retirees.....	454-1083
Edison Porcelain Artists.....	415-2484
The Horticulture and Tea Society.....	472-8334
Horticultural Society.....	472-6940
Lee County Genealogical Society.....	549-9625
Lee Trust for Historic Preservation.....	939-7278
NARFE (National Active & Retired Federal Employees).....	482-6713
Navy Seabees Veterans of America.....	731-1901
Paradise Iowa Club of SWFL.....	667-1354
Southwest Florida Fencing Academy.....	939-1338
Southwest Florida Music Association.....	561-2118
Kiwanis Clubs:	
Fort Myers Beach.....	765-4254 or 454-8090
Fort Myers Edison.....	694-1056
Fort Myers South.....	691-1405
Gateway to the Islands.....	415-3100
Iona-McGregor.....	482-0869
Lions Clubs:	
Fort Myers Beach.....	463-9738
Fort Myers High Noon.....	466-4228
Estero/South Fort Myers.....	898-1921
Notre Dame Club of Lee County.....	768-0417
POLO Club of Lee County.....	477-4906
Rotary Club of Fort Myers.....	332-8158
Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society.....	472-6940
United Way of Lee County.....	433-2000
United Way 211 Helpline (24 hour).....	211 or 433-3900
AREA ATTRACTIONS	
Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum.....	395-2233
Burrough's Home.....	337-9505
Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium.....	275-3435
Edison & Ford Winter Estates.....	334-3614
Fort Myers Skate Park.....	321-7558
Imaginarium Hands-On Museum & Aquarium.....	321-7420
JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.....	472-1100
Koreshan State Historic Site.....	239-992-0311
Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center.....	765-8101
Skatium.....	321-7510
Southwest Florida Museum of History.....	321-7430

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