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From the Beaches to the River District downtown Fort Myers

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Deputy Chief Chad Jorgensen, Commissioner Mary Ellen Dorsett and Lt. Dave Howard thank Pauline Ebenger and her grandson Spencer Ebenger, 9, for their donation to the food drive

Iona-McGregor Fire District Food Drive Was A Big Success

The Iona-McGregor Fire District's three-day effort to collect food for Harry Chapin Food Bank brought in 3,183 pounds of food and \$1,101.69 in cash. Students who donated received pencil pouches with school supplies, compliments of the fire district. Adults had the chance to register to win dinner for six, prepared by the firefighters at the fire station, or a children's birthday party for six at the fire station.

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Art Walk Is Friday, September 3 In River District

The downtown River District's popular monthly art event continues September 3 with new art exhibits and will feature, live music and the traditional after party.

Several galleries and businesses will be open for an additional Saturday daytime reception from noon to 4 p.m. on September 4.

Highlights of the event include:

- Art of the Olympians: Exhibit featuring Polish Olympic artist Wojciech Zablocki (watercolors); a performance by members of the Southwest Florida Symphony and a USA Gymnastics Team exhibit with works by 15 different Olympians including Bob Beamon, Florence Griffith Joyner, Cameron Myer and others.
- Art League of Fort Myers: Reception for new landscape art show.
- Arts for ACT Gallery: Opening reception for new exhibit featuring artists Scott Guelcher, Eileen Magrath, and

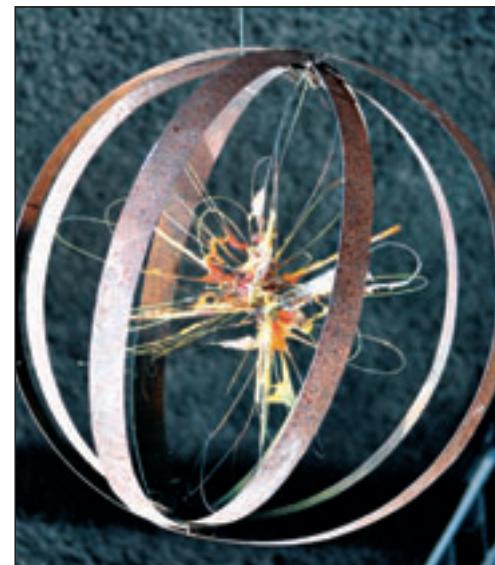


Andrew Miller. Halie Bolling, a finalist at the 2010 and 2008 Young Artists Awards competitions, will perform from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

- Cage Matisse: Exhibit and demonstration by artist Tom McNabb.
- Coloring The World: Opening of new exhibit showcasing artist Maria Andreaus.
- daas Gallery: Opening reception for show featuring artwork of Piper Rudich.
- Enjewel: Featured artist is Cheryl Dillon (wire-wrapped cabochons).
- Gallery Showcase and Information Center at IberiaBank (Bayview Court at First Street). New Art Walk T-shirts are

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Alliance Exhibits Area Artists Boren, Jackson And Wolland



Sundance by Kyle Jackson



Turned Upside Down by Katherine Boren

Area mixed-media artists Katherine Boren, Kyle Jackson and Lindsey Wolland will be exhibiting their work at the Alliance for the Arts September 10 through October 2.

A special opening reception for Boren, Jackson and Wolland will be held on September 10 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Community members are invited to meet the artists, view and purchase artwork and sample catering by LaMotta's Italian Restaurant. The Alliance also invites the public to a gallery Walk & Talk with the artists, on September 11, from 10 to 11 a.m., where they will speak more about their work, their inspirations and creative methods.

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The City of Fort Myers' hybrid hydraulic-powered solid waste vehicle is the first in the state of Florida

City Unveils New Hybrid Truck

The Public Works Department of the City of Fort Myers has taken delivery of its first hybrid hydraulic-powered solid waste vehicle. In a press conference held September 1, the truck was unveiled in a ceremony that included representatives from the American Lung Association of the Upper Midwest and Palm Peterbilt-GMC, Inc. The keynote speaker was Fort Myers Mayor Randy Henderson.

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The Hurricane Of 1947



by Gerri Reaves

Pete Bowen took this photograph of the Broadway and Victoria Avenue intersection in the aftermath of hurricane of September 17, 1947.

The view is from the Bowen home, near Broadway and Hoople Street, looking north toward downtown and the Caloosahatchee River.

Victoria Avenue runs horizontally in the photo. Follow Victoria to the left and you'd encounter U.S. 41. Follow Broadway toward the upper left and you'd eventually intersect with First Street in the

heart of downtown.

The view has certainly changed in the last 60 years. Wood frame houses once stood where the convenience store stands today. New construction has occurred on the southwest corner, and the east side of Broadway is completely developed.

Bowen recalls that there used to be a turkey farm on the southwest corner of the intersection. Today, the City of Palms Park is only a block away from what used to be a somewhat rural patch of Fort Myers.

The 1947 view seems remarkably unobstructed. Even many blocks away from the river, there's a sense of its presence off in the distance.

Car-dependent as we are today, it's easy to forget that, after all, the Caloosahatchee still is only a short walk from this intersection. In those days, downtown was an accessible extension of the neighborhood.

The flooded streets are evidence of the almost nine inches of rain dropped by the slow-moving storm that passed just south of Fort Myers.

As early as September 14, Florida was on a hurricane alert. The storm was 800 miles east-southeast of Miami, had winds of 140 mph, and was moving in a northwesterly direction. One quirky fact: Navy planes investigating the storm reported that it had not the usual one, but two, eyes.

By September 15, forecasters predicted Fort Myers would not be hit.

The center of the storm passed south and spared the west coast of Florida the worst. However, winds toppled trees, blew off roofs, and caused other significant property damage in the Fort Myers area.

Official local statistics were not gathered, since Page Field had to close down when the facility's communications and instruments failed during the hurricane.

Approximately 400 people, refugees from surrounding areas such as Fort Myers Beach, weathered the storm in the Lee County Courthouse.

Fortunately, no one died in the storm.

For a time, Fort Myers was cut off from the rest of the world because all utilities were out. But by September 22, electrical power had been restored to the area and the hurricane had moved west over the Gulf of Mexico.

Walk down to Victoria and Broadway and imagine when the view offered a turkey farm and a clear view to downtown.

Then walk the short distance to the Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street to learn more about the storms that have made history and memories.

While there, ask about volunteer opportunities and be sure to see Clyde Butcher's photographs, Big Cypress Swamp and the Western Everglades, on exhibit until October 2.

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.*



The aftermath of the hurricane of September 17, 1947, looking north towards downtown from near Broadway and Hoople Street.

photo courtesy of Pete Bowen & the Southwest Florida Historical Society



Today Victoria and Broadway is a built-out business block and the Caloosahatchee River seems a world away



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September At Edison & Ford Estates



Young Inventor's Program

September at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates includes a new exhibit, the Edison & Ford Young Inventor's Program and new homeschool classes. The September schedule of activities includes:

Young Inventor's Program, Saturdays at 1 p.m.

This offers families an interactive, hands-on inventions experience focusing on children's science activities including the Ford assembly line, the incandescent light bulb, creating rubber and the history of the phonograph. Due to limited space, the tour will be on a first come first served basis and includes admission to the lab and museum. Estates members free; \$12 adults, \$5 children ages six to 12 and free to five and under.

A new exhibit, Discovering Southwest Florida with Thomas Edison and Henry Ford, opens September 2 at Southwest Florida International Airport.

The exhibit features a collection of historic photographs of Edison and Ford's favorite pastimes in southwest Florida accompanied with contemporary photographs and artifacts from the estates collection.

Behind the Scenes Lab Tour for Estates Volunteers is scheduled for September 15 at 9:30 a.m.

Volunteers are invited to a special tour of the Edison Botanic Research Lab, where curatorial staff will present new lab findings discovered while moving artifacts into the visible storage area in the museum. The tour will include a walk inside the visible storage area. Registration is required.

The Edison Inventors Association monthly meeting is September 15 at 7 p.m. The organization serves the inventors in the community by providing education and networking opportunities. For more information contact 275-IDEA (4332).

The Sneak Peek Tours return on Thursdays from September 16 through October 28 at 9:30 a.m.

Visitors will have a behind-the-scenes tour of the Edison and Ford homes. These unique tours are offered at no cost to members and \$40 for non-members. Due to the intimate nature of the tours, space is limited and registration is required.



A home school classe



Edison and Ford families enjoyed shelling on Fort Myers and Sanibel beaches

Home School Class: Space and Rockets, is slated for September 24, 1 p.m.

Home schooled students will study the planet Earth and its galaxy as they explore the solar system and create their own "rocket." The programs follow the Lee County mandated program and addresses environmental science, history and reading SOLS. Pre-visit curriculum materials will be mailed to registered families. Registration is required. Cost for members is \$5; non-members \$15 (one adult, one child); plus \$5 per additional child.

Quilting and Stitchery Demonstration will be on September 25 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Quilters from the Southwest Florida Quilter's Guild and members of the Southwest Embroidery Guild will demonstrate quilting and stitching and will be available to answer questions on techniques and care. In the early 1900s Henry Ford collected, celebrated and displayed quilts and other historical objects. The demonstration is free with the purchase of an Estates Home and Garden Tour ticket.

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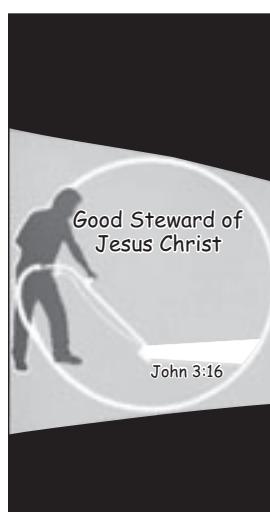
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Edison Estates Open Labor Day

The Edison & Ford Winter Estates, located at 2350 McGregor Boulevard, will be open Labor Day, Monday, September 6 from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Programs include:

- Estates new Young Inventor's Program at 1 p.m., offering families an interactive, hands-on inventions experience focusing on children's science activities
- Tours throughout the day of the homes, garden and lab of the two inventors
- Museum demonstrations throughout the day include the Edison phonograph every half hour, and other museum presentations including antique cars and the Edison Research Laboratory.

Estates members are free. In addition to providing the opportunity to explore the winter retreats of Thomas Edison and Henry Ford, the site also offers opportunities for the public to enjoy its park-like environment for special events, weddings, corporate functions, and art and musical presentations as well as educational programs throughout the year.

The estates is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For additional information call 334-7419 or visit the web site at www.efwefla.org.*

Rotino Center Marketplace

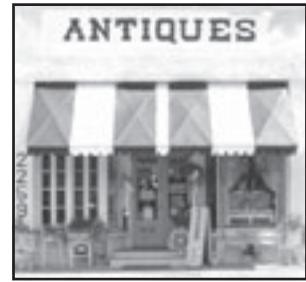
The Rotino Center in Cape Coral is hosting an indoor marketplace free to the public on Saturday September 11. Vendor tables are \$20 each. Vendor set-up starts at 7:30 a.m.

The public will be able to shop for household items, jewelry and arts and crafts. Call 574-0807 for more information.*



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At a grand opening on Wednesday, September 1, Nations Association Charities showcased its newly relocated family store, its huge inventory, and most importantly, displayed how it is better outfitted to supply emergency household items to disaster victims, as well as helping low and middle income families.

Known for his agency's tireless work in reaching out to Lee County's most impoverished and vulnerable citizens, Executive Director Reverend Israel Suarez said the store's stock is a source for free furniture, clothes and household items for families in crisis, such as victims of fires, disasters and other life-altering situations.

Reflecting on the current difficult economic times, Reverend Suarez said, "Now, more than ever before, lower and middle income families need to stretch their budget in order to meet their basic needs. The store's excellent low prices will help them to do this."

The store will also serve as an on-the-job training site for youths involved in Nation's programs, and proceeds from sales will help fund the agency's summer camp, its scholarship fund, and cover some operating expenses.

Nations Association Charities was founded in 1978 and provides for the immediate needs of individuals and helps lead them on the road of self-sufficiency. For more information or to make donations, call 332-7575.*

International Coastal Clean-up Is September 18



Students from Canterbury School join in the effort to clean up the beaches

On Saturday, September 18, hundreds of thousands of people will descend on beaches, bays, and rivers all over the world to remove trash and debris – on land and under the water. Volunteers of all ages, from every continent, will form the largest one-day volunteer event on behalf of clean oceans and waterways – Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Clean-up.

At the local level, SCCF (Sanibel-Conservation Foundation) will coordinate the clean-up on the beaches of Sanibel and Captiva, working with the Ocean Conservancy, Keep Lee County Beautiful, and the City of Sanibel.

What makes the International Coastal Clean-up unique is its data collection component. Volunteers record specific types of marine debris being found, allowing Ocean Conservancy to compile, analyze and track this data year-by-year and make discoveries about the behaviors that cause the debris. The final information is used to educate the public, business, industry, and government officials about the problem.



A Coastal Clean-up crew

Understanding the problem is the key to finding long-lasting solutions.

The Coastal Clean-up is a way to get involved locally with an international effort, in which thousands of individuals are working together to clean up their shores, and have fun in the process.

Call Dee for more information at 472-2329 or just report at 9 a.m. on September 18 to the SCCF Nature Center at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road or Captiva Kayak at 11401 Andy Rosse Lane on Captiva. ☀

Labor Day Solid Waste Collection

The City of Fort Myers Solid Waste Division will observe Labor Day on Monday, September 6. The Solid Waste and Utility Billing offices will be closed on that day. Residential and commercial customers will be serviced one day later. Residential curbside and commercial recycling will be serviced one day later. Piles of yard waste, junk and appliances will be serviced one day later. If you have any questions concerning your service, call the City of Fort Myers Solid Waste Division at 321-8050. ☀

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For the past two years, The Edison has been the official Southwest Florida Gator Club headquarters and will continue to support Gator fans. Every Saturday throughout the season, Gator games will be shown on the big screens, and there will be drinks, food, live entertainment, and prizes.

The Edison's Chandelier Bar is a sport fan's dream with numerous large plasma televisions. Kick back inside the cool comfort of the bar or step outside and watch the game on the Edison's patio overlooking the Fort Myers Golf Course.

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Great food and drinks are not the only items for sale at The Bar Association Bistro

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Owners Mark Solomon and Ron Kopko (who also owns the interior design firm Kopko & Company) have filled their establishment with quaint and eclectic antique furniture, tapestries, decorative light fixtures and original artwork. While you are having a bite to eat and/or a glass of wine, browse through their exotic collection of pieces from the past and present. If you see something you like, simply enquire about the price!

The European-style bistro serves lunch Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Many of the items on their summer lunch menu are only \$10 and include soup or salad with entrée. For the month of September, they are serving delicious tapas and drink specials on Tuesday through Saturday from 5 to 9 p.m. Dinner service will resume in October. The bistro is closed on Monday.

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



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Local Sailing Club Awards Grants



Vice Commodore Steve Romaine with some of the students of Edison Sailing Center

Steve Romaine, vice commodore of the Caloosahatchee Marching and Chowder Society (CMCS), presented the Edison Sailing Center (ESC) with a \$3,500 check at the club's August meeting. The grant money goes toward local students who attended ESC's summer sailing camps. On the same evening, West Marine presented ESC with a check for \$400.

During classes, students learn the fundamentals of sailing or improve skills already learned. Taught by U.S. Sailing Association certified instructors, they learn how to rig, launch and sail the boat by themselves. Students are taught how to capsize and right the boat as well as safety on the water in all types of boats.

ESC's youth sailing camps are open to children eight years old and up. Four sessions are offered each summer at a cost of \$200 per child. Through member donations and sponsorships of its annual Summerset Regatta, CMCS was able to pay for 11 students to attend this year.

To be a sponsor for the 45th annual Summerset Regatta (October 15-17), contact Steve Romaine at 267-2538 or at sromaine297@yahoo.com. The sponsorship deadline is September 21.



Steve Romaine presents a check to the Edison Sailing Center

Prospective sailing students can contact Russ and Stephanie Webb at the Edison Sailing Center, 2000 West First Street, downtown Fort Myers or by calling 454-5114. Requests for youth sailing grants will be forwarded to CMCS.

The CMCS is one of the largest and oldest sailing clubs in Southwest Florida. The unusual name came from an effort to make it obvious that it is not a "knife and fork yacht club" but a group of offshore sailors who want to race, cruise and explore the coasts of Florida, the Keys, the Tortugas and the Bahamas.

CMCS is located at the Cape Coral Power Squadron, 917 SE 47th Terrace, Cape Coral. For more information, call 267-2538 or go to www.cmcs-sail.org. *



Students gain sailing skills and learn good boating etiquette

Thank You Letters To Sailing Club

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Thiele and CMCS members,

Thank you very much for giving my brother and me sailing scholarships. I have had a terrific time learning how to sail! I have also learned how to tie a figure-eight knot and a square knot to stop some of the lines on the boat. Learning how to capsize the boat was also really fun, scary but fun. The first time that I ever capsized I was petrified and the second time was even worse, but after the next few days and a few more times capsizing, I feel like an old pro.

I want to thank you for opening a new door for me and introducing me to the world of sailing. Sailing is a thousand times better than video games! I can't wait to become a member of the sail boating club or even the racing club. There was also a power boating class I took during the week and I hope I can get both licenses to ride and operate both kinds of boats. I also made a lot of new friends at the sailing camp. Thank you so much for giving us a scholarship to learn how to sail.

Sincerely,
Kelly Turner, age 13

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Thiele and CMCS members,

I would like to thank you for the sailing scholarship to the Edison Sailing Center. During the past week, I have been having so much fun sailing and learning how to rig up the boats and put them out on the water. One day the water was so glassy, that when I was out sailing I felt so free, without a care in the world! It was such a good feeling, listening to the water and having the sun beam down on me.

I have made new friends and can't wait to join the racing club. During the past week, I have also taken a power boating course. Last Thursday, I took my test and sent it in to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission in Tallahassee, Florida, where I hope to receive my boating license. I am very grateful that you paid for this excellent sail boating course. Once again, thank you so much.

Sincerely,
Luke Turner, age 12

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Charity Of The Month Donation Goes To PACE Center For Girls



Melissa Simontis, Stefanie Ink and Lynn Tarman of PACE Center for Girls

Southwest Florida air-conditioning and appliance firm Home-Tech donated \$1,157 in the names of its July customers to the PACE Center for Girls as part of the company's Charity of the Month program. This program donates a portion of the price of new air conditioning units sold each month in customers' names rather than sending the customer a corporate gift like it has done in past years. Entering its second year of the Charity of the Month program, Home-Tech has given nearly \$12,000 to local charities located from Sarasota to Naples, in addition to the company's ongoing charitable giving and sponsorship of local charity events.

The PACE Center for Girls provides at-risk girls and young women an opportunity for a better future through education, counseling, training and advocacy. In addition to the Charity of the Month donation, Home-Tech also sponsored the organization's Love that Dress event and donated a wine refrigerator for the fundraiser. Later this fall, Home-Tech will be a gold sponsor of PACE's November luncheon.

From page 1 New Hybrid Truck

The truck is a Peterbilt Model 320 equipped with Eaton Corporation's hydraulic launch assist system (HLA). It is the first hybrid hydraulic recycling truck in the state of Florida. The vehicle was purchased through a grant provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and the use of city funds. The vehicle is designed to provide up to 30 percent improvement in fuel economy, 30 to 40 percent reduction in emissions, and more than a 50 percent reduction in brake wear when operating in fuel economy mode. The truck will be used daily to collect residential and commercial recycling operations throughout the city.*

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PACE girls Gwenetha, Monica, Jasmine, Brittany with Chrissy Hollis of Home-Tech, her daughters Kristy Rivera and Hannah, and PACE Board Member Christin Collins

"With two grown daughters, I've seen firsthand some of the challenges girls face as they age, even if they have a strong support system at home," said Home-Tech President and Founder Steve Marino. "Organizations like PACE are so important for girls who don't have that support or are living in unbelievable circumstances, giving them the confidence and skills they need to lead the best possible lives."*

Author To Speak At Shell Point



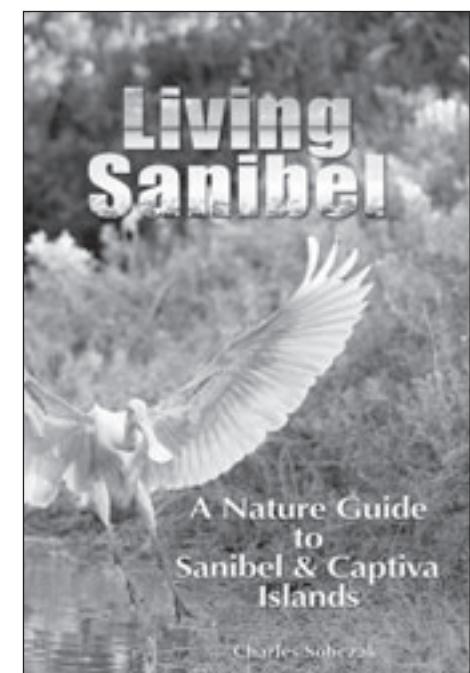
Charles Sobczak

The public is invited to attend a presentation by Sanibel author Charles Sobczak, sponsored by The Academy at Shell Point. The event will take place on Wednesday, September 8, starting at 10 a.m. in the Grand Cypress Room located in The Woodlands neighborhood in Shell Point Retirement Community.

Sobczak lives and writes on Sanibel Island, and in this presentation, he will share his experience of living on Sanibel Island through his recently published book *Living on Sanibel: A Nature Guide to Sanibel and Captiva Islands*. The event is free, however, space is limited. If you would like to sign up for this presentation, or for more information, call 454-2054.

"We have such a beautiful environment here in Southwest Florida with so much to see and interact with," said Teri Kollath, manager of Academy and Volunteer Services. "I am so happy that Mr. Sobczak will help us focus on the unique richness that surrounds us with the in-depth look that his book provides."

Shell Point Retirement Community is located in Fort Myers just off Summerlin Road, two miles before the Sanibel Causeway.*



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Builders Care Partners With Ohio Mission Group To Paint Homes In Lee County



After a full day's work, Heidi Taulman third from left, Builders Care executive director, poses with Youth Mission Group children and adult leaders from the Church of the Messiah, Westerville, Ohio

Builders Care recently partnered with high school students on a mission trip through the Church of the Messiah UMC from Westerville, Ohio to paint three homes in Southwest Florida. This group travels twice a year to perform community service projects throughout the eastern United States. This summer's mission trip brought them to the Harlem Heights community in South Fort Myers where they partnered with Builders Care, United Way and the Harlem Heights Improvement Association. During the day the 18 high school students and six adults worked

hard painting homes, and at night they spent time with host families from the Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church in Fort Myers.

Sherwin-Williams provided all of the paint to complete the three homes. The homes were painted in just four days. Additional materials were provided by Scott Paint Corporation.

Recipients included a Lee County School District employee and two other local families in need.

"We are grateful to our volunteers who traveled from Ohio to help out local families in need," said Heidi Taulman,

Builders Care executive director. "We appreciated their generosity and hard work."

Builders Care is headquartered at the Lee BIA offices at 4210 Metro Parkway, Suite 100, Fort Myers FL 33916. Donations can be made online at www.LeeBuildersCare.org, or to the Builders Care general fund at BB&T (formerly Colonial Bank) Page Field branch at 4959 South Cleveland Avenue in Fort Myers. For more information call 938-0056.**

Food Bank's Hybrid Trucks Will Be On View At GreenMarket

The Harry Chapin Food Bank will be showcasing two 24-foot hybrid refrigerated trucks, obtained through a grant from the Kresge Foundation, at the Alliance for the Arts' GreenMarket on Saturday, September 11, from 8 a.m. to noon.

The food bank is hoping to fill the trucks that day with non-perishable food donated by those attending. The first 50 people to donate will receive a free GreenMarket shopping bag.

Chefs Reiner Drygala and Heath Higginbotham of Bistro 41, along with guest chefs, will be on site cooking with local ingredients. They are supporting the effort to fill the trucks by offering their special dishes in exchange for nonperishable food items. GreenMarket vendors will donate fresh produce and other food items for the dishes being prepared. Everyone who brings a food donation will receive a ticket for a chance to win a \$25 gift certificate to Pizza Fusion.

Special activities will be offered for children that day by the Story Lady of the Southwest Florida Historical Society. Live music will also be provided.

Each of two hybrid refrigerated trucks will be able to collect and distribute 20,000 pounds of food each week for Harry Chapin Food Bank partner agen-



One of two hybrid trucks the Harry Chapin Food Bank is using to collect and distribute food. The trucks were obtained through a grant from the Kresge Foundation.

cies in Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Hendry, and Glades counties. They can distribute more than two million pounds of food (with a food value of \$3.3 million) to the hungry in Southwest Florida each year.

The hybrid trucks were awarded through the 2009 Kresge Foundation Vehicle Purchase Grant Loan; the trucks have a combined value of \$268,808 and are already in use. In addition to the loan, the Kresge Foundation is providing \$128,195 (nearly 50 percent of the vehicle price) to support the operational costs of the two vehicles for a year. This portion of the award supports the costs associated with the driver's salary, fuel, insurance, and other related expenses.

The purpose of the Kresge Grant is to provide the food bank with a low interest,

four-year loan. The first year of the loan is interest free and eventually graduates to a 4 percent loan by the fourth and final year. In an effort to procure the funds necessary to satisfy the terms of the loan as quickly as possible, the Harry Chapin Food Bank is reaching out to its loyal donors and any potential funders to help assist in this project.

The Kresge Grant means that every dollar raised by the food bank is effectively matched 50 percent. For supporters interested in sponsoring the total costs of one vehicle (\$134,404 per truck) the food bank will consider naming rights.

In addition to impact that these hybrid vehicles will have upon food distribution, they also serve to protect the environ-

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Democratic Women's Club

The Democratic Women's Club will hold its monthly meeting on Saturday, September 11, at the Royal Palm Yacht Club, 2360 West First Street, Fort Myers (from McGregor Boulevard, turn toward the river on West First Street, one block north of the Edison and Ford Estates).

Ranger Cindy Carter of the Lee County Parks and Recreation Department will be the speaker. She will talk about National Recreation and Park Association summer programs across the country, places to visit here in Lee County and the latest updates on the oil spill in this area.

The luncheon meeting runs from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The luncheon price is \$18. Guests are welcome.

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

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Hybrid Trucks

ment by reducing harmful emissions and pollutants and a substantial reduction in fuel costs.

To support this project send a check to the Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida, Inc., indicating "Hybrid Trucks" somewhere on the check. You may also go to www.harrychapinfoodbank.org and click on the Donate button and enter "Hybrid Trucks" in the Purpose field.

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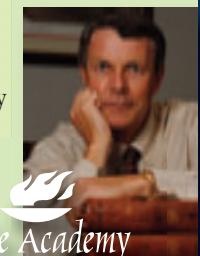
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September Events

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September 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 10 a.m. • The Woodlands at Shell Point

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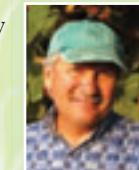
Join us for a group presentation about the Lifestyle and Lifecare available at Shell Point followed by a narrated bus tour of the community. Light refreshments will be served. Space is limited. Call (239) 466-1131 to reserve your place.

Living Sanibel: A Nature Guide to Sanibel & Captiva Islands

FREE!

Wednesday, September 8 at 10 a.m. • The Woodlands at Shell Point

Sanibel Author Charles Sobczak will share his experience of living on Sanibel and review his most recent book, *Living Sanibel: A Nature Guide To Sanibel & Captiva Islands*. Signed books will be available for purchase, and the presentation is free to attend, but space is limited. Call (239) 454-2054 to reserve your seat.



Island Life Presentation

Friday, September 17 at 10 a.m. • The Woodlands at Shell Point

Kristie Anders, Education Director for Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation, will offer the perfect mix of information and experience about island life. After all, she lives on North Captiva Island and works on Sanibel Island. Come hear what you want and need to know about island life, see footage of Kristie and those she lives near, and even hear about what it was like on her barrier island during Hurricane Charley. Space is limited, so call (239) 454-2054 to hold your spot.



Paul Galbraith in Concert

Tuesday, September 28 at 7 p.m. • The Island at Shell Point

Internationally renowned as a brilliant innovator of the classical guitar, Paul Galbraith has been working since the 1980s towards expanding the technical limits of his instrument. By exchanging the traditional guitar for the eight-string Brahmas Guitar, which he helped to develop, Galbraith found the ideal instrument to interpret the challenging classical transcriptions from his highly personal repertoire. Tickets are \$15 each. Call (239) 454-2067.



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Snook Season May Open After All



by Capt.
Matt Mitchell

It looks like we might get a snook season this year after all.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Research Institute, which has evaluated the snook population, will recommend to the

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to reopen snook season September 17. However, the commission, in making the final decision September 16, may choose one of the other options offered to be more precautionary.

The commission may also implement a different strategy for the two coasts of Florida. I think the increase in cost of a snook stamp to \$10 from only \$2 could play a role in this too.

Snook fishing has been the best action with fish feeding well on both tides. The

beaches and passes all held good numbers of snook this week. Snags, rock ledges and downed trees on the beach side had good numbers of snook with most of the fish in the 20- to 26-inch range. Live baits thrown right up on the beach drew strikes almost every cast.

Pass fishing was good this week too with all our area passes loaded with linesiders. Bouncing live pinfish and grunts on the bottom while drifting the passes caught some real monster snook this week.

Tom Desantos of St. James City landed his personal best last week, a 20-pound-plus, 40-inch snook. Snook over 30 inches have been pretty common in and around the passes with a few each trip coming boatside. During the same trip, Desantos caught lots of smaller snook and even a few slot-sized redfish while drift fishing the passes. The start of the incoming tide was the best bite.



Tom Desantos from St. James City with a 40-inch snook caught

Send Us Your Fish Tales

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



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Fishing docks around Redfish and Captiva passes on the end of the outgoing tide until the incoming tide really got moving was simply combat fishing at its finest. One morning this week, fishing with Gilley Russell from Lake Placid, we simply could not pull one of these big fish out from under a dock. Just about every dock we fished around the passes was good for a few drag-screaming bites. Big pinfish hooked in the tail on heavy spinning tackle pitched under the docks were quickly inhaled by snook.

The passes and beaches also held good numbers of trout. The trout fed best on smaller pinfish and whitebaits. Trout to 20 inches were common with Gilley Russell getting the biggest one of the week on my boat. It measured 24 inches.

Pods of small bait could be found all week on the bayside of Captiva. Feeding birds gave away the location of these bait schools and made for non-stop action on trout, ladyfish and jacks. Small free-lined shiners and jigs caught fish cast after cast. Keep your eyes on the birds and watch for the fish busting the surface. This is great action and enough to keep everyone busy.

When asked by clients what's my favorite month to fish, my answer is always the same: "September." Anything you could want to catch is around this month and the boat traffic on the water

will be minimal after the Labor Day holiday weekend passes.

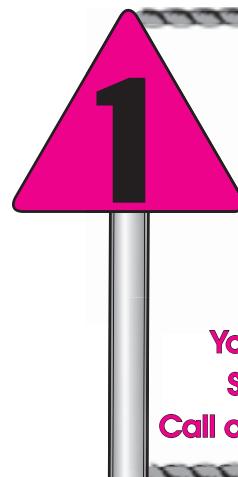
September was traditionally the slowest month for business in our area but every year more and more anglers are catching on that it's a great month to be out on the water.

*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.**

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CROW Case Of The Week:

Laughing Gull

by Brian Johnson



August 11 brought probably the strangest "rescue" of the year.

One of the CROW staff members, John Friedlund, alerted the medical staff that a local condo maintenance driver was heading down the driveway with a laughing gull pinned to the front grill.

The bird was positioned face first as the maintenance truck pulled up to the hospital.

The driver said he had just accidentally hit the bird on Sanibel-Captiva Road, very near the clinic, and decided it would be better to drive the gull straight to the hospital rather than risk hurting him further by trying to pull him out of the grill.

Fortunately the laughing gull was not wedged into the grill that far and was fairly easily pried loose.

"The bird was remarkably alert," said Dr. Amber McNamara. "He had a fracture of the right ulna, and a laceration around the left shoulder. There was swelling in his right foot, and we found one of the small bones had been fractured there, too. He weighed only 200 grams, which is light for a laughing gull."

Staff gave him arnica, pain medication, and Body Sore. With the injuries only a few minutes old, the immediate treatment amplified the benefits.

Staff put a paper tape wrap on his wing to stabilize the fractured ulna.

The following morning he got a breakfast of fish, scrambled eggs and calcium supplements. "All things considered, he looked pretty good," said Dr. Amber.

It took about a week of continued pain medications for the gull to start to put some pressure on his injured foot. Staff changed his wrap, finding a callus forming at the injury site on his wing. His weight skyrocketed to 285 grams from his generous diet of smelt.

"He went into the bathtub every morning for a spa treatment of salt water, which can be very beneficial to remove swelling, as well as comforting to a bird that normally spends time in salt water," said Dr. Amber.

On Day 14 they took his wrap off for good, and pretty soon the gull was talking a lot in his cage, broadcasting his desire for a larger space.

CROW moved him into the shorebird cage with another gull (also healing a fractured wing) and a roseate spoonbill.

"They hang out together," said Dr. Amber. "The gulls like to go into the little pool and splash around, like you'd see with gulls near the shoreline."

The bird is on track for a full recovery and should be set free by the end of September.

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Laughing gull standing in the sand in the shorebird cage

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Pickerelweed (*Pontederia cordata*) is a freshwater aquatic plant that blooms all year.

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Its bright purple-blue spikes of flowers are a common sight in South Florida in freshwater wetlands, ponds, marshes, and even ditches.

Numerous tiny two-lipped flowers with spots of yellow or white bloom in succession, from the bottom of the spike to the top, over several days, a characteristic that makes it a lovely long-lasting cut flower.

The flowers are butterfly and bee attractors and the seeds are a food source for waterfowl – as well as for people.

The tall foliage reaches up to five feet high in shallow water in full sun or partial shade and provides cover for wildlife.

The large heart- or lance-shaped leaves can be up to eight inches across and more than a foot long. The stems are thick and fleshy.

Pickerelweed is maintenance-free and will spread by creeping rhizomes. In a water garden it can be kept in submerged pots for easy rearrangement.

Propagate by dividing the rootstock or growing from the seeds.

The plant's common name derives from the pickerel fish, which is known to use it for cover.

Sources: *Everglades Wildflowers* by Roger L. Hammer and *A Gardener's Guide to Florida's Native Plants*.

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Pickerelweed's spikes of flowers attract butterflies and last for days as cut flowers

Openings Available For RedSnook Catch And Release Tournament



Registration is still under way for the Conservancy of Southwest Florida 2010 RedSnook Catch and Release Charity Tournament scheduled for October 1 to 3. This International Game Fish Association certified tournament is open to teams, individuals, corporate teams, female anglers and junior anglers under age 16. Several spots still remain.

Roland Martin, legendary angler and television host of the *Fishing with Roland Martin Show*, will again host the three-day tournament. Wayne Meland, senior vice president of Morgan Stanley Smith Barney serves as chairman of the event. Last year the tournament netted more than \$70,000 for the Conservancy of Southwest Florida.



Angler Roland Martin out on the water during the 2009 RedSnook tournament



The 2009 RedSnook Tournament helped fund a water quality study and its impact on juvenile snook conducted by conservancy biologists Dr. Jeff Schmid, Melinda Schuman and David Shindle

The RedSnook tournament benefits the water quality and estuary protection initiatives of the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. According to the 2010 Event Chair Wayne Meland, "Our water quality and the productivity of the gulf will be impacted for some time to come by the Deepwater Horizon disaster. Unplanned adversities such as these make the daily work of the conservancy, such as water quality programs and protecting our estuaries, even more important."

The tournament will begin with a kick-off party, silent auction and live auction with Roland Martin at 5:30 p.m. October 1 at the Naples Yacht Club. Anglers, sponsors and guides will be attending. Competitors will launch from three locations in Naples, Goodland and Chokoloskee, with competition scheduled on October 2 and 3 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. The tournament concludes with an awards ceremony at 6:30 p.m. October 3 at Northern Trust.

Teams can register for the tournament at www.conservancy.org/redsnook. Divisions include unguided general bait, guided general bait, unguided spin/plug and guided spin/plug and fly. Registration is limited to the first 60 teams. For more information, call 239-403-4200.

Auction Chair Julie Kukk is excited about both the silent and live auction items. Kukk said, "We are very thankful for all the support from the community and generous donors who have contributed unique and exciting items and experiences for the auctions." People interested in participating in the kick off and auction must pre-register by contacting betsyg@conservancy.org.

The event is sponsored by M&I Bank, Comcast, *Florida Weekly*, Naples Yacht Club, Northern Trust, Heatherwood Construction, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, the Miami Dolphins, Outback Steakhouse, CRS Technology, Century Link, Whole Foods, and others.

The Conservancy of Southwest Florida and Conservancy Nature Center are located in Naples, Florida at 1450 Merrihue Drive, off Goodlette-Frank Road at 14th Avenue North.

For information call 239-262-0304 or visit the Web site at www.conservancy.org.**



Miami Dolphins Cheerleaders helped energize the crowd at the 2009 RedSnook Catch and Release Tournament to benefit the Conservancy of Southwest Florida



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Iona-McGregor Fire District Food Drive



Lt. Martin Palijan, left, shows a fire truck to Madison Whitten, 4, and her mother, Debbie Breckley, at Iona-McGregor Fire District Station 75, with the help of Fire Commissioner Bill Lees.

"The food drive was a great way for us to celebrate back to school and support the great work of Harry Chapin Food Bank," said Fire Chief William Elliott. "We were also happy to have people visit our stations and meet our firefighters."



Commissioner Todd Taylor, firefighter Joe Wise, Lt. Brian Tansey, firefighter Mark Odjick and firefighter Rob Locke sort food donated to Harry Chapin Food Bank at Iona-McGregor Fire District Station 72

"We can provide \$6 worth of food for every \$1 donated, so the food drive was a great success," said Marta Hodson, volunteer and special events manager for Harry Chapin Food Bank. "What a wonderful event!"

The mission of the Iona-McGregor Fire District is to protect the lives and property of the community through exemplary fire education, prevention, suppression and emergency rescue services with professionalism, compassion and integrity. The district serves and protects more than 37,000 homes and businesses within a 42-square-mile area. For more information, visit www.ionafire.com.*



Fire Commissioner Steve Barbosa staffed the food drive collection site at Iona-McGregor Fire District Station 73

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Edison Estates Exhibit Now Open At International Airport

The Edison & Ford Winter Estates exhibit, Discovering Southwest Florida with Thomas Edison and Henry Ford, opened on September 2 at Southwest Florida International Airport. The exhibit is on the upper level of the terminal in the East Atrium.

The exhibit features a collection of historic photographs of Edison and Ford's favorite pastimes in Southwest Florida accompanied with contemporary photographs and artifacts from the estates collection.

Thomas Edison, Henry Ford and their families came to Southwest Florida more than a hundred years ago when Fort Myers boasted only a few hundred families. They established riverside neighboring estates, a botanical laboratory and research gardens from 1885 through the 1930s. They vacationed here and continued working on important projects. They also explored Florida and enjoyed the beaches, waterways, fishing, hunting and visits from their famous friends. In the process they contributed greatly to the history and development of the region. In fact, Edison's quote, "There is only one Fort Myers and ninety million people are going to find out" became reality as the area grew.

"The exhibit is a great opportunity to share Southwest Florida history and natural resources with residents and visitors from all over the world," says Chris Pendleton, president and CEO of the estates. "The Edison and Ford families enjoyed much of what we enjoy today about Southwest Florida, fishing, shelling, boating, paddling, and exploring."

For additional information call 239-334-7419 or visit the web site at www.efwefla.org.*



Thomas Edison with pelican at Fort Myers estate

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Art Walk

available at this location as well as buttons, maps and brochures.

• HOWL Gallery: Micromentalists exhibit featuring work by founding members Patrick Welch, Bill Drummond, Steve Keene, Paul Nudd, James Peterson, and Eric Doeringer.

• Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center: Opening of Forgotten Moments featuring the paintings of artist Will George.

• SKS PhotoShoot Studio: Opening of Naturally Scene (digital screening and prints and canvas) featuring wildlife and landscape photography of John Yuccas and portraiture of SKS PhotoShoot.

• Space 39: Group art show.

Another highlight will be the weekly Friday Night Live which takes place in the Patio de Leon. Sista Sanjah (reggae) will perform from 6 to 9 p.m.

Art Walk is held the first Friday of every month from 6 to 10 p.m.. It features local and national artwork in the downtown art galleries and several art stops in the Fort Myers River District. The evening culminates with an after party at 10 p.m. The September after party will be held at Spirits of Bacchus on Hendry Street.

Always a collector's item, new Art Walk buttons will be available at galleries that night. Now, Art Walk has its own shirt (in red or black), available for a \$12 donation at the IberiaBank gallery showcase during Art Walk.

A free shuttle service courtesy of Select Transportation Inc., with stops planned near the art venues, and parking at the Harborside Event Center will be available for Art Walk patrons. Shuttle stops include The Oasis Condominiums, Art of the Olympians and Enjewel on First Street.

Spend a total of \$100 or more during the event at participating stores and/or galleries and receive a free Art Walk T-shirt, while supplies last. Present receipts to claim shirt at IberiaBank that night only.

The seasonal Saturday Art Fair will return in the fall.

A map of Art Walk, transportation, and parking will be distributed by participating galleries. Art Walk is a rain or shine event.

For more information on Art Walk, participating galleries and links to gallery websites, visit www.fortmyersartwalk.com.

Fort Myers Beach Art Association

Fall Festival

The Fort Myers Beach Art Association continues its summer hours of 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays and Thursdays until October 21 when the fall season opens with the members' potluck dinner. The hours will then be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 3 p.m. Sundays.

The fall member show will be on display in the gallery from October 15 until November 12 and can be viewed during gallery hours.

The season's first famous artist workshop is being held in November and by special request is now a four-day workshop with Jan Fabian Wallake from November 15 to 18. This workshop is for all levels.

Wallake applies glazes in a way that creates luminous colors that glow. She is the author of *Watercolor: Pour it on!* The daily demonstrations, group and individual work, and one-on-one attention from the instructor are the basis for this fun workshop.

The cost is \$275 for members and \$295 for non-members.

The Paint the Beach... Sandcastles to Shrimpboats, a plein air festival on Fort Myers Beach, is taking registrations from artists now and information can be found on www.fortmyersbeachart.com. This event sponsored by Fort Myers Beach Art Association, The Greater Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce and the

Fish Tale Marina starts on November 8 with a meet and greet at South Beach Grille and continues until the last painting is taken down on November 14. It is being held in conjunction with the Fort Myers Beach Sandsculpting Competition.

The gala reception will be held in a large festival tent in Santini Marina Plaza on November 12 where the awards will be handed out and music and refreshments will be served. Greg Biolchini, PSA master pastelist, will judge the plein air event. Top prize is \$1,000.

Art produced during the event will be for sale until Sunday afternoon.

Tickets for the Awards Ceremony and Collectors Preview Party can be

purchased at the door or at participating sponsors.

On November 13 a Quick Draw painting competition will take place on the beach and will have its own judges and prizes as well as a childrens event.

Anyone willing to host a visiting artist in their home during the competition should call 463-3909 or email Michele Buelow at kzooartist@sbcglobal.net.

The gallery is on Donora Street at the blinking light off Estero Blvd. For more information on any FMBAA activity see the website www.fortmyersbeachart.com or call the gallery at 463-3909.*



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Local Teen Aces ACT

Alex Feiock, a senior at Canterbury School, is a member of an exclusive group of high school students with perfect ACT scores. Out of the 1.5 million students who took the exam, Alex is in a group of one-tenth of one percent who earned composite scores of 36 on the college entrance exam.

"Following in his brother Matthew's footsteps, Alex stands out as an exemplary ambassador of Canterbury School. Matthew, Canterbury Class of 2010, also earned a perfect ACT score. He now attends Cornell University," commented Melissa Wilson, director of college guidance at the local college preparatory school.

Last year Alex received a first place category award at the Edison Regional Science Fair and helped his team win third place at an international mathematics competition. Alex is also on the math team and the school's award-winning Model United Nations team where he serves as deputy secretary general.

He is also a member of the school's swim and track teams.

Last year, Alex received the Harvard University Book Award for outstanding academic performance; was named a Furman Scholar for high scholastic achievement, good citizenship and char-



Alex Feiock

acter. For maintaining at least a 3.7 GPA for the past four years, he received the President's Award for Educational Excellence.

As a long-time member of 4-H, Alex has raised goats for the past six years. He currently cares for 19 goats. He is also an accomplished pianist and has played since he was seven years old.

Alex is the son of Brian and Leslie Feiock of Fort Myers.**

College Grant Opportunity For Community Service

Southwest Florida College announces a community service grant that encourages students to become more involved in volunteer service within the community.

In partnership with the United Way of Southwest Florida, students may participate in a service learning project at a non-profit agency. Southwest Florida College will then award financial grants to students who complete at least 20 volunteer hours per month at one of the approved agencies.

"Volunteer service helps our community and enriches our students," said Dr. Stephen Calabro, executive vice president at Southwest Florida College. "The college is a major stakeholder in the local community to the extent that we influence positive change, everyone benefits."

Southwest Florida College is seeking corporate underwriters to help expand the program. Business leaders interested in partnering with the college should contact Diana Sabino, director of marketing and communications for Southwest Florida College, by calling 939-4766 or emailing dsabino@swfc.edu.**

Southwest Florida College is an accredited, private institution of higher learning that is listening to employers and providing its students with lifetime career placement assistance in today's most demanding career fields. The college is located in Fort Myers, Tampa, Port Charlotte, and Bonita Springs and also includes the Institute of Interior Design located within the Bonita Springs campus. For more information, call toll free 888-526-7973 or visit www.swfc.edu.**

Registration For October ACT Test

Registration is now open for the October 23 ACT achievement test. Students who wish to take the college admission and placement exam must register before September 17.

The ACT is a curriculum-based achievement exam. It tests what students have actually learned in school, not their aptitude for learning. The ACT also measures what students need to know to be ready for first year credit-bearing college courses based on ACT College Readiness Standards. Every student's results can be tied directly to these consistent standards.

The ACT has four sections – English, mathematics, reading and science – and takes about three hours to complete. Students who take the ACT Plus Writing complete an optional writing test that requires an additional 30 minutes.

During registration, students may select up to four universities to receive their score reports. ACT scores are accepted by all four-year colleges and universities across the United States. ACT reports scores only when requested to do so by the student.

The cost for the ACT test without writing is \$33. When combined with the writing test, the cost is \$48. Students who qualify may apply for a fee waiver through their high school counselor.

Log onto www.actstudent.org for more information.**

Edison State Professors Earn National Education Awards

Humanities Chairman Dr. Russell Swanson and Chair of Assessment and English Professor Marty Ambrose were selected for the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) award.

"It is an honor for Edison State to have such dedicated professors among its high-caliber faculty," said Dr. Steve Atkins, vice president of student and academic affairs. "Both professors are dedicated to Edison State's primary mission to inspire learning and guiding students to reach their full potential."

NISOD is dedicated to the professional development of faculty, administrators, and staff. NISOD works toward the continued improvement of teaching and learning, with the ultimate goal of student success.

Ambrose is a nearly 20-year faculty member at Edison State College, serves as the chair of assessment and is a published novelist.

"Professor Ambrose is genuinely interested in giving her students the skills they need to dissect literature for themselves," writes Dr. Wendy Chase, professor of humanities in her nomination letter. "She creates a stimulating, intellectually rigorous environment without the intimidation factor."

"Dr. Swanson remains a popular professor without sacrificing academic standards," said Chase. "He has a reputation for being a tough grader who demands intellectual rigor and participation from his students."

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Dr. Russell Swanson



Marty Ambrose

For more information about bachelor's degree programs in engineering, visit www.fgcu.edu/Eng/.

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FGCU Receives Engineering Accreditation

Florida Gulf Coast University's UA Whitaker School of Engineering's baccalaureate degree programs in bioengineering, civil engineering and environmental engineering were recently accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc. ABET is the recognized accreditor of college and university programs in applied science, computing, engineering, and technology.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Ron Toll said, "Since their inception in fall 2005, these three programs have contributed to the high level of quality for which the UA Whitaker School of Engineering is more widely becoming recognized."

"On behalf of the University community, I wish to express our most sincere congratulations to the dean of the Lutgert College of Business Richard Pegnitter, and the founding director of the UA Whitaker School of Engineering Susan Blanchard for their exceptional leadership as well as all of our distinguished engineering faculty and staff for contributing to this significant achievement."

The accreditation extends retroactively so that all of FGCU's engineering graduates now have ABET-accredited degrees. The next general review will occur in 2015.

ABET is a not-for-profit organization, owned and operated by its more than 25 professional and technical member societies.

High Tech Central Offers Variety Of Evening Classes

Do you watch *Dancing With the Stars* and wish you could learn how to dance? If so, High Tech Central has a class for you – Ballroom Dancing. Have you always wanted to make delicious (and beautiful) baked goods? Now is your opportunity. Sign up for the Let's Bake class.

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Evening classes started August 31 and most classes meet Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m. for eight to 15 weeks.

Visit www.hightechcentral.org to view the complete schedule, or for more information about High Tech Central, call 334-4544.**

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Rock Shrimp Sauce With Jalapeño Hoe Cakes

2 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon finely chopped garlic
3/4 cup dry white wine
1 10-ounce can cream of shrimp soup
1 pound peeled rock shrimp
1 tablespoon seafood seasoning
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1/4 cup half and half
1/2 tablespoon fresh lemon juice, or to taste

Jalapeño Hoe Cakes (recipe below)

1 tablespoon chopped fresh chives
Heat the olive oil in a heavy skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Add garlic and sauté 1 to 2 minutes until golden. Add wine to pan and stir in soup; simmer 3 minutes stirring until smooth. Sprinkle shrimp with seafood seasoning and remaining 1/4 teaspoon each of salt and pepper. Add shrimp to sauce mixture and cook 2 to 3 minutes until opaque and cooked through. Slowly stir in half and half and lemon juice. To serve, spoon over Jalapeño Hoe Cakes and sprinkle with chives.

Yield four servings

Nutritional value per serving, Shrimp Sauce only: calories 295, calories from fat 122, total fat 14g, saturated fat 4g,



Rock Shrimp Sauce With Jalapeño Hoe Cakes

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Jalapeno Hoe Cakes

2 cups self-rising cornmeal
2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon salt
2 cups milk
2 large eggs
1/3 cup jalapeño peppers, seeded and chopped

butter or corn oil for frying

In a large bowl, mix together cornmeal, sugar and salt. In a separate bowl, beat the eggs and milk until well blended. Add the wet mixture into the dry ingredients and stir until just mixed and moistened. Let the batter set for 10 or 15 minutes. Add oil to just cover bottom of skillet then heat over medium-high heat. Pour 1/4 cup of batter for each hoe cake into skillet. Cook 3 or 4 minutes until

tops are full of air holes; flip cake and cook until golden brown. Drain on absorbent paper and serve warm.

Yield six servings

Nutritional value per serving: calories 202, calories from fat 70, total fat 8g, saturated fat 2g, trans fatty acid 0g, cholesterol 58mg, total carbohydrates 28g, protein 7g, omega 3 fatty acid 0g

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

Early Learning Coalition Seeks 'Literacy Buddies'

What if you could help a child in Southwest Florida learn to read and write just by sending them a book and a letter? You can. The Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida is continuing its program, Literacy Buddies, and is need of buddies, or volunteers.

A Literacy Buddy agrees to receive letters from a child in an early learning facility served by the Early Learning Coalition. The Buddy, will in turn, send a letter and a high quality book to this child in response. This exchange will take place three times over the course of a school year. The purpose is to teach children about correspondence, communication and instill appreciation of reading. For some of children, this provides the only opportunity to have books of their own at home.

In nearly every case the child's communication skills are positively impacted and visible via letters and verbal communication changes. Participants can be directly involved in enriching the lives of many children.

"Exposure to attentive buddies who respond to the child's interests has resulted in significant improvements in writing skills and curiosity about the world of books and interesting stories," said Jill Corbett, assessment coordinator.

Literacy Buddies has been in existence for two years. In the past year 1,100 chil-

dren were matched with Literacy Buddies and there are currently 2,000 children ready for matching.

For more information or to download an application, visit www.elcofsfwfl.org/downloads-literacy_buddy_project.php or email literacybuddies@gmail.com with your name, address and phone number.**

Quickbooks Seminar At FGCU

Florida Gulf Coast University's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) will host a four-week QuickBooks Simple Start series from 2 to 5 p.m. on September 10, 17, 24 and October 1 at Lutgert Hall #4201 on the main campus.

Cyrine Butler, certified QuickBooks trainer and owner of DBL Accounting, LLC, will teach the course. Butler teaches the basic fundamentals and understanding of QuickBooks. The 12-hour course provides hands-on training such as entering sales information, paying bills, working with bank accounts, tracking and paying sales tax and more. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own laptops.

Butler has been in the accounting field for over 25 years and has owned DBL Accounting for two years.

Cost to attend the four-week series is \$199, and each attendee will receive a certificate of completion. Reservations are required and can be made online at www.sbdcseminars.org or call 745-3700 for more information.**

Alva Programs, Events And Classes

Programs, events, and classes at the Alva Community Center include:

Jazz & Baton – Thursdays from 6 to 6:45 p.m.

Dance Gymnastic – Thursdays from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. starting September 9. Fee is \$30 per five weeks session; for ages five to 15; instructor: Susan Katz

Home-school Recreational PE – Tuesdays from 1 to 2 p.m. starting September 14. This an opportunity for home-schooled children to get out, make new friends and take part in physical activities in a non-competitive environment. Cost is \$10 for five sessions, ages five to 16; instructor: Sandra Bates Call the center for more information.

Yoga – Tuesday to Thursday, 10 to 11 a.m. Learn how to manage a calm and centered state through the ancient art of yoga. No previous experience necessary; instructor: Jennifer Luna. Fee \$50 per month. Starts in September.

Fun Days – October 25 and 26, November 24 and January 21, from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; children can spend a teacher in-service day with friends. Day may include games, arts and crafts, inside and outside activities and field trips. Call the center for the day's itinerary. Fee doesn't include trip cost (when applicable). Pre-registration required. Cost \$12 per day; ages six to 13.

Fitness Classes – Monday, Wednesday and Friday, starting September 3; Cardio Sculpt, instructor Brandy Powers, 9 to 10 a.m.; Core Class, 10 to 11 a.m.; Fitness Boot Camp, 6 to 7 a.m.

Club Rec - after school program with games, activities, clubs, sports, crafts, and homework/reading time. Participants will learn the benefits of recreation, healthy lifestyles teamwork, and caring for/understanding the environment/nature. Children participate in planned activities. Club Rec is offered only on days when school is in session that are not a county holiday; for 2nd grade to 12 years old.

Session I - August 23 to December 17; Session II- January 3 to June 10; fee, \$200 per school year.

The Alva community annual yard sale is scheduled for November 11 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. To register for a table or space, call 728-2882 and ask for Sandra. Cost is \$5 per space or \$10 per table.

The Alva Community Center is located at 21471 N. River Road, behind the Alva Middle and Elementary schools.

For more information on programs, events, classes, clubs and rentals, call the center at 239-728-2882. Go to www.leeparks.org to register for classes, programs or events.**

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Another Banner Year For Miracle Baseball; Attendance Tops 100,000 For 15th Straight Year

by Ed Frank



For the 15th consecutive season, the Class A Fort Myers Miracle baseball team has drawn more than 100,000 fans to Hammond Stadium, a sure sign that minor league baseball is alive and prospering in our area.

Despite a rainy summer that resulted in several rainouts, the Miracle had drawn 108,308 fans (63 home games) through Sunday. And with three home games remaining this week, the Miracle could match or top last season's mark of 115,361.

This was the 19th season that the Miracle has been based in Fort Myers. Nearly every year, the local team is near the top in attendance in the 12-team Florida State League. Presently the

team ranks fourth.

These strong attendance figures parallel a recent report by Minor League Baseball President Pat O'Connor that showed an increase of nearly 950,000 fans over the 2009 season. Through June of this year, the minors had drawn 21,453,678 fans.

Eleven of the 15 minor league teams have experienced increased attendance.

While Minor League baseball once was considered strictly as the player development arm of Major League baseball, it now is operated as a serious business.

In a recent article in *Sports Business Journal*, Marv Goldklang, chairman of the Goldklang Group that owns four minor league teams that includes the Miracle, said there is a far more serious tenor behind the scenes.

"It's night and day from what is was. We spend a lot more time these days at league meetings talking about marketing issues as opposed to the umpire with the tight strike zone. But there has been a payoff. Some of the best marketing talent in the business is found at the minor league level," he was quoted in the article.

If you're a Miracle fan, you know there is a fan promotion of some sort every night when the team is home at Hammond Stadium.

Of course, the fact that dozens of Major League stars played their early professional baseball here helps plenty too.

Big Improvement for Miracle in Season's Second Half

As the 2010 season wound down to the final six games this week, the Fort Myers

Use Once And Destroy: The Art Of Piper Rudich

A new month is here and a new exhibition opens at daas Gallery. This time, the gallery is presenting the daring and explosive, yet provocative and powerful art of Piper Rudich. The opening reception is scheduled for Friday, September 3 in conjunction with the Fort Myers Art Walk.

Rudich is a native of Fort Myers. She has spent her whole life expressing her creativity and has had the opportunity to make a living through her drawings, paintings and clothing production.

After finishing high school she moved to Tampa to attend the International Academy of design. Being in the top of her class afforded her the opportunity to work on many projects from graphics for corporations, murals, custom paintings and tattoos.

After college, she moved back home to begin an apprenticeship at a local tattoo shop. After nine years in the tattoo business, she has created a name for herself in the community for quality artisanship and has also opened her own tattoo shop, Art & Soul Tattoo. She has won many awards for both her paintings and her tattoos and has been published in many magazines and websites including *Juxtapoz*, *Tattoo*, *Flash* and *International Tattoo* magazine.

Rudich likes to work with all mediums



Piper Rudich

from oils to acrylics, spray paint, screen-printing and digital painting with software such as Corel Painter combined with a Wacom Cintiq board. Her work has been displayed in many galleries in Florida. .

"My goal with this particular collection is to reflect the evolution of not only myself but the emotion of self as translated through my paintings and painting style," says Rudich who also describes her characters as emotion evoking.

The exhibition, Use Once And Destroy: The Art of Piper Rudich, will be on display until September 25. Gallery hours are Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. More information is available at www.daasgallery.com.**

Miracle had climbed back to a .500 record at 31-31. This is a marked improvement from the first-half when the team finished with a 28-42 record.

The 31-31 record was good for a third-place tie in the Florida State League South Division. The Miracle will end the season this weekend on the road against the St. Lucie Mets.

It has certainly been a revolving clubhouse door this season. Gary Sharp, the Miracle's director of media relations, charted 105 player moves this season. That includes rehab assignments when injured players of the parent Minnesota Twins are sent here.

A late-season Miracle highlight has been the performance of Alex Wimmers, the Twins 2010 first-round draft selection.

In two starts with the Miracle, Wimmers, the Big Ten Pitcher of the Year, has hurled 5-2/3 innings of shutout baseball limiting opposing batters to two hits while recording eight strikeouts.

Don't be surprised if the talented Wimmers moves up to the Double A or Triple A level next year.**

Golf To Aid Harry Chapin Food Bank

Here's an opportunity to play golf at one of five WCI courses in Southwest Florida at an exceptional rate while donating to the Harry Chapin Food Bank. The special offer runs through October 15.

For a minimum \$100 donation to the food bank through the WCI Golf website, you will receive a complimentary foursome of golf, carts included, at one of WCI's championship courses: Hammock Bay Golf Club, Naples; Pelican Preserve Golf Club, Fort Myers; Raptor Bay Golf Club, Bonita Springs; The Colony Golf & Country Club, Bonita Springs; and Tiburon Golf Club, Naples.

Go online to www.WCIGOLF.com and click on "donate." Payment can be accepted either through a credit card or Paypal. The WCI certificate for golf will be mailed within seven business days of the donation.**

Shell Point Golf Club Invites Veterans

The Shell Point Golf Club is pleased to participate in the nationally recognized Patriot Day Golf from September 3-6. Veterans will pay \$30 and receive 3 golf balls with the Folds of Honor logo, a drink, complimentary range balls and 18 holes of golf. Proceeds will support the Folds of Honor.

"We are honored to be participating in such a worthwhile cause for those who have given so much for the freedom of our country," said Michael Mongoven, director of golf for Shell Point Golf Club. "I want to personally invite all veterans to come out and enjoy a round of golf and support a wonderful cause."

Patriot Golf Day is the flagship fundraiser for the Folds of Honor Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides postsecondary educational scholarships for the children and spouses of military men and women disabled or killed while serving our great nation. To learn more about this organization and its services, please visit www.patriotgolfday.com. The Patriot Golf Day campaign is jointly supported by The PGA of America and the United States Golf Association.

To make a reservation, call 433-9790.

Shell Point Golf Club is an 18-hole Championship Golf Course that opened in 2000.**

The Edison Is Gator Football Headquarters

McQuagge & Morgan Attorneys at Law and The law Office of Joe Madden joined forces with the Omni Club to host the Gator Football Kick Off Party at The Edison Restaurant on September 1.

For the past two years The Edison Restaurant was selected as the Official SWFL Gator Club Headquarters, and will continue to support Gator fans throughout the community by hosting Get Your Gator On every Saturday throughout the football season, featuring Gator games on the big screens, drinks, food, live entertainment and prizes.

Table reservations may be made ahead of time, and reservations are being accepted for the Gator season opener, Miami (Ohio) at Gainesville, on Saturday, September 4 at noon.

The Edison Restaurant, Bar & Banquet Center is located at 3583 McGregor Boulevard overlooking the Fort Myers Country Club, just one mile south of the world famous Edison & Ford Winter Estates.

For more information call 936-9348 or visit www.edisonfl.com.**

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Community Foundation Hosts Professional Advisors Seminar

Southwest Florida Community Foundation (SWFLCF) welcomes Lauren Detzel to its annual Professional Advisors Seminar on September 15 from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at The Forest Golf and Country Club in Fort Myers. Detzel will be discussing Current Developments That Affect Estate Planning, Including Legislative Proposals and their effects on the professional advisor's firm and clients. The event is for professional advisors only and two continuing education credits are available for estate planning attorneys, trust officers, CPAs, and financial planners. The cost for the luncheon is \$30. Registration is available online at www.floridacommunity.com or by phone at 274-5900.

"Lauren Detzel was highly recommended to us by many local professionals," said Julia East, SWFLCF president and CEO. "Clearly her knowledge in the field of estate



Lauren Detzel

VCB Meetings Program Generates Positive Economic Impact

Based upon a positive industry response, the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB) is continuing its destination meetings incentive to increase occupancy and utilization of other meeting-related services during the off-peak meetings season.

Since its inception in 2008, the Islands Incentive has been tapped by area meeting properties to attract 17 meetings, generating 2,300 meeting attendees on business to the destination and resulting in an economic impact of \$5.3 million.

The Islands Incentive gives meeting planners the opportunity to receive a five percent credit – up to a maximum of \$5,000 – of the total actualized room revenue to be used toward any meeting or conference taking place in the Fort Myers/Sanibel area between May 1, 2011 and December 15, 2011. In addition, meetings booked in 2010 or 2011 that occur between May 1, 2012 and December 12, 2013, excluding February through April, will also receive a five percent credit.

"With the economy affecting the bottom line of many meeting budgets, planners are seeking destinations that are affordable and accessible without cutting back on amenities," said Tamara Pigott, VCB executive director. "So we're continuing our destination incentive through 2013 to respond to meeting planners' needs and to send a clear message that we welcome meetings business."

Lee County lodging partners who wish to offer the Islands Incentive to meeting planners must have a minimum of 2,500 square feet of meeting facilities. To qualify, planners must book a minimum of 25 rooms per night for three or more consecutive nights at the property. The offer applies to new bookings and meetings that have not already been contracted and does not apply to weddings or social groups. Actualized room revenue will be calculated based on group pick-up at the conclusion of the meeting or conference. The offer is subject to availability.

To participate, all Lee County lodging partners must conduct an on-site training session for their sales team with a VCB sales manager, which can be arranged by contacting the VCB. Hotels need to submit a written request for support of the meeting at the time of the signed contract to Pamela Johnson, VCB director of sales. Requests for the Islands Incentive without prior knowledge of the VCB are not eligible.

The offer is to attract business to Lee County hotels and resorts, so it cannot be utilized when competing against other Lee County hotels. The meeting planner is reimbursed by the VCB after receipt of an Islands Incentive tracking form supplied to the hotel by the VCB and a W9 form completed by the meeting planner. Reimbursement will be made by the VCB at the conclusion of the meeting to the meeting planner, not the lodging partner.

In addition to its Islands Incentive, the destination is helping to address habitat loss and climate change by continuing to make donations to The Conservation Fund's Go Zero program to offset the carbon footprint of meetings in the destination. Specifically, the VCB is donating to The Conservation Fund 100 percent of the cost of offsetting the CO2 emissions that result from any event within the destination, including out-of-area attendee travel, facility energy use and off-site functions. The VCB already offsets its own events with the fund and is encouraging meeting properties and meeting planners to do the same.

Details of both meetings offers are available at the destination's meetings website, www.FortMyersSanibelMeetings.com, or lodging partners can contact the VCB at 338-3500 or vcb@leegov.com.

More than 67,000 visitors to the destination in 2009 were traveling on business, which contributed to tourism's \$2.6 billion economic impact on the local community. The industry accounts for nearly one in every four jobs for Lee County residents.**

planning is greatly respected and the Community Foundation is fortunate to have her as the speaker for this year's event."

East also noted that the timing of the Professional Advisors Seminar is meant to give professional advisors a jump on Southwest Florida's upcoming high season. "We like to hold this event in August because, for many of us here, including our busy professional advisors, it is the last calm before the season kicks in, and Lauren's topic will be especially timely for that reason as well."

Detzel is a shareholder at the Dean Mead law firm and chair of the firm's Estate and Succession Planning Department. She specializes in techniques to reduce or avoid paying estate tax such as family limited partnerships, grantor retained annuity trusts, sales to intentionally defective trusts, charitable trusts, lifetime gifts, and generation skipping trusts. A particular emphasis of hers includes planning for the succession of closely held or family business. She also handles many contested tax matters in the transfer tax area, ranging from audits of returns and administrative appeals within the IRS to Tax Court and Federal District Court litigation. Detzel handles the entire gamut of administration of estates and trusts, including contested matters of will and trust interpretation and reformation.**

Financial Focus

Are Your Investments Working As Hard As You Are?

by Jennifer Basey



On Labor Day, we celebrate the achievements of the American worker. As someone who works hard yourself, you can appreciate this holiday. And, of course, you hope your efforts will eventually result in achieving your important goals, such as college for your children or a comfortable retirement. But if you're going to turn these objectives into reality, your money needs to work as hard as you do.

What steps can you take to help make sure your money is working hard for you? For starters, consider keeping the money you may need in the near future in investments that pay minimal rates of return. These investments can offer you liquidity – in other words, it's no problem to get at your money when you need it. But you can find some investments that offer liquidity and can pay a more attractive rate of return – investments that may work harder for you.

Another reason you may keep money in a low-rate investment is that such investments typically offer greater protection of principal than an investment such as a stock. And this is certainly true, because stock prices will always fluctuate, and the return of your principal is not guaranteed. Nonetheless, stocks have historically offered returns that have been higher than the inflation rate, although as you've no doubt heard, past performance is not a guarantee of future results. And if your investments do not keep up with inflation, you could lose significant purchasing power over time.

Clearly, then, your goal should be to make sure your savings and investments are working hard for you without taking on more risk than you would like. And one of the greatest risks occurs when you have all your money tied up in just one type of investment. When a mar-

ket downturn strikes a particular group of investments, and you have no other investments to help cushion the blow, your portfolio could take a sizable hit. One way to help lower your risk level is to spread, or diversify, your money among a range of investments, such as stocks, bonds and government securities. And while diversification can't guarantee a profit or protect against loss, it can help you reduce the effects of volatility.

Another way to make sure your investments are working hard for you is to have them "multi-task." Consider your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. Not only does your money have the opportunity to grow on a tax-deferred basis, which means it can accumulate faster than if it were placed in an investment on which you paid taxes every year, but also your contributions are generally made with pretax dollars, so the more you contribute, the lower your taxable income. Such "double duty" is a great way to keep your money working hard for you. And the same principle may apply to your traditional IRA, assuming your income level qualifies you to make deductible contributions.

Labor Day comes and goes quickly. But by making the right moves, you can help ensure your money is working hard for you 365 days a year.

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Myers, Bretholtz & Company principals

Free Seminars For Nonprofit Organizations

Myers, Bretholtz & Company, PA, Certified Public Accountants & Business Consultants, will host the second session in its series of free Sunrise Quickinars for nonprofit organizations on Tuesday, September 14.

The second session topic is Internal Control and Fraud in the Nonprofit Community.

Focusing on accounting practices and requirements specifically for nonprofits, the series of six seminars is coordinated with the Southwest Florida Community Foundation in partnership with United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades.

Registration and continental breakfast will begin at 8 a.m. The seminar will run from 8:15 to 10 a.m. All seminars

will be held at the United Way at 7273 Concourse Boulevard, Fort Myers. Space is still available but participants must register in advance by contacting Shamera Rye at shamera.rye@mbcpa.com or 939-5775.

Future sessions include:
 September 28 – Investments for Nonprofits
 October 12 – Nonprofit Policies
 October 26 – Understanding Nonprofit Financial Statements and Board Oversight
 November 9 – Financial Analysis and Ratios for Nonprofits
 "Community involvement and volunteerism are integral components of our culture," said Lori Wilson, shareholder in the firm. "We believe giving back to the community and by sharing our expertise in accurate financial reporting, controls, policies, analysis and more, we help local nonprofits make sure they are in compliance with donors, grantors and taxing authorities."*

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Alliance Exhibit

Katherine Boren explains her work as "experiments with multiple mediums in two dimensions... I am attempting to emphasize the reflection of light and the use of various textures, shapes, and different grades of color saturation." Boren, originally from New York, studied at New York University and The New School, graduating from the State University of New York with a bachelor of fine arts with an emphasis on sculpture. Her work has been exhibited in group and solo shows in New York and California, and has been featured in Florida at the Alliance for the Arts, the Art League of Fort Myers, the Arts for ACT Gallery, BIG ARTS, Cape Coral Arts Studio, Brevard Art Museum, daas gallery, and Howl Gallery in solo, juried, and member shows.

After moving to Florida at the age of nine from Oswego, New York, Kyle Jackson's fascination with the ocean had officially begun. Planting his feet firmly in the sand and on the waves, Jackson has always been motivated by the natural energies that have surrounded him throughout his life. An artist deeply concerned with the earth and its continuation, Jackson's art reflects the interaction between natural and man-made patterns of growth, time and change.

With a self proclaimed obsession for recycling, Lindsey Wollard enjoys making artwork out of the material that would otherwise be discarded. Her work is conceptually based and most often a reaction to environmentally destructive processes and inhumane acts. She explains her motivation by saying, "Our gluttonous practices resulting in deforestation, pollution, a growing endangered species list and animal cruelty are just some of the issues that inspire my art."

For more information about this exhibit or information about how to exhibit artwork at the Alliance for the Arts call 939-2787 or visit www.ArtnLee.org.

The Alliance for the Arts galleries are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. It is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard just south of Colonial Boulevard.*

Wealth Management Expert Joins Children's Home Society Board

Children's Home Society, Southwest Florida division, appointed Bradley D. Towle to its board of directors. Towle will bring his extensive experience in the financial services field and the community to assist Children's Home Society in its mission to provide prevention and intervention services to children and families in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties.

Towle is vice president and regional director of Genesis Capital Advisors. He has worked in the financial services and wealth management industry for more than 30 years. He is a graduate of Wilfred Laurier University in Canada where he earned a degree in business and economics. He earned a graduate school of banking degree from the University of Wisconsin and a graduate trust school degree from the American Bankers Association (ABA).

Towle works and resides in Naples where he has been active in the local community for more than a decade. He has been a member of the Naples Estate Planning Council and has served on the boards of several non-profit and charitable foundations.*



Bradley D. Towle

Newly Certified Business Litigator

Aaron A. Haak, a shareholder with the law firm of Knott, Consoer, Ebelini, Hart & Swett, P.A., recently attained board certification in Business Litigation by the Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education. Certification is the highest level of recognition by the Florida Bar of the competency and experience of attorneys in the areas of law approved for certification by the Supreme Court of Florida.

Haak is also board certified in Construction Law. He currently serves as chairman of the Unlicensed Practice of Law Committee for the 20th Judicial Circuit.**



Aaron Haak



Timber by Lindsey Wollard

dearPharmacist

10 Tips For Back To School Cough And Cold

by Suzy Cohen, RPh



Dear Pharmacist: I dread that my son is going back to school because it means that he will catch a cold and remain constantly sick until Thanksgiving. We

will all get sick as a result! Please make suggestions to keep our family well.

CS, Gainesville, Florida

There are lots of parents who feel your pain and deal with a sick household at the beginning of the school year. Germs are everywhere, yet not everyone catches cold, and not everyone stays "constantly sick until Thanksgiving." The difference between your child and others is how strong their immune system is. Immune cells live primarily in the digestive tract so what you eat directly controls how frequently you become ill. When the gut flora is missing or you have an overgrowth of candida yeast, you will get

sick more frequently, and it may linger. Read my series on candida posted at my website.

Children who incessantly cough not only spread their germs to everyone, but they disrupt classrooms around the country so I'll focus on that aspect of the cold. Here are ways to treat symptoms:

1. Sugary foods – Get rid of them. Sugar upsets the mineral balance leaving children more susceptible to infection so the number one thing you can do is eliminate sugary juice boxes, candied cereals, cookies and soda. Most junk food manufacturers deceive parents and label their product with "fortified with..." and to me, this is a joke. If you have to fortify something, it's garbage to begin with.

2. Marshmallow – Not the soft, white puffy ones, I mean the root that's sold at health food stores; it relieves sore throats and chest colds. Buy the tea and serve it three times daily.

3. Licorice – Again, not the candy, the root. Licorice has antibacterial properties and is very soothing when you drink the tea three times daily. Not for people with high blood pressure.

4. Slippery elm lozenges – A native American herb used for centuries to soothe sore throats, also great for people with GERD, irritable bowel, Crohn's, IBS, ulcerative colitis or diarrhea. Sold at all health food stores.

5. Herbal rub – Mix two tablespoons of olive oil with one or two drops of eucalyptus or peppermint oil. Rub it on your child's chest.

6. Delsym or Robitussin DM – These OTC medications contain "dextromethorphan" which is a cough suppressant related to opiates.

7. Mullein tea – This herbal tea acts as an expectorant and is very helpful for coughs and bronchitis.

8. Ibuprofen (Advil) – Sold at pharmacies, children like the liquid flavors and chewable tablets so it's easily administered. Ibuprofen is an effective anti-inflammatory and relieves your child's body aches and pains, while reducing fever.

9. Garlic – Huge when it comes to prevention, garlic is Mother Nature's antibiotic. Eat it or buy odorless supplements.

10. Zinc lozenges or Vitamin C – These antioxidants are known for their ability to shorten the duration and severity of the common cold.

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

Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom and Me,

I was patiently waiting for the lab results from lab test I recently had.

Finally the doctor's nurse called with the results. She stumbled over the numbers and then said she could not read the doctor's writing. Then said, "I think it says that you are to continue to watch your diet, and come back in six months for more tests."

It was pointless for me to ask to have the doctor call because he does not make phone calls to patients – but he does take Medicare so I will have to stay with him.

Does that tell me something? And what do you think?

Maryanne

Dear Maryanne,

I know it is hard being a patient. It is also very hard being a health care provider. I am confident that most health care providers go to work wanting to provide the best care possible but, because of policies and procedures to meet legal, insurance and business demands, it is difficult to provide the care we wish we could.

I am not suggesting that anyone stand for poor care. I am suggesting that patients try to work with providers, understand that while one patient believes their concerns are the most important and must be answered immediately; there are 500 patients who feel the exact same way.

Pryce

Dear Maryanne,

I have experienced many similar problems and it is very annoying and frustrating. Unfortunately this seems to be the direction that modern medicine is going.

Government regulations, insurance companies and the legal system have made it extraordinarily difficult for medical offices to function the way they did in the past. Regulations first, the patient second.

Lizzie

Dear Mom & Me,

While scanning the net the other day I read about Bubba, and thought you might find this interesting and entertaining.

Bubba walked into a doctor's office and the receptionist asked him what he had. Bubba said shingles. So she wrote down his name, address and medical insurance number and told him to have a seat.

Fifteen minutes later a nurse's aid came out and asked Bubba what he had and Bubba said shingles. So she wrote down his height, weight a complete medi-

cal history and told him to wait in the examining room.

A half an hour later a nurse came in and asked Bubba what he had. Bubba said shingles. The nurse gave Bubba a blood test, a blood pressure test and an electrocardiogram, and told him to take off all his clothes and wait for the doctor.

An hour later the doctor came in and asked Bubba what he had. Bubba said shingles. The doctor asked where?

Bubba said outside on the truck, where do you want them?

Lizzie

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

Caregivers Support Meetings

The Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center offers monthly support group meetings for caregivers throughout Lee County. The meetings include an opportunity to meet others who are facing similar challenges and to learn more about Alzheimer's disease and effective coping strategies.

Select meeting locations feature a guest speaker as well as an informal time for sharing.

Fort Myers

Tuesday, September 14, 2 p.m.
Senior Friendship Centers, 3600 Evans Ave (Carroll Corners)

Wednesday, September 8, 9:45 a.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church, 9065 Ligon Court

Wednesday, September 22, 9:45 a.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church, 9065 Ligon Court; speaker Monica Dunkley on Florida Brain Bank

Wednesday, September 15, 10 a.m., Fort Myers Congregational Church, 8210 College Parkway

Wednesday, September 15, 2:30 p.m., Dunbar United Way House, 511-B Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard

North Fort Myers

Thursday, September 23, 2 p.m., Pine Lakes Country Club, 10200 Pine Lakes Boulevard, 3.5 miles north of Shell Factory on U.S. 41

Cape Coral

Thursday, September 16, 2 p.m., Gulf Coast Village, 1333 Santa Barbara Boulevard; speaker Monica Dunkley on Florida Brain Bank

Pine Island

Thursday, September 2, 10:30 a.m., Pine Island United Methodist Church, 5701 Pine Island Road, Bokeelia

Lehigh Acres

Monday, September 20, 2 p.m., The Community Health Association Building, 9 Beth Stacey Road

Bonita Springs

Monday, September 27, 10:30 a.m., Hope Lutheran Church, 25999 Old 41

Sanibel

Wednesday, September 22, 1:30 p.m., Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, 2050 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel

For further information about any of these meetings, call 437-3007.

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Pet Adoption Special

Lee County Domestic Animal Services (LCDAS) kicks off a month-long adoption promotion beginning September 1. The Back to School Pet Adoption Special offers a \$25 discount off the regular adoption fee with 10 pounds of unopened cat food to help re-stock the agency's Community Pet Pantry.

LCDAS hopes the promotion will solve two problems the shelter is currently experiencing, a critically low supply of cat food and a lack of good homes for adoptable pets. The pantry currently feeds more than 1,000 dogs and cats every month whose owners are receiving public assistance and cannot afford pet food and supplies. Cat food is typically not donated as often as dog food so supplies deplete more quickly.

The discounted fee will still include spay or neuter surgery, age appropriate vaccinations, rabies and county license (for pets three months and older), heartworm test (for dogs six months and older), feline aids and leukemia test (for cats), flea treatment, worming, microchip ID, 10-day health guarantee, and a bag of Science Diet pet food. The entire adoption package is valued at \$500. Regular adoption fees range from \$25 for pets six years and older to \$95 for puppies.

For more information call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS) or visit www.LeeLostPets.com.

Lower Your Operating Costs With Energy Efficiency Help From FPL

With many industries nationwide still reeling from the economic recession, local businesses should examine all ways to reduce overhead without sacrificing from core business operations. Energy costs can be a significant portion of a business' operating costs, yet many companies mistakenly treat it as a fixed expense. You do have some control over your energy use and can take some simple steps to create a positive impact on your bottom line.

FPL offers a quick, easy and no cost way to reduce energy bills through the Business Energy Evaluation, a program that helps business customers better understand their electricity usage and identify potential ways to save through energy efficiency.

Through FPL's in-person evaluation, an FPL energy expert will thoroughly examine your facility's energy consumption and provide you with a personalized energy-efficiency analysis to help you understand where your energy dollars go and how your energy usage compares to similar businesses.

The FPL energy expert will also provide energy-efficiency solutions – some that may be implemented immediately and others that may require some longer-term planning.

You'll get a list of low-cost measures that will help you save energy and money. These may include installing a programmable thermostat that automates temperature settings to maximize efficiency according to your hours of operation or occupancy sensors that automatically turn off lighting in areas with transient use.

If equipment upgrades are recommended, you'll also get information about potential FPL rebates to help offset the cost of these investments. FPL's energy-efficiency incentives can often be the deciding factor when determining if new equipment is the right decision for a business.

Some small businesses opt to take the Business Energy Evaluation online instead. Available 24/7 at www.FPL.com, the evaluation is ideal for busy business owners who'd rather do the assessment at their own convenience, day or night.

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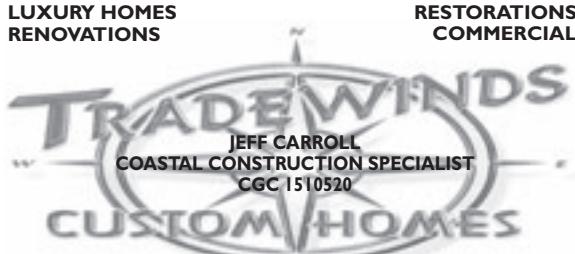
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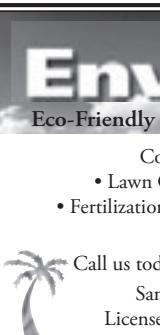
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Ginette, ID #477811



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to his sisters. Juno is playful and lively but when not playing, she's a little lover. Rouser is an expressive little talker and initiates a lot of the play but loves to get attention too."

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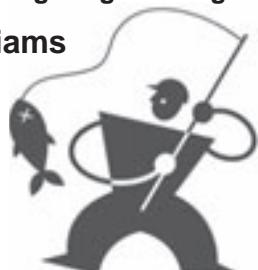
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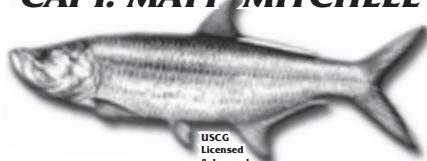
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ANSWERS

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FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2010

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Cupid is strong in the Aries aspect this week, with the cherub opening romantic possibilities for single Lambs, and strengthening ties 'twixt loving pairs already in a caring relationship.

T A U R U S (April 20 to May 20) Your dramatic flair might make things more interesting as you recount an event to your colleagues. But be careful not to exaggerate reality to the point that facts and fancy combine to form fiction.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You love to talk, and this week you should get lots of chances to share your thoughts with people who will not only pay attention to what you have to say, but will want to hear more.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The pattern of recent changes could begin to shift from mostly workplace-related events to more personal matters. Continue to keep an open mind as you prepare to deal with them.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) An opportunity for work-related travel could be just what the Terrific Tabby needs to get a new perspective on a balky situation. The trip could also prove to be personally rewarding.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might want to suggest resolving an old disagreement before it can affect a matter expected to come up for discussion. It's always best to start with a clean slate.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) The week favors combining dollops of creativity and practicality to work out both professional and personal problems. A longtime friend could have something of note to suggest.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Some surprising facts could come to light if you decide to probe deeper into an "opportunity" than you might usually do. What you'll learn could determine what you'll earn.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Someone close to you might seek your counsel. Hear him/her out, but hold the line at giving actual advice until you get credible answers to all your questions.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) What seems to be an overwhelming workplace project can be dealt with quite well if you handle one category at a time. Things will soon begin to fall into place.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A personal matter might need more of your time than you had expected. Try to prioritize

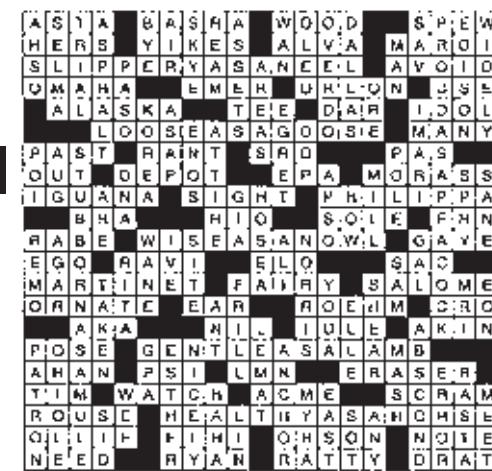
SPORTS QUIZ

1. In 2009, Mark Ellis set an Athletics mark for most career home runs by a second baseman. Who had held the record?
 2. Prince Fielder set a Brewers record for RBIs in a season with 141 in 2009. Whose mark did he break?
 3. Who was the last defensive player to win an NFL regular-season MVP Award?
 4. What is the only men's college basketball program in the past 12 years (1999-2010) to be in the Final Four six times?
 5. When was the last time before 2010 that the Los Angeles Kings reached the NHL playoffs?
 6. In its 80-year history, how many nations have won a World Cup in men's soccer?
 7. In 2010, Zenyatta became the first thoroughbred horse to go undefeated in 17 straight top-tier races. Name either of the two horses to do it 16 times.

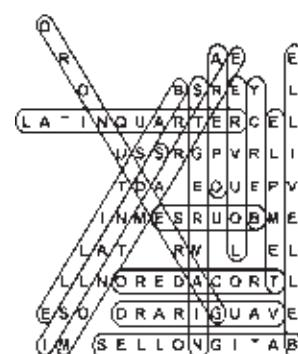
ANSWERS

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Biggest, Argentina, Brazil, England, France, Germany, Italy, Spain and Uruguay. 7. Citation and Cigar.

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There has been a great deal to celebrate over the last few months: year-to-date admissions are up 12%, a very profitable "Under The Sea" fundraiser, American Association of Museums accreditation, the completion and installation of a new exhibit, "MMM . . . Mollusks!", followed by a successful community outreach event and VIP and member party heralding the opening of the new exhibit.

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On November 18, The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum will turn 15 years old. A celebration will take place on Saturday, November 20. Admission to the museum will be free all day. Also, several special events are planned throughout the afternoon.

An invitation-only event will begin when the museum closes at 5 p.m. (You are of course invited to attend the reception.)

Special programming for the public, will include:

From 2 to 3 p.m., Storytellers Share The History Of The Museum and Take You Under The Sea. Sanibel author Charlie Sobczak will help participants experience the first 15 years of the shell museum history and storyteller Katie Adam will present her Live Under the Sea program.

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3 bedroom 2 bath patio home on the
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Well maintained 2Bed-2Bath end unit
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Screened lanai, sky light, carport,
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Available immediately. Fantastic Opportunity.
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2BD, 2B single level home on Sanibel. Pet
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2 BD/1 BA house for rent on Bailey Road,
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Spacious 3+2 one story home with access
to Dinkins Bayou avail for long term lease
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SUDOKU

To play Sudoku:

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

answer on page 25

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Sign is gone. 2. Sign is gone. 3. Sign is missing. 4. Most parts are black. 5. Radio dials are different. 6. Sign is gone.



"My dad's gone power mad. He's hoarding all the _____."

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.

Lift	SAIRE	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Nibble	TEBI	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Move	TEARGIM	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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:

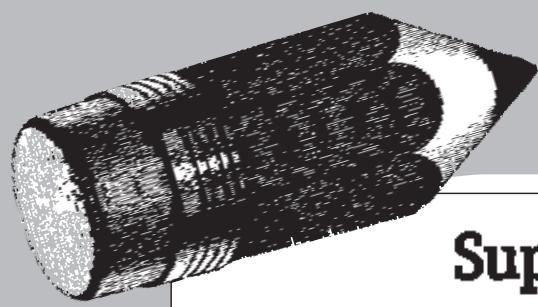
Fort Myers Beach..... 463-9738
Fort Myers High Noon..... 466-4228
Estero/South Fort Myers..... 898-1921
Notre Dame Club of Lee County..... 768-0417
POLO Club of Lee County..... 477-4906
Rotary Club of Fort Myers..... 332-8158
Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society..... 472-6940
United Way of Lee County..... 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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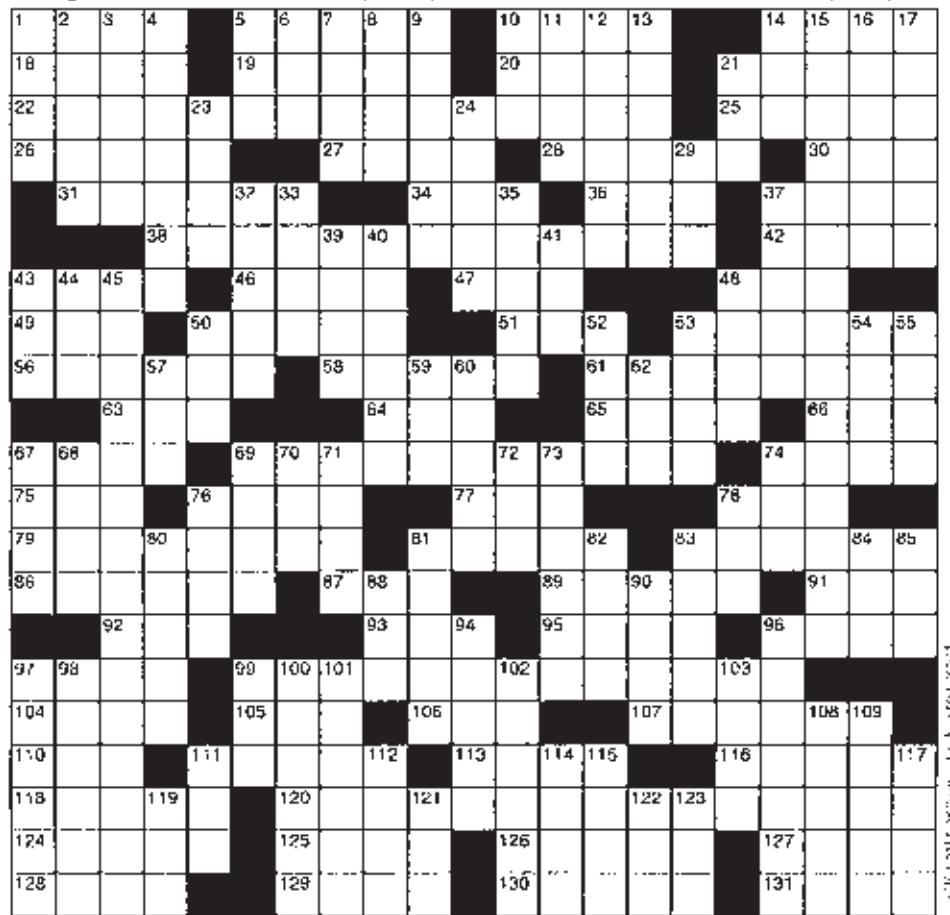
► BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

Answers page 26

Super Crossword

COMPARATIVE
ZOOLOGY

ACROSS	53 Bog	97 Show off	5 "Toodle-oo!"	44 Holidayless	83 Clip
1 Dog star?	56 Created repile	99 Docile	6 Broadcast	mo.	84 Med. test
5 Iraqi city	58 Vision	104 Irish island	7 — terrier	45 Obstinate	85 Tons of
10 "Norwegian —" ('65 song)	61 Novelist Carr	group	8 Enlarge a	48 Gdansk	time
14 Act like Eta	63 Lingerie item	105 Pressure meas.	9 Sometimes	denizen	88 Tiny
18 Towel word	64 "Blame It on —"	106 K-O connectors	they're frozen	50 Genes	colonist
19 Startled cry	('84 film)	107 School supply	52 Lhasa —	designer?	90 Model
20 Feminist Belmont	65 Flatish	110 Cratchit kid	53 Grind	Macpherson	
21 — Gras	66 Directional	111 Sentinel	54 Nimble		
22 Elusive	suffix	113 Zonith	55 Rational	"Melvin and	
23 Shun	67 Broccoli —	116 "Boat it!"	57 Js for two	Howard"	
26 Brando's birthplace	69 Sage	118 Stir	12 Go to extremes	96 Run away	
27 Part of ER	74 Melodious	120 Fit	13 Cowboys'	59 Across	97 Bonefactor
28 Synthetic textile	Marvin	124 Hilarious	home	Scala	98 Baltimore
30 Exploit	75 — Trip	Hardy	14 Bankbook	60 Biblical	bird
31 Pipeline place	76 Sitarist	125 Like	abbr.	book	99 Scholastic
32 Shankar	rockers	some	15 Vain	62 — sweet it	abbr.
34 Fairway accessory	77 "Xanadu"	textbooks	16 New Jersey	is!"	100 Wet
36 — es	rockers	126 Bean or	city	67 San —,	Williams
Salaam	78 Cul-de- —	Welles	17 Very	Italy	101 Wall
37 Adored one	79 Disciplinari-	127 A bit of	21 TV's "Choco	68 Thickening	102 Mainslay
38 Relaxed	ian	Berlioz	and the —"	agent	
42 Scads	81 Sprite	128 Require- ment	23 El —, TX	69 Ebb	103 Prepare
43 Future of the present	83 Strauss	129 Baseballs	24 Zones	70 — Gotta	potatoes
46 Be bombastic	opera	Nolan	29 Nev.	Bo Me"	108 Blunder
47 Smash letters	86 Fancy	130 Wretched	neighbor	("89 hit)	109 Jamaican
48 Faux —	87 Teacup	131 "Confound	71 Location	cultist	
49 Unfashion- able	part	it!"	32 Asian	111 Ellin	
50 Warehouse	89 Designer Carolyn	DOWN	nation	72 Clay,	112 "That's a
51 Clean-air org.		1 Comment	33 PDQ,	today	scream!"
		from Chan	politely	73 Karate- chopping	114 Dame
		92 Police	35 Wading	Chuck	Hess
		acronym	bird	74 Four qts.	115 Orient
		2 Actress	37 Japanese	76 Rudner or	117 Competition
		Diamond	porcelain	Garn	Silly
		Hazard"	39 "Dukes of	Caesar	
		deputy	40 Dress	78 Jattle of 4	China's —
			41 "Alley —"	Down	Biao
		Jungle"	43 Luau	80 Spoken for	122 Tippler
		('50 film)	dish	81 Ruffles	123 "— Day
			instructor	82 Jedi	Now"
					('62 hit)



King Crossword

A crossword puzzle grid with the following filled-in words:

ACROSS

- 1 Bake sale org.
- 4 Last-standing abbr.
- 7 Animal
- 12 Sock phenomenon
- 13 Bill's partner
- 14 White-collared thrush (Var.)
- 15 Sphere
- 16 Quasimodo, notably
- 18 French courtly
- 19 Sequence
- 20 MacDonald's place
- 22 Ages and ages
- 23 Hairy cabbage
- 27 Hep
- 29 Penn cal
- 31 Be a go abrick
- 34 Materia for blue shoes
- 35 Addicted
- 37 L kely
- 38 Lurings
- 39 S'bad's bird
- 41 Fly fast
- 45 Spanish appetizers
- 47 Weep
- 48 Car style
- 52 Bill
- 53 Open mouthed
- 54 Gaffer's

DOWN

- 1 Ev' erince
- 2 Earth
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- 5 Went
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- 12 Minima change
- 13 Report card cata
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10. The following table shows the number of hours worked by each employee.

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THE SILENT LAND

Find the hidden words in the chapter. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Bastille	Bourse	Couvre	Temple
Baignolettes	Gare du Nord	Montmartre	Trocadero
Belleville	Islands	Opera	Vaugrard
Bercy	Latin Quarter	St Germain	



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